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A.	Trail Management		0 - 5	do not edit
A.1	Governance	Form of organization, team and structures are well defined	0	0
A.2	Regional development	Responsibilities are clearly defined amongst all local stakeholders. The trail management organization sees itself as an active performer in the region and is actively involved in the processes of regional development.	1	20
A.3	Right to use the land	It is clarified under which law the land can be used for the construction and operation of trails. Public land or permission of the land owners	2	40
A.4	Mitigation of land use conflicts	There is a good relationship with all land owners and any problems that arise are resolved amicably.	3	60
A.5	Liability	The liability issues for the use of the trails are clarified and communicated	4	80
A.6	Financials	Financing for the construction and ongoing maintenance of the trails is secured	5	100
A.7	Regular inspections	Regular inspections are made to detect deficiencies. The inspections are documented.		0
A.8	Permanent maintenance	The capacity for ongoing maintenance and the regular repair of defects are organized and guaranteed		0
A.9	Risk management	There is a system for regular assessment and mitigation of environmental, technological and social risks (such as natural hazards, crime, landmines and weather events).		0
A.10	Brand	The brand and identity under which the Trail(s) will be communicated is defined		0
A.11	Trail idea (purpose and intended use)	There is a coherent and purposeful concept for the trail that fits the regional environment, so that all stakeholders can contribute to it.		0
A.12	Target group	The target group and the intended use are clearly and appropriately defined and valid.		0
A.13	Managed to intended use	The trail is managed according to its intended use.		0
A.14	Digitalization	The entire trail management system is digitally organized, have well organized data storage and workflows, such as a GIS, a ticket system and documentation.		0
A.15	Monitoring	A monitoring system has been introduced to record and evaluate the use of the trails. The findings are used for further development and visitor guidance.		0
A.16	Feedback	A feedback system has been established in which trail users can report deficiencies and share the quality of their experiences and the results are taken into account.		0
A.17	Emergency	There is a clearly defined and clearly communicated and well-functioning rescue service and a well-communicated alarm function on the trail.		0
A.18	Standards compliance	The trail and all the information about it are compliant with all standards, laws and rules that apply in the region.		0
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B.	Trail Design and Features		0 - 5	do not edit
B.1	Trail design	General assessment of whether the trail has been designed in the best possible way taking into account the trail idea and the target group.		0
B.2	Alignment with the trail's intended use	General assessment of whether the implemented overall concept of the trail corresponds to the intended use of the trail.		0
B.3	Trail surface	The surface of the trail is well aligned with the target group and the intended use. For example: Natural paths with as little paved surfaces as possible, such as asphalt or gravel suite better for nature loving hikers an Mountainbikers.		0
B.4	Trail width	Paths up to 1 m wide are ideal, and natural paths from 1 m to 2 m wide should be rated somewhat lower. Anything over 2 m wide should be evaluated more negatively- depending on the target group and culture.		0
B.5	Motorized traffic	Trails do not lead or lead as little as possible on roads with motorized traffic. The evaluation also takes into account the frequency of traffic or if trails run alongside roads.		0
B.6	Emmisions	Along the trail there are no disturbing emissions such as noise, smell, exhaust fumes, waste water etc.		0
B.7	User Conflicts	The trail is designed and communicated to minimize conflicts under different users (such as it can happen on a shared trail and/or on trails that are used by local people for other purposes).		0
B.8	Trailhead	The trailhead is easy to find, identify and access.		0
B.9	Landscape	Scenic and divers landscapes, with scenes that change along the way and that are seen by the trail users		0
B.10	Nature	The trail offers direct experiences of flora, fauna, localized geological and natural features in original habitats.		0
B.11	Water bodies	The trail leads partly along water bodies.		0
B.12	Views	Along the trail there are beautiful views		0
B.13	Cultural heritage	Along the trail are elements of tangible and intangible heritage		0
B.14	Other Attractions	Along the trail there are exciting attractions		0
B.15	Food & Beverage	Along the trail there are refreshment stops and/or supply of food and drinks		0
B.16	Drinking water	There is sufficient supply of drinking water along a trail		0
B.17	Accommodations	There are overnight accommodations along the trail. These can be simple campsites, huts or hotels, depending on the characteristic of the trail.		0
B.18	Facilities	Along the trail the necessary facilities are present and in good condition. These can be: fountains, toilets, viewpoints, etc.		0
B.19	Trail Structures	Along the trail the necessary facilities are present and in good condition. These can be: Bridges, railings, rope belays, stairs		0
B.20	Interpretive elements	There are stations along the trail where interesting facts about culture, landscape or nature are explained		0
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C.	Information & Safety		0 - 5	do not edit
