



VILLA DUBROVNIK
DUBROVNIK

SUSTAINABILITY MANAGEMENT PLAN



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Set below a road and secluded in maritime pines, the hotel is situated on the eastern edge of Dubrovnik on the Dalmatian Coast.

The property is just over a mile from the UNESCO protected medieval walls that surrounded the city's Old Town and it is a short walk to Sveti Jakov Beach, one of the most picturesque spots in the region.

Close by are the lookout point at Orsula Park, with spectacular views of the tiny bay, Lokrum Island, the city and beyond.

The origins of Villa Dubrovnik date to 1961 and the work of Croatian architect Mladen Frka, who devised a chic modernist residence on a rocky outcrop that was designed to become one with the landscape. In the 1980s, the site hosted its first hotel before undergoing an extensive renovation that was completed in 2010.

Efforts were made to preserve the structure's sharp linear style.

The gardens on the property and the stone beach at water's edge were left intact, while the interiors were revamped in order to evoke a contemporary mood.

The hotel's pristine white architecture provides a stunning contrast to the rocky landscape and emerald green waters of the Adriatic. The property's clean, nautical lines evoke an understated refinement and the modern decor that is matched by the rich traditions of the Mediterranean in a contemporary style.

Guests and visitors arrive from above, greeted by a discreet glass elevator that brings them down to reception. The decor stresses natural and nautical themes and features white wood, light colors and magnificent white stone from the Croatian island of Brač.

Villa Dubrovnik is a small luxury boutique hotel which Sustainability Management plan is appropriate to the business size and scale:

- 700m² of garden
- 6 Suites
- 29 deluxe residences, 14 superior residences, 3 executive residence
- 2 rooms adjusted for persons with disabilities
- 2 Villa Kolin residences with three bed rooms
- 2 restaurants and 2 bars
- Main indoor/outdoor swimming pool
- Spa with Bio and Steam Sauna
- Fitness room
- Beach area
- Meeting & Events room
- 3 public bathrooms

Villa Dubrovnik has a strong interest to protect the environment and to act as local initiator of a healthy, livable, sustainable and vital environment in beautiful Dubrovnik surroundings.

One of our core values is to protect our environment and increase hotel's value and prosperity while decreasing our environmental footprint, and make difference leading by example.

We also stand firm in following set of convictions in increasing economic responsibility, environmental responsibility, decent work responsibility and genuine community engagement.

SCOPE

The scope of the Sustainability Management Plan covers all business, operational and hospitality activities at the Villa Dubrovnik in integration with all colleagues, customers, employees, business partners, owners, other stakeholders and the community.

It is our aim to improve our sustainability efforts, and to achieve a one percent (2%) of overall annual improvement in connection with our future yearly review.

Protecting the environment is of our core value and we will extend our continuous efforts to raise awareness and encouraging not only our employees, but also our guests to be more conscious about the environmental sustainability. In order to reduce the carbon footprint in hospitality industry, we have collaborated with Green Globe environmental organization to guide us to our goal.

Green Globe is the premier global certification for sustainable travel and tourism. The Green Globe Certification offers the world's most recognized and longest running program allowing us to be one of the green leaders in the travel and tourism industry to confidently promote our environmental credentials along with our commitment to the people and prosperity of Dubrovnik surroundings

TARGETS

- 1) GENERAL TARGETS:
 - To become a Green Globe Hotel.
 - To incorporate 2 new practices in its first year as a Green Globe Hotel to meet more Green Globe criteria.
 - To become one of the most desirable companies to work for.
 - To keep leading position in luxury hospitality business in Croatia.
 - To keep and maintain our profit.



