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46. Sustainability criteria selection of hosts and venues

Organising of any event is always a big complex work, as well a big responsibility. In 2014, the International SAMBO Federation (FIAS) made an important strategic decision towards supporting the UN SDG's 2030. Thus, FIAS released a sustainability report and sustainability event guide for the partners just a year after. Since then, our challenge has been not so much to choose sustainable host location and venues, but to deliver the principles of sustainable development wherever FIAS hold championships and SAMBO community is presented. Moving forward, FIAS is aware of the need as to set an example as well as to obtain results in the form of responsibility from our NF'S, partners and stakeholders, and from year to year sustainability criteria for selecting the host and venues should be more significant.

Previously our IF concentrated on following actions during the events: Waste Management Protocol; Energy Consumption and Energy Efficiency; Save Water Campaign; and Emission Control and Transport Management. Continuing the achieved success in the implementation of these small steps, FIAS search for to move on. Based on the example of Guidelines on organising sustainable meetings and events at the EMAS Commission we will consistently expect to increase the number of fulfilled requirements for the hosts and venues, such as:

1. Venue: Easy access by public transport, bike/walking and availability of secure bike parking facilities; Energy efficient building; Waste collection and recycling system in place. Strives for the Venue with an environmental management system in place.
2. Promotional materials: Maximise the use of on-line promotional tools, Limited and optimised use, of printed promotional material (e.g. eco-friendly design & printing); Minimum office supplies; possibility of re-using conference materials from past events for the same purpose (e.g. stands, general banners).
3. Following the principles of 3 Rs (sustainable sourcing): Reduce, Reuse and Recycle: Minimise waste (e.g. reduce printed material and gadgets, packaging, single-use items, food waste); Recycle waste via an appropriate system of waste sorting, collection and recycling. Attempts to organise a 'zero waste' event.
4. Catering: Choose seasonal (and/or organic) food and drinks; Offer a larger choice of plant-based food options; Prevent food waste and avoid single-use items. Strives to have a full vegetarian or vegan menu, give preferences to certified caterers applying environmental management schemes, donate of leftover food.



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5. Accommodation & transport for participants: Accommodation close to the venue and easily accessible by public transport, walking or cycling; Information on sustainable commuting provided to participants; Recommend that participants use more sustainable modes of transport. Tries to choose certified hotels that apply sustainable operations environmental management system & compensate the GHG emissions from travels.
6. Social aspects & respect for human rights: Request partners to apply eco-friendly procedures when performing the contract, or to employ staff in a socially conscious manner, even among sub-contractors; involve volunteers.
7. Sharing environmental awareness: Communicate the sustainability of your event; Implement a sustainable event contractors management system.

Within this decade we and our partners should provide a commitment to follow sustainable event management principles and promote sustainable development. As well as develop in collaboration we also should ubiquitously implement and comply with: provisions for sustainable procurement and supply-chain management; promotion of diversity and zero tolerance for discrimination; the accessibility of the competition, including for disabled people; compliance with relevant domestic regulations and international agreements related to the environment; the mitigation of our impact on climate change and promotion of social development.