



HIGHLIGHT

General objectives:

- Evaluate and take responsibility for the carbon impact resulting from personal activities of António de Azevedo Coutinho.

Specific objectives:

- Measure the carbon footprint with reference to his residence and air travel, during the year of 2010, using approved methodologies and official emission factors..
 - Offset all carbon emission using carbon credits (VER – *Verified Emission Reductions*) of the highest international quality.
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e)mission is also chosen to reduce climate change individually

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António de Azevedo Coutinho, a businessman connected to real estate, chose e)mission to measure and compensate the Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GEE) with reference to his residence and air travels, during the year of 2010.

This way, António Coutinho takes environmental responsibility for the impact of his personal activities on climate and becomes one of the first individuals in Portugal to require e)mission services to compensate personal carbon emissions.

Measured emissions

e)mission calculated a carbon footprint of 4.77 tonnes of CO₂, equivalent, with reference to the main sources, including natural gas consumption and other fuels, personal travels, electricity consumption, air travel in commercial companies and water consumption.

The offset of all measured emissions will be carried out through carbon reductions acquired through the investment in projects that generate carbon credits under the voluntary market (Voluntary Emission Reductions - VERs) that reduce carbon emissions internationally and contribute to sustainability in developing countries, following the Kyoto Protocol approach.

“It is with great pride that we extend e)mission services to a wider audience, giving a chance to whoever wants to reduce its climate impact, whether they'll be companies, institutions or people”, explains Sérgio Teixeira Santos, Chief Executive of **TerraSystemics**, a company specialized in consultancy and project development in the environment and energy areas, representing e)mission in Portugal.

António de Azevedo Coutinho announces: “I hope that this initiative will be useful to spread carbon offsetting through purchasing carbon credits in the market and to raise awareness among the property developers about the economic advantages that can emerge in the short term with the implementation of these kind of measures in the real estate and construction sectors”.

The methodology to determine carbon footprints used by e)mission uses several elements of well known international strategies such as the Greenhouse Gas Protocol, developed by the World Resources Institute and the World Business Council for Sustainable Development, and those developed by Carbon Trust, recognized as a leader in carbon emission reductions for the business sector.

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