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About this report

Bella Center Copenhagen is one of Scandinavia's largest congress centres and the first in Denmark to be certified under both the ISO 14001 and ISO 20121 standards. These standards shape our approach to environmental management and sustainable event planning.

We view the path to net zero by 2050 as a shared responsibility, requiring ongoing learning, transparency, and industry-wide collaboration. To achieve this, we work closely together with clients and suppliers to reduce consumption and promote circular solutions, such as turning waste into new resources, converting food leftovers into biogas, and generating solar energy on site.

To ensure transparency, we provide complimentary event impact reports for all large-scale events, covering CO_2e emissions (scopes 1, 2, and 3), as well as environmental, social, and legacy impacts.

This report guides you through the impact of your event, highlighting both achievements and areas for improvement, and presenting results across key impact categories.

The methodology used to calculate the climate impact of the specified event at Bella Center Copenhagen is outlined in the appendix.

Event overview

Bogforum 2025
With exhibitors, publishers, and 359 stage events, Bogforum once again united book lovers around a shared passion for stories. Over the weekend, 48,010 visitors filled Bella Center to celebrate literature, authorship, and the power of storytelling.

Event facts
- Event period: 7-9 November 2025
- Utilized space: 46,467 m²
- Total visitors: 48,010
- Event total emissions: 56 tCO_2e
- Emissions per visitor: 1.2 $kgCO_2e$
- Emissions per m²: 1.2 $kgCO_2e$

