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# Act for more sustainable tourism



**Lyon Metropolis and ONLYLYON Tourism & Conventions are committed to a more sustainable tourism** aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals. We have chosen to stay focus on the following 10 SDGs:



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# BY NATURE, EVENTS ARE EPHEMERAL. HOWEVER, MAKING THEM MORE SUSTAINABLE CONTRIBUTES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR ORGANISATIONS AND THE STRENGTHENING OF THEIR VALUES.

The Convention Bureau has created this guide to help you to organise your future sustainable events and its team remains at your entire disposal.

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## WHAT ARE THE KEY STEPS INVOLVED IN ORGANISING A SUSTAINABLE EVENT?

Think about sustainability as soon as you start planning your event! This will enable you to identify key areas and define your objectives in line with the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) set by the UN as part of the 2030 Agenda.

First and foremost, this involves having a **responsible purchasing policy for service providers, venues and products** (local suppliers who respect environmental standards; minimal purchases, selected with a view to being reused or recycled, etc.).

It is therefore important to **cooperate with the destination to make your event as sustainable as possible**, as well as to analyse your purchasing practices and make your requirements known to selected venues and service providers.

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## YOUR COMPANY MAY ALREADY HAVE A RESPONSIBLE PURCHASING POLICY?

While the choice of venue and service providers may be the key to successfully holding an environmentally-responsible event, any other aspects should not be neglected:

- **awareness-raising** among employees and any other event stakeholders;
- **self-assessment and highlighting** of your actions conveying a positive and engaged image for the organiser.

**To start, you can calculate the carbon footprint of your event on the [GoodPlanet Foundation](#) website.**

To take things a step further, ADEME has created [the ADERE](#) tool to help you carry out a self-diagnosis of your event.

It enables you to identify and assess the main environmental impacts of your event, divided into eight categories, whether it is in the creation phase or already well advanced.

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**ECO-DESIGN**

Select service providers according to their sensitivity to eco-responsibility

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, specify your choices and your process	If not, explain why this is not feasible	Suggestions / Comments

Name a sustainable referent for the organization before and on the day of the event

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**ASSESSMENT**

Calculate your carbon assessment

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Assess the impact of your event

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**THESE VARIOUS ASPECTS ARE IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER IN THE EARLY STAGES:**





# CARBON ASSESSMENT

Carrying out a carbon **assessment for an event** makes it possible to measure and understand the environmental impact by identifying the main sources of greenhouse gas emissions that it produces. The data gathered provide a **quantified overview** of its carbon footprint so as to define measures that can be taken to reduce it. This is also a way to raise participants' awareness and achieve certification. In the case of a large event, performing an assessment may be a requirement.

Today, participants, sponsors and public institutions are increasingly sensitive to the environmental impact of events and expect concrete commitments in the area of sustainability. A carbon assessment can demonstrate engagement and transparency in your organisation.



## STEPS

### IDENTIFY

**Identify all activities and parts of the event** that are sources of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions:

- Transport of participants (air, rail, road, site access, etc.)
- Accommodation
- Energy used on the site (electricity, heating, air-conditioning)
- Equipment and facilities (sound system, lighting, booths, etc.)
- Communication (print, digital)

- Food (meals, drinks, catering)
- Waste generated (packaging, leftover food, etc.)

### GATHER

**Gather data** related to each emission source:

- Number of participants and transport modes used
- Number of overnight stays per category
- Energy consumption (in kWh)
- Quantity and type of equipment used
- Communication media used
- Menu and origin of foods
- Waste management

## USE

### Use carbon footprint calculation software:

Several free online carbon footprint calculators are available that estimate emissions based on gathered data.

- [Ademe](#)
- [Cleo](#), for responsible events
- [TerraPass](#) Carbon Footprint Calculator
- Free test module on [Climeet](#), the event carbon footprint calculator

### Software to measure the impact of transport:

- Transport | [Impact CO2](#)

### For festivals:

- Simulateur | [Ekofest](#)

## ANALYSE RESULTS

Emissions calculated for each item show which activities produce the most CO<sub>2</sub> and help to identify areas for improvement.

## TAKE ACTION

### Take action targeting items with high greenhouse gas emissions:

Based on the analysis, concrete actions can be set up to reduce the carbon impact of events being planned.