- 2) SATISFACTION TARGETS:
 - To increase overall guest satisfaction to be above 95%
 - To increase employee satisfaction above 95%
 - To lead Quality Assurance and Fine Hotels and Resorts Score above 95%
- 3) TRAINING TARGETS:
 - Train all departments twice a year in sustainability issues.
 - Train all departments on Code of Ethics and Conduct.
 - Train all departments according to all Health & Safety regulations.
- 4) ENVIRONMENTAL TARGETS:
 - To reduce energy consumption for 0,5%
 - To reduce water consumption for 1%
 - To minimize waste for 2%

PURPOSE

- The primary purpose of the Sustainability Management Plan is to guide decision making, management, and the daily operations of the business in a sustainable manner.
- To develop the business in a sustainable manner considering the environmental, socio-cultural, quality, and health & safety issues
- To demonstrate management commitment to comply with the environmental laws and regulations of the Croatia
- To develop a monitoring and audit program to ensure compliance to the Sustainability Management Plan and relevant environmental legislation and the early detection of any significant environmental impacts from the activities of the business
- To present mitigation strategies and actions for the control of pollution, waste minimization and resource conservation by effectively practicing Reduce, Reuse and Recycle wherever possible
- To establish a framework for environmental management
- To ensure the implementation of the identified mitigation measures and protecting our environment and lower our carbon footprint.

Date: 10th of September 2018.

Villa Dubrovnik is a part of the community located on the Adriatic Sea that has a century-long history in environmental ideas. "Unity of men and nature" is one of the core concepts of Renaissance thought that is the main feature of our region, Dubrovnik city as UNESCO World Heritage Site, and its attractive force for our visitors and inhabitants.

As a prominent participant of such beautiful cultural and ecological landscape in which we live and work, we at Villa Dubrovnik are obliged in contributing to the well-being of our present and future generations by all our means and efforts.

Hereby, we pledge to safeguard the environment in our everyday work, by establishing our business on following key principles of environmental sustainability:

- Compliance with all national and international environmental legislation
- Minimize consumption of water, energy, paper and other resources with constant evaluation.
- Minimize the amount of total generated waste and increase waste diversion ratio by controlling the waste management process and consumer returns.
- Maximize the use of recyclable and reusable materials, adopt and promote usage of renewable substances.
- Prioritize usage of eco-friendly chemical products that are not harmful to our environment.
- Offer guidance to our guests of products, services, and behaviors that are environmentally friendly and desirable in the local community.
- Initiate exemplary environmental activities within local community.
- Promote environmental awareness among our business associates, stakeholders, and suppliers by pro-active communication and insisting on our ethical and sustainable operating policies.
- Create a culture of advanced environmental awareness within hotel by in-house training programs and education.
- Monitor the progress of all our environmental performances in comparison to our set goals.

Villa Dubrovnik agrees to commit to the above-mentioned environmental principles and continual improvement.

Mirna Lončar Stražičić
General Manager



I. SOCIO-CULTURAL

FOR OUR EMPLOYEES:

In the respect for all women and men, humans in all diversity, Villa Dubrovnik brings people, companies and products together and is committed to bind her guests, staff and suppliers in sustainable way.

This means that Villa Dubrovnik complies with laws and regulations, equality and human rights, including health, safety, labor, environmental aspects, and insurance policies.

Salaries and benefits meet national regulations, and all payments required by law such as pension & health insurances, holiday pay and overtime hours. Overtime is paid by hours worked beyond the established work in accordance with Croatian labor law. Week hours and working hours do not exceed the legal maximum established by the labor law, but being a hospitality industry at times a need might arise to work additional hours, colleagues are accordingly remunerated as per the policies outlined. The employees are given career development plans and cross training exposure to preferred areas to motivate the moral of the employees.

Villa Dubrovnik strictly complies with the Croatian law and EU Regulation of Child labor. Villa Dubrovnik has prevention of Child exploitation or child protection or sexual trafficking policy, the hotel does not encourage any type of exploitation in regards to the labor, sexual abuse or harassment and child trafficking within the hotel premises as a part of the Sustainability Management Plan. Appropriate policies are in place against the employment of children, sexual harassment, and exploitation. Villa Dubrovnik has included child exploitation awareness as part of the internal trainings conveyed to all employees through customized training material.

Villa Dubrovnik are willing to liaise with all relevant organizations to support and protect children from sexual abuse and trafficking

Following to the external rules, Villa Dubrovnik assures that its Code of Conduct, as the result of mutual employee's consensus, is followed.

