



Information Exchange & Carbon Offsetting Guidance

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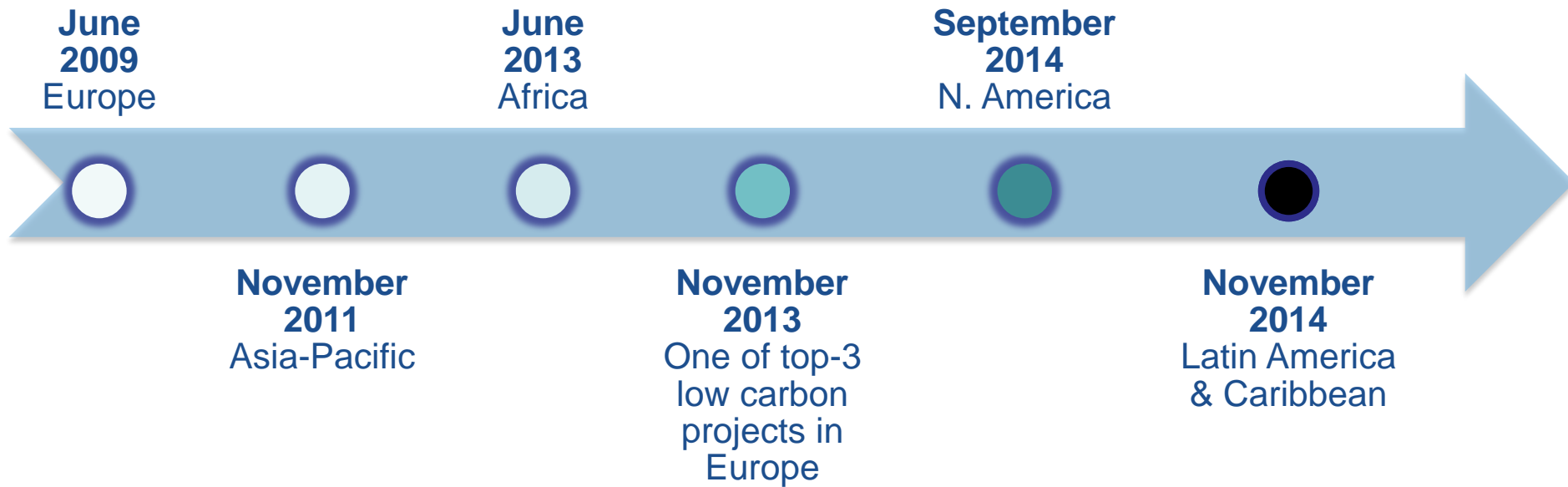
The aim of Airport Carbon Accreditation is



”..... to encourage and enable airports to implement best practices in carbon management, with the ultimate objective of becoming carbon neutral.”



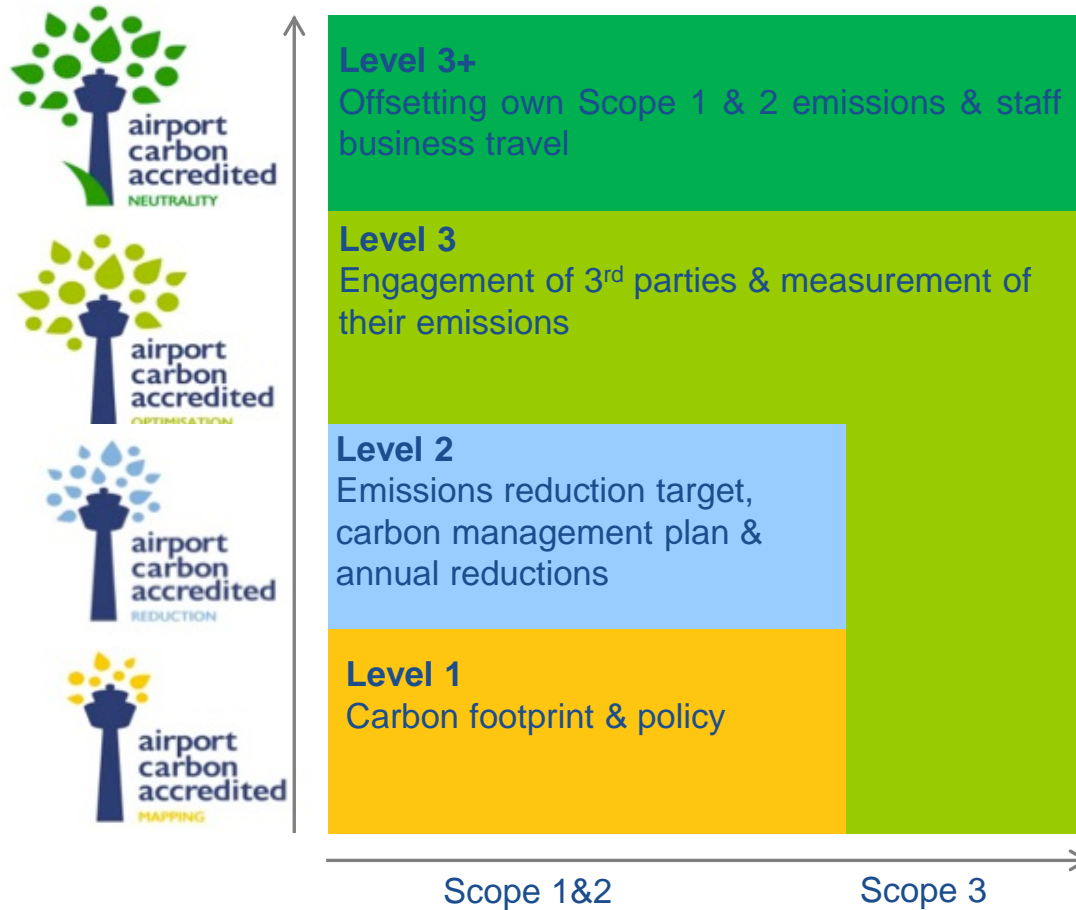
Airport Carbon Accreditation is a global programme