#### 1. Travel of participants and speakers

This item generally accounts for **the majority of emissions**:

- Reduce air journeys by offering discounts on train tickets or on admission fees for people travelling by train, for example. You can also give priority to speakers from the local area
- Encourage use of public transport and car-sharing: offer a public transport pass; facilitate car-sharing (dedicated platform, rewards, etc.)
- Choose a venue located near public transport links
- Provide a bicycle-sharing system

#### 2. Energy & logistics

- Optimise energy consumption by using energy-efficient facilities, with HQE, ISO 20121 or equivalent certification (meeting venues, hotels, etc.)
- Optimise lighting (LED, lights off out of hours) and air-conditioning
- Pool equipment use between service providers

# CARBON ASSESSMENT

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## 3. Catering

- Provide attractive vegetarian options
- Prioritise local, organic and seasonal produce
- Avoid disposable articles: washable or compostable tableware
- Check that the venue is equipped with drinking fountains
- Donate leftover food and compost organic waste

## 4. Waste

- Provide clear and visible sorting bins
- Use the minimum necessary flyers, goodies and disposable displays
- Hire or reuse decorative items, booths and signs
- Implement a system to reuse furniture, equipment, etc.
- Train volunteers and teams on sorting and responsible management

## 5. Communication and materials

- Use digital materials: programmes, maps, tickets
- Choose sustainable and useful gifts
- Print in small quantities using eco-certified printing options

## 6. Awareness raising

- Produce an environmental responsibility charter for service providers
- Appoint a sustainable development officer
- Train teams and volunteers on environmentally friendly actions
- Raise public awareness through events, displays and workshops

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## COMMUNICATE

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**Communicate results**, a positive communication tool:

By sharing their carbon assessment, organisers demonstrate their commitment to a **progressive approach**. Assessment is a way to highlight concrete actions taken and communicate about reduction targets for future events.

It is also a way to **raise awareness** among the public, volunteers and service providers, to bring partners on board with the approach and to encourage responsible actions (mobility, consumption, waste, etc.).





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# TRANSPORT

If possible, analyse where participants are coming from in order to provide more targeted solutions (70% of the carbon footprint of a national event related to goods and people transports).

## IF THE EVENT ORGANISER IS COVERING TRANSPORT COSTS

Favour the use of **rail transport** for journeys of less than 4 hours.

## IF PARTICIPANTS ARE COVERING TRANSPORT COSTS

**Raise awareness by providing carbon assessment** figures for the various transport modes; provide information about the various means of transport; facilitate carpooling by providing an ad board for participants on the event website; provide information about local public transport (all types, including non-motorized options).



## TRANSFER

**Favour certified transport companies** that deploy actions to control and reduce energy consumption, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, vehicle maintenance waste and wastewater discharges.



## PARTNER COACH COMPANIES ENGAGED IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY-RESPONSIBLE APPROACH:

— [Philibert](#): signatory of the Diversity Charter, EcoVadis certification (silver medal).



## USEFUL CONTACTS

- The [ADEME](#) Carbon footprint calculation provides a comparison of the various transport modes.
- This [tool](#) to display the journey and enable the combination of different transport modes.
- [Ideas](#) on how to use carbon offsets for unavoidable flights.
- Solutions to go to Lyon [by train](#) or by plane.
- [Public Transport](#) and [Rhônexpress](#) from the airport.
- Car sharing: Citiz, Léo&Go
- [Self-service rental bikes](#).
- E Bikes Station: Fix & Move, Comic, Mobilboard.
- Creation of temporary, secure bicycle parking facilities: Wheelskeep
- Electric scooters Dott or Tier.

— [Autocars Maisonneuve](#): signatory of the CO<sub>2</sub> Objective Charter, ISO 14001 certification.

— [Courriers Rhodaniens / Galéo](#): ISO 14001 certification

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## TRANSPORT

**Identify** the travel required for the event (analysis of the travel of the different actors with their origin, the potential means of transport to get to the event site)

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**Provide** as much information as possible about alternative modes of transportation (train instead of plane, public transportation instead of cab) to participants

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**Encourage** the use of soft modes of transportation (bicycles, walking) and public transportation through the most appropriate communication channels

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In the case of a multi-site event: **optimize** the program according to participants' travel needs

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If you are responsible for transportation: **use** the train whenever possible

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## FLOWS

**Identify** the means of transport used by participants based on prior surveys and evaluate the journeys made by participants during the event

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# VENUES

Choose a venue with environmental certification or that has introduced good sustainable development practices (environmental objectives in writing or an action plan of ways to achieve them, a purchasing policy promoting environmentally-friendly products, local or organic food offering, disabled access, etc.).

