



Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe

GREEN DOCUMENT

This document presents directions for acting in a Green manner and has a purpose to give guidelines to the participants on how to act on the green way and how to reduce the negative impact of the CDN events on the environment.

TRAVEL TO THE EVENT

Environmental friendly choice

- As a network of Green organizations Cooperation and Development Network Eastern Europe is insisting on participants to select the most environmentally friendly way of transport. CDN strongly encourages participants to choose land transport. Traveling by plane can be considered as a mean of transport only if the time saved is more than triple, and the total distance longer than 800 km.

Reimbursement of the travel

- If the funders' rules allow, in order to encourage participant to take environmental friendly means of transport, CDN will reimburse higher percentage of the ticket price for environmental friendly means of transport more than non-environmental friendly ones.

VENUE OF THE EVENT

- In order to lower the energy consumption, the participants have to pay special attention and avoid unnecessary work of the devices which uses energy. Participants also have to think about indirect energy waste which goes on recycling, cleaning, re-polluting, heating etc.

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Room

- Do not forget to turn off the lights when exiting the room! Needless work of the light bulb wastes energy and heats the room.
- Turn off your electronic devices. If you have the laptop, tablet, media player, or any other similar device with you, turn it off when not using it!
- Avoid standby mode! Standby mode of electronic devices also consumes energy.
- Rationalise your showering! While using the shower, you are wasting clean, potable water which represents limited resource of the Earth. Also, the water contains a lot of energy in the form of heat. Try not to spend time more than needed for showering, and use shower for cleaning yourself, not simulating spa relaxation.
- Rationalise the room heating! Try not to warm up the room more than needed. During the day, the heating of your room should be reduced, as you will spend most of your time in the plenary.

Plenary

- Turn off the video projector (beamer) after the lecture. After the lecture, or presentation, the lecturer often forgets to turn off the beamer, due to his/her focus on the group and the input or lack of technical knowledge. Try to be of help and turn the device off.
- CDN is quite out of possibility to provide to participants recycled paper. Please rationalise your paper use. If possible, while printing or writing, try to use both sides of a paper. Paper is made of trees, and it also acquires energy to be produced, so save it!
- Plenary is not a burrow – clean it every day. Do not leave plenary in the mess after using it – after the day, stay a bit longer and help sorting out the mess. Chaos left after only leaves very bad picture about the organizations. Also, all things left, quite often useable and important are being thrown away.

Meals/Refreshments

- Reuse plastic stuff! Quite often accommodation facilities offer plastic couples, or services for refreshment and meals. Usually after the use, they throw this away. Having in mind that CDN is having most its activities in Eastern Europe, where recycling is not so developed, plastic

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represents enormous threat for the environment. Please, write your name on the cups/cutlery/plates and after the usage clean and REUSE those!

- If the accommodation place is having garbage sorting system, please respect it and sort your garbage according to the rules.

Outside

- The biggest “green sin” is to throw non biodegradable garbage to the nature – SO DO NOT THINK ABOUT THROWING SOMETHING!
- Do not destroy plants by purpose. Plants are the reason why we have the oxygen. The oxygen is needed for breathing. If we don't breath, we die. If you do not have any special need, leave them and let them be.
- Respect other animals. Do not forget that we, humans, are not the only specie on the Earth, and that we have to live with others. Do not kill, beat, harass or do anything similar to animals.

SOLIDARITY

Solidarity is the only way to resist oppression in all its forms, something that needs to be talked about, understood and lived.

Respect of differences

- Participants on CDN events are coming form different social backgrounds. CDN events are safe zones for all diversities to be experienced, expressed and celebrated.
- The participants should respect the others and use the opportunity to learn how people of different cultural or national background, gender, rase, health issues, beliefs etc live their lifes.
- Don't forget that although English is official language in CDN, English is rarely a craddle tongue to participants on our events. If you notice someone is having trouble expressing him/herself, help out if you can by translating or being patient and supportive. Freedom of expression (and right on being heard and your opinion taken into account) is one of elemental human rights and we as Greens want to enable everyone to practice it freely and without fear from judgement or shame.

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Helping the others

- If you see someone preparing the plenary for the session or struggling to technically organize the working space, don't hesitate to offer another pair of hands.
- Transfer of knowledge is something that Greens are very proud of as a part of responsibility towards coming generations. Share your knowledge, experience and stories with new participants!
- Be respectful towards the staff and the work they do! There's not gonna be the end of the world if there's no ketchup on the table.

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