

How to Get the Most Out of Your EcoVadis Assessment

We support organisations on their journey from compliance to purpose

Webinar



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- 01 Our point of view

- 02 The EcoVadis model

- 03 360 Watch

- 04 Understanding the results

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Agenda

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Introduction

About Nexio Projects

Some key partners



EcoVadis

EcoVadis is our global business sustainability ratings partner.



BCorp

Nexio Projects is a BCorp Way global partner.



Natural Capital Partners

Nexio Projects is a certified assessor of Carbon Footprint models to provide the CarbonNeutral certification.

Years

5

Of delivering successful sustainability solutions to our clients.

Sectors

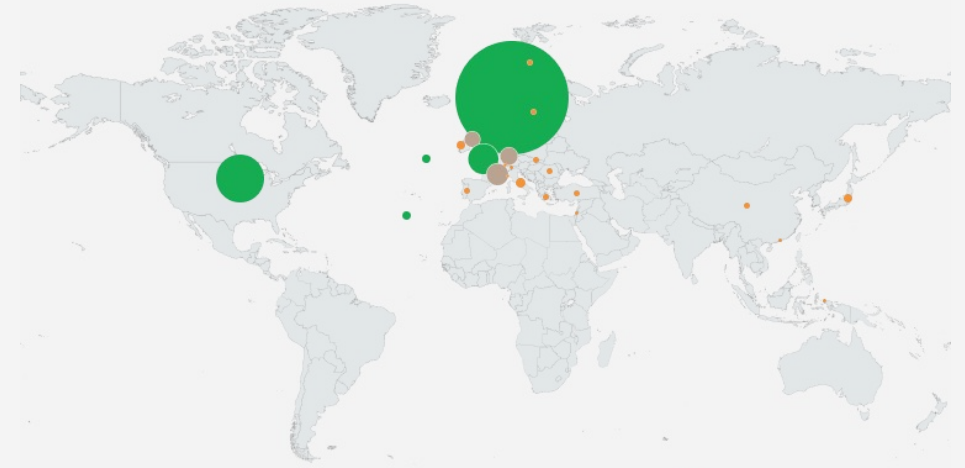
20+

In which we have gained expertise, including the legal & financial, logistics, chemical and public sectors.

Projects

200

From EcoVadis assessment support to ESG Reporting and Carbon Footprint Assessments since 2018.



- 50+ projects
- 10-50 projects
- 1-10 projects

Countries

25+

Where we've built strong partnerships and provided services in over 5 languages.

02

The EcoVadis model

Defining sustainability and the four pillars



Environment

Operations

Energy consumption & GHGs
Water
Biodiversity
Local & accidental pollution
Materials, chemicals & waste

Products

Product use
Product end-of-life
Customer health & safety
Environmental services & advocacy



Labour & human rights

Human resources

Employee health & safety
Working conditions
Social dialogue
Career management & training

Human rights

Child labour, forced labour & human trafficking
Diversity, equity & inclusion
External stakeholder human rights



Ethics

Corruption & bribery
Anticompetitive practices
Responsible information management



Sustainable procurement

Supplier environmental practices
Supplier social practices

Activated criteria



ecovadis NEXIO PROJECTS (GROUP) Rotterdam - Netherlands | Activities of head offices; management consultancy activities

PLATINUM 2021 ecovadis Sustainability Rating

Scorecard Carbon Metrics Corrective Action Plan CSR Activities Other

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Key Sustainability Issues

Importance	Sustainability issue
Medium	Energy consumption & GHGs
Non-activated	Water
Non-activated	Biodiversity
Non-activated	Local & Accidental Pollution
Medium	Materials, Chemicals & Waste
Non-activated	Product Use
Non-activated	Product End-of-Life
Non-activated	Customer Health & Safety
Medium	Environmental Services & Advocacy

Definition
Energy consumption (e.g. electricity, fuel, renewable energies) used during operations and transport. Greenhouse gases direct and indirect emissions including CO2, CH4, N2O, HFC, PFC and SF6. Also includes production of renewable energy by the company.

Industry issues
According to the US Department of Energy, the majority of energy consumption for commercial activities (including head offices and management consultancy) comes from lighting systems (20.4%), space heating (15.5%), and space cooling (14.6%) (1), which generate CO2, CH4 and other greenhouse gas emissions. Another source of emissions comes from air travel, a very recurrent activity in the head office and management consultancy sector. As an example, over 50% of the UN's total GHG emissions comes from air travels, which accounts for 4.2 tonnes per capita. While plans for reductions have come to fruition, this remains the Organization's biggest challenge for the upcoming years (2). In order to reduce both energy consumption and emissions, companies could take initiative to carry out such actions including, but not limited to, improving the management of equipments, using products with Ecolabels (i.e. Energy Star, Blue Angel), and increasing employee awareness with trainings and communication programs (3). For specifically reducing emissions from business travel, the company could encourage travel by train (less emissions than airplane), aid in provision of bicycles or public transportation for staff members, and increase use of e-conferencing, all of which have shown to help accomplish this goal.

