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Dokumapark- Antalya

European Athletics and the Local Organising Committee are committed to setting a benchmark for international athletics events by delivering a set of sustainable practices which aim to:

- minimise the overall environmental impacts of the SPAR European Cross Country Championships in the local area; and
- promote a social and economic legacy for the benefit of the host community.

We aim to make a positive contribution to the promotion of a sustainable future in our sport, therefore we encourage all those in attendance to support us in our ambition and commitment to sustainability by embarking on a journey to reduce the carbon footprint of athletics events.

Our sustainability plans are aligned with the Region of Kepez's priorities and include:

- Paper Reduction
- Reduction of single-use plastics
- Land Regeneration
- Increased Participation in Sports
- Ecosystem Preservation
- Boosting the Local Economy
- Waste Management

Further information about the Sustainability Strategy for this event will be shared ahead of the event through the official communication channels.

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Sustainability Priorities & Initiatives

Sustainability Priority	Relevant SDG & Sustainability Strand	Sustainability Initiative
Paper Reduction	Environmental SGD: 12, 13, 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limiting printing and encouraging digitalisation across a range of event-related products and services will produce less and unnecessary waste. All official publications to be distributed electronically only
Reduction of single-use plastics	Environmental, Economic SDG: 12, 13, 14, 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where possible, catering providers are committed to using reusable crockery, cutlery and glassware (VVIP areas) as well as eco-friendly materials in other catering facilities Water provider is committed to supply smaller bottles of water to minimise water waste and the number of single-use plastics (water is not safe to drink, hence the need for bottled water) Welcome bags are limited to a small number of client groups and gifts should only include notebook and a mug
Land Regeneration	Environmental, Economic, Social SDG: 8, 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The redevelopment of the Dokuma Park includes the renovations of existing infrastructure to be used after the event by the local community.
Increased Participation in Sports	Social SDG: 3, 11, 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new running course will be built with the intent to be used by the general public after the championships. Diversity will be considered when recruiting volunteers locally and from other regions (in case of local shortages) Free event - no tickets will be issues, and local schools are encouraged to bring groups of students to experience the event
Ecosystem Preservation	Environmental SDG: 13, 14, 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Olive tree seeds will be awarded to all medallists and are to be planted in the Botanical Garden at Dokuma Park A beach cleaning initiative has been planned to raise environmental awareness and to contribute towards reducing the effects of mass tourism in Antalya
Boosting Local Economy	Economic SDG: 8, 12, 13, 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preference for procuring local providers when delivering a range of services such as printing and venue dressing as well as for promoting local flavours in catering facilities All official hotels are within 10Km of the competition venue, and this event will present an opportunity to minimise the effects of seasonality
Waste Management	Environmental SDG: 11, 12, 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste will be managed and collected by the local council, and additional sets of recycling bins will be available in and around the competition venue

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