As far as possible, favour the use of eco-designed buildings, with water and energy saving systems, built with renewable materials and enabling sorting of waste.

If the venues are not certified or do not have any particular environmentally-responsible actions in place, organisers can request by committing one or more actions.

Many actions are simple and easy to set up (for example banning the use of plastic bottles).



## **PARTNER VENUES AND ACCOMMODATIONS ENGAGED IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE APPROACH:**

- [\*Venues engaged in sustainable development\*](#)
- [\*Certified hotels\*](#)
- [\*Hotels with internal sustainable development policy\*](#)

In order to limit wastage and to help you managing it, the association AREMACS offers services to support event organisers.

Selective sorting can also be set up at the event venue if this is not directly organised by the venue:

- Lemon Tri
- Aiden
- Tribu Recyclage

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ECO-DESIGNED			
<b>Choose event venues with an eco-responsible approach</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, specify your choices and your process	If not, explain why this is not feasible	Suggestions / Comments
THE SITE			
<b>Easy to access and close to public or alternative transportation</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, specify your choices and your process	If not, explain why this is not feasible	Suggestions / Comments
<b>Close to a hotel park that allows access on foot or by public transportation</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, specify your choices and your process	If not, explain why this is not feasible	Suggestions / Comments
<b>Accessible for waste collection</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, specify your choices and your process	If not, explain why this is not feasible	Suggestions / Comments
<b>Already equipped, so as to limit the need for additional facilities</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, specify your choices and your process	If not, explain why this is not feasible	Suggestions / Comments
<b>With eco-designed buildings, with energy and water saving systems, using renewable materials and with a selective sorting system</b>			
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**Evaluate** the quantity of waste produced and the rate of waste recovery  
 > If necessary, the collection and treatment service provider can transmit the quantities produced

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## ENERGY

**Verify** that the host site has control over the temperature of the air conditioning or heating

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**Ensure** that lights are not left on in unused spaces (especially in small meeting rooms) -  
 Awareness of the event manager

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## MAINTENANCE OF THE HOST SITE

**Check** that cleaning staff use products with a label (e.g. European ecolabel) and respect the doses

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**Ensure** that waste generated by maintenance personnel is properly separated and collected

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**OTHER EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES**

**Verify** the presence of water fountains (with reusable cups) on the site of the event

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**Offer** to make decorative elements (from a gala evening, for example) available for other events or plan to reuse them for another event or donate them to a local association

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**Putting in place** professional integration clauses in the recruitment of personnel for the reception, installation or de-installation of the event

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# EVENT SERVICE PROVIDERS

## CATERERS

### IF THE EVENT ORGANISER CHOOSES THE CATERER

Include one or more environmental criteria in the search: zero packaging, local and seasonal produce, vegetarian options, organic, environmentally-friendly or fair-trade food, tap water rather than bottled water, composted food waste, reusable crockery, etc.



### REDISTRIBUTION OF MEALS

In the two previous cases, it is vital to ensure that unconsumed meals are redistributed via food donations.



#### USEFUL CONTACTS

- Récup & Gamelles
- HopHopFood
- Linkee
- Too Good To Go
- Phénix
- [Anti-food waste solutions](#)

### IF THE EVENT VENUE HAS A PARTNER CATERER

Ask the venue what their caterer's environmentally-responsible commitments are.



#### USEFUL CONTACTS

Partner caterers engaged in an environmentally-responsible approach:

- [Magner le Moment M](#), ISO 20121-certified environmentally-responsible caterer
- [La fine fourchette](#), ISO 20121-certified environmentally-responsible caterer – sustainable values
- [Le Moulin Traiteur](#), an "Entreprise Solidaire d'Utilité Sociale" (a company with a social utility purpose) and label holder of "Lyon Ville Equitable et Durable" (Lyon, a sustainable and fair city)
- [Le Cousu](#)
- [Heating](#)
- Biscornu
- Café Joyeux
- Prestal



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CATERER			
<b>Ensure that there is a vegetarian alternative on every menu</b>			
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<b>Ensure that seasonal menus are offered</b>			
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<b>Ensure the choice of cloth or recycled paper tablecloths and napkins, reusable tableware and seasonal menus</b>			
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<b>Ensure that food products are offered with little packaging or locally recyclable packaging</b>			
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<b>If meal baskets: <b>Prefer</b> large packages rather than individual portions</b>			
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**Make** participants aware of the recycling of their lunch box (explanatory panels for the implementation of selective waste with a color code and clear illustrations identifying the types of waste)

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**For waste management: Identify** and quantify the types of waste generated by the caterer and verify the implementation of selective waste, compatibility with the recycling garbage cans and collection containers of the host site

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**Plan** the organization of the recovery of the surplus (donations to associations)

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# EVENT FURNITURE & STANDS

**Favour rental and pooling of equipment** or, in the case of manufacturing, support companies offering local and sustainable production.



