



 ECOTRANS – European Network for Sustainable Tourism Development
 Tourism2030 - Tools for *Going Green* The *Going Green Check* for SMEs



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ECOTRANS - European network for sustainable tourism development

Founded in 1993 as a not-for-profit NGO in Germany.

Some Milestones:

- 1995: European Ecoletter on best practices
- 1997: ECO-TIP online
- 2001: VIST: Global assessment for UNWTO-UNEP
- 2004: Destinet.eu platform with EEA, UNWTO, UNEP
- 2009: Co-founding of the GSTC
- 2017: Partnership for the SDGs
- 2019: Launch of the Travel Green Planet Initiative 2030
- 2023: European Tourism Going Green 2030
- 2024: Going Green System for SMEs and destinations







ECOTRANS - European Network of Experts for making tourism more sustainable

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Tourism2030 - Tools for Going Green





Global to Local Knowledge Base, Market Place, Certification and Clustering



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Going Green Toolkit for Businesses & Destinations







200+ environmental & sustainability certificates worldwide



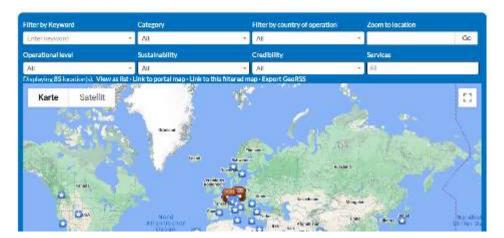
Global Certification QuickFinder A tool to help tourism businesses and destinations to find those certificates which are available to them in their country and to compare their offers

CERTIFICATION QUICKFINDER



TOP10 Certificates

NOTE: The global list of environmental and sustainability certificates for tourism is correctly being revised and updated by ECOTRANS. You will soon find more certificates on this map. For further information please contact the administrator Herbert Hamele/ ECOTRANS: herbert hamele@ecotrans.de







1,000+ awarded good practice examples



Good Practice Broswer

A tool to help you make evidenced based decisions during your tourism business's green transition process

GOOD PRACTICE BROWSER

The Tourism2030 Good Practice Browser allows you to search and filter outstanding ecomplex of husinesses and destinations all over the world. The Browser so far shows the locations of about 1,000 finalists and winness of environmental and austanability awards and good practice collections by international projects.

If you are an awarding organisations or publisher of outstanding examples for tourism surbainability in businesses or destinations you are invited to submit their locations on the Good Practice Browser map and link them to further information.



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See and search the map below with (e.g.)

900 examples of examinence which have been collected by ECOTRANS in collaboration with partners in Europe and other global regions since 2010.

90 good practices in destinations who have been awarded and presented as a Destinations is Europe Collection in 2014,

70 tour on humanesses for the SDGs selected through the ETGC 2030 project in 2021.







Access to experts to coach SMEs in Going Green

will need to undertake.

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Tourism Sustainability Support Services Find organisations and experts in your country working for making tourism more sustainable

Expert Pool [Limited access]



Going Green 2030 accredited experts help SMEs to get ready for certification in following countries:

	Bulgaria
	Croatia
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Germany Contact: peter.zimmer@futour.com http://www.futour.com	My profile After studying tourism and business administration, I worked for several travel companies (Studiosus, ADAC) and have been self-employed since 1991 with the FUTOUR tourism and environmental consultancy with six offices in Germany. With over 30 years of expertise in sustainable tourism in Germany and Europe, I work, among other things, as an accredited consultant and auditor (Green Globe 2009-2014, TourCert since 2009, Green Key since 2019) as well as an auditor and trainer for EMAS eco- auditors in the tourism and transport sector (since 1996). My special areas are consulting and auditing of tour operators, accommodation providers, congress centers and destinations.

Romania

Italy





Global Travel Green Maps for promotion and market access



Travel Green Planet Market-Place gives you access to 20,000 certified businesses, destinations and tour operators listed by over 40 leading tourism sustainability certifications on the local to global Travel Green... Maps

TRAVEL GREEN ... MAPS

The global Travel Green ... Maps with its services for certificates and destinations support the visibility of tourism businesses, destinations and tour operators that demonstrably contribute to a environmentally friendly and socially compatible tourism.

