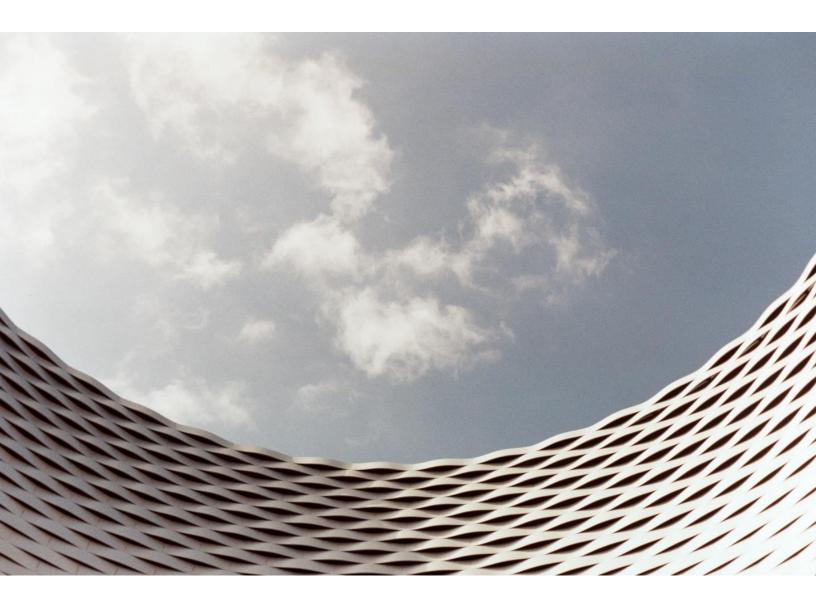


For sustainable and inclusive events



Conferences, congresses, trade fairs and exhibitions at our Basel and Zurich locations

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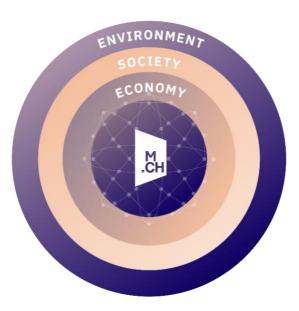
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Introduction

At the MCH Group, we are committed to considering sustainability as an integral part of our event practice. Our definition of sustainability is based on the interplay between the environment, society and the economy, which profoundly shapes the impact of our business activities. With this in mind, we consciously use natural, social and cultural resources to not only contribute to economic development through events and congresses, but also to improve the quality of life of all those involved. Our aim is to maximize positive effects and minimize negative influences. We achieve this by consistently integrating sustainability criteria into our decision-making processes and event management practices.

Our understanding of sustainability



Sustainable Event Guide

In line with our sustainability approach and our focus topics, the MCH Group has developed the Sustainable Event Guide. This guide serves as a practical guideline and tool for the planning and implementation of events. It offers specific instructions and suggested measures to help event organizers design and stage events sustainably.

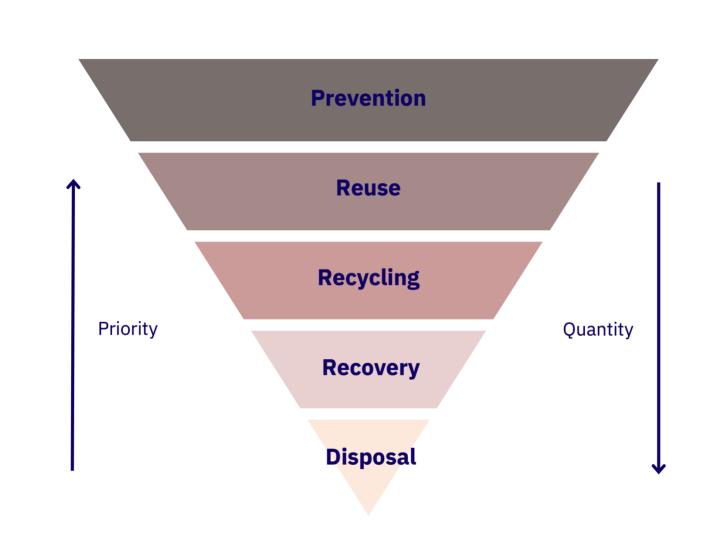
The fields of action are divided according to our focus topics:

- Resource management
- Energy management
- Mobility
- Transport & Logistics
- Procurement
- Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
- Learning & Development
- Sustainable Business Models

1 Resource management

The careful and targeted use of resources not only saves costs and reduces waste, but also significantly reduces the CO₂ footprint of an event. In order to ensure the careful use of our resources, it is essential to consistently follow the principles of the waste pyramid.

