

The Environmental Report – our follow-up on local objectives

In order to know if we reach our local Environmental Objectives an annual follow-up is made by the City of Gothenburg. The results are published in the annual Environmental Report. The follow-up is performed for each of the 12 local Environmental Objectives and its 36 milestones. An assessment is made to determine whether the objectives will be reached or not and if the trend is positive, neutral or negative. The assessment is based on 180 indicators; periodic data meant to reflect the environmental condition in a reliable way. The Environmental Report has been published annually since the early 90's to describe the state of the environment in Gothenburg, not only in the municipality but in the entire community. The report has been given a more distinct function as follow-up tool since all the local environmental objectives were adopted by the City Council in 2011. One of the objectives is Reduced Climate Impact (see other action). The follow-up shows that the objective is very difficult to reach.

On the website there is a brief description about the content of the Environmental Report; what the objectives mean and if we reach them. In addition there are also figures and facts laid out on all the indicators we use. There is also an easy to read summary of the environmental report called Gothenburg & the Environment describing the twelve Environmental Objectives, which is available in English (see other action). Every year there is a popular seminar where the results in the Environmental Report are presented together with other inspiring presentations.

After 2011, when all twelve objectives were adopted, the work has focused on measures and strategies:

- Since 2013 there is an Environment Programme in the City of Gothenburg (see other action). The Environment Program includes an action plan with more than 200 measures that will help to reach the twelve local environmental objectives for 2020. The Environment Programme contains actions that the City of Gothenburg can influence and decide on, but the rest of the Gothenburg community is invited to support the work.
- The Climate Programme was adopted by the City Council in september 2014 (see other action). With the program the climate work will be complemented with nine goals and 24 strategies to be achieved by 2030. The Climate Programme specifies how to reach the long term objective for 2050.

More information (in Swedish):

The Environmental Report 2013: http://goteborg.se/wps/wcm/connect/4a664fd8-71ec-4d99-aaf9-09ed6b8eeed7/N800_R_2014_14.pdf?MOD=AJPERES

About the local objectives and the Environmental Report: www.goteborg.se/miljomal

Easy-to-read version of the Environmental Report (in English):

http://goteborg.se/wps/wcm/connect/f2632cea-d0c1-470b-b2af-793fdad8dee3/GoAndEnviro_enkelsid.pdf?MOD=AJPERES