



**SUSTAINABILITY REPORT**  
**Prepared for ROSCon 2016**  
**November 22, 2016**



# OVERVIEW

ROSCon 2016 was a chance for ROS developers of all levels to spend an extraordinary two days learning from and networking with the ROS community. ROSCon is a developers conference, in the model of PyCon and BoostCon. Similar to previous years, the two-day program was comprised of technical talks and tutorials that introduced participants to new tools and libraries, as well as taught attendees more about the ones they already know.

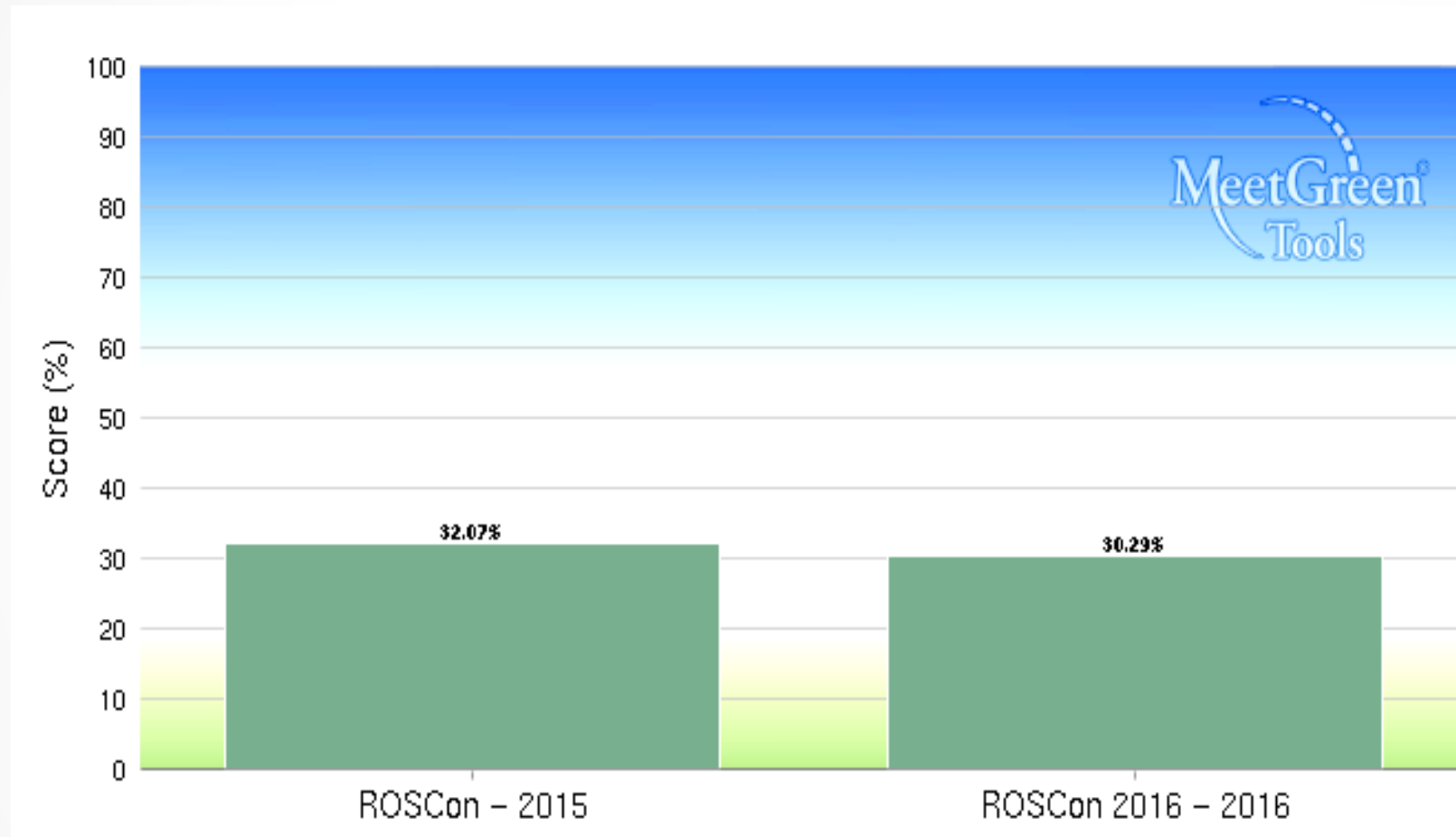
<b>Date</b>	October 8-9, 2016
<b>Location</b>	Seoul, South Korea
<b>Venue</b>	Conrad Seoul (Hilton)
<b># Attendees</b>	439
<b># Scheduled Sessions</b>	26
<b># Sponsors</b>	27
<b>Event Features</b>	26 scheduled sessions, 2 lightning talk sessions, 2 BoF sessions, 1 networking reception