The waste pyramid



1.1 Printing materials

The digitization of print materials today not only leads to significant waste reductions, but also offers financial benefits. In situations where printed materials cannot be dispensed with, sustainable options should be preferred.

Measures	implemented	Partially implemented	Not implemented	Not relevant	Notes
Digitization of print materials Physical print products were reduced using digital alternatives such as online information, registration systems and event apps. Flyers were replaced by QR codes.					
Reusability of advertising materials Banners, roll-ups and flags were designed without specific event references to enable reuse (e.g. no year).					
Resource-saving printing Printing resources have been reduced using recycled or grass paper, thin paper, short runs, small formats and double-sided printing.					
Sustainable choice of print shop Sustainability aspects were considered when selecting the printing company, including environmentally friendly inks and printing processes as well as climate neutrality and social commitment.					
Optimization of readability Sans serif fonts were used in a sufficient size and with at least 1.2 times the line spacing. High- contrast colors were also used, with the choice of colors aimed at reducing barriers for people with red-green visual impairments. → Further measures in the chapter: 6.1 Accessibility					Deckte the sure in t
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- List of sustainable print shops in Switzerland (dpsuisse)

1.2 Temporary buildings and exhibition stands

At events, most waste is often generated by temporary structures and exhibition stands. Although organizers can often only intervene to a limited extent, open communication with exhibitors can already achieve a great deal. In addition, awards for particularly sustainable stands or financial incentive systems could provide further positive impetus.

Measures Site selection	implemented	Partially implemented	Not implemented	Not relevant	Notes
The selection of the event location was examined to prevent or reduce temporary structures.					
Continued use A concept for further use has been drawn up. → e.g. store for further events, rent essential components					
Modular Construction Modular construction was used.					
Building materials Durable, recyclable, ecologically and health-friendly building materials and fittings were used. → Database for sustainable materials					

1.3 Merchandise, gifts & give-aways

The most sustainable promotional gift is the one that is not produced in the first place. However, if it cannot be dispensed with, it should be a consumer good or a useful used good that has as little impact on the environment as possible and/or is socially acceptable.

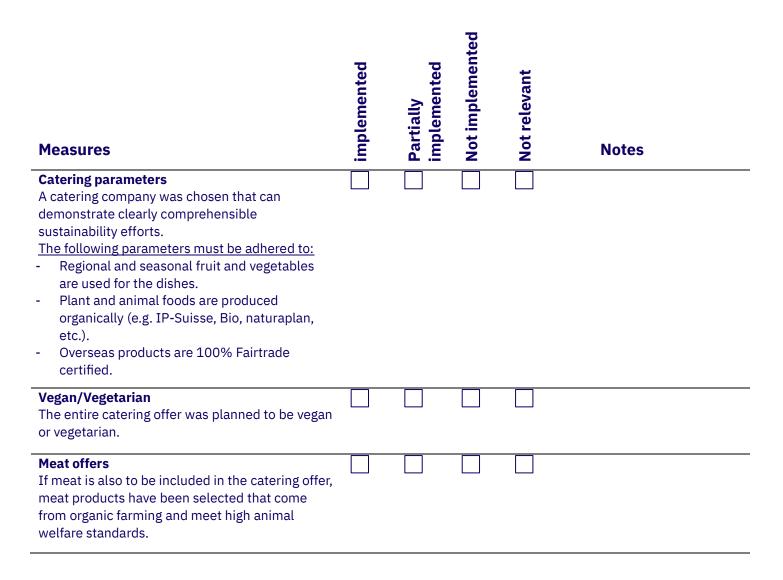
	implemented	Partially implemented	Not implemented	Not relevant	
Measures	<u>.</u>	im _l	in No	No	Notes
Name badges and lanyards Name badges and lanyards will be taken back and reused at the end of the event (except for simple name stickers).					
Sustainable / social give-aways Merchandise, gifts and give-aways are deliberately used sparingly (at our own discretion) and come from environmentally friendly and fair production (e.g. upcycling, natural materials from certified sources) and/or from companies with a social commitment.					
Reusable give-aways Merchandise and giveaways do not have a specific event reference so that they can be reused at subsequent events (e.g. no year).					
Cooperation with partners Exhibitors and external co-organizers were also asked to implement the above practices.					
No give-aways Merchandise and give-aways were not included in the planning.					
General waiver It has been ensured that exhibitors and external co-organizers also refrain from using merchandise, give-aways and physical advertising materials.					



