

Mobility focus concept

at Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

Short version



Vision

FAU is spread across a large area in the cities of Erlangen, Nuremberg and Fürth and is a daily destination for 40,000 students and 65,000 employees. Each site has different conditions that impact mobility. In its Climate Action Plan, FAU set the objective of reducing its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, which also includes emissions caused by commuting. FAU aims to meet its targets in this area by developing and strategically supporting measures related to sustainable mobility. During a decade of transformation, FAU is working toward connecting all of its sites with a climate-friendly and multimodal mobility concept that will improve journeying to and from each location.



Mobility at FAU

FAU conducted a mobility survey to find out how its members commute. The modal split shows how much each mode of transport accounts for the journeys made. Various environmentally friendly forms of mobility (eco-mobility) including walking and cycling as well as local public transport are available as alternatives to private transport. Despite the high proportion of eco-mobility, which according to the survey is mainly chosen for environmental and cost reasons but also for more exercise, 13% of students and 32% of employees drive from home to the university (main routes).

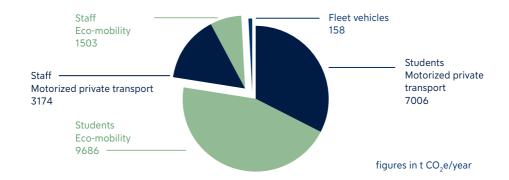
Modal split of trips



Two thirds of students and almost 60% of employees who currently drive to the main university site are open to using eco-mobility as an alternative for their commute if the effort required to switch is reasonable. For a permanent shift, new measures need to be introduced to increase the attractiveness of ecomobility. These include, for example, a discounted ticket for public transport, developing e-charging infrastructure and covered bicycle parking facilities.

Greenhouse gas emissions balance 2023

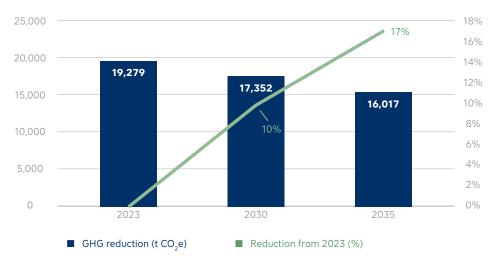
In 2023, FAU's total commuting-related emissions amounted to around 21,500 t CO_2 equivalents (CO_2 e). Students account for almost 16,600 t CO_2 e for the passenger kilometers traveled on the main routes and routes between locations. Almost half of this is caused by the 13% of private transport users alone. Around 4,600 tons of CO_2 e are emitted by employees' commutes, two thirds of which are attributable to private transport.



Emissions targets

In order to reduce commuting-related GHG emissions, FAU is striving to introduce measures to promote eco-mobility. These measures target FAU members who, according to the survey, could potentially imagine switching to climate-friendly means of transport with reasonable effort, using them permanently as their main means of transportation. It is imperative that we harness this potential of reducing GHG emissions. The aim is to reduce commuting-related GHG emissions from the main routes traveled by 10% by 2030 and by 17% by 2035.

GHG targets for commuting

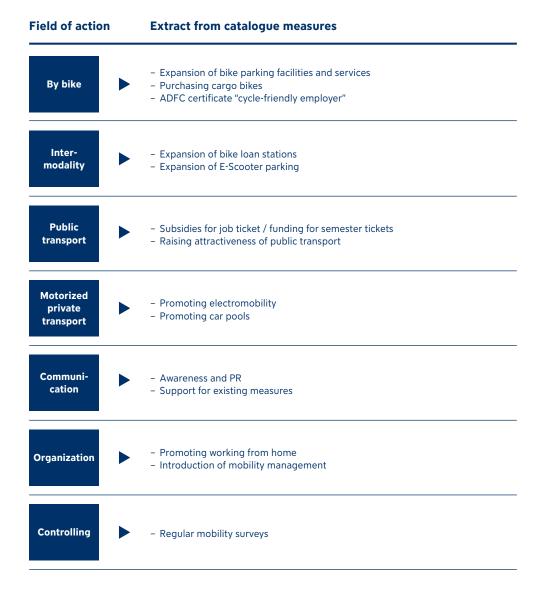


Fields of action and measures

Measures were developed based on research into framework conditions and mobility behavior. FAU members were able to submit their own suggestions online via the ideas box. Further proposals for measures came from the mobility workshop with internal FAU experts and external stakeholders.



The catalog of measures is both a working basis and a declaration of intent and comprises seven fields of action to promote sustainable mobility: cycling, intermodality, public transport, private transport, communication, organization and monitoring. Specific measures were derived for each field of action and prioritized according to their impact, feasibility and financial viability.



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The full version of the mobility focus concept (German) and further information on climate-friendly mobility can be found at: fau.info/mobility

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