



ACTS

----- Act on Collective -----
Transition for Summits

As mountain professionals and personalities, we must engage in a concrete way towards protecting the environment.

The crisis brought about by Covid-19 imposed us to slow down, to consume less, to rethink locally. We have to reconsider our way of being when we start our activities once again.

Today, facing the environmental urgency, we aim to engage in :

- reducing our travels and our consumption;
- engaging politically or within an association;
- inviting the outdoor industry to increase its efforts to reduce its impact.

Here are the ambitions that will guide our projects and our actions. We have outlined these ambitions in 10 commitments.



OUR 10 COMMITMENTS



TRANSPORT

1. Favour adventures close to home and journeys with a low carbon footprint. **Promote approach as an adventure in itself, an experience that becomes as exciting as reaching the summit.**
2. Favour **using bicycles and public transport** (train, car sharing...) instead of individual cars.
3. Fly less for our travels, encourage longer stays for trips made flying.



CONSUMPTION

4. **Reduce individual product purchases** and, for athletes, **reduce the product allocation. Favour sales buying, lending gear and repairing it.** Advocate the total wear of our gear before replacing it.
5. Reduce the consumption of meat and animal products in general, avoid global trade chains, favour **locally grown** food that respects durable production proceedings and is preferably **organic**.
6. **Choose the more ethical bank possible.** Most of the big banks use our savings to finance nefarious projects.
7. **Get the brands and the retailers involved** and get them to commit with their suppliers, their production, transport, subcontracting, packaging and product recycling methods, but also their communication criteria, which have to favour local businesses.



ACTION / COMMUNICATION

8. **Promote new stories.** Put forward new success criteria where the discovered terrain, the sobriety of means put in place, the value of sharing, the curiosity and knowledge of ecosystems become a leitmotiv that goes beyond the mere performance and the alleged exoticism of the destination.
9. Devote a part of our time and energy within associations, town councils, field actions for the preservation of the environment and ecological transition.
10. **Communicate regularly** the actions that took place, the undertaken commitments and the obtained results.

We count on you to fulfil this initiative and amplify this communal ambition!

Develop our sobriety, shake up the industry and impose that our leaders make a priority of the environment are three sides of the same mountain, on which we proceed altogether.

The mountains teach us to adapt and find solutions. We deem these changes as a delightful way to give a new sense to our profession. Thanks to the sum of our individual conversions and a happy sobriety, we will create a dynamic capable of changing things in the long term.

We need you! By joining ACTS, you will contribute to sharing inspiring and conducive actions towards the evolution of our society.



THE AIM OF "MINUS 10% PER YEAR": WHAT'S THAT?

This means minus 10% of our carbon footprint, every year and over 4 years, by reducing energy-consuming transport, this equals to minus 33%. If you produce more than 2 tons of CO₂ per year for your transports, this should be a necessary goal.

As transportation are only one part of our total footprint ⁽¹⁾ we really need to place ourselves in a global approach and we will change our consumption habits in all the dimensions of our daily lives : material assets, food, heating, financial investments. We also aim to be more virtuous and responsible.

Our goal is that these commitments will be even more efficient as we will invest a part of our time in political, collective actions in line with the preservation of the environment and we will financially support local or international associations committed to the protection of the environment.



INSIGHTS

FLYING LESS

This is an obligation because airplanes make up a big part of our carbon emissions. Imagining compensating the carbon of our air travels is not an option. Even if offsetting increase the awareness of the emissions produced by traveling (and consequently can lead to a reduced carbon footprint) it will take several decades for the trees to compensate the emitted carbon⁽²⁾. However, to have any chance to stay below 1.5 degrees, we need to reduce emissions now.

DETERMINE OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

It is possible to determine our carbon footprint in CO₂ tons with calculators, as carbonfootprint.com. You may have already experiment these calculators are quite complicated. We propose a simple one on acts-association.org. It is precise enough to estimate a baseline (we propose the average of 2018 and 2019) and improve by 10% each year. We have used the values below :

- **Airplanes:** 1 h = 0.085 tons de CO₂ (per passenger)
- **Cars:** 100 km = 0.014 tons of CO₂ (it has to be divided between the number of passenger)
- **Trains:** 1 h = 0.75 kg = 0.00075 (its footprint is really low, 100 times less than the plane).

For information, the average in France is 4 tons per persons.

THE MINUS "10% PER YEAR" AIM: WILL IT BE ENOUGH?

Doing more would be great, but 10% is a good start. This is because, a yearly reduction in CO₂ emissions by 7.6% over the next ten years will keep warming limited to 1.5 degrees, as suggested by Climatewire. Limiting warming to 1.5 degrees strongly decreases warming associated risks ie major climate catastrophes.⁽³⁾

(1) Source CITEPA avril 2019. 1/3 is an average in France. Logically, it is much higher for people traveling a lot.

(2) Bastin, Jean-Francois; Finegold, Yelena; Garcia, Claude; Mollicone, Danilo; Rezende, Marcelo; Routh, Devin et al. (2019): The global tree restoration potential. In: Science 365 (6448), S. 76–79.

(3) The IPCC report from 2018 or [check this link](#)