

SUSTAINABILITY CHARTER



SCOPE

This sustainability charter applies to activities in the context of the 2024 European Cycling Championships.

MANDATORY CONDITIONS

At a minimum, you satisfy the following provisions:

• GENERAL

- Your cooperation and transparency in collecting data in the context of sustainability.

• ENERGY

- Make maximum use of the available green grid power (arrangements to be made with the organiser or your local authority).
- When generators cannot be avoided, biodiesel generators are preferred.

• MATERIALS

- The distribution of gadgets is avoided or they are reusable. This is always submitted to the LOC.
- Flyers and sampling are not permitted.
- When selling items with packaging such as sunglasses, t-shirts, etc, the packaging is removed before the goods are handed over (liable to littering). Handing out plastic bags is also not permitted.

• SPACE UTILISATION

- If you play music, please respect the noise norms and conditions applicable in your municipality.
- Respect the surroundings with an emphasis on the vegetation and soil.

• WASTE

- Stand holders selling food/beverages must provide at least one waste island in the front with 1 general waste bin and 1 PMD bin which are linked together, clearly visible and easily accessible. Large stands must provide several waste islands.
- Waste produced by the stand holder will be separated selectively behind the stand in the bins provided. The waste bins provided by the LOC are for paper &

cardboard, PMD and general waste. Other waste produced should be taken away by the stand holders themselves.

- **CATERING**

- All beverages must be served in reusable beakers (soft drinks, water, beer, cocktails, wine, etc). A system to collect these reusable beakers is required.
- Beverage packaging should be minimised, consisting as much as possible of bulk packaging: kegs on tap (beer, wine, cocktails), large bottles instead of small ones, returnable bottles instead of disposable ones, drinking water fountains or mains water on tap.
- The use of straws is forbidden.
- All prepared food offered must be served using reusable catering materials. (porcelain, glass, metal cutlery, reusable hard plastic bowls and plates, etc). A system to collect these items is again required.
- Where possible, the food should be organic, local and seasonal. Where possible, other products are "Fair Trade" products.
- Each stand holder offers at least 1 vegetarian or vegan alternative. Furthermore, there should be an indication of whether products are halal or not
- Food waste must be avoided. If there are food surpluses, consult the city/municipality in question about the best way to deal with this.

- **WATER**

- Chemicals products are avoided as much as possible. Cleaning agents (detergents, soaps and products) should be biodegradable and have the EU eco-label.
- Wherever possible, the drinking water provided for volunteers or staff is tap water.

- **GOOD GOVERNANCE & SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT**

- Where possible, stand holders should try to buy sustainably and make maximum use of local suppliers.
- Stand holders ensure that they provide a safe and healthy working environment for their employees.
- Stand holders ensure in all their activities that they respect local laws.

OPTIONAL CONDITIONS:

The following provisions are strongly advised.

• ENERGY

- Illuminate as much as possible using LED lamps and use appliances with an A+++ label.

• MATERIALS

- Limit printing. If unavoidable, choose recycled, FSC-labelled or chlorine-free paper and use an environmentally friendly printing ink (water-based)
- Choose flags and banners in PVC-free material that can later be reused
- Furniture or materials such as signposts are rented where possible, or if they need to be created, they are produced with a view to reuse
- Ratchet straps are preferably avoided, except in elevated security zones (e.g. in the finish zone)

• CATERING

- Ensure that napkins are available on the counter so that customers can decide themselves if and how many they want; do not just hand them out

• ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSIVENESS

- Stand holders must ensure their stands are accessible to all

• MOBILITY

- Use public transport for individual journeys
- Avoid driving (semi)empty trucks or lorries; combine transports as much as possible
- Opt for the most ecological modes of transport: electric or hybrid cars, (electric) (cargo) bikes

If you have any questions about the sustainability charter, you can always contact the organisation at e-mail address: zoe.vindevogel@flandersclassics.be.

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