Diversity for Villa Dubrovnik's people means excellence in wide variety of forms such as profession and profiles, cultures and origins, and in terms of experience and career path.

- The percentage of women and men employees of Villa Dubrovnik is in equal proportion (50%-50%).
- Ratio of women to men that hold executive positions is 60% to 40%, which is higher for women positions than average in EU, as per statistical reports of Eurostat 2019.

- As part of our policy of internal promotion and mobility, our employees benefit from training opportunities throughout their careers. Different tools are provided enabling everyone to develop at their own pace following our inside trainings and coaching by the outside companies. Employee hiring, training, annual appraisal and performance review, at Villa Dubrovnik are in line with the HR competencies and competency models. Competencies and competency models are designed to define the skills, knowledge and attributes that make organization and individual successful.

Once competencies are identified, people with these competencies can be recruited and where showing potential, being promoted. This builds an organization of successful colleagues who are capable of delivering excellent business results and innovations.

- Above mentioned training program resulted in 10 promotions of our employees since 2018 to 2019.
- We provide equal opportunities for foreigners and locals. At the moment 10% of employees are foreigners of different nationalities (Italia, Vietnam, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Albania).
- We provide food, housing and commute tickets for all non-local and foreign employees to assure a smooth integration into society and basic needs.
- In order to constantly improve our responsibility policy, employees are encourage to provide input over their improvement ideas.
- The use of public transport is encouraged.
- For year 2019 we have in plan developing our Award Program for Employees that will include prizes and points collecting for all individual and privately undertaken green, humanitarian and local volunteering actions and participation by our employees.

FOR OUR COMMUNITY:

We actively work together with the communities around Villa Dubrovnik in order to contribute to their sustainable development. We educate and encourage our employees to actively engage in the local society. In addition, we encourage our guests to support local products and services. Furthermore, we recognize that our natural heritage is also an important part of our community heritage and the preservation of our natural environment is part of our sustainable policy.

- Our mission, as proprietors of tourism, is to firstly promulgate Croatia and its cultural and national heritage, Dubrovnik City as our precious habitat and lastly Hotel Villa Dubrovnik and its unique features.

- In accordance with this our guests are provided with information on the surrounding's history, culture and natural environment.
- Our guests are offered with green solution options and information while exploring the area. Various expedition packages are available with local tour organizers to visit places of historical interests, museums, heritage village, etc. or to embrace a more closely local green markets, and as such it is beneficial to the company and the local community.
- We maintain and preserve the area we are occupying by monetarily supporting conservation of our cultural heritage through Ministry of Culture of Republic of Croatia and Directorate for the Protection of Cultural Heritage.
- We support diverse humanitarian actions (Humanitarian Action for buying a wheelchair for a local person 2015, Donation for a Red Cross Organization 2014, Humanitarian Action for Parents Club of Prematurely-Born Children "Palčić gore" 2014, Matrass Donation for Caritas 2019)
- We are a sponsors of unique Dubrovnik's Children Tennis Club Ragusa and assisted in organizing a participation at tennis tournament for underprivileged children "Dubrovnik Dub Bowl" 2018
- We are donating food every year as Humanitarian Action called Dubrovačka trpeza traditionally event to support children with Down syndrome.
- We organized a Field Visit for Kindergarten "Palčica", hosted their activities through leaning and discovery
- We encourage our employees and locals in volunteering actions by leading as an example (Forest Day Marking and gifting, Clean-up Beach Day, Blood Donations)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES FROM 2018 TILL 2019



Field Visit, Kindergarten "Palčić, Villa Dubrovnik's Open Doors, 11.05.2018.



Marking Forrest Day, giving-away air- purifying plants, 70 plants housed, 21.03.2019



Beach Clean-Up Day at Gjivovica Beach, 28.03.2019.



Sponsorship of Children's Tennis Tournament, Du Bowl



Evacuation & Fire Drill, 27.03.2019.