The **only global standard** for carbon management in the airport industry



Airports can choose from four accreditation levels



The certificate



Which emissions can occur at an airport?



Scope 1

Emissions from airport controlled sources

- 01 Vehicles/ground support equipment belonging to the airport
- 02 On-site waste management
- 03 On-site waste water management
- 04 On-site power generation
- 05 Firefighting exercises
- 06 Boilers, furnaces

Scope 2

Emissions from purchased electricity

- 07 Off-site electricity generation
- A Heating
- B Cooling
- C Lighting

Scope 3

Emissions from other sources related to the activities of an airport

- 08 Aircraft landing
- 09 Aircraft taking off
- 10 Aircraft ground movements
- 11 Auxiliary Power Unit
- 12 3rd party vehicles/ground support equipment
- 13 Passenger travel to the airport
- 14 Staff commute
- 15 Off-site waste management
- 16 Off-site water management
- 17 Staff business travel

Note: The presented list of possible emissions sources at the airport is not exhaustive. Furthermore, the operational structure of every airport is different. Therefore, not all of the depicted emissions sources are present at every airport.

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Growth has been continuous



264 airports in the programme

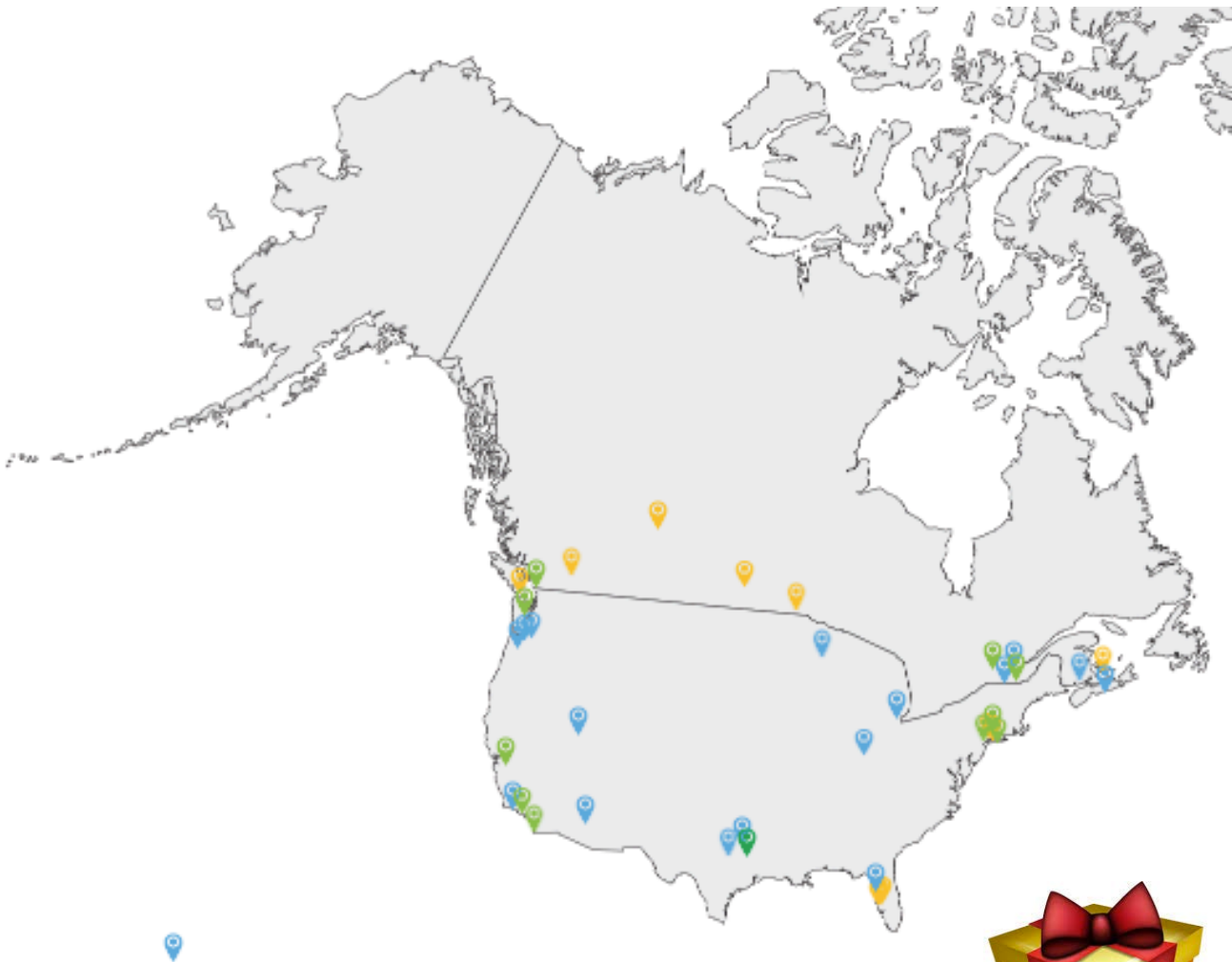
In **71** countries across the world

Welcoming **3.6** billion passengers a year

That's **43.7%** of the global air passenger traffic



39 accredited airports in North America ...



11 airports have mapped their carbon footprints

17 airports actively reduced their CO₂ emissions

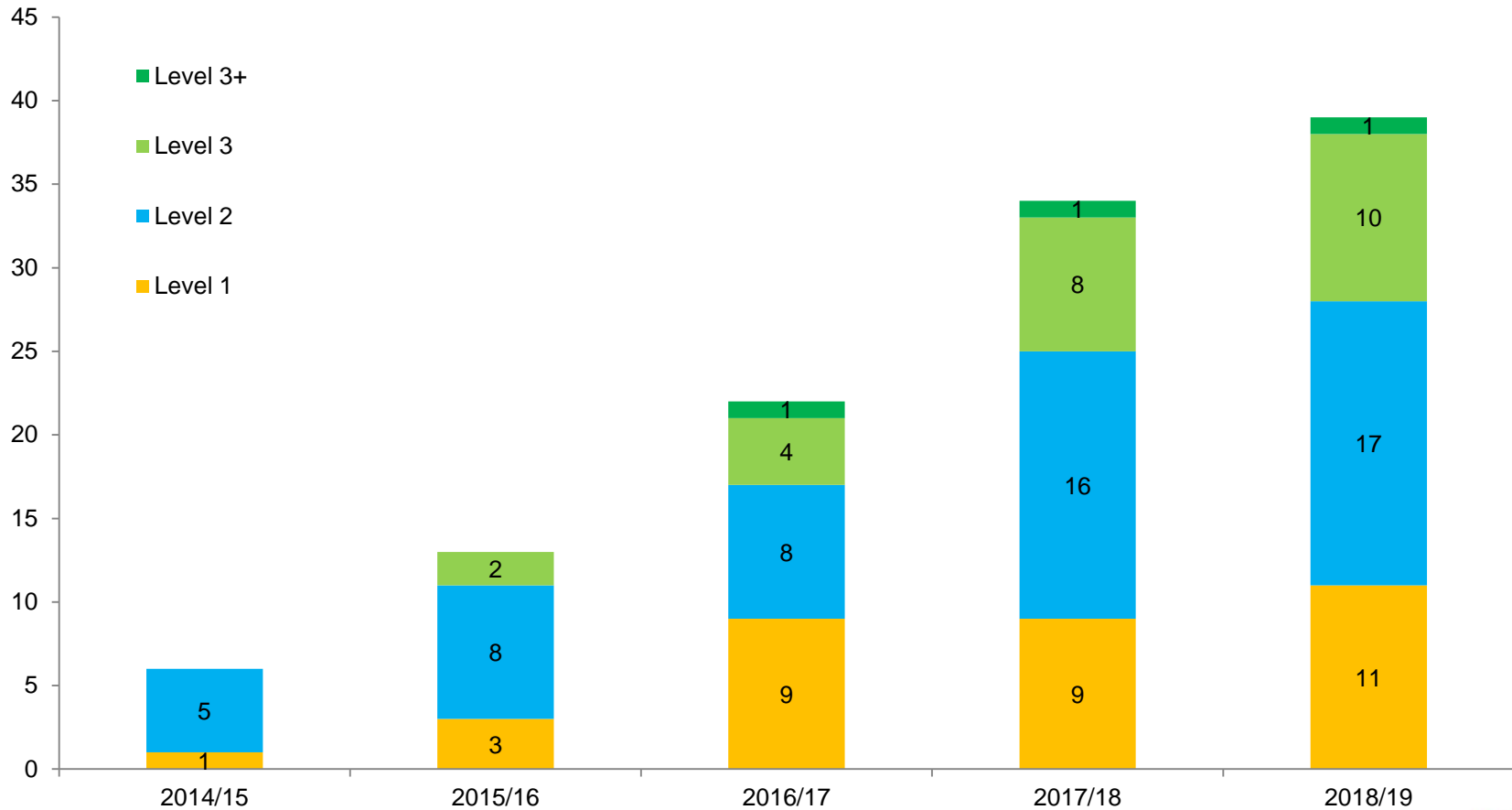
10 airports reduced their CO₂ emissions & engaged others to do so