Sustainability wins & learnings

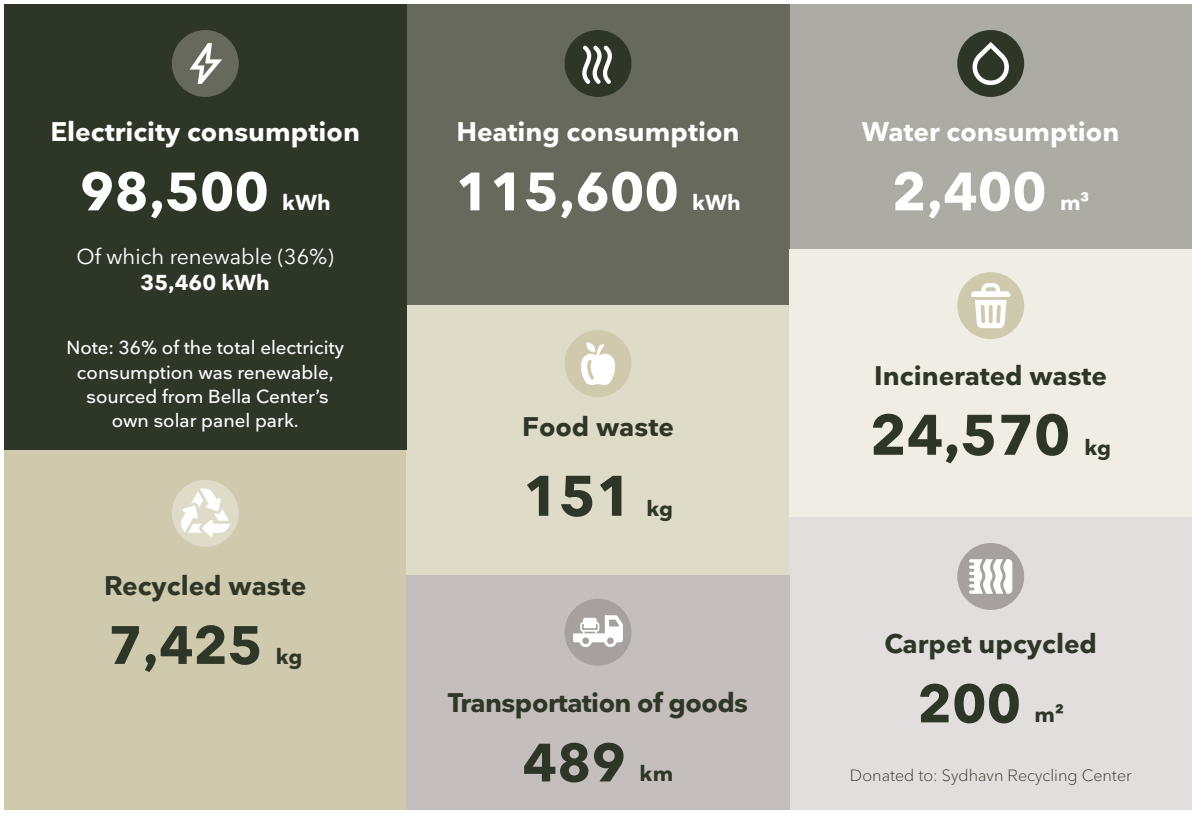
Event sustainability highlights

1. **Strong social commitment**
   Initiatives and partnerships created positive impact that lasted beyond the event.
2. **Smart use of foil as wayfinding**
   Using foil for wayfinding minimized the need for carpeting and significantly lowered waste.
3. **Repurposed branding and décor**
   Banners, signage and décor from past events were reused to extend their lifespan and reduce material consumption.

Areas to improve

1. **Communication and nudging**
   Inform and guide guests to separate their waste correctly during the event.
2. **High consumption of bottled water**
   Provide tap water instead of bottled water to reduce the use of single-use plastic bottles.
3. **Focus on exhibitor waste**
   Exhibitor waste-sorting practices should be improved to support better recycling outcomes.

Key consumption figures of the event



Note: Detailed consumption figures are provided in the appendix.

Event climate emissions

Event climate emissions		
Category	Scope 2	Scope 3
Electricity location-based*	3.6 tCO_2e	-
Heating	4.6 tCO_2e	-
Waste	-	12.0 tCO_2e
Food and beverage	-	19.5 tCO_2e
Purchased goods	-	15.8 tCO_2e
Transportation of goods	-	0.5 tCO_2e
Transportation of guests	-	0.0 tCO_2e
Total	**8.2 tCO_2e**	**47.8 tCO_2e**
Total emissions (scope 2+3): 56 tCO_2e		

***Electricity market-based: 28.4 tCO_2e**

The table reports location-based electricity emissions in line with standard reporting practice.
Market-based figures are additionally provided for reference.

Event impact

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ENERGY AND WATER CONSUMPTION

Energy and water use shape an event's footprint. Efficient systems reduce energy-related CO_2e emissions, while responsible water use conserves resources.

Event facts

- Electricity: 98,500 kWh,
  of which renewable: 35,460 kWh (36%)
- Heating: 115,600 kWh
- Water: 2400 m³

Solar panels

Our award-winning 16,000 m² roof-integrated solar panel park, largest of its kind on the Danish island of Zealand, generates approximately 30% of our annual power needs, significantly reducing the climate impact of our events through renewable energy use.

Water

Situated in Copenhagen, Denmark, we are able to utilize some of the world´s cleanest tap water for drinking, and we actively encourage our guests to drink tap water instead of bottled water. For that purpose, we serve tap water in pitchers at buffets and have installed water stations at our venues for easy refill of water bottles.

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WASTE HANDLING AND DISPOSAL

Waste management strongly influences an event's impact. Reducing, reusing, and recycling materials lowers CO_2e emissions and supports a circular approach.

Event facts

- Incinerated waste: 24,570 kg
- Recycled waste: 7,425 kg
- Food waste: 151 kg
- Percentage of total food wasted: 2.7%

From waste to electricity

At Bella Center Copenhagen, non-recyclable waste from events is sent to Amager Bakke (CopenHill), one of the world's cleanest and most energy-efficient waste-to-energy plants. Here, residual waste is transformed into electricity and district heating for up to 95,000 households each year, significantly reducing landfill use and supporting responsible resource management across the city.

Through this process, we ensure that unavoidable waste contributes to Copenhagen's circular energy system.

Sorting and recycling

In Copenhagen, waste sorting and recycling are an integral part of everyday life. Bella Center Copenhagen upholds the same commitment, with paper, glass, metal, plastic, and organic waste collected separately to ensure that valuable materials are reused and reintroduced into production.

