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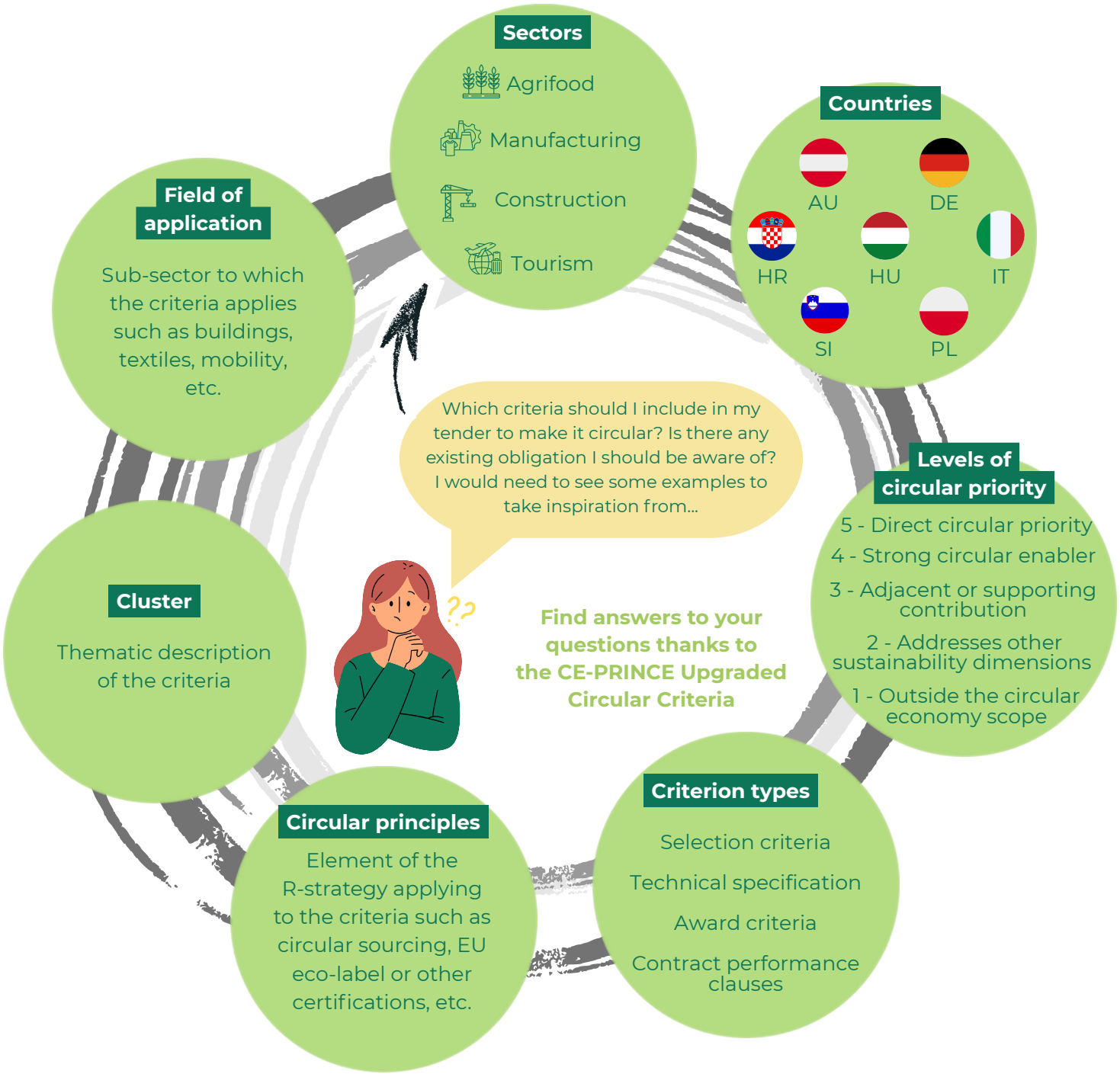
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ZOOM IN ON NEW CRITERIA FOR CONSTRUCTION

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Construction Agrifood Manufacturing Tourism

FIELDS OF APPLICATION

Buildings Roads

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CIRCULAR PRINCIPLES

UPGRADED CIRCULAR CRITERIA

CIRCULAR SOURCING

- The economic operator must provide a formal commitment, at the tender stage, to preparing a periodic report on the construction materials used on site. The report must confirm compliance with the technical and environmental requirements set by the Contracting Authority. It must be issued annually for the entire duration of the contract, or for the actual duration of activities if shorter, and validated by a certification body. Verification requires submitting a formal commitment, signed by the legal representative, describing the procedures for drafting the report. — New criteria — 5
- A digital passport (or equivalent documentation) must be provided for each building material, including information on origin, composition, recycled content, durability, reuse/recycling potential, and end-of-life management. The passport must be accessible to the Contracting Authority. Verification requires a passport signed by the manufacturer or supplier, accompanied by a declaration from the economic operator ensuring that the information will be kept up to date. — New criteria — 4

