

**Circular
Festivals**



USER GUIDE

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Quick Start Guide | Get Started in 4 Steps

Welcome to the GDCF Monitoring Excel Tool! This practical quick start guide will help you get started with measuring your event's environmental impact right away. Follow the steps below to complete your first assessment.

Step 1: Preparation (Before the Event)

- **Review the input sheet:** Open the **"Input Sheet"** tab in the Excel tool to see what data you will need.

The screenshot shows the 'GDCF Monitoring Excel Tool' interface. At the top, there is a green header with the 'Circular Festivals' logo and the tool's name. Below the header, there is a paragraph of introductory text. The main content area is titled 'Onward!' and contains two sections of links. The first section, 'To use the tool - check these pages:', lists five buttons: 'User guide', 'Input sheet' (highlighted with a red arrow), 'Results', 'Results - deep dive', and 'Emission factor - list'. The second section, 'Want to take an indepth look into the tool - check these pages:', lists three buttons: 'CO2-calculation', 'Facility data', and 'EF-background info'. Each button is accompanied by a brief description of its content.

- **Engage your team:** Identify who is responsible for which data (e.g., production, catering, waste, energy).
- **Inform suppliers:** Let them know what data you will need from them after the event (such as fuel consumption, weighbridge tickets, meter readings).

Tip: Use a separate spreadsheet to collect raw data per theme before entering it into the Input sheet.

Step 2: Data Collection (During and Right After the Event)

Collect the required data according to the key themes:

Step 4: Review Results and Save

- After entering your data, your results will automatically appear in these tabs:
 - **“Results”**: Check your **key results** here, such as your total CO₂ footprint and circularity performance.
 - **“Results - Deep Dive”**: Explore detailed figures for each specific theme here.
- **Review and save**: Check that all yellow cells are filled and all sources are selected. Then save your file.

⚠ **Note:** After adjusting data in **“Input sheet”** tab don't forget to navigate to the **'Data'** menu and press **'Refresh all'**, to see your adjusted data updated in the results.

The screenshot shows the Excel interface with the 'Data' ribbon active. The 'Refresh All' button is circled in red. Below the ribbon, the dashboard for 'Circular Festivals' is displayed. It includes a 'Quick Facts' section with a start date of 'Saturday, 0 January 1900' and a goal of 'climate neutral and circular'. A chart titled 'DISTRIBUTION GROSS CO2-EMISSIONS (TON CO2-EQ)' shows 0% for all categories: Energy, Materials procured, Materials End-of-life, Travel, and Transport. A text box on the right says 'To refresh charts: Navigate to 'Data' menu; Press 'Refresh''.

🎉 **Congratulations!** You have now mapped the basic environmental impact of your event. You can use the tool to monitor year-on-year improvement and make informed sustainability choices.

The screenshot shows the 'Example' dashboard for 'Circular Festivals'. It includes a 'Quick Facts' section with a start date of 'Tuesday, 5 March 2024' and a goal of 'climate neutral and circular'. The dashboard displays several charts and tables:

- DISTRIBUTION GROSS CO2-EMISSIONS (TON CO2-EQ)**: A donut chart showing the distribution of emissions across categories: Energy (1%), Materials procured (223, 18%), Materials End-of-life (264, 21%), Travel (429, 34%), and Transport (69, 6%).
- NET CO2-EMISSIONS (TON CO2-EQ)**: A bar chart showing Gross CO2-emissions (1,231), CO2-Compensation (1,055), and Net CO2-emissions (1,532).
- PROCURED MATERIALS (TONNES)**: A donut chart showing Recycled / Second Hand (74, 32%), Virgin - Bio based (68,4, 30%), and Virgin (36, 18%). Total mass 'Procured materials': 89 tonnes, 68% circular.
- END-OF-LIFE MATERIALS (TONNES)**: A donut chart showing Separated for recycling (93, 32%) and Recycled waste (307, 80%). Total mass 'End-of-life materials': 342 tonnes, 90% circular.
- Key figures**: A table showing various metrics such as Average CO2-emission per visitor-day, Average mass 'Procured materials' per visitor-day, and Average mass 'End-of-life materials' per visitor-day.

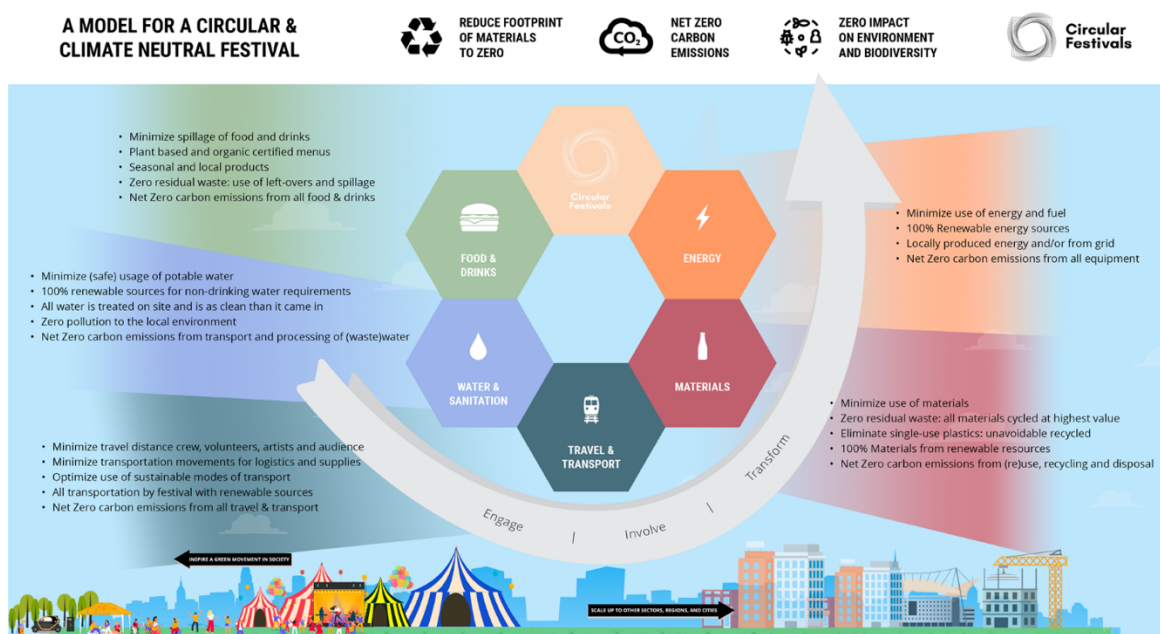
Part 1 | Introduction

This is the User Guide for the Monitoring Tool developed through the Green Deal Circular Festivals (GDCF) programme.

This Excel-based tool enables festivals to measure and monitor their environmental impact across key areas of **Energy, Materials, Travel & Transport, Water, Food & Drinks, Overnight Stays, Digital Footprint and Carbon Removal**. By using this tool, festivals can track their progress towards **circularity and climate neutrality**, identify key impact areas for improvement, and make data-driven decisions to reduce their environmental footprint.

This tool stands as a key outcome of the multi-year GDCF collaboration, which successfully concluded in 2025. The programme brought together 50+ pioneering European festivals, the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy, and knowledge partners to accelerate the transition towards circular and climate-neutral festivals and sector.

The GDCF programme has formally ended, but its legacy lives on through the many advancements, knowledge, tools, and collaborative spirit it fostered. This monitoring tool is a central part of that legacy. It was first developed and tested in practice in 2022 and refined through successive versions based on user experience and new insights. This User Guide accompanies the final version of the tool, which represents the consolidated methodology and best practices established by the GDCF community.



1.1 The Legacy of the Green Deal Circular Festivals

The GDCF was a pioneering cooperation between the Dutch government and a community of European frontrunner festivals. Their shared mission was to speed up the transition towards circular and climate-neutral festival operations. Together, the partners developed a Model for a Circular and Climate Neutral Festival, which provides the foundational framework and indicators for this monitoring tool.

During the programme, participating festivals used this model to develop their own sustainability plans, innovate, implement circular solutions, and measure their progress. This monitoring tool was essential for tracking their impact and steering their efforts. By making the methodology and tool publicly available, the GDCF aims to inspire and empower the entire events sector to continue this vital work.



1.2 The GDCF Monitoring Tool

This GDCF Monitoring Tool is the tangible result of the Green Deal Circular Festivals programme. It is designed to be a practical and comprehensive instrument for festivals and other events to measure their environmental impact, specifically focusing on ***circularity and climate neutrality***.

Key benefits of using this tool include:

- **Strategic Insight:** Understand your environmental impact to make more effective and strategic decisions on your path to becoming a circular and climate-neutral event.
- **Practical Application:** Translate broad sustainability goals into specific, measurable, and manageable data points, making circularity a practical part of your operations.
- **Performance Benchmarking:** Track your performance over time to identify trends, measure the effectiveness of your sustainability initiatives, and demonstrate year-on-year improvement to your stakeholders.
- **Enhanced Credibility:** Build trust and transparency with your audience, artists, partners, and local authorities by providing a clear, structured, and verifiable account of your sustainability performance.

- **Future-Proofing Your Event:** Proactively adapt to increasing regulatory pressures and stakeholder expectations regarding environmental reporting by implementing a robust and proven monitoring framework.

The tool measures impact across key themes—Energy, Materials, Food & Drinks, Travel & Transport, Water & Sanitation, and more—using a set of carefully defined indicators aligned with the GDCF Model and current scientific standards. These indicators have been carefully selected and finetuned over the years, in close collaboration with the 50+ participating festivals.

Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Electricity consumption ● Fuel consumption ● Part renewable / non-renewable energy ● CO₂ emissions 	<i>kWh</i> <i>MJ / liters / m³ / kg</i> <i>%</i> <i>tonnes</i>
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Procured / end of life materials ● Cup and tableware systems ● Residual waste ● Total separated materials for recycling ● Part treatment pathway for each waste stream ● CO₂ emissions 	<i>tonnes</i> <i>items</i> <i>tonnes</i> <i>tonnes</i> <i>%</i> <i>tonnes</i>
Food & Drinks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Food consumed ● Drinks consumed ● Part of food / drinks sourced locally/ organically ● CO₂ emissions 	<i>tonnes</i> <i>liters</i> <i>%</i> <i>tonnes</i>
Travel & Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Traveler kilometers traveled per modality ● Internal transport and building ● Fuel consumption of suppliers ● CO₂ emissions 	<i>Kilometers</i> <i>kWh / liters / kg</i> <i>liters / kWh</i> <i>tonnes</i>
Water & Sanitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Water consumption ● Local water treatment ● CO₂ emissions 	<i>liters</i> <i>liters</i> <i>tonnes</i>
Other impact sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overnight stays at festival campsite and external locations ● CO₂ emissions (ton) 	<i>nights</i> <i>tonnes</i>
Overnight stays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Website visits, and use of e-mail, social media & app's ● Data storage ● CO₂ emissions 	<i>number</i> <i>GB data</i> <i>tonnes</i>
Digital facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Carbon removal 	<i>tonnes</i>
Carbon removal		

GDCF Monitor is 'open source'

The GDCF Monitoring Tool is built upon an open framework. The core methodology, definitions, and model behind the tool are shared publicly to encourage widespread adoption and further development.

By making this knowledge accessible through the GDCF monitoring tool the program aims to:

- **Promote Harmonization:** Encourage alignment and consistency among the various sustainability tools and monitors used in the festivals and events sector.
- **Accelerate Progress:** Lower the barrier to entry for event organizers and tool developers, speeding up the sector-wide transition towards circularity and climate neutrality.

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This license reflects the core GDCF principle of open collaboration, ensuring that this knowledge remains a free, living resource to empower the entire events sector in its sustainability transition.

Part 2 | Instructions data collection

Introduction

The GDCF (Green Deal Circular Festivals) Monitoring Tool is a comprehensive Excel-based instrument designed to help festival and event organizers measure and understand their climate impact and circular performance. By inputting data on **energy, materials, travel & transport, food & drinks, water, overnight stays, digital footprint and carbon removal**, you can calculate **your event's carbon and circular footprint** and identify key areas for improvement. This guide will walk you through the tool's structure and functionality.

