



GREENING THE GLOBAL SHELTER CLUSTER ANNUAL MEETING

In the same spirit of the Global Shelter Cluster continuous promotion and support of its partners to reduce the negative environmental impact of shelter responses on affected populations, the GSC is also striving to ensure that the environment footprint of the Annual Meeting is kept to a minimum.

In this regard, the GSC has selected a venue that has been certified ISO 20121 since 2018. This standard, which is dedicated to the events industry, certifies that its activities are carried out in a sustainable manner and its buildings operated in an environmentally friendly manner.



REDUCING water and electricity consumption through automation and programming.



100% use of **RENEWABLE** energy sources: hydraulic and solar, thanks to the 30,000 m² of photovoltaic panels on the roof of Palexpo.



75% of the waste is **RECYCLED**. The remaining 25% is incinerated and used for the city's district heating system.



SUSTAINABLE CATERING: Palexpo offers sustainable catering service, with 100% of food waste recycled and converted into biogas, which is used by the trucks collecting waste on-site.

Additionally, the GSC will minimise the use of printings by sharing QR codes for various documents during the event and encourages participants to do the same.

AS PARTICIPANT(S) OF/CONTRIBUTOR(S) TO THIS YEAR MEETING, WHAT CAN YOU DO TO BE PART OF THIS EFFORT OF HAVING A GREEN SHELTER EVENT?

As GSC partners participating to this annual event we invite you to be part of these efforts by following some of the recommended practices below:

 **HOTEL:** Consider a hotel with an environmentally responsible policy, from where you can access Palexpo through public transport or by walking. There are three hotels in the vicinity of Palexpo (the annual meeting venue), with minimal commuting as well as corporate environmental policies:

- The IBIS Style Palexpo (three-star rooms) and the IBIS Budget Hotel (one-star rooms): <https://group.accor.com/en/commitment/approach/milestones>
- The adjacent Hilton Hotel (four-stars), connected to Palexpo by a covered walkway: [Environmental Impact](#) | [Travel with Purpose](#) | [Hilton ESG](#)

However, many hotels in Geneva incorporate sustainability in their corporate strategy and governance (**you are encouraged to check their website before booking**) and ALL offer free public transport ticket to any places within Geneva city for the duration of your stay.

 **TRANSPORT:** Geneva offers a good public transportation network. When you make a reservation for any hotel in Geneva, the hotel will send you a link to a document which gives you a free public transport ticket before you arrive, which will remain valid throughout the duration of your booking period – please ask for it in case the hotel does not automatically send it to you once you have confirmed your booking. Information on how to use the free ticket can be found in the following link: <https://www.geneve.com/en/already-here/geneva-transport-card-for-guests>.

 **REUSABLES:** Bring a reusable water bottle or travel mug to the venue, there will be free-of-charge water dispensers at the event. Please note also that tap water is potable in Switzerland.

 **RECYCLING:** Recycle your waste at the various recycle bins in the Palexpo, or at numerous locations in Geneva.

 **SMOKING:** Smoking in Palexpo is only allowed in smoking shelters. Please use the ashtrays!