

# THE CHAMPIONSHIP ŠAMORÍN 2026



## EVENT SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

# VISION / COMMITMENT SECTION



## EVENT DETAILS

**Event Name:** *The Championship Šamorín 2026*

**Location:** *X-Bionic Sphere, Šamorín, Slovakia*

**Type of Event:** *International Super Sprint, Sprint, Standard, Middle Distance Triathlon*

**Organising Body:** *X-Bionic Sphere a.s. ("LOC") in cooperation with Challenge Family Holdings B.V.*

The event is hosted at the X-Bionic Sphere, a permanent multi-sport venue with established infrastructure. The use of existing facilities significantly reduces the need for temporary construction, while sustainability impacts related to mobility, energy consumption, waste generation and procurement remain relevant and require structured management.

## SUSTAINABILITY VISION

The Championship Šamorín 2026 is committed to delivering a high-quality international triathlon event that integrates environmental responsibility, operational efficiency and social accountability into all stages of planning, delivery and post-event evaluation.

The Local Organising Committee recognises that sporting events generate measurable environmental and social impacts. This Sustainability Plan establishes a structured framework to minimise negative impacts, improve operational awareness and support continuous improvement in alignment with the World Triathlon Sustainable Event Program.

# PURPOSE OF THE SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

- ✓ Establish a clear sustainability governance structure
- ✓ Identify key environmental and social impact areas
- ✓ Assess current practices and identify gaps
- ✓ Prioritise actions based on operational feasibility
- ✓ Define measurable objectives and performance indicators
- ✓ Assign responsibilities within the organising team
- ✓ Provide a structured basis for post-event evaluation



# BASELINE ASSESSMENT

An internal consultation was conducted with the Race Director, Tomas Vrzak, during the planning phase to assess the current sustainability baseline and identify practical improvement areas.

## GOVERNANCE



A Crisis Communication Plan exists.  
No formal sustainability governance structure had previously been established for the event.

## ENERGY

No event-specific energy management strategy is currently in place. The venue operates a biogas power plant that converts organic waste streams (including horse stable by-products) into electricity, representing a relevant sustainability feature of the host site. In addition, the venue utilises hot thermal water for its spa and leisure pools, contributing to the overall energy efficiency of the resort infrastructure.



## WORKFORCE

Working conditions follow Slovak labour law requirements. No dedicated sustainability briefing framework for staff and volunteers has been formalised.



## PROCUREMENT

The venue operates under a procurement system primarily focused on financial and operational criteria. Sustainability considerations are currently addressed where required by Slovak national legislation; however, no additional event-specific sustainability criteria have yet been formally integrated into supplier selection or contracting processes.



## WASTE

Waste is operationally managed, and the venue, including the hotel, complies with national regulations for sorted waste collection and recycling. However, no structured event-level waste measurement system has previously been implemented specifically for The Championship.



**This baseline serves as the reference point for future measurement and improvement.**

## KEY IMPACT AREAS

Based on the event profile, the following impact areas were identified:

- ✓ **Mobility and travel-related emissions**
- ✓ **Energy consumption during event operations**
- ✓ **Waste generation and material lifecycle management**
- ✓ **Procurement of goods and services**
- ✓ **Workforce and volunteer conditions**

**These areas represent the primary sustainability interactions of the event.**



# SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES, ACTIONS AND KPIS

## 1. WASTE MANAGEMENT

### Objective:

Establish structured waste measurement and improve material management practices.

### Actions:

- Implement a basic waste measurement system in cooperation with the waste management provider.
- Install clearly marked waste separation stations in key event areas.
- Provide volunteer briefing on waste sorting procedures.

### KPIs:

- Total waste generated (kg)
- Waste diversion rate (%)
- Number of separation stations installed



## 2. SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT

Procurement will progressively integrate sustainability considerations.

### Actions:

- Introduce a sustainability clause in supplier agreements where feasible.
- Prioritise local suppliers when operationally and financially viable.
- Reduce unnecessary printed materials.

