



Saeima – a green parliament

The Latvian parliament is concerned about the environment and supports a green lifestyle. We save and send for recycling our waste paper, use environmentally-friendly light bulbs, transport used batteries and old office equipment to hazardous waste disposal sites, as well as clean up a territory in Latvia during the spring collective work day dubbed A Gift to Latvia



SAVING ELECTRICITY



New generation **energy-saving LED bulbs** are used for lightning in most rooms

Façades of the buildings of the parliament are illuminated in an **energy-saving mode**

Floodlights are **switched off** during the night and switched back on early in the morning



On 25 March 2017, at 8:30 p.m. the parliament turned off the floodlights illuminating the façades of its buildings for an hour, thus taking part in **Earth Hour** for the ninth consecutive year

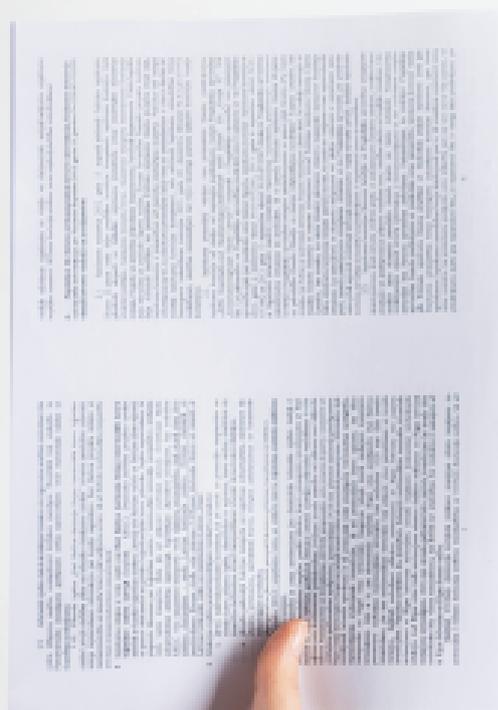


SAVING PAPER

MPs and staff members of the Saeima often use **electronic versions of documents**, thus reducing paper consumption

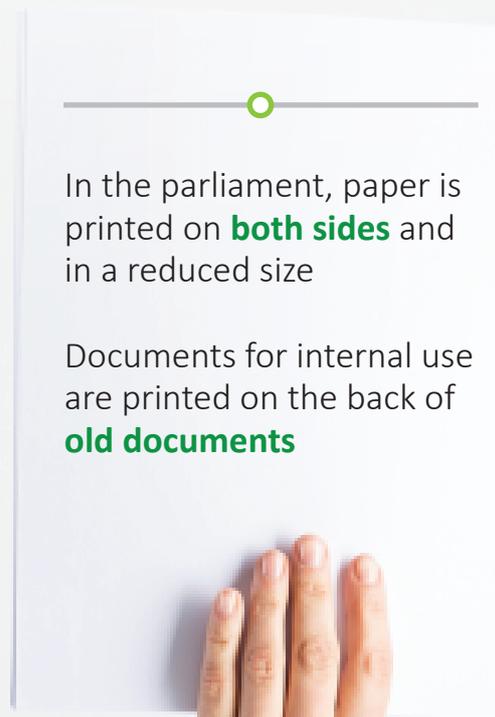


* Merely illustrative picture



In the parliament, paper is printed on **both sides** and in a reduced size

Documents for internal use are printed on the back of **old documents**

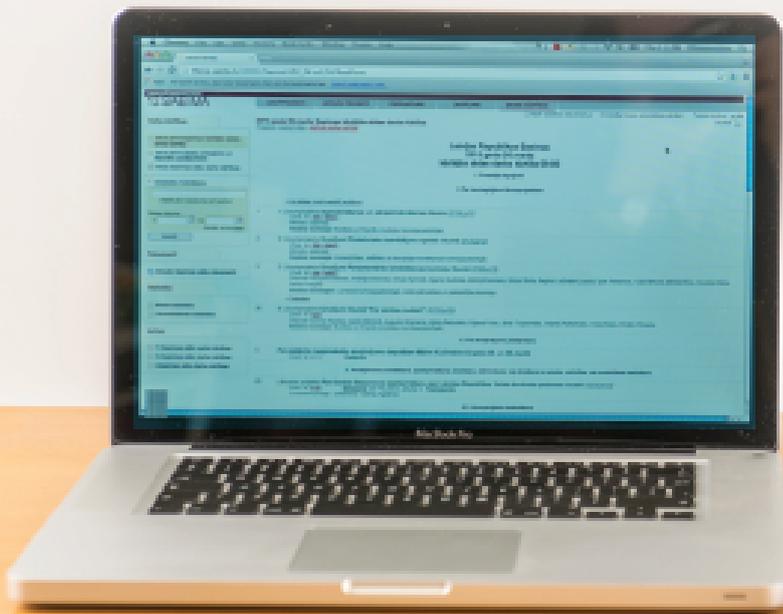




SAVING PAPER

During the 12th convocation of the Saeima, **79** out of **100** MPs chose to discontinue the use of printed documents in plenary sittings

(11th convocation – 73, 10th convocation – 53)



On average, working documents used by each MP at a plenary meeting are compiled on **250** A4-size paper sheets



Thus approximately **19,000 sheets of paper** are saved for one plenary meeting



That is equal to **142 copies** of Rainis' play *Indulis and Ārija**

* Publication of 1911 (267 pages)



RECYCLING WASTE PAPER

Cardboard containers installed throughout the buildings of the parliament are used for **collecting waste paper** which is afterwards sent for recycling



Every year, the Saeima sends approximately **six tons** of paper and cardboard for recycling

* Since 2010



RECYCLING WASTE PAPER

The amount of waste paper collected from the Saeima enables:

manufacturing
one million paper sheets



saving
102 trees



saving **996 bathtubs**
of water

heating
three average-size
houses for a year





SAEIMA SUPPORTS A GREEN LIFESTYLE

In its concern for an environment-friendly commute and healthy lifestyle, the Saeima has placed a safe and easily accessible **bicycle parking** rack in the inner yard of Atgriežu iela



It has become an annual tradition of Saeima to hold an annual spring collective work day dubbed **A Gift to Latvia**.

During this day the MPs and staff members of the Saeima engage in activities such as restoring the protective belt of sand dunes in Jūrmala City ruined by autumn storms, planting aspen and pine trees and tidying up the family home of Jānis Čakste, President of the Constitutional Assembly and the first President of Latvia



In a statutory procedure, the parliament gives away its used but still functional **office equipment** and supplies to schools, retirement homes and other institutions free of charge



UTILISATION OF HAZARDOUS WASTE



The Saeima has installed a **container for used batteries**, which are then transported to a hazardous waste disposal site

Old office equipment and electronic appliances are disposed of at **special** hazardous waste disposal sites

