

# Summary 2017-2020 Annual carbon emissions report

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3.1 Introduction

# 1 Part A - Insight

### 1.1 Introduction

The first part of reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is gaining insight into where CO<sub>2</sub> is produced. To this end, in this chapter the scope definition is made, followed by the measured CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

### 1.2 Scope of CO<sub>2</sub> system

The scope of Civil Seven activities is described in *Civil Seven Quality Guide, v6.o* and encompasses: design and develop public transport infrastructure and underground space.

Our fields of focus are **project management**, **risk management & costing**, **geotechnical**, **hydrological and structural design**, **over tunnel construction**, **geothermal structural heat storage and special foundation techniques**.

Civil Seven rents one office at Stationsstraat 36A in Amersfoort, built in 1912 and renovated in 2019-2020 where it has traditional central gas heating (only scope 1 emissions) and an electric connection (scope 2), which it shares with other parties to optimise CO2 emissions and cost.

Transportation to and from work and to and from clients is considered Civil Seven emissions and fall under the special 3A scope. Civil Seven only compensates for

Consumption of food and beverages during coffee and lunch by employees and provided as gifts to clients are considered Civil Seven scope 1 emissions.

Emmissions for third party offices and hotels for stays next to the client are considered scope 3, but they are not forgotten and adressed in proactively in Part D.

All aforementioned emissions are minor, particularly after renovating the facilities, in comparison to the projects constructed by our clients (with the exception of flights, which have been reduced to the bare minimum since 2020, for example choosing Teams or trains whenever possible.). As designers we have considerable influence on the CO2 impact, but not as much as our clients, and as the consultants advising our clients. Because of their importance, they have been defined as scope 3 emissions, even though they are in actual fact completely out-of-scope emissions.

An even higher contributor, is the actual use of the infrastructure after it has been developed. Using infrastructure is a completely different CO<sub>2</sub> chain and is thus out of scope. In future revisions of this work, Civil Seven will expand this scope to contain life-cycle-impacts of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of using the infrastructure that we have developed, but this is actually the task of the asset owner/developer (e.g. ProRail, Rijkswaterstaat). For now, this is left to them in order not to overreach.

### 1.3 Not taking carbon compensation into account

It is noted that some companies compensate their natural gas. Formally the CO<sub>2</sub> handbook 3.1 states that this is not allowed. Civil Seven does not do this.

### 1.4 Downstream and upstream emissions

A CO<sub>2</sub> pyramid has been setup to determine important CO<sub>2</sub> emmissions contributors throughout the design chain.



### 1.5 Comparison to similar companies

During measuring we have found we are less than half of the best competitive average of other Ladder 5 companies (e.g. 0,4 ton CO2e/fte/year Civil Seven vs Witteveen+Bos at 1,06 and Westnberg Ingenieurs at 0,91). This has to do mainly with sharing our office with others which is very efficient, but also insulating, control of temperatures and heating systems and using public transport and limiting flying contribute.

### 1.6 Analysis

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The biggest steps have been taken to improve performance in the period 2017 to 2020 through double glazing and insulation, sharing workspace, setting timers, lowering the temperature and automatically disabling and turning off servers. There is very little value in further optimising scope 1 or scope 2 emissions. However, there are two big influence factors where Civil Seven has great *control* over the delivery chain, although it is not inside it:

- 1. Emissions during construction, by optimising materials use and construction methods
- 2. Emissions on completion of infrastructure during the life-cycle

Depending on the project, the annual emissions of construction (item 1) and use (item 2) can be an order of magnitude 100 and 1000 times the scope 1 and 2 emissions of Civil Seven. Therefore, strategically, all focus should be in helping our clients to control their emissions. Internal emissions are effective only as an exemplary function.

A minor issue resulting from the supplier analysis indicates that remote computing is a large part of our provider turnover. To be sure this does not affect our emissions, remote computing will be added to the scope 3 inventory from 2023 onwards.

#### 1.6.1 Overview of past progress and analysis

Through 2019 - 2021 we have focuseed on our internal performance.

