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# 1 Introduction

This environmental report is the first issue of an annual report about EcoVision N.V. (hereafter EcoVision). The aim of the report is to report all sustainability related activities and progress made in the calendar year, 2018.

EcoVision is an environmental consultancy firm established on Curaçao since 1993. EcoVision offers a broad range of environmental consulting services in the Dutch Caribbean. As of January 2019 EcoVision, employs 4 people on a permanent basis.

EcoVision is situated in an office building shared with other companies. EcoVision rents two (air conditioned) office spaces and shares other facilities including a meeting room, rest rooms, a small canteen, reception area and parking lot.

## **Our mission**

EcoVision's mission is: "Helping the customer to make environmentally responsible and sustainable decisions, by applying analytical research and an open dialogue with stakeholders."

## 2 Environmental highlights 2018

### 2.1 Impacts

EcoVision’s direct impacts on the environment mainly result from the burning of fuel for transport (air and road travel) and the use of electricity (generated by burning fuel), for running electrical appliances such as air conditioners.

The fuel and electricity consumption attributable to EcoVision activities was estimated and used to calculate a carbon footprint for 2018.

EcoVision’s carbon footprint in 2018 was 9,6 tons CO<sub>2</sub>. The main contributions to the footprint were air travel, use of air-conditioners and business travel by car. Table 2.1 gives an overview of the yearly CO<sub>2</sub> footprint from 2016 to 2018.

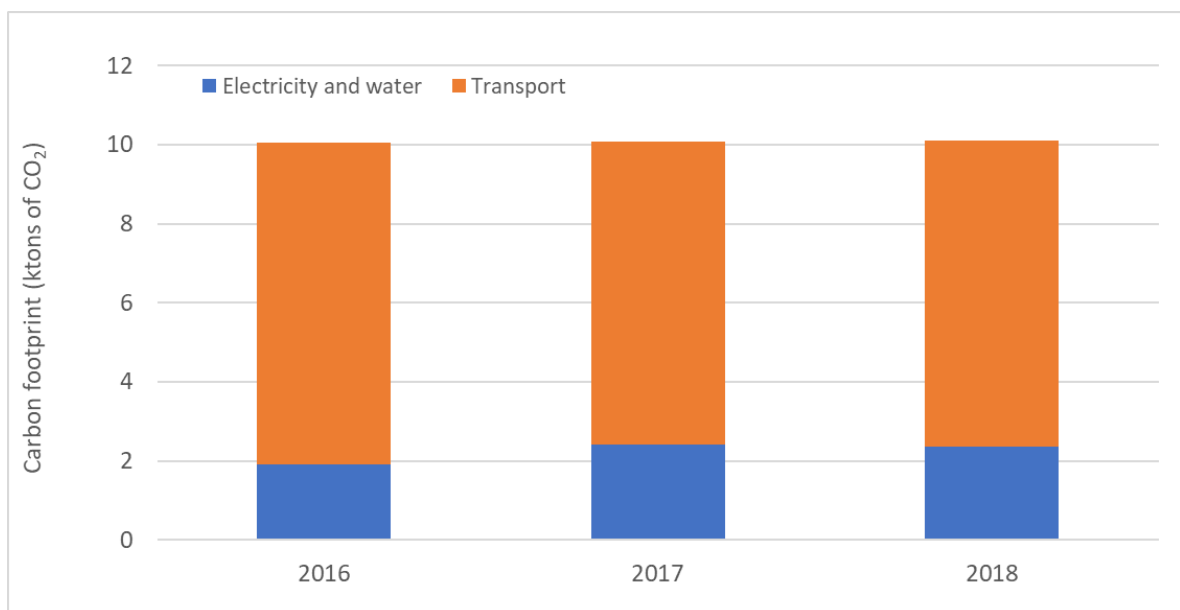


Figure 2.1: Calculated carbon footprint per year.

Off all the electrical appliances present at EcoVision the air conditioners by far, consume the most electricity. Figure 2.2 shows the estimated electricity consumption per appliance in 2018.

