

COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

Danish Architecture Center, DAC**Period covered by this Communication on Engagement**

From: December 2022

To:

December 2024

Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive

To our stakeholders

We are pleased to reaffirm Danish Architecture Center's support for the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labor, Environment, and Anti-Corruption.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

In Danish Architecture Center we continue to believe that architecture has a vital role to play in overcoming many of the great challenges of the future. We believe that these challenges must be solved in interaction with different professional perspectives and that we, by pooling our resources together, can achieve greater reach and effect. Therefore, we work as an open platform between citizens and professionals, culture and business, Denmark and the World. An open platform for co-creation, open innovation and democratic engagement that contributes to creating economic, social and environmentally sustainable development – both in Denmark and internationally.

Sincerely yours,

Kent Martinussen

CEO

Dorthe Weinkouff Barsøe

COO

Copenhagen, 1 December 2024

Part II. Description of Actions

In November of 2023 DAC obtained the Green Attraction sustainability certification. The Green Attraction certificate is a sister to the Green Key certificate and was developed for businesses and organisations in the experience industry: museums, zoos, amusement parks etc.

<https://www.greenattraction.dk/en/>

Green Attraction is a tool to promote a systematic approach to working with sustainability issues, setting goals and reporting on a yearly basis. DAC will submit its first report in March 2025.

The following issues are addressed

1. Environmental management
2. Employee involvement
3. Visitor information
4. Water
5. Cleaning
6. Waste
7. Energy
8. Food
9. Buildings
10. Outdoor areas
11. Sustainability activities
12. Administration
13. CSR
14. Museums etc.

The DAC is working within the Green Attraction framework under these captions:

Circularity

Food waste, exhibition design, printing, IT, back-of-house

Climate Footprint

Water, Energy, procurement, chemicals, travel and transport

Dissemination

Staff, visitors, content for professionals, content for culture visitors

Social sustainability

Accessibility, inclusion and representation, employee health and safety

Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

Partnerships

Danish Architecture Center is based on a public/private partnership between three ministries – the Ministry of Industry, Business and Financial Affairs, the Ministry of Culture, and the Ministry of Social Affairs and Housing – and the civil society philanthropic association Realdania.

Danish Architecture Center is also a part of the **Planet Copenhagen** network working for Copenhagen to achieve first place on the list of most sustainable tourist destinations in Europe in the eyes of the tourists.

Furthermore, DAC is part of the **ESG network** at the Danish Chamber of Commerce.

Copenhagen Municipality's exhibition spaces and other Copenhagen area museums

Many exhibition spaces and museums are working towards more circularity in exhibition design. DAC's pragmatic and systematic approach to data collection and procurement is widely regarded as an example and source of inspiration. Thus, DAC staff has been invited to share methods on several occasions, and DAC spreadsheets are used as templates for others.

DAC's partners for exhibitions and debates/talks are Denmark's leading design studios, architects, scholars, civil servants and politicians in the field of sustainability in the built environment. The Strategic Urban Governance program facilitates networks and educates local governments (municipality officials and politicians) on sustainable development.

Previous exhibitions and collaborators may be explored here <https://dac.dk/en/exhibitions/#previous>

DAC's podcasts (Danish and English) may be explored here <https://dac.dk/en/podcasts/>