



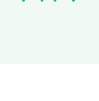


# Sustainable Development 2023–2024 REPORT

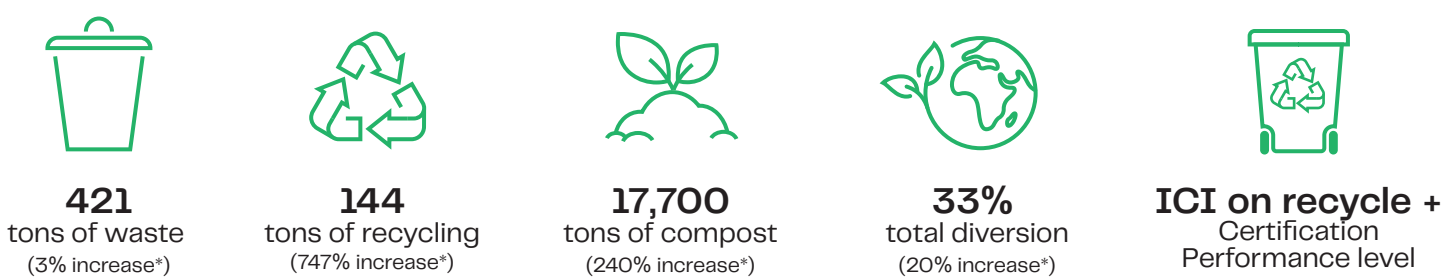


## Concrete actions to reduce our environmental footprint

To express its commitment to acting responsibly, the Palais des congrès de Montréal has expanded the scope of its sustainable development actions. Home to one of the first rooftop urban farming laboratories in Canada, the Palais is multiplying its efforts to put in place meaningful policies and initiatives, ranging from responsible procurement to digital sobriety, a zero carbon footprint for its building, waste management, sustainable mobility, social impact and support for clients and partners.

-  **PRIORITIZE** waste reduction and sorting
-  **IMPROVE** awareness and internal training on sustainable practices
-  **INITIATE** discussion with events managers
-  **MEASURE** and **REDUCE** the environmental footprint of our activities
-  **GIVE BACK** to our community

### WASTE



\*Compared with 2022–2023

### MOBILITY

- 13 BIXI keys available for Palais staff
- Indoor parking and mechanical shop for employee bicycles
- Charging stations for electric vehicles
- More than 54% of employees travel by public transit, bicycle or foot to the Palais
- Program to incentivize Palais staff to use public transit

### ECO-RESPONSIBLE EVENTS



- **ÉcoPalais eco-conditionality policy:** Discounts offered to clients who take tangible action on sustainable development
- **Palais Boréal:** In collaboration with Planetair, the Palais offers Palais Boréal an innovative program to foster carbon neutral events

### EMPLOYEE COMMITMENT

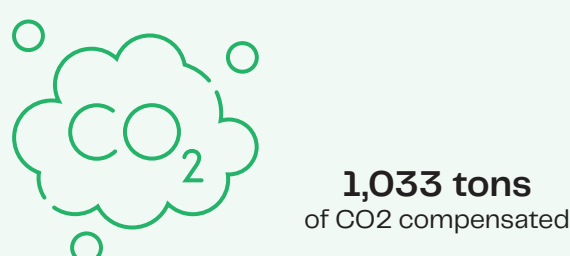


- 394 kg**  
Collection of electronic devices
- 7 times this year**  
Collection of clothing for Fondation la Collecte
- \$11,294**  
Donations to the Children's Wish Foundation during the 48-HOUR RIDE fundraiser

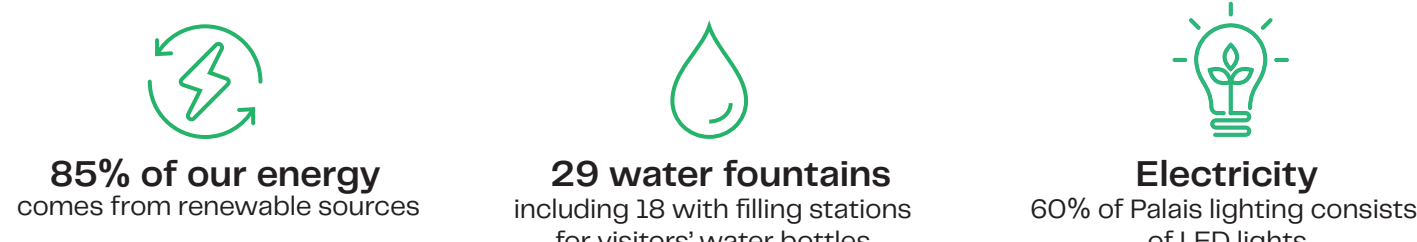
### RESPONSIBLE CATERER



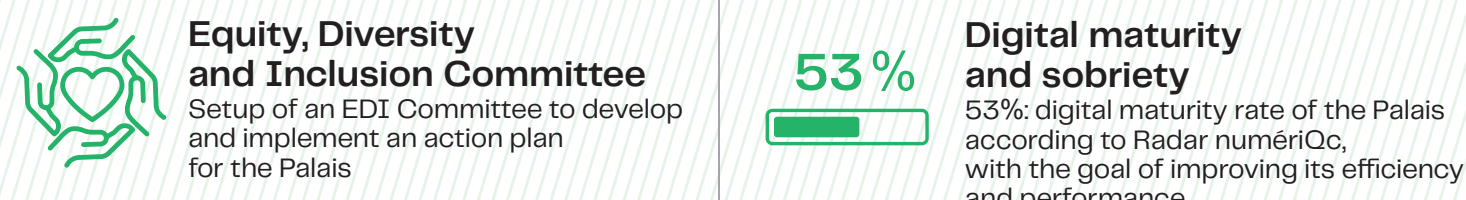
### BUILDING'S CARBON IMPACT



### ENERGY, WATER AND ELECTRICITY



### GOVERNANCE



### GREEN ROOF

in partnership with the Laboratoire sur l'agriculture urbaine (AU/LAB)



The green roof at the Palais des congrès is a flourishing initiative and one of the most important urban farming experimentation and promotional showcases in Québec. This unique space is a fruitful environmental and social project, and another step forward in the ecological transition.

- Urban farming research and experimentation site
- 35,000 square feet (3,250 square meters)
- Beehive with 20,000 bees set up by Alvéole
- 70 feet of vines planted by Vignes en ville
- Establishment of Montréal's first saffron farm with Emporium Safran Québec
- Collaborative gardening space for Palais employees to grow and harvest vegetables and herbs
- Community action with the Centre social d'aide aux immigrants (CSAI) to provide vegetables to refugees at the Maison Marie Gérin-Lajoie

### OUR AMBITIONS FOR THE FUTURE

#### CARBON FOOTPRINT

- Strengthen support for event partners to develop and increase eco-responsible events (transportation, material, waste management)
- Increase the percentage of employees who use active and public transit

#### FOOD SERVICES

- Reduce single use containers
- Reduce food waste at source and pursue food donations
- Offer menu choices with a lower carbon footprint (vegetarian and vegan) and based on healthy food habits

#### WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Continue implementing best practices in waste sorting
- Sensitize our suppliers and exhibitors to the importance of using sustainable materials
- Promote reduction at source