- Sustainable stores, e.g. Changemaker
- greensign: Sustainable corporate gifts

1.4 Catering

The food and drink on offer is a key aspect of most events. In order to make this more sustainable, it is advisable to choose regional and seasonal products as well as vegetarian and vegan dishes. If products from overseas cannot be avoided, it is advisable to use Fairtrade products. In addition, special attention should be paid to avoiding food waste during the planning stage. Experienced catering companies can often offer valuable recommendations based on their expertise.



Fish offer If fish is to be included in the catering offer: When selecting and compiling fish and fish products, care was taken not to include any products from endangered stocks in the range. Instead, criteria for certified fish should be used for procurement (e.g. the independent MSC seal or the Naturland seal)				
Food labeling Relevant product information (vegetarian/vegan, allergens) is provided directly with the food (ask the caterer explicitly).				
Quantity estimates Food waste is avoided by estimating the quantity of snacks required so that as little leftover food as possible is produced (the caterer's experience can help). This also includes raising the awareness of the serving staff (e.g. serving smaller quantities, targeted replenishment of food).				
Food waste Leftover food is redistributed to employees, participants and/or charitable organizations (provide take-away boxes).				
Water Instead of plastic bottles, carafes with tap water and/or water dispensers for filling your own bottles are provided.				
Reusable tableware No disposable tableware (cups, plates, cutlery) is used; coffee capsules are recycled.				

- <u>WWF buying guide for fish and seafood</u>
- WWF Food Label Guide
- <u>"all you can eat for climate" poster</u>
- <u>Swiss table</u>
- Food rescue Food aid (tischlein.ch)
- Ocean Spirit Premium wine that protects the sea

1.5 Waste management

Effective waste management protects resources and promotes the circular economy by aiming to reduce and correctly separate waste. The reduction of waste volumes and specific measures for printing materials, temporary structures and catering are explained in the relevant chapters.

Measures	implemented	Partially mplemented	Not implemented	Not relevant	Notes
Packaging material Packaging waste is minimized, e.g. by using reusable packaging and ordering in large containers if the contents are used up.					Notes
Take-back and reuse Take-back systems and reuse are integrated, e.g. for name badges, lanyards, graphic printing foils.					
Use of recycled material Recyclable products and packaging made from recycled materials are used, e.g. recycled cardboard for cardboard packaging.					
Separate waste collection Installation of waste islands or stations for separate waste collection, especially for paper, organic waste, glass and lightweight packaging, as well as clear labeling (especially at international events).					
Information Suppliers and the operating company were informed about separation systems. <u>Important</u> : Cleaning company was also involved.					
Taking back packaging Suppliers are obliged to take back packaging.					