Search the global map below with more than 20.000 locations. Filter the choices: You can select *10 categories* of certified tourism.

NEWS: TOP10 Certificates 202

10 categories to select on the Green Travel Maps





The Travel Green Planet maps uses the listings from the certification programmes Idata providers) to give certifical tourism and their underlying rectificaties global visibility and to support their access to promotion and marketing organisations (data users).

An ECOTRANS team of experts oversees the categories and quality levels of the Cortification Quickfinder and the Travel Green Maps, FAIRWEG as technology partner is aggregating, completing and optimizing the data deport to B2B partners, such as four operators, travel agencies and distributions systems, according to their technical needs and offers solutions for integrations into their technical infrastructure **1**



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"Going Green" Maps for clustering sustainable tourism certification







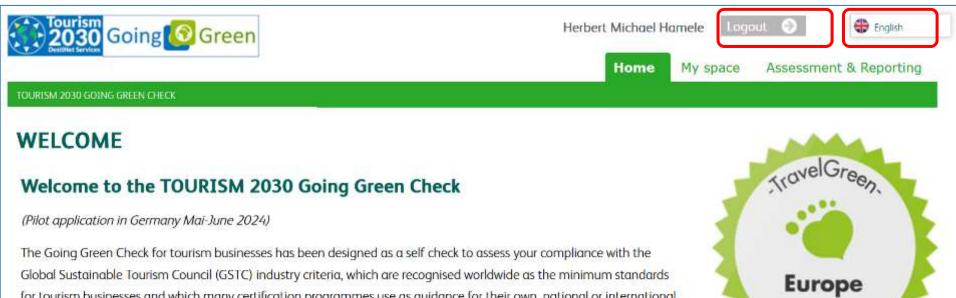


The "Going Green Check" for SMEs



An integrated tool for tourism SMEs to self assess their sustainability level <u>and</u> to find an appropriate certificate

Login & Language choice



Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) industry criteria, which are recognised worldwide as the minimum standards for tourism businesses and which many certification programmes use as guidance for their own national or international

The Going Green Check allows you to

standards.

- 1) START: self assess your sustainability performance in complying with the general GSTC criteria, then
- 2) COMPARE: to see how far different certification standards for your business cover your performance, and

3) DECIDE: choose and complete the self assement with one or several certification standards for your business, download your compliance report(s) - and decide to go green with the most appropriate certification programme.

Through completion of the chosen standard and achieving certification your business actively contributes to the dimate and biodiverity and other Sustainable Development Goals of your destination and will be published as credibly certified business on the global Travel Green Maps

