

Dear sustainability enthusiasts,

Welcome to the 24th edition of the newsletter that we publish as the university's climate protection management team. Here you will find small reports from the university's climate action and sustainability cosmos at more or less regular intervals. If you have recently joined us (yay!), you can view the old issues on the [website](#).

In our own interest

Before we get to the content, please allow us to draw your attention to the current vacancy in Climate Protection Management. We are looking for a parental leave replacement for the Mobility department to start as soon as possible. You already know from this newsletter that we work on a wide range of projects. Here you will find a friendly team, joint activities from moving breaks to corridor parties, and there is often cake. You can find the job advertisement with the rest of the important information [here](#).

Anti-Hero

At the beginning of 2024, we already addressed the topic of car park management in the 17th issue of this newsletter. At that time, following an article in the NWZ newspaper, there was an increase in enquiries as to whether the University of Oldenburg would be introducing car park management. The introduction of car parking charges has a demonstrably positive effect on reducing car traffic and thus greenhouse gas emissions. For this reason, the examination of the introduction of a car park management system is included in the climate protection concept as a relevant push measure alongside many supporting measures. Over the course of the past year, the climate protection management team has created an information base regarding the framework conditions for the introduction of car park management. This has been published on the website since December. We will of course keep you up to date on the next steps in the planning and participation process. The information basis can be viewed [here](#).

Flight shame or train pride

We stay in the area of mobility and move on to the topic of business trips. The guideline for climate-friendly business trips has been in force since 1 January 2025. As the University of Oldenburg, we are thus setting ourselves additional climate protection standards for the organisation of business trips. The two key elements are the regulation of short-haul flights and the introduction of a CO2 levy on air travel. This means that an important measure from the integrated climate protection concept has been implemented and we are keeping pace with many other universities that have already taken action in this area. The most important information on the new directive is summarised in a detailed FAQ [here](#).

Forget about flying

The three examples of students who travelled to their semester abroad by bike provide a different perspective on travelling abroad. In addition to Erasmus+ Green funding, these trips to Cádiz (Spain) and Sogndal (Norway) were also financially supported by the International Office. If you are looking for inspiration for your own semester abroad, for planning your next business trip or for your summer holiday, you can find the testimonials [here](#).

450 seedlings on 180m²

In the last issue in November 2024, we invited you to our planting campaign for the Tiny Forest and were delighted that so many of you accepted this invitation. The planting went smoothly and we are very pleased with the positive feedback. We are now looking forward to seeing how the area will develop over the next few years. If you were unable to attend the event or would like to reminisce, you can find a small picture gallery on the website [here](#).

That was our first newsletter in 2025 and with a cautious pinch of (watch out!) confidence, we look forward to the year together with you.

Best wishes & have a great rest of the week

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