Donation of 10 matrasses to Caritas Organization, 17.04.2019.

II. ENVIRONMENTAL

Villa Dubrovnik takes its responsibilities regarding the environment seriously. In recent years, the hotel has already put small and larger steps to reduce its environmental impact.

ENERGY:

- Villa Dubrovnik has integrated Adria Smart Rooms System- Intelligent Room Management that comprises Energy Savings, Safety and Electronic (paperless) Communication. It provides web notifications to the Front Desk in regards do-not-disturb & make-up-room, room temperature, sensors information on open doors and windows and automatic shutdown of AC if so, Intrusion alarm and SOS button. It provides energy saving as the system automatically turns off lights and AC system if room is not used, if key card is not in the slot. We went step further and made Standard Operating Procedure that default temperature for each room should be between 20 and 23 Celsius degrees and only possible to adjusted manually by 3 degrees in order to mitigate carbon footprint of our guests and a hotel in general. With Adria System set in place we have noticed 10% of energy savings than before.
- All back-office computers and electronic equipment is shut down when work-day is over.
- Meeting room's lights and equipment are shut down when not in use.
- Window drapes are closed to prevent room heating during summer season.
- Light saving standard operating procedure is set in place
- Villa Dubrovnik is using Electricity Supplier that has a focus on renewable resources of energy and in 2019 we have received certificate that 522MWh of electricity has been provided from those resources.
- Automatic and efficient temperature settings for various areas of the hotel.
- We promote the improvement of technical facilities and equipment with "class A" devices such as Paper Shredder and Phillips Monitors.
- Implementation of changing linen only on guest's request.

WATER:

- In all rooms we have implemented Linen and Towel Re-use program. Informative cards are placed in guest rooms with specific suggestions for individual linen and towels reuse. Calculation is that more than two tons (2 T) of linen are washed less on monthly basis than in previous years.
- Only full loads are washed and cold water is used where possible
- To achieve substantial water savings, we carry out monthly monitoring of our consumption
- Our sustainable garden is watered by eco-saving drip irrigation system and we have replaced grass in Giardino area that demanded huge daily watering.
- Since 2010 restoration, Villa Dubrovnik has a Green Roof Top that is planted with Mediterranean native and local plant

- In 2018 we have switched to decorating public areas of the hotel with dried native flowers decorations with informative cards of the species, all prepared by a small local company (Lavender, Immortelle)
- All our cleaning products are green and eco-friendly from recognized supplier that holds European Eco-Label standard for biodegradable cleaning and dishwashing products.
- Every year outsourcing company is hired for cleanup entire sea bottom area of Villa Dubrovnik.
- Active system in place to detect and repair leaking toilets, faucets and showerheads in guest rooms and back-of-the house, and is run in coordination with housekeeping department and engineering department through recording and reporting by Flex-keeping System.

WASTE:

- Waste management and waste minimization is practiced through the following waste hierarchy approach: REDUCE-REUSE-RECYCLE
- REDUCE-by using and purchasing less product that are not biodegradable and through segregation system, we do not use plastic water bottles in hotel.
- REUSE-before item is wasted away always is considered If it can serve for other purpose.
- RECYCLE- collecting and processing materials that would otherwise be thrown away as trash and turning them into new products.
- Special Deputy for Waste is appointed that on regular basis controls and records waste sorting and outgoing amounts.
- Technical department counts the waste bins on regular basis, additional control is set in place by Manager on Duty.
- We collect the following waste: cardboard, paper, glass, batteries, ink cartridges, bulbs, cooking oil, aluminum, plastics and bulky materials. Partnerships have been formalized with approved organizations for the collection and recovery of this waste.
- Meals for employees are prepared with careful calculation as per sign-us sheet so no food is wasted.
- Villa Dubrovnik has established and maintains recycling program for the common areas, working areas and administrative areas.
- Black and gray waste water is managed by the City in a non-polluting way, and does not affect public health. This is mandatory and unavoidable by Croatian law followed by outside inspection every 6 months.
- All kitchens, restaurant and café areas are provided with marked bins for proper segregation of waste in the specified areas.
- Housekeeping staff: - segregation of the waste is done for general waste and paper, glass, can, plastic bottles and cosmetic toiletries and hazard waste
- We reduce packaging and containers for products (e.g. elimination of cardboard for products that are now placed in long lasting containers, reduction of plastic packaging for welcome slippers and facecloths)
- F&B staff: segregation of waste is done for bio-waste, hazard waste and collection of recycling of all glass, plastic, and cans.