If you are looking for a **quick start guide**, refer to the beginning of this document. For more elaborate walk through keep on reading below. The tool is organized into two main parts:

Part 1: The Essentials (What You'll Use For Sure)

This is the core of the tool, designed for everyday use. Most festivals will only need these tabs to get started and complete their monitoring.

- **Title Page:** Your starting point, with a table of contents.
- **User Guide:** This section, which provides context and a step-by-step plan for data collection.
- **Input Sheet:** The main worksheet where you enter all your festival's data.
- **Results:** A summary dashboard showing your high-level climate impact and circularity performance.
- **Results - Deep Dive:** Detailed figures that let you explore your results for each specific theme (e.g., Energy, Travel, Waste).
- **Emission Factor List:** A transparent list of all the conversion values used to calculate your carbon footprint.

Part 2: The Technical Back-End (For Advanced Use)

You don't need this section for basic operation. It's for those who want to understand the underlying calculations and assumptions or customize the tool for specific situations.

- **CO₂-calculation:** The engine room where all footprint calculations happen.
- **Facilitary Data:** Where background calculations and data conversions are handled.
- **EF-background Info:** Provides the detailed sources and assumptions behind the emission factors.

Quick Overview of the Tool

When you open the tool, you arrive on the **Title Page**. Here you see an overview of all tabs in this tool. The first five (coloured) tabs are the ones relevant for basic use of this tool. Each of these pages is explained more extensively in the following sections of this chapter.

The screenshot shows the title page of the 'Circular Festivals GDCF Monitoring Excel Tool'. The header includes the logo, title, and version information (0.2 Beta). The main content area contains a welcome message and two sections of navigation buttons. The first section, 'To use the tool - check these pages:', lists five buttons: 'User guide', 'Input sheet', 'Results', 'Results - deep dive', and 'Emission factor - list'. The second section, 'Want to take an indepth look into the tool - check these pages:', lists three buttons: 'CO2-calculation', 'Facility data', and 'EF-background info'. Each button is accompanied by a brief description of its function.

To use the tool - check these pages:	
User guide	This page provides context and explanation for collecting data and using the input sheet.
Input sheet	This page is used to register the data for your festival.
Results	This page displays a general overview of the monitoring results for your festival.
Results - deep dive	This page provides the possibility to construct your own detailed figures.
Emission factor - list	This page displays the list with emission factors used for the emission calculations.

Want to take an indepth look into the tool - check these pages:	
CO2-calculation	This page displays the basic calculations/conversions for establishing the CO2-footprint.
Facility data	This page displays the intermediate and background calculations/conversions for establishing the CO2-footprint.
EF-background info	This page displays extra information/sources used to determine the emissions factors in 'Emission factors - list'.

To get started with your calculation or familiarize yourself with the indicators and required data points, navigate to the tab called **Input sheet**.

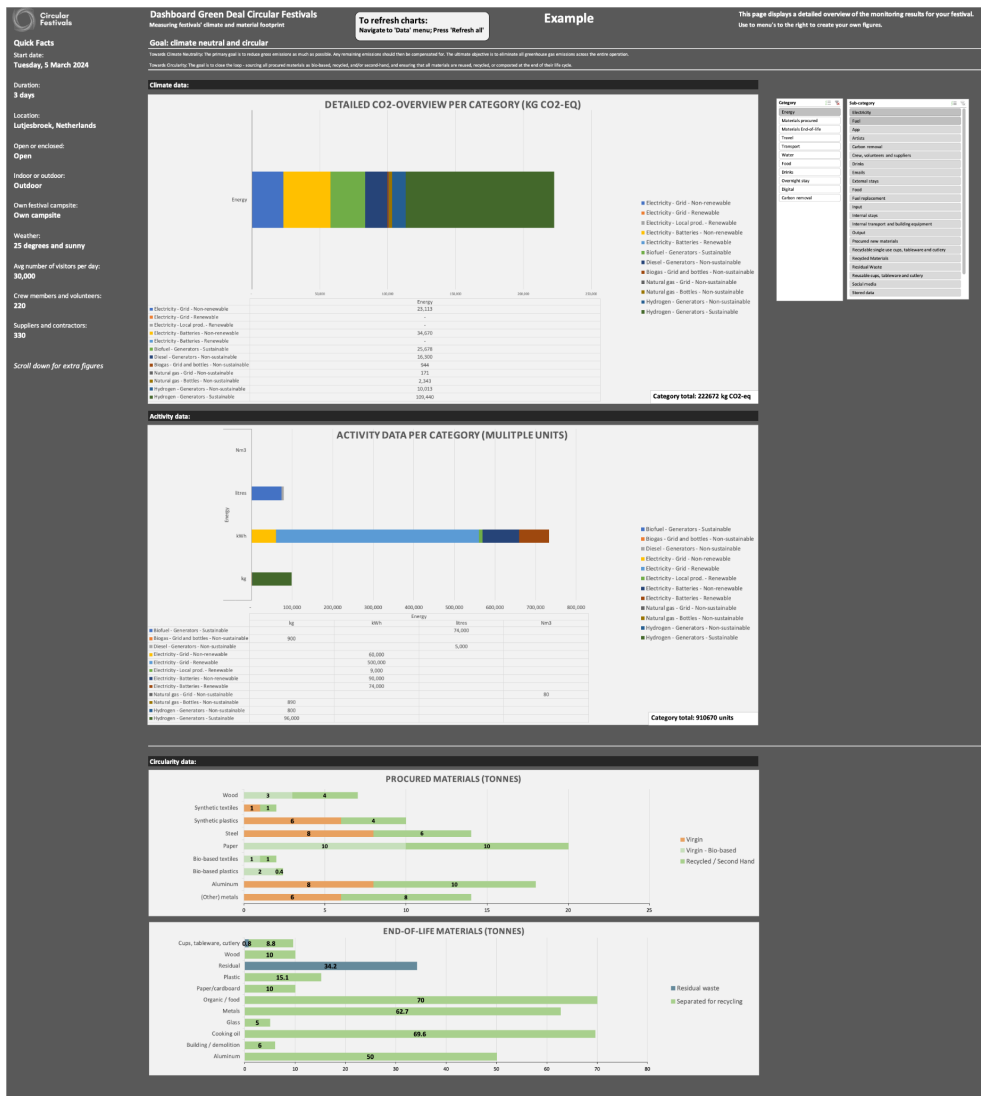
This screenshot is identical to the one above, but with a red arrow pointing to the 'Input sheet' button in the 'To use the tool - check these pages:' section.

User guide for input sheet GDCF monitoring tool		This page provides context and explanation for collecting data and using the input sheet				
Line in sheet	Indicator in input sheet	What data should be filled in...	Formula for data input box	Data collection - this information can be gathered as follows...	Data collection - preparations	Data collection - tool/survey suggestions
GENERAL						
18	Festival name	Event name	N/A	N/A		
19	Start date	Start date	N/A	N/A		
20	Number of days	Number of festival days	N/A	N/A		
21	Location (city/municipality)	Where the festival is held	N/A	N/A		
22	Location Country	Which country is the festival held in	N/A	N/A		
23	Type of festival: Open or Enclosed	Choose 'Open' (family, no fences, no tickets) or 'Enclosed' (family/fenced, tickets are sold)	N/A	N/A		
24	Type of festival: Urban or Rural	Choose 'Urban' (in or very close to a city) or 'Rural' (not in or very close to a city)	N/A	N/A		
25	Type of festival: Indoor or Outdoor	Choose 'Indoor' (most events are indoors on top of buildings) or 'Outdoor' (most events are outdoors on fields, squares, tents, etc.) or 'Mixed' (all events are on both indoors and outdoors)	N/A	N/A		
26	Type of festival: Own festival or part of another	Choose 'Yes' (if the event has its own (sub)festival) or 'No' (if the event has no own (sub)festival)	N/A	N/A		
27	Weather type	Choose rainy, cloudy or sunny. Rainy: more than 50% rainy. Cloudy: more than 50% cloud cover but mostly dry. Sunny: more than 50% clear skies	N/A	N/A	Weather types are found in online weather data (for example weather.com). Other: (1) cloud cover per day, (2) precipitation and (3) weather hours.	
28	Temperature	Substitute average temperature per day for festival period by using local weather data. Add all the average day temperatures and divide them through the amount of festival days	$\frac{\text{Average day 1 temp} + \text{average day 2} + \dots}{\text{Total amount of days}}$	Average temperatures can be found per location in online weather data (for example weather.com). Look at (1) average temperature for every specific day for festival hours		
Number of visitors						
29	1-day visitors	If all 1-day tickets sold for the event = single day tickets, etc.	$\text{1 day tickets sold} \times \text{1 day guests} \times \text{1 day other visitors} \times \text{1 day visitors}$	Tickets are sold online (usually by the festival ticketing department) or printed out. Ask for the total amount of 1-day tickets (including adults and kids tickets) if applicable and guests and other visitors as well.		
30	2-day visitors	If all 2-day tickets sold for the event = all 2-day guests, etc.	$\text{2 day tickets sold} \times \text{2 day guests} \times \text{2 day other visitors} \times \text{2 day visitors}$	asked by number of visitors		
31	3-day visitors	If all 3-day tickets sold for the event = all 3-day guests, etc.	$\text{3 day tickets sold} \times \text{3 day guests} \times \text{3 day other visitors} \times \text{3 day visitors}$	asked by number of visitors		
32	4-day visitors	If all 4-day tickets sold for the event = all 4-day guests, etc.	$\text{4 day tickets sold} \times \text{4 day guests} \times \text{4 day other visitors} \times \text{4 day visitors}$	asked by number of visitors		
33	5-day visitors	If all 5-day tickets sold for the event = all 5-day guests, etc.	$\text{5 day tickets sold} \times \text{5 day guests} \times \text{5 day other visitors} \times \text{5 day visitors}$	asked by number of visitors		
34	6-day visitors	If all 6-day tickets sold for the event = all 6-day guests, etc.	$\text{6 day tickets sold} \times \text{6 day guests} \times \text{6 day other visitors} \times \text{6 day visitors}$	asked by number of visitors		
35	7-day visitors	If all 7-day tickets sold for the event = all 7-day guests, etc.	$\text{7 day tickets sold} \times \text{7 day guests} \times \text{7 day other visitors} \times \text{7 day visitors}$	asked by number of visitors		
36	8-day visitors	If all 8-day tickets sold for the event = all 8-day guests, etc.	$\text{8 day tickets sold} \times \text{8 day guests} \times \text{8 day other visitors} \times \text{8 day visitors}$	asked by number of visitors		
37	9-day visitors	If all 9-day tickets sold for the event = all 9-day guests, etc.	$\text{9 day tickets sold} \times \text{9 day guests} \times \text{9 day other visitors} \times \text{9 day visitors}$	asked by number of visitors		
38	10-day visitors	If all 10-day tickets sold for the event = all 10-day guests, etc.	$\text{10 day tickets sold} \times \text{10 day guests} \times \text{10 day other visitors} \times \text{10 day visitors}$	asked by number of visitors		
39	10-day visitors	If all 10-day tickets were there for more than 10 days (total number of 10-day tickets sold) for the event = all 10-day guests, etc.	$\text{10 day tickets sold} \times \text{10 day guests} \times \text{10 day other visitors} \times \text{10 day visitors}$	asked by number of visitors		
Number of artists, crew and suppliers						
40	Number of artists	including all people working with the artist: band members, managers, crew, etc.	artists + management + related crew	Artists are mostly booked by the programming team. Ask for total number of (1) artists, (2) accompanying management, (3) accompanying crew	If not already in use, develop and implement an artist registration tool and include 'number of artists'	
41	Number of crew + volunteers	including all their/their partners and volunteers that working on the festival and are employed by the festival	festival crew + volunteers	Festival crew and volunteers are mostly managed by production/service party. Ask for total number of (1) festival crew and (2) festival volunteers	If not already in use, develop and implement a crew and volunteers registration tool and include 'number of crew and volunteers'	
42	Number of suppliers + contractors	including all personnel of suppliers, contractors and companies coming along to the festival with their own	all supplier + contractor personnel	Suppliers/contractors are managed by different departments within the festival. If not already in use, develop and implement a registration tool including production, catering, accommodation. Ask for total number of (1) supplier/contractor personnel coming to the festival.	suppliers registration tool and include 'number of suppliers'	
ENERGY						
43	Stationary electricity consumption on site (excluding mobile or building equipment!)	All used electricity from grid that was produced by wind, sun, or other zero emission fully renewable production (excluding mobile transportation and building equipment, please fill these in on the 'Circularity' tab)	amount renewable kWh grid connection + amount renewable kWh grid and connection + amount renewable kWh used for internal	Identify grid connections, check metering kWh. Most meters in a meter shows kWh are measured by billing. This data is available from the power or the connection. Ask for (1) total amount of renewable kWh used for internal	Ask the technical production team for the needed data, for a reference, for this on site from their planning, communicating with sub-contractors and	Suggestion for question for technical production / service party on energy on: (1) How many kWh of electricity from grid from renewable energy sources were used? (2) How many kWh of electricity from grid from 100% renewable energy sources were used? (3) How many kWh of electricity from wind, sun or other

When you have entered all your data into the Input sheet, you can view the results of your calculation on the **Results** tab. This tab shows the main climate and circularity metrics and key figures for some of the activity categories.



