



CRESTING travel policy

Mission statement

Acknowledging the sustainability challenges (as expressed in the UN SDGs) and in particular SDG 13 on the climate emergency;

We are committed to reduce and, if unavoidable, offset carbon emissions from project-related travel, in order to maintain the integrity of our sustainability research, while upholding the research and training goals of the Cresting ITN project.

Code of conduct¹

1. **Reduce travelling and the footprint of travel in CRESTING-related events:** Opt for online participation when possible and invite relevant guest speakers in proximity of CRESTING events.
2. **Plan travel carefully and early:** Try to combine travelling to several events or private vacation to minimise travel distances, as far as possible under the respective university administration. Aim to realise as much value as possible from travel experiences.
3. **Monitor and account for travel (justify):** Record data on travelling in the travel emission calculator, and use the decision tree to record the decision pathway.
4. **Promote a low-carbon research culture internally and externally:** Encourage low-carbon travelling options and online participation in the respective university and the CRESTING network. Lead by example to stimulate action for yourself and others.
5. **Offset carbon emissions as a last resort:** After travel related emissions have been reduced, offset unavoidable carbon emissions through a suitable offsetting scheme. In any case, aim for the mode of transport with the least emissions.

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¹The code of conduct is based on existing Code of conducts from Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research "*Towards a culture of low-carbon research for the 21st Century*" (2015), Center for Climate and Energy Transformation "*CET Low-carbon Travel Policy*" (2018) and Utrecht University "*Travel Differently*" (2019) strategy, and adapted by the Cresting ESRs to fit purpose.