DESIGN FOR CIRCULARITY

- The criterion measures the percentage of building components installed with reversible systems that allow disassembly, maintenance, replacement and reuse, calculated over all installed components. Tenderers must provide a technical report with the percentage, the calculation method and supporting evidence (product sheets, construction details, bill of quantities). — New criteria — 5
- The tenderer must provide at least three agreements with suppliers or manufacturers that ensure the take-back of building components at end of life for reuse, refurbishment, or recycling. Verification requires submitting signed copies of these agreements or supplier commitment letters. — New criteria — 5

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CIRCULAR SOURCING	Mandatory minimum recycled content for road works: reclaimed asphalt (RAP) min. 30% rising to 50% by 2030; deep pavement refurbishing with ≥70% reclaimed/recycled/by-product material by volume; local/regional aggregate sourcing encouraged.	5
WASTE MANAGEMENT	Mandatory site waste-management plan to minimise, separate, reuse and recycle construction & demolition waste (targets up to 90% recovery by 2030), with selective demolition and dedicated separate-collection areas, maximising on-site reuse of materials.	5

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	Recycled road materials must comply with German technical guidelines (asphalt granulate per TL/ZTV Asphalt StB 07, TL AG StB 09; unbound layers per TL SoB StB 04; recycled soils per TL BuB E StB 09, installation per ZTV E StB 09).	4
	All timber/wood-based products from legal and sustainably managed sources (FSC, PEFC, FLEGT licence or equivalent traceability); equivalent certificates recognised; secondary-raw-material wood products must meet a recycled-content threshold.	4
	Additional score for bio-based alternatives in road/construction inputs: rapeseed bitumen emulsions, vegetable-oil binders/resins, bio-based formwork oils and release agents, bio-based shotcrete additives, and renewable carbon-storing natural materials.	4
	Compliance with technical recycling guidelines for demolition: planning for reuse, handling of potential contaminants, and a construction logbook documenting waste separation and disposal.	4
WASTE MANAGEMENT	Compliance with technical recycling guidelines for demolition: planning for reuse, handling of potential contaminants, and a construction logbook documenting waste separation and disposal.	4
LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT	Life-cycle approach required/scored: EPD per DIN EN 15804 as equivalent proof, minimum embodied-impact thresholds (LCA/EPD-verified), and award points for committing to LCA and life-cycle-costing (LCC) optimisation.	4
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	Additional score for use of recycled/recovered/by-product materials beyond the technical-specification minimum, or for building materials/products with enhanced environmental performance.	5
	Mandatory minimum recycled content for road works: reclaimed asphalt (RAP) min. 30% rising to 50% by 2030; deep pavement refurbishing with ≥70% reclaimed/recycled/by-product material by volume; local/regional aggregate sourcing encouraged.	5
	Specific minimum recycled/recovered content by product: stone & mixed-material walls (re-used/recovered only), ceramic stoneware sewer pipes ≥30%, plastic pipes ≥20%, noise barriers from recovered/recycled materials.	5
	Additional score for total/partial replacement of high-impact construction products (cement, iron/steel) with lower life-cycle-impact or EPD-verified alternatives, and for design minimising overall material/resource consumption.	5
	All timber/wood-based products from legal and sustainably managed sources (FSC, PEFC, FLEGT licence or equivalent traceability); equivalent certificates recognised; secondary-raw-material wood products must meet a recycled-content threshold.	4
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DESIGN FOR CIRCULARITY	Design for end-of-life: selective deconstruction/demolition favouring reuse, disassemblable/recyclable technological plants, and roads/pavements where ≥80% by weight of components can be disassembled or selectively demolished for reuse/recycling; design for adaptability and service-life extension.	5
	Operation/maintenance plan prepared at design stage, with target reference service life (e.g. roads 20 years; superficial reconditioning 5 years) to reduce emergency repairs.	4
LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT	Life-cycle approach required/scored: EPD per DIN EN 15804 as equivalent proof, minimum embodied-impact thresholds (LCA/EPD-verified), and award points for committing to LCA and life-cycle-costing optimisation.	4
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	Project documentation must specify type/quantity of materials generated during renovation suitable for recycling/reuse and how they are reused (primarily in new bituminous mixtures, secondarily in stabilised layers/sub-base/embankments); contractor proves the recycled share at handover.	5
	At least 30% of building materials (by volume) must be wood or wood-based unless prohibited; up to one-third may be substituted with Type I or III ecolabelled products.	4
	All timber/wood-based products from legal and sustainably managed sources (FSC, PEFC, FLEGT licence or equivalent traceability); equivalent certificates recognised; secondary-raw-material wood products must meet a recycled-content threshold.	4
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CIRCULAR PRINCIPLES