## USEFUL CONTACTS

- Cagibig
- Muto
- GL Events Mobilier
- La French Cabane
- Galis
- Axial Design: 1<sup>st</sup> French agency and stand certified CSR - ISO 20121
- La Ligne Vertuose
- Kübbii

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STANDS & POSTER BOARDS			
<b>Rent</b> the stands rather than buying them			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, specify your choices and your process	If not, explain why this is not feasible	Suggestions / Comments
<b>If manufacturing stands, give preference to reusable floors, dismantlable/modular/repairable stands and stands manufactured with recycled and/or recyclable materials</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, specify your choices and your process	If not, explain why this is not feasible	Suggestions / Comments
<b>Identify</b> and quantify the types of waste generated by exhibitors and check the implementation of selective waste, compatibility with the recycling garbage cans and collection containers of the host site			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, specify your choices and your process	If not, explain why this is not feasible	Suggestions / Comments



# COMMUNICATION

## PRINTING/SIGNAGE

### REDUCE AND OPTIMISE PRINTINGS

Print on both sides, in black and white or duotone rather than quadtone.

Only offer the number of documents necessary for the tourist documentation order.

Choose local printers (to avoid transport) who signed the Imprim'vert Charter (management of waste, energy consumption, etc.).

Choose recycled and environmentally-certified paper. Favour remanufactured cartridges or those meeting the requirements of the official NF Environnement ecolabel.



### USEFUL SITES

- [www.imprimvert.fr](http://www.imprimvert.fr)
- [www.pefc-france.org](http://www.pefc-france.org): Promote the forests sustainable management
- [www.fr.fsc.org/fr-fr](http://www.fr.fsc.org/fr-fr): Forests sustainable management brand
- [www.labelinfo.be/fr](http://www.labelinfo.be/fr)
- [www.vedura.fr](http://www.vedura.fr): eco-certifications guide

### SIGNAGE

Reuse the back of signs for another event; choose reusable display cases, banners and badges; check what materials and ink are used; make sure how waste is managed after signage dismantling.

### GOODIES

Limit or remove any promotional objects. If promotional objects are distributed, they should be useful, reusable, with no battery (if they do, plan for their recycling), eco-certified, produced via fair trade or manufactured by local organisations using local material.



### USEFUL CONTACTS

- **Atelier Roannais de Maroquinerie** (passport covers/leather card holders).
- **Abiessence** (organic lavender essential oil).
- **La Papoterie** (bookmarks).
- **Le papier fait de la résistance** (notebooks, recycled paper).
- **Jordenen** (organic recycled cotton tote bag).
- **Indispensac** (French manufacturer of bag and textile packaging from the circular economy, recycled and recyclable).



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## COMMUNICATION

**Dematerialize** communication as much as possible (website, social networks...), favouring e-mails over mailings

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**Favour** the reuse of communication supports (tarpaulins, etc.) by calling upon a specialized structure

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**Estimate** as accurately as possible the number of copies to be printed (attendance of previous editions, distribution list, etc.) and carry out a detailed follow-up of the quantities printed and distributed

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If you need to publish: **propose** a single document with all the information: access map, program, etc.

