Uppsala, Sweden

WWF's Global Award Winning Climate City 2018

National Awarded 2020, 2018 and 2013





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Uppsala is – by global standards – a small city with its 231,000 inhabitants, but it has some of the toughest climate goals to date. 2050 Uppsala will be a Climate Positive, which means it will effectively be a carbon sink. Initiatives like "Uppsala Climate Protocol" where the City collaborate with universities, business and organizations on cutting edge climate solutions and work together to reduce carbon emissions is an important part of the work. Uppsala wants to show other cities it's possible to set necessary targets and take powerful measures to become Climate Positive by 2050. Read more about Uppsala's climate initiatives and accomplishments at uppsala.se/climatecity

Sustainable Mobility

In the drive to become fossil fuel free by 2030, Uppsala invests in renewable fuels, takes measures that ensures cycling is the preferred mode of local transportation, and coordinates local delivery transports to reduce emissions.

Fossil-Free Fuel

For 20 years Uppsala has produced its own biogas locally from organic waste created in households, restaurants and industry and from sewage. Today, Uppsala has one of the world's leading biogas production facilities. By 2020, public transportation in the county will run only on biogas and other renewable fuels. Uppsala municipality promotes and invests in the expansion of solar power facilities with the target to produce the equivalent to 5 % of the electricity use 2030. By 2029, Uppsala will introduce a light rail that will connect the old and new parts of our city. By 2030, Uppsala will be fossil fuel free and powered by 100% renewable energy sources!



Cycling Overtakes Driving

Over the past few years Uppsala has made it easier for locals and visitors to cycle all year round. In 2018 and 2019 Uppsala was declared Sweden's Best Cycling City. Uppsala received this award because of its pervasive cycling paths, mandate that cycling paths have priority in snow removal, and its work to certify bicycle-friendly workplaces in the city. The more people that bicycle, the better the health and environment in Uppsala.

Coordinating Construction Transports

The municipality has, in collaboration with construction companies, established a construction logistics centre to streamline transportation to areas of construction sites. Uppsala's climate initiatives also include using low carbon building materials like building in wood as well as sustainable urban planning.

This is just a small fraction of the work that Uppsala do to reduce its climate impact to contribute to the global effort to stay well below the two degrees Celsius goal, pursuing one and half degree. Read more about this at uppsala.se/climatecity.

Uppsala – A fossil fuel free city contributing solutions for global ecological recovery and prosperity

Fossil Fuel Free 2030 Climate Positive 2050

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Jury's Motivation 2018

Uppsala emerged as the clear global winner due to its strong, all-around performance across key competition categories. In particular, the jury appreciated Uppsala's sophisticated cross-sector sustainability interventions, as well as its strong regional leadership and efforts to share knowledge on best practices.

Although Uppsala is a small city in size, the jury felt strongly that it served as a global example of urban sustainability due to its ambitious, innovative, and science-based targets and actions, especially on renewable energy and sustainable mobility.

Uppsala is systemic in its approach, collaborating with neighboring municipalities to meet goals, for example with its metro-regional approach to mobility planning.



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