1 carbon neutral airport

41.3% of air passenger traffic



... at various levels of accreditation



Key steps of accreditation



Help Desk Support

On-Line Application

- Register & guidance document
- Obtain internal approval
- Undertake relevant actions
- Obtain verification from 3rd party
- Become accredited



Airport Carbon Accreditation
Guidance Document
Issue 11

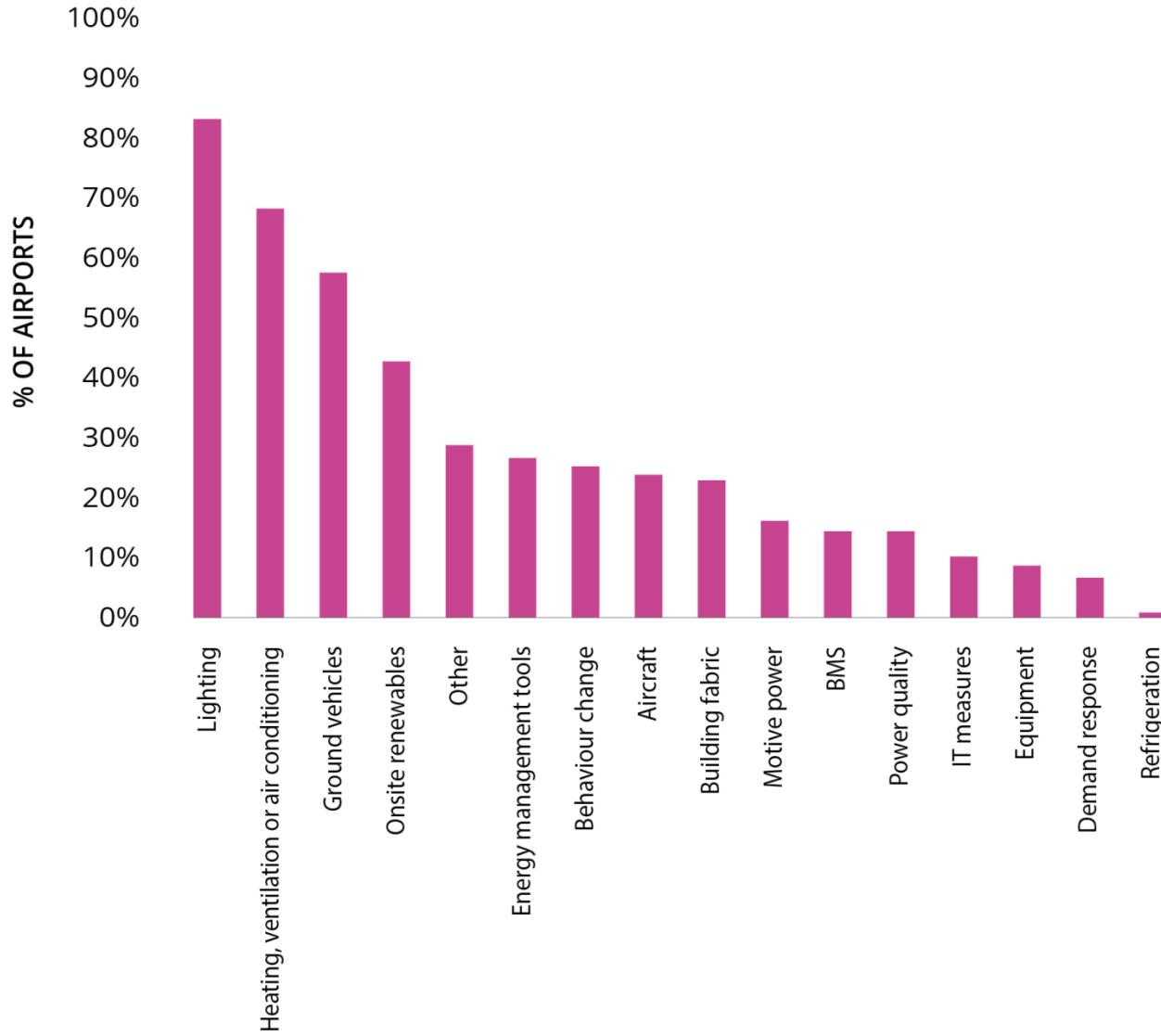


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Airports undertake various types of projects



