

Checklist for sustainable events

Before

- Make a decision if the event has to be in person or can be held online.
- Choose a venue with easy access to public transport, walking or bike.
- Make sure to inform about sustainable transport possibilities in the invitation.
- Encourage co-driving and steering towards environmental taxis as a second option.
- Offer digital participation (real-time and/or recorded webinar).
- Try to select a venue/facility that is Nordic Swan Ecolabelled/Green Key certified (ISO 14000 as an alternative).
- Make sure the venue is accessible for all participants.
- Try to find a method and/or tool to measure the sustainability of the event (including CO2, diversity etc.).
- If overnight stays are required, try to offer a Nordic Swan Ecolabelled/Green key-labelled hotel.
- When choosing a time, keep big cultural celebrations in mind, such as Christmas and Ramadan.
- Choose multiple invitation channels to reach a diversified group of participants.
- Make sure that language and pictures in the invitation is including and diversified.
- Have a climate smart plan for eventual give aways to speakers and participants. For example, a gift to a charity organisation.
- If name tags are needed, select paper or reusable ones.
- Select local, organic and/or Fairtrade fika with vegan options.
- Choose vegetarian and locally produced foods, preferably organic, as a standard.
- Avoid single use and plastic products to reduce waste.
- Avoid food waste and have a plan for left overs.
- Select tap water instead of bottles and cans.
- Recycle as much as possible!
- Try to minimize emissions from transport of materials and other goods to the event.
- Be concious about diversity of speakers and members of panel discussions.
- Make sure to have a high level of evacuation security and inform verbally.
- Combine seminars with social and physical activities.

After

- Evaluate and inform participants on the effects achieved (CO2, diversity) and publish online.
- Send out a digital evaluation to improve sustainability in future events.