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ENGSO Youth

Environmental Sustainability Guidelines

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Through our strategy, we, at ENGSO Youth, are committed to advocating for sustainability in sport to its stakeholders. At the same time, to demonstrate that we 'practice what we preach', we commit ourselves to specific principles of operation where we consider the environmental dimension of sustainability. So, these guidelines are issued to complement our advocacy work and make our contribution to a cleaner and healthier environment.

The guidelines reflect the environmental considerations we have as an organisation. We are focused towards areas that we have immediate control of and the environmental impact of these activities. For example, these are our events and campaigns that often require international travel, our assets such as the website and office space, and finally our processes such as procurement.

It is also relevant to notice that these guidelines are an initial step and reflect a first step towards a more environmentally friendly organisation that, at the same time, does not overwhelm the organisation. That means that the guidelines will develop and evolve as the organisation matures and adapts to be ready to improve its practices. The guidelines will be revised at least one time per year. These guidelines are to be followed in line with ENGSO Youth Financial guidelines and all other ENGSO Youth procedures.

EVENTS

ENGSO Youth organises, and its representatives participate in a number of international events throughout the year, including ENGSO Youth Committee meetings and Young Delegates' events. Travel undoubtedly leaves an impact on the environment. With some events that we are organising, we have more freedom to decide the location and venue, but with some, we have to follow the protocol of the organiser. The following considerations refer to situations where ENGSO Youth can decide on a particular factor, including the event's location, transportation, venue and accommodation, food and other consumables, gifts or needed materials.

Location

- When considering the event's location, environmental concerns should be accounted for, together with the social and economic ones. That means we will choose the location not only for its strategic benefit (e.g. establish or strengthen the relationship with the local member organisation) but also consider how accessible the location is to most of the event participants by travel means other than air travel. Compromise will be necessary, but it is essential that environmental factors and impacts are acknowledged and accounted for in the organisational planning meetings for any future events.

Travel

To be able to get ENGSO Youth travel funds, participants of the events shall:

- Prioritise non-air travel (e.g. train or bus services), if the total amount of travel does not exceed six hours from the initial train/bus station to the event location;

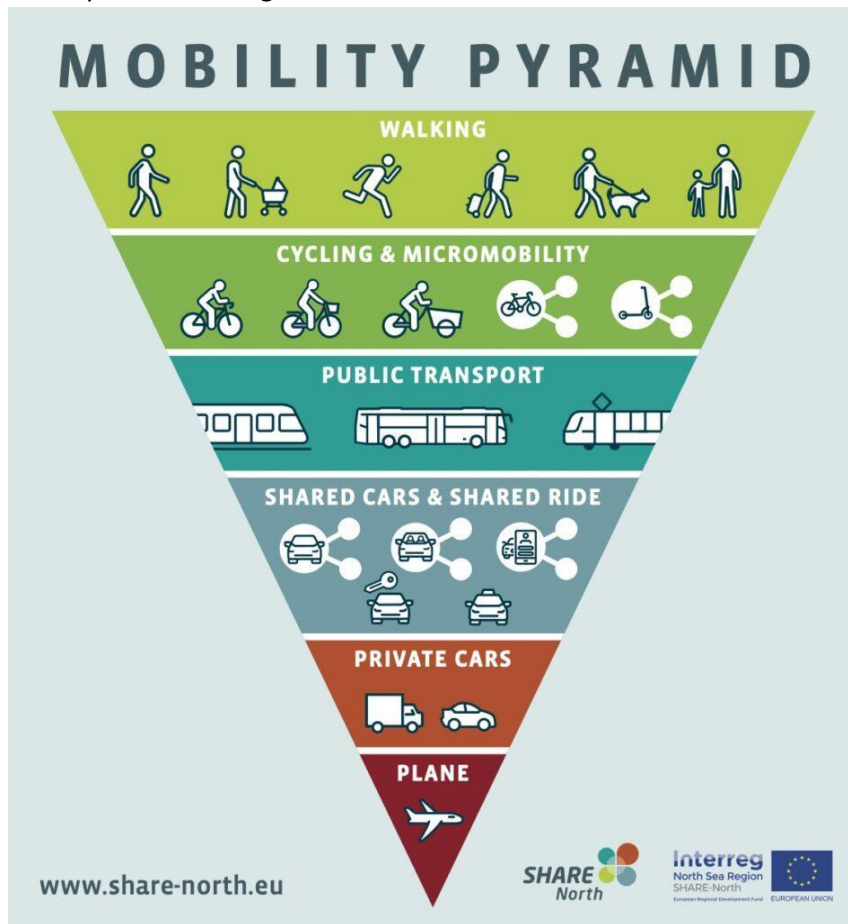
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- If air travel is unavoidable, direct flights or flights with a minimal number of layovers will be prioritized;
- Prioritise early travel bookings with the latest of 2 weeks before the event.



Local transportation

- Active travel (on foot or by bike) shall be the favoured means of transportation at the event;
- If active travel is not possible, public transport shall be used;
- If the public transport is unavailable (e.g. for safety reasons), car sharing (e.g. Uber, Bolt, Lyft, etc.) shall be used.

Accommodation

- When choosing accommodation for the events, accommodation with green certification shall be preferred;
- Accommodation within walking distance (walking distance shall not exceed 30 minutes from the accommodation to the venue) of the main event venue will be considered to minimize the use of public transport.

Food and Drink

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- The participants will opt for locally sourced, preferably vegetarian, options;
- We will eliminate the provision of single-use plastic bottles at events through the provision of sustainable and environmentally-friendly alternatives, and by also ensuring there are water-refill facilities on-site.

Gifts and promotional materials

- Gifts and promotional materials given to participants must have a functional value (e.g. water bottle or any item that can be used for sports or physical activity);
- The materials shall be ordered from eco-friendly suppliers, carefully checked before the purchase and made of recycled or renewable materials that can further be recycled.

Materials and supplies

- Any workshops and activities at events, and office materials will follow a digital-first approach to minimise the use of paper and other materials;
- If materials and supplies are required, these will be carefully sourced, opting for local suppliers in-location and should be made from eco-friendly and recycled materials;
- If required, hard copies and printing will be used sparingly, opting for multiple-sided printing and all materials will be collected and recycled after use.

ASSETS

IT Solutions

ENGSO Youth is dedicated to making a conscious effort to reduce its impact on the environment in the digital space as well. When selecting our IT solution providers, we aim to prioritise those that have green energy practices and are sustainable.

- ENGSO Youth website uses green hosting (e.g. data center grids powered by renewable electricity sources, high-efficiency cooling infrastructure in use, etc.);
- Other websites owned by ENGSO Youth (e.g. project or event specific websites) to follow the same practice;
- Collaboration and productivity tool providers should also be reviewed based on their carbon offset and sustainability strategies.