- <u>Sustainable waste management in the event industry (sustainableevent-solutions.de)</u>
- <u>Flyer Check-Up Event Disposal.pdf (swissrecycle.ch)</u>

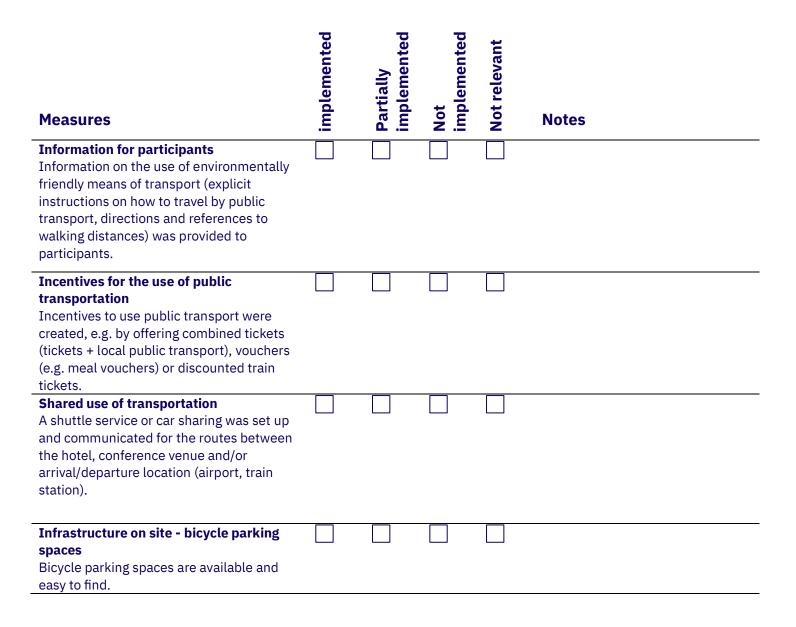
2 Energy management

Events are often associated with high energy consumption. This is not only bad for the climate, but also generates considerable costs. In order to reduce these costs, the greatest possible energy efficiency and energy savings are sought. Heating, cooling and event technology at the venue are areas that have a major impact on this issue.

Measures	implemented	Partially implemented	Not implemented	Not relevant	Notes
Heating It was instructed that all event rooms should not be heated above 20 degrees.					
Temperature reduction at night In consultation with the Building & Operations Team (heating), it was decided that the temperature would be lowered at night.					
Cooling It was instructed that cooling should not be more than 6 degrees below the outside temperature.					
Lighting The following aspects were taken into account: Use of daylight, optimized lighting control, optimized sun protection, energy- efficient lighting.					
Renewable electricity Only electricity from renewable sources is purchased (e.g. green electricity provider).					
Energy-efficient appliances Only electronic appliances, especially freezers and refrigerators, that meet the highest energy efficiency class are used.					

3 Mobility

Typically, the greatest environmental impact is caused by participants' travel to and from the event and by local journeys during the event. The main aim here is to avoid greenhouse gas emissions. This can be achieved by using environmentally friendly mobility solutions for travel to and from the event and for local travel. In addition, with regard to business trips by the organizers, it should be checked in the early planning phase whether a face-to-face meeting on site is absolutely necessary for the event organization or whether alternative formats such as video or telephone conferences could be sufficient.



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Infrastructure on site - public transport stops Sufficient signage has been installed to indicate where the nearest public transport				
stops are located. Traffic guidance system A guidance system has been implemented that guides cars/buses directly to the parking lots and avoids traffic disruptions.				
Shuttle service from reception parking lots The need for reception parking spaces was identified and, if necessary, shuttle services were organized.				
Parking space splitting The parking spaces were divided up for different user groups: People with disabilities, electric vehicles, car sharing				
 CO₂ -compensation for the journey The travel of participants and event staff is offset by investments in climate projects (e.g. with <u>myclimate</u>). The following options are available Financed by the organizer Financed by the participants through monetary donations 				
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- Order SBB group tickets (up to 30% discount for groups of 10 or more)

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- <u>routerank.com</u> - enables the prioritization of arrival and departure options according to travel duration, price or CO2 emissions.

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4 Procurement

Procurement can have a major impact on our company's sustainability performance. By selecting the right suppliers who can provide data on CO₂ emissions, for example, and strive to reduce them, we are able to close our data gaps and reduce emissions (Scope 3). Sustainability criteria for supplier evaluation have been defined for this and other aspects. However, before suppliers are analyzed at all, a detailed needs assessment or examination of alternatives should be carried out. In this way, it can be determined whether the desired object actually brings added value to the event and can be served with reusable products, for example, which protect the environment and at the same time save costs for future events.

