EcoCompass is an environmental management system suitable for small and medium sized enterprises, public events and public administration bodies. It has been developed as part of a joint venture of the municipalities of the Helsinki metropolitan area and it is based both on the respective Nordic environmental management systems and on international standards for environmental management, such as ISO 14001. Since 2018, EcoCompass has been available nationwide and coordinated by The Finnish Association for Nature Conservation’s Kinos Ltd.

Special features of EcoCompass include focusing on concrete measures, ready-to-use tools, and personal support from a trained EcoCompass adviser in the implementation process.
The EcoCompass certificate demonstrates a commitment to continuously improving and complying with the 10 criteria of EcoCompass.

Several Helsinki City Group enterprises and City departments have been developing their EcoCompass systems for many years. The core aim is to integrate the principles of environmental management systems into all operations of the City.

The EcoCompass consists of the following elements:
• initial baseline survey
• assessment of environmental impacts
• identification of legal requirements
• environmental policy
• environmental goals and measures
• external assessment or auditing
• annual monitoring and reporting.

More information: ekokompassi.fi/en

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