Various benefits from accreditation

- ✈ Knowledge transfer
- ✈ Efficiency improvements
- ✈ Raised profile & credibility
- ✈ Standardisation & benchmarking
- ✈ Increased awareness & motivation
- ✈ Reduction of regulatory risk
- ✈ Support to stakeholders



Key reference material



Updated ✓



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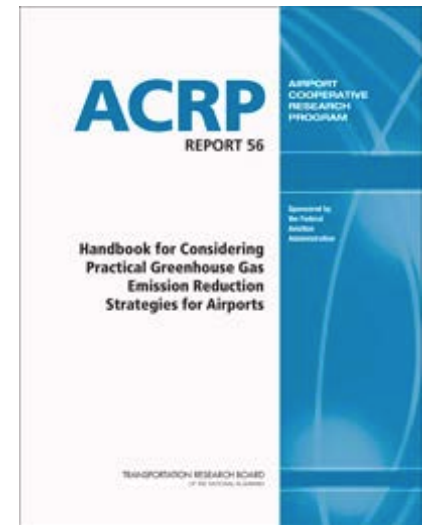
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New ✓✓



Guidance Manual:
Airport Greenhouse
Gas Emissions
Management



Key features of the updated Guidance Document (February 2019)



- ✈ Alternative provisions for investment/divestment.
- ✈ Encouragement to procure renewable energy.
- ✈ Reference to the new Offsetting Guidance.