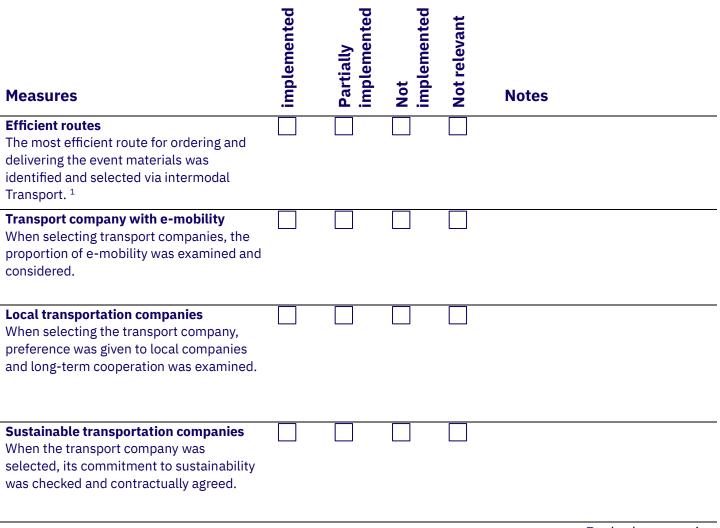
Measures Needs assessment It was checked whether there was actually a need for a product and whether it actually represented added value for the event.	implemented	Partially implemented	Not implemented	□ Not relevant	Notes
Examination of alternatives It was examined whether the demand could be covered by e.g. reusable products or pure rental.					
Checking the local reference It was checked whether the demand could be covered by local products.					
Inclusion of environmental and social criteria A Supplier Code of Conduct was introduced into the procurement process.					



- <u>Toolbox for Sustainable Procurement Switzerland</u>
- <u>EU Ecolabel</u>
- MCH Supplier Code of Conduct

5 Transport & Logistics

Transportation and logistics are relevant in the upstream and downstream processes of every event and are closely linked to cooperation with product suppliers and transport companies. Consequently, the topic also has an impact on the company's Scope 3 emissions. By choosing more sustainable means of transportation and efficient routes, not only is the environment protected, but potential savings can also be made and, at best, costs can be reduced. Establishing long-term cooperation helps to implement more sustainable solutions together.



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¹ Intermodal transportation combines solutions for road, rail, short sea, deep sea and inland waterway transport to find the best routing option. The aim is to offer the optimal combination of freight rate and transit time.

6 Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

The topic of diversity, equity and inclusion within and, where possible, outside the organization should be promoted by establishing and living values and consistently applying anti-discrimination practices. For events, this specifically means treating people of different ethnicities or genders equally and enabling all visitors to actively participate in events. To this end, the needs of people with disabilities must be recognized and measures taken to make the event accessible.

6.1 Accessibility

Measures Accessibility of documents	implemented	Partially implemented	Not implemented	Not relevant	Notes
When sending out information and invitations, attention was paid to the accessibility of the documents.					
 Accessibility for people with visual impairments Avoiding obstacles on paths High contrast marking of unavoidable obstacles Marking of step edges Good lighting Easy guidance and orientation systems Clearly visible and tactile symbols and lettering Tactile information and orientation aids Access for guide dogs for the blind 					
 Accessibility for people with hearing impairments Flashing systems for hazardous situations and their recognizability Provision of suitable hearing systems, hearing aids, subtitles for films, etc. Sign language interpreters if necessary 					

