

De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek Becomes CarbonNeutral®

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The Challenge

As a law firm, De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek realised its negative impact on climate change

They wanted to gain insight into their emissions and set out to become CarbonNeutral®



The Solution

- Identify company-wide emissions
- Opportunities to reduce emissions
- Offset scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions



The outcome

- De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek is now a CarbonNeutral® certified company



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Company Facts

€ 170 Mln

Revenue

5

Number of locations

780

Employees

62 (Silver)

Current ESG Score/ Medal

Context & Challenges

Industry

- ✓ De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek is one of the largest law firms in The Netherlands, with additional offices in London, Shanghai, Brussels and Singapore;
- ✓ Even as a law firm, De Brauw recognised that it has a negative impact on climate change mostly due to business travel and energy consumption;
- ✓ De Brauw wanted to know what this impact was so that they can start reducing their carbon footprint and become a carbon neutral company.

Project Objectives

- ✓ Assess company-wide scope 1, 2 and 3 carbon emissions and identify emissions hotspots;
- ✓ Identify opportunities to reduce emissions;
- ✓ Set impactful targets for reducing internal emissions;
- ✓ Offset scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions to achieve CarbonNeutral® certification.

Nexio Projects' Solution

- ✓ Conduct a comprehensive carbon footprint assessment for all locations;
- ✓ Take a hands-on approach with data collection to minimise required resources from De Brauw, therefore saving them an enormous amount of time;
- ✓ Identify areas throughout the business where emissions can be reduced;
- ✓ Benchmark their carbon footprint per employee against other law firms to see where they stand;
- ✓ Provide guidance and facilitate the purchase of credible carbon offsets;
- ✓ Submit all requirements to Nexio Projects' certification partner to achieve CarbonNeutral® certification.

Key Outcomes

- ✓ Calculated a carbon footprint of 1.42 TonnesCO2 per employee, one of the lowest in the industry;
- ✓ Identified actionable opportunities to further reduce their footprint by 45%;
- ✓ All scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions were offset with VCS and CCB-certified carbon credits from a REDD+ project in the Amazon;
- ✓ Achieved becoming a CarbonNeutral® certified company.



Nexio Projects made the process of assessing our carbon footprint and becoming a carbon neutral company much simpler. We gained very valuable insight and look forward to continuing our partnership to reduce our footprint and maintain our neutral status.

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