More detailed information about your footprint can be found on the **Results - deep dive** tab. This page provides a breakdown of your carbon footprint per category, for each of the indicators as well as a breakdown of the circularity metrics.



If you are interested in the emission and conversion factors used by the tool, these are presented in the tab **Emission factors - list**.

Emission/conversion factors					
This page displays the list with emission factors used for the emission calculations.					
Indicator	Quantity	Unit	Background of factor	Source(s) used	Scope Notes
ENERGY					
Average grid electricity (grid mix)	0.195	kg CO2 / kWh	Directly linked to source	IEA2023	Global
Renewable electricity use		kg CO2 / kWh	Directly linked to source	CO2emissionsfactor.nl	Europe
Diesel (B7 blend)	3.260	kg CO2-eq / L	Directly linked to source	CO2emissionsfactor.nl	Europe
Petrol (E10 blend)	2.784	kg CO2-eq / L	Directly linked to source	CO2emissionsfactor.nl	Europe
HVO (Midstream/Hydrocracked vegetable Oil B100)	0.347	kg CO2-eq / L	Directly linked to source	CO2emissionsfactor.nl	Netherlands
NL	2.134	kg CO2-eq / MJ	Directly linked to source	CO2emissionsfactor.nl	Netherlands
Natural gas (grid)	2.633	kg CO2-eq / kg	Directly linked to source	CO2emissionsfactor.nl	Netherlands
Natural gas (bioethane)	1.049	kg CO2-eq / kg	Directly linked to source	CO2emissionsfactor.nl	Netherlands
Bio-gas (bioethane)	12.558	kg CO2-eq / kg	Directly linked to source	CO2emissionsfactor.nl	Global
Hydrogen (green)	5.180	kg CO2-eq / kg	Directly linked to source	CO2emissionsfactor.nl	Global
Energy content of diesel	36.702	MJ / L		IEV - Nederlandse energiedepartement	Conversion factor
Energy content of gasoline	31.609	MJ / L		IEV - Nederlandse energiedepartement	Conversion factor
Energy content of CH4 (natural natural gas)	44.337	MJ / kg		IEV - Nederlandse energiedepartement	Conversion factor
Energy content of natural gas (grid)	31.650	MJ / m3	1000	IEV - Nederlandse energiedepartement	Conversion factor
MATERIALS					
Steel	1.933	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Directly linked to source	IEma2024	Global
Recycled steel	0.29	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Recalculation of combined set of emission factors	IEma2024	Global
Aluminum (primary)	8.726	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Recalculation of combined set of emission factors	IEC report / Eurobarometer	Global
Aluminum (secondary)	2.058	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Recalculation of combined set of emission factors	From Eurobarometer	Europe
Other recycled metals	1.584	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Recalculation of combined set of emission factors	IEma2024	Global
Iron	1.274	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Recalculation of combined set of emission factors	IEma2024	Global
Steel	18.200	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Recalculation of combined set of emission factors	IEma2024	Global
Recycled plastic	15.000	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Recalculation of combined set of emission factors	IEma2021	Global
Plastic (virgin)	25.500	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Recalculation of combined set of emission factors	IEma2021	Global
Plastic (recycled)	20.100	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Recalculation of combined set of emission factors	IEma2021	Global
Polyester (virgin)	18.790	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Recalculation of combined set of emission factors	IEma2021	Global
Polyester (recycled)	1.077	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Recalculation of combined set of emission factors	IEma2021	Global
Recycled plastic	399	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Recalculation of combined set of emission factors	IEma2024	Global
Biobased plastic	446.703	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Recalculation of combined set of emission factors	IEma2024, Ecorp Report - TICW Global	Global
Paper (cardboard virgin)	74	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Directly linked to source	IEma2024	Europe
Recycled Paper / cardboard	409	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Directly linked to source	IEma2024	Europe
Recycled Paper / cardboard	75.236	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Recalculation of combined set of emission factors	IEma2024	Europe
Recycling Glass	19.298	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Directly linked to source	IEma2024	Europe
Recycling Aluminum	33.546	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Directly linked to source	IEma2024	Europe
Recycling Metals	36.530	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Directly linked to source	IEma2024	Europe
Recycling Organic	32.534	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Directly linked to source	IEma2024	Europe
Recycling Textile	96.830	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Directly linked to source	IEma2024	Europe
Recycling Wood	23.386	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Directly linked to source	IEma2024	Europe
Recycling Construction and Demolition waste	6.530	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Directly linked to source	IEma2024	Global
Landfill	2.243	kg CO2-eq / kg	Directly linked to source	IEma2024	Global
Incineration (no energy recovery)	525.843	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Directly linked to source	IEma2024	Global
Incineration (with energy recovery)	525.843	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Directly linked to source	IEma2024	Global

In the following sections, all tabs mentioned above (as well as the tabs of the technical back-end part of the tool) are discussed in further detail.

2.1 Title Page Tab

Circular Festivals

GDCF Monitoring Excel Tool
A Climate Impact & Circularity Assessment Tool for Festivals

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This tool was developed by the **Green Deal Circular Festivals (GDCF)** – a European collaboration of pioneering festivals, facilitated by the Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management. This free tool brings together all the knowledge and experience gained throughout the GDCF journey (2019–2025). As the GDCF comes to an end, the tool continues its legacy by sharing insights with all interested parties. Above all, this tool helps festival and event organisers measure their **climate impact** and **circular performance**. Measuring is essential to identify where change is needed, track progress, and make data-driven decisions towards truly sustainable events.

Onward!

To use the tool - check these pages:

User guide	This page provides context and explanation for collecting data and using the input sheet.
Input sheet	This page is used to register the data for your festival.
Results	This page displays a general overview of the monitoring results for your festival.
Results - deep dive	This page provides the possibility to construct your own detailed figures.
Emission factor - list	This page displays the list with emission factors used for the emission calculations.

Want to take an indepth look into the tool - check these pages:

CO2-calculation	This page displays the basic calculations/conversions for establishing the CO2-footprint.
Facility data	This page displays the intermediate and background calculations/conversions for establishing the CO2-footprint.
EF-background info	This page displays extra information/sources used to determine the emissions factors in 'Emission factors - list'.

Purpose: This is the landing page and introduction to the tool.

Key Information & Actions:

- **Version:** Displays the current version (e.g., version 0.2 Beta). Always check that you are using the latest version.
- **Navigation Guide:** This tab provides an overview and direct map to the other sheets in the workbook. Use the buttons on this page to navigate through the tool.

What to do here: Read the introduction, then use the navigation guide to proceed to the “Input sheet” tab.

2.2 User Guide Tab

User guide for input sheet GDCF monitoring tool		This page provides context and explanation for collecting data and using the input sheet				
Line in Input sheet	Indicator in input sheet (Theme)	What data should be filled in...	Formula - for data input box	Data collection - this information can be gathered as follows...	Data collection - preparations	Data collection - tool/survey suggestions
GENERAL						
17	GENERAL					
18	Festival name	Festival name	N/A	N/A		
19	Start date	Start date	N/A	N/A		
20	Number of days	Number of festival days	N/A	N/A		
21	Location, city/municipality	Where the festival is held	N/A	N/A		
22	Location, Country	Which country is the festival located in	N/A	N/A		
23	Type of festival: Open or Enclosed	Choose 'open' (mostly, no fence, no tickets) or 'enclosed' (mostly fenced, tickets are sold)	N/A	N/A		
24	Type of festival: Urban or Rural	Choose 'Urban' (in or very close to a city) or 'Rural' (not in or very close to a city)	N/A	N/A		
25	Type of festival: Indoor or Outdoor	Choose 'Indoor' (most event activities are held indoors) or 'Outdoor' (most event activities are held outdoors; field, square, tents, etc.) or 'Mixed' (all event activities are held both indoors and outdoors)	N/A	N/A		
26	Type of festival: Own festival company or not	Choose 'yes' (if the event has an own (substantial) company) or 'No' (if the event has no own (substantial) company)	N/A	N/A		
27	Weather type	Choose sunny, cloudy or sunny/fairing, more than 50% sunny. Cloudy more than 50% cloud cover but mostly dry. Sunny more than 50% clear skies.	N/A			
28	Temperature	Calculate average temperature over full festival periods by using local weather data. Add all the average day temperatures and divide them through the amount of festival days.	$(\text{average day 1 temp} + \text{average day 2 temp} \dots) / \text{Total amount of days}$	Weather types are found in online weather data (like www.weatheronline.co.uk). Gather (1) cloud-cover per day, (2) precipitation and (3) sunshine hour. Average temperatures can be found per location in online weather data (like www.weatheronline.co.uk). Look for (1) average temperature for every specific day the festival took place.		
Number of visitors						
30	1-day visitors	All in all single day visitors: all single day tickets sold for the event + single day guests, etc.	X day tickets sold + X day guests + X day other visitors + All X day visitors	Tickets are sold online/digitally by the festival's ticketing department or a service party. Ask for the total amount of X day tickets (including adults and kids tickets if applicable) add guests and other visitors as well.	line 30: number of visitors	
31	2-day visitors	All in all 2 day visitors: total number of 2-day tickets sold for the event + all 2 day guests, etc.	X day tickets sold + X day guests + X day other visitors + All X day visitors		line 30: number of visitors	
32	3-day visitors	All in all 3 day visitors: total number of 2-day tickets sold for the event + all 3 day guests, etc.	X day tickets sold + X day guests + X day other visitors + All X day visitors		line 30: number of visitors	
33	4-day visitors	All in all 4 day visitors: total number of 2-day tickets sold for the event + all 4 day guests, etc.	X day tickets sold + X day guests + X day other visitors + All X day visitors		line 30: number of visitors	
34	5-day visitors	All in all 5 day visitors: total number of 2-day tickets sold for the event + all 5 day guests, etc.	X day tickets sold + X day guests + X day other visitors + All X day visitors		line 30: number of visitors	
35	6-day visitors	All in all 6 day visitors: total number of 2-day tickets sold for the event + all 6 day guests, etc.	X day tickets sold + X day guests + X day other visitors + All X day visitors		line 30: number of visitors	
36	7-day visitors	All in all 7 day visitors: total number of 2-day tickets sold for the event + all 7 day guests, etc.	X day tickets sold + X day guests + X day other visitors + All X day visitors		line 30: number of visitors	
37	8-day visitors	All in all 8 day visitors: total number of 2-day tickets sold for the event + all 8 day guests, etc.	X day tickets sold + X day guests + X day other visitors + All X day visitors		line 30: number of visitors	
38	9-day visitors	All in all 9 day visitors: total number of 2-day tickets sold for the event + all 9 day guests, etc.	X day tickets sold + X day guests + X day other visitors + All X day visitors		line 30: number of visitors	
39	10-day visitors	All in all 10 day visitors: total number of 2-day tickets sold for the event + all 10 day guests, etc.	X day tickets sold + X day guests + X day other visitors + All X day visitors		line 30: number of visitors	
40	10+ day visitors	All in all visitors that were there for more than 10 days: total number of 10-day tickets sold for the event + all 10-day guests, etc.	X day tickets sold + X day guests + X day other visitors + All X day visitors		line 30: number of visitors	
Number of artists, crew and suppliers						
41	Number of artists	Including all people traveling with the artist: band members, managers, crew, etc.	artists + management + related crew	Artists are mostly booked by the programming team. Ask for total number of (1) artists, (2) accompanying management, (3) accompanying crew	If not already in use, develop and implement an artist registration tool and include 'number of artists' questions.	
42	Number of crew + volunteers	Including all paid/freelance crew and volunteers that are working at the festival and are employed by the festival	festival crew + volunteers	Festival crew and volunteers are mostly managed by production/hq/service party. Ask for total number of (1) festival crew and (2) festival volunteers	If not already in use, develop and implement a crew and volunteers registration tool and include 'number of crew and volunteers' questions.	
44	Number of suppliers + contractors	Including all personnel of suppliers, contractors and everyone coming along to the festival with them	all supplier + contractor personnel	Suppliers/contractors are managed by different departments within the festival organization, mostly technical production, catering, air/communication. Ask for total number of (1) supplier/contractor personnel coming to the festival.	If not already in use, develop and implement a suppliers registration tool and include 'number of suppliers' questions.	
ENERGY						
Stationary electricity consumption on site (excluding mobile or building equipment!!)						
43	Renewable electricity from grid	All used electricity from grid that was produced by wind, sun, or other zero emissions fully renewable production EXCLUDING: on-site transportation and building equipment, please fill these in at the INTERNAL TRANSPORT	amount renewable kWh grid connection 1 + amount renewable kWh grid connection 2 + ... (excluding the kWh used for internal	Electrical grid connections always measure kWh. Most common is a meter where kWh are documented for billing. This data is available from the owner of the connection. Ask for (1) total amount of renewable kWh used (if applicable);	Ask the technical production team for the needed data, for in absence, do they can take it into their planning, communicate with sub contractors and	Suggestion for question for technical production / service party on energy use: (a.) How many kWh of electricity from grid from renewable energy sources were used? (b.) How many kWh of electricity from grid from NON-renewable energy sources were used? (c.) How many kWh of electricity from wind, sun or other

