SUPPLY CHAIN SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMME
Introduction to University of Glasgow - Sustainability

University of Glasgow Sustainability Strategy 2016-2021:
ENOUGH FOR ALL, FOR FOREVER
https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/sustainability/sustainabilitystrategy/

“A DEAR, GREEN PLACE”: Towards a climate change strategy and action plan for the University of Glasgow
https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/sustainability/climatechangestrategy/

The University vision is “We will become a world-class, world-changing university where collective responsibility is taken to ensure we undertake our work in an ethical and sustainable manner; our staff and students will be empowered and have a clear understanding of the role they will need to play in order to bring about progressive change”.

The University mission statement is “We aim to promote equitable treatment of its staff, students and, respect the places that it operates in (marketplace, community and environment), thus creating a university that is inspired to impact positively with regard to health, wealth and cultural wellbeing of the world”.

As part of the Sustainability strategy overall goals the Procurement team are focused on supporting ‘Becoming a positive force in the market place’, which covers:

- Ensure that sustainable procurement practices are fully embedded with respect to internal operating procedures.
- Increase the number of supported businesses that are contracted to carry out work on our behalf.
- Place an increased emphasis on the purchase of local/regional and seasonal food, and support suppliers that promote the highest standards of environmental stewardship.
- Require our external contractors and our suppliers to commit to sustainable business practices and to be capable of evidencing this commitment.

In accordance with this strategy and your commitment to support the University Supply Chain Code of Conduct, completion of the assessment by our suppliers identified as high risk through our continued review and monitoring programme, will be a fundamental part of our ongoing Contract and Supplier Relationship Management process and is necessary to meet our obligations.

SUPPLY CHAIN CODE OF CONDUCT:
https://www.gla.ac.uk/myglasgow/procurementoffice/governance/sustainableprocurement/
Why EcoVadis

The University of Glasgow has selected EcoVadis to simplify collaboration with our trading partners in order to assess sustainability / Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) performance worldwide.

We rely on EcoVadis’ CSR expertise to produce ratings and detailed scorecards that make it easy for both of us to understand your CSR performance, and to work together if any improvements are needed.

As an internationally recognized standard, EcoVadis ratings provide global benchmarks, which are essential for measuring and improving the performance of our global value chain. The EcoVadis rating is based on an evidence-based assessment, adapted to hundreds of business categories, takes into account relevant industry labels and certifications as well as local laws in 150 countries, and is aligned with global standards like the UN Global Compact.

Best of all, you can share the results of the assessment (your scorecard) with multiple customers and save a lot of time and effort.

What Are the Benefits of An EcoVadis Assessment?

Meet the University of Glasgow’s expectations, efficiently and confidentially: The EcoVadis CSR assessment is adapted to your industry, country and size, and runs on a secure, ISO27001-certified platform. (No more emailing spreadsheets!)

Demonstrate and improve your company’s CSR/sustainability performance with an internationally recognized rating, scorecard, global benchmarks and feedback to guide improvements, used by more than 50 000 companies.

Valorize your current work: The assessment takes into account your relevant certifications (e.g. ISO, industry standards, etc.), labels, policies, procedures and reporting, combined with a 360 degree monitor of news and intelligence.

Save time and effort with all your stakeholders: You can share the results (your Scorecard) with multiple customers. Optional recognition medals and extended reports let you communicate your sustainability success to the world!
How It Works and What You Need to Do Next:

The steps to complete your assessment are outlined below. EcoVadis will contact you to help you register and collect your data. They need this to make sure the questionnaire you receive is tailored to your industry sector, size, and country. At the end of the analysis and rating process by EcoVadis’ CSR experts, we will both receive the results in the form of a detailed scorecard with actionable, detailed insights on your CSR performance.

You can count on the EcoVadis team to support you every step of the way, in 10 languages at [http://support.ecovadis.com](http://support.ecovadis.com)

Your next step: You will receive an email from EcoVadis – please be sure you respond to it and complete the steps that follow.
Frequently Asked Questions

Why has my company been selected to participate?
As a key supplier to the University, you have been selected to participate in the EcoVadis Programme as you have been identified as a supplier providing goods, services or works within a high-risk category.

How will I be rated and what are the benefits?
Your rating will be based on your responses on Environment, Labour & Human Rights, Ethics and Sustainable Procurement. The new sustainability programme will allow you to:

- Individual overall CSR scorecard rating, with tailored ratings across, Environment, Labour and Human Rights, Ethics and Sustainable Procurement.
- Tailored best practice guidance, insightful global benchmark data and support to facilitate your ongoing sustainability initiatives.
  - Provides positive feedback on key areas of strengths
  - Identifies targeted areas for enhancement or improvements
- A supplier assessment that will reduce your time/resource employed in responding to multiple requests from other buyer organisations across the world and potential exposure to new buyer organisations participating in the EcoVadis Corporate Social Responsibility Programme.
- Share your sustainable rating with multiple trading partners through the EcoVadis platform and instantly update your network of any corrective actions and reassessments. The Premium and Corporate subscription plans offer access to a rich set of tools to share your sustainable rating outside the network, such as the scorecard PDF, EcoVadis Rating Certificate, EcoVadis Medal, Assessment Report.

How will the University of Glasgow use my EcoVadis scores and assessment results?
The University will have access to your published scores and assessment results on the EcoVadis portal. We will be able to view and analyse your results and provide support on improvement areas identified. Your EcoVadis score and assessment results will be used for internal purposes only.

Will my information be kept confidential?
Your documents will be kept confidential and will not be shared or distributed without your authorisation. Upon completion of the assessment, your rating and scorecard are visible to the University of Glasgow. Sharing to others will require your authorization. Recognition medals (where relevant) may be displayed on the EcoVadis platform according to their Terms and Conditions. Please see the EcoVadis Trust Center to view their certifications and commitments to information security and data privacy.

Where do I find support?
Access the web-based knowledge center and contact options including chat, email, and phone at: http://support.ecovadis.com
**Why do I have to pay for this service?**

To ensure the confidentiality and control of your data, you must subscribe to engage directly with EcoVadis for your assessment. You will also own the results. The annual subscription fee covers: The expert analysis and creation of your CSR scorecard with benchmarks, strengths and improvement areas, performed by the EcoVadis sustainability analyst team (one per year); access to the online CSR platform where you can manage sharing of your CSR scorecard, use the Corrective Action Plan module and all the additional content and tools to support your improvement. See [https://www.ecovadis.com/plans-pricing/](https://www.ecovadis.com/plans-pricing/) for more information.

**I am not the person in charge of CSR and sustainability in my company.**

In the registration system you can indicate the relevant contact in your company: EcoVadis will contact this person for the assessment. Please also inform your main contact (e.g. buyer).

**What technical resources do I need?**

No software installation is required: EcoVadis uses a web-based solution delivered on a secure platform and includes updates and technical support. All you need is an internet connection, and to provide the documentation requested in the questionnaire phase.
More Information

Getting Started with EcoVadis
Learn more with this online resource guide (available in 10 languages):

Click above to visit http://help.ecovadis.com/get-started/?l=en to view the guide

Help Center

Help Center, English
Centre d’aide, français
Hilfebereich, Deutsche
Centro de Ayuda, Español (España)
欢迎来到我们的帮助中心
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Help Center, Nederlands