UPGRADED CIRCULAR CRITERIA

REDUCE, REUSE AND REPURPOSE

- The company must provide a formal commitment to draw up an operational plan for the recovery of undistributed food, including measurement systems, management procedures, traceability methods and quarterly reporting, supported by a certificate issued by an accredited body. Verification is based on the submission of a signed formal declaration describing the plan. The successful tenderer must implement this commitment within 30 days of signing the contract, during the implementation phase. — New criteria — 5
- The company shall provide, at tender stage, a formal commitment to develop an Operational Plan for the management and valorisation of food waste generated by the service. The Plan must specify the authorised treatment facilities used (e.g., composting, anaerobic digestion), including their distance from the service site, and define measurement methods, management procedures, traceability tools, and quarterly reporting. Verification is ensured through submission of a signed formal commitment describing the Plan. The awarded contractor must implement the commitment within 30 days from contract signing. — New criteria — 5

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REDUCE, REUSE AND REPURPOSE	Meals, water and beverages must be served using reusable dishware (glass cups, ceramic dishes, steel cutlery); disposable tableware only if compostable to UNI EN 13432 and justified.	5
	Reusable systems for packaging and transport (or cardboard outer packaging); food not procured in single-use plastic; no single-portion packaging (sugar, milk, jam); beverages in reusable multi-use packaging (HR min. 80%); returnable/recyclable/biodegradable or compostable packaging at reduced volume.	5
	Free potable tap water provided at catering sites in reusable glasses/bottles; water and beverages supplied without packaging via machines connected to the public water supply (extra points).	5
	Contractor must implement (and submit a written plan for) food-waste prevention: inventory management, menu planning, portion control, correct cooking point, monitoring and corrective actions, plus staff training on using all parts of food.	5
WASTE MANAGEMENT	Waste must be prevented where possible and separately sorted (including organic/bio-waste) and disposed of in line with the public waste system / Waste Framework Directive; appropriate separate-collection bins provided (e.g. near vending machines).	5
EU ECOLABEL OR OTHER CERTIFICATIONS	Recognised ecolabels accepted as the assessment basis / proof of compliance (Blauer Engel, EU Ecolabel, FSC/PEFC, Environmental Product Declaration, Naturland, Austrian Ecolabel; life-cycle cost calculators and energy-efficiency labels).	4
ACTIONS TO SUPPORT A CIRCULAR ECONOMY TRANSITION	Tenderer must demonstrate expertise/experience in sustainable menu planning, food-waste prevention, hygiene, energy efficiency, staff training and environmental management; references for past organic-food/ catering performance; e.g. >=5 food-waste-prevention measures from a checklist.	4
CIRCULAR PROCUREMENT	All food/catering used must comply with the applicable GPP food-procurement criteria (organic/local sourcing, reusable packaging, waste prevention).	4

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Food and catering

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REDUCE, REUSE AND REPURPOSE	Reusable systems for packaging and transport (or cardboard outer packaging); food not procured in single-use plastic; no single-portion packaging (sugar, milk, jam); beverages in reusable multi-use packaging (HR min. 80%); returnable/recyclable/biodegradable or compostable packaging at reduced volume.	5
	Contractor must implement (and submit a written plan for) food-waste prevention: inventory management, menu planning, portion control, correct cooking point, monitoring and corrective actions, plus staff training on using all parts of food.	5
	Safe redistribution of edible surplus food through authorised channels (separate collection, temperature control, donation to non-profits/charities).	5
WASTE MANAGEMENT	Waste must be prevented where possible and separately sorted (including organic/bio-waste) and disposed of in line with the public waste system / Waste Framework Directive; appropriate separate-collection bins provided (e.g. near vending machines).	5
PROCESS OPTIMISATION	Measures to minimise energy and water consumption in kitchen operations (efficient appliances, operational plan, monitoring of consumption data, e.g. for vending machines).	4
ACTIONS TO SUPPORT A CIRCULAR ECONOMY TRANSITION	Tenderer must demonstrate expertise/experience in sustainable menu planning, food-waste prevention, hygiene, energy efficiency, staff training and environmental management; references for past organic-food/ catering performance; e.g. >=5 food-waste-prevention measures from a checklist.	4
	Contractor must provide annual staff training on sustainability, environmental management and food safety (including waste prevention and GPP compliance).	4
CIRCULAR PROCUREMENT	All food/catering used must comply with the applicable GPP food-procurement criteria (organic/local sourcing, reusable packaging, waste prevention).	4