Purpose: This is the essential instruction manual for collecting data and filling out the Input sheet. It provides detailed, line-by-line explanations for every data field, it gives tips and example questions, to copy-paste into your questionnaires and ask to your suppliers.

Key Information & Actions:

The User Guide is structured in a table with the following columns:

- **Line in input sheet:** The corresponding row number in the "Input sheet" tab.
- **(sub-)Theme / Indicator:** The category and specific data point being requested (e.g., "Number of visitors," "Renewable electricity from grid").
- **What data should be filled in...:** A clear description of the required data, this is the same information as in column H of the Input sheet.
- **Formula - for data input box:** Instructions on how to calculate or sum the data if it comes from multiple sources.
- **Data collection - this information can be gathered as follows...:** Practical advice on which departments or suppliers to ask for the data.
- **Data collection - preparations:** Recommendations for setting up systems (e.g., registration tools, surveys, meter installations) to capture data more effectively in the future. These actions should be included in your data collection plan and part of the preparations (ideally) BEFORE the start of your event.
- **Data collection - tool/survey suggestions:** Provides ready-to-use questions for surveys or registration forms for artists, crew, suppliers, and visitors.

How to Use This Tab Effectively:

- Before Data Collection:** Read this guide thoroughly to understand the scope of data needed. Use the "preparations" and "survey suggestions" to set up your data collection plan - for more info on making a data collection plan, refer to the dedicated chapter in this document - in advance.
- While Filling the Input Sheet:** Keep this tab open. For every line in the Input Sheet that is unclear, refer to the corresponding line in the User Guide for a precise definition, formula, and data collection tip.

2.3 Input Sheet Tab

Input sheet: Green Deal Circular Festivals						
Theme	Indicator	Data	Format	Data info	Comments	What data should be filled in...
Short User Instructions The input sheet is ordered according to "Themes". Every theme has its own color. The Themes are ordered in sub Themes in the "Question" column the required data is being specified, that needs to be filled in the "Data" column. Always fill in the boxes in the "Data" column. It is better if at all reasonably possible to make an educated guess, then to fill in nothing. If the data is unknown, please leave data box blank and use the "Not data source" option in the "Data info" column. If the data requested is not applicable to your specific event, leave data box blank and use the "Not applicable" option in the "Data info" column. If data value is zero fill in "0". The "Format" column specifies the requested unit or "Format" of the data to be filled in the "Data" column. Eg. km, liter, etc. Always fill in every box in the "Data info" column. Here you can specify the data source, or if something is not applicable or not. The "Comments" column can be filled in if specification of certain data is needed or adds context. In "What should be filled in..." column additional information is provided about what data is requested in the "Question" column. The "Numeric" tabs below are empty and can be used for gathering and organizing your data. For further support use the "Manual" tabs below or use the "User Guide" for general info.						
Color coding Light yellow are the data input boxes. Here you fill in the data that is being requested in the format that is listed below each box. Only fill the boxes for this specific year unless you use the data input drop-down boxes. Here you can choose an option that best represents your data. Green are the comment boxes. Here you can comment on the data if needed, it can also be left blank.						
GENERAL						
Festival name	name	text				festival name
Start date	start-date	date	%Y-%m-%d	%Y		Start date
Number of days	number-of-days	amount	number	%N		Number of festival days
Location city/municipality	location-city-municipality	name	text			Where the festival is held
Location Country	location-country	country-name	text			Which country is the festival located in
Type of festival: Open or Enclosed	type-of-festival-open-or-enclosed	list-of-options	text	%N		Choose 'open' (freely accessible, no tickets) or 'enclosed' (seated/limited tickets are sold)
Type of festival: Indoor or Outdoor	type-of-festival-indoor-or-outdoor	list-of-options	text	%N		Choose 'indoor' (in any other case 'outdoor' is a very clear to use)
Type of festival: Open festival or not	type-of-festival-open-festival-or-not	list-of-options	text	%N		Choose 'yes' (if the event has an open (substantial) component) or 'no' (if the event has an open (substantial) component)
Weather type	weather-type	list-of-options	text	%N		Choose rainy/ cloudy or sunny. Rainy, more than 50% rainy. Cloudy more than 50% cloud cover but mostly dry. Sunny more than 50% clear skies.
Temperature	temperature	amount	number	%N		Calculate average temperature over full festival period by using local weather data. Add up the average day temperatures and divide them through the amount of festival days.
Number of visitors						
1-day visitors	1-day-visitors	amount	number	%N		Fill in all single day visitors. All single day tickets sold for the event + single day guests, etc.
2-day visitors	2-day-visitors	amount	number	%N		Fill in all 2 day visitors: total number of 2-day tickets sold for the event + all 2 day guests, etc.
3-day visitors	3-day-visitors	amount	number	%N		Fill in all 3 day visitors: total number of 3-day tickets sold for the event + all 3 day guests, etc.
4-day visitors	4-day-visitors	amount	number	%N		Fill in all 4 day visitors: total number of 4-day tickets sold for the event + all 4 day guests, etc.
5-day visitors	5-day-visitors	amount	number	%N		Fill in all 5 day visitors: total number of 5-day tickets sold for the event + all 5 day guests, etc.
6-day visitors	6-day-visitors	amount	number	%N		Fill in all 6 day visitors: total number of 6-day tickets sold for the event + all 6 day guests, etc.
7-day visitors	7-day-visitors	amount	number	%N		Fill in all 7 day visitors: total number of 7-day tickets sold for the event + all 7 day guests, etc.
8-day visitors	8-day-visitors	amount	number	%N		Fill in all 8 day visitors: total number of 8-day tickets sold for the event + all 8 day guests, etc.
9-day visitors	9-day-visitors	amount	number	%N		Fill in all 9 day visitors: total number of 9-day tickets sold for the event + all 9 day guests, etc.
10-day visitors	10-day-visitors	amount	number	%N		Fill in all 10 day visitors: total number of 10-day tickets sold for the event + all 10 day guests, etc.
11-day visitors	11-day-visitors	amount	number	%N		Fill in all 11 day visitors: total number of 11-day tickets sold for the event + all 11 day guests, etc.
12-day visitors	12-day-visitors	amount	number	%N		Fill in all 12 day visitors: total number of 12-day tickets sold for the event + all 12 day guests, etc.
Number of staff, crew and suppliers						
Number of artists	number-of-artists	amount	number	%N		Including all people performing at the festival: musicians, magicians, etc.
Number of crew + volunteers	number-of-crew-volunteers	amount	number	%N		Including all staff/crew and volunteers that are working at the festival and are employed by the festival
Number of suppliers + contractors	number-of-suppliers-contractors	amount	number	%N		Including all providers of supplies, contractors and companies coming along to the festival with them.
ENERGY						
Stationary electricity consumption on site (excluding mobile or building equipment)						
Renewable electricity from grid	renewable-electricity-from-grid	with	text			All used electricity from the grid that was produced by wind, sun, or other zero emission fully renewable production. EXCLUDING: onsite transportation and building equipment, please fill these in at the INTERNAL TRANSPORT section, below.
Non-renewable electricity from grid	non-renewable-electricity-from-grid	with	text			All used electricity from the grid that was produced from non-renewable energy sources like diesel, coal, natural gas and nuclear. EXCLUDING: onsite transportation and building equipment, please fill these in at the INTERNAL TRANSPORT section, below.
Renewable electricity locally produced	renewable-electricity-locally-produced	with	text			Including all fully renewable zero emission electricity produced on the festival site itself. This includes bio-fuels since there is a separate category (see below).
Renewable electricity from batteries	renewable-electricity-from-batteries	with	text			Including all electricity used from fully renewable zero emission sources brought to the festival in batteries. When batteries are mainly used for cooling or heat (during DAY) count the kWh difference between the charge of the battery at arrival and when it leaves the festival. Please be aware of double counting. DO NOT count the electricity that is already reported in the fields for grid electricity or local generation.
Non-renewable electricity from batteries	non-renewable-electricity-from-batteries	with	text			Including all electricity used from non-renewable zero emission sources brought to the festival in batteries. When batteries are mainly used for cooling or heat (during DAY) count the kWh difference between the charge of the battery at arrival and when it leaves the festival. Please be aware of double counting. DO NOT count the electricity that is already reported in the fields for grid electricity or local generation.
Stationary fuel consumption on site (excluding mobile or building equipment)						
Fuel used for generators	fuel-used-for-generators	with	text			Use of diesel fuel used on the festival site for stationary purposes (generators, heaters, etc.) DO EXCLUDING: onsite transportation and building equipment, please fill these in at the INTERNAL TRANSPORT section, below.
Sustainable fuel(e.g. HVO-100/700 B100) for generators	sustainable-fuel-hvo-100-700-b100-for-generators	with	text			Total use of sustainable fuel(e.g. HVO-100/700 B100) on site for stationary purposes (generators, heaters, etc.) DO EXCLUDING: onsite transportation and building equipment, please fill these in at the INTERNAL TRANSPORT section, below. For conversion of liter to kg please use the tool: https://www.convertworld.com/en/energy/liter-to-kg.html
Gas hydrogen for generators	gas-hydrogen-for-generators	with	text			Total use of GREEN HYDROGEN (hydrogen generated from RENEWABLE energy) on site for stationary purposes. DO EXCLUDING: onsite transportation and building equipment, please fill these in at the INTERNAL TRANSPORT section, below. For conversion of liter to kg please use the tool: https://www.convertworld.com/en/energy/liter-to-kg.html
Coal hydrogen for generators	coal-hydrogen-for-generators	with	text			Total use of GREY HYDROGEN (hydrogen generated from NON-RENEWABLE energy) on site for stationary purposes. DO EXCLUDING: onsite transportation and building equipment, please fill these in at the INTERNAL TRANSPORT section, below. For conversion of liter to kg please use the tool: https://www.convertworld.com/en/energy/liter-to-kg.html
Natural gas from grid	natural-gas-from-grid	with	text			All onsite fossil natural gas usage that was procured through the national gas grid/ pipes. Including fossil gas for heating of water and oil. DO EXCLUDING: onsite transportation and building equipment, please fill these in at the INTERNAL TRANSPORT section, below.
Natural gas from bottles	natural-gas-from-bottles	with	text			All onsite fossil natural gas usage that was transported in bottles. Including gas for cooking by stoves and catering. DO EXCLUDING: onsite transportation and building equipment, please fill these in at the INTERNAL TRANSPORT section, below.
Biogas from bottles and grid	biogas-from-bottles-and-grid	with	text			All onsite biogas usage that was transported in bottles. Including biogas for cooking by stoves and catering. DO EXCLUDING: onsite transportation and building equipment, please fill these in at the INTERNAL TRANSPORT section, below.