- We are also reducing the packaging of our fresh products by promoting reusable or returnable packaging.
- Engineering – segregation of all electrical and electronic waste and printer toner.
- Guest room's waste collection: Three separate bags are used to collect general waste and the cans and plastic bottles from all the guest rooms to increase the recycle waste and measure for proper segregation. Special bag for cosmetic bottles collection and disposal in separate bin for collecting.
- All recycled and non-recycled waste have to be sorted, collected and stored at separate segregated areas in the garbage area.
- Villa Dubrovnik has in place the procedure for separate discharging of biologic degradable waste (swill) and fats and oils.
- All employees are fully briefed about the benefits of segregation, procedures for collection waste and also aware of the Hotel's environmental policies.
- We have re-made 150 new decorative pillows for guest's rooms from our used covers that no longer served its purpose.
- New standard operating procedure is in place since this year for usage of plastic straws only on guests' request to mitigate its impact on the environment and we replace them with inox or bamboo straws.
- Dental kit for guests all completely recyclable, with package made from recyclable paper and bamboo toothbrushes.
- Lost and found items after period of 1 year are given to the charity.

MINIMIZING CO₂:

- Sustainable Garden-Native plants and low water plants used in landscaping are planted in the sustainable outdoor garden where we grow herbs and vegetables that are used in our menus and cocktails (Thyme, Cherry Tomatoes, Mint, Lavender, Rosemary, Laurel, Lime Trees, Orange Trees, Olive Trees.etc).
- The trees in our garden are preserved and older than hotel's building.
- Maintenance of garden is mostly manually, with organic fertilizers and no pesticides are used whatsoever.
- In order to reduce use of paper in everyday business, Villa Dubrovnik has introduced in 2018 Flex keeping System that in integration with our main PMS program becomes the main tool of communication in-between departments. Housekeeping Department calculated that 6 575 pieces of working sheets is printed less than a season before.
- We have standard procedure in place for offering guests to review their final bill on our interactive TV and to e-mail it to desired address.
- In year 2018 we have switched to paperless post- stay surveys for our guests.
- Our internal communication, whenever possible, is electronic.
- We started to offset our carbon footprint in 2019 on business related travels on web page https://co2.myclimate.org/en/car_calculators/new

III. QUALITY

We are promoting and standing for any business process, activity and standard that can sustain itself economically, ethically and environmentally through creating competitive advantages within the industry by carefully choosing inspired service that not only exceed guest expectations but meet our core values set in environmental policy and our values. Our satisfaction targets are to Increase overall guest and employee satisfaction above 95%, and luxury standard quality assurance above 95%.

FOR OUR GUESTS:

- Villa Dubrovnik customer satisfaction is supported through software solution “Review Pro” that is combining all social media and internal guest surveys in one place and in electronically. It is reducing the usage of paper and it is a great tool for precise calculation of our performance in general and in regards our efforts of environmental preservation.
- Villa Dubrovnik also engages in internal and external evaluations by engagement of mystery shopper’s guests by diverse associations specialized in luxury tourism.

