SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES FACT SHEET

As NICOLE, we have an ambition for our Spring workshop to be a truly sustainable event, and we have worked out solutions to make this Carbon Conscious & hopefully Carbon Neutral.

We believe this to be consistent with the topic of the workshop, the sustainable culture of NICOLE’s members organisations, and the individual responsibility of each of the participants.

This Carbon Conscious Event aims to raise awareness about climate change in relation to our activities, as well as ways to minimise environmental, social and economical impacts.

General strategy

- NICOLE is committed towards a Carbon Conscious, and possibly Carbon Neutral event
- Prioritize actions which help REDUCE the environmental footprint of the event (including Carbon footprint),
- Offset CO2 emissions which we are not able to reduce by accessing to carbon offset credits
- Focusing on the emissions related to transportation to the workshop, based on materiality assessment.
- Learn on the journey!

Carbon offset strategy

A carbon emission inventory connected to the transport of participants to the Workshop will be calculated based on transportation data provided by the participants during the registration process. Link to the participant Questionnaire.

Travel-related CO2 emissions which we are not able to reduce during the workshop will be compensated by NICOLE by partnering with sustainability projects, and accessing to carbon offset credits.

Waste reduction

- Paperless conference
- Encourage participants to bring their own reusable bottles
- Sustainable and low waste Catering

Sustainable workshop venue


Sustainable transportation

- Encourage participants to use to use public transport, or enjoy the walk!
- Keep the Workshop in an hybrid form

Promote sustainable accomodation

- Screening among approximately 30 hotels listed for their eco-friendliness and sustainable management practices in: eco-friendly hotels and green key hotels
- Pre-selection of hotels located within a walking distance from the Workshop venue (max 2,5 km), and public transport time within 20 min.
- Final selection based on specific sustainability features described in the hotel’s website.

Natuurpunt

Local project with carbon reduction and positive social impact.

With our investment towards Natuurpunt, 500 m2 of land will be bought where, for a longer period of time (>50 years) guaranteed forest will be planted and preserved by Natuurpunt. In addition, Natuurpunt is committed to biodiversity in its forests and takes this into account during planting and maintenance. With this we will continue to support Biodiversity and reduce CO2 in the future, not only during this workshop.

Compromiso Com o Clima

Partnership with NICOLE Latin America and connection with carbon offset project developers in Brasil.

Thanks to the partnership with Ekos Brasil, NICOLE is committed to compensate travel-related carbon emissions for this workshop, by supporting socio-environmental projects in Latin America concerning renewable biomass management and sustainable waste management. The specific project will be selected on the “Compromiso com o Clima” platform based on the updated carbon emission inventory.