By maintaining structured sorting systems and sending residual waste to CopenHill for energy recovery, we support Copenhagen's ambition of becoming the world's first carbon-neutral capital.

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FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Food choices have a major climate impact. Seasonal, plant-based menus lower CO_2e emissions significantly. Total emissions include both in-house and partner F&B operations Joe & the Juice and Hansen's Is.

Event facts

- Total food and beverage: 19.5 tCO_2e
- Ingredient breakdown (Bella Center catering): 27% animal-based and 73%plant-based products.

Food and beverage

At Bella Center Copenhagen, food and beverages are integral to the guest experience – and so is the way we source them. Our commitment goes beyond taste: we aim to serve high-quality products that reflect our values and contribute to a more sustainable future.

Our food and beverage choices are guided by key principles:

- Locally sourced and seasonal ingredients
- Fair trade and organic products
- Respect for animal welfare
- Preference for sustainably certified and low-climate impact options

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PURCHASED GOODS

Event materials carry hidden emissions. Selecting durable, rented, or reusable items and recycling carpets helps reduce waste and overall footprint.

Event facts

- Carpets: 3505.5 m²
- Other purchased goods: banners/ signages, and flowers

TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS AND GUESTS

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Transport plays a direct role in an event's CO_2e footprint. Using local suppliers, shared logistics, and low-carbon travel options reduces emissions and supports more sustainable mobility.

Event facts
- Transportation of goods: 489 km
- Transportation of guests: 0 km

Reducing transport-related emissions
On average, around 5%* of an event's total CO_2e emissions stem from the transportation of goods – including deliveries of materials, equipment, and supplies before and during the event.

At Bella Center Copenhagen, we collaborate closely with our logistics partners and suppliers to optimise delivery routes and consolidate shipments, helping to minimise traffic and emissions around the venue.

(*Based on average event data at Bella Center.)

Encouraging low-carbon travel choices
Bella Center Copenhagen's central location offers excellent access to public transportation, making it easy for guests to arrive by metro, bus, or train. Shuttle services can also be arranged, and when organised through Bella Center Copenhagen, related CO_2 emissions are included in the event's footprint report.

Encouraging guests to choose low-impact travel options such as walking, cycling, or using public transport helps reduce emissions.

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DONATIONS

Donating or repurposing surplus items reduces waste and emissions while extending product life and creating positive social and environmental value.

Event facts
- Donated surplus food: 16 kg
- Donated items: 200 m² carpet

Donations and local partnerships
With the ambition of acting as a force for good, we in Bellagroup use what we have to contribute positively to our community, sharing what we have with those in need. This means lending our square meters for free to charitable events, offering our kitchens for food production for the homeless, and donating food, supplies or products left from an event or our daily operation across Bellagroup that can benefit others.

Sydhavn Recycling Center
Surplus carpet measuring 200 m² was donated for upcycling through Sydhavn Recycling Center's circular resource initiatives.

Sydhavn Recycling Center is a municipal facility that goes beyond the role of a traditional recycling station. With a strong focus on circularity, the center enables discarded resources to be transformed into new, functional items through creative upcycling projects. The core mission is to show how smart resource use can reduce environmental impact and inspire to rethink the value hidden in what we throw away.

Det Runde Bord (The Round Table)
A total of 16 kg of surplus food was donated and redistributed to shelters and individuals experiencing homelessness through Det Runde Bord's local network in Copenhagen.

Det Runde Bord is a Danish non-profit organisation working to reduce food waste while supporting vulnerable communities. By collecting leftover meals from events, hotels, and caterers and delivering them directly to shelters and support centres, they ensure that edible food is put to good use rather than discarded.

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SOCIAL IMPACT

Events can play an important role in creating positive social impact by promoting inclusion, supporting communities, and widening access to culture.

Bogforum reflects this responsibility by making literature more accessible and engaging. Through discounted tickets, school programs, and partnerships with non-profit organisations, the festival promotes equitable participation and long-term literacy.

