

Emissions offset of Barcelona Climate Change Talks (BCCT) 2nd to 6th November 2009

The Ministry of the Environment and Housing of the Government of Catalonia has committed to offset the emissions of the Barcelona Climate Change Talks 2009. Therefore, we are calculating an estimation of the emissions that participants will be generating during the conference from 2nd to 6th November.

This estimation will take into account the following:

- Emissions from energy consumption. We are considering emissions will be generated at:
 - o Fira Gran Via. The estimation includes the days of the conference (from 2nd to 6th November) and also the days before and after for building and dismantling.
In order to estimate these emissions we are including lighting, air conditioning and electrical devices and we are calculating the emissions using the national electric mix rate.
 - o Parallel events organized in the hall of Department of the Environment and Housing (from 2nd to 6th November)
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- Emissions from transport. In order to estimate these emissions we are taking into account participants' mobility from and to Fira Gran Via and from and to the hall of Department of the Environment and Housing by estimating a mobility share by the different mean of transport (metro, buses, private cars and taxis) and calculating the emissions using average emissions' factors from each mean of transport.

We are going to offset these emissions from SENDECO2, platform for the purchase and sale of emissions allowances, with headquarters in Barcelona.

We have already done a preliminary estimation of 500 tCO₂ to be offset.