

Visit València Declares a Climate Emergency

In September 2019, the Valencia Council declared a climate emergency as part of its membership in the initiative promoted by the Climate Emergency Alliance. In January 2021, the mayor signed the declaration of the fifth anniversary of the Paris Agreement, reaffirming the commitment to centring climate action in all city decisions to achieve climate neutrality and create equitable communities.

In February 2021, a plenary session of the council passed the Valencia Neutral City mission, as a 'great opportunity for the city of Valencia due to its impact on people's health, sustainability, the ecological transition, adaptation to climate change, attracting investment, driving carbon-neutral economic initiatives, creating jobs, and promoting research and innovation'.

In line with our city, within the framework of tourism strategy, we have joined Tourism Declares, an initiative that supports organizations, businesses and professionals in the tourist industry to declare a climate emergency and take measures to reduce their carbon emissions. According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), global carbon dioxide emissions must be reduced by 55% by 2030. And tourism must accept its responsibility and take immediate action to collectively achieve this aim.

Like all signatories, on declaring with Tourism Declares, **we have committed to the following five actions:**

1. Develop a 'Climate Action Plan' within the next 12 months, establishing our intention to reduce carbon emissions over the next decade.
2. Declare our commitment publicly, share our 'Climate Action Plan' and update on our progress each year.
3. Work to preserve our ecosystem and keep it healthy, to reduce the impacts of climate change on our home. In our 'Climate Action Plan', we will include conservation and adaptation actions for the resources arising from tourism.
4. Encourage our suppliers and partners to make the same declaration; share best practices; actively participate in the Tourism Declares community.
5. Advocate for change: recognize the need for system change across the industry to accelerate a just transition towards carbon-free tourism.