

CASE STUDY

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De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek becomes CarbonNeutral®



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 Million Euros in revenue;
- 780 employees;
- 5 locations;
- 62 (Silver) current EcoVadis ESG Score/Medal.

The context

- ✓ One of the largest law firms in The Netherlands, with additional offices in London, Shanghai, Brussels and Singapore;
- ✓ Negative impact on climate change mostly due to business travel and energy consumption;
- ✓ Desire to know its impact to reduce the 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.

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“ 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.

Suzanne Kwakkernaat, Head of Business Support & Facilities.

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' Solution

- ✓ Take a hands-on approach with data collection to minimise required resources from De Brauw;
- ✓ Benchmark their carbon footprint per employee against other law firms;
- ✓ Provide guidance and facilitate the purchase of credible carbon offsets;
- ✓ Submit all requirements to Nexio Projects' certification partner to achieve CarbonNeutral® certification.