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## Organisation

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## Framework

To celebrate the 58th edition of the event organized by the Automóvel Club de Portugal, we have prepared a program full of exciting new features, designed to meet the expectations of the thousands of fans who follow us throughout the year.

The fifth round of the FIA World Rally Championship will take place in the North and Center regions of Portugal from May 15 to 18.

The operational base of the event remains at Exponor in Matosinhos, where rally headquarters, teams, and drivers will be based.

Following the Shakedown in Baltar, Paredes, the ceremonial start will once again be held in Coimbra, and the opening day will conclude with a Super Special Stage in Figueira da Foz.

On Friday, the rally will move to the Central region, featuring two runs through the classic stages of Lousã, Góis, Arganil, and Mortágua. Additionally, two new stages, Águeda/Sever do Vouga and Sever do Vouga/Albergaria-a-Velha, will debut at the WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal.

The excitement continues on Saturday with the rally's return to Vieira do Minho, followed by two runs through the Cabeceiras de Basto and Amarante stages. The day will end with a grand celebration at the newly refurbished Eurocircuito de Costilha in Lousada.

Sunday, the day of decisions, will feature the stages of Paredes, Felgueiras, and Fafe, with the final run of Fafe serving as the Power Stage.

The WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal counts internationally for the FIA World Rally Championship with Rally1 cars and for the WRC2 Championship with Rally2 cars.

As one of the largest national sporting and tourism events, the rally plays a significant role in positioning Portugal as a tourist destination and fostering territorial cohesion. The ACP's strong commitment to this event is also its contribution to society, promoting activities that combat seasonality and support the interior regions of the country.

According to the FIA's Environmental Accreditation Programme, WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal has been certified since 2017 with the Achievement of Excellence level and subsequently with the 3-Star Environmental Accreditation, the highest level of recognition for environmental sustainability. In 2019, it was also recognised by the International Olympic Committee as the first motorsport success story for environmental sustainability.

The ACP, working closely with all the municipalities involved in the race, intermunicipal waste management entities and the event's sustainability partners, is strongly committed to the FIA Sustainability Programme, continuing the work it has been doing to identify and manage the race's environmental impacts, maintaining its leading position in environmental management, both nationally and internationally.

## Competition Officials

Role	Name
Clerk of the Course	Horácio Rodrigues
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Service Park Manager	Nuno Vieira
Environmental Manager	Bruno Silva Gomes
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## Environmental Management Plan Responsibility

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## WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal's Environmental Policy

ACP – Automóvel Club de Portugal, as organiser of WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal, is committed to the FIA Sustainability Programme and the FPAK Environmental Sustainability Code, with the aim of continuing to improve and minimise the environmental impact of the event and, as one of the WRC events that welcomes a large number of spectators, WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal maintains its aim of being a benchmark in environmental issues, both nationally and internationally.

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To fulfil our objectives, we have established partnerships with Portuguese Environment Agency, all the municipalities involved in the event, environmental authorities and local waste management entities. We have also defined a programme to offset greenhouse gas emissions, and we promote actions to plant native species in the areas surrounding the event.

Therefore, WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal, through its Environmental Management System, will be guided by the following principles:

- Comply with applicable environmental legislation, as well as other obligations voluntarily assumed, including the FIA Environmental Accreditation Programme and the FPAK Environmental Sustainability Code;
- Inform and train everyone involved in the organisation about its environmental policy;
- Promote environmental awareness among our stakeholders (organisation, drivers, teams, volunteers, media, spectators, partners and external suppliers) and encourage them to fulfil and enforce good environmental practices;
- Take into account the environmental impact when choosing partners and suppliers, as well as in the process of selecting and purchasing products and services;
- Reduce the environmental impact in terms of transportation, as far as possible, encouraging carpooling and car sharing, as well as the use of public transport;
- Promote responsibility in preserving the environment by managing and monitoring the direct and indirect impacts of the event, in particular energy consumption and associated greenhouse gas emissions, water consumption and other natural resources, and proper waste management;
- Encourage adequate and proactive management of environmental risk, in particular pollution prevention and emergency response to accidents and/or disasters;
- Promote the continuous improvement of processes, practices and environmental developments by defining and evaluating progressively more ambitious environmental objectives.

This Environmental Policy, supported by a strong “performance against objectives” attitude, will regularly be reviewed and updated, ensuring continuous improvement of the entire Environmental Management System.

### The Organising Committee of WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal

## Environmental Accreditations and Certifications

WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal has the following external environmental recognitions:



**FIA Environmental Accreditation – 3 Stars**  
(Level “Achievement of Excellence” since 2017)



Recognition of compliance with  
**FPAK Environmental Sustainability Code**

In 2019, WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal was also recognised by the **International Olympic Committee** as the first motorsport success case for environmental sustainability.