# SUCCESSSES

- Facility had extensive back of house recycling.
- 100% elimination of plastic bottled water, approximately 1,756 plastic bottles. All glass beverage containers were washable and reusable.
- China service used for catering functions.
- Conference signage produced using 30% post consumer recycle content paper.
- Requested local and sustainable food choices for menu items whenever possible.
- All rooming lists, banquet event orders, and meeting invoices provided electronically.
- Conference hand outs limited to sponsor flyers.

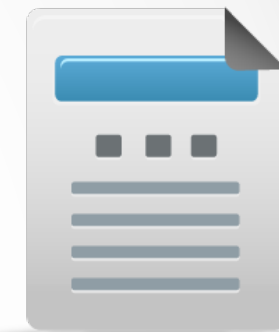
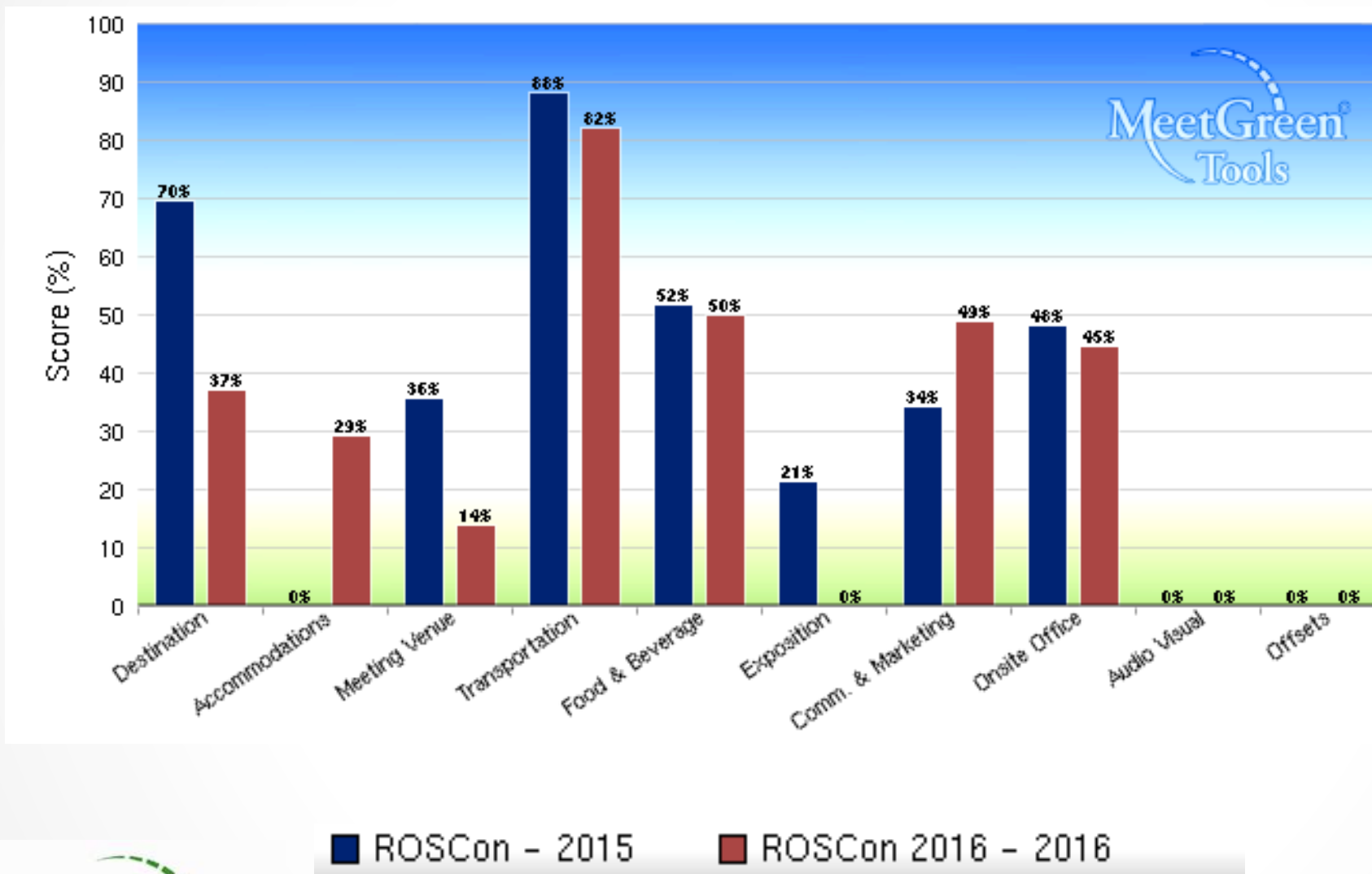