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**Give** preference to two-color printing for all high-volume offset printing

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**Allow documents to breathe:** avoid flat colors, eliminate unnecessary fonts, special effects (metallic) and lamination (chemical products that are dangerous for the environment), use a limited serif font

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**Print with a suitable weight and on both sides, in a standard format**

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**Add the mention "Triez-moi" and take the opportunity to explain the environmental approach of the event**

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**Choose a local printer with the Imprim 'Vert label who uses recycled paper, eco-labelled and/or FSC/PEFC**

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**If promotional items are needed: limit the distribution of goodies (often synonymous with gadgets and waste)**

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**Make sure they are useful, reusable and without batteries, eco-labeled, fair trade or made by craftsmen, local companies (associations, insertion, etc.), from local materials**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, specify your choices and your process	If not, explain why this is not feasible	Suggestions / Comments

**WASTE FROM COMMUNICATION MATERIALS AND GOODIES**

**Check that the sorting of paper documents for disposal is in place**

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**Clearly mark or have marked the sorting garbage cans**

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**Provide for the recovery of unused promotional items and their redistribution**

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## PROMOTING YOUR GOOD PRACTICES AND CARBON ASSESSMENT

It is important to let your stakeholders know about your environmentally responsible actions implemented at your event and your carbon assessment.

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VALUABILITY			
To promote the actions to the media, based on the actions implemented on the event site (waste production, energy consumption, transportation, etc.) and to communicate the key figures			
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Write and distribute online and to the press a sustainable development report to quantify the environmental impacts and gains			
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Share your carbon assessment with all of your stakeholders to engage them in the approach.			
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# INCLUSION, INTEGRATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

An event should be inclusive and accessible for all; it is an opportunity to bring people together people from various backgrounds and to exchange ideas.



## ACCESSIBILITY

Disability is governed in France by a law dating from February 2005 and impacts 5 million people. Ensuring the accessibility is really important (getting to/from/around/at your event). You should also communicate on it on your website and documentation.

**Here are the initiatives that we feel important to highlight:**

- Paips
- Inclusiv'events
- Cau-Mobility
- Mobe Travel

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ACCESSIBILITY			
<b>Accessible entrance(s), reinforce if necessary the signage leading to these accesses</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, specify your choices and your process	If not, explain why this is not feasible	Suggestions / Comments
<b>The presence of a sufficient number of reserved spaces in meeting rooms (particularly amphitheatres), restaurants and exhibition areas</b>			
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<b>The conformity of accessible toilets</b>			
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**For other disabilities (mental, visual and auditory): find out about the dedicated services**

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## INCLUSION

Inclusion is also an essential part of organising an event. You must pay attention to the diversity of your participants (in terms of gender, age, cultural, ethnic and social background).

To achieve that, please find here some ideas of actions to implement/establish:

- **Reduced prices** for students and people in low incomes
- **Gender equity** among speakers
- **Gender equity** within the planning committee

### INCLUSION

**Offer different prices category**

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**Equity promotion**

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**Promote the respect of individuals and their traditions**

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# INCLUSION, INTEGRATION AND ACCESSIBILITY

## INTEGRATE YOUR EVENT WITHIN THE LOCAL AREA

It is also important to integrate the event within the local area:

- **Call** on the services of local companies
- **Highlight local** food and culture during an event, for example
- **Respect** local traditions
- **Invite** local speakers
- **Present** the work of local scientists, researchers, students or companies related to your event's topic.

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LOCAL INTEGRATION			
<b>Favour local companies</b>			
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<b>Highlight local culture</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, specify your choices and your process	If not, explain why this is not feasible	Suggestions / Comments
<b>Respect local traditions</b>			
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<b>Favour local speakers</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, specify your choices and your process	If not, explain why this is not feasible	Suggestions / Comments

**Present** the work of local scientists, researchers, students or companies related to your event's topic.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, specify your choices and your process	If not, explain why this is not feasible	Suggestions / Comments



**NOTES**





# LEAVE A POSITIVE LEGACY

An event is by nature ephemeral. However, it is possible to leave a positive, sustainable legacy for the local area and participants.



## LEGACY: CONTEXT

The holding of association conventions is already a "legacy" for the local area; because they involve exchanges of information, knowledge and advances between specialists from various backgrounds, with the aim of presenting and furthering their work in a given field.

In recent years, international associations, companies and trade shows have had to rethink their models and approaches to organising events. The MICE industry was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, which accentuated the need to make events more sustainable, despite their ephemeral nature.

At the same time, destinations have had to overcome major challenges. These include pressure on tourism ecosystems, protection of cultural assets, maintaining a positive feeling about tourism, and adopting a responsible approach to reduce event footprints, while demonstrating the added value of industry gatherings for both organisers and residents.

The impact of conventions is often focussed on the immediate and short-term effects; legacy is also an impact, but one that plays out in the longer term. It refers to the positive impacts that an event can have on the host city in the long run, including the local community, participants and other stakeholders. They can be social, economic, environmental, or a combination

of the three. The legacy of an event involves creating a significant and lasting contribution that benefits all those involved: the organiser, local authorities, residents, service providers, etc.

## DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LEGACY AND IMPACT

The impact of a convention and the legacy left in the local area are two distinct, but often interconnected concepts, depending on the type and size of the event. They can be closely linked and mutually reinforcing, shaping the economic, social and cultural landscape of a given community.

### HERE ARE SOME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO:

#### — Impact of a convention

- The impact of a convention refers to the direct and indirect effects that an event of this type can have on various aspects, such as the local economy, service industry, tourism, etc. It may include immediate economic spin-offs, such as participants' spending on accommodation, catering, transport, etc.
- This can lead to actions with local associations during the event (see list of associations).

- The impact may also include aspects such as media visibility, networking opportunities, exchanges of information and expertise between participants, etc.

### — Legacy in the local area

- The legacy of a convention refers to long-term effects and lasting changes that occur in the host city/region in connection with the holding of the event.

- The legacy may include intangible benefits, such as the creation of lasting professional networks and development of local skills.

- It can include permanent infrastructure built specifically for the event, such as convention centres, sports facilities, urban developments, and so on, which are today deployed by major sports events.

**For associations, legacy projects help to align the organisation's vision and mission with significant actions and results, through activities planned before, during and after the event or convention.**

They can help to increase the number of members, demonstrate engagement in the community, and develop new partnerships.

**Leaving a legacy in an area following the organisation of a science convention can be an excellent way to contribute to sustainable development and progress in the local community.**

The legacy meets a need or deficiency in the local area identified beforehand by the association, with the help of local partners.

## WHICH ACTIONS TO TAKE?

### 1. Collaborative research project

Organise a collaborative research programme involving local and international researchers on topics that are relevant to the local area. This could leave a lasting legacy by developing local skills and knowledge..

### 2. Training and education

Organise workshops, training sessions or classes for local students or professionals, covering topics that are related to the convention. This can help to strengthen local capacities in specific areas and leave a long-term impact.

### 3. Science infrastructure

Contribute to the improvement of local science infrastructure by donating equipment, software or science books. This can help to strengthen research capacities in the local area.

### 4. Awareness-raising initiatives

Organise public awareness-raising and education initiatives on relevant science topics. This can help to improve understanding and appreciation of science in the local community.

### 5. Community projects

Collaborate with local organisations to implement community projects that meet specific needs identified during the convention. This can include environmental initiatives, public health programmes, or other projects that benefit the community.

### 6. Long-term partnerships

Build long-term partnerships with local institutions to continue scientific collaboration and project development after the convention. This is a way to maintain long-term engagement in the local area.

**The aim is to engage with the local community in a significant way and leave a legacy that benefits both local residents and the international science community.**

# LEAVE A POSITIVE LEGACY

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**For organisers that want to leave a significant legacy in areas where events are held, here are the main steps in planning for event legacy.**

## **1. Engagement with the local community/ understanding local needs**

Actively involve the local community right from the earliest stages of planning the convention. Hold meetings with the local organisation committee, local representatives, companies, educational institutions, and community organisations, to understand their needs and priorities.

The association's and destination's mutual interests are examined. This includes exploration of the association's mission and vision, and their alignment with national strategies, as well as the destination's policies and priorities. On the basis of this exchange, common topics are identified.

The association's and destination's decision-makers formulate one or several concrete goals for the legacy project. It is important to take into account the extent of resources (FTEs, funds, knowledge, etc.) and examine whether the project can be linked with other local actions underway that are related to the goals. On the basis of these goals, relevant stakeholders are identified and mobilised.

## **2. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects**

Integrate CSR initiatives in planning for the convention. Identify concrete actions that meet local needs, such as educational programmes, environmental projects, and economic development initiatives.

## **3. Local resource use**

Prioritise the use of local suppliers for services and supplies required for the event. This will contribute to supporting the local economy and strengthening ties with the community.

See the section '*Event service providers*' in the guide.

## **4. Environmental legacy**

Adopt sustainable practices when planning and managing the convention, such as waste reduction, recycling and carbon offsetting. You can also organise environmental awareness-raising activities that encourage participants to adopt environmentally friendly actions.

See the sections '*Transport*' and '*Venues*' in the guide.

## **5. Training and education programmes**

Organise workshops, conferences or seminars that are open to the local community, on relevant topics covered during the convention. This can contribute to strengthening local capacities and spreading knowledge beyond convention participants.

