

Sustainability policy of MTS Globe Turkey



Purpose

MTS Globe Türkiye is committed to minimizing its impacts on the environment, growing sustainably and inspiring others to take action. As part of that commitment, this Policy establishes some principles relating to best practices in waste management.”

(Source: <https://mtsglobe.com/travelife-sustainability-report/>)

Scope

This policy will apply to all operations, from management to the executive level of our company. Staff, suppliers, and partners are expected to fully uphold objectives under this policy whenever possible within prevailing budgets.

Sustainability management & legal compliance

Sustainability commitment

MTS Globe Türkiye leadership is wholly committed to the company's sustainability performance and endorses the company's sustainability mission statement and policy.

We will use the Travelife platform to report on our sustainability progress and to monitor and evaluate progress. We are committed to (publicly) communicating our sustainability performance (by means of the Travelife report) every two years.

Sustainability management & legal compliance

MTS Globe Türkiye commits to continuous improvement of sustainability practices, including the ongoing monitoring and evaluation of our sustainability policy, with dedicated personnel and resources to achieve our sustainability goals.

MTS Globe Türkiye follows all local, regional, national, and international regulations as they relate to human resources, human rights, children's rights, land rights, environmental management, wildlife, and land use. We follow a strict Code of Ethics, including a zero-tolerance policy for corruption, bribery, forced labor, and discrimination.

Internal management: social policy & human rights

Employees

- MTS Globe Türkiye supports both career-related and job-related professional development activities.
- MTS Globe Türkiye is committed to the principle of fair and equal pay for like work and for work of equal value for all its employees, and contractors, regardless of gender/sex, race, national origin, marital status, age, religion.
- MTS Globe Türkiye is committed to fostering a safe, healthy, and inclusive work place/work culture where all employees are able to perform their duties/to recognise their potential.

- MTS Globe Türkiye is committed to a zero-tolerance policy for acts of bribery, corruption, discrimination, and violation of human rights, including forced labour, human trafficking, and all rights of children.
- MTS Globe Türkiye further expects this commitment from all partners and suppliers.

Internal management: environment

Environmental management of office operations *We reduce emissions in all our offices by using energy-saving equipment and having strict policies in place to reduce the use of energy and water. Staff is trained and aware about our internal guidelines. In many of our destinations, we're still struggling with the use of plastic and the amount of waste.*

- MTS Globe Türkiye is committed to managing environmental impact as an integral part of our operations. It is our policy to assure the environmental integrity of our processes and products at all times by:
- Continuously seeking opportunities to improve our environmental performance by establishing objectives and targets, measuring progress, and reporting our results, including but not limited to energy, water, paper, and carbon.
- Practising a waste hierarchical approach to always reduce, reuse, and recycle commodities and products instead of waste, particularly waste to landfill.
- Promoting participation and communicating our commitment to responsible environmental management by promoting environmental responsibility amongst our employees and stakeholders and soliciting input from them to better achieve our environmental goals.
- Minimising pollution including light, noise, and any soil, water, or air contaminants, and avoiding use of any toxic or hazardous substances.

Carbon management of office operations

- MTS Globe Türkiye is committed to reducing our carbon footprint and endeavours to reduce the amount we travel as much as possible by:
 - Reduce the amount we travel as much as possible
 - Monitoring and measuring carbon footprint with the aim to reduce as much as possible and offset remaining amounts.
 - Encouraging remote work whenever possible, and when it is not possible, making it easier for employees to limit their carbon footprint by use of eco modes of transportation.
 - We commit to offsetting our remaining direct and indirect carbon from travel and fossil energy use via [carbon offset company].
 - Implementing procedures such as.
 - Installing energy-efficient equipment and appliances

Land use

- MTS Globe Türkiye offices are located in area and abide by all local land use laws, respect local cultural and natural resources in our business operations, and favours sustainable architecture and design.

General suppliers policy

- MTS Globe Türkiye is committed to sourcing its products and services responsibly, avoiding harmful impacts on society, culture and nature as much as possible. We expect the same level of engagement and commitment from our suppliers.

- MTS Globe Türkiye prefers to work with partners that share the company's commitment towards sustainability. This means that we prefer partners that have a written sustainability statement as an integral part of their business policy and/or a clear sustainability policy in place.
- MTS Globe Türkiye prefers to work with suppliers in the destinations that are locally owned or managed, use local and seasonal products and services and benefit the local community by hiring locally and equitably and by providing fair working conditions.
- Whenever possible, MTS Globe Türkiye prefers to select partner companies that comply with tourism-specific, internationally recognized (GSTC-accredited) certifications, or other sustainability certifications like B Corp or ISO.
- MTS Globe Türkiye offers incentives for partners that are actively engaged in sustainable operations.
- MTS Globe Türkiye expects its suppliers to adhere, that includes the following responsible business practices:
 - Complying with all local, regional, national and international regulations
 - Respecting all human rights including labour rights, children's rights, and women's rights
 - Committing to fair employment conditions
 - Following anti-corruption, anti-bribery, anti-extortion, and anti-discrimination policies
 - Protecting children from (sexual) exploitation through tourism
 - Protecting the environment and natural resources
 - Acting in the best interest of local communities
 - Protecting the interests of MTS Globe Türkiye
- MTS Globe Türkiye raises awareness amongst its suppliers to adopt sound social and environmental practices, and to minimize their carbon footprint.
- MTS Globe Türkiye actively collaborates with suppliers to improve their sustainability performance. We encourage our suppliers to continuously learn about sustainability and provide/support this learning whenever possible.

