

Housekeeping Policy 2024

Introduction

At the Aegean Film Festival, we understand that every action we take leaves an imprint on our environment. Inspired by the timeless housekeeping traditions of the Aegean, where every task is done with care and respect for nature, we have embraced a 'Housekeeping' approach. This ensures our festival operations contribute positively to the preservation and enhancement of the ecological balance of the Aegean region and beyond.

Our Commitments

Adherence to Policy

All festival staff, volunteers, partners, and participants must follow this policy. We make sure everyone knows their roles in supporting our sustainability initiatives.

Carbon Accounting and Reduction

We carefully measure our carbon emissions and use the Energy Hierarchy to stay energy-efficient, switch to renewable energy, and balance our emissions with offsetting projects.

Waste Minimisation and Upcycling

No more single-use plastics at our festivals! We focus on upcycling and recycling to cut down waste, making sure all materials are biodegradable or can be reused.

Biodiversity Conservation

We love our Aegean nature! We support and start projects to protect and restore local biodiversity, like tree planting and marine conservation.

Sustainable Event Planning

From venue choice to catering, we plan our events with sustainability in mind. We team up with local suppliers who share our values.

Environmental Advocacy and Education

Our Echoes Programme sparks conversations on environmental protection, bringing together filmmakers, experts, activists, policymakers, and audiences. Our ReScript the Future competition teaches young storytellers about sustainable filmmaking.

Community Engagement

We actively involve local communities, inviting students and schools to join our environmental actions. We form alliances with various organizations to amplify our environmental efforts.

Promoting Local Culture and Heritage

We celebrate the rich culture of the Aegean, making local traditions, arts, and crafts a key part of our festivals. We support local artists by giving them a platform to showcase their work.