




The Influence of Governmental Climate Policy and Initiatives on the University of Iceland

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- A wide-angle photograph of the main building of the University of Iceland. The building is a large, multi-story, light-colored concrete structure with a central entrance featuring a prominent glass facade. It is surrounded by a well-maintained green lawn and a paved walkway. The sky is clear and blue.
- University of Iceland (UI) is a public research university
 - Located in Reykjavík, the capital of Iceland
 - Oldest and largest institution of higher education
 - 15000 students and 1700 full-time admin and academic staff

Two lines of policies

National level

Climate action policy
Government of
Iceland



Environmental
practices of UI's
operations

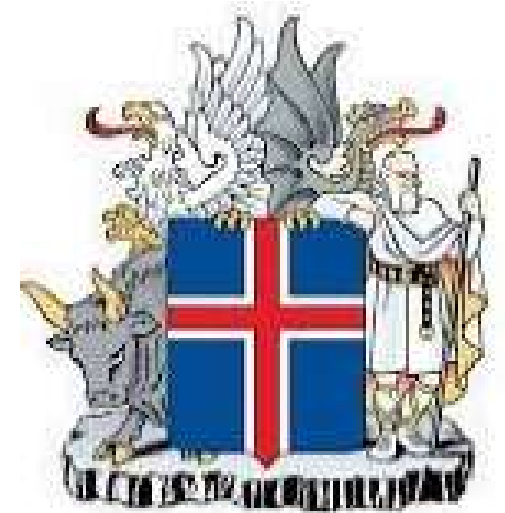
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University level

Requirements from the Government of Iceland

- The Government of Iceland climate action policy
- Requirements for governmental institutions:
 - Implement the Green steps program to the operation
 - Set climate action policy
- The Government as an employer:
 - The largest in Iceland: 21.000 employees
 - 160 governmental institutes
 - ranging from <20 - 5.500 employees
 - UI is one of the largest workplace in Iceland (staff and students)





GRÆN SKREF

Program for governmental institutions that want to reduce the negative environmental impact of their operations and increase the staff's knowledge on environmental matters.



Benefits and objectives of the Green steps

Reduce negative environmental impact

Improved employee satisfaction

Positive image

Better utilization of resources

Lower operating costs

New knowledge

Social responsibility

There are five steps in the Green step program and around 20-40 actions in each step that need to be fulfilled



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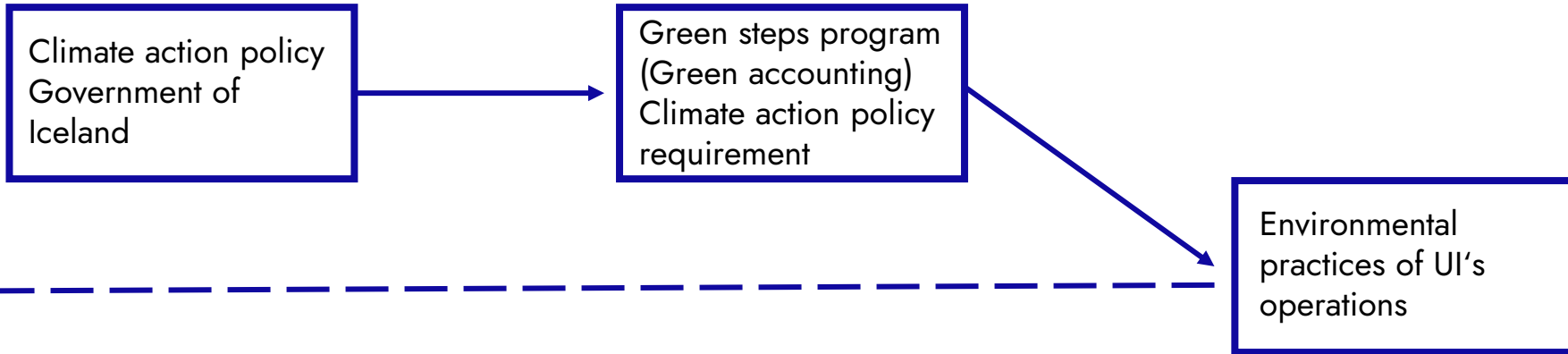


