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# Integrate the environment with sport

through an innovative trans-national programme

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## Golf in Europe

8 million golfers

6,000 golf facilities

500 new facilities

300,000 ha of green-space

190,000 people work in the European golf industry



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# Challenges

Public opinion

Political support

Regulation and Development control

Natural resources





## Opportunity

Leader in the sport and environment community

Raise public awareness and understanding

Emphasize eco-efficiency

Improve environmental quality

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## Golf Environment Europe

Independent

Stakeholder-led

Non-profit

Objective and science-based

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To guarantee a more sustainable  
golf sector in Europe,

which maximises its integrated  
social, environmental and  
economic contribution.

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## European Forum for Sustainable Golf



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Areas of action

Greening of golf events

Environmental management and certification

Guidelines for new golf development

Innovation and technology



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Greening of golf events

Environmental Action Plans

The 2010 Ryder Cup

The Celtic Manor Resort, Wales

Select European Tour events

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Environmental Action plan

Venue

Event

Partnership

Communications

Legacy

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## Environmental management and certification

Credibility

Laws and regulations

Economic reasons



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Key attributes

Easy to use

Cost efficient

Collectively endorsed

Laws and regulations

Research and development

Transparent

Independently verified

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# European Environmental Certification Programme



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## Guidelines for new golf development

Environmental issues

Environmental policy and regulation

Eco-footprinting



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## Innovation and Technology

Collating and disseminating  
environmental information

Identifying gaps in knowledge

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## Vision

Deliver ready-to-use research results

Be a leading international centre of excellence

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## Priority research areas

Breeding and evaluation

Winter stress management

Efficient use of water and plant nutrients, and course construction practice

Control of diseases, pests and weeds

Nature conservation and biodiversity

Carbon accounting and energy conservation

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Golf Environment Europe's Environmental Resource Centre has been created with the purpose of better coordinating and disseminating technical environmental information to practitioners in golf course management and development.

The Environmental Resource Centre has the very simple aim of providing easy access to a wide range of technical information.

Use this website to find:

**BMP's** Best Management Practices.. for a wide range of different golf course, maintenance facility, clubhouse and development operations

**Technical Information..** technical materials, of various types, providing detailed guidance on specific environmental issues relating to specific aspects of golf facility management and development

**Research Findings..** conclusions on a range of environmental issues in golf, drawn from credible scientific studies

**Hard Data..** quantitative data relating to golf's interaction with the environment, such as water consumption, chemical use, biological survey

**Case Study..** credible, peer reviewed case study examples of good practice, highlighting practical applications of BMP's

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