Purpose: This is the core data entry point for your festival. All your measurements will be input here to generate the results.

Key Information & Actions:

The Input Sheet is organized into logical themes that correspond with the festival and event operations:

1. General

This section collects the basic profile and attendance data for your festival.

- Festival Profile:** Name, start date, number of days, location (city and country), and festival type (e.g., open/enclosed, urban/rural, indoor/outdoor, campsite availability).

- **Weather:** Predominant weather type (sunny/cloudy/rainy) and the average temperature during the event.
 - **Attendance (visitors):** The number of 1-day, 2-day, 3-day... up to 10+ day visitors and guests.
 - **Artists, crew, suppliers:** The total number of artists (including their crew and management), festival crew & volunteers, and supplier personnel on site.
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2. Energy

This section measures the consumption of electricity and fuels for stationary purposes on site (excluding transport and building equipment).

- **Stationary Electricity:** Consumption in kWh, split into renewable and non-renewable sources from the grid, local production, and batteries.
 - **Stationary Fuels:** Consumption of fossil diesel, sustainable biofuel (HVO), green/grey hydrogen, natural gas, and biogas for generators, cooking, heating, and cooling.
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3. Materials

This theme is divided into procurement and end-of-life materials.

- **Procured Materials:** The weight (in kg) of newly purchased materials (e.g., aluminum, steel, wood, plastics, textiles), categorized as virgin (non-circular) or recycled/second-hand/bio-based (circular).
 - **End-of-Life Materials:**
 - **Reusable Items:** Number of reusable cups, tableware, and cutlery used, and the percentage lost or damaged.
 - **Single-Use Items:** Number of single-use items and their successful recycling/composting rate.
 - **Waste Streams:** Weight (kg) or volume (liters) of materials accepted for recycling/composting (e.g., paper, glass, plastic, organic waste, cooking oil).
 - **Residual Waste:** Weight (kg) of waste sent for incineration (with/without post-separation and/or energy recovery) or to landfill.
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4. Travel & Transport

This section covers all mobility related to the event.

- **Visitor, Artist & Crew Travel:** The main means of travel (modal split in %) and average one-way distance (in km) for each group and modality.
 - **Other Transport:** Distances traveled by shuttle or ferry as secondary transport (only when used besides a main means of transport).
 - **Internal Transport & Building Equipment:** Energy and fuel consumption (in kWh, liters, kg) for vehicles and equipment used on site.
 - **Supplier Transport:** Fuel and energy used by suppliers to transport goods to and from the site.
 - **Fuel Replacement:** in/off setted CO₂e emissions (in tonnes) from purchased sustainable aviation, -marine, or -road fuels.
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5. Water

This section tracks the festival's water footprint.

- **Water in:** Liters of potable (drinking) and non-potable water used.
 - **Waste water out:** Liters of water reused on-site, treated and released to the environment, and removed from the site as wastewater.
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6. Food & Drinks

This theme measures the impact of catering.

- **Food Source:** Percentage of total food that is organic, regenerative, or locally sourced (within 200 km).
 - **Food Impact:** There are two options of entering the data about food consumption at your event. **Choose one** - the one which best suits your data (*or use both if different suppliers provide data in different formats - but be aware of double counting!*).
 - **Option 1 (Ingredients):** Total weight (in kg) of ingredients used, categorized (e.g., vegetables, grains, red meat, dairy).
 - **Option 2 (Meals):** Total number of meals (calculates with average 200gr per meal) served, categorized by their climate impact (in 5 categories from Super High to Ultra Low).
 - **Drinks Source:** Percentage of total drinks that are organic, regenerative, or locally produced.
 - **Drinks Impact:** Liters of each drink type (e.g., beer, coffee, wine, spirits) consumed, categorized as regular, low, or climate neutral impact.
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7. Overnight Stay

This section accounts for emissions from accommodation.

- **Own Festival Campsite:** Total number of overnight stays.
 - **External Accommodation:** Number of overnight stays at external campsites, hotels, or apartments, categorized as regular, low-emission, or climate-neutral.
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8. Digital Footprint (*beta theme*)

This section estimates the CO₂ emissions from (energy consumption resulting from) digital activities related to the festival.

Note: This section was the most recent addition to the GDCF Monitor and requires some caution. Although state-of-the-art scientific sources were used for the emission factors and assumptions within this category, there is considerable variation in the scientific literature regarding these figures. CO₂-results for this category should be considered indicative with a large margin of error.

- **Website & App:** Total views and sessions of the website and festival app.
 - **Communications:** Total number of outgoing (marketing) e-mails and social media views.
 - **Cloud Storage:** Total amount of data stored on online cloud services.
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How to Use This Tab Effectively:

To start filling in the input sheet, you can enter your own data for each row in **column D, labeled "Data"** (see screenshot below). The required unit of measurement for each row is shown in **column E ("Format")**. If you're wondering what data should be filled in for each row, please refer to **column H ("What data should be filled in...")**, for a short explanation. In case you need more guidance than this, check out the tab ***User manual***.

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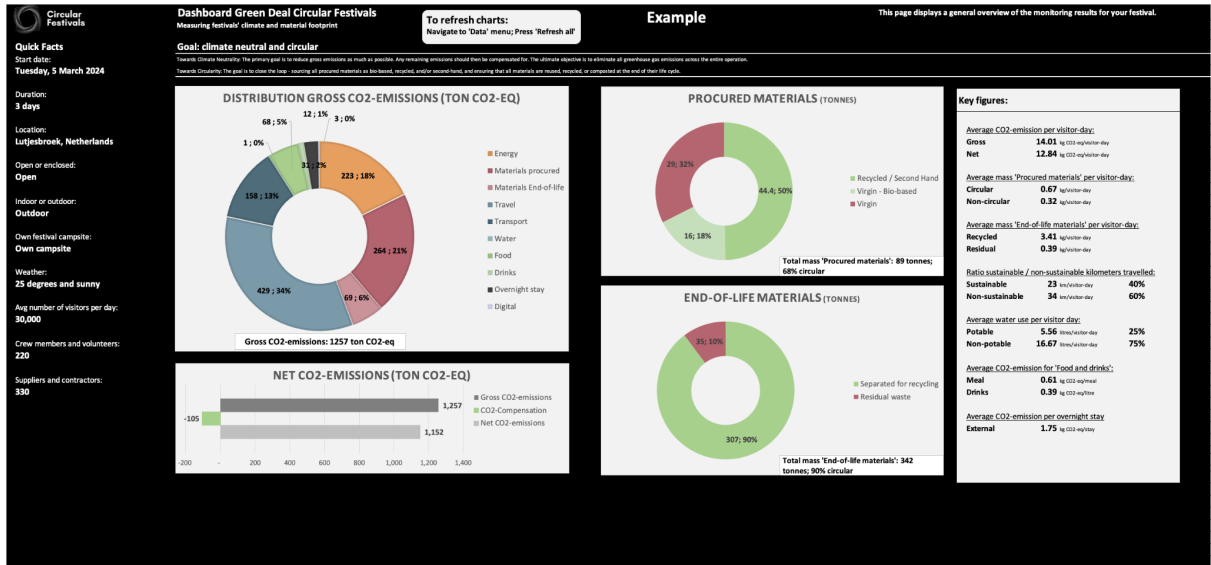
The column called **"Data info" (Column F)**, is meant to indicate for each data point what the source and/or quality of the filled in data is. You can indicate whether the data comes from your own accounting or measurement, from stakeholders or a survey. You can also indicate here that the data is based on assumption or estimation, that no data was available or that the data point is not relevant for your festival or event at all.

Finally, in **column G ("Comments")**, you can write down any additional comments for the data point. This can be more details on the source of the data, any uncertainties or things that still need to be checked, notes on data quality, etc. This information can be helpful for others you might be collaborating with or to yourself if you're looking back at the data at another moment (e.g. next year, when you're calculating the next edition's footprint).

Important notes:

- Systematic Entry:** Go through the sheet section by section. Do not skip lines.
- Use the User Guide:** Cross-reference with the User Guide tab for more clarity when needed.
- Units are Critical:** Ensure all data is entered in the correct units (kg, kWh, liters, km, %, etc.) as specified.

2.4 Results Tab



Purpose: To present a high-level, visual overview of your festival's climate impact and circularity performance.

Key Information & Actions:

- This tab is automatically populated based on the data entered in the Input Sheet.
- Expect to see key summary figures and metrics, such as:
 - Total CO₂ Footprint: The overall carbon emissions of your festival.
 - Breakdown by Theme: A chart showing the contribution of the different categories (e.g. Energy, Travel, Materials, Food, etc.) to the total carbon footprint.
 - Circularity Performance: Metrics on the percentage of circular procurement and the recycling rate of end-of-life materials.
 - Footprints per Visitor: Key metrics for benchmarking and year-on-year comparison.

What to do here: After entering all data, don't forget to navigate to 'Data' menu; Press 'Refresh all', to see the latest updated version of your festival's environmental impact.

2.5 Results - Deep Dive Tab

Quick Facts
Start date:
 Tuesday, 5 March 2024
Duration:
 3 days
Location:
 Lutjesbroek, Netherlands
Open or enclosed:
 Open
Indoor or outdoor:
 Outdoor
Own festival campsite:
 Own campsite
Weather:
 25 degrees and sunny
Avg number of visitors per day:
 30,000
Crew members and volunteers:
 220
Suppliers and contractors:
 330
Scroll down for extra figures

Dashboard Green Deal Circular Festivals
 Measuring festival's climate and material footprint

To refresh charts:
 Navigate to 'Data' menu; Press 'Refresh all'

Example

Goal: climate neutral and circular
Towards Climate Neutrality: The primary goal is to reduce gross emissions as much as possible. Any remaining emissions should then be compensated for. The ultimate objective is to eliminate all greenhouse gas emissions across the entire operation.
 Towards Circularity: The goal is to close the loop - sourcing all procured materials as Bio-based, recycled, or after second-hand, and ensuring that all materials are reused, recycled, or composted at the end of their life cycle.

This page displays a detailed overview of the monitoring results for your festival. Use the menu's to the right to create your own figures.

Climate data:

DETAILED CO2-OVERVIEW PER CATEGORY (KG CO2-EQ)

Category	CO2-EQ (kg)
Electricity - Grid - Non-renewable	23,131
Electricity - Grid - Renewable	-
Electricity - Local prod. - Renewable	-
Electricity - Local prod. - Non-renewable	-
Electricity - Batteries - Non-renewable	34,670
Electricity - Batteries - Renewable	-
Biofuel - Generators - Sustainable	25,678
Diesel - Generators - Non-sustainable	16,330
Biofuel - Grid and bottles - Non-sustainable	944
Natural gas - Grid - Non-sustainable	171
Natural gas - Bottles - Non-sustainable	2,343
Hydrogen - Generators - Non-sustainable	10,913
Hydrogen - Generators - Sustainable	109,440

Category total: 222672 kg CO2-eq

Activity data:

ACTIVITY DATA PER CATEGORY (MULTIPLE UNITS)

Category	kg	kWh	litres	Nm3
Biofuel - Generators - Sustainable	900	80,000	5,000	-
Biofuel - Grid and bottles - Non-sustainable	-	500,000	-	-
Diesel - Generators - Non-sustainable	-	9,000	-	-
Electricity - Grid - Non-renewable	-	90,000	-	-
Electricity - Grid - Renewable	-	74,000	-	-
Electricity - Local prod. - Renewable	-	-	-	-
Electricity - Local prod. - Non-renewable	-	-	-	-
Electricity - Batteries - Non-renewable	-	-	-	-
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Natural gas - Grid - Non-sustainable	890	-	-	80
Natural gas - Bottles - Non-sustainable	800	-	-	-
Hydrogen - Generators - Non-sustainable	90,000	-	-	-
Hydrogen - Generators - Sustainable	90,000	-	-	-

Category total: 910670 units

Circularity data:

PROCURED MATERIALS (TONNES)

Material	Virgin	Bio-based	Recycled / Second Hand
Wood	3	4	0
Synthetic textiles	1	1	0
Synthetic plastics	6	4	0
Steel	8	6	0
Paper	10	10	0
Bio-based textiles	1	1	0
Bio-based plastics	2	0	0
Aluminum	8	10	0
(Other) metals	6	8	0

END-OF-LIFE MATERIALS (TONNES)

Material	Residual waste	Separated for recycling
Cups, tableware, cutlery	0.8	8.8
Wood	10	0
Residual	34.2	0
Plastic	15.1	0
Paper/Cardboard	10	0
Organic / food	70	0
Metals	62.7	0
Glass	5	0
Cooking oil	69.6	0
Building / demolition	6	50
Aluminum	50	0

Purpose: To provide a flexible space for conducting a more detailed analysis of your results.