Green accounting

- Part of the Green step program
- Impacts of environmental factors of an operation, e.g.
 - Electricity
 - Heating
 - Waste management
 - Transportation
 - Procurement
- UI has data from 2012
- Necessary tool to set realistic goals and map negative environmental impact of operations
 - climate action policy

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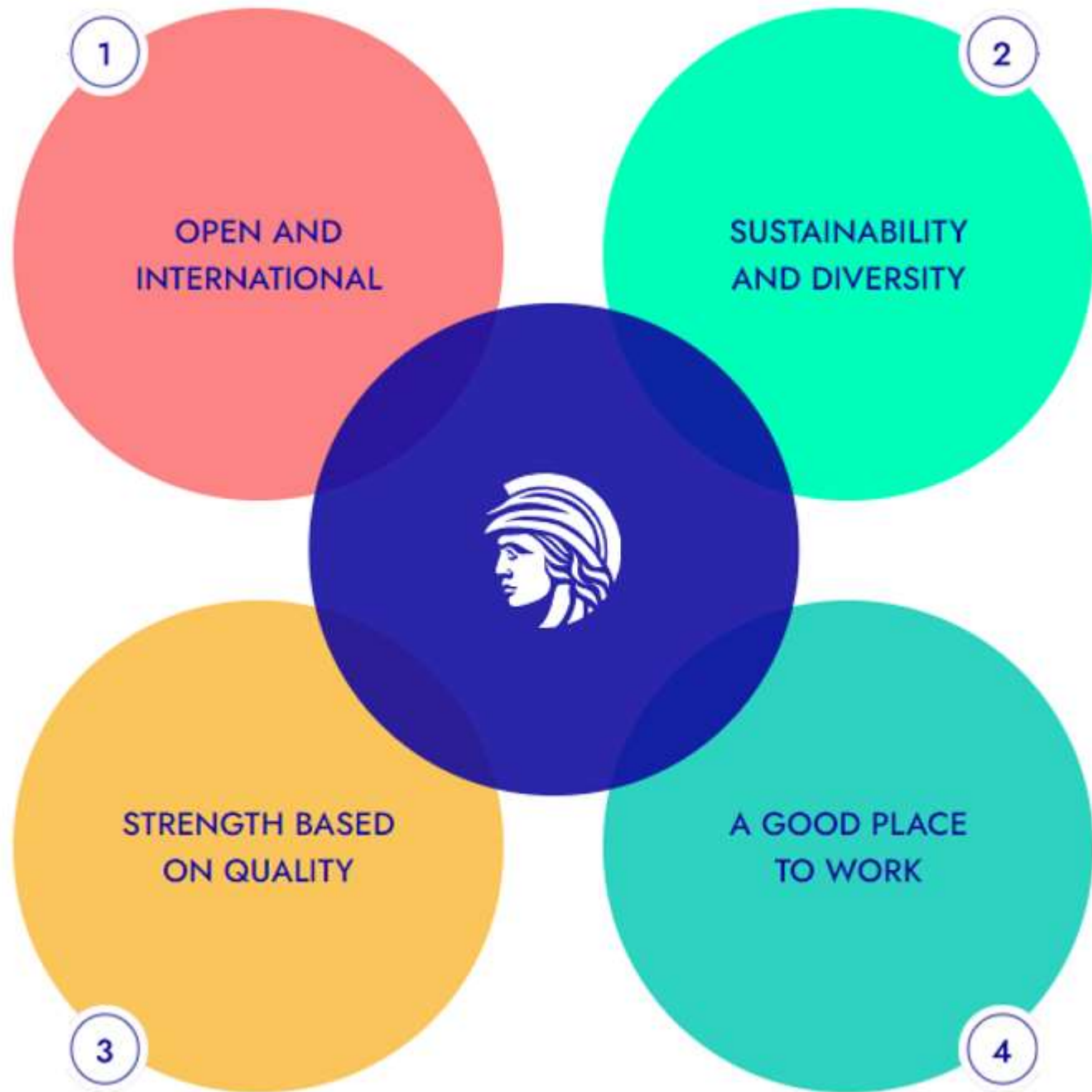
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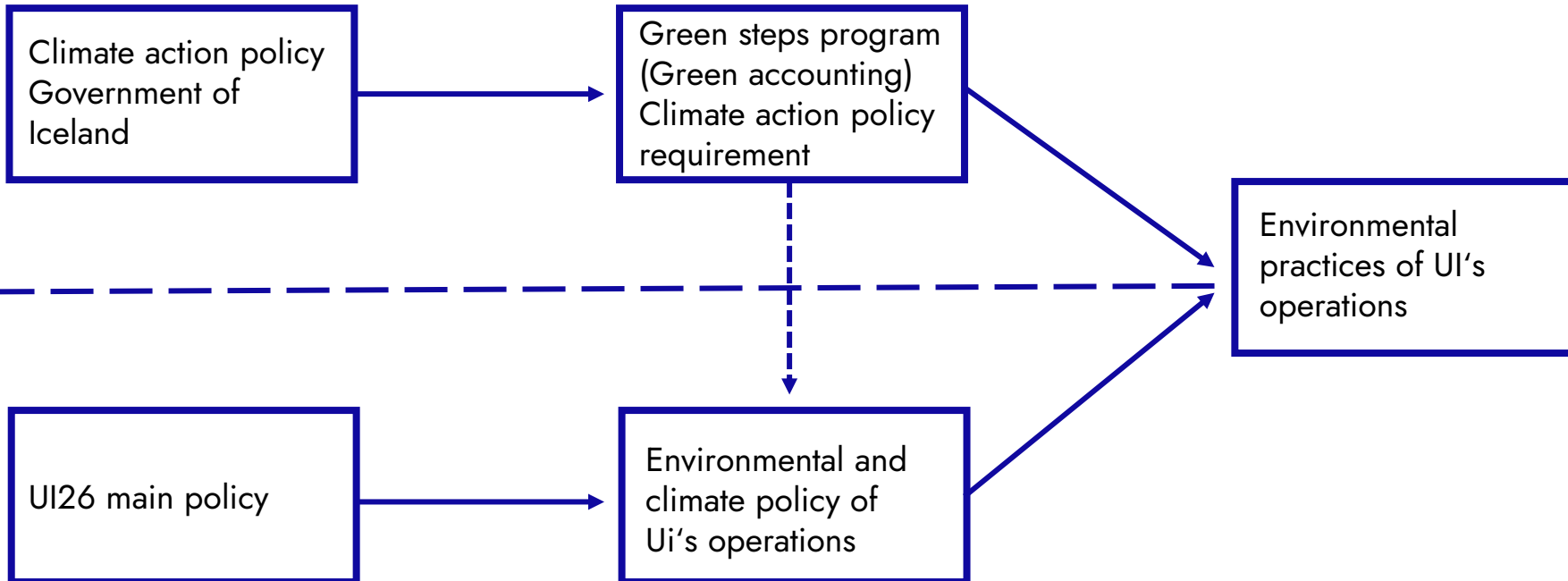
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Challenges and next steps

- Waiting for rector's approval of UI's environmental and climate policy
- Limitations of the Green accounting
 - Need for more frequent monitoring
 - Need for more accurate data
 - Data on procurement limited
 - Expand the scope of emission (scope 3)
- Green step program great starting point
 - Certified environmental management system, ISO 14001

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Green steps program
(Green accounting)
Climate action policy
requirement

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A better university
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University level

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Environmental and
climate policy of
Ui's operations



Thank you!

Takk fyrir

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