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Environmental requirements for service: Conference in DK, SE, FI and NO

For each product group, a number of absolute requirements and a number of recommended requirements have been set up.

The absolute requirements must be met when purchasing services, and the supplier must sign a declaration (as part of the contract, if required) to the effect that such requirements have been met. If the conference is labeled with an official Ecolabel (the EU Flower or the Nordic Swan) or other national or regional ISO Type I eco-labels, the service fulfills the absolute requirements.

If the conference is labeled with the Green Key, the service fulfils the absolute requirements – except those requirements regarding food offerings.

The recommended requirements are recommendations that are weighted positively in the choice between competing services.

Category: Energy

Absolute requirements:

• Energy consumption must be measured, energy sources have to be indicated and there must be implemented measures to decrease the overall consumption

Recommended requirements:

- At least 50 % of the electricity used for all purposes shall come from renewable energy sources¹; either directly sourced by the energy supplier or through the redemption of renewable electricity certificates.
- To have a heat recovery system for one or two of the following categories: refrigeration systems, ventilators, washing machines, dishwashers, swimming pool(s), sanitary waste water
- Automatic system that turns off the air conditioning and heating of rooms when windows are open.

Category: Water

Absolute requirements:

• Water consumption must be measured and there must be implemented measures to decrease the overall consumption

Recommended requirements:

- The following water limit values apply to the different businesses:
 Conference facilities: 25 litres/conference guest
- Rainwater collected and used for non-sanitary and non-drinking purposes.

Category: Waste

¹ Defined in Directive 2001/77/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council renewable energy sources means wind, solar, geothermal wave, tidal, hydro power, biomass, landfill gas, sewage treatment plant gas and biogases

Absolute requirements:

• Waste consumption must be measured and there must be implemented measures to decrease the overall consumption.

Recommended requirements:

- The following **waste*** limit values apply to the different businesses:
 - Conference facilities: 0.20 kg/conference guest

*the limit value applies to all unsorted waste arising from daily operations and goes to incineration or landfill.

Category: Chemicals

Absolute requirements:

 50 % by weight of hand dishwashing detergents and/or detergents for dishwashers and/or laundry detergent and/or all purpose cleaners and/or sanitary detergents and/or soaps and shampoos used by the guest accommodation shall have been awarded the EU Ecolabel, the Nordic Ecolabel or other national or international recognized eco-labels.

Category: Food offerings

Absolute requirements:

- The species that are critically endangered or endangered on the IUCN's red list may not be served e.g. shark, skate, wild-caught sturgeon (Acipenseriformes), atlantic bluefin and southern bluefin tuna (Thunnus thynnus and Thunnus maccoyii) and eel (Anguilla anguilla)
- Minimum 2% proportion of organic (as laid down in Regulation (EC) No 834/2007) foodstuffs and beverages (not fish and shellfish) must be served on a daily basis. To count, the organic foodstuffs and beverages must constitute a significant part of the dish, e.g. potatoes, meat, fish, egg, dairy products or vegetables.

Category: General

Recommended requirements:

- The conference is labeled with an official Ecolabel (as the EU Flower or the Nordic Swan) or other national or regional ISO Type I eco-labels.
- The conference have implemented management systems as EMAS or ISO 14001 environmental management systems.
- The conference is labeled with private/industry labels (as the Green Key or Green Globe).