



PLASTIC FREE STANDARD EVENT



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With the aim of effectively promoting and valuing the efforts of those who engage in conscious and environmentally friendly actions, Eco Sphere Academy APS introduces a new tool for those who apply plastic-free solutions to the organization of events such as parties and festivals, conferences, gala events, concerts, cultural, sports, and artistic events, markets, and fairs. It is in these contexts that the reckless use of single-use plastics and their careless and improper disposal is most likely to occur. Fortunately, many countries around the world are implementing specific regulations to ban the use of single-use plastic tableware. However, the problem does not end there; it also includes the use of various other products, such as plastic water bottles, containers, and various packaging materials. The 'Plastic Free Event' logo serves as a tool to verify the entire supply chain and demonstrates the adoption of responsible behaviors and practices that raise awareness about consumption. Any law is obsolete if it is not enriched with values.

Responsible, freedom-oriented, and conscious organizers who are committed to reconsidering the use of plastic items that invade our seas, rivers, and the air we breathe, often find it challenging to communicate, demonstrate, and promote the care they put into organizing eco-friendly events.

For this reason, Eco Sphere Academy APS offers a logo that guarantees the correct, responsible, and sustainable plastic-free management of such initiatives.

The assignment of the logo requires compliance with a disciplinary protocol consisting of 16 articles that define and safeguard the plastic-free nature of accredited events.

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1. The event organizer intending to use the Plastic Free Event logo commits to eliminating any single-use plastic items within the event in question.
2. The use of disposable tableware made of fossil-based plastic is prohibited. Reusable alternatives or single-use compostable products may be used if necessary.
3. The use of single-dose products with fossil-based plastic packaging is prohibited. Products with compostable packaging are allowed.

4. The use of plastic bottles is prohibited. Dispensers and glass bottles are allowed. If plastic bottles are the only possible solution, proper disposal in the recycling chain of the product must be ensured. The use of plastic bottles will still constitute a deviation that must be appropriately communicated to event participants (see art. 16).
5. The use of single-use plastic products for the processing, preservation, and presentation of food, such as disposable containers, disposable bags, or plastic wrap, is prohibited.
6. The organizer commits to not using plastic materials whenever it is possible to substitute them with more sustainable alternatives.
7. The management staff must be informed and trained regarding the organization of the Plastic Free event.
8. An accurate waste sorting service must be organized within the event, managed according to any regulations in force in the area.
9. A responsible person must be appointed within the organization to: monitor the correct compliance with the Plastic Free guidelines for the event; communicate the Plastic Free approach of the event to participants; inform and guide participants for proper waste management.
10. The organizer commits to adhering to and complying with the Ethical Code of Eco Sphere Academy APS in carrying out the event management activities.
11. No later than 5 days before the start of the event, the following must be provided to the Certifying Body:
 - a. A brief presentation of the event;
 - b. A short report on the training conducted as per art. 7;
 - c. The name of the Plastic Free officer of the event, as referred to in art. 9;
 - d. A brief summary of the planned Plastic Free actions, the alternative materials that will be used instead of single-use plastic, and the organization of waste sorting.
 - e. A statement of adherence to the Ethical Code of Eco Sphere Academy APS signed by the Legal Representative of the organizer.
12. The organizer is authorized to use and promote the Plastic Free Event logo in all forms of communication related to the event in question. Its use is not allowed for other purposes, other events, or other initiatives after the conclusion of the event.
13. The user of the Plastic Free Event logo is automatically subject to any checks and verifications by the Certifying Body.
14. The organizer commits to sending to the Certifying Body, within 10 days of the conclusion of the event, a brief report on the event, accompanied by photos and other material demonstrating compliance with the guidelines.
15. Should non-compliance with the guidelines be identified through inspections or reports, Eco Sphere Academy APS and the Certifying Body may take all legal measures necessary to protect their interests and those of the consumer.
16. For the purposes of issuance, only one deviation from the above-described articles is allowed. In such cases, this deviation will be reported and published in the relevant informational material.



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