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Food and catering

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	Free potable tap water provided at catering sites in reusable glasses/bottles; water and beverages supplied without packaging via machines connected to the public water supply (extra points).	5
EU ECOLABEL OR OTHER CERTIFICATIONS	Recognised ecolabels accepted as the assessment basis / proof of compliance (Blauer Engel, EU Ecolabel, FSC/PEFC, Environmental Product Declaration, Naturland, Austrian Ecolabel; life-cycle cost calculators and energy-efficiency labels).	4
	Required use of paper and recycled paper bearing the Blauer Engel (mandatory and additionally scored).	4
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	Plastic bottles and bowls must contain a minimum recycled content: IT >=25% mandatory, >=40% awarded additional points.	5
	Free potable tap water provided at catering sites in reusable glasses/bottles; water and beverages supplied without packaging via machines connected to the public water supply (extra points).	5
	Internal furniture designed for re-use, or re-used/refurbished.	5
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CIRCULAR SOURCING	The economic operator must provide qualified maintenance, repair and component replacement services, ensuring that the product is fully restored to working order. The required activities include documented repair procedures and the use of original or certified equivalent spare parts, as well as full traceability of all interventions and replaced components. Additional points are awarded to operators who formally commit to providing a scheduled maintenance service, including an annual report detailing the condition of the product, the work carried out, any problems identified and proposed improvements.	New criteria	5
	A Digital Product Passport or equivalent tool that provides structured information on product composition, traceability and end-of-life management will be awarded a bonus score when supplied for a share of the garments included in the contract. The Digital Product Passport (or equivalent traceability document) must include at least the following information: Material composition and respective percentages; Origin of materials, where available; Disassembly instructions; Guidance for proper recycling or reuse; Any additional information on repairability and product lifespan.	New criteria	5
ACTIONS TO SUPPORT A CIRCULAR ECONOMY TRANSITION	The Economic Operator must implement systems to collect, sort, and reintegrate end-of-life products in accordance with circular economy principles and waste management regulations. An operational plan must set out the methods, timelines, and responsibilities for product take-back. Procedures must ensure proper sorting, inspection, and preparation for the reuse of products or components. All take-back activities must be fully traceable throughout the entire process. An annual report is required, detailing quantities collected, destination flows (reuse, repair, recycling), and operational outcomes.	New criteria	5

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Additional score for declared share by weight of organically produced cotton/natural fibres (EU Reg. 834/2007) and for textiles containing recycled fibres from production scraps or post-consumer waste.	5
Recycled/sustainable-fibre paper requirements: high recycled content (e.g. recycled paper ≥95%, hygiene paper ≥50%, recycled-fibre paper ≥30%), virgin fibre from responsibly managed forests, and no elemental-chlorine bleaching (ECF) for primary-fibre paper.	5

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- Timber in general office products must originate at least 70% from sustainable sources (Blauer Engel, FSC, PEFC). — 4

REDUCE, REUSE AND REPURPOSE

- Additional score for collecting and reconditioning the authority's used products for reuse, products prepared-for-reuse equivalent to factory-new, and design facilitating fabric separation / polyester take-back systems. — 5

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DESIGN FOR CIRCULARITY	Minimum durability/service-life benchmarks for textile products (use and laundering), including colour fastness (ISO 105), dimensional change after washing (ISO 5077), moisture retention <35% and SA3–SA4 smoothness.	4

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DESIGN FOR CIRCULARITY	Design for life extension and reuse: complex garments allow logo overprint/removal without damage; bed/table linens not disposable; healthcare garments and filter masks made of reusable/washable technical fabric.	5
	Packaging made of a single material, recyclable and/or recycled.	5
	Minimum durability/service-life benchmarks for textile products (use and laundering), including colour fastness (ISO 105), dimensional change after washing (ISO 5077), moisture retention <35% and SA3–SA4 smoothness.	4
REDUCE, REUSE AND REPURPOSE	Restyling/maintenance to make used items as good as new and extend life (repairs, replacements, reproofing), plus an operating collection-and-sorting system for reuse/recycling.	5
	Additional score for collecting and reconditioning the authority's used products for reuse, products prepared-for-reuse equivalent to factory-new, and design facilitating fabric separation / polyester take-back systems.	5