FOR OUR EMPLOYEES:

- Villa Dubrovnik’s Human Resources Department annually conducts, monitors and evaluates satisfaction of our employees and according to the results, proposes action plans for improvements of working conditions and employees’ satisfaction.
- Villa Dubrovnik strictly prohibits all forms of bribery taken directly or indirectly. It prohibits its employees from soliciting, arranging or accepting bribes intended for the employees benefit or that of the employee’s family, friend associates or acquaintances

OUR SUPPLIERS AND PRODUCTS:

- Code of Conduct and Purchasing Policy are set in place to ensure the use of right methods to select suppliers and procure goods and service at the right quality, price, time, source and delivery while protecting the companies’ values.
- The main focus is on the suppliers with eco-friendly products and promote on the green purchase. Purchasing is done only through local suppliers and preference given on the basis of the needs and requirements of the hotel:
 - Local glass bottled water is only used for guest’s needs
 - Our principal welcome amenity for the guests are traditional local dried fruits that have a century long story and are all hand-made with eco certificate.
 - Most of the wines in our restaurant are from local region of Pelješac where traditional, ecological, organic and biodynamic grow of vineyards is flourishing.
 - The same focus is for provision of all food that is served in our hotel
 - Villa Dubrovnik encourages small businesses and some of the examples are:
 - Introduction of organic Eva-Marija Cosmetics in our SPA that is designed, developed and managed by a small family company under supervision of female entrepreneur and owner.

- Goodnight chocolates that are placed each evening in guest's rooms that are made from bio- and organic- compounds, fair-trade certified, hand-made by a Non-Governmental Organization and run by a young female entrepreneur.

- Villa Dubrovnik does not engage with local entrepreneurs dealing with historical artifacts.
- The management reviews on fair practices based on the election of vendors and materials that are eco-friendly and support the vendors with best environmental practices. Villa Dubrovnik adhere strictly on anti-bribery and corruption and no forms of bribes or gifts are encouraged. As per Villa Dubrovnik policy charitable contributions and sponsorships are not used as a subterfuge for bribery.
- Agreements are made with most of the food suppliers on returnable packaging.
- In accordance with Tourist Board of Croatia we recommend as a souvenirs authentically authorized Croatian products, that are from local artisans and hand-made with an emphasis on traditional and cultural aspect.

IV. HEALTH AND SAFETY

Villa Dubrovnik complies with all established health and safety regulations, and prevents accidents for guest; staff and all the stakeholders.

Villa Dubrovnik made all initiatives for making the work environment safe and secure to all the members. All necessary and mandatory safety requirements for the same are in order, such as method statement, risk assessment, and personal protective equipment

- A team of internal auditors for Environment and Health and Safety is established which aim is to conduct and control regular audits for environment and Health and Safety and have a continual assessment of the set standards.
- External local law enforcement Auditors and Agencies regularly visit the premises to ensure all Health & Safety and Fire protection and Environmental protection of Villa Dubrovnik. Villa Dubrovnik undergoes monthly and annual certification and assessment
- The safety of our team members and our guest is one of Villa Dubrovnik main concerns and regular Training program is given to all employees on regular basis and to guest through various signage
- Regular Evacuation and Fire Drills are conducted with our guest (last one in March, 2019) followed by audit on all emergency signage and equipment.
- Fire protection trainings and drills are all in accordance with Croatian Law and done with all employees.
- First aid Team is existing in the hotel to provide first aid and supervise all possible accident situation
- Training on chemicals - The product manufacturer Ecolab conducted training and training materials in the proper use of the product. These include step-by-step instructions for the proper dilution, use, disposal, and the use of the equipment. Cleaning concentrates and dilution control systems to minimize chemical use are in place.

- Kitchen staff is trained on safety and procedures, and must undergo a mandatory basic food hygiene certification in food handling.
- Villa Dubrovnik has implemented the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point System (HACCP) for food safety.
- Outside audit internal and external on pool water quality, drinkable water and waste water is done on monthly basis and internally is done regularly.
- Regular cleaning and maintaining of HVAC system is done internally and externally and assessed by an outside certified company.
- All external contractors need to provide safety permit and equipment for their staff and is all insisted in our contrast with outside company

IMPLEMENTATION

Villa Dubrovnik established and maintained the Sustainability Management Plan complying with requirements included in this section.