## **6. Investment in infrastructure**

If possible, leave a tangible legacy by investing in local infrastructure. This could include the renovation of public spaces, installation of facilities for community initiatives, and support for sustainable infrastructure projects.

## **7. Long-term partnerships**

Build long-term partnerships with local organisations to support and continue initiatives launched during the convention. This will make it possible to maintain a lasting engagement with the local community and ensure the continuity of projects.

## **8. Legacy/impact assessment**

- Regularly assess the impact of your legacy initiatives and adjust them if necessary.

Use performance indicators to measure progress and identify improvement opportunities.

- During or immediately following an activity, the direct results are assessed.

- After 6 to 12 months, there is an assessment of whether direct results led to a change in behaviour or improvement in performance (for example, contacts made leading to concrete investments).



- **Impact:** After one year, there is an assessment of whether the behaviour change or performance improvement had a societal value (for example, investments leading to job creation)..
- **Potential legacy:** After more than one year, a global assessment will determine if the potential impact has achieved the strategic aim of the legacy project initiated and therefore created a legacy.

## SOCIAL LEGACY

Support local non-profit organisations:

Make a donation or give participants an option to round up their entrance fee for a good cause.

- **Foyer Notre Dame des sans-abris**
- [Les Petites Cantines](#)
- [Récup & Gamelles](#)
- **Belle Bouffe**
- **Fondation Marcel Mérieux**
- **Fondation Hospices Civils de Lyon**
- **Centre Léon Bérard**
- **Vivre aux éclats**

Involve volunteers from non-profit organisations:

- **L'UNICEF** provides services for trade and industry events, particularly those in the medical field. Among other things, its dedicated volunteer teams can help welcome visitors and prepare documentation packs. Vestiaires UNICEF (literally 'UNICEF cloakrooms') has already completed several assignments at the Lyon Convention Centre since 2019.
- **IESS Crew** offers volunteering missions for people willing to recreate social links. Their "apprentice reporters" could make podcasts and reports about your event.
- **L'Amicale des bénévoles** works to promote and develop volunteering at sporting and cultural events. Its platform, known as 'BASILE', designed for event organisers, can be used to deploy volunteers according to identified needs, supervise them at the event venue and build their loyalty.

# LEAVE A POSITIVE LEGACY

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## ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

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Support local non-profit organisations:

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- **Nettoyons Lyon**
- **Zero Déchet Lyon**
- **The Greener Good**
- [\*Conscience et Impact Ecologique\*](#)

Raise environmental awareness among participants at your event:

- **Promote** recycling.
- **Encourage** your participants to drink tap water at the venue and around the destination.
- **Organise** a “Climate Fresk” workshop.
- **Organise** a Clean Walk during your event:
  - Croix Rouge.
  - Randossage.
- **Plant** trees in the local area (Region):
  - Reforestation.

## ECONOMIC IMPACT

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Support local non-profit organisations:

Make a donation or give participants an option to round up their entrance fee for a good cause.

- **Anciela.**
- **Allies.**

Use the services of local companies, which will help create local jobs.

## MORE INFORMATION

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**The Convention Bureau and its local partners (Greater Lyon, ONLYLYON, etc.) are on hand to put you in touch with local stakeholders and assist you with the deployment of legacy actions.**

**Contact: [lyoncvb@lyon-france.com](mailto:lyoncvb@lyon-france.com)**

## EXAMPLE: WORLDSKILLS 2024

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**The world’s biggest competition for vocational skills, the global championship WorldSkills is held every two years under the aegis of the association WorldSkills International.**

It offers a chance for some 1500 young professionals, aged under 23, from more than 65 countries, to challenge their skills in a diverse range of more than sixty trades (construction and public works, food, industry, services, gardening, automobile technology, communication and digital technology).

**The main aim of the WorldSkills championship is to promote and highlight trades, vocational training and the young people engaged in them.**

It is also a showcase for the future and development of trades.