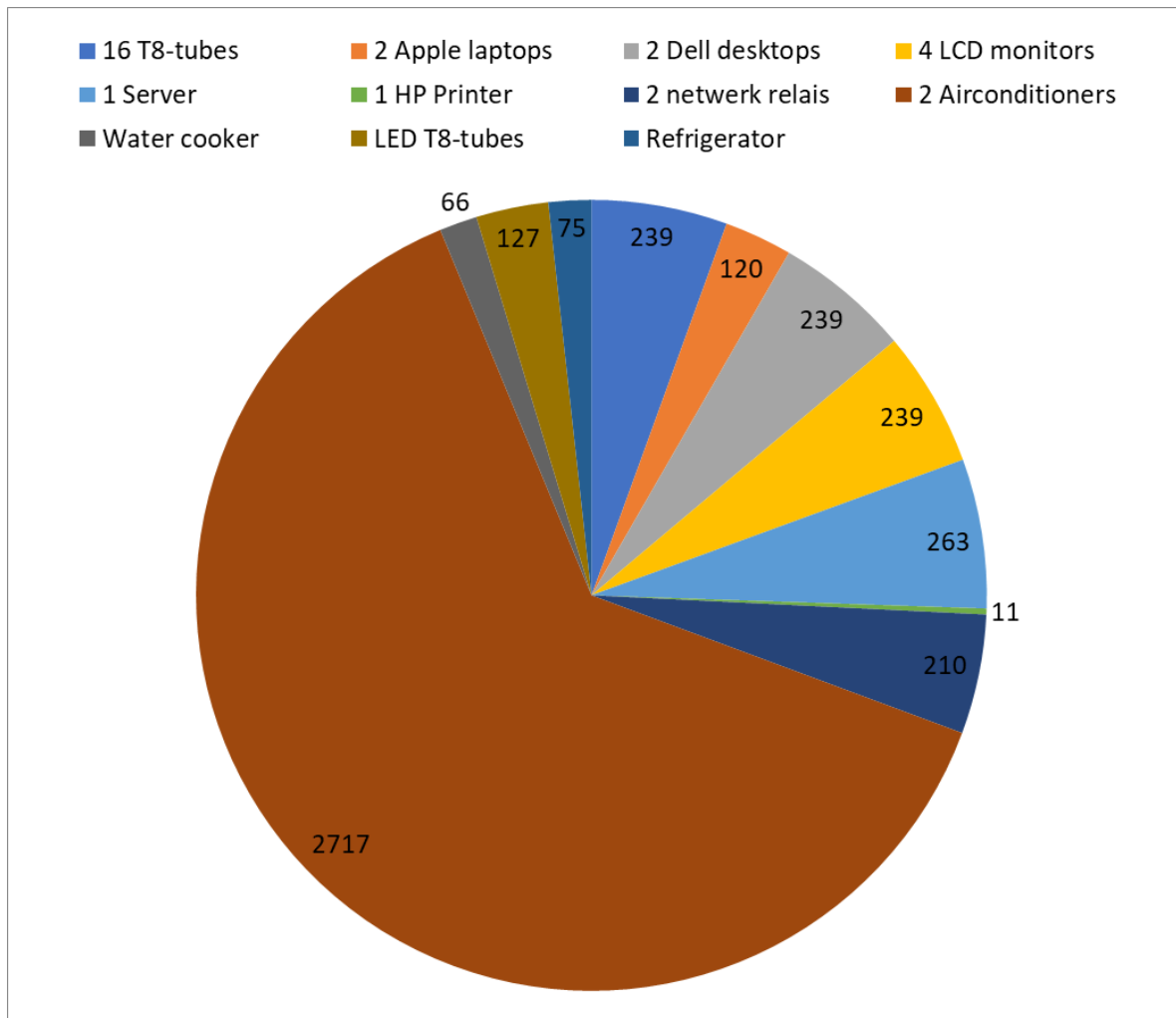


Figure 2.2: Estimated electricity consumption EcoVision in 2018 in kWh.

## 2.2 Achievements

### BPM caterpillar certification

In November 2018 EcoVision was awarded the first level (caterpillar) of the Curaçao Business Council for Sustainability, Minimum Sustainability Standards.