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SECTOR

Construction Agrifood Manufacturing Tourism

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Textiles Paper

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CIRCULAR SOURCING	Minimum 20% recycled content for polyester fibre products, with additional points for each further 10% of recycled content above 20%.	5
DESIGN FOR CIRCULARITY	Additional score for refillable and easily disassemblable materials and for garments allowing easy logo removal or overprinting.	5
	Minimum durability/service-life benchmarks for textile products (use and laundering), including colour fastness (ISO 105), dimensional change after washing (ISO 5077), moisture retention <35% and SA3–SA4 smoothness.	4
	Spare parts (zips, buttons, etc.) available for 2 years after delivery; care labels must recommend low-temperature (≤30°C) washing.	4
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	Tenderer must have management systems for laundry, maintenance and take-back processes.	4
	Contractor must survey users, report reuse/recycling ratios, and provide annual reports.	4

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CIRCULAR SOURCING

- Additional score for declared share by weight of organically produced cotton/natural fibres (EU Reg. 834/2007) and for textiles containing recycled fibres from production scraps or post-consumer waste. — 5
- Recycled/sustainable-fibre paper requirements: high recycled content (e.g. recycled paper ≥95%, hygiene paper ≥50%, recycled-fibre paper ≥30%), virgin fibre from responsibly managed forests, and no elemental-chlorine bleaching (ECF) for primary-fibre paper. — 5
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WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Written waste-prevention/minimisation plan addressing energy, water and packaging waste, plus separate collection of green/organic waste and proper disposal of invasive species and hazardous packaging. — 5
- Additional score for compostable bin bags (EN 13432 / EN 14995 certified) and for commitment to recycle residual material from green-area maintenance. — 5
- Contract clause: separate collection and composting/anaerobic digestion of organic/green waste, with on-site composting or chipping for mulch where technically feasible. — 5

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WASTE MANAGEMENT	Packaging requirements: precise dosing aids, no propellant sprays, primary packaging easy to dismantle into single-material components, cardboard outer packaging.	5
DESIGN FOR CIRCULARITY	Battery durability and stewardship: minimum spare-part/battery availability after production ends, battery-lifetime warranty, take-back obligations, replaceability/reorderability, and battery-standard compliance (EN 61951-2 / EN 61960).	5
REDUCE, REUSE AND REPURPOSE	Event venues accessible by public transport (or environmentally friendly alternatives), regional/fair-trade or own-stock flower decorations, and a waste-prevention concept focused on food/meal waste and packaging.	4

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CIRCULAR SOURCING	Additional score for certified sustainable timber (Blauer Engel, FSC/PEFC), recycled-material quota in gardening materials/packaging, renewable-raw-material products over concrete, natural-fibre mats, coconut binders and compostable bioplastic horticultural items.	5
DESIGN FOR CIRCULARITY	Battery durability and stewardship: minimum spare-part/battery availability after production ends, battery-lifetime warranty, take-back obligations, replaceability/reorderability, and battery-standard compliance (EN 61951-2 / EN 61960).	5
DESIGN FOR CIRCULARITY	Additional score for design for circularity of machines/tools: spare-part/battery availability period, cross-family battery/charger compatibility, minimum residual capacity/charge cycles, recyclability (mono-material, ease of repair, battery composition labelling), capacity testing per DIN EN 62660-1.	5
EU ECOLABEL OR OTHER CERTIFICATIONS	Life-cycle-oriented economic evaluation (use, post-use, deconstruction/disposal costs) and recognised ecolabels as the assessment basis (Blauer Engel, RAL, Ecolabel, FSC/PEFC, EPD, Naturland, natureplus, Austrian Ecolabel), with award points for ecolabelled textiles.	4

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CIRCULAR SOURCING	Plastic components/packaging must contain ≥30% recycled content (from separate collection) and be reusable/returnable/recyclable; plant trays/pots reusable or fully biodegradable (straw, cork, wood flour, corn starch); plastic parts marked per ISO 11469.	5
WASTE MANAGEMENT	Written waste-prevention/minimisation plan addressing energy, water and packaging waste, plus separate collection of green/organic waste and proper disposal of invasive species and hazardous packaging.	5
	Additional score for compostable bin bags (EN 13432 / EN 14995 certified) and for commitment to recycle residual material from green-area maintenance.	5
	Contract clause: separate collection and composting/anaerobic digestion of organic/green waste, with on-site composting or chipping for mulch where technically feasible.	5
REDUCE, REUSE AND REPURPOSE	Circular event delivery: digital-first tickets/communication, design-for-disassembly non-customised setups, reduced/reused/recycled packaging, collection and reuse of stand elements, minimal durable gadgets, reusable tableware and ecolabelled disposable napkins, waste prevention at refreshment areas.	5
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