BAJA GREECE

4-6 June 2027
Argos Orestiko
Western Macedonia

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

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1. Event Organization

Event:
Baja Greece
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FIA World Baja Cup
FIA European Baja Cup
Hellenic CCR Cup

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4. Environmental Accreditations

FIA Environmental Accreditation – 2 Star
(ongoing process to obtain 3 Stars accreditation)

5. Purpose and Scope

Baja Greece is an international cross-country rally operating within the natural environment of Western Macedonia, Greece. The event interacts with local ecosystems, communities, and regional infrastructure through its sporting activities, logistics, and operational footprint.

Baja Greece, organized by the Attica Motorsport Club, recognizes its responsibility to minimize the environmental footprint of the event while promoting sustainable motorsport through local collaboration and strict regulatory compliance, in alignment with the FIA Environmental Accreditation Programme.

6. Organizers' Commitment

6.1 Regulatory Compliance

- Full compliance with national environmental legislation and Forestry regulations
- Alignment with FIA Environmental Accreditation requirements
- Operation exclusively on gravel / forest roads under permission of Forest Department, with full avoidance of protected areas (Natura 2000)

6.2 Environmental Protection

- Implementation of a prevention-based environmental management approach
- Protection of biodiversity through a non-disturbance operational model
- Prevention of soil and water contamination through controlled service operations
- Maintenance of a zero environmental incident record to date

6.3 Continual Improvement

- Monitoring of environmental performance through defined indicators and internal Environmental Records
- Annual carbon footprint calculation (Scopes 1, 2 and controllable Scope 3)
- Continuous improvement aligned with FIA accreditation targets

6.4 Stakeholder Engagement

- Collaboration with local authorities, Municipality, and Forestry Department
- Engagement of officials, volunteers, Teams, and suppliers in environmental practices
- Promotion of environmental awareness and responsible behavior
- Integration of sustainable procurement principles into environmental management practices

7. Environmental Impact Overview

7.1 Main environmental impact

- Transport and associated carbon emissions (primary impact, driven by fleet operations and mobility, with emissions monitored and reduced through localization and logistics optimization)
- Soil and water pollution risk (high severity, low frequency, with zero incidents recorded and strict prevention measures implemented, including mandatory environmental mats, controlled service areas, and spill response procedures).
- Biodiversity interaction (sensitive natural environment, minimized through non-disturbance operational design)
- Waste generation and management (high frequency impact, effectively managed through recycling and prevention measures)

7.2 Secondary impact

- Procurement and material use

7.3 Non-significant impacts

- Energy consumption (low due to efficient permanent infrastructure)
- Water consumption (controlled and limited)

8. Key Objectives

To achieve its sustainability goals, Organizers commits to:

8.1 Regulatory Compliance & Biodiversity Protection

• Avoid roads that pass-through Natura 2000 areas
• Comply with National Forest Department regulations
• Return all Special Stages roads to their original state immediately after the event

8.2 Climate Action & Energy Efficiency

• Operate the event headquarters within Energy Grade A municipal HQ building facilities
• Optimize logistics through the use of permanent local infrastructure and HQ warehouse to reduce transport-related CO_2 emissions
• Promote the use of Electric, Hybrid, Euro 5 and Euro 6 standard vehicles within the organizational fleet to reduce emissions

8.3 Waste Management

• Enforce a “Leave No Trace” protocol at HQ, Service Park and spectator areas
• Ensure professional collection, separation, and recycling of all waste streams (paper, plastic, glass, and hazardous oils) in partnership with DIADYMA S.A.
• Minimize single-use plastics through the use of refillable bottles and reusable or compostable materials
• Catering partners will donate any unconsumed meals to the church “Agia Paraskeyi” so that they can be distributed to those most in need.

8.4 Water & Resource Conservation

• Implement controlled vehicle washing procedures to minimize water consumption
• Utilize existing municipal water infrastructure, eliminating the need for water transport

8.5 Paperless Management & Digitalization

• Prioritize digital management systems, including the use of digital notice boards for all official communications
• Limit printing to essential needs, using FSC-certified paper
• Continue using dedicated digital platforms for volunteer coordination and training

8.6 Sustainable & Local Catering Strategy

• Apply a “zero-mile” sourcing approach, utilizing local catering services within the Region of Western Macedonia
• Base menus on seasonal products, supporting local production and reducing environmental impact
• Maintain a zero single-use plastic approach through the exclusive use of reusable tableware

8.7 Local Community & Stakeholder Engagement

• Prioritize local sourcing and maintain a high level of local volunteers’ participation (~90%)
• Collaborate with DESFA, the event’s sustainability partner, to promote environmental awareness and implement environmental and social responsibility initiatives
• Promote ecotourism and environmental awareness through the mapping and development of DESFA eco-trails, and the distribution of related guides to teams, visitors, and local communities.

9. Continuous Improvement

Organizers are committed to continuously improving its environmental performance by:

• Monitoring environmental indicators and maintaining internal Environmental Records
• Measuring and reporting its carbon footprint annually
• Setting progressively higher environmental targets
• Enhancing resource efficiency and reducing environmental impacts year by year

Baja Greece applies a structured, prevention-based environmental management approach, aligned with its Environmental Management System (EMS). Through the use of permanent infrastructure, strong localization, and controlled operational design, the event minimizes its environmental impact while ensuring full compliance with regulatory requirements and FIA standards.

10. Service Park Environmental Map



11. Bins' Identification



12. Headquarters' Environmental Performance



The 650sqm H.Q. building is constructed for the exclusive purpose to host Baja Greece headquarters. The building energy efficiency is A graded.

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