Sziget Festival

2012. August 06-13.

SZIGET FESTIVAL 2011

8-15 AUGUST

BUDAPEST HUNGARY

Óbuda Island

The Venue

Óbuda Island
An island on river Danube, creating a special atmosphere with the unique mixture of party, city and nature.

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Some Facts About Sziget

- It all started in 1993;
- It is one of the biggest open-air festivals in Europe;
- Main target group: age 18-30;
- Number of visitors: from 2001 above 350.000 (385.000 pax in 2011)
- Sziget is a multicultural festival (not only music)
- Besides the main international music acts, Sziget offers a bright variety of cultural programs like: theatre, dance, circus, puppets, exhibitions, giant street theatre, etc.)

SZIGET - Sustainable development

Facts :

- The Public:
  - garbage
  - the use of communal services
  - area and environment

- Technical Array:
  - the strong use of the area, the soil
  - strong useage of public utility / public services and its environmental aspects like the increased electricity needs

- The Area:
  - the biggest public park in Budapest
  - heavy financial problems during the year, sleazy ground (it makes it hard to build up the festival year by year)
  - The flood (one of the biggest natural disasters we can have)

„Trash-Farming”

- Refundable PET bottles and glasses
- We have a selective waste collection
- What works very well: After 25 glasses we hand out a small present
- At some bars we have recyclable, compostable pots
  - We would love to have that everywhere, but at the moment it is still impossible
- To spread information
- To create awareness
- To promote what ONE can do to make the event more clean & green

Technological solutions and its aspects

- Conscious usage of the materials:
  - LED-lights (needs less electricity)
  - better heating and cooling systems (párahűtés = steam-cooling, it cools the air with water)
- Security:
  - Human control
  - Organized bulid-up and dismantling
  - Temporarily groud protection / covering especially the green areas
- Green technologies:
  - Biological (non-chemical) materials against the smell (around mobile toilets)
- High protection of green areas:
  - Physical protection: fances, cells (méhsejt), ground covering

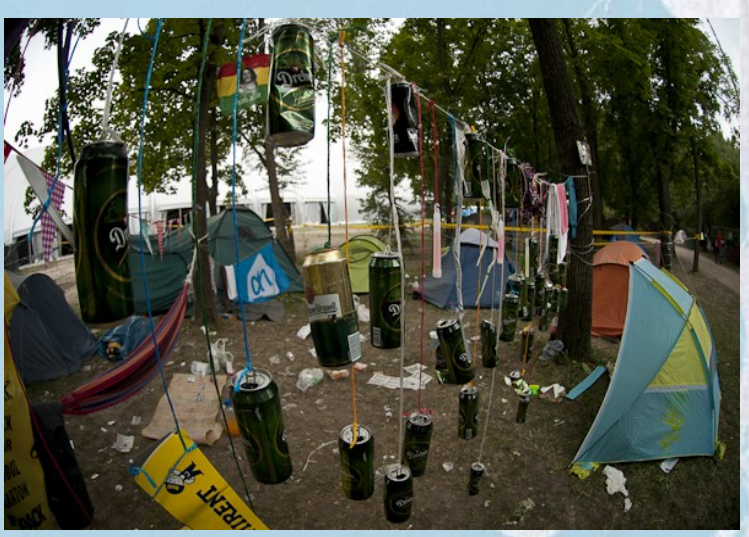
Technological solutions and its aspects

- Modern waste-farming
  - Fast / Effective / Selective : immediate reaction towards the waste when it appears (continous , 24h a day people are collecting the waste)
- Penalty
  - When someone is behaving against the green rules of the festival (especially if a sponsor is using a non-environmental friendly promotional tool)
- A special task force who are aware of how to handle dangerous situations in case of biological contamination/pollution
  - Such as: oil, gasoline, chemical materilals, etc…
- Very strong authorisation procedures before the event
  - Takes many month

Constant problems

- A „clash” between the commercial and promotional interests and the environmental technologies
  - Our example: no flyers permitted at Sziget

- Irresponsible consumer behaviour
  - Tons of left tents, sleeping-bags after the festival



Current inventions

- Since 2011: Recycle or „Grey-water”
  - The water of the showers is used for the water (english) toilets at the festival
- In 2012: Garbage – toll = „Green” consciousness
  - We give a waste bag to all of our visitors at the entrance, if they give it back full they recieve back the toll they had to pay when entering Sziget
- We would like to involve our commercial partners and sponsors into the environmental developments
  - At the moment: mission impossible

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CityPass

„The key to the city"

The CITYPASS is valid either for 2 or 13 days (8 or 25€)

- Free public transport
- Free spa and beach entrance
- Free shuttle buses (from Liszt Ferenc 1 and 2 airports and from Keleti and Nyugati)
- Free Sziget Boat
- At least 50% discount on Budapest museum tickets
- Around 10% discount from City Taxi
- 20% discount at Budapest Zoo
- 30% discount at the Amusement Park of Budapest

SZIGET BUDAPEST CITYPASS
FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT, FREE SPA

MORE THAN A FESTIVAL

Important facts

- We collect paper, pet, alu and glass separately
- In 2011 we collected 15 tons of useful material
  - This was 20% of the total waste produced at the festival
- We have waste exchange points and waste pre-selection points and selective waste collecting points at Sziget
- We have a crew working 24h a day to collect waste (150 pax)

Traffic Control

- The organisers of Sziget try to use as little cars and trucks as possible
  - Special parking space
  - Special parking rules
  - In our FAQ we inform the visitors better not to come by car, but use the public transport

- We have special bus shuttles and between the city and Sziget
- We have special boat shuttles between the city and Sziget
- The „hév” (local city train) rides more often during Sziget

- We have free bike stores at Sziget

- The visitors from the countryside can use the trains with the 50% discount.

Noise-Pollution

- On every festival the noise-pollution is a huge problem.

- That’s why we stated in 2009 a „limiter/limitation system” against the noise-pollution. This system works at every music venue and at every bar/pub/resto that plays music after 23.00.

Air-Pollution

- One of the biggest enemy at the festival is the dust.
- That’s why we try to use as many varieties to protect the ground, not only infront of the big open-air stages, but also on puplic „ walking” areas.

Sziget, the „Green Festivál”

- Sziget tries to help other Hungarian festivals to realize how important it is to use „green” methods in keeping the festivals clean and to show a good example to young Hungarians.

- Sziget recieved the award of „The Green Festival” in 2009, by the Ministry of environment and water.

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Thank You for your kind attention ☺ !

Take care of the Planet – we have only one!