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## TIP OF THE WEEK

NEXT STEPS

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- **Evaluate** what happened during the competition year, and determine the most important decisive factors for your building.
- **Update your save@work action plan** for the period after February 2017.
- Initiate a campaign or a set of actions in which employees are encouraged to **extend energy saving to their own households**.
- **Take on other challenges** to support other areas of sustainability.
- Try to **reduce the carbon footprint and environmental impacts** of your long distance business trips. Compare the energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of your trip, depending on what means of transportation you choose.

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## Next steps after save@work

The end of the save@work campaign is approaching, but it doesn't mean that the energy saving should end too. On the contrary, participants are encouraged to continue, or to even expand the scope of green efforts within the office. Below you can find a few thoughts on the possible directions.

- First of all, **evaluate what happened during the competition year**, and see what has been a success and what has turned out to be more challenging than initially expected. Determine the most important decisive factors for your building. With these in mind, **update your save@work action plan** for the period after February 2017. Don't forget, the action plan you come up with is the basis for one of the save@work prize categories!

Now, that the campaign has finished, you are allowed to implement larger scale **energy efficiency investments** such as insulating the walls, replacing the windows or installing better heating and lighting systems etc. So initiate a discussion about the need and viability of such investments, involving all the relevant departments of the office.



- Consider introducing an **Energy Management System** in your office, e.g. ISO 50001, which makes it easier for organizations to integrate energy management into their overall efforts to improve quality and environmental management.
- A campaign or different actions can be initiated in which employees are encouraged to **extend energy saving to their own households**. Since home and office circumstances are somewhat different, it is useful to distribute more tips that are specially written for homes. As a start, check out the entries under *Further reading and ideas*.
- **Take on other challenges** to support other areas of sustainability, such as: saving resources in general, social aspects – helping social justice by buying fair trade and/or socially responsible products and services, green charity, volunteering. **/for the latter two you can insert the link to the 19<sup>th</sup> tip, if available online/**
- Also, **try to reduce the carbon footprint and environmental impacts of your long distance business trips**. The previous energy saving tip was about how to make events that you organize greener. But what about when you have to travel far away to an event as a participant? Use this website to compare the energy consumption, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and other related environmental impacts of your trip, depending on what means of transportation you choose. The difference can be significant, see an example on the next page.
- Calculate the carbon footprint of your events and/or travel and offset it through planting native trees.





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## Top tips for champions

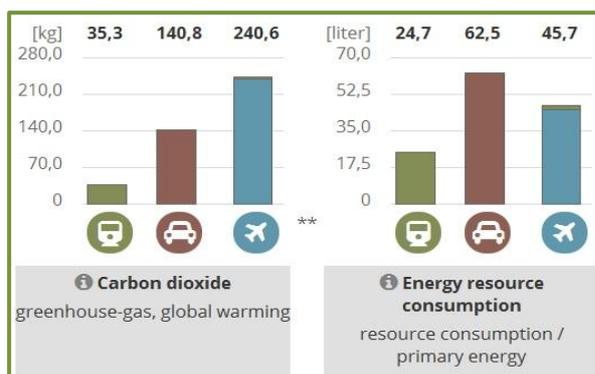
As part of the European Union's "Trade for All" strategy, the EU Trade Commissioner has confirmed the introduction of a "European-wide Fair and Ethical Trade City" award in October 2016. The criteria for applying and winning the award is being elaborated on at the moment. The aim is to announce the first winner at an awards ceremony in the first half of 2018. If you are a municipality, follow the developments related to the award and be the first to win it! ☺

## Did you know?

Taking the climate factor into account, a plane emits almost **7 times** more carbon dioxide compared to a train on a trip from **Budapest** /NOTE TO PARTNERS: change it to your own preferred city and recalculate/ to Brussels – according to the website of [EcoPassenger](#).

For the same trip, going by car consumes the most energy, 2.5 times more than travelling by train and 37 % more than travelling by air.

Besides, more and more airlines give information about the CO<sub>2</sub> emission of the selected flight, watch out for it!



## Further reading and ideas:

Chapter 10 of the [save@work Strategic Handbook for Energy Teams](#) entitled 'After save@work?'. /if available online, include the link/

[Home energy efficiency – by Energy Saving Trust, UK](#)

[Tips on Saving Money and Energy at Home – U.S. Department of Energy](#)

[100 ways to save energy in your home – TheGreenAge](#)

## Source(s):

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<http://www.fairtrade-advocacy.org/about-us-27/other-information/920-capital-award>

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