

Plan to improve the environmental sustainability of ESADE's campuses

Elimination of single-use plastic bottles

FAQ



1. Why was this decision made?

This decision was made in order to improve the sustainability of our campuses by reducing the impact of single-use plastic bottles. Many large European and North American universities have already eliminated plastic from their campuses.

2. Who made this decision?

The decision was made by the ESADE Executive Committee.

3. What are the advantages of this decision?

Plastic is a major pollutant. By avoiding its use, we are helping to protect the planet. A plastic bottle takes an estimated 700 years to decompose.

4. What are the disadvantages of this decision?

The main disadvantage is that you will no longer be able to buy single-use bottles to take with you to your classroom or office. You will need to change your habits and get

used to bringing a glass or metal bottle that you can refill at the water fountains and/or drink directly from the fountains.

5. Why hasn't the price of a set meal changed?

The price of a set meal remains the same because it still includes a drink – either water from the fountain or a drink in a glass bottle.

6. Why aren't single-use plastic bottles being eliminated from the other campuses, as well?

The first phase of this initiative is being rolled out on the Sant Cugat campus. Once the result has been assessed and the necessary investments have been made, the initiative will be extended to the Barcelona and Madrid campuses.

7. How do we know that the water quality is good?

The EZ H2O fountains installed on campus have a filter to reduce the water's chlorine and lead content while also improving the taste and odour. In any event, tap water is completely safe and healthy.

8. Why aren't other forms of plastic being eliminated?

Our goal is to eventually eliminate all single-use plastic items. **The best way to eliminate these items is to stop using them.** However, under the current regulations of the Spanish Ministry of Health, we cannot change certain types of packaging. For example, fruit and salads to take away must be served in plastic containers (not cardboard).

9. Why are we encouraged to use refillable water bottles?

Water bottles are very practical because they are easy to refill and fit nicely in a purse or backpack. Please note that glass bottles are not allowed in the classrooms.

10. What can we do to support this project?

Use the glass jugs at lunchtime.
Use refillable water bottles in the offices.
To the extent possible, avoid single-use items.
Actively support this environmentally friendly initiative.
Encourage your colleagues to do the same.