

TÜV Rheinland certified label for sustainable carbon offsets

In today's business world, due to global demands by international organisations and institutions, governments, municipalities and customers, it has become more vital for either global corporations or local businesses to increase their sustainability and reduce their carbon footprint.



Global efforts like the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals¹ (Agenda 2030) have created an internationally recognised framework for doing so. Verified Emission Reductions (VERs) derived from climate protection projects are globally recognised certificates for carbon offsetting. VERs can be used for businesses, production and related processes or energy products, making them climate-neutral. By utilising this instrument any business can easily create green products and services and improve its carbon footprint.

The independently certified standard EcoPLUS gives you the opportunity to go beyond mere carbon offsetting. Through independent audits EcoPLUS ensures that the climate protection projects used for offsetting your products, processes and/or services, measure up to a high standard of sustainability and social responsibility. In addition to the carbon reduction achieved through VERs, it guarantees positive impacts on society and environment. Offering you and your customers the option to support sustainable development and offset carbon at the same time.

Thus EcoPLUS offers your business a simple, cost-effective and most importantly convincing way of supporting the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



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¹ In order to assert the 17 Goals for sustainable development, many states have created national programs as well as legislation to enforce compliance.



EcoPLUS – sustainable and effective climate protection

Sustainable climate protection projects

EcoPLUS offers you a wide range of regions with a multitude of focusses. Thus ensuring that you can find the right fit for your Corporate Social Responsibility and your sustainability profile. EcoPLUS guarantees that sustainable, high standard climate protection projects are used for carbon offsetting.

The projects are chosen according to the following criteria:

Additional Sustainability: Besides curbing CO₂-emissions, EcoPLUS-projects are required to promote and include future-oriented, environmentally, culturally and socially beneficial measures. The projects are analysed for their positive effects on education, medical care situation, infrastructure, child aid and cultural advancement. Thus ensuring that EcoPLUS projects help foster the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



Optimal Project Location: The purpose of EcoPLUS is to support the projects that have the highest positive impact and achieve sustainable improvement. We use globally recognized indices² to determine which projects to use for EcoPLUS. By combining the indices, we optimize the choice of project location and thereby ensure optimal use of resources.

High efficiency climate protection: We make sure that we choose projects that provide major greenhouse gas savings (when compared to the base-scenario³). Thus ensuring that EcoPLUS projects have the highest possible potential for mitigating climate change.

² In order to determine the adequacy of the project's location we look at two indices: the Human Development Index (HDI) and the Environmental Performance Index (EPI). The HDI helps us figure out where projects are most needed and where they have the greatest potential use, while the EPI helps us determine the projects eco-dynamic efficiency in terms of health and environmental benefits.

³ The base-scenario describes the state of emissions that a region would produce without the projects presence, thereby providing a good measurement of a projects (potential) positive impact.



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Verified Emission Reductions – internationally recognized System:

Carbon offsetting for EcoPLUS is built on VERs. Although VERs are listed voluntarily, they are only traded, registered and cancelled on internationally recognised platforms and strictly regulated through recognized standards, both of which are controlled and audited by independent institutions⁴. These factors prevent double counting and ensure that VERs reliably prove emission reductions and document them transparently.

Transparency and credibility

The additional sustainable benefits of the EcoPLUS label are firmly fixed in its catalogue of criteria (version 1.1), which is kept publicly and transparently. In order to guarantee that these criteria are upheld, an annual review, audit and certification process is performed by the TÜV Rheinland Energy GmbH, an independent auditor. For more information about the certification of EcoPLUS, please visit: www.certipedia.com



How you can benefit from EcoPLUS

You can use EcoPLUS versatility to offset emissions related to any activities of your business: from energy usage, transportation, production down to single events. When you choose EcoPLUS, you position yourself as a green, sustainable, ecologically- and future-oriented business. We will help you spread this message. As part of EcoPLUS you can exclusively use:

- ✓ The EcoPLUS certificate issued by TÜV Rheinland Energy GmbH
- ✓ The TUVdotCOM ID logo for use with the product EcoPLUS
- ✓ An individual marketing certificate, issued by Bischoff & Ditzte Energy
- ✓ Pictures of and information regarding the climate protection projects
- ✓ Explanatory graphics on the topic of carbon neutrality
- ✓ The EcoPLUS logo

⁴ There are two platforms for VERs: Markit and APX. All VERs are audited for compliance with the criteria of the Greenhouse Gas Protocol. Additionally there are different standards with additional criteria, like the Gold Standard, the Climate, Community & Biodiversity Standard (CCBS) or Verra (VCS).

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CERTIFICATE

Certificate-ID: C01-2021-09-21254199

Certificate for: **ÖkoPLUS / EcoPlus**

Certificate holder: **Bischoff & Ditze Energy GmbH & Co. KG**
Kreuzweg 7
20099 Hamburg



Valid until: 15.09.2022

Monitoring period: 01.09.2020 – 31.08.2021

ÖkoPLUS catalogue of criteria: Version 1.1

Type of emission reduction (VER): GS-VER, VCU

TÜV Rheinland confirms that the certificate holder of the product **ÖkoPLUS / EcoPLUS** complies with the following criteria with regard to the choice of emission reduction projects:

Sustainability: **ÖkoPLUS / EcoPLUS** –projects guarantee the promotion of sustainable and social structures. **ÖkoPLUS / EcoPLUS** emission reduction projects are analysed with regard to implemented measures or measures that are to be implemented, for example in the fields of education, medical care, infrastructure, child development and the promotion of cultural affairs.

Country-specific selection: Based on internationally recognized indices, **ÖkoPLUS / EcoPLUS** determines emission reduction projects with a location that permits a tangible sustainable impact. The greatest possible impact is determined on the basis of eco-dynamic development opportunities in the fields of health and the environment (Environmental Performance Index - EPI) and determination of the development situation (Human Development Index - HDI) of the country of assignment.

Effective climate protection: In comparison to the baseline scenario, **ÖkoPLUS / EcoPLUS** – projects have a high CO₂-savings-potential and consequently effectively contribute to global climate protection.

The product **ÖkoPLUS / EcoPLUS** and its compliance with the criteria are verified during an annual audit. Bischoff & Ditze Energy GmbH & Co. KG has recognized and contractually guaranteed the criteria and the test procedure for **ÖkoPLUS / EcoPLUS**. The prerequisites for compliance are fulfilled for the calendar year 2021/2022.

The validity of the certificate can be verified based on the ID 37968 at www.certipedia.com

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