



Provision of Catering Services to:

ECTS/IBMS

Proposed By: Aria Gefseon s.a

ACTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

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ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

- ☑ To formulate and implement a program, to improve the environment for both local people and foreign visitors thereby encouraging catering service companies and members of the food industry to undertake similar responsibilities.
- ☑ To be realistic in setting goals, due to local considerations, there will be short-term; medium-term and long-term programs.
- ☑ Any environmental project must complement the existing Aria Gefseon product. At no time will any conservation or protection plan be accepted if it may lower the quality of services already offered.
- ☑ To take notice of changing attitudes and suggestions from staff, guests or other interested parties and adapt programs accordingly.
- ☑ To undertake regular environmental audits (by an independent company) of the Aria Gefseon installations and to implement the findings in stages.
- ☑ Aria Gefseon aims to collate information regarding similar programs being undertaken by other members of the industry and by local authorities in order to make better use of available resources and avoid duplication of activities.
- ☑ To use local, natural, raw materials & recycled products; save energy & water; minimize waste; and control air / water pollution.
- ☑ To increase level of awareness of environmental issues within its own organization, to local residents, clients and business partners.
- ☑ To include improved environmental considerations in all new building and renovation plans.
- ☑ To balance financial benefits from waste management and energy saving against increased initial costs of other improvements.

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ENVIRONMENTAL / WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Aria Gefseon S.A joins **ECTS/IBMS** in the goal to stage an environmentally friendly catering service. We recognize that catering to **ECTS/IBMS** has the potential to generate considerable amount of waste. Our environmental policy will secure an environmental friendly operation and will enhance the eco friendly image of the company.

Purchasing Principles

In Aria Gefseon, we apply the following **Environmental Purchasing Principles** in order to achieve waste reduction in our Company:

1. Every purchase must cover a real need of the company whilst taking into account the level of service provided.
2. In any negotiation with the supplying company, we inform them about our company's environmentally-friendly policy and we ask the supplier to inform us about the various environmentally-friendly products on offer. In addition, we inform the suppliers about the environmentally-friendly specifications that are of interest to us and we will inquire whether the company in question has a similar policy. These specifications are determined by Aria's Purchasing Department in cooperation with the Operations Department on the basis of specific European Union and international regulations, as well as scientific information on the respective subjects.
In order for the purchase of any product to be realized, three conditions should apply:
 - ✓ The above mentioned specifications should be complied with as far as possible;
 - ✓ There should be no alternatives available;
 - ✓ The price should be identical or slightly above the price of the respective "conventional" product.
3. Priority is given to products from the local markets (on a regional, area and state level) provided that they meet the requirements and basic needs of the company. As far as the final decision on any purchase is concerned, the important factor of product transportation should always be considered, from the point of view of both air pollution and fuel consumption (non-renewable sources of energy) during transportation.
4. Priority should be given to recyclable and returnable products as well as those from recycled materials (mostly paper, aluminum, glass, plastic) without excessive multiple packaging (the more complex a product is, the more



materials are used in its production and the more waste is disposed of into the environment).

5. In general, preference is given, wherever possible, to the purchase of products in bulk and re-useable or returnable packages. This practice reduces both the cost and the useless packaging that ends up as waste.
6. The purchase of items such as disposable cocktail decorations, individual portions, glasses, etc. is to be avoided and, wherever their use is necessary, biodegradable products are preferred.
7. Among the artificial and chemical products of everyday use, preference is given to those with the least damaging effects on the environment and human health.
8. The purchase of fresh fruit and vegetables and the promotion, wherever possible, of Greek, local, traditional products and organic cultivation products should be applied.
9. Regarding the purchase of equipment, priority is given to the products that consume less water, energy and fuel and do not contain CFC's.
10. The use of materials containing substances dangerous to public health and the environment (such as organic solvents, asbestos, lead, polyurethane, etc.) should be avoided in the construction of buildings, manufacturing of furniture, insulation & decoration during renovations.

Objects and materials from tropical forests and animals protected by the CITES international treaty (e.g. turtles, crocodiles, elephants, etc.) are to be avoided.

In addition, since 2007, in all of our sites, we have adopted waste collection, separation, storage and disposal methods that are better and safer for both our staff and guests.

Waste Management

Aria Gefseon s.a uses two main systems of waste management and minimization:

- A pre-event waste management system. This consists of a two-stage unpacking system, which is based on recycling programs with suppliers.
- An onsite waste management system, which depends on recycling and reuse, combined with a pulp compost process.



All operations of Aria Gefseon s.a will be governed by an environmental consciousness particularly mindful of the issues of energy conservation, water conservation and air water and soil quality.

Aria Gefseon s.a recognizes the crucial importance of the 'green initiative'. A responsible environmental policy and waste management procedure are a guiding tenet of the company's current business directive, and we fully embrace environmental awareness in our conduct as the potential catering service provider to the **ECTS/IBMS**.

The product to be used by Aria Gefseon s.a in the provision of service will be strictly managed to ensure they have no residual negative environmental impact. Products that fall into the general categories of non-consumable or chemicals must also be stringently managed.

Strict supply guidelines are being put in place and being further developed in tender with and as part of our quality management system. In the interline we are developing, in conjunction with our suppliers of non-consumable and chemicals a system of controls and a set of standards that can be introduced to ensure that, to the extent that we only use products that are environmentally friendly.

“The quality of our delivery will be pivotal to the success of the event the ECTS/IBMS will organize. The participants will remember not only the event for the event itself, but for the friendly service the superb food & beverage quality offered and the eco-friendly policies.”