Children and young readers
Bogforum actively lowers barriers for young audiences to engage with literature. Youth and student discounts, children's ticket pricing, and a tailored school program make the festival accessible for families and educational institutions. With age-appropriate formats and free three-day access for school classes, Bogforum supports reading joy, cultural awareness, and equal participation.

Non-profit and social organisations
The festival enhances its social impact by offering space and visibility to organisations working for societal change. Through free or discounted stand areas, donation drives, and collaborative programming, Bogforum helps non-profits reach a wider public, raise awareness, support vulnerable groups, and foster dialogue on inclusion, literacy, and social cohesion.

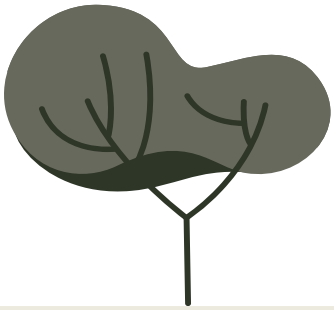
Initiatives at this year's Bogforum:

- Youth/student ticket discount
- Children's ticket discount
- School programs + discounted class access
- Collaborations with Folk High Schools
- Bogforum's Debutant Prize
- Eventyrjul
- Læs for Livet
- The Human Library
- People Like Us

Climate impact performance: 2024 vs. 2025

Significant reduction in CO_2 emissions from 2024 to 2025

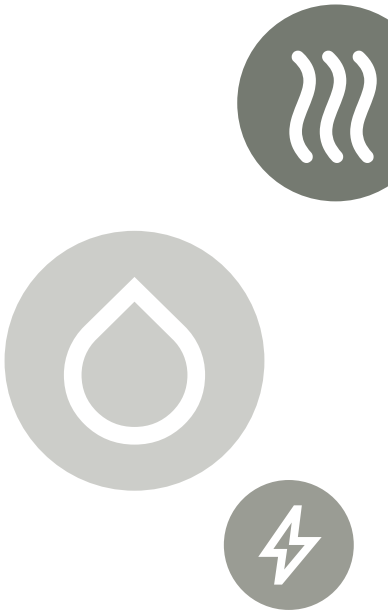
Total emissions decreased significantly from 88.3 tCO_2e in 2024 to 56 tCO_2e in 2025, despite an increase in visitor numbers. This reduction was driven primarily by lower emissions from purchased goods, food and beverage, and waste. As a result, both emissions per visitor and emissions per m² improved markedly, showing a more efficient and climate-conscious event delivery in 2025.



Event overview 2024 vs. 2025		
Metric	2024	2025
Utilized space	48,015 m²	46,467 m²
Total visitors	43,258	48,010
Total emissions (tCO_2e)	88.3	56.0
Emissions per visitor ($kgCO_2e$)	2.0	1.2
Emissions per m² ($kgCO_2e$)	1.8	1.2

Breakdown of emissions		
Emission category	2024 (tCO_2e)	2025 (tCO_2e)
Electricity	3.4	3.6
Heating	1.2	4.6
Waste	15.4	12.0
Food and beverage	29.6	19.5
Purchased goods	38.3	15.8
Transportation of goods	0.5	0.5
Transportation of guests	0.0	0.0
Scope 2 total	4.5	8.2
Scope 3 total	83.8	47.8
Total emissions (scope 1+2+3)	**88.3**	**56.0**

Event report calculation principles



The climate report is generated through Bellagroup's carbon footprint reporting system in line with the reporting principles of the Greenhouse Gas Protocol (GHG Protocol) and a methodology based on the following data and reporting principles.

Energy
Energy data are based on actual consumption of electricity and heating for rented facilities during the build-up, execution, and dismantling of the event. Data do not include Bella Center's own base consumption.

In 2024, 36% of event-related electricity consumption was reported as sourced from renewable energy, produced by Bella Center's 16,000 m² roof-integrated solar panel park. This percentage is adjusted annually based on total Bella Center energy consumption and the renewable energy ratio of the previous year.

Scope 3 emissions covering "Fuel- and energy-related activities", associated with the production of fuels and energy purchased and consumed, are not included in the calculations of the climate report. These emissions are accounted for collectively in Bellagroup's annual carbon emission report.