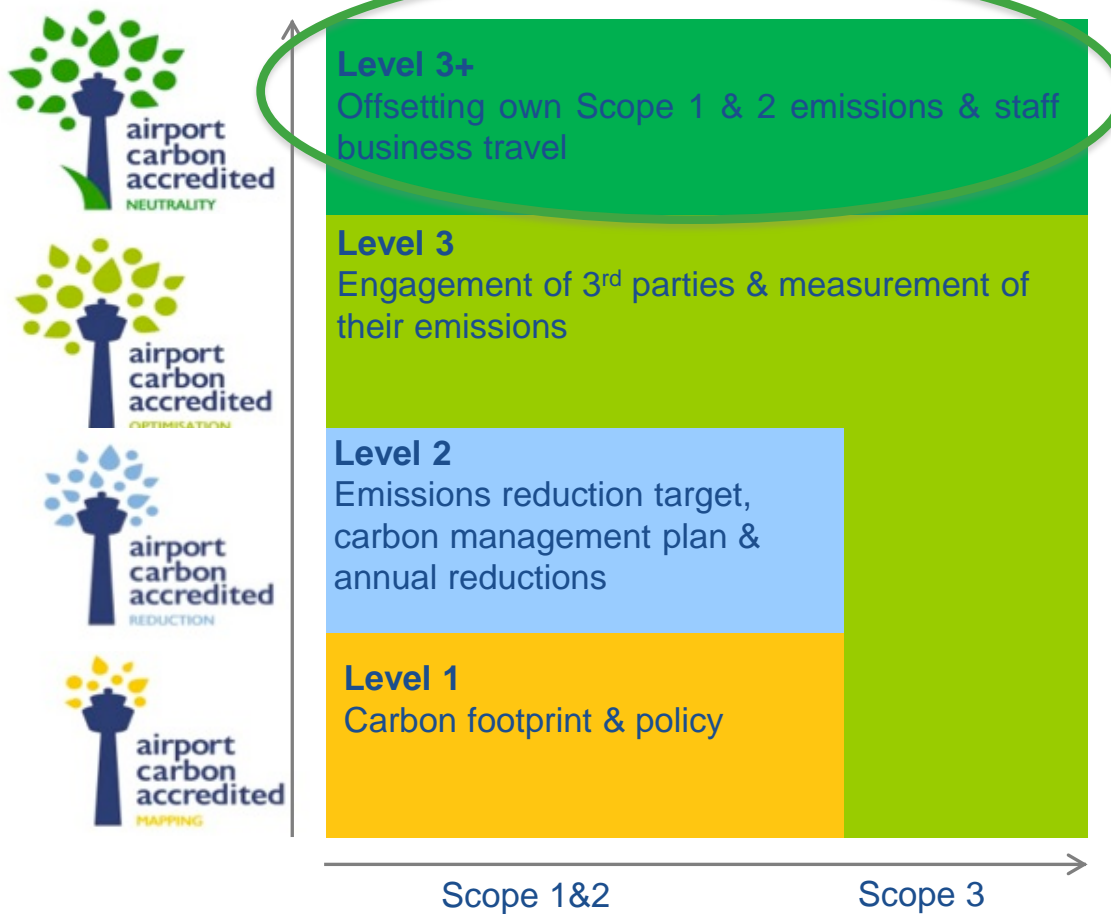


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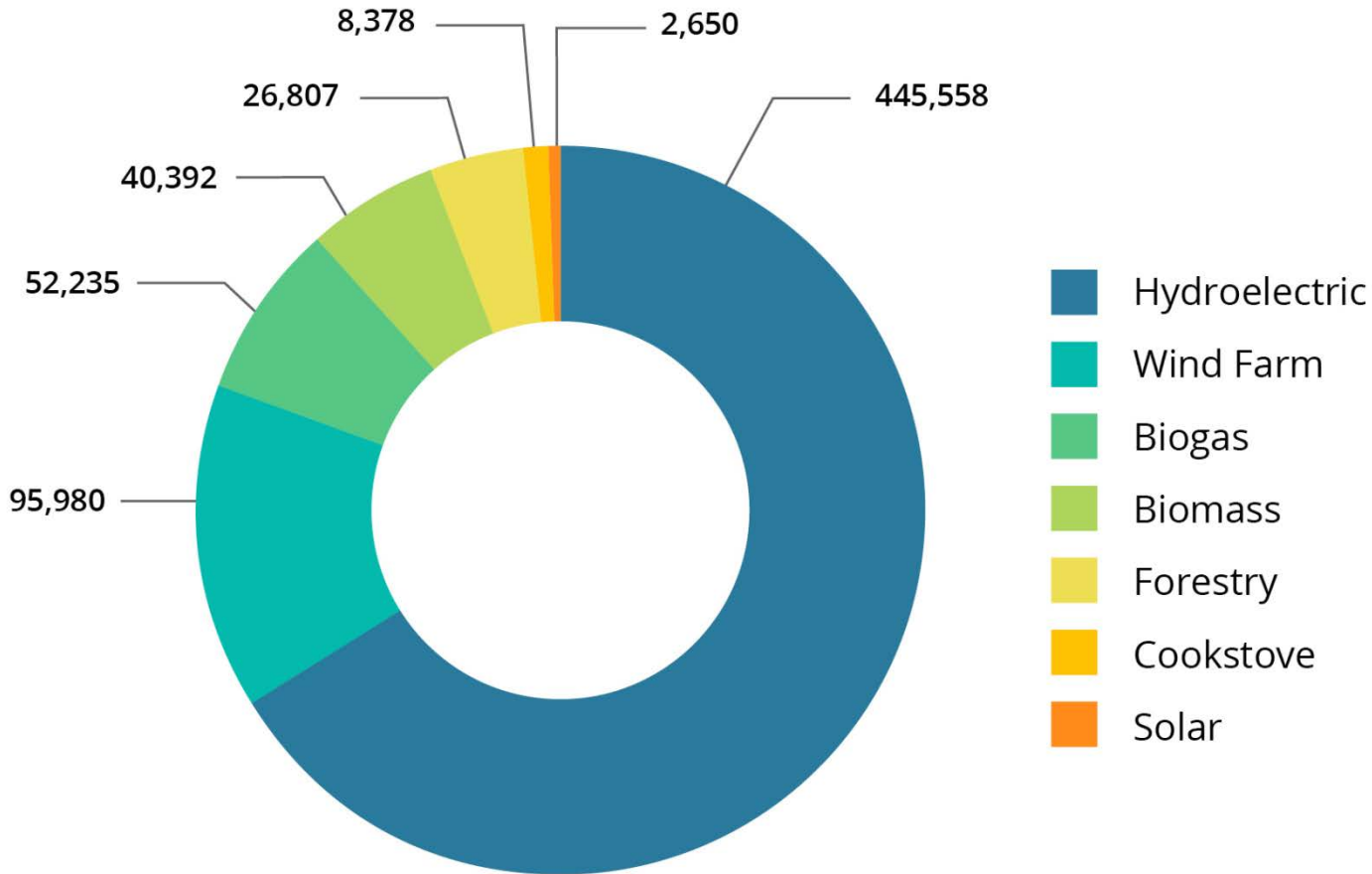
Carbon neutral airports offset significant levels of emissions



Indicator	Unit	2017-2018	Absolute change	Change (%)
Offsetting of aggregate scope 1 & 2 & staff business travel emissions from airports at level 3+	tCO _{2e}	672,000	-16,178	-2.4%



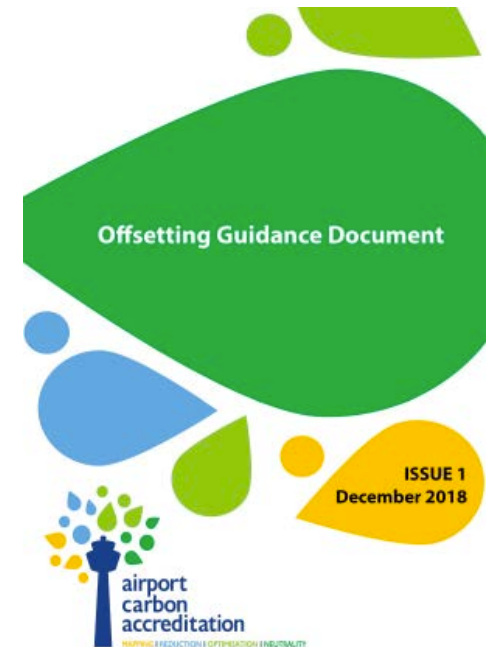
Hydro is the preferred offset project type



