

Aramark Northern Europe Commits to Net Zero by 2050

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Aramark Northern Europe has announced its commitment to become a net zero carbon organisation by 2050, making it the first region in Aramark's global operations to set a reduction glide path.

The clearly defined carbon reduction target, based on a 2019 assessment baseline, encompasses all of Aramark Northern Europe's Scope 1 and Scope 2 foodservice, workplace solutions, facilities management, as well as property and estate management services in the UK and Ireland, as well as a rigorous set of Scope 3 emissions categories. As part of the Aramark Northern Europe operational business, both the baseline and commitment include the Aberdeen-headquartered Aramark Global Offshore oil and gas operations.

Combined, the Northern Europe region is set to meet the targets set by current legislation for all relevant jurisdictions. Aramark Northern Europe has also expressly committed to align with the global business' [commitment to set science-based targets following the Science Based Target Initiative's](#) new Net-Zero Standard over the next 24 months.

To deliver this ambitious global target, the regional organisation is committing to transform the carbon-intensive areas of operations, as well as working with suppliers to change contributing factors within the Scope 3 Supply Chain.

This is a challenge that Frank Gleeson, CEO of Aramark Northern Europe, says the company is both excited about and determined to achieve: "I'm proud to launch the Aramark Northern Europe commitment to Net Zero by 2050. We are taking a collaborative approach to solving this global challenge, we are working to tackle climate change so that we can make a difference across all the sites and communities in which we

operate. Aramark Northern Europe, including our UK, Ireland and Global offshore business, has worked diligently, to understand, interrogate, and improve upon the impact of our operations; all the while ensuring that we also improve our services for clients and customers alike.”

“The urgency of the climate crisis has renewed our focus on innovation, collaboration, and competition on a scale that we have never seen before. There is no sustainability practice or effort too small, nor too insignificant, once it is firmly rooted in the intent to do right. With that in mind, everyone in our organisation is committed to playing their part in ensuring we meet our Net Zero Roadmap and Commitments for the region.”

Aramark Northern Europe’s Net Zero commitments are built around areas where it can have the most impact:

- **Transport:** Replacing the existing fleet of diesel and petrol owned and leased vehicles to electric vehicles (EV) as soon as is practical. Drivers will be provided training on how to drive more efficiently to reduce emissions, which will be monitored and captured by telematics.
- **Energy Efficiency:** All electricity contracts will be procured from renewable or low carbon sources. Green champions at each site will gather up monthly energy performance data to provide feedback that will be incorporated into capex decisions. Our Business Excellence, Facilities and Property Management Teams will also collaborate and integrate service lines, where appropriate, to provide multi-faceted reduction solutions across our workplace footprint.
- **Goods and services:** In Northern Europe, Aramark has already been moving towards a higher percentage of plant-based meals along with the development of a science-based climate friendly menu proposition. With this, we are changing recipes, increasing the mix of delicious, plant-based, and environmentally sustainable dishes, that are based on 50 key ingredients.
- **Source locally:** Aramark prides itself on a long-standing commitment to identify, partner with, and support local producers. The organisation takes care to operate with a detailed understanding of our product, transport logistics, and food waste categories as we manage our impact on the planet. As the organisation continues to deliver on this ambition, a preference for locally sourced will be given in instances where carbon reduction can be achieved.
- **Minimising waste and maximise recycling:** Aramark will trial software that tracks and manages food wastage, indicating possible changes to menus and portion sizes. In addition, staff training programmes will minimise waste and maximise recycling with food waste sent to anaerobic digestion plants.
- **Travel:** Aramark will encourage our staff to embrace technology to limit travel. Where travel is required, it will prioritise carbon reducing travel modes, such as rail over air and cars.
- **Engage Employees:** Aramark will encourage employees to join its sustainable journey by putting in place and extending initiatives such as cycle to work schemes, encouraging carpool arrangements, providing information on public transport alternatives, installing EV charge points and paying favourable mileage reclaim rates to EV vehicles.

The Net Zero 2050 Commitment is just the beginning for Aramark Northern Europe, with the business acknowledging that there is still more to do as part of a wide-ranging effort to have a positive impact on people and the planet – the essence of the company’s *Be Well. Do Well.* sustainability plan.

This Net Zero milestone also combined with wider ESG efforts for Northern Europe, ranging from mandatory Sustainability e-learning for all 15,000 employees in the region, along with operational training



and tools on plastic packaging, waste management, energy saving, and food waste prevention, with much more to come.

For our Net Zero Commitment, please see our [Net Zero Document](#)