



# LTKY responsibility guidance paper

The Student Union of LUT University

The purpose of this responsibility guidance paper is to provide a framework for the activities taking place in the Student Union of LUT University (later LTKY) regarding environmental and responsibility themes. The Student Union must recognize the ongoing climate crisis and its effects on our society, which is why environmental and responsibility themes should appear as a cross-cutting theme in all activities. The Student Union should act as a pioneer and lead by example in our student community in matters of responsibility, and also offer support and guidance to our member-associations regarding more responsible activities. In addition, our Student Union must influence at the national student movement level, taking environmental and responsibility issues forward.

This guidance paper consists of two parts. The first part is related to the LTKY's internal actions, as well as giving instructions to the student union employees and board members regarding the





themes of responsibility. The second part offers guidance for our member-associations (guilds and hobby associations), regarding more responsible association activities and organizing events.

## 1.LTKY's internal actions

LTKY's internal responsibility activities must be in order so that we can set an example for our members, and give convincing guidance. For this reason, this paper lists a few measures that LTKY's offices follow. In addition to these measures, LTKY must actively influence at the national student movement level, taking responsibility themes forward.

In its operations, LTKY must take into account responsibility as a whole (financial, social and ecological responsibility).

Target	Action
More efficient recycling, and as little mixed waste as possible	Enhance the recycling opportunities in our offices, and also recycle plastic waste. Create recycling instructions for offices for our members to see.
Minimizing unnecessary items and materials	Avoid unnecessary purchases for our offices. For annual ball gifts, consider giving an immaterial gift, and give material gifts only for the right need.
Reuse of materials and items	Necessary items for our offices are purchased recycled as much as possible. For example, online flea markets and various Facebook pages (e.g. Loas Laakso) are effective places to find necessary items. Also give and sell items that are useless to our organization and pass them on.
More responsible events	Consider using reusable dishes when organizing events. Try to get rid of single-use waste bag tablecloths, for example with sitz parties. The tables can be left without a cloth and cleaned after the event, or you can get



	tablecloths that can be washed.
More ecological purchases	For example, domestic and ecological alternatives are preferred in larger purchases.
Responsibility in groceries	Only plant-based foods are used in the offices and in all events organized by LTKY. Domestic products and Fair-Trade products are also preferred.
Environmental and responsibility themes as part of all decision-making	The themes of responsibility must be reflected cross-cuttingly in all LTKY's operations and decision-making. For example, one of the criteria for the LTKY's corporate relations is responsibility.
Active influencing at the national student movement level regarding responsibility	For example, in the networks of the National Union of University Student in Finland (SYL), LTKY must actively influence regarding environmental and responsibility issues.

## 2. Guilds and associations

LTKY strives to set a good example for its member associations, and therefore actively considers responsibility themes in its operations. The following table lists measures that different associations can implement in their own actions to ensure more responsible association operations.

Target	Action
More efficient recycling, and as little mixed waste as possible	Enhance the recycling opportunities, for example, in guild rooms. Get your own recycling containers for e.g. plastic, bio-waste, glass and metal. Communicate about the importance of recycling to the members, and also set a good example with your actions.
Minimizing unnecessary items and	Avoid unnecessary purchases for guild



materials	rooms. For annual ball gifts, consider giving an immaterial gift, and give material gifts only for the right need.
Reuse of materials and items	Necessary items for guild rooms (for example), are purchased recycled as much as possible. For example, online flea markets and various Facebook pages (e.g. Loas Laakso) are effective places to find necessary items. Also give and sell items that are useless to your own association and pass them on.
Giving up disposable dishes and waste bag tablecloths	Consider using reusable dishes when organizing events. Try to get rid of single-use waste bag tablecloths, for example with sitz parties. The tables can be left without a cloth and cleaned after the event, or you can get tablecloths that can be washed.
Environmental and responsibility themes also as part of the association's/guild's board decision-making	For example, it is possible for guilds to choose a person responsible of environmental/responsibility themes, who takes care of recycling opportunities in the guild room and makes sure that events are more responsible. If necessary, a separate committee can be formed under LTKY, where responsibility themes are discussed and ideas are shared.
More responsible policies as part of the activities of guilds and associations	For example, at the guild's or associations general meeting, it is possible to outline e.g. on the use of plant-based foods. Lines can also be drawn for example regarding the domesticity of the food.