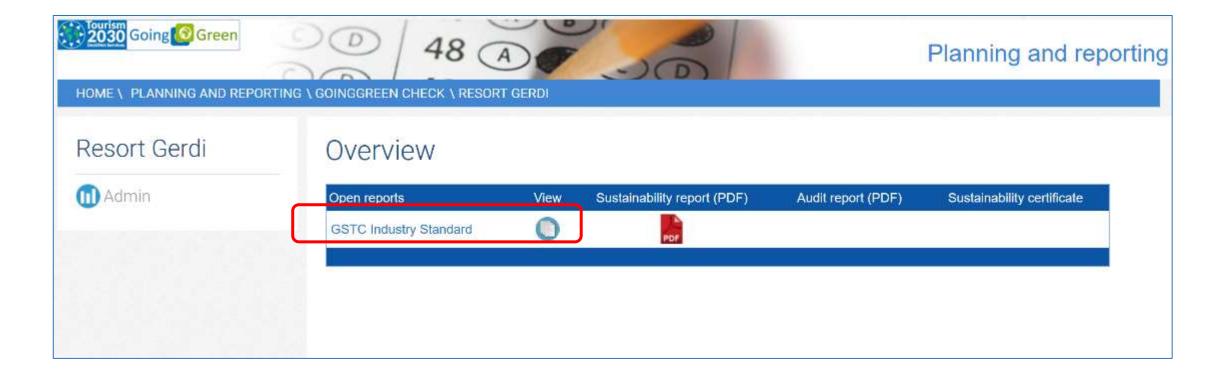
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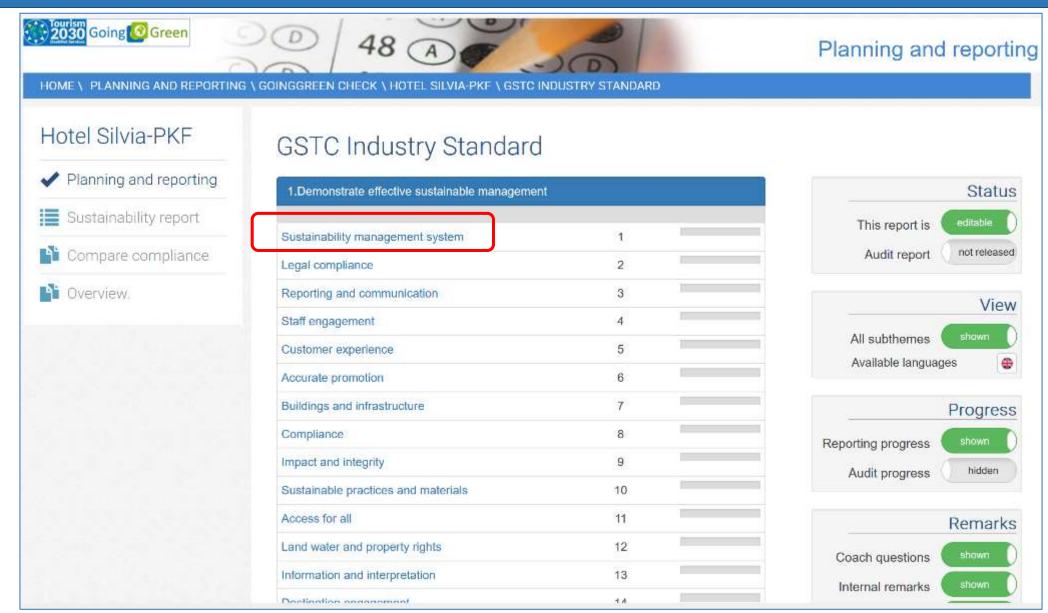
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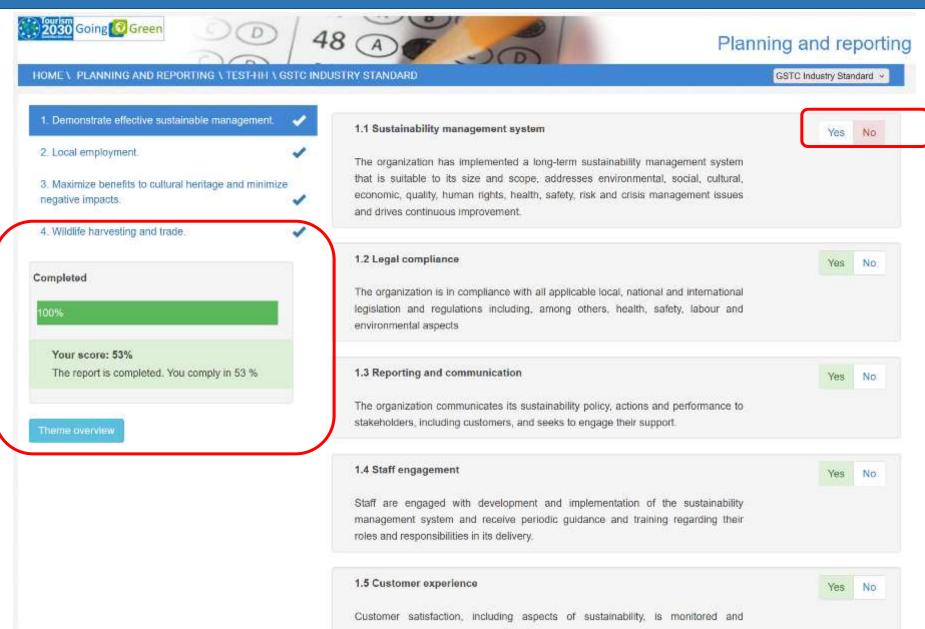