Key Information & Actions:

- This tab contains more detailed results charts where you can dive deeper into the results per category.

- In these figures, the results are broken down to the level of individual indicators, allowing for detailed analysis of results.
- It offers pivot tables or charts that can be filtered and manipulated.
- It allows you to "construct your own detailed figures," meaning you can explore specific questions, such as:
 - "What are the emissions from visitor travel by car versus airplane?"
 - "How does the impact of our food choices compare to our energy use?"
 - "What is the detailed waste composition and treatment?"

What to do here: Use this tab for advanced analysis when you need to look beyond the summary dashboard to find activity data and specific insights and opportunities for targeted interventions. Note: Don't forget to navigate to 'Data' menu first; Press 'Refresh all', to see the latest updated version of your festival's environmental and activity data.

2.6 Emission Factors - List Tab

Emission/conversion factors		This page displays the list with emission factors used for the emission calculations.				
Indicator	Quantity	Unit	Background of factor	Source(s) used	Scope	Notes
ENERGY						
Note: Energy factors are also used for other themes (e.g. fuel consumption of suppliers apart of travel & transport)						
Average grid electricity (grid mix)	0.385	kg CO2 / kWh	Directly linked to source	Ecoinvent 3.8, IPCC 2021 GWP100	Europe	WTW; Mix of non-renewable and renewable sources. Could also be used for electricity from batteries
Renewable electricity use	-	kg CO2 / kWh	Directly linked to source	CO2emissiefactoren.nl	Europe	WTW; 100% renewable sources. Could also be used for electricity from batteries
Diesel (B7 blend)	3.260	kg CO2-eq / l	Directly linked to source	CO2emissiefactoren.nl	Europe	WTW; assumed B7 blend Note: Factor has been updated in source, previous factor is used in GDCF-model
Petrol (E10 blend)	2.784	kg CO2-eq / l	Directly linked to source	CO2emissiefactoren.nl	Europe	WTW; assumed E10 blend
HVO biodiesel (Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil) B100 - NL	0.347	kg CO2-eq / l	Directly linked to source	CO2emissiefactoren.nl	Netherlands	WTW Note: Factor has been updated in source, previous factor is used in GDCF-model
Natural gas (grid)	2.134	kg CO2-eq / m3	Directly linked to source	CO2emissiefactoren.nl	Netherlands	WTW
Natural gas (bottled)	2.833	kg CO2-eq / kg	Directly linked to source	CO2emissiefactoren.nl	Netherlands	WTW; assumed to be equivalent to CNG (aardgas) Note: Factor has been updated in source, previous factor is used in GDCF-model
Bio-gas (bottled)	1.049	kg CO2-eq / kg	Directly linked to source	CO2emissiefactoren.nl	Netherlands	WTW; Bio-CNG (aardgas) Note: Factor has been updated in source, previous factor is used in GDCF-model
Hydrogen (grey)	12.518	kg CO2-eq / kg	Directly linked to source	CO2emissiefactoren.nl	Global	WTW
Hydrogen (green)	1.140	kg CO2-eq / kg	Directly linked to source	CO2emissiefactoren.nl	Global	WTW
Energy content of diesel	36.720	MJ / l		RVO - Nederlandse energieregulator	Global	Conversion factor
Energy content of gasoline	31.609	MJ / l		RVO - Nederlandse energieregulator	Global	Conversion factor
Energy content of CNG / bottled natural gas	44.577	MJ / kg		RVO - Nederlandse energieregulator	Global	Conversion factor
Energy content of natural gas (grid)	31.650	MJ / m3	1000	RVO - Nederlandse energieregulator	Global	Conversion factor
MATERIALS						
Steel	1.935	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Directly linked to source	Idemat2024	Global	Stainless steel average
Recycled steel	829	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Recalculation of combined set of emission factors	Idemat2024	Global	We use the ratio of secondary steel EF to average steel to calculate recycled steel
Aluminum (virgin / trade mix)	8.078	kg CO2-eq / tonne		JRC report: Towards recycling India	Europe	
Aluminum (secondary)	2.858	kg CO2-eq / tonne		From: Zare et al. // 2016 LIFE CYCLE	Europe	
Other metals	3.304	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Recalculation of combined set of emission factors	Idemat2024	Global	95% Copper, 5% magnesium alloys
Other recycled metals	1.724	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Recalculation of combined set of emission factors	Idemat2024	Global	We use the ratio of secondary steel EF to average steel to calculate recycled other metals
Wood	823	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Directly linked to source	Idemat2024	Global	Firewood, outdoor use, Christmas plantation (500 kg/m3)
Textile	18.200	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Recalculation of combined set of emission factors	Idemat2021	Global	Average of production of cotton and textile
Recycled textile	15.600	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Recalculation of combined set of emission factors	Idemat2021	Global	Average of production of cotton and textile
Cotton (virgin)	23.520	kg CO2-eq / tonne		Idemat2021	Global	
Cotton (recycled)	20.160	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Recalculation of combined set of emission factors	Idemat2021	Global	
Polyester (virgin)	18.790	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Recalculation of combined set of emission factors	Idemat2023	Global	Mix of different plastics
Plastic (virgin)	1.807	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Directly linked to source	Idemat2024	Global	Recycling midex polymer
Recycled plastic	399	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Directly linked to source	Idemat2024	Global	
Bio-based plastic	448.703	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Recalculation of combined set of emission factors	Idemat2024, Ecoinvent Report - ETCCW	Global	
Paper / cardboard (virgin)	741	kg CO2-eq / tonne	Directly linked to source	Ecoinvent 3.8, IPCC 2021 GWP100	Europe	Assumed to be 62% of carbon footprint of virgin paper based on CE Delft
Recycled Paper / cardboard	459	kg CO2-eq / tonne		Ecoinvent 3.8, IPCC 2021 GWP100	Europe	Sorting + transport
Recycling paper & cardboard	73.195	kg CO2-eq / ton	Recalculation of combined set of emission factors	Ecoinvent 3.8, IPCC 2021 GWP100	Europe	Sorting + transport
Recycling Glass	19.298	kg CO2-eq / ton	Directly linked to source	Ecoinvent 3.8, IPCC 2021 GWP100	Europe	Sorting + transport
Recycling Plastic	270.739	kg CO2-eq / ton	Directly linked to source	Ecoinvent 3.8, IPCC 2021 GWP100	Europe	Sorting + transport
Recycling Aluminum	31.566	kg CO2-eq / ton	Directly linked to source	Ecoinvent 3.8, IPCC 2021 GWP100	Europe	Sorting + transport
Recycling Metals	38.520	kg CO2-eq / ton	Directly linked to source	Ecoinvent 3.8, IPCC 2021 GWP100	Europe	Sorting + transport
Recycling Organic	32.354	kg CO2-eq / ton	Directly linked to source	Ecoinvent 3.8, IPCC 2021 GWP100	Europe	Treatment + transport
Recycling Cooking oil	96.926	kg CO2-eq / ton	Directly linked to source	Ecoinvent 3.8, IPCC 2021 GWP100	Europe	Treatment + transport
Recycling Wood	23.386	kg CO2-eq / ton	Directly linked to source	Ecoinvent 3.8, IPCC 2021 GWP100	Europe	Sorting & shredding + transport
Recycling Construction and Demolition waste	4.509	kg CO2-eq / ton	Directly linked to source	Ecoinvent 3.8, IPCC 2021 GWP100	Europe	Treatment (travelling) of construction and demolition waste + transport
Landfill	2.241	kg CO2-eq / kg	Directly linked to source	Idemat2024	Global	Landfill organic waste without CH4 emission prevention
Incineration (no energy recovery)	525.663	kg CO2-eq / ton	Directly linked to source	Ecoinvent 3.8, IPCC 2021 GWP100	Europe	No positive impact quantified of electricity/heat production (consistent with recycled streams)
Incineration (with energy recovery)	525.663	kg CO2-eq / ton	Directly linked to source	Ecoinvent 3.8, IPCC 2021 GWP100	Europe	No positive impact quantified of electricity/heat production (consistent with recycled streams)

Purpose: To provide transparency by listing all the conversion factors used to translate activity data (e.g., kWh, liters, kg) into carbon dioxide equivalents (CO₂e).

Key Information & Actions:

- An Emission Factor (EF) is a coefficient that quantifies the CO₂e emissions per unit of activity. For example: kg CO₂e per kWh of grid electricity or kg CO₂e per liter of diesel.

- This sheet is a reference library. For most users it is recommended not to make any changes in this tab.
 - *Note: You can however change the values here if you have more accurate EFs for your specific situation. It is recommended to use the default EFs since they are thoroughly researched, but otherwise make sure to only use alternatives from trustworthy EF databases or scientific literature/ LCAs.*
- It allows you to verify the assumptions behind the tool's calculations.
- Factors are categorized by type (Energy, Materials, Travel & Transport, etc.).

What to do here: Consult this tab if you want to understand the used emission factors with which the calculations are made, or if you need to compare the tool's factors with other tools, EF databases or standards.

2.7 Back-end Calculation Tabs - For Advanced Use

Purpose: These tabs are the 'engine room' of the tool, where all the complex calculations happen. For the typical user, it is not necessary to consult these tabs. These tabs are separated from the main part of the tool to avoid accidental changes but are accessible for transparency, knowledge sharing and advanced troubleshooting.

Key Information & Actions:

- **CO₂-Calculation:** This sheet performs the core calculations, taking the data from the "Input sheet" tab and multiplying it by the corresponding Emission Factors from the "Emission factors - list" tab to generate the results.
- **Facilitary data:** This tab displays the intermediate and background calculations/conversions for establishing the CO₂-footprint (e.g., passenger-to-vehicle conversion, waste-post-separation conversion, etc.).
- **EF-background info:** This tab provides the sources, references, and methodological notes for the emission factors used, lending credibility and traceability to the results.

What to do here:

- **For most users:** It is recommended not to modify these sheets. Any changes can corrupt the tool's logic and produce incorrect results.
- **For advanced users:** You can inspect these sheets to understand the calculation flow, verify formulas and assumptions, or check the background of specific data points. If you need to update an emission factor based on a country-specific, verified source, this can be done in "Emission factors - list" tab.
- **Disclaimer:** When changing content in the Back-end Calculation Tabs proceed with extreme caution! Changes here can corrupt the tool and negatively influence the reliability of the

outcomes, or, even worse, corrupt the entire operation of the tool causing it to stop working all together. Therefore, **it is strongly recommended to always save a backup version of the tool before you alter anything in these parts of the tool.**

Part 3 | Data Collection

This section provides a practical, step-by-step approach to gathering your festival's data in order to then fill the input sheet of the GDCF Monitoring Tool. The data gathering process is of the utmost importance; what counts for all data tools also counts for this tool: ***garbage in, garbage out.*** Meaning, data quality is the determining factor for the quality of the outcomes.

For **more detailed specifications** of how to go about gathering and filling in individual data points, please refer to the **"User Guide" tab in the Monitoring tool** itself. This guide contains comprehensive line-by-line definitions, instructions, and example questions for all of the rows in the Input sheet.

