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Eco Sphere Academy APS (ESA) is the global reference in environmental certifications against plastic pollution. Composed of certification experts, environmental activists and sustainable solutions specialists, ESA is dedicated to promoting responsible and conscious behaviour through innovative, effective and impactful certification schemes.

**Eco
Sphere
Academy
APS**

**Innovative
Standards for a
responsible
sustainability**

Standard Management

Eco Sphere Academy designs and manages innovative standards to promote environmental sustainability. It works closely with leading organisations and experts to create and update certification schemes that meet global market needs and environmental challenges. It uses a scientific and experiential approach to ensure that our standards are based on the latest research and best practices, ensuring that they are rigorous, applicable and sustainable in the long term.

Research and Development

Eco Sphere Academy is committed to investigating the environmental impact of plastics, available solutions and the effectiveness of certification schemes. It collaborates with academics, researchers and experts to investigate the Carbon Footprint of single-use plastics and evaluate the best solutions to reduce CO2 emissions. Promotes a scientific and data-driven approach to ensure that plastic reduction strategies are effective and sustainable, sharing the latest findings with certifying bodies and civil society.



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runs innovative
certification
schemes
designed to
guide companies
in their
transition to a
plastic-free
world



Plastic Free Management System



Plastic Free Product



Plastic Free Event

Accreditation is only available for Management System and Event Standards

Plastic Free Certification - Management System



The Plastic Free Management System is our ideal standard for companies committed to the elimination of single-use plastics. This scheme is particularly relevant for the HORECA sector (Hotels, Restaurants, Catering) but is applicable to any organisation.

Benefits

- **Effectiveness:** We propose a methodology that guarantees a concrete and progressive reduction of plastics on target supply chains.
- **Recognition:** Collaboration with prestigious brands and global visibility.
- **Calculation of CO2 reductions:** An online platform for monitoring processes to facilitate the management of organizations undergoing certification and to calculate the CO2 savings achieved.

Process

1. **Plastic Assessment:** Initial assessment of single-use plastics used.
2. **Plastic Reduction Plan:** Development and implementation of a plastic reduction plan.
3. **Monitoring** of reductions.
4. **Audit and Assessment:** Verification of compliance and assignment of a progress grade (E to A).

Certified organizations

Among others, we mention the restaurants Mirazur (FR), Atelier Crenn (US), Art (Singapore), Gucci Osteria (IT), the One and Only Royal Mirage (UAE) and Flocons de Sel (FR) hotels, and Moët&Chandon's Chateau de Saran accommodation.

Plastic Free Certification - Event



The Plastic Free Event Certification testifies to the environmental sustainability of events that significantly reduce the use of single-use plastics. Based on a 16-point specification, this standard is ideal for any kind of temporary initiative run in an ethical and responsible manner.

Why should you get accredited by Eco Sphere Academy?



Innovation and Support: We offer advanced certification schemes and ongoing support for auditors. Our online platform simplifies monitoring of certification processes and calculates CO₂e savings realized by organizations.



Global Recognition: ESA is recognized as the global reference in environmental certifications against plastic pollution, collaborating with prestigious brands internationally.



Networking and Collaboration: Join our network of certifying bodies.



Continuous Updates: Priority access to up-to-date research and best practices in environmental sustainability and plastic reduction.



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Accreditation procedure

- Submission of Application;
- Preliminary Assessment;
- Specific Auditor Training;
- Assessment Audits;
- Approval and Accreditation (valid for 3 years);
- Continuous Monitoring through submission of semi-annual reports.

Accreditation requirements

- Adherence to ESA's code of conduct;
- Demonstration of competence;
- Endorsement of the Evaluation Body;
- Completion of training and adherence to guidelines;
- Ensuring support for Organizations and appropriate handling of complaints.

Support

- Provision of online platform for simple and effective management and monitoring of processes and calculation of CO₂e savings;
- Sharing of the Good Practice Archive;
- Clear guidelines for issuing certificates;
- Provision of explanatory and promotional materials.