## Waste Management

Waste is one of the main impacts of the event, which is generated by everyone involved, whether riders, teams, organisers, suppliers or the public.

For this reason, collection points for undifferentiated and recyclable waste will be set up in all the areas where the public is most concentrated, and specialised teams will collect the waste at the end of each day of the event. Ashtrays will also be installed wherever possible in the public areas, so that cigarette butts can be collected correctly and not thrown on the ground.

Ecopoints will be placed in all the organisation's administrative areas, as well as in the Service Park at Exponor.

There will be a dedicated area in the Service Park for the disposal of solid and liquid hazardous waste, such as:

- Engine, gear and lubricating oils (EWC 130208)
- Packaging containing residues of or contaminated by dangerous substances (EWC 150110)
- Empty pressure containers (EWC 150111)
- Absorbents, wiping cloths and protective clothing (EWC 150202)
- Oil filters (EWC 160107)
- Brake pads (EWC 160112)
- Plastic car parts (EWC 160119)
- Glass (EWC 160120)
- Air filters / car lamps (EWC 160122)
- Batteries (EWC 160601)



It is strictly forbidden to spill oil, fuel or other liquids on the ground. The organisation will provide duly identified containers for their correct disposal.

Recycling bags will also be made available by the organisation to all participating teams, which must be used to segregate the waste produced in the Service Park, except for hazardous waste. When full, they must be closed and placed in or near the appropriate containers for collection by the local waste management authorities.

In Portugal there are 3 containers for recyclable waste, the separation rules for which are set out below:



At Exponor, the parking spaces for trucks, motorhomes and the vehicles of the various participating teams, drivers and organisers have been defined. The locations of the toilets (for women, men and people with reduced mobility), changing rooms, vehicle washing area and waste disposal area have also been defined.

It will also be ensured that all visitors to Exponor, Spectator Zones and Rally Pass are properly informed of the rules implemented for waste segregation, in particular:

- The obligation to use the waste collection points provided by the organisation;
- A ban on spilling any kind of liquid on the floor.

The Environmental Map defined for Exponor can be consulted at the end of this document.

Once the event is over, a general check of all the facilities, public areas and their surroundings will be carried out in order to eliminate any waste that may exist.

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## Vehicle and Parts Washing

A vehicle washing area and a parts washing area are available within Exponor's facilities, duly identified on the Environmental Map, which present the necessary conditions for the correct disposal of grey water resulting from the washing processes, thus avoiding potential soil contamination.

In line with the FIA Environmental Regulations and the FPAK Environmental Code, it is not permitted to use any cleaning product to wash competition vehicles, and only water should be used for washing.

It is expressly forbidden to wash any vehicle or car part outside the areas defined by the organisation.

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## Protection of Biodiversity and Surrounding Areas

In order to protect the natural environment in which the WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal takes place, the design of the race course and spectator areas took into account the natural characteristics of the terrain involved, so no external materials were included in the definition of the course. The existing green areas were also respected, in particular the native shrubs and trees, as well as the natural flora around them, clearing only the passages strictly necessary to define the circuit, in order to guarantee the safety of the drivers and teams taking part.

Based on the legal framework of the Natura 2000 Network and the forest areas of the race sections, the usual technical opinion from the Institute for Nature Conservation and Forests (ICNF) will be requested.

All the signs installed along the race route will be made of inert materials and will be completely removed at the end of the race. The entire race route will also be checked for cleanliness and the collection of any waste that may exist.

Vehicles may not be parked in protected areas or green spaces. The spaces defined by the organisation for parking at the various race venues must be used exclusively.

<sup>1</sup> United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations member states in 2015 and officially entered into force in 2016, defines the priorities and aspirations for global sustainable development for 2030 and seeks to mobilise global efforts around a set of common goals and targets. There are 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) that represent an urgent call to action from all countries - developed and developing - for a global partnership. The SDGs define global priorities and aspirations for 2030 in areas that affect the quality of life of all the world's citizens and those yet to come.

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## Soil Protection

During WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal, all stage leaders (safety team) and the Environment Emergency Vehicle (EEV) will carry spill containment kits for immediate action in the event of an accidental spillage of oil or other potentially dangerous liquid anywhere in the race. The kits consist of a shovel, absorbent pads, gloves, a plastic bag and instructions on how to act in the event of an accident.



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## Environmental Mat

In accordance with FIA and FPAK regulations, it is compulsory to use an environmental mat or waterproof cover in the service and refuelling areas (not applicable in commercial service stations).

It must also be used under any other equipment or tank with the potential to spill liquids, including electric generators and drums containing liquids.

