

BUSINESS TRAVEL AND COMMUTING

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Objectives: Emissions from business travel and commuting are to be reduced by at least 25 per cent in carbon dioxide equivalents between 2019 and 2023.

Transition to travel-free academic meetings is a topical issue. It is important for Chalmers to actively participate in the debate and to be at the forefront in the change that is occurring in academics' and society's ways of collaborating on a climate-friendly basis. Since long-distance air travel is the main source of Chalmers' climate impact, we need to have clear objectives that benefit our international cooperation and collaboration with the wider world at the same time.

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Examples from the action plan: *Determining the need for high-technology videoconferencing facilities per department and building, and planning for purchase and installation. Regular studies of travel behaviour to calculate emissions and identify opportunities and conditions for travel-free meetings when this is doable and relevant.*

When we must travel, we do so in a climate-friendly fashion

Our IT tools will make us aware of the climate impact of our travel and provide effective support for our choice of the most climate-friendly mode of transport. Air travel is not considered an option for distances shorter than 500 km.

Examples from the action plan: *Ensuring that the travel company supports Chalmers in complying with the travel policy, for example in terms of not flying distances under 500 km. Development and implementation of a distance-based climate charge for air travel. Holding a virtual conference so as to develop the ability to provide high-quality travel-free conferences.*

Mobility around our campuses

Strong collaboration between Chalmers, property owners and the city facilitates climate-friendly Green Travel Plan mobility. This involves, for example, that together we will facilitate:

- Fossil-free transport links to our campuses and between them.
- Cycle paths that are optimised and the use of which is rewarded.
- Systems promoting cycling that work well and are frequently used
 - everything from mobility services to attractive cycling facilities.

Examples from the action plan: *Market-level parking fees, with rental by the day from 2021. Parking spaces with charging points and parking spaces reserved for electric carpools. In the long-term, abolition of compensation for use of own car for business.*