3.1 Overview of the Data Collection Process

The data collection process is structured around **four key phases**, designed to guide you from preparation through to final submission:

1. **Preparation** (Before the Festival): Laying the groundwork for efficient data gathering.
2. **Collection** (During/After the Festival): Actively gathering data from all relevant sources.
3. **Entry** (After the Festival): Preparing the data and inputting your collected data into the monitoring tool.
4. **Review** (After Entry): Ensuring data quality and completeness before analysing and sharing your results.

3.2 Phase 1: Preparation (Before the Festival)

Objective: To identify data requirements and establish clear communication channels with data providers and bring it all together in a data collection plan.

- **Data Collection Plan:** Create a data collection plan in which you address all of the data which you will need to collect for your calculations, the sources from where you will have to retrieve this data, and connect these actions to a time planning. A template for such a data collection can be found in the Appendix of this User Guide. During the preparation of your data collection plan, make sure to walk through the following steps:
 - **Familiarization:** Review the "Input sheet" tab to understand the full scope of data requested across all activity categories (Energy, Materials, Travel & Transport, etc.).
 - **Stakeholder Identification:** Identify all internal departments (e.g., production, catering, sustainability, marketing) and external suppliers (e.g., waste management, energy provider, food vendors) who are required to start monitoring (some of) their activities and will have to report on those.

- **Supplier Engagement:** Inform all relevant parties (internal AND external) about the specific data points you will need from them post-event. This ensures they actually monitor their activities and are prepared to provide necessary documentation like weighbridge tickets, fuel invoices, and consumption reports.
- **Data Structuring:** Create a working document with tabs corresponding to the themes used in the "Input sheet" tab of the monitoring tool (e.g., "General", "Energy", "Material" etc.) as preparatory worksheets to structure and consolidate raw data before formal entry into the "Input sheet" tab.

3.3 Phase 2: Data Collection (During and Immediately After the Festival)

Objective: To systematically gather all required information from designated sources during and immediately after the festival, ensuring comprehensive data capture.

The list below sums up the required data points per category for a complete analysis of your festival:

- **General:**
 - Collect general information on weather, location, name, date, festival type, duration.
 - Gather ticketing numbers (make sure you split out single-day and all the different kinds of multi-day tickets) and guest lists/accreditation.
 - Record the number of artists, crew/volunteers, and suppliers/ contractors.
- **Energy:**
 - Collect final meter readings from grid connection points (renewable and non-renewable power).
 - Request data on the electricity brought to the site in batteries and any renewable produced on-site.
 - Obtain fuel consumption reports for fuels used in power generators (diesel, HVO, biofuels, green/grey hydrogen).
 - Document energy consumption related to any cooling and heating systems and used for cooking.
- **Materials:**
 - Collect the invoices and compile the amounts of all directly purchased (NOT rented or borrowed) materials and products. See the list in the Input sheet for all relevant materials. Make sure to distinguish between circular (second hand, biobased, recycled) and non-circular (virgin) materials.
 - Collect the amounts of tableware and cups used including their respective recycle or return rates. Distinguish between reusable, recyclable/compostable, and single use tableware and cups.

- Obtain weighbridge tickets or invoices for all resource streams that are accepted as fully recyclable/compostable (mixed plastic, glass, organic, etc.).
- Obtain weighbridge tickets or invoices for all residual waste streams (incineration; with or without energy recovery, post separation, landfill).
- **Travel & Transport:**
 - Collect visitor travel data, including information about travel mode, distance travelled, car occupancy, and, optionally, any other last-mile modes of travel.
 - This information can best be gathered by implementing these questions in the visitor survey or somewhere in the ticketing/accreditation process (for examples; see the “Manual” tab in the Monitoring tool itself).
 - Collect artist travel information, including transport modes, distances travelled, car occupancy, and, optionally, any other last-mile modes of travel.
 - This information can best be gathered by implementing these questions in the standard communication with the artists or accreditation process.
 - Collect crew, volunteer and suppliers travel information, including transport modes, distances travelled, car occupancy, and, optionally, any other last-mile modes of travel.
 - This information can best be gathered by implementing these questions in any surveys that might be sent out to these groups or in the accreditation process.
 - Register all fuel and electricity consumption related to internal transport and (building) equipment movements on site.
 - Gather data on the transport of goods from suppliers.
 - Ideally, this data is reported directly in terms of fuel and electricity consumption. Otherwise, these figures can be calculated from a combination of distance travelled, vehicle type (and corresponding fuel efficiency), and the weight of goods transported.
 - Collect invoices of fuel replacement (in-/offsetted amounts of fuel) and report in terms of avoided CO₂e emissions - in tonnes.
- **Water:**
 - Document the total volumes of water used (in liters) by collecting utility statements and meter readings (distinguish between drinking and non-drinking water).
 - Gather information about the amount of water which is reused on-site (in liters).
 - Record data for any on-site water treatment systems (total amount of liters water treated).
 - Gather data about the amount of waste water released to the off-site treatment facilities AND/OR the environment (in liters).
 - *Note: If this data is not available, the tool will estimate an amount based on the total input of water into the festival.*
- **Food & Drinks:**

- Gather data on the food consumption from audience-, crew- and artist-catering.
 - You can base these figures on the total amount of food purchased or on the amount of food sold/given out by food suppliers.
 - The tool provides two options for filling in this data: 1) total weights of different categories of ingredients; or 2) number of meals consumed, divided into five impact categories (ranking from Ultra low to Super high).
- Document the source/types of food and drinks. Report the shares of the total food that was sourced organically, locally, and/or through regenerative agricultural practices.
- Collect information about beverage consumption. Report for the different beverage types (Beer, soda, wine, coffee, etc.) the total consumption in liters and the impact category for each beverage (regular, low, or climate neutral).
 - *Note: If the impact category is unknown, always use regular.*
- **Overnight Stays:**
 - Record the number of all overnight stays - including visitors, guests, artists, crew, volunteers, and suppliers - at your own official festival campsite.
 - Record the number of overnight stays - including visitors, guests, artists, crew, volunteers, and suppliers - at external accommodations. Distinguish between 1) external campsites, and 2) hotels, holiday houses or apartments. Also report the emission intensity for each accommodation (regular, low, or climate neutral).
 - *Note: If the impact category is unknown, always use regular.*
- **Digital Footprint:**
 - Determine the emission intensity of your main festival website. Use: <https://www.websitecarbon.com/>
 - Collect data on the total number of views for your main festival website.
 - Record the number of emails sent on behalf of the festival.
 - Gather data on the amount of sessions on the festival app and total amount of social media views.
 - Document the total amount of data stored in cloud services (in GB) related to the event.
- **Carbon Removal:**
 - Record the amount of tonnes of CO₂e removed via certified carbon removal projects for this edition of the festival.

3.4 Phase 3: Data Entry (After the Festival)

Objective: To accurately transfer collected data into the monitoring tool.

When transferring your data into the Input sheet, please pay attention to the following:

- **Systematic Input:** Work through the Input sheet methodically from top to bottom, focusing on one theme at a time.
- **Mandatory Fields:** Enter your data only in the yellow cells in Column D ("Data").
- **Source Documentation:** For every entered data point, select the appropriate data source from the drop-down menu in Column F ("Data info") and add any additional relevant context in Column G ("Comments"). This is a very useful step for data validation and assessing data quality later on.
- **Data Precision:**
 - If you entered data in a row, Column F ("Data info") should always indicate a data source.
 - If there is NO data in a row because this is information is unknown OR this row is not applicable to your festival, always indicate which of the two is the case by using the drop down menu in Column F, "Data info" (respectively, "No data source - left blank" or "Not applicable - left blank").
- **Guidance:** Consult Column H ("What should be filled in...") for quick definitions. Use the "Manual" tab for more elaborate guidance per data point.

Input sheet: Green Deal Circular Festivals

Theme	Indicator	Data	Format	Data info	Comments	What data should be filled in...
Short User Instructions						
<p>The input sheet is ordered according to "Themes". Every theme has its own color. The Themes are ordered in sub Themes in the "Question" column the required data is being specified, that needs to be filled in the "Data" column.</p> <p>Always fill in the boxes in the "Data" column, it is better if at all reasonably possible to make an educated guess, then to fill in nothing. If the data is unknown, please leave data box blank and use the "No data source" option in the "Data info" column. If the data requested is not applicable to your specific event, leave data box blank and use the "Not applicable" option in the "Data info" column. If data value is zero fill in "0".</p> <p>The "Format" column specifies the requested unit or "format" of the data to be filled in the "Data" column, kg, km, liter, etc.</p> <p>Always fill in every box in the "Data info" column. Here you can specify the data source, or if something is not applicable or not. The "Comments" column can be filled in if specification of certain data is needed or adds context.</p> <p>In "What should be filled in..." column additional information is provided about what data is requested in the "Question" column. The "Manual" tabs below are empty and can be used for gathering and organizing your data. For further support use the "Manual" tab below or use the "User Guide" for general info.</p>						
		D		E	F	G
						H
<p>Color coding</p> <p>Light yellow are the data input boxes. Here you fill in data that is being requested in the format that is listed behind each box. Only fill the boxes for this specific year unless you use the data input drop-down boxes. You can choose an option that best represents your data if the data is needed, it can also be left blank.</p>						
GENERAL						
Festival name	name	text				festival name
Start date	start-date	date				Start date
Number of days	number-of-days	number				Number of festival days
Location: city/municipality	location-city/municipality	text				Where the festival is held
Location: Country	location-country	text				Where the festival is held
Type of festival: Open or Enclosed	type-of-festival-open-or-enclosed	text				Choose "open" (no fence, no tickets) or "enclosed" (security fenced, tickets are sold)
Type of festival: Village or Rural	type-of-festival-village-or-rural	text				Choose "village" (in a village or rural area) or "rural" (not in a village or rural area)
Type of festival: Indoor or Outdoor	type-of-festival-indoor-or-outdoor	text				Choose "indoor" (if the event has an open (sub)tent(s) or "outdoor" (if the event has an open (sub)tent(s) or "outdoor" (if the event has an open (sub)tent(s))
Type of festival: One festival or multiple	type-of-festival-one-or-multiple	text				Choose "one" (if the event has one (sub)tent(s) or "multiple" (if the event has multiple (sub)tent(s))
Weather type	weather-type	text				Choose "dry" (if the event has more than 50% dry weather) or "rainy" (if the event has more than 50% rain)
Temperature	temperature	number				Choose "dry" (if the event has more than 50% dry weather) or "rainy" (if the event has more than 50% rain)
Number of visitors						
1-day visitors	number-of-1-day-visitors	number				Fill in all 1-day visitors: total number of 1-day tickets sold for the event + single day guests, etc.
2-day visitors	number-of-2-day-visitors	number				Fill in all 2-day visitors: total number of 2-day tickets sold for the event + all 2-day guests, etc.
3-day visitors	number-of-3-day-visitors	number				Fill in all 3-day visitors: total number of 3-day tickets sold for the event + all 3-day guests, etc.
4-day visitors	number-of-4-day-visitors	number				Fill in all 4-day visitors: total number of 4-day tickets sold for the event + all 4-day guests, etc.
5-day visitors	number-of-5-day-visitors	number				Fill in all 5-day visitors: total number of 5-day tickets sold for the event + all 5-day guests, etc.
6-day visitors	number-of-6-day-visitors	number				Fill in all 6-day visitors: total number of 6-day tickets sold for the event + all 6-day guests, etc.
7-day visitors	number-of-7-day-visitors	number				Fill in all 7-day visitors: total number of 7-day tickets sold for the event + all 7-day guests, etc.
8-day visitors	number-of-8-day-visitors	number				Fill in all 8-day visitors: total number of 8-day tickets sold for the event + all 8-day guests, etc.
9-day visitors	number-of-9-day-visitors	number				Fill in all 9-day visitors: total number of 9-day tickets sold for the event + all 9-day guests, etc.
10-day visitors	number-of-10-day-visitors	number				Fill in all 10-day visitors: total number of 10-day tickets sold for the event + all 10-day guests, etc.
11-day visitors	number-of-11-day-visitors	number				Fill in all 11-day visitors: total number of 11-day tickets sold for the event + all 11-day guests, etc.
12-day visitors	number-of-12-day-visitors	number				Fill in all 12-day visitors: total number of 12-day tickets sold for the event + all 12-day guests, etc.
Number of artists, crew and suppliers						
Number of artists	number-of-artists	number				Including all artists performing at the event: main acts, support acts, etc.
Number of crew + volunteers	number-of-crew-volunteers	number				Including all crew and volunteers that are working at the festival and are employed by the festival
Number of suppliers + contractors	number-of-suppliers-contractors	number				Including all suppliers, contractors and partner companies that are working at the festival with them
ENERGY						
Stationary electricity consumption on site (excluding mobile or building equipment)						
Renewable electricity from grid	renewable-electricity-from-grid	number				All used electricity from the grid that was produced by wind, sun, or other zero emission fully renewable production. EXCLUDING: onsite transportation and building equipment, please fill these in at the INTERNAL TRANSPORT section, below.
Non-renewable electricity from grid	non-renewable-electricity-from-grid	number				All used electricity from the grid that was produced from non-renewable sources like diesel, coal, natural gas and nuclear. EXCLUDING: onsite transportation and building equipment, please fill these in at the INTERNAL TRANSPORT section, below.
Renewable electricity locally produced	renewable-electricity-locally-produced	number				Including all locally produced zero emission electricity produced on the festival site itself. This includes bio-fuels since there is a separate category (see below).
Non-renewable electricity from batteries	non-renewable-electricity-from-batteries	number				Including all electricity used from fully renewable zero emission sources brought to the festival in batteries. When batteries are mainly used for lighting or sound (being ONLY used for lighting or sound) count the kWh difference between the charge of the battery at arrival and when it leaves the festival. Please be aware of double counting. DO NOT count the electricity that is already reported in the fields for grid electricity or local generation.
Renewable electricity from batteries	renewable-electricity-from-batteries	number				Including all electricity used from local and national sources brought to the festival in batteries. When batteries are mainly used for lighting or sound (being ONLY used for lighting or sound) count the kWh difference between the charge of arrival and when it leaves the festival. Please be aware of double counting. DO NOT count the electricity that is already reported in the fields for grid electricity or local generation.
Stationary fuel consumption on site (excluding mobile or building equipment)						
Fuel used for generators	fuel-used-for-generators	number				Use of diesel oil used on the festival site for stationary purposes (generators, heaters, etc.) SO EXCLUDING: onsite transportation and building equipment, please fill these in at the INTERNAL TRANSPORT section, below.
Sustainable fuel used (HVO/CO2/Fuel E100) for generators	sustainable-fuel-used-hvo-co2-fuel-e100-for-generators	number				Total use of sustainable fuel (fuel generation beyond HVO/CO2/Fuel E100) on site for stationary purposes (generators, heaters, etc.) SO EXCLUDING: onsite transportation and building equipment, please fill these in at the INTERNAL TRANSPORT section, below.
Green hydrogen for generators	green-hydrogen-for-generators	number				Total use of GREEN HYDROGEN (hydrogen generated from RENEWABLE energy) on site for stationary purposes. SO EXCLUDING: onsite transportation and building equipment, please fill these in at the INTERNAL TRANSPORT section, below. For conversion of liters to kg please use the tool: https://www.renewablefuelcalculator.com/ (also in english)
Grey hydrogen for generators	grey-hydrogen-for-generators	number				Total use of GREY HYDROGEN (hydrogen generated from NON-RENEWABLE energy) on site for stationary purposes. SO EXCLUDING: onsite transportation and building equipment, please fill these in at the INTERNAL TRANSPORT section, below. For conversion of liters to kg please use the tool: https://www.renewablefuelcalculator.com/ (also in english)
Natural gas from grid	natural-gas-from-grid	number				Total use of NATURAL GAS (natural gas) on site for stationary purposes. SO EXCLUDING: onsite transportation and building equipment, please fill these in at the INTERNAL TRANSPORT section, below.
Natural gas from bottles	natural-gas-from-bottles	number				All onsite fuel/natural gas usage that was transported in bottles. Including gas for cooking by vendors and catering. SO EXCLUDING: onsite transportation and building equipment, please fill these in at the INTERNAL TRANSPORT section, below.
Biogas from bottles and grid	biogas-from-bottles-and-grid	number				All onsite biogas usage that was transported in bottles. Including biogas for cooking by vendors and catering. SO EXCLUDING: onsite transportation and building equipment, please fill these in at the INTERNAL TRANSPORT section, below.

