

Sustainable procurement

People are what they eat, companies are what they buy

Sustainable procurement is the process of **integrating** your sustainability goals into procurement and purchasing practices.

It is the best starting place to turn your **strategy into action**. The supply chain is where most ESG risks materialise for many companies. Meanwhile, working on procurement is less intrusive than changing your own operations or business model. We help ensure your sustainable procurement & supply chain strategy aligns with ESG best practices and helps you **progress on key targets**, such as carbon reduction and responsible sourcing

Realise ambitions & manage stakeholder expectations



Realise your climate targets:

Scope 3 emissions are on average 11.4 times larger than direct emissions. An important chunk of that is linked to what you buy. This makes it impossible to make real progress without involving procurement.



Get your certifications:

Procurement performance is one of the 4 pillars of **EcoVadis**. To obtain a good score, it's crucial to put in place the right procurement policies and procedures.



Manage the trickle-down effect:

A recent study revealed that 90% of UK/EU respondents consider ESG factors crucial in selecting suppliers. This means they are likely to inquire with their suppliers what action they take or even formulate more explicit expectations.



Protect your reputation:

Misconduct at suppliers can harm your reputation. E.g. in the last years, companies in the construction, logistics, and textile sector made headlines due to social misconduct at suppliers. A sustainable procurement strategy manages such risks.

Our approach

We help you move your sustainability goals move from the boardroom to the work floor. As this can be challenging, our **pragmatic approach** aims to bring peace of mind. Together we make sure that your procurement staff understands how their work can help achieve your strategic objectives. We ensure that the approach is **realistic** given the available resources and that there is a **clear path towards progress**.



Keep it manageable
Set priorities based on your ESG and company strategy



Set your battle plan
Develop a procurement policy and action plan



Support tools
Develop the tools to implement your policy, e.g. code of conduct, ESG procurement criteria, supplier engagement material



Change management
Training & coaching of procurement staff

Get started today

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