The environmental mat or cover must fulfil the duly regulated dimensions and be made up of an absorbent top layer and an impermeable bottom layer, in order to prevent oil, fuel and other dangerous liquids from spilling onto the ground.

Failure to comply with the use of the mat or environmental cover in the various situations described above may result in penalties for the team involved.

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## Noise Emission

In order to ensure that the noise levels produced during the race do not exceed the thresholds defined by national and local legislation, sound level measurements will be carried out by sampling in some areas of the stretches and areas with the largest crowds. Measurements will also be taken at the race venues where sound systems will be installed.

In accordance with the General Noise Regulation, a special noise licence will be required from the Municipality of Matosinhos for the activities carried out at Exponor during the days of the race.

In the event of a complaint from an interested party about sound levels, an on-site measurement will be taken by the event's Environmental Manager for validation. If it is confirmed that the sound level set for the emitting source has been exceeded, appropriate action will be taken to correct it immediately.

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## Greenhouse Gas Emission

Climate change is a global problem that requires concerted global responses and appropriate local action. In order to limit the impacts of climate change, it is essential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and create ways of adapting to foreseeable changes, so as to reduce the negative effects of climate change on ecosystems and people's quality of life.

In this sense, and with the aim of reducing greenhouse gas emissions from competition vehicles, assistance vehicles, organisation vehicles and vehicles belonging to the general public, it is strongly recommended that those involved consider the real need to use them in non-competition situations, replacing them where possible with soft modes of transport such as bicycles, electric scooters or walking.

It is also recommended that the public share vehicles when travelling to authorised public areas, reducing the number of vehicles in circulation and the resulting greenhouse gas emissions from fuel consumption.

As an action to mitigate the greenhouse gases emitted during WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal, ACP will account for the emissions associated with total fuel consumption and then offset them by purchasing certified carbon credits.

In partnership with Tree-Nation, the largest global reforestation platform, the official site of WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal has been carbon neutral since 2025, with emissions being offset by reforestation projects around the world (visit the [WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal's forest](https://www.rallydeportugal.pt/forest)).

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## Environmental Support Team

During WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal, additional environmental support staff will be on site, in particular the FPAK Environmental Delegate and the APA Environmental Commissioners. Their role will be to assess the environmental conditions at the various race venues and to correct any situations identified as posing a significant environmental risk.



The Environment Emergency Vehicle (EEV) will also be in circulation on all sections of the race. Its functions are to monitor the environmental conditions of the sections in order to ensure that they remain unchanged, as well as to act to contain any spillages identified.

In addition, there will be Eco Marshals on all the stretches, particularly in the areas with the largest crowds, who are duly trained volunteers with the additional duties of monitoring and raising environmental awareness.



They are all part of the environmental support team and are in constant contact with the Rally's Environmental Manager.

## Digital Media

The ACP's digital platforms will be used to disseminate any communication associated with the race (official rally website, social media and virtual display board).

The use of digital media makes it possible to reduce the number of printouts of the various documents produced during the race and to disseminate them quickly. The official WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal website is also carbon neutral (see chapter "Greenhouse Gas Emission").

The virtual display board can be consulted on the rally's official website and on the **Sportity** App, available free of charge to anyone interested (App Store and Google Play), with the following password: WRCPR25

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## Environmental Awareness

In partnership with the five multi-municipal and inter-municipal waste management entities associated with the municipalities involved in the WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal, environmental awareness actions will be carried out in different public areas, with the aim of promoting the correct separation of waste and raising awareness of the importance of this practice in everyday life and, in particular, before, during and after the rally.



These awareness-raising activities are an integral part of the WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal's recognition as an **Ecoevento**, awarded by ERSUC and Resinorte.

In parallel with the awareness-raising activities on the ground, another environmental awareness-raising activity will take place at Exponor, in the form of an interactive game, promoted by partner organisations Sogilub, Valorpneu and Valorcar. The aim of this activity is to raise awareness and provide information on the collection and recycling of various types of waste (used oils, tyres, batteries and other components from the scrapping of vehicles).



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## Post-Rally Measures

The WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal logistics team is responsible for removing all publicity materials, equipment and structures placed at the various locations of the event as soon as the stages open. Whenever possible, all undamaged materials are cleaned and stored for use in future events, avoiding material waste and promoting the circular economy. The plastic tapes used along the routes are removed, stored and duly sent for recycling.

The local waste management organisations will collect all the waste produced and from all the collection containers assigned to the race (Exponor, Spectator Zones, etc.). The waste collected will be sent to the most appropriate final destination for the waste in question, preferably recycling.

At the end of the event, the organisers will make a complete tour of all the areas and sections of the race, with the aim of assessing whether all the initial cleaning and environmental conditions have been met.