In August 2019, France’s application to organise the **47<sup>th</sup> WorldSkills global championship** was selected, and the **Lyon metropolitan area was chosen as the host city** for the event, which will be held from 10 to 15 September 2024 at the Eurexpo show venue. Initially planned for 2023, the championship was postponed by one year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### — **Goals:**

- Change ways of thinking
- Introduce trades
- Create a responsible event (thought out from A to Z with an upcycling strategy)

### — **Various areas of mobilisation were identified:**

- Significant support from the local authority to contribute to the event’s success (visibility deployment, media plan, communication tools, etc.)
- Active mobilisation among lower secondary schools to attract pupils from the priority education network (REP – Réseau d’Education Prioritaire) and integrate them in the OSOC programme (twinning with schools)

- Support to include people on job integration schemes in the volunteer programme
- Offer a work featuring the colours of the WorldSkills championship, which will be installed on the grounds of the IDEF (departmental institute for children and families) in Bron

#### — Event-related actions

- The '*Village des métiers*' (trades village), organised by the City of Lyon, with the support of the Greater Lyon authority, WorldSkills France and WorldSkills Lyon 2024 – from 10 to 14 September
- Mobilisation of lower secondary school pupils as part of the '*Journées Portes Ouvertes des entreprises*' (companies' open day) – 13 and 14 September 2024

#### **Actions designed for youth and people on job integration schemes will make it possible to create a legacy for the championship by:**

- giving practical and inspiring presentations to young people in the Greater Lyon area – particularly lower secondary school pupils and groups struggling to find employment – of trades in technical and vocational fields, to encourage them to pursue a vocation;
- changing the image of certain technical, technological and artisanal trades among young visitors and their parents;
- promoting the guidance of young people towards sectors that are experiencing recruitment difficulties in the local area (particularly in-demand trades in industry, personal services and assistance, and the hotel business/catering).



## NOTES

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# LEAVE A POSITIVE LEGACY

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> Please tick the boxes to start

<b>RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT</b>			
<b>Warn participants that they are attending an eco-responsible event, raise their awareness through all communication methods</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, specify your choices and your process	If not, explain why this is not feasible	Suggestions / Comments
<b>On site, highlight or have highlighted the signage that indicates the desired eco-responsible gestures (sorting) or implemented (in the toilets, catering areas, smoking areas ...)</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, specify your choices and your process	If not, explain why this is not feasible	Suggestions / Comments
<b>Encourage participants to use tap water or water fountains (indicate water points)</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, specify your choices and your process	If not, explain why this is not feasible	Suggestions / Comments
<b>Solicit or mobilize a specialized organizing team to supervise, inform and sensitize the participants (in the form of animation for example during break times)</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, specify your choices and your process	If not, explain why this is not feasible	Suggestions / Comments
<b>POSITIVE LOCAL IMPACT</b>			
<b>Support local associations (donation, rounding up of registration fees)</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, specify your choices and your process	If not, explain why this is not feasible	Suggestions / Comments

**Call upon volunteer associations for the logistics of the event (funds donated to the association)**

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**Raise public awareness about the theme of your conference (press release, open house, activities, contests, etc.)**

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**Promote the transmission of knowledge to students in the same field of activity (meetings between students and professionals, partnership with a school...)**

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**Organize events within the event (workshop «fresco of the climate», «clean walk», planting of trees on the territory...)**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, specify your choices and your process	If not, explain why this is not feasible	Suggestions / Comments

**Call upon local companies that create jobs in the area for your event**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	If yes, specify your choices and your process	If not, explain why this is not feasible	Suggestions / Comments



# CONCLUSION

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## GOOD TO KNOW

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### CARBON ASSESSMENT: WHAT IS THE CARBON OFFSETTING?

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Once you have completed your carbon assessment and reduced your impacts as far as possible, you can balance out the remainder using carbon compensation.

 [Explanatory video](#)



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### SITES UTILES

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- [Sustainable Travel International](#)
- [Global climate initiatives](#)
- [Carbonapp](#)
- [Fondation GoodPlanet](#)

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### REMINDER OF THE MAIN CERTIFICATIONS FOR EVENTS

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- **ECOFEST**: Certification initially created for student events, extended now to other types of events.
- **PRESTAD**: Certification for event and show organisers.
- **GREEN GLOBE CERTIFIED**: International standard for responsible events.
- **EVENEMENT ECO-ENGAGE**: Certification offering self-diagnosis.
- **ISO 20121**: The ultimate standard for green events

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### REMINDER OF IMPACTS FOR AN EVENT WITH 500 PARTICIPANTS

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- **1000 KW**: equivalent to the annual consumption of an oven.
- **2,5 tons of waste**: half of the annual consumption of a person in the EU.
- **500 kg of paper** the equivalent of 12 trees.

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