



# Swedish Red Cross travel policy

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The Red Cross wants to contribute to a compassionate Sweden in a sustainable world.

As Red Crossers, whether we are volunteers, elected representatives or employees, we strive to travel, stay and conference sustainably.

To achieve our sustainability goals and reduce our negative impact on the environment and climate, we limit our travel and consider meeting digitally when the conditions for digital meetings exist. When we receive invitations to hybrid meetings, we consider participating digitally.

We plan our meetings and choose travel options, hotels and conference facilities that have the least possible environmental and climate impact.

We are inclusive and take into account that we have different conditions for travelling and participating in activities due to, for example, functional variations, age and health.

When choosing means of transport, hotels and conference facilities, we take into account each other's different conditions for participating in Red Cross activities.

We keep our travel costs at a reasonable level and strive to be cost, time, environmental and climate efficient.

We encourage everyone to choose public transport, cycle or walk whenever possible. Within Sweden, train or bus are in many cases the best environmental and climate alternative when cycling or walking is not an option.

In cases where we travel by car, we choose, if possible, to travel in an electric or hybrid car to cause the least environmental and climate impact. We try to carpool as much as possible. When travelling by taxi is necessary, we prefer environmentally friendly taxis.

We avoid non-essential air travel and strive to minimise our air travel. When flying, we avoid stopovers and choose airlines with less carbon dioxide emissions.

## SUSTAINABLE TRAVELLING MEANS:

**Social sustainability:** We consider human rights when travelling.

**Ecological sustainability:** Our travelling should contribute to our environmental and climate goals.

**Economic sustainability:** Travelling should be economically viable.

Crucial to sustainable travel is that travel supports the 2030 Agenda and the 17 global development goals.

Where air travel is necessary, we either buy biofuel tickets or compensate for carbon dioxide emissions in other ways.

When selecting hotels and conference facilities, we prioritise hotels and conference facilities that are environmentally certified through, for example, Green Key, Nordic Swan Ecolabel or ISO 14001.

We choose hotels and conference centres that have a formal sustainability policy that shows that they are committed to reducing their impact on the environment, take social responsibility and are adapted for people with disabilities.

We avoid hotels that have been subject to human rights violations such as labour exploitation, discrimination, human trafficking or other crime against human rights.

We develop our disclosure of environmental and climate impacts in our sustainability report.