

Sustainability & Congress City Delft

Together with the Municipality of Delft, TU Delft and our partners, Delft Marketing's Delft Convention Bureau is committed to making events and congresses in our city as sustainable as possible. This is also how this document came about. Measures that also focus on a number of SDGs (sustainable development goals) as described by the United Nations. Below is a list of the goals actively pursued by us with a number of examples as implemented in practice¹.

Delft has more than 1,600 monumental buildings; they can never compete with new construction convention venues. We strive to do everything we can do: we reduce what we must and reuse & recycle materials and products we no longer need where possible. This is a process we are continuously working on and where we have the help, knowledge and support of experts within TU Delft, the Municipality of Delft and of course our partners.

3 - Good health & wellness: healthy eating, adequate exercise and room for relaxation during a conference or event. Practical examples:

- Our concept of "The City as a Congress Center" in which we use various locations within walking distance in the city as a congress center. People thus move more, get an inspiring and relaxing experience and valuable networking time.
- Within our concept "The City as a Congress Center", (almost) all locations are walkable, making it unnecessary to use (fossil fuel using) means of transportation in the city. For those with walking difficulties, we offer electric tuk tuks and electric tour boats and a water bus.
- We encourage basic vegetarian lunches and dinners. Of course, anything is negotiable should people have other requirements. Not only can everyone eat a vegetarian offering, in addition to being a *green* option, this is also an inclusive offering accepted by all walks of life.

7 - Affordable, Reliable & Sustainable Energy: We - like everyone else - chase the use of clean energy. We keep dirty fossil energy to a minimum and aim to stop it. We do our part by:

- Save energy whenever possible: turn down the heater or even close historic venues in winter as event venues, replace lights with LED, limit air conditioning or use a sustainable air conditioning system instead of air conditioning.
- Where possible improve insulation of roof, glass and walls.
- Use renewable energy as much as possible through solar cells on the roof or purchase of green energy.
- A number of partners have electric (share) cars (and of course charging stations) or provide supplies by means of an electric cargo bike
- We promote the use of public transportation instead of cars; the city is easily accessible on foot for most people.
- We advise organizers to entice their participants to use the train instead of the plane and when there is no other way, compensate flight hours through recognized organizations.

8 - Decent work and economic growth: we strive for an inclusive city with appropriate and decent work for everyone (regardless of education level, background or beliefs). This not only

¹ Note: not all measures are implemented by all partners. However, each partner is individually active to take appropriate measures within their capabilities.

means that Delft offers space for academics within our TU and various research institutes but also MBO and HBO workplaces at the many start-ups, scale-ups and mature companies in the Delft manufacturing industry. In addition, many of our partners in the hospitality industry work with organizations that provide opportunities for people with a distance to the labor market:

- Our partner Delft City Shuttle with 6 electric tuk tuks, gives work to people on a reintegration path.
- Rental and maintenance of bicycles by Doel Delfland (an organization that, among other things, helps with reintegration, gaining work experience and providing a meaningful daytime activity).
- Internships for students of the Herman Broeren School (special education), among others.
- Volunteer work for people distant from the labor market.

11- Sustainable cities & communities: Delft must also be and remain inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable for residents, businesses and our (business) visitors. For years we with Delft Marketing/Delft Convention Bureau have been committed to sharing our beautiful city with all those people in a sustainable and safe way, which fits within the tourism vision 2030 developed earlier.

Our policy of responsibly hosting business events/congresses is no longer the exclusive domain of the city economy. Delft clearly seeks to connect with relevant parties in the city to create the added value of a meeting as a means for knowledge exchange, innovation and networking on Delft issues.

12: - Responsible consumption and production: reuse - reduce - recycle : Tijdens evenementen we strive to use sustainable materials or materials that we can use multiple times or recycle. Not only do we do this, but our partners move with us.

- Promotional materials and conference programs digitally as much as possible.
- Greatest possible range of organic, vegetarian and/or vegan in food offerings.
- As much seasonal, local produce as possible.
- Attention to water: drinking water is tap water, water jet restrictors, flushing toilets with rainwater.
- Attention is paid to waste management e.g. coffee grounds to a mushroom grower, no or minimal (mono)packaging, environmentally conscious disposal.
- Cleaning products preferably with an ECO label Sustainable c.q. ecological material e.g. recycled unbleached paper, pens, terry cloth for hand targets, amenity line in hotels.