3.5 Phase 4: Review

Objective: To ensure data completeness and quality before finalizing the process.

- **Completeness Check:** Verify that all yellow cells in Column D ("Data") actually contain data, or that "No data source" or "Not applicable" has been selected in Column F ("Data info") where appropriate.

- **Sanity Check:** To improve data quality even further, it's good to check for order-of-magnitude errors, digit group errors, or unit conversion errors. The question to ask yourself is: Do the results make sense based on your event?
- **Final Verification:** Conduct a final review to ensure all thematic sections are complete and that data sources are fully documented and saved in an orderly manner.

Key Success Factor: Early engagement with your team and suppliers is crucial for a smooth and efficient data collection process. Allocate sufficient time for the data entry and review phases to ensure the highest quality of your final submission.

Appendix

Template: Data Collection Plan - GDCF Monitoring Tool

This **data collection plan** template helps you track **what data** to collect, **who is responsible**, **how to get** it and what the **current status** is. This document is meant as a support document for the data collection process and works best in combination with the **'User Guide' Tab** in the monitoring tool - specific information and tips per data line - and with the **'User Guide' Document** - user manual and process guide.

Festival: _____
Edition/Year: _____
Data Coordinator: _____

1. General & Attendance

What to Collect	Who is Responsible?	How to Collect?	Status	Notes
Festival name, location, dates, type (Open/Enclosed, Urban/Rural, etc.)	Event Manager	Event plan & site details	-----	-----

Weather type (Sunny/Cloudy/Rainy) & average temperature	Sustainability / Event Manager	Online weather service (e.g., weatheronline.co.uk)	-----	-----
Number of visitors (split by 1-day, 2-day, etc.)	Box Office / Ticketing Manager	Ticketing system report	-----	-----
Number of artists (incl. management & crew)	Artist Liaison / Programming	Artist registration lists	-----	-----
Number of crew & volunteers	Production / HR Manager	Internal schedules & HR lists	-----	-----
Number of supplier personnel on site	Production Manager	Supplier registration lists	-----	-----

2. Energy (Stationary)

What to Collect	Who is Responsible?	How to Collect?	Status	Notes
Electricity from grid (kWh) - renewable & non-renewable	Technical Producer	Meter readings, utility invoices	-----	-----
Electricity produced on-site from renewables (kWh)	Technical Producer	Meter readings from solar/wind systems	-----	-----
Electricity from batteries (kWh) - renewable & non-renewable	Technical Producer	Battery system logs, supplier reports	-----	-----
Fuel for generators/ heaters (liters) - Fossil Diesel & HVO	Technical Producer	Fuel delivery invoices, on-site tank logs	-----	-----
Hydrogen for generators (kg) - Green & Grey	Technical Producer	Supplier delivery notes, consumption logs	-----	-----

Natural Gas (Nm ³ from grid, kg from bottles)	Technical Producer	Utility invoices, supplier delivery notes	-----	-----
Biogas (kg from bottles/grid)	Technical Producer	Supplier delivery notes, invoices	-----	-----

3. Materials & Waste

What to Collect	Who is Responsible?	How to Collect?	Status	Notes
Weight of purchased materials (kg) - for all categories split: virgin and recycled/second-hand/biobased	Procurement / Department Heads	Purchase invoices, supplier data sheets	-----	-----
Number of reusable cups, tableware, cutlery used & % lost/damaged	F&B / Bar Manager	Stock counts, rental service reports	-----	-----

Number of single-use items used (cups, tableware, cutlery) & their recycling/composting rate	F&B / Bar Manager	Purchase lists, waste contractor reports	-----	-----
Weight of waste for recycling/composting (kg) - per material stream (paper, glass, PMD, etc.)	Waste Manager	Weighbridge tickets from waste company	-----	-----
Weight of residual waste for incineration/landfill (kg)	Waste Manager	Weighbridge tickets from waste company	-----	-----
Used Cooking Oil for refining (liters)	Waste Manager	Collector invoice / report	-----	-----

4. Travel & Transport

What to Collect	Who is Responsible?	How to Collect?	Status	Notes
Visitor travel (main mode of transport & average one-way distance)	Sustainability / Marketing Manager	Audience travel survey, ticketing geo-data	-----	-----
Artist travel (main mode of transport & average one-way distance)	Artist Liaison	Travel itineraries, accreditation survey	-----	-----
Crew & Volunteer travel (main mode of transport & average one-way distance)	HR / Production Manager	Accreditation survey, travel bookings	-----	-----
First/Last mile transport (Shuttle, Ship/Ferry) - number of people, distance, % sustainable fuel	Transport / Production Manager	Transport provider reports, operator data	-----	-----

Fuel/electricity for on-site transport & building equipment	Production Manager	Fuel invoices, equipment logs, battery reports	-----	-----
Fuel/electricity for supplier transport to/from site	Production / Sustainability Manager	Supplier registration survey, delivery notes	-----	-----
Fuel replacement / Sustainable Fuels (tonnes CO ₂ e avoided)	Sustainability Manager	Certificates from providers (e.g., Goodshipping)	-----	-----

5. Water & Sanitation

What to Collect	Who is Responsible?	How to Collect?	Status	Notes
Total water consumption (liters) - drinking & non-drinking	Site / Technical Manager	Water meter readings, utility & water truck invoices	-----	-----
Water reused on-site (liters)	Site / Technical Manager	Treatment system logs, meter readings	-----	-----

Wastewater treated on-site & released (liters)	Site / Technical Manager	Treatment system logs	-----	-----
Wastewater removed from site (liters)	Site / Technical Manager	Haulage invoices, sewerage utility invoice	-----	-----

6. Food & Drinks

What to Collect	Who is Responsible?	How to Collect?	Status	Notes
Option 1: Total weight of ingredients used (kg) - by category (veg, meat, dairy, etc.)	F&B Manager / Caterers	Aggregate purchase lists from all caterers	-----	-----
Option 2: Number of meals served, by impact category (Super High to Ultra Low)	F&B Manager / Caterers	Sales data from caterers, menu analysis	-----	-----
% of total food that is organic, regenerative, and local	F&B Manager / Caterers	Supplier declarations, purchase lists	-----	-----

Liters of drinks sold/consumed, by type (beer, wine, coffee, etc.) and impact (Regular, Low, Zero)	F&B Manager / Bar Manager	Purchase invoices, sales data from POS	-----	-----
% of total drinks that are organic, regenerative, and local	F&B Manager / Bar Manager	Supplier declarations, purchase lists	-----	-----

7. Overnight Stays

What to Collect	Who is Responsible?	How to Collect?	Status	Notes
Number of stay-nights at festival campsite	Camping Manager	Campsite registration & ticketing data	-----	-----
Number of stay-nights at external accommodations (campsites, hotels, etc.) - split by Regular, Low, and Zero emission	Travel Coordinator / Estimations	Booking data, partner reports, audience survey	-----	-----

8. Digital Footprint

What to Collect	Who is Responsible?	How to Collect?	Status	Notes
Festival website traffic data (sessions, page views, data transfer)	Digital / Marketing Manager	Google Analytics / website analytics report	-----	-----
Festival app usage data (sessions, page views, data transfer)	Digital / Marketing Manager	App analytics platform report	-----	-----
Number of emails sent	Digital / Marketing Manager	Email platform report (e.g., Mailchimp)	-----	-----
Social media impressions/views for festival-related post	Digital / Marketing Manager	Social media platform insights	-----	-----

Cloud & data storage used for festival operations (GB)	Digital / IT Manager	Cloud service provider report (AWS, Google Cloud, etc.)	-----	-----
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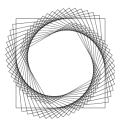
9. Carbon Removal

What to Collect	Who is Responsible?	How to Collect?	Status	Notes
Tonnes of CO ₂ e removed via certified carbon removal projects	Sustainability Manager	Certificate from carbon removal provider	-----	-----



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