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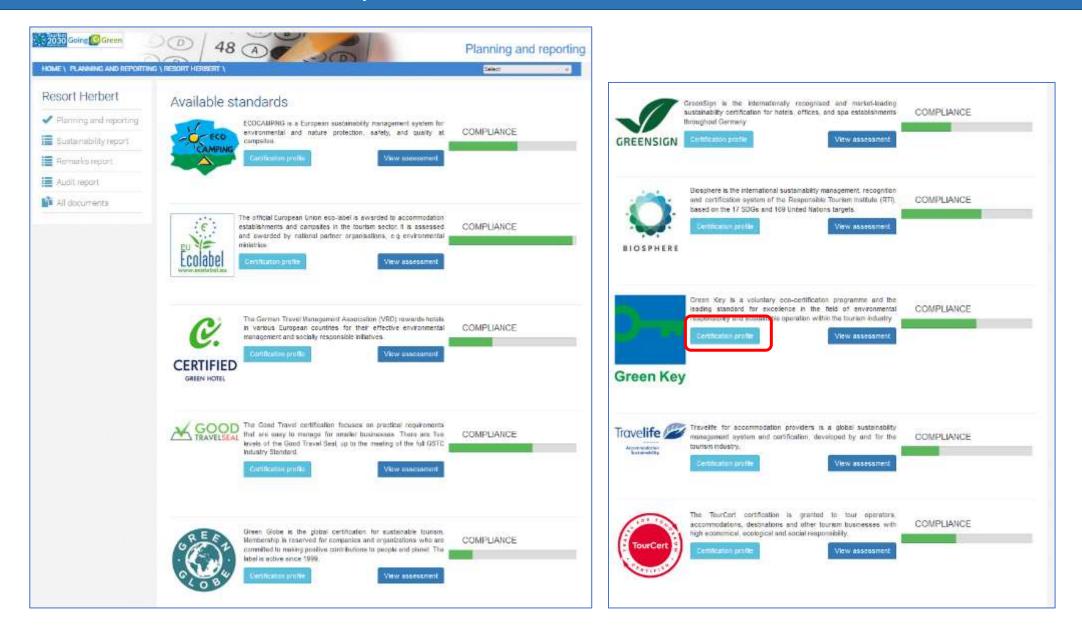
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STEP2: COMPARE COMPLIANCE