### KPIs:

- % of key suppliers including sustainability clause
- % of local suppliers



## 3. ENERGY AND CARBON BASELINE

### Objective:

Establish an initial carbon footprint baseline expressed in CO<sub>2</sub>e.

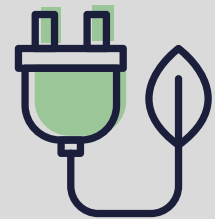
### Actions:

- Collect available energy consumption data from venue management.
- Identify major operational emission sources.
- Conduct an initial carbon footprint estimation.

The initial assessment will focus primarily on Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions where data is accessible, while acknowledging that participant travel (Scope 3 emissions) represents a significant indirect impact.

### KPIs:

- Energy data collected
- Carbon baseline completed



## 4. WORKFORCE & VOLUNTEER AWARENESS

### Objective:

Formalise sustainability awareness within event workforce.

### Actions:

- Deliver a short sustainability briefing to volunteers.
- Ensure safe working conditions aligned with Slovak labour law.
- Promote hydration, rest and clear communication during event days.

### KPIs:

- Number of volunteers briefed
- Post-event internal feedback collected





# SUSTAINABILITY GOVERNANCE & POLICY FRAMEWORK

Sustainability governance is embedded within the existing event management structure rather than operating as a separate function. Final accountability rests with the Event Director. The Race director coordinates development, monitoring and reporting. Functional leads implement sustainability-related measures within their operational areas. Decisions with financial or contractual implications require approval from the Event Director.

**A post-event sustainability review will be conducted to evaluate performance and identify improvement opportunities.**

## INTERNAL TEAM ENGAGEMENT

The Sustainability Plan is shared with the Local Organising Committee and relevant operational leads. Sustainability responsibilities are incorporated within existing roles rather than creating a separate structure. Each functional area understands how the plan applies to its activities. A short sustainability briefing will be delivered before the event to ensure that staff and volunteers are aware of key procedures, particularly in relation to waste separation and operational conduct.

## MONITORING AND DATA COLLECTION APPROACH

For the 2026 edition, The Championship Šamorín will establish a structured sustainability baseline through systematic data collection across key operational areas.

The primary focus areas for monitoring include:

- Energy consumption during the event period
- Waste volumes and waste separation performance
- Participant travel data (based on registration information)
- Workforce and volunteer numbers
- Key procurement categories

Data collection responsibilities will be assigned to relevant functional leads in coordination with the Race Director.

**The 2026 edition will serve as the official baseline year. The data collected will enable future target-setting and performance comparison in subsequent editions.**

Where historical data is not available, simple and practical monitoring mechanisms will be implemented for the first time during this edition.



# STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT APPROACH

## SUSTAINABILITY VISION

At this stage, the Sustainability Plan has been developed internally within the LOC in consultation with Tomas Vrzak and key operational leads. No formal external sustainability workshops have yet been conducted.

Stakeholder engagement will be progressively integrated during implementation, particularly in supplier communications, procurement processes and operational planning meetings.

STAKEHOLDER	ROLE	SUSTAINABILITY RELEVANCE
X-Bionic Sphere	Host infrastructure	Energy, water use, waste management
Waste Contractor	Service provider	Waste collection and recycling performance
Event Suppliers	Goods & Services	Materials, packaging, procurement footprint
Athletes	Participants	Travel-related emissions, on-site waste generation
Volunteers & Staff	Workforce	Implementation of sustainability measures
World Triathlon	Governing body	Compliance with sustainability framework
Challenge Family	Event partner	Strategic alignment and brand impact
Municipality of Šamorín	Local authority	Regulatory compliance and community interface

The stakeholders listed above have been identified based on their operational role and potential influence on the event's environmental and social impacts.

Engagement will be proportionate to their level of involvement and will primarily take place through operational coordination, supplier communication, and internal planning meetings.



# IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE





# CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

The 2026 edition represents the starting point for structured sustainability measurement. The data collected will inform future target-setting and continuous improvement in subsequent editions.