AUDIT – CITY, COMPANY, ORGANISATION

Main aim of this activity is to encourage discussion and sharing on various aspects of the environment and sustainability. The activity can be adjusted to the needs of cities, companies or small organisations. It can be realized individually, in pairs or in groups.

We realized this activity during an international event implemented within the project 'Nature the Youth Work'. In our workshop, the participants worked in their national teams and reflected on their cities such as Gyumri (Armenia), Kobuleti (Georgia), Prerov (Czechia), and Vranje (Serbia).

After working in the national groups, the participants presented their audits and discussed the most appealing environmental and sustainability issues.

Materials: Each participant or group should have a copy of the audit. We are aware that not all questions are relevant to all cities or organisations thus the participants can adjust them, or they can also include questions related to the issues that they feel that they are missing.

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For more information about the project and other materials check out the project website: https://natureyouthwork.wordpress.com.

AUDIT – Transportation

How many employees in the organization or residents of your city use public transportation? _____
How many people work or live in the city, company? _____
Are there bicycle lanes in the city? _____
Are there secure bicycle storage facilities in the building? _____
How many people walk, and how far do they walk? _____
How many people travel by car and how far? _____
It is common for families to have more cars?
Is there enough parking in the city?
Do you have a carpooling program? _____
What transportation do you use to get to events outside your organization? _____
When you travel outside of our city, what means of transport do you use? _____

AUDIT – Waste

How does the amount and composition of solid waste change in your household? _____
Is there a local system for sorted waste collection? _____
Is there a collection point for used batteries? _____
If there is no collection point in your area, do you know where the nearest one is? _____
Do you know the collection points for different types of waste? _____
Do you collect electronic waste? And do you know what happens to it? Can electronic waste be taken back when purchasing a new device? _____
What happens to the separated waste? _____
Is it possible to dispose of organic waste in your area? Is there a composting facility? _____
What happens to the compost? _____
In case of organizing events, how do you address the issue of waste? _____

AUDIT – Dining/kitchen

Where do the ingredients in your kitchen/canteen come from? _____
Do you buy locally? _____
Do you cook with organically certified (bio) ingredients, and in what proportion? _____
Is meal planning based on the principles of healthy nutrition? _____
What happens to discarded food? What happens to used cooking oil? _____
Is food rationed? _____
What cleaning products do you use for dishwashing? _____
Where do you get hot water from? _____
What do you do with leftovers? _____
Do you cook vegetarian or vegan meals during your events, are they available in your canteen? _____
Do you cook seasonally? _____

AUDIT – Energy

What is the annual energy consumption (fossil fuels) in your building? _____
Does your organizations use any renewable energy facilities? _____
What is the ratio of non-renewable to renewable energy? _____
Are the walls, attic and floors insulated? _____
What condition are the windows and doors in? Are they insulated? _____
How often do you ventilate? _____
Do you have shading devices on the house? _____
Is there air conditioning? _____
Are there reflective panels behind the radiators to reflect heat? _____
Is it possible to regulate the temperature of the radiators? _____
How (do you not) heat during weekends and holidays? _____
What is the air humidity, and how is it controlled? _____
Are the radiators covered in any way (e.g., by curtains)? _____
What is the temperature in different rooms? _____
Do you have any greenery in the rooms? _____
How many and what types of green plants do you have? _____
What is the total capacity of your electrical appliances? _____
How often do you use your appliances? Do you have any unnecessary ones? _____
Can the standby mode of appliances be controlled centrally? _____
Are there sensor-controlled lights in less frequently used areas, e.g., in restrooms? _____
Is your television and video equipment completely turned off, or are they in standby mode? _____
What room temperature is it set to? _____
How do you keep coffee or tea warm? _____
How much water do you use to flush toilets? (economy mode) _____

AUDIT – Raising & Training

Are there any training courses on sustainability? _____
 Does anyone take care of sustainability at events? _____
 Are there any established indicators and measurements related to sustainability?
_____
 Do you track the development of knowledge and attitudes regarding sustainability?
_____
 Do you collaborate with any non-governmental organizations (NGOs) that focus on
sustainability, environmental issues? _____
 Do you organize joint events? _____
 Are you part of events promoting environmental, ecological issues? _____

AUDIT – Conclusions and changes

What do you think about the results of the audit?
Is there anything you would like to change in your organisation, city?
How would you change it? What steps would you take?
Please, write down the issue that you want to change and identify a minimum five
steps leading to change. Think about people who might join you as well as all the
consequences of the change?

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