

Long Term Sustainability Policy

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Study Association Clio acknowledges the increasing importance of climate issues and of a sustainable lifestyle. It is for this reason that Clio wants to focus on being more sustainable. Clio understands a broad meaning under the concept of sustainability. We not only mean a sustainable planet but also to promote a durable mental health. Clio aims to support the members by creating an inclusive and sustainable environment. The goals stated below are something to strive for in the coming years, but can be adjusted when deemed necessary.

Sustainable Planet

Waste

To maintain a sustainable planet, Clio aims to produce as little waste as possible. To ensure this, the Association prints as little flyers for events as possible. Before printing any flyers, it is critically evaluated by the respective committee whether or not flyers are necessary. When flyers are being printed, the option of sustainable and recyclable flyers are preferred. Next to a sustainable policy towards printing Clio will have an overall critical view of how much waste the Association produces. Therefore, every year it should be evaluated how many prints of the print magazine and yearbook are necessary. Moreover, the need for goodie bags, specifically plastic bags, should carefully be decided on. Lastly, the number of documents printed for any general Clio event, such as the General Members Meeting, should be kept to a necessary minimum. In the definition of waste, we not only include paper and plastic waste but also food waste. To reduce food waste, the committees should carefully select the amount of groceries for the activities. To do this, all committees should include in their handover how much food was necessary for their events. Next to this, the option of vegetarian and Fairtrade catering should be explored before the events as well.

Travelling

Clio aims to always choose for ways of travelling that are both financially and sustainably feasible. This includes the assessment of using public transport as a viable travel option for events outside of Groningen. For the annual travel organised by Clio, the option of compensation for the CO2 emission should be included or at least the option should be given to the participants. Lastly, the option of public transport when inviting speakers outside of Groningen will be actively promoted.

Promotion

The promotion of a sustainable lifestyle with regards to a durable planet will continue to happen in the future. This is done by promoting sustainability guidelines, but Clio will also continue doing this through the organization of events related to this topic. Regarding this, Clio understands the topic of sustainability in a broad sense. Therefore, this definition also includes topics such as human rights, equality, and mental health.

Energy

Clio strives to decrease energy and water use, specifically in relation to the Clio Attic. This means that no unnecessary equipment is being used or turned on. Next to this, the Association will look into sustainable options for energy production.

Sustainable People

Mental Health

Clio believes that a healthy mind will result in a promising future for our members. Therefore, the Association aims to continue to emphasize the promotion of mental health. This means both the promotion of services that are available when a student struggles with mental issues, as well as the promotion of specific information on how to improve the mental health of students.

Inclusivity

Part of a sustainable setting of the Association is to include all members into the Association. For this reason, Clio will focus on the inclusion of international students in all parts of the Association. Clio therefore intends to continue and improve the internationalisation process of the Association. Under this process Clio understands the inclusion of international students in all committees and activities and the accessibility of information to all members.

Mobility

Clio will take accessibility and the mobility of the members into consideration with the organisation of the events. Accordingly, ways of transportation to the events are assessed as well as any limitations members might have related to mobility.