

GORBEIA SUZIEN OBTAINS THE “GREEN LABEL CXM TRAIL” ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION AWARDED BY EUROPARC/ FEDME

- Gorbeia Suzien is the 4th mountain race in Spain, and the first in the Basque Country, to obtain the “Green Label CXM TRAIL” certificate.
- Europarc is the organisation that gathers the Natural Parks of Europe and is based in Germany.
- This environmental seal certifies compliance with the Guide to Good Practices for the Development of Mountain Races in Protected Natural Areas.
- Environmental management based on data to calculate the carbon footprint.

Our commitment to sustainability and respect for the environment

At Gorbeia Suzien we do not just organise a mountain race, but we are also dedicated to protecting and respecting nature. Every year, we face a rigorous process to minimise the environmental impact of our event in the Gorbeia Natural Park. This year, the Gorbeia Suzien organisation has set itself the goal of obtaining the prestigious GREEN LABEL CXM TRAIL EUROPARC-FEDME seal, for which we have based ourselves on the “Guide to Good Practices for the Development of Mountain Races in Protected Natural Areas”. This certificate has required us to meet high sustainability standards throughout three phases: planning, execution and evaluation of the event.

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The EUROPARC Federation is the network of natural and cultural heritage in Europe. It is dedicated to the practical conservation of nature and the sustainable development of biodiversity in Europe, as well as looking beyond its parks and highlighting their importance for the environmental, social and economic development of its regions, countries and European society.

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During this latest edition we have implemented key measures such as studying the environment and quantifying the environmental impact of our event, the use of reusable materials in signage and environmental training for our volunteers. In addition, we carry out meticulous segregation and collection of waste and prepare an environmental impact report that includes measures for its mitigation and compensation. These efforts are essential to reduce our carbon footprint, respect local flora and fauna and ensure that each edition of Gorbeia Suzien is a model of respect for the natural environment.

Data-based environmental management for calculating the carbon footprint

In order to obtain the GREEN LABEL CXM TRAIL EUROPARC-FEDME environmental certificate, in this latest edition of Gorbeia Suzien we have collected various types of data to be able to calculate the carbon footprint. In this way, we have obtained the basic information from which we can continue working with the aim of reducing this footprint to a minimum.

Consumption data on water, fuel, electricity and waste, once separated, i.e. plastics, paper, glass, organic waste, etc., have been obtained to base environmental management on data. This is the first test at a national level to do so. In addition, Gorbeia Suzien is committed to carrying out a joint action with volunteers every year to improve our natural environment.