See the compliance level and choose a standard for more details



STEP2: COMPARE COMPLIANCE

See the certification's profile: services, map of certified tourism, cost, application ...

Green Key



Green Key is a voluntary eco-certification programme and the leading standard for excellence in the field of environmental responsibility and sustainable operation within the tourism industry. The high sustainability standards expected of Green Key certified establishments are maintained through a strict set of criteria, rigorous documentation, frequent on-site audits, and third-party verification. Green Key is eligible for hotels, hostels, small accommodations, campsites, holiday parks, conference centres, restaurants, and attractions. The Green Key programme is managed by the Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE) and its national member organisations. The programme has been recognised by the World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) and UN Environment (UNEP), and the Green Key criteria are internationally recognised.

Certifying Organisation Partner Organisation/s License Period (years)

Certified Tourism (nr)

Services

Over 5000

UNEP, UNESCO, UNWTO

Certified Tourism mapped on Tourism2030 Standards published for free Self-check online Training, advice Transparent pricing policy Green Key Toolbox (Carbon, water, waste, best practice) Newsletter International orientation Internship for students Consumer Communication Complaint Management Good Practices

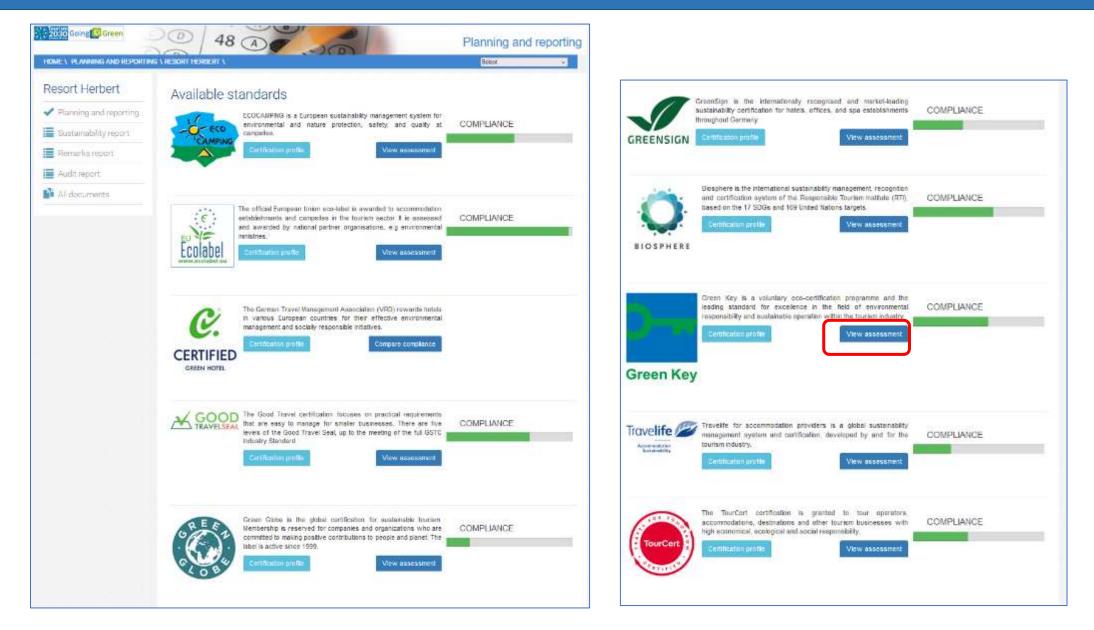
Foundation for Environmental Education (FEE)

