



# Guidelines For Ecological And Social Sustainability

## vigilius mountain resort

*The vigilius mountain resort aspires to achieve Best Practice Results for economic and social sustainability, working together towards this goal with EarthCheck, the world's leading Benchmarking and accredited certification provider. We are proud to announce that our commitment in matters of sustainability has been rewarded. We are now the only hotel in Italy to have received the Earth Check Gold sustainable certification.*

*This certification confirms our commitment and encourages us to continue our path of continuous improvement in order to make our contribution to the earth and future generations.*

The vigilius mountain resort is like a island in the mountains lying above Merano. Farsighted vision signifies having a clear, unobstructed view of one's self, while the unimportant things can remain in the valley. The people here are as authentic and open as the mountain itself. At 1500 metres, 50 employees from various nations meet one another guided by the wish to be the personal host for our guests. Included in our facility are 41 rooms and suites, an event room, a pool, sauna and spa area along with two restaurants, as well as 10 staff rooms.

"Eco, not Ego," obligates nature, and this is our motto as well as that of architect Matteo Thun. The unique location of the vigilius mountain resort, accessible only by gondola, was not allowed to be destroyed by architecture that did not show thoughtful consideration towards the surroundings. At vigilius mountain resort, the boundary between nature and architecture is hardly perceptible. The landscape is our guide and does not serve as mere background or frame. The building of wood and glass nestles itself like a large tree trunk on the ground of the mountain ridge. Outside as well as inside, materials from renewable resources are seen. That the Vigiljoch is free of automobiles reminds us that it is untouched nature which is the most precious good that we have to value.

The vigilius mountain resort has committed itself to be the "Modern Wood House" since the beginning of its ecological conviction. We live with an upright and deep respect for the surroundings, the environment and nature; moreover, we actualize this in all areas – from the near-to-nature construction to the careful handling of native resources. Since 2015, we have initiated an environment management system that fulfils the requirements of the EarthCheck corporate standards.

The vigilius mountain resort campaigns for increasing advancement which is evaluated according to annual Benchmarking assessments. Moreover, our Team continually endeavours to minimize its ecological footprint. For this reason, we have implemented measures for sustainability to improve the performance of the hotel along with the reduction of our energy and water consumption along with our waste production.

At vigilius mountain resort, we are committed to continuous improvement and making annual progress in both ecological and social sustainability.



Our greenhouse gas emissions (Scope 1 & 2) are currently at 5,8 kg CO<sub>2</sub>-e per overnight stay. This represents a significant reduction compared to the regional average of 18.5 kg CO<sub>2</sub>-e and is close to the level of the regional market leader (12.9 kg CO<sub>2</sub>-e).

Our water consumption remains below the regional average, at 354,3 liters per overnight stay, compared to the regional benchmark of 651.8 liters.

In terms of waste management, we have successfully reduced landfill waste to 1 liter per overnight stay, which is significantly lower than the regional average of 1.6 liters.

One challenge remains our energy consumption, which currently stands at 1,035.3 MJ per overnight stay, above the regional average of 480 MJ per overnight stay. However, we are actively working on solutions to improve our energy efficiency.

Our long-term commitment continues to focus on maximizing the use of renewable energy sources such as wood chips and hydropower, further reducing our environmental footprint.

Additionally, we place great emphasis on training our staff in sustainable practices and encouraging their active participation in our initiatives. Our guests are encouraged to engage in our sustainability efforts, whether through carbon offsetting or choosing environmentally friendly options during their stay.

In particular, we aim to prioritize the hiring and empowerment of local employees and, whenever possible, source sustainably produced products and services locally and from fair trade. Additionally, vigilius is committed to complying with all labor regulations and ensuring fair and just working conditions for all employees.

The vigilius mountain resort respects all valid laws and regulations in addition to setting for itself the goal of achieving international Best Practice results. We have named Eva-Maria Zöggeler as our EarthCheck coordinator who is responsible for the improvement of the sustainability performance of the hotel.

We place special attention to the hiring and strengthening of local personnel and whenever possible obtain sustainably generated products and services that are local and Fair Trade.

We encourage our personnel to remind all of our decisive interests groups, including our guests, suppliers and service providers, of our engagement for ecological and social sustainability.

Signed

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Note: This guideline is a public document and is revised annually