Key features of the new Offsetting Guidance Document (December 2018)



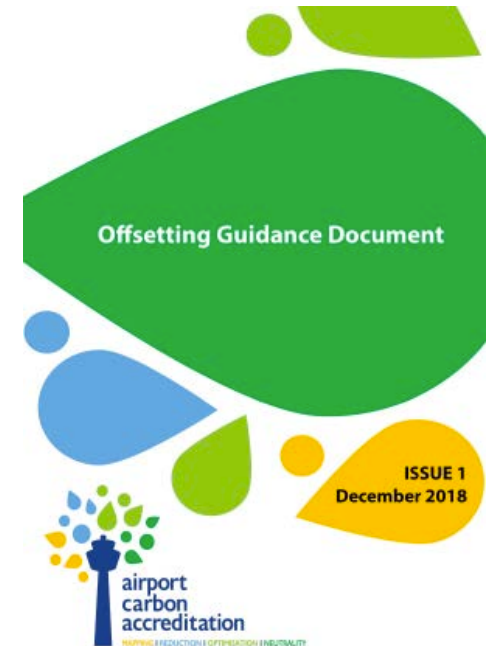
- ✈ Definitions
- ✈ Offset quality criteria
- ✈ Offsetting requirements & recommendations
- ✈ List of high confidence, medium confidence and non eligible offset project types
- ✈ Procurement guidelines



Definitions



- ✈ **Offset project:** A project that aims to reduce emissions and generate offsets (e.g., biogas).
- ✈ **Offset programme:** An institution that has developed a specific accounting protocol (e.g., Gold Standard). For an offset project to be certified under a programme it must meet certain criteria (e.g., methodology).



Offset Quality Criteria



Additionality



Monitoring Reporting & Verification



Permanence



Leakage



Ownership



No harm



Vintage



Co-benefits



Location

Mandatory

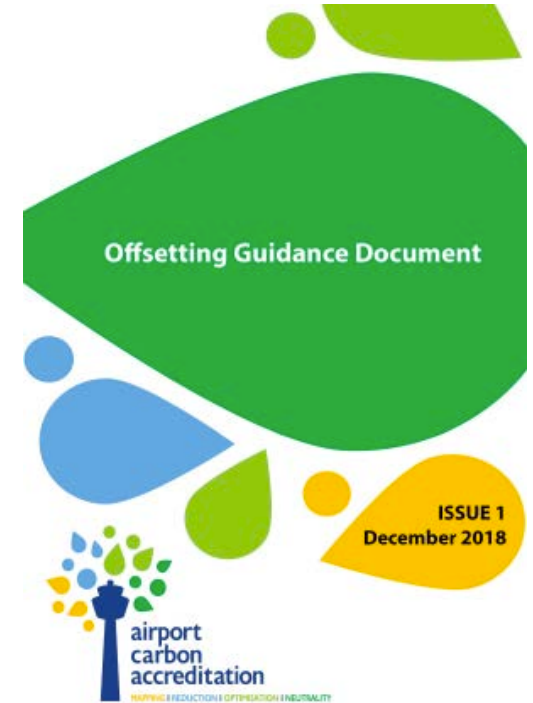
Optional



Three requirements



1. Airports shall choose projects from specific offset programmes.
1. Airports shall **not** choose offset projects with a high risk of low environmental integrity.
2. Airports shall provide a minimum set of information about the offsets.



1. Airports shall choose projects from five specific offset programmes



✈ Clean Development Mechanism



✈ Verified Carbon Standard



✈ Gold Standard



✈ Climate Action Reserve



✈ American Carbon Registry



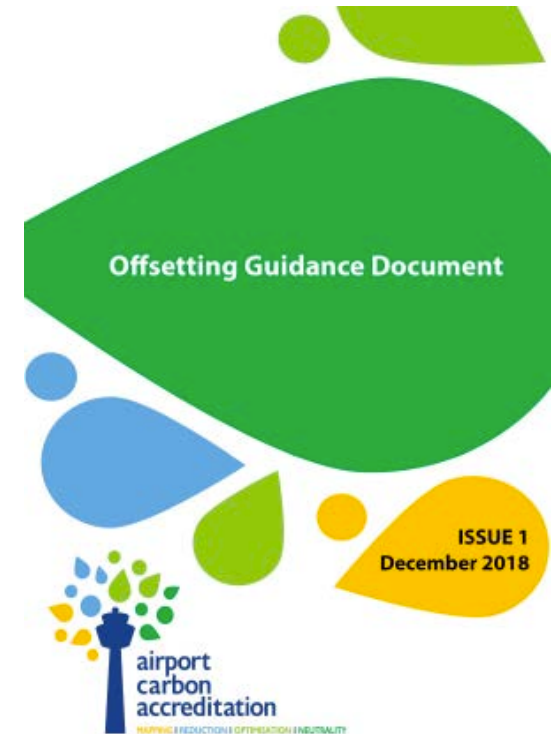
✈ *Or upon request to add new programme*