1 Year, with on-site audits in year 1,2 and every 3rd year



Online application

STEP2: COMPARE COMPLIANCE View the chosen standard's assessment



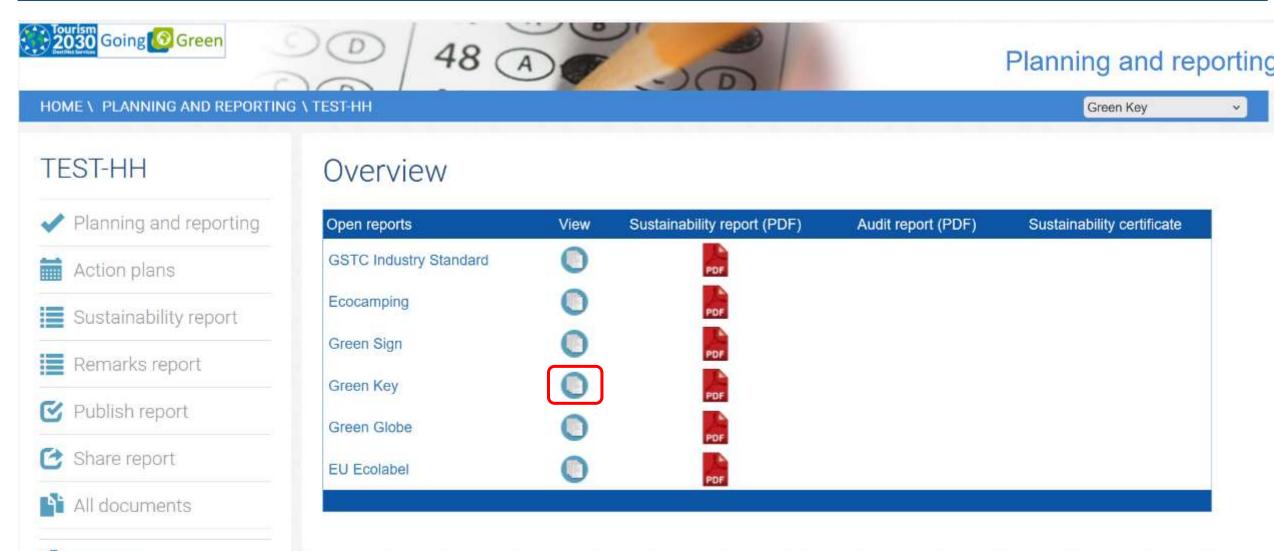
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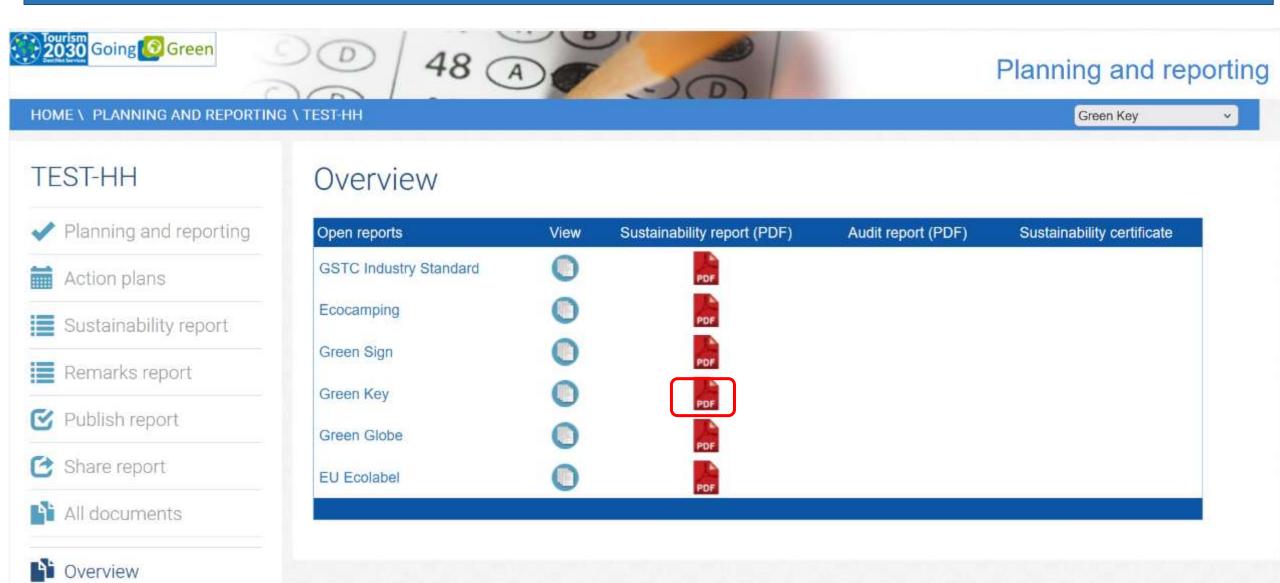
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STEP3: Complete the self-assessment Download your self-assessment result of the chosen certification standard



STEP3: Complete the self-assessment

Download your self-assessment report of the chosen certification standard

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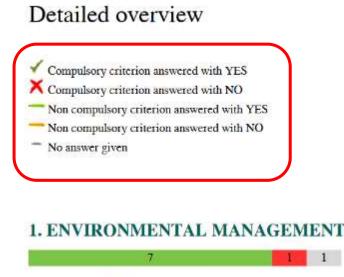
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The 3 steps of the "Going Green Check" (summary)

STEP 1: GSTC CHECK

Which of the GSTC criteria are already (partially) fulfilled or would the company want to fulfill in the future?

The GSTC criteria form the global reference framework for sustainability in tourism.





STEP 2: COMPARISON

Which certification standards with their special criteria do the GSTC CHECK results cover particularly well?

STEP 3: SELECTION

Which certification standards are most achievable? What does the certification organization offer and at what cost?



Pilot application in Germany 2024





Going Green Check: An integrated tool for certification and market access



The Going Green Check can be expanded

- to further certification standards
- to further categories of tourism SMEs
- to further languages

and help to raise the market share of credibly certified sustainable tourism in your country and destinations.







"In future, our main concern will no longer be whether we can travel to every place on earth. Our main interest will be whether it is worthwhile arriving there." (Herrmann Löns, 1908)



Thank you for your attention!

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