# CONFERENCE LEVEL REPORT



This report shows the total calculator score for the ROSCon 2015 and 2016 Conferences.

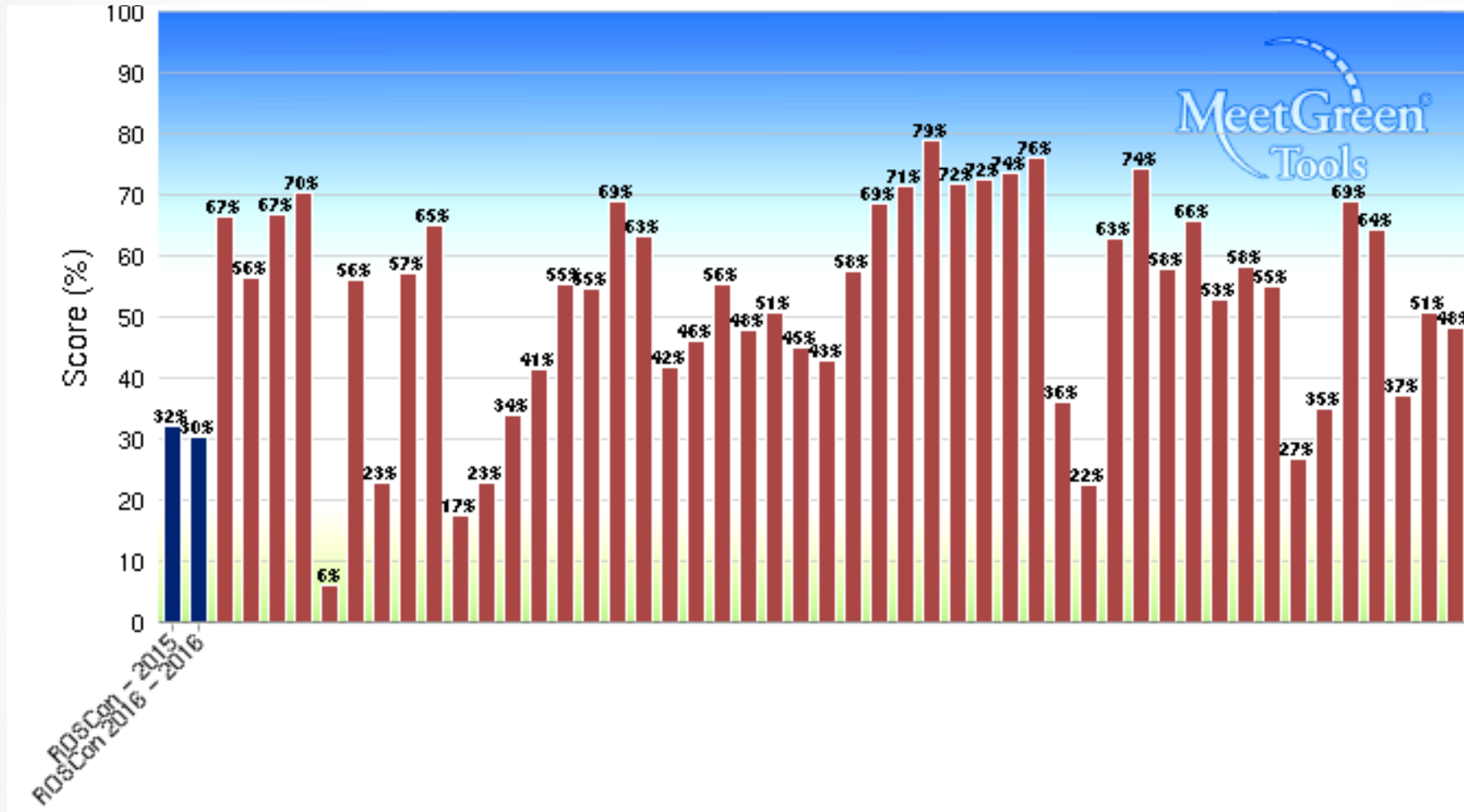
# CONFERENCE CATEGORY SUMMARY REPORT



This report shows the total score for each category across the 2015 and 2016 conferences.



# CONFERENCE COMPARISON REPORT



This report shows how the conference compares to other conferences scored in the MeetGreen calculator over the last 2 years.

# RECOMMENDATIONS

## ✓ **DEVELOP a Sustainable Meeting Policy for OSRF Events**

Begin a sustainability policy and consider the guidelines in either

[the APEX Environmentally Sustainable Event Standard](#) or [ISO 20121](#) Event Sustainability Management System. This policy will establish commitment and ensure that sustainable meeting practices are incorporated into all meetings. This process should be finalized and communicated to all stakeholders. The Policy would include:

- Sustainability priorities
- Minimum guidelines for cities hosting the ROSCon meetings
- Minimum guidelines for meeting venues and accommodations
- Minimum guidelines for food and beverage
- Minimum guidelines for marketing and communications practices
- Convene a sustainable event team to create an action plan. This should start as early as possible and include staff and vendors.

## ✓ **ADVANCE a Strategic Plan to Implement the Sustainable Meeting Policy**

- Identify objectives and measurements to evaluate success of plan implementation.
- Confirm event-specific priorities and measurement targets. This could be a first action-step that also includes minimum guidelines.
- Identify the measurable indicators to be tracked.
- Establish the time frame.
- Establish areas of responsibility including staff and vendors
- Determine how to communicate this information to all stakeholders.
- Communicate opportunities and impacts. Include a strategy for pre, during and post-event outreach to attendees and other stakeholders.

## ✓ **CREATE New Initiatives and goals**

- Offer 100% locally and organically sourced food items.
- Ensure the facility has food composting.
- Create a reusable signage plan and/or create all signage with sustainable materials.
- Commit to greater attendee engagement by communicating your efforts.
- Keep a green tagline at bottom of any eblasts.
- Expand hybrid meeting component.
- Actively encourage smart transportation. Encourage ride share and carpooling.