We are measuring and monitoring our internal emissions. This has led to the following guiding principles:

- We will continue to reduce our internal scope emissions to be an example to others.
  - a. Only compensation is given for team members with km executed by public transport or bicycle.
  - b. Flights are allowed only under the following conditions: (i) only when Teams is not possible, which is in crucial startup phases and for acquisition, (ii) high-speed or overnight train before

flights, (iii) direct flights above indirect flights, (iv) meetup locations determined by CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

- c. Office systems are implemented to clocks to reduce cost
- d. We follow vegetarian principles in our meetups and activities
- e. 2023-01: Take out one server
- f. 2023-04: Wake-up/sleep energy saving of servers
- g. 2023-08: Replace fridge with better insulation
- h. 2023-04: Remove the electrical backup heating from downstairs, or implement a backup circuit

### 2. Innovate rail embankment renovation

- a. Implement improved method in trial case with ProRail
- b. Optimise method by replacing Cement in mix
- c. Publish and present about this on website

### 1.7 Annual report

Group	Item	Subitem	CO2 Scope t	Units use oc per annu [X/annum	d Value m 1-jan	9	Unit X	<b>CO2/uni</b> [gCO2/u	i <b>t</b> nit]	Previous emmission [ton CO2/annum]
Housing	Electricity			2 1	016 19	87,387	kWh		649	0,7
	Heating	Heating system	:	1 2	004	2819	m3		1890	3,8
Personal travel	To/from office	Train	3/	۹ 1	590		[km]		0	0,0
		Bike	3/	4	636		[km]		7	0,0
		Car	3/	4	500		[km]		281	0,1
	Flights	Flights @700 km to Gothenbu		2 5	600		[reizkr	r	249	1,4
	0	Flights @500 km to Copenhag		2 5	600			r	270	1,5
		Flights @200 km Copenhagen		2 5	600		[reizkr	r	297	1,7
		Flight reduction to Groningen		2			-			
		Amsterdam Warsaw		2						
		Gothenburg via Stockholm		2						
		Highspeed train SJ		2						
		Amsterdam Rome		2						
total										9,2
F.t.e.										3,4
total per fte										4,1
Year	2018					Achieved emmission 2018				
				Units						
				used						
				per Value						
Group	Item	Subitem	CO2 Scope bo	annum	1-jan	Unit	c	:O2/unit	Project	ed emmission
				[X/annum]		х	[	gCO2/unit	[ton CO	2/annum]
Housing	Electricity		2	1467	3454	1 kWh		649		1,0
	Heating	Heating system	1	1960	4770	a m3		1890		3.7
Personal travel	To/from office	Train	34	35616	.,,,	[km]		0		0,0
		Bike	3A	636		[km]		7		0.0
		Car	3A	300		[km]		281		0,1
	Flights	Flights @700 km to Gothenbur	2	7700		[km]		249		1,9
		Flights @500 km to Copenhage	2	8000		[km]		270		2,2
		Flights @200 km Copenhagen t	2	7700		[km]		297		2,3
		Flight reduction to Groningen	2	-1350		[km]		270		-0,4
		Amsterdam Warsaw	2	2200		[km]		249		0,5
		Gothenburg via Stockholm	2	6000		[km]		270		1,6
		Hignspeed train SJ	2	1000						
		Amsterdam Rome	2	1800		[km]		249		0,4
										13,4
r.i.e.										6,8
total per fte										2,0

Year	201							
				Units used				
				per	Value			
Group	Item	Subitem	CO2 Scope b	annum	1-jan	Unit	CO2/unit	Projected
				[X/annum]		х	[gCO2/uni	[ton CO2/a
Housing	Electricity		2	1840	5294,356		649	1,2
	Heating	Heating system	1	1237	6016	m3	1890	2,3
Personal travel	To/from office	Train	3A	30846		[km]	0	0,0
		Bike	3A	954		[km]	7	0,0
		Car	3A	300		[km]	281	0,1
	Flights	Flights @700 km to Gothenbur	2	14000		[km]	249	3,5
		Flights @500 km to Copenhage	2	1500		[km]	270	0,4
		Flights @200 km Copenhagen	2	400		[km]	297	0,1
		Flight reduction to Groningen	2	0		[km]	270	0,0
		Amsterdam Warsaw	2					
		Gothenburg via Stockholm	2					
		Highspeed train SJ	2					
		Amsterdam Rome	2					
total								7,6
F.t.e.								7,5
total per fte								1,0

