

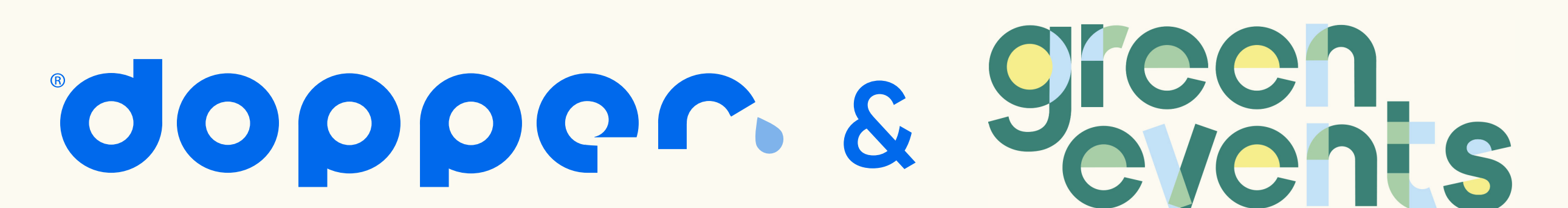
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at your club or event.**

This model is a practical tool to implement tap water options at events. The criteria and example measures are cumulative. It is aligned with the European Circular Festivals Model and Dutch Duurzaamheidsladder Evenementen (DLE), which both strive for circular and climate-neutral events.

Ready to discuss how to implement this model at your club or festival?

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Measures to become Circular on tap water:

- All materials used are derived from renewable sources, such as biobased or recycled materials, eliminating the reliance on fossil fuels and other scarce natural resources.
- The use of single-use plastics is eliminated, with any avoidable plastic being recycled to a high standard.
- Avoid the use of water from non-main supplies and in packaging wherever possible and safe.
- All unavoidable emissions from transport, heating and cooling, are balanced.

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- Tap water is offered at bars for free and/or for sale.
- No packaged water sales.
- Ensure that enough tap water stations are placed near key event areas to avoid overcrowding.

- Stop selling packaged water (PET, tetrapack, cans).

- Actively encourage visitors to bring refillable bottles.
- Establish quality benchmarks for the tap water (e.g., temperature, filtration, taste).

- Allow visitors to bring an empty refillable bottle.
- Ensure no restrictions on bottle material types unless justified by safety protocols.

- Drinking quality tap water is available at refill / hand wash stations.
- Sufficient tap water is available according to the heat protocol.
- Performed according to the local regulations for drinking water installations and the connection conditions of the water supply company.



Offer tap water

Criteria

- Drinking quality tap water is available at refill / hand wash stations.
- Sufficient tap water is available according to the heat protocol.
- Performed according to the local regulations for drinking water installations and the connection conditions of the water supply company.

Example of measures

- The water is local, or if not available from a short supply chain within 200 km of the event.
- Use water-saving taps and regularly check on water leakage to reduce the spillage of water.

Example of events

- Mysteryland (NL)
- Extrema (NL)
- Solar (NL)



Allow reusable bottles

Criteria

- Allow visitors to bring an empty reusable bottle.
- Ensure no restrictions on bottle material types unless justified by safety protocols.

Example of measures

- Water tap stations at the event.
- Stimulate use of reusable water bottles by artists, crew and suppliers.
- Provide clear guidance on the event website (FAQ) about the policy for bringing reusable bottles.
- Communication about free tap water stations on the event map and signage.

Example of events

- Awakenings (NL)



Encourage visitors to bring their reusable bottle

Criteria

- Actively encourage visitors to bring reusable bottles.
- Establish quality benchmarks for the tap water (e.g., temperature, filtration, taste).

Example of measures

- Promote bringing your own empty reusable bottle amongst visitors.
- Implement a reusable water bottle deposit scheme.

Example of events

- Lago Lago (NL)
- Dekmantel (NL)



Avoid selling single-use packaged water

Criteria

- Drastically decrease the sale of packaged water (PET, tetra, cans).

Example of measures

- Promote refilling with (paid) tap water.
- Provide multiple refill stations at high-traffic areas to reduce queue times and encourage frequent use.

Example of events

- We Love Green (FR)
- Sziget (HU)



Only offer tap water and don't provide packaged water

Criteria

- Tap water is offered at bars for free and/or for sale.
- No packaged water sales.
- Ensure that enough tap water stations are placed near key event areas to avoid overcrowding.

Example of measures

- No sales of packaged water, only provide tap water for sale or for free.
- Sell reusable water bottles filled with (cooled) tapwater.
- Offer cooled, filtered and/or flavored tap water.
- Create a visible and user-friendly mobile app or map showing water station locations.

Example of events

- Paradise City (BE)
- Into the Great Wide Open (NL)
- Northside (DK)