

# Green Policy – 4 pillars



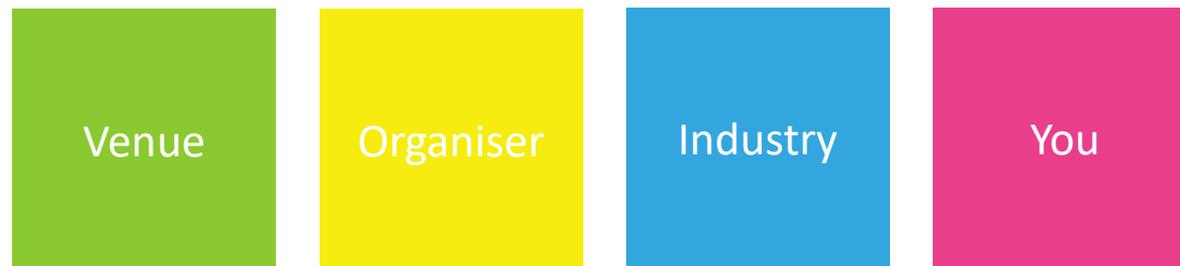
**EPNS 2022**

European Paediatric  
Neurology Society Congress

The EPNS Congress aims to **minimise the environmental impact** of the event and **contribute towards a safe and healthy environment**. The EPNS Congress supports the sustainability statement of the congress venue, Scottish Event Campus (SEC), location of the 26<sup>th</sup> UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26) taking place on 1 – 12 November 2021.

The main guidelines for our activities are: Assess the need and demand, avoid unnecessary actions and non-reusable material, facilitate and support reuse, recycling and off-setting.

This policy is based on 4 pillars:



# Venue – SEC



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- ✓ The SEC supports [Trees for life](#) and has sponsored 158,669 trees since 2007
- ✓ Separate waste streams including monitoring during set-up and dismantling
- ✓ Dedicated recycling bins throughout the campus
- ✓ 100,000 bees live on the grounds of the SEC. The honey is used by the SEC caterer. A wildlife friendly planting scheme ensures the welfare of the bees by providing them with the best opportunity to collect pollen
- ✓ The caterer serves with glasses, cutlery and tableware instead of disposable material
- ✓ The SEC only serves MSC fish and reduces red and processed meat usage
- ✓ Partnership with [Launch Foods](#) providing surplus food to help feed children in deprived areas across Glasgow
- ✓ Replace lights with LED options to reduce energy consumption
- ✓ Sensor-operated taps throughout the campus to reduce water wastage
- ✓ Timber is sourced from FSC certified suppliers and the wood pallets are saved for reuse



# Organiser – Intercongress



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## Pre-Congress

- ✓ We focus on digital communication and do without a printed programme booklet
- ✓ We select local suppliers to avoid long distance transport of goods and people
- ✓ We avoid printing and aim for an almost paperless office



## During the event

- ✓ We offer contactless check-in for delegates and congress visitors through QR-codes
- ✓ Certificates of attendance are provided in a digital version only
- ✓ Future Events Table with tons of printed material is turned into a fully digital Future Events Advertising Space
- ✓ We use digital signage instead of single-use signage options
- ✓ We select seasonal and regional food for the catering and order carefully to avoid food waste

# Industry - exhibitors and partners



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## During the event

- ✓ Be aware of the waste separation rules at the location
- ✓ Use recyclable or reusable material for the stand construction
- ✓ Avoid materials containing PVC
- ✓ Integrate energy-saving measures in your stand design
- ✓ Less is more – rethink the number of printed brochures and flyers or change to a digital version
- ✓ Rethink your give-aways and offer sustainable versions
- ✓ Use reusable tableware for your catering at the stand space
- ✓ Choose local partners for your needs



# Delegates and visitors – You



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## Travel

- ✓ Analyse the carbon footprint associated with your travel to and from Glasgow by using [this calculator](#)
- ✓ Offset the carbon footprint by compensating unavoidable emissions through acknowledged projects, for example [The UN Carbon Offset Platform](#)
- ✓ Use public transport instead of a taxi when navigating through Glasgow
- ✓ When using a taxi you might think of sharing it with one of your fellow delegates
- ✓ Use one of the free NextBikes outside of the Armadillo to cruise the city



## Hotel

- ✓ Select a hotel in Glasgow that supports sustainability activities
- ✓ Select a hotel in the vicinity of the SEC so you can walk to the venue or use a bike
- ✓ Only use the air conditioning if it is really necessary
- ✓ Turn off the lights and TV when leaving the room
- ✓ Select the type and amount of food during meals sensibly in order to avoid food waste

## During the Congress

- ✓ Bring your own folding travel cup for coffee/tea in order to prevent take-away cups (and save 50p for drinks purchased at the SEC)
- ✓ Bring your own bottle of water and refill it
- ✓ Only pick up printed marketing and information material that you are really interested in and that you will use