Waste
Waste emissions are calculated on the basis of registered waste volumes, as specified in waste fractions for the individual event.
All waste emission factors include emissions from upstream transportation.

Purchased goods
Data are based on carpets, banners delivered by Bella Center, and additional goods and services provided by Bella Center.

Food and beverage
Food and beverage CO_2e emissions are calculated based on purchased products or meal categories (kg, litres, units). The total food and beverage emissions include all F&B served, while the breakdown of animal- vs. plant-based products covers Bella Center's own food purchases only.

Transportation of goods
Transportation emissions are calculated on the basis of 2024 average event upstream transportation identified through primary event suppliers, including but not limited to F&B, AV, and event service suppliers.

Smaller events with limited services report only emissions from F&B deliveries.

Transportation of guests

Emissions from transportation services organised by Bellagroup are calculated on the basis of the estimated distance between pick-up and drop-off locations. This distance, measured in kilometres, serves as an approximation and does not account for the exact route taken during the trip.

Emission factors are determined according to the type of transport mode:

- Car transportation (EV): Emissions are calculated based on the total kilometres driven and the emission factor specific to electric vehicles. Applies to transport by electric taxis, minivans, and limousines.
- Car transportation (fossil fuel): Emissions are calculated based on the total kilometres driven and the emission factor specific to fossil-fuelled vehicles. Applies to transport by fossil-fuel taxis, minivans, and limousines.
- Bus transportation: For bus services, emissions are accounted per passenger-kilometre (pkm), multiplying the total passenger capacity of the bus by the total distance travelled (km). For regular buses, the calculation uses a passenger capacity of 50 passengers; for double-decker buses, a capacity of 85 passengers is applied.

APPENDIX

Terms of use

- The event climate report is sent to event organizer following the Bella Center event execution.
- The report may be used by the receiver of the report for own scope 3 climate reporting.
- Bellagroup will at the end of the year report collectively on scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions measured and reported on in connection with Bella Center events but will not disclose the precise emissions of external events nor name external events without prior consent from external event organizer.
- Event organizer may not use the Bella Center event climate report for commercial purposes without prior consent from Bella Center.
- Bella Center cannot verify event climate data produced by third party calculations.

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Key Figures GHG Emissions

Summary	Unit	2025	**Total**
Total Scope 2	tCO2e	8.2	**8.2**
Total Scope 3	tCO2e	47.8	**47.8**
Total	**tCO2e**	**56.0**	**56.0**

	Category	Unit	2025	**Total**
Scope 2				
	Electricity location-based			
	Electricity DK, Koebenhavn	tCO2e	3.6	3.6
	Electricity location-based Total	tCO2e	3.6	3.6
	Electricity general			
	Electricity Renewable, on-site (consumption)	tCO2e	-	-
	Electricity general Total	tCO2e	-	-
	District heating location			
	District heating DK/Copenhagen	tCO2e	4.6	4.6
	District heating location Total	tCO2e	4.6	4.6
	Scope 2 total	**tCO2e**	**8.2**	**8.2**
Scope 3				
	Purchased goods and services			
	Carpet (ExpoStyle)	tCO2e	4.1	4.1
	Signs	tCO2e	11.4	11.4
	Greenhouse crops and flowers	tCO2e	0.2	0.2
	Purchased goods and services Total	tCO2e	15.8	15.8
	Upstream transportation and distribution			
	Truck avg. (WTW)	tCO2e	0.5	0.5
	Upstream transportation and distribution Total	tCO2e	0.5	0.5
	Waste			
	Residual waste, incinerated	tCO2e	12.0	12.0
	Cardboard waste, recycled	tCO2e	0.0	0.0
	Plastic PP-folio waste, recycled	tCO2e	0.0	0.0
	Organic waste, anaerobic digestion	tCO2e	0.0	0.0
	Waste Total	tCO2e	12.0	12.0
	F&B			
	Food, unspecified	tCO2e	13.4	13.4
	Juice (A1-3)	tCO2e	0.6	0.6
	Ice cream (A1-3)	tCO2e	0.3	0.3
	Wine (A1-3)	tCO2e	0.6	0.6
	Protein drink (A1-3)	tCO2e	0.8	0.8
	Beer (A1-3)	tCO2e	0.8	0.8
	Sandwich, chicken avg.	tCO2e	1.0	1.0
	Soda (A1-3)	tCO2e	0.4	0.4
	Sandwich, vegetarian avg.	tCO2e	0.5	0.5
	Still water, bottled (A1-3)	tCO2e	0.5	0.5
	Coffee, brewed (A1-3)	tCO2e	0.1	0.1
	Coffee, ground (A1-3)	tCO2e	0.3	0.3
	Coffee drink w. milk avg.	tCO2e	0.2	0.2
	Milk (A1-3)	tCO2e	0.0	0.0
	Coffee drink w. plant-based milk avg.	tCO2e	0.0	0.0
	Milk, plant-based (A1-3)	tCO2e	0.0	0.0
	F&B Total	tCO2e	19.5	19.5
	Scope 3 total	**tCO2e**	**47.8**	**47.8**
	Total (Scope 1 + 2)	**tCO2e**	**8.2**	**8.2**
	Total emissions (Scope 1 + 2 + 3)	**tCO2e**	**56.0**	**56.0**

