

Offsetting Strict **quality criteria**



When you opt for offsetting you offset (the remainder of) your CO₂ emissions via carbon credits, so your business operates climate neutral. Our climate projects meet the highest international standards. Climate Neutral Group has several projects in its portfolio, offering a choice, both in type of project, type of standard as in price range.

Strict quality criteria

Climate Neutral Group guarantees that every carbon credit you purchase will actually reduce CO₂ in the atmosphere. Each credit represents a verified reduction of one thousand kilos of CO₂ (Verified Emission Reductions VERs). Verification is conducted by independent, internationally recognised organisations. They check whether the projects comply with precise standards.



Verified Carbon Standard (VCS)

Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) is the most common standard for voluntary carbon reduction projects. Its development was driven primarily by the carbon offset industry with support from the World Economic Forum (WEF) and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD).

Gold Standard[®]

Climate Security & Sustainable Development

Gold Standard (GS)

The Gold Standard (GS) is the strictest standard for CO₂ reduction projects. It was developed by a group of NGOs, led by the World Wildlife Fund, to support projects that not only meet the standard CDM but also make a measurable contribution to sustainable development. In other words, carbon credits under this standard are both reliable and benefit the local population.

Would you like to learn more about our climate projects?

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[Climateneutralgroup.com](https://climatenutralgroup.com)



ICROA membership

Climate Neutral Group is the first and only Dutch organization affiliated with ICROA to achieve emission reductions and offsetting in accordance with internationally recognised standards. We are very proud of this membership.

We commit to the principles of ICROA to provide carbon reduction and offset services and comply to the ICROA 'Code of Best Practice':

- Perform carbon footprint calculations conform GHG Protocol.
- Encourage clients to set challenging targets.
- Encourage clients to assess emission reduction opportunities and prioritise cost-effective actions.
- Use credible carbon credits in accordance with international standards like VCS and Gold Standard.
- Use third-party registries to retire and remove carbon credits used for offsetting.
- Encourage clients to communicate their carbon status and footprints.

Each year ICROA members are audited by a third party to ensure their activities adhere to the 'Code of Best Practice'.

Extra additionality requirement

Climate Neutral Group uses an extra own additionality requirement as of 2018 as a result of recent research. In recent years, large scale wind energy, solar panels, hydropower and biomass projects are more easy to finance with and even without extra funding such as subsidy measures; from these type of projects additionality cannot always be guaranteed. Because this insight isn't covered yet in the GS and VCS standard and in the ICROA 'Code of Best Practice', Climate Neutral Group decided to add this as an extra requirement in the selection for her project-portfolio. Therefore Climate Neutral Group offers wind, solar, hydro and biomass only from small scale projects.