

Santander supports Earth Hour and turns off the lights at its main offices around the world

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Once again this year, Santander Group will participate in Earth Hour, an initiative promoted by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). The symbolic gesture aims to raise awareness of the fight against climate change: #EarthHour.

This year Earth Hour will take place Saturday 30 March from 20:30 to 21:30 local time, when lights will be turned off for an hour in support of the fight against climate change. To support Earth Hour, Santander will turn off the lights at its local headquarters in all countries where it operates, a total of more than 60 buildings in Spain, Brazil, United Kingdom, Mexico, United States, Argentina, Portugal, Germany, Poland and Chile.

This initiative emphasizes the fact that human beings can carry out their day-to-day activities without impacting the environment. Santander Group has a firm commitment to contribute to environmental protection by reducing its own environmental footprint.

Since it launched its efficiency plan in 2016, Santander has carried out more than 250 initiatives with an investment of €69.8 million, focused mainly on energy and raw materials conservation, reducing waste and emissions and raising employee awareness.

In 2001, the bank started measuring its environmental footprint, quantifying its energy consumption, waste generation and greenhouse gas emissions. Since 2011, Santander has implemented various energy efficiency and sustainability plans to minimize its environmental impact.

Looking forward, Santander will reinforce its commitment to the environment and will continue to establish more ambitious goals to help reduce its consumption, waste and emissions generation from its activities. To do this, the Group will implement a new energy efficiency and sustainability plan for the 2019-2021 period.

For Santander, measuring, managing and reducing its environmental impact is essential to gain the trust of its stakeholders and to support growth that finances renewable energy and intelligent infrastructure, as well as more efficient and sustainable agricultural and production technologies. In this way, the bank contributes to fostering a low carbon economy.

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