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## The Elior reveals its first carbon balance in the institutional restaurant sector

As part of its sustainable development policy, the Elior Group drew up its first carbon balance for Institutional Restaurant Services in the Paris-located building of the Macif Head Offices for which it has been providing restaurant services since September 2007. Headed by the Security and Environment Department of Avenance Entreprises, a subsidiary of the Elior Group specialising in enterprise restaurant services, this balance consisted in measuring the greenhouse effect gas emissions of restaurant and related services, like automatic dispensing. The goals were to: identify the sources, and measure the relative significance, thus determining their impact on the climate and set up appropriate action plans to cut down on these emissions.

To carry out this mission, a steering committee was established, between the Elior Group, its customer, and a consulting office approved by ADEME. To Magali Rozec, Head of the *Projet Bilan Carbone*® at Macif – in charge of coordinating the production of 15 carbon balances in 2008 among the regional units and subsidiaries of the Group - "it is important to work with partners who are also committed to an approach to reduce their environmental impacts. The actions carried out by the Elior Group will help us in terms of thinking about the better management of our sites and making people aware of their impact on our eating habits".

After giving each employee on the site appropriate training about the carbon balance, extensive work on data collection and analysis (kilowatts consumed, kilometres travelled ...) made it possible to identify the challenges and set up action plans regarding the choice of products, supplier selections, freight, waste processing, controlled water consumption or the behaviour of our co-workers (turning off the lights, minimising travelling by car ...).

"Through this approach, Avenance Entreprises has solidly-founded and qualified data, in figures, about the distribution of its greenhouse effect gas emissions, enabling it to confirm some of the methods set up by the Group" explains Pierre Von Essen, Chairman of Avenance Entreprises, already deeply committed to Elior's sustainable development policy, as borne out by the ISO 14001 certification of the restaurants and an engaged approach to the certification of the Head Office and the Area Management departments.

The conclusions of this balance reinforce the sustainable development actions already put under way by the Elior Group. Other carbon balances are being drawn up for other subsidiaries, especially in the world of education, and should shed additional light on other methods of production in these activities.

## About ELIOR

Elior was founded in 1991 and is the third Contractual Restaurant Services and Associated Services operator in Europe. The Group turnover in 2008 was €3.5 billion and it is one of the leaders for Institutional Restaurant Services and Facilities Management on the one hand, and Concession Restaurant Services and Retail Travel on the other. The company employs 68,000 people serving 2.9 million customers every day in 13,900 restaurants and outlets in 14 different countries. Elior offers its know-how to the world of enterprise, teaching, care and medical-social institutions and residences for elderly people, and in the world of travel (airports, stations, motorways) and leisure and culture (museums and exhibition parks). As a responsible company, Elior is a member of the United Nations World Pact since 2004. The Group is particularly attentive to the nutritional balance of its patrons, the impact of its activities and purchasing on the environment, and the integration and training of its partners. For more information, contact: [www.elior.com](http://www.elior.com)

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