

## **Environmental policy at the Ulia youth hostel**

The Ulia youth hostel is located in the countryside, close to protected natural areas. It wishes to operate with as little impact as possible on the environment and share these concerns with its staff and guests.

With this in mind, the hostel management commits to:

- Reducing electricity consumption by installing efficient equipment and controlling its use, and generating electricity using solar power.
- Using solar panels and efficient boilers to make hot water.
- Reducing water consumption by means of an efficient installation and rational use. Sheets will be changed once a week to reduce consumption of water, energy and chemical products.
- Reducing waste, avoiding products with excess packaging, individually wrapped food and disposable products; managing all the hostel's waste appropriately; collecting up organic waste to make compost and using this compost in the hostel's garden.
- Limiting the use of hazardous substances as much as possible and prioritising products that are kinder to the environment, such as eco-label products.
- Applying environmental criteria to the catering service such as: promoting local, fresh produce, offering organic, fair-trade food and avoiding genetically modified food.
- Training the hostel staff and providing information for guests staying at the hostel on how to help us meet our environmental goals, on the area's natural beauty and on environmentally-friendly activities that they can do.
- Continuing to work towards sustainable development and striving for continuous improvement.

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