The Sustainability Checklist - for the event industry

Your Green Checks for more Sustainability

Environmentally Friendly Arrival ☐ Are attendees comprehensively informed about eco-friendly travel options? ☐ Do you cooperate with a green ticketing partner to offset all travel and transportation? ☐ Do your tickets include free use of public transportation? ☐ Do you offer event tickets together with railway and bus operating companies? ☐ Energy Efficiency ☐ Do you monitor your energy consumption holistically for optimal energy efficiency, starting with the office
 Energy Efficiency □ Do you monitor your energy consumption holistically for optimal energy efficiency, starting with the office to transportation and also the event itself? □ Do you calculate your individual electricity consumption at events? □ Do you favor renewable energies and green electricity? □ Do you use LED technology? □ Do you consider efficiency and optimum capacity during transport? □ Are your service providers committed to sustainability?
Sustainable Purchasing, Use and Recycling Do you take ethical and environmental consequences into account when making purchasing decisions? Do you avoid purchases that lead to deforestation, soil or water pollution or human exploitation? Do you minimize packaging waste? Do you avoid pointless one-way promotional gifts from sponsors or the like? Do you choose recycled materials? Do you verify the ethical sources of new materials? Have you considered reusing or recycling new materials? Do you provide clearly marked, coloured containers with multilingual labels for easy separation? Also for food waste?
 Food and Beverage □ Do you prefer regional and seasonal foods? □ Do you always choose local, organic food producers and beverages from organic suppliers and companies that reinvest part of their revenue back into sustainable projects? □ Are all meat, fish or dairy products certified and traceable? □ Do you take into account the trend towards vegetarian and vegan diets? □ Are you implementing procedures to collect and redistribute surplus food? □ Do you completely avoid products containing palm oil? □ Do you provide tap water for refills? □ Do you look for fair trade products such as tea, coffee, sugar or chocolate with the relevant seal (e.g. Fair Trade or Rainforest Alliance)?
Plastic ☐ Have you banned disposable plastic water bottles, plastic cups, plastic drinking straws, plastic bags, unnecessary packaging and polystyrene from your event? ☐ Do you provide reusable tableware? ☐ Do you avoid food with excessive or non-recyclable packaging?

6.	Reducing Water Consumption and Pollution Risks Have you taken steps to reduce wastewater and excessive use of water? Do all participants use only environmentally friendly cleaning products? Have you taken preventative measures to avoid potentially harmful soil and water contamination? Are the sanitation facilities at external locations environmentally friendly, clean and sufficient to meet demand?
7.	Ethical Towels, Clothing and Merchandise Are towels, clothing and merchandise made of ethically and ecologically correct fibres, such as organic cotton, and are they sustainably produced?
8.	No Unnecessary Printing, Only Recycled Paper □ Do you avoid unnecessary printing? Do you use digital info material and event apps? □ Do you only use certified, ethically produced or recycled paper? For toilet paper as well as napkins, tickets or access passes? □ Is the ink used for necessary printing bio-based?
9.	Local Accomodation and Hotels □ Do you ensure short distances between venue and accommodation? □ Do you give precedence to accommodations with an environmental certificate or low environmental impact?
10	 Local Transport/Shuttle Service □ Do you ensure the best possible needs-based and environmentally friendly transfers? □ Do you carefully select transport options in terms of equipment, accreditation and schedules? □ Do you use electric/hybrid vehicles or shared shuttles?
11.	Barrier Free, Social Justice, Inclusion □ Do you consider the aspects of barrier free accessibility, equal rights and inclusion? □ Is the signage sufficient and easy to read? □ Do you offer a sign language interpreter for the deaf?
12	 Targeted Communication for 360° Sustainability □ Do you pursue transparent, sustainable communication and information strategies that appeal to the public as well as to all service providers? □ Do you provide assistance, information, deposit systems or other waste avoidance benefits along with additional sustainable customer loyalty tools? □ Do your event promoters have a sustainable profile? □ Do you use environmentally friendly printing practices for unavoidable flyers, posters and advertising?
13	CO₂ Emissions Measurements and Offset □ Do you measure your CO₂ emissions? □ Do you implement decisive steps and improvement potentials from those measurements? □ Do you collaborate with professional offset companies and suppliers for a successful sustainability strategy?
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