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GREEN MEETINGS AT AXICA

Exclusive Events and Environment Protection – do these go together? axica's team is aware of its responsibility in dealing with natural resources and manages to balance both – every day.

A UNIQUE BUILDING

DZ BANK AG's building at Pariser Platz 3, housing axica's conference and convention centre since 2001, was designed by Frank O. Gehry in compliance with the latest energy-saving and environmentally-sound standards while incorporating technical innovations.

The architect, known for his unusual and expressive style, developed an expansive glass roof **supplying up to 90% of event and office spaces with natural light.**

This leads to a considerable saving in power consumption. State-of-the-art devices control consumption of energy and heat supply and circulate warm air through the building twice before channelling it into the underground car park. Some of the ingenuities incorporated into this building include a system that not only controls the use of energy but also compensates for inactive current, as well as energy-saving lamps.

THE KITCHEN IS SPECIAL – ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

The kitchen uses **local and seasonal produce** to avoid long routes of transport.

Spices are organically farmed and on request only organic products are being used. The kitchen is equipped with a **water conservation system** and the stewarding area uses an osmotic device to soften water and thereby uses less water and cleansers while cleaning dishes more rapidly and efficiently.

A fat-filtering device prevents fat entering the sewer system. The collected fat is disposed of regularly and **recycled**. Naturally, we clean our kitchen and service staff uniforms and linen in an environmentally friendly process and waste is separated (paper, card board, plastic, glass, organic waste). Organic waste is kept in a special cooling system and regularly fed to a **biogas plant**.

AXICA'S STAFFS KNOW WHAT MATTERS

axica's staff are instructed to be energy conscious in their actions: lights are switched off in rooms that are not in use, unused **PCs are switched off** and if a PC isn't used for more than 30 minutes the screen is switched off.

axica archives **documents electronically** and documents are kept in paper form only if they are really needed. Staff and customers are reminded not to print out documents carelessly, specifically e-mail traffic. Whenever possible, paper is printed on both sides or we print two documents on the same side and erroneous printouts are recycled as scratch paper or note pads.

Twice a year our staff are committed to attending seminars on subjects like

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hygiene or environmental protection.

AXICA

axica represents Berlin's exclusive conference and convention centre. We can cater for 7 to 700 people, be it for congresses or conferences, award shows or gala events. And all within the impressive architecture of the award-winning architect, Frank O. Gehry.

The 15-man team surrounding Managing Director Jochen Andrew Lohmar supervises every event from idea to execution and realises technical, decorative and culinary concepts, be it within the axica building or at other selected locations.

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