VILLA DUBROVNIK shall formulate policies, procedures and operations that:

- are appropriate to the nature and scale of the organization's activities.
- are in line with the Four Key SMP areas i.e.
 - SOCIAL
 - ENVIRONMENTAL
 - QUALITY
 - HEALTH & SAFETY
- includes a commitment to continual improvement of the SMP.
- includes a commitment to comply as minimum with the current applicable legislations regulations and other requirement to which the organization subscribes.
- provide a framework for setting and reviewing SMP objectives and targets
- are documented, implemented, maintained and communicated to all employees.
- are available to all interested and associates parties.
- SMP is reviewed periodically to remain relevant and appropriate to the organizations.

GREEN TEAM:

In Villa Dubrovnik there are seven passionate Heads of department that are selected and appointed for our Green Team Committee to monitor and maintained our Sustainable Management Plan and secure that all procedure and documents are reviewed periodically.

Mirna Lončar Stražičić - General Manager
 Sunčica Stetner Račić - Rooms Division Director
 Tonči Nola - F&B Director
 Paula Franić - Director of Sales
 Lana Šegotić - Human Resource Director
 Stanislava Uglješić - Guest Relation Coordinator
 Srđan Pujo - Purchasing and Technical Coordinator

Green Team meetings are held on monthly basis and all important issues are raised, discussed, planned and recorded in Green Team's Meeting Minutes.

COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES

- We communicate with our guests and visitors to the hotels and through our website and TV in a comprehensive manner.
- Our SMP and Environmental Policy are published on official web site and Info Channel.
- We involve our guests, example; we have placed water saver cards in all the rooms in order to give our guests an option to participate, hence providing them an opportunity to play a direct role in water and energy conservation and decreasing their carbon footprint.
- In post-stay guest's online survey, we have a segment where guests can rate our environmental awareness and a suggestion box for improvements.
- For Villa Dubrovnik employee's informative posters are placed and "Think Green" Suggestion box is available in personals corridor.
- On average 2 hours per month is dedicated to staff training on environmental awareness, sustainability and ideas to participate in local community.
- Sales & Marketing and Guest Relations department elaborate to our guests about the local environment, local culture and cultural heritage through various means such as web page, I-pad, information booklets and correspondence in order for guests to embrace a more closely local community and participate in tourism that is environmentally safe and beneficial to the area.
- Through additional contract clauses and annexes we are informing our suppliers about our commitment to saving environment.

It is the intention of the hotel to continue to reduce its environmental footprint by allowing the formulation of improvement / reduction targets while our guests, employees and the community can benefit from our initiatives.

Villa Dubrovnik recognizes its roles and responsibilities in contributing to the sustainable development of the communities in which it operates. This aims at maximizing its active involvement in waste and CO2 reduction, energy savings, water preservation and support to our local community are in reciprocity of minimizing Villa Dubrovnik's carbon footprint and its impact on the environment. Therefore, we commit to following enactments and changes in soon coming renovation:

- Strategy to reduce food wasting that comprises the purchase of food waste composting machine and using the product as manure for the trees within the property.
- We commit to purchase only technical and equipment with "class A" energy efficient devices.
- Investment in future in installing Solar Collectors, with a goal of yearly reduction of CO2 emission in future
- Investment in future in purchasing all needed new kitchen refrigerators and chiller system that are Chlorofluorocarbon free, environmentally friendly with no possibility of emissions.
- Carefully thought community investment program on yearly basis, where we identify unique areas of involvement and actively support our local communities and engage in a mutually rewarding way with our stakeholders.
- Designing and introducing in hotel Social Engagement Award Program that includes all Villa Dubrovnik's employees that are privately participating in green, humanitarian, educational and volunteering actions.
- Introducing paperless reservation procedure in future hotel operations
- Replacing all plastic in-room amenities to refillable dispensers.
- Developing food donation program in future
- Focus on more joint clean-sea-actions and humanitarian actions and increase the number of educations and all matters of sustainability.

Villa Dubrovnik believes that striving for our environment and our communities is a responsibility that we all share. This belief is central in our commitment to making a difference in the lives of those people, procedures and actions that we meet every day.

As a children and citizens of planet Earth we heartily stand for this responsibility.

Villa Dubrovnik Team