

Sustainability Checklist

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- General Sustainability
 - Use the smallest possible amount of resources (soil, water, air, energy etc).
 - Include green procurement standards for all required goods, materials and services.
 - Consider potential negative environmental and social impacts.
 - Support the provision of environmental services of a certain area.
 - Decrease in gas emissions.
 - Exclude risks of water, air or soil contamination.
 - Exclude the negative impact of a protected site or a nature park.
- Water Infrastructure
 - Exclude the negative impact of any water bodies.
 - Comply with the non-deterioration clause of the water framework directive.
 - Use the most recent supporting water-saving and water recycling technology.
 - Support or promote realistic water pricing.
 - Propose activities to raise awareness about water scarcity.
 - Improve the water quality of a certain water body.
- Transport
 - Decrease CO2 emissions.
 - Reduce the need for transport.
 - Increase public transport use or the safe use of bicycles.
 - Promote the most environmentally favourable transport solution.
 - Include technologies to mitigate negative impacts on biodiversity and species.
 - Use teleconferences or web conferences rather than traveling for face-to-face meetings.
 - Use hybrid or alternative fuel vehicle(s).
- Business Investments
 - Comply with environmental regulation.

- Consider the most up-to-date technology for energy efficiency in production.
- Support the business to use more renewable energy sources.
- Use less natural resources like water, soil etc.
- Consider the most up-to-date technology for recycling and waste reduction.
- Emit less polluting or hazardous substances to air, water or soil.
- Support or market eco-technology.
- Support jobs in the eco-technology field.
- Include green procurement rules for the purchase of materials, goods and services.
- Encourage company staff in developing or practising environmental protection measures.
- Renewable Energies
 - Propose renewable energy investments.
 - Prioritise small-scale, local renewable energy sources.
 - Use to the highest possible energy efficiency in the energy production.
 - Support renewable energies procurement rules.
 - Support the research, development or refinement of renewable energy sources.
- Waste
 - Consider other forms of waste treatment than land-fill or incineration.
 - Reduce the amount of waste going to landfills.
 - Support households to recycle waste.
 - Reduce copying.
 - Reuse packaging and shipping materials.
 - Use reusable rather than disposable products.
- Nature Protection
 - Provide for sustainable funding schemes for conservation actions.
 - Support the prevention of natural risks.