2017



Year				Achieved emission 2020					
				Units					
				used					
				per	Value				
Group	Item	Subitem	CO2 Scope b	annum	1-jan	Unit	CO2/unit	Projected	
				[X/annum]	]	Х	[gCO2/uni	[ton CO2/a	
Housing	Floctricity		2	1756	7050		640	1 1	
nousing	Electricity		2	1/50	7050		049	1,1	
	Heating	Heating system	1	1084	7100	m3	1890	2,0	
Personal travel	To/from office	Train	3A	4897,2		[km]	0	0,0	
		Bike	3A	954		[km]	7	0,0	
		Car	3A	165		[km]	281	0,0	
	Flights	Flights @700 km to Gothenbur	2	0		[km]	249	0,0	
		Flights @500 km to Copenhage	2	0		[km]	270	0,0	
		Flights @200 km Copenhagen t	2	0		[km]	297	0,0	
		Flight reduction to Groningen	2	0		[km]	270	0,0	
		Thessaloniki	2						
total								3,2	
F.t.e.								7,3	
total per fte								0,4	

2019





Year				Achieved emission 2020				
				Units				
				used				
				per	Value			
Group	Item	Subitem	CO2 Scope b	annum	1-jan	Unit	CO2/unit	Projected
				[X/annum]	]	Х	[gCO2/uni	[ton CO2/a
Housing	Flootricity		2	1756	7050		640	1.1
Housing	Electricity		2	1/56	7050		649	1,1
	Heating	Heating system	1	1084	7100	m3	1890	2.0
Personal travel		Train	30	/1897.2	/100	[km]	1050	2,0
	Toynomonice	Bike	34	95/		[km]	7	0,0
		Car	34	165		[km]	291	0,0
		Car	54	105		[KIII]	201	0,0
	Flights	Flights @700 km to Gothenbur	2	0		[km]	249	0,0
		Flights @500 km to Copenhage	2	0		[km]	270	0,0
		Flights @200 km Copenhagen t	2	0		[km]	297	0,0
		Flight reduction to Groningen	2	0		[km]	270	0,0
		Thessaloniki	2					
total								3,2
F.t.e.								7,3
total per fte								0,4

2019





## 2 Part B+D – Reduction & participation

### 2.1 Introduction

This part explains which activities Civil Seven performs to reduce the carbon footprint in Scope 1 and Scope 2 parts. Also Participation and collaboration for achieving scope 3 emissions with our suppliers and clients are presented. The participation describes how Civil Seven engages with the outside world in order to set and meet full-chain objectives

### 2.2 Completed initiatives

2017

2018

- Completed: Co-ordinate with supplier of office space to improve insulation
- Completed: Co-ordinate with supplier of office space to upgrade to more efficient gas boiler
- Completed: Share the office with others as co-working space (less CO<sub>2</sub> per f.t.e.)
- Completed: Replace halogen lighting by LED lighting
- Completed: Replace 2 traditional old school lights in toilets by LED lighting
- Completed: Change employee contracts to reimburse only public transport or bicycles to get to office

#### 2019

- Completed: Replace 3 monitors by A+ energy saver types
- Completed: Auto on-off coffee machine
- Completed: Reduce fridge setting from 4 to 2
- Completed: Collaboration with landlord to double-glaze windows
- Completed: Collaboration with landlord to change to high-efficiency gas-heater
- Completed: Cut moisture penetration in basement (water vapour gives high heating cost)

#### 2020

- Completed: lower cv room temperature to 20,0' C and tap water to 45' C
- Completed: Auto-off file/calculation server

### 2.3 Incompleted initiatives

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### 2.4 Evaluation of new and ongoing initiatives

2021 switch to focus on scope 3 emissions at contractor construction site level. This is key, and has far greater impact than our internal impact, or scope 3 supplier emissions.

# 3 Part C - Transparency

### 3.1 Introduction

This part describes which commitments Civil Seven has made, and how we determine, follow up and communicate these commitments.

### 3.2 Publication

Civil Seven publishes the Civil Seven Annual Carbon Emissions Report annually and an activities update halfway the year on *www.civil7.nl/carbon* 

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