2. Airports shall not choose projects with a high risk of low environmental integrity



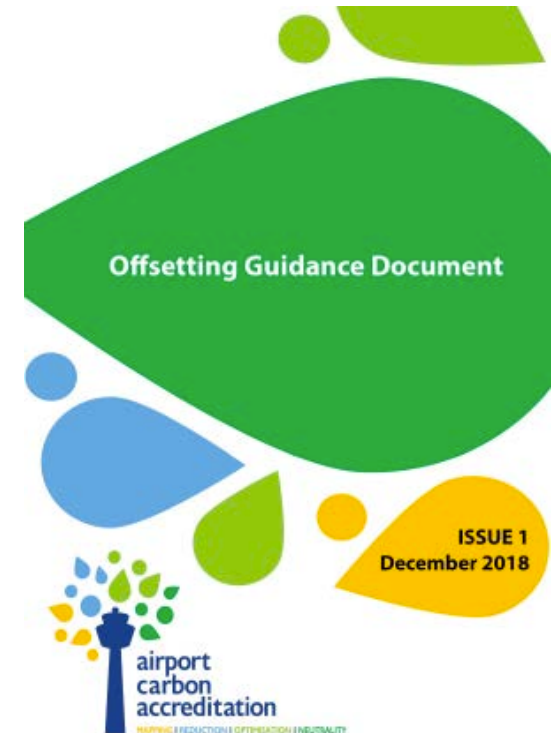
- ✈ Nuclear energy
- ✈ Fuel switching
- ✈ Industrial gases HFC & N₂O
- ✈ Coal mine methane



3. Airports shall provide a minimum set of information about the offsets



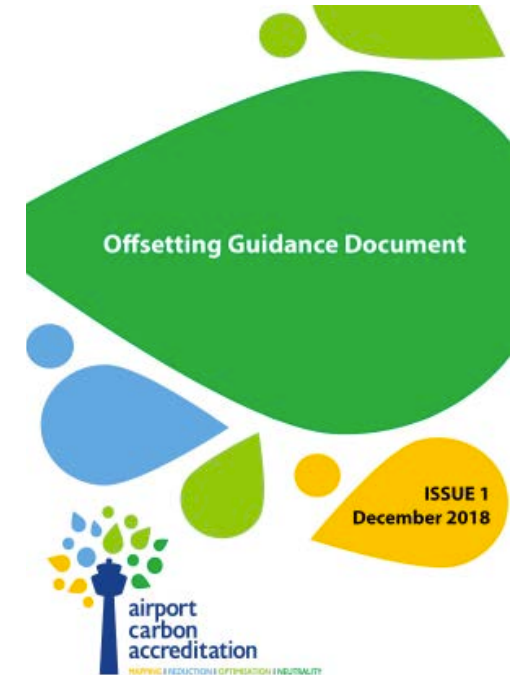
- ✈ Offset programme
- ✈ Offset project type
- ✈ Project name
- ✈ Project identification number



Six recommendations

Airports are encouraged to:

1. Consider the confidence in the quality of eligible project types.
2. Use offset projects that were registered from 2013 onwards.
3. Use offsets that have been issued within five years prior to the airport emissions.
4. Choose offsets that are certified under an offset label.
5. Seek assurances about avoidance of double counting.
6. Publicly communicate their offsetting activities.



1. Airports are encouraged to consider the confidence in the quality of project types



Higher Confidence	Medium Confidence
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Efficient lightingBiogasMethane from landfillsSmall solar (off grid)Small hydro (run-of-river)GeothermalBiomassCookstoves	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Industry efficiency (e.g., waste heat recovery)TransportLarge scale conventional renewablesForestryLand use



Useful procurement guidelines



- ✈ Purpose for the Request For Proposals
- ✈ Background
- ✈ Volume
- ✈ Prices
- ✈ Quality criteria
- ✈ Offset programmes
- ✈ Project types
- ✈ Co-benefits
- ✈ Project location
- ✈ Vintage
- ✈ Registry
- ✈ Company information



Lessons learned

- ✈ Review the Guidance Documents
- ✈ Start early & develop a realistic timeline
- ✈ Obtain high level approval
- ✈ Establish a permanent inter-departmental team
- ✈ 1st time data collection will be more challenging
- ✈ Electricity is likely to be the main source of CO₂ emissions
- ✈ Check what/how other airports became accredited



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