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## Environmental Incident Reporting

If any environmental incident is detected during the race (e.g. accidental spillage of liquids), all feasible mitigation measures will be adopted immediately to control, contain, eliminate and manage the contaminants and any other damaging factors, simultaneously reporting the occurrence to the organisation and to the security forces and essential services for rapid intervention (e.g. fire brigade or GNR).

Whenever possible, photographs should be taken of the site of the environmental incident, as well as the intervention carried out to correct it.

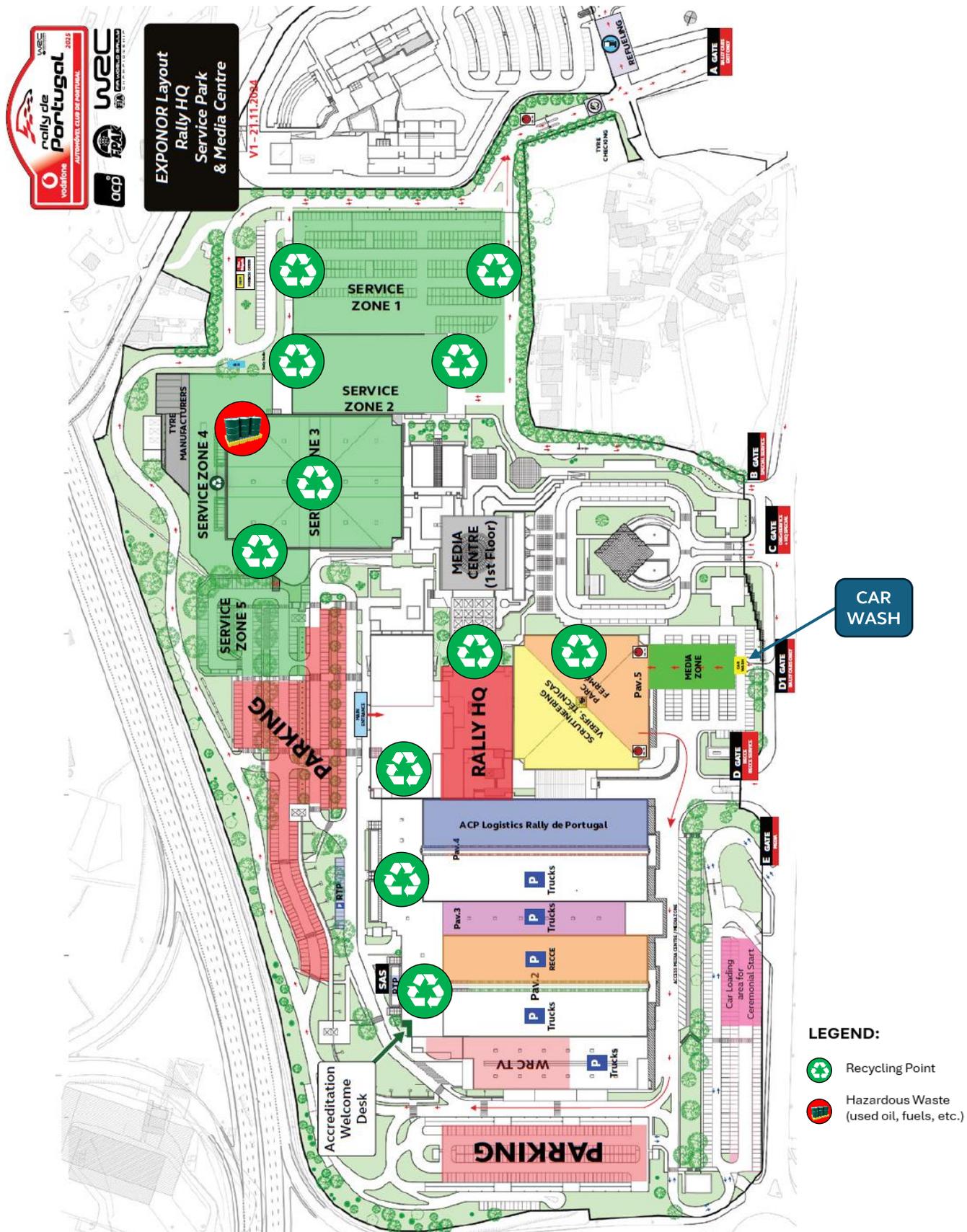
Any communication of an environmental incident or clarification related to this Environmental Management Plan must be made through one of the following channels:

**E-mail:** [environment.rallydeportugal@acd.pt](mailto:environment.rallydeportugal@acd.pt)

**WhatsApp:** +351 915 429 785



**Environmental Map of Exponor's Service Park**





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## FIA Environmental Accreditation Certificate



# CERTIFICATE



This certifies that

**WRC Vodafone Rally de Portugal**

has achieved Three-Star level within the FIA Environmental Accreditation Framework

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