C.1	Defined route	The trail route is clearly defined. The geodata is verified and congruent with the existing map systems.		0
C.2	Basic Trail Information	Detailed and validated information about the trail exists and comprehensively describes the experience, requirements and hazards for the user.		0
C.3	Day stages	The daily stages of the multi-day trails/trail networks are also described in detail.		0
C.4	Accommodation	The available accommodation in the region of the trail and at its stage locations (if applicable) are described in detail, including booking options.		0
C.5	Trailhead signage	Trailhead signage is visible with sufficient information about the trail(s) starting there. Ideally with overview maps, important notes and QR code for the digital information with the current conditions		0
C.6	Signage	Directional signage is for both directions, clear and visible and indicates the possible destinations at each node. Branching options and emergency exits are indicated.		0
C.7	Visibility and waymarkers	The trail(s) are clearly visible even in poor visibility and in the peak vegetation season. Where the trail route is not clear, there are sufficient waymarkers.		0
C.8	Technical difficulty	The technical difficulty is described and at least for each day section of the trail(s).		0
C.9	Exertion level rating	The Exertion level is described and at least for each day section of the trail(s).		0
C.10	Hazards & Risks	Hazards and risks along the trail(s) are clearly assessed, classified and communicated.		0
C.11	Accessibility	There is clear information about who can use the trail(s) and who cannot. In particular, use for disabled people, children, strollers and dogs should be defined		0
C.12	Rules	The rules that apply to recreation in nature and trails are available in a clear and structured manner and are communicated in an understandable way		0
C.13	Digital information	All information is also available digitally and can be consumed using common tools via internet browsers and apps		0
C.14	Offline navigation	The trail information enables safe navigation using smartphones and GPS devices, even in areas without mobile internet		0
C.15	Current conditions	There is comprehensive and up to date information about the current conditions on the trail(s), which can also be accessed from the trail (if a mobile data connection is available). This includes weather, dangers, snow conditions, trail closures, difficult conditions and defects		0
C.16	Transparent User Feedback	User Feedback will be gathered and engaged with and is publicly available.		0
C.17	Guided tours	There is a sufficient information about the offers of guided tours, and/or obligatory guides, which are carried out by qualified guides.		0
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D.	Environmental		0 - 5	do not edit
D.1	Erosion and encroachment	Trails are built in such a way that the impact on nature is as minimal as possible. The design and construction of the trails is intended to prevent erosion and not to provide any extra attack surface even in storms.		0
D.2	Waste management	There is an organized waste disposal/recycling system at trailheads, campsites and huts, as well as on trails close to town		0
D.3	Pollution	The trail lies in clean environment and is free of pollution and litter.		0
D.4	Invasive species	If this issue occurs, trails need to deal with it in an effective way.		0
D.5	Protection of ecosystems	The trail managment actively works forward the conservation and protection of the ecosystems the trail passes through		0
D.6	Public transport	The trailheads and the entry and exit points on the trails are easily accessible by public transport.		0
D.7	Promotion of sustainable solutions	The sustainable options for the supply of food, transport, guides etc. are well communicated and recommended as the first option		0
D.8	Visitor education	There is good environmental education for trail users with understandable information about nature, culture and the environment and how to behave correctly - ideally they change their habits not only on the trail		0
D.9	Visitor management	There are concepts for the correct guidance of trail users so that they are on the trail in the right season and have as little impact on nature as possible. Control measures should also be used to avoid overcrowding of trails and places.		0
D.10	Climate change policy	The trail management have a climate change policy relating to climate response and resilience. The policy contains the strategy of facing climate incidents.		0
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E.	Heritage and Community		0 - 5	do not edit
E.1	Cultural sites	Local cultures and heritage sites are respected, preserved and made accessible to visitors. Trail users are adequately informed about the significance of the sites.		0
E.2	Traditions	The traditions of the indigenous communities are honored and supported. The trail management organization is committed to promoting local events and respecting traditions when using the trails.		0
E.3	Local communities	The trail organization works with the local communities and forms a community of official experience providers. Mutual promotion of products and services is actively practiced.		0
E.4	Local value creation	The trail organization supports and promotes local businesses with local products and local value creation.		0
E.5	Fair employment	The trail organization offers equal opportunities and fair employment to all and gives preference to local communities		0
E.6	Eco-friendly supply	The trail organization uses environmentally friendly fair trade products, encourages circular economy, saves energy and waste and monitors its supply chain		0
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