Accessibility of the site - Toilets Wheelchair-accessible toilets were provided. → Width: 155 - 220 cm (with one-sided or double-sided access to the toilet bowl), depth: 215 cm, movement area diameter: 150 cm; grab rails, folding support handle, wheelchair-accessible washbasin; seat height: 46 cm; lower edge of the mirror: maximum 85 am		
maximum 85 cm Accessibility of the site - wheelchair accessibility Care was taken during planning to ensure that all areas of the event are <u>wheelchair</u> accessible: - Wheelchair-accessible elevators if		
 necessary Ramps Wide aisles (120 cm) Easy-open doors Under-table options Buffet modules are accessible Suitable escape routes Suitable seating and parking spaces Control elements are no higher than 85 cm 		
Accessibility of the site - Accessibility Care was taken during planning to ensure that all areas of the event are accessible to people with walking disabilities: - Seating on paths at regular intervals (100 m) - Slip-resistant floor covering - Smooth-running doors - Seats with armrests - Handrails		
Ginto by OK:GO In the communication, reference was made to the accessibility guide of the <u>ginto</u> <u>app</u> . The Messe und Congress Center Basel and Messe Zürich are listed in it.		



- Designing accessible conferences, seminars and other events | DGUV Information | Regulations |
 DGUV Publications
- <u>Checklist for accessible events (bundesfachstelle-barrierefreiheit.de)</u>
- <u>Ginto. The accessibility platform to join in.</u>

6.1 Diversity

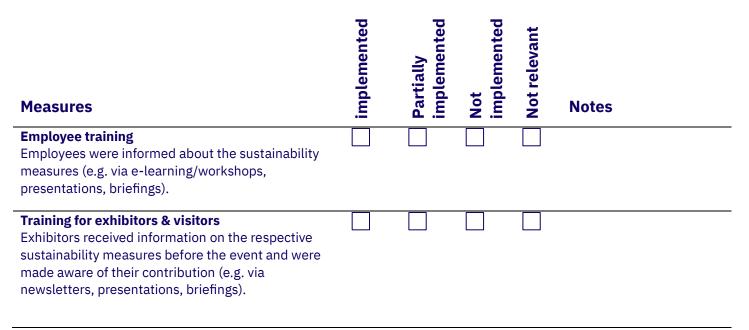
Measures	implemented	Partially implemented	Not implemented	Not relevant	Notes
<u>Gender-equitable language</u> Gender-equitable written and verbal <u>formulations</u> were taken into account.					
Gender balance Attention was paid to gender balance among the speakers and other people with an active role (e.g. for moderation).					



- <u>Guidelines for gender-equitable language</u> (Federal Chancellery BK)
- <u>Gender mainstreaming checklist</u>

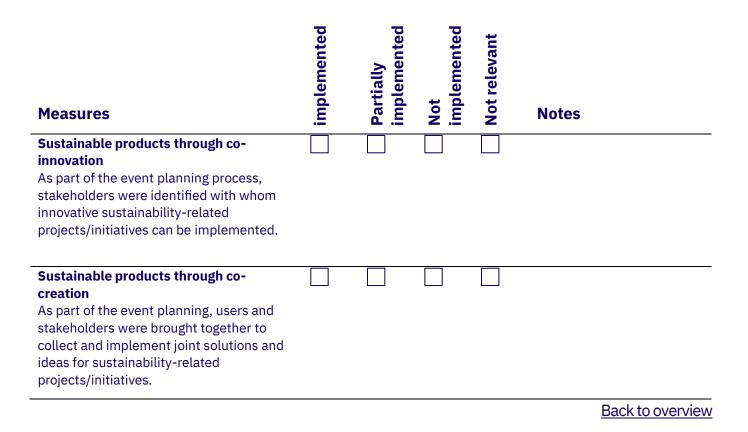
7 Learning & Development

Education and training is about raising awareness and special training programs. These are essential in order to communicate sustainable practices to employees and exhibitors and thus ensure sustainable practices during the event. Important topics in this area are waste separation and inclusion, also to support the guests on site and to effectively implement planned initiatives (e.g. recycling program).



8 Sustainable Business Models

Sustainable business models are about developing and implementing sustainable projects and initiatives that meet the new, sustainable requirements of our markets and stakeholders. How can this be achieved? By "thinking outside the box", with creative and innovative ideas for special events or initiatives. The basis for this is co-creation and co-innovation; for example, new approaches can be developed in partnerships.







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