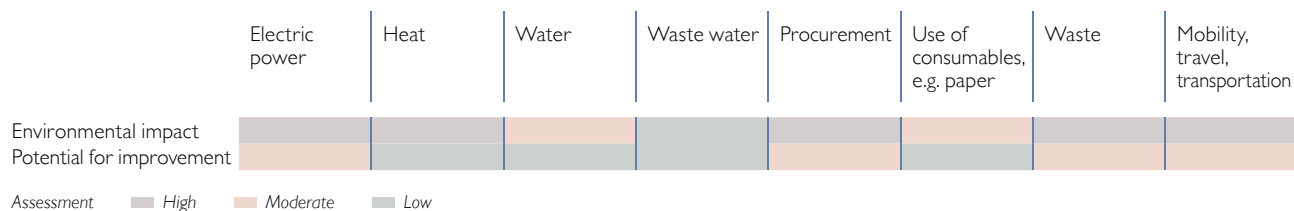


Environmental Impact Assessment at the OeNB



Source: OeNB.

Selected Environmental Aspects and Indicators Need to Be Improved

The OeNB regularly monitors and evaluates those direct and indirect environmental aspects of its operations which have the potential to significantly reduce environmental impacts. The evaluation takes into account aspects like legal issues, potential environmental hazards and the impact on stakeholders.

Table 8 provides an overview of the evaluation of environmental impacts and of the degree of possible organizational improvement. Among the indirect environmental aspects, green procurement – the environmental performance of contractors and suppliers – is the most important indicator. Overall, the table shows that the OeNB has made significant progress in several areas, while other areas still require further action.

EMAS Validation and Registration

This Sustainability Report, which consists of the Annual Report, the Intellectual Capital Report and the Environmental Statement of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank, has been validated in accordance with the EMAS Regulation by Quality Austria Training, Certification and Evaluation GmbH, located at Zelinkagasse 10/3, 1010 Vienna, Austria, AT-V-004, an independent certification, evaluation and validation organization.



The Lead Verifier herewith confirms that the environmental policy, the environmental program, the environmental management system, the environmental review, the environmental audit procedure and the present Sustainability Report of the company conform to Regulation (EC) No 1221/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 November 2009 (EMAS Regulation) and validates the relevant information for the Environmental Statement in accordance with Annex IV point B (a) to (h).

Moreover, Quality Austria confirms that this report has been drafted in accordance with the G3 Sustainability Reporting Guidelines 2006 of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), that the data and information correspond to the documentation examined in the organization and that the information provided in the GRI content index (which is available at www.oenb.at) are correct, so that Quality Austria can confirm the self-assessment at a reporting level of B.

Vienna, April 2013

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