### Carbon footprint

In September 2018 EcoVision participated in a CO<sub>2</sub> compensation scheme whereby 7 ton of CO<sub>2</sub> was compensated by investing in a reforestation project in Panama. This project is certified by the Gold Standard certification body.

### LED lighting

In July 2018 EcoVision replaced 16 TL-tubes with LED equivalent lighting.

### Recycling bins

In October 2018 EcoVision installed several bins for recycling and downcycling of the following materials:

- glass;
- aluminum cans;
- plastic (HDPE, PET);
- paper.

### Cleaning agents

EcoVision started using cleaning agents (for the toilet, dishes and hands), paper/cardboard and packaging materials with an ECO label.

### Reusable batteries

EcoVision started phasing out non-reusable batteries (AAA and AA) and replacing these with rechargeable batteries.

### Solar power

In 2018 EcoVision generated 6220 kWh solar power using photovoltaic panels. Figure 2.2 shows the amount of generated electricity from 2014 to 2018.

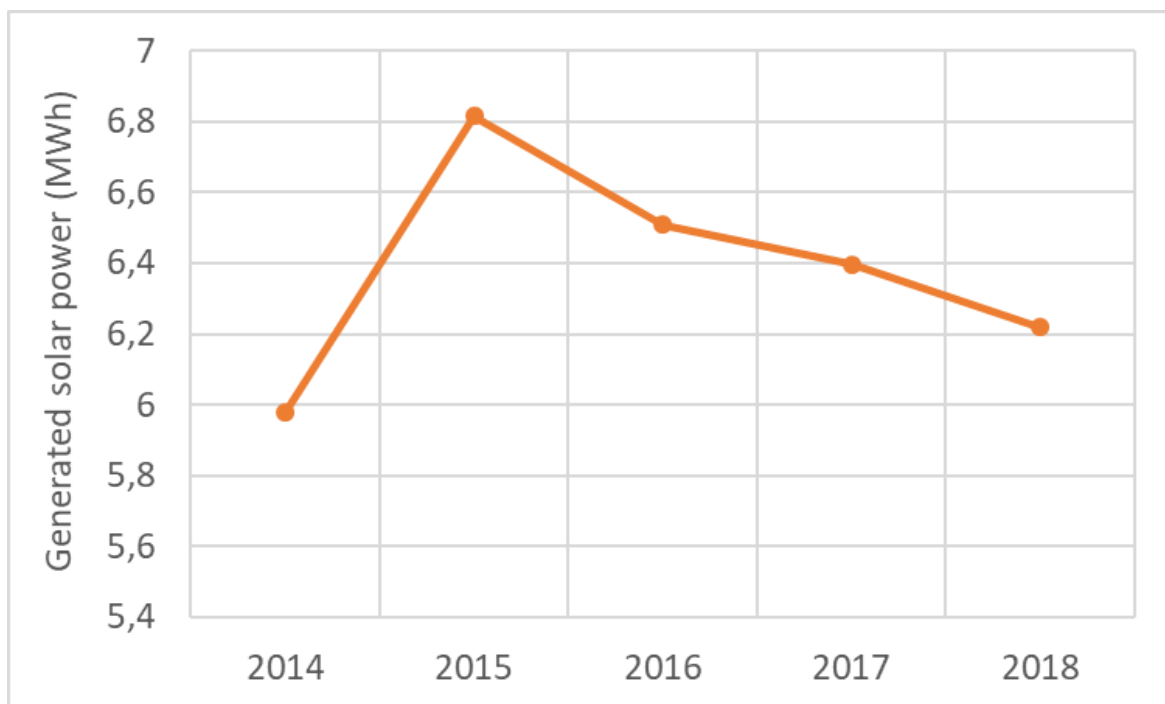


Figure 2.2: Generated solar power (MWh) from 2014 to 2018 using photovoltaic panels.

## 3 Goals for 2019

In 2019, EcoVision aims to realize the following objectives from its environmental policy:

- Offering glass and ink cartridges to recycling companies for reuse/downcycling;
- Each employee spends (at least) one day per year on a social voluntary activity (e.g. CuraDoet, Curaçao Clean Up);
- Obtaining sustainability certification, level 2 ('cocoon level'), from the Curaçao Business Council for Sustainable Development (BPM).