

ECR GOES GREEN!



In 2014, the ECR was awarded the Austrian Ecolabel (Österreichisches Umweltzeichen) for the first time, making it the largest officially certified green congress in Europe. This achievement followed the implementation of numerous measures designed to reduce the congress' environmental impact, and it reflected a deepened commitment on the part of the ESR to making the congress sustainable. Every year we strive to expand our efforts by applying our green approach to all major activities related to the congress. Find some examples below.

Minimising the CO² emissions is of central concern when running a green congress. Large congresses are by their nature power hungry events. Our venue, the Austria Center Vienna, prioritises **green energy**, which is essential to limiting a congress' carbon footprint. Among other things, our venue, which also bears the Austrian Ecolabel, features a solar array, which supplies thermal energy used to heat water in its kitchens and toilets.

Encouraging and enabling the **use of public transport** by congress attendees is another means by which the ECR's carbon footprint can be diminished. Vienna's fully integrated public transport network makes getting to and from the congress simple no matter where attendees stay in the city.

Improving **waste management** is another important goal for any green congress. To reduce unnecessary waste, the ESR works with **environmentally certified caterers** who utilise reusable plates, drinking vessels and cutlery. Exhibitors are encouraged to reuse their stands and decoration and discouraged to distribute giveaways. Further, the amount of printed material used at the congress has been reduced by making more materials, such as the congress' programme, easily accessible online. Where paper is used, it is sourced from sustainably managed forests.

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION

- Use public means of transport. Vienna's public transport network is operating from 05:00-00.30 daily, with additional services from 00.30-05.00 on Friday and Saturday nights. Frequent services with waits of just 3-5 minutes are offered during peak times, rising to between 5 and a maximum of 15 minutes in the evenings.

Plan your trip with the [route finder of the Wiener Linien](#)

- The Austria Center Vienna can be reached using the underground U1 (red) line. Alight at U1 station Kaisermühlen, VIC and take the Schüttaustrasse exit. From the station, the congress venue is a 5-minute walk away (route is also accessible for participants with disabilities).

For more information on location and accessibility, please click the following link: www.acv.at/en/visit/arriving

- Calculate and offset the CO₂ emissions of your flight or car journey with myclimate.org.
- We recommend choosing one of Vienna's [environmentally certified hotels](#), see www.umweltzeichen-hotels.at/en/all-hotels.
- Otherwise select accommodation which is as close as possible to the venue. Find a list here: www.acv.at/en/visit/where-to-stay.
- Separate your rubbish. Different bins for plastic, paper and residual waste will be omnipresent across the event's premises. Additionally, collection containers for cans and metal will be available at convenient locations.

PLEASE SUPPORT US IN OUR ENDEAVOUR TO KEEP OUR CONGRESS GREEN!

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