Key Figures Energy

	Category	Unit	2025	**Total**
Scope 2				
	Electricity			
	Electricity DK, Koebenhavn	MWh	63.0	63.0
	Electricity Total	**MWh**	**63.0**	**63.0**
	Electricity general			
	Electricity Renewable, on-site (consumption)	MWh	35.5	35.5
	Electricity general Total	**MWh**	**35.5**	**35.5**
	District heating location			
	District heating DK/Copenhagen	MWh	115.6	115.6
	District heating location Total	**MWh**	**115.6**	**115.6**
	Scope 2 total	**MWh**	**214.1**	**214.1**
	Total energy	**MWh**	**214.1**	**214.1**
		GJ	**770.8**	**770.8**

Key Figures Consumption

Scope 2	Category	Unit	2025	**Total**
	Electricity			
	Electricity DK, Koebenhavn	kWh	63,040.0	63,040.0
	Electricity general			
	Electricity Renewable, on-site (consumption)	kWh	35,460.0	35,460.0
	District heating location			
	District heating DK/Copenhagen	kWh	115,600.0	115,600.0
Scope 3				
	Purchased goods and services			
	Carpet (ExpoStyle)	m2	3,505.5	3,505.5
	Signs	DKK	380,933.0	380,933.0
	Greenhouse crops and flowers	DKK	4,048.0	4,048.0
	Upstream transportation and distribution			
	Truck avg. (WTW)	km	489.0	489.0
	Waste			
	Residual waste, incinerated	kg	24,570.0	24,570.0
	Cardboard waste, recycled	kg	6,700.0	6,700.0
	Plastic PP-folio waste, recycled	kg	725.0	725.0
	Organic waste, anaerobic digestion	kg	150.9	150.9
	F&B			
	Food, unspecified	kgCO2e	13,392.8	13,392.8
	Juice (A1-3)	kg	908.5	908.5
	Ice cream (A1-3)	liters	339.6	339.6
	Wine (A1-3)	liters	302.2	302.2
	Protein drink (A1-3)	kg	413.6	413.6
	Beer (A1-3)	liters	1,049.4	1,049.4
	Sandwich, chicken avg.	Qty	2,429.0	2,429.0
	Soda (A1-3)	liters	3,900.0	3,900.0
	Sandwich, vegetarian avg.	Qty	968.0	968.0
	Still water, bottled (A1-3)	liters	4,235.8	4,235.8
	Coffee, brewed (A1-3)	liters	141.4	141.4
	Coffee, ground (A1-3)	kg	40.0	40.0
	Coffee drink w. milk avg.	Qty	909.0	909.0
	Milk (A1-3)	liters	25.0	25.0
	Coffee drink w. plant-based milk avg.	Qty	101.0	101.0
	Milk, plant-based (A1-3)	kg	2.8	2.8

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