- MTS Globe Türkiye maintains open lines of communication with our suppliers and partners and encourage feedback from our stakeholders at any time and on any topic, particularly sustainability.

Accommodations

- MTS Globe Türkiye only works with accommodations that adhere to the company's
- In the accommodation selection process, MTS Globe Türkiye considers the sustainability practices of an accommodation by taking into account their sustainability management and social and environmental footprint.
- MTS Globe Türkiye favours the selection of accommodations that respect and protect land use, as well as respectfully highlight elements of local architecture, customs and traditions

Activities & Excursions

- MTS Globe Türkiye only works with excursion providers that adhere to the company's.
- All excursions and activities run by or on behalf of MTS Globe Türkiye respect local customs, traditions, cultural integrity, and natural resources.
- MTS Globe Türkiye commits to not offering any excursions that harm humans, wildlife, environment, or natural resources such as water and energy.
- MTS Globe Türkiye gives preference to excursions and activities that benefit local communities, respect animal welfare and support environmental protection.
- MTS Globe Türkiye has clear guidelines in place for environmentally and culturally sensitive excursions offered by or on behalf of the company. These guidelines are actively communicated to guests as well as distributed and implemented by excursion providers and guides.
- MTS Globe Türkiye provides excursion and attraction providers opportunities for sustainability learning and management, including free access to the Travelife online learning and reporting platform.

Tour leaders, local representatives, and guides

- MTS Globe Türkiye commits to hiring qualified local guides, porters, drivers or other local staff, paying them living wages and providing safe and fair working conditions. We expect the same from our suppliers that are hiring local staff on behalf of MTS Globe Türkiye
- MTS Globe Türkiye understands that guides are the intermediaries between the guests and the socio-cultural and environmental context of the destination, conveying the appropriate behaviour to them. Therefore, we make sure that all guides hired by or leading tours on behalf of [company] are trained regularly and knowledgeable in the sustainability topics of the destination.

- Our guides are specifically trained on the critical issue of sexual exploitation of children in tourism.
- MTS Globe Türkiye provides guides with learning opportunities on sustainability topics including providing free access to the Travelife online learning platform.

Destinations

Sustainable destinations

- MTS Globe Türkiye prefers to work in destinations that have committed to sustainability as an integral part of community and destination development.
- MTS Globe Türkiye aims to send visitors to secondary or lesser-known tourist areas to avoid overtourism.
- MTS Globe Türkiye does not support destinations that have a questionable human rights track record.

Contribution to local communities / local economic network

- MTS Globe Türkiye commits to positive contribution to the destinations in which we operate, by:
 - Sourcing locally and responsibly, and supporting local and traditional arts and culture
 - Encouraging guests to shop responsibly and educating them about illegal/prohibited/forbidden souvenirs
 - Collaborating with other local tourism stakeholders to further the sustainable tourism development of the destination
 - Respecting and advocating for all human rights (i.e. children's rights, women's rights, labour rights, etc.) as well as land rights

Environmental stewardship in destinations

- MTS Globe Türkiye commits to environmental stewardship in the destinations in which we operate by:
 - Ensuring natural resources remain intact
 - Educating guests about the principles of responsible travel and responsible visitor behaviour

Customer communication and protection

Privacy

- Our customer protection is our priority. Therefore, we maintain a clear privacy policy to ensure <https://www.mevzuat.gov.tr/mevzuat?MevzuatNo=6698&MevzuatTur=1&MevzuatTertip=5>
 - Legal compliance in all regards
 - Customers and their data are protected
 - Customers know how their information is being used

Marketing and communication

- MTS Globe Türkiye strives to be truthful in all situations and at all times. We offer products and services that do what we claim in our communications.
- We honour our explicit and implicit commitments and promises.
- We are anti-greenwashing and stand behind our sustainability claims 100%.
- We endeavour to be inclusive and representative in our marketing, and to always take into account cultural, religious, and ethnic sensitivities.

Sustainability communication

- Customers are informed about the social and environmental impact of their journey, and are educated about the sustainable choices they can make, including transparent communication on:
 - Certified accommodations
 - Compensation of their trips CO2 emissions
 - Activities and excursions that benefit the local communities and environmental protection
 - Responsible shopping and illegal souvenirs

Customer experience

- The company aims for all customer experiences to be positive, and follows strict health and safety, marketing, and excursion policies to ensure customer satisfaction. These policies cover specific topics of (but not limited to):
 - Health and safety
 - Emergency procedures
 - Privacy
 - Group numbers
 - Transport

- Shopping
- Sexual exploitation
- Children in tourism
- Satisfaction and complaints
- MTS Globe Türkiye maintains open lines of communication with our customers and encourages feedback at any time and on any topic, particularly sustainability.

Contact / Responsible person

All staff are responsible for the ownership and undertaking of this policy.

All staff are responsible for the promotion and implementation of this sustainability policy within their departments.

The implementation of this policy will be lead by the Sustainability Coordinator, Tuğçe Baş, who can be reached at tugce.bas@mtsglobe.com

Effective date

This policy is effective from 1st of Jan 2025.

Revision history

This policy will be revised by December 2025.