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Key Sustainability Issues

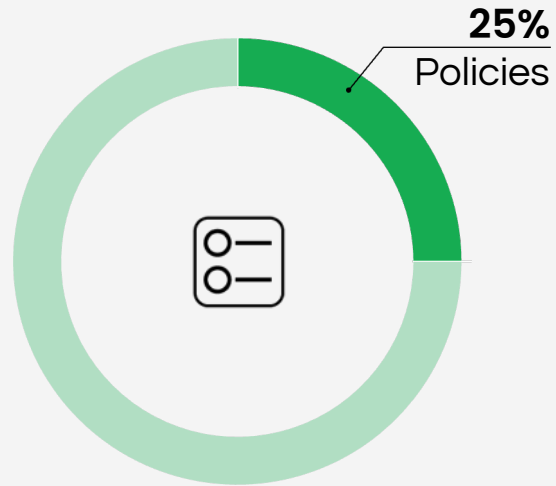
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Materiality comparison



Industry	Environment	Labour & human rights	Ethics	Sustainable Procurement
<p>Freight transport by road</p>	Energy consumption & GHGs	Employee health & safety	Corruption & bribery	Supplier environmental practices
	Local & accidental pollution	Working conditions	Responsible information management	Supplier social practices
	Materials, chemicals, & waste	Social dialogue		
	Environmental services & advocacy	Career management & training		
<p>Consulting services</p>	Energy consumption & GHGs	Employee health & safety	Corruption & bribery	Supplier environmental practices
	Materials, chemicals, & waste	Working conditions	Anticompetitive practices	Supplier social practices
	Environmental services & advocacy	Social dialogue	Responsible information management	
		Career management & training		
		Diversity, equity & inclusion		

EcoVadis assessment methodology

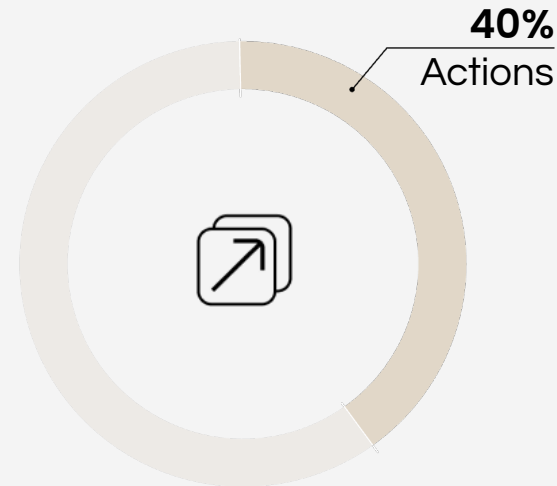


Policies

Missions, value statements, engagements, principles, and objectives issued by the company

Endorsements

Endorsement of external CSR initiatives and principles



Measures

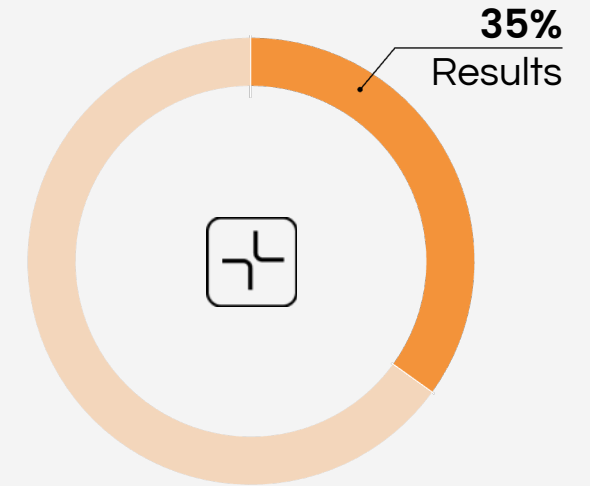
Actions implemented (e.g. procedures, trainings, equipment)

Certifications

Certifications, labels, and 3rd party audits (e.g. ISO 14001)

Coverage

Level of deployment or dissemination of actions and certifications



Reporting

Reporting on key performance indicators (KPIs)

360° Watch

Positive developments, standpoints of stakeholders, condemnations, controversies

Source: EcoVadis, 2022

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**360
Watch**

The EcoVadis 360° Watch



Scope



The 360 News Watch is a tool to scan publicly available information to find any that are relevant to the EcoVadis assessment.

Impact



360° Findings can reduce the theme score by 5.25, 10.5 and 15.75 points or increase the score by 5.25 points.

Timeframe



Environment

5 years

Labour & Human Rights

5 years

Corruption

7 years

Anti-Competitive Practices

10 years

Information Security

5 years

Sustainable Procurement

5 years

Source: EcoVadis, 2022

The EcoVadis 360° Watch



Administration

CSR Network

NGOs

Compliance Database



Trade Unions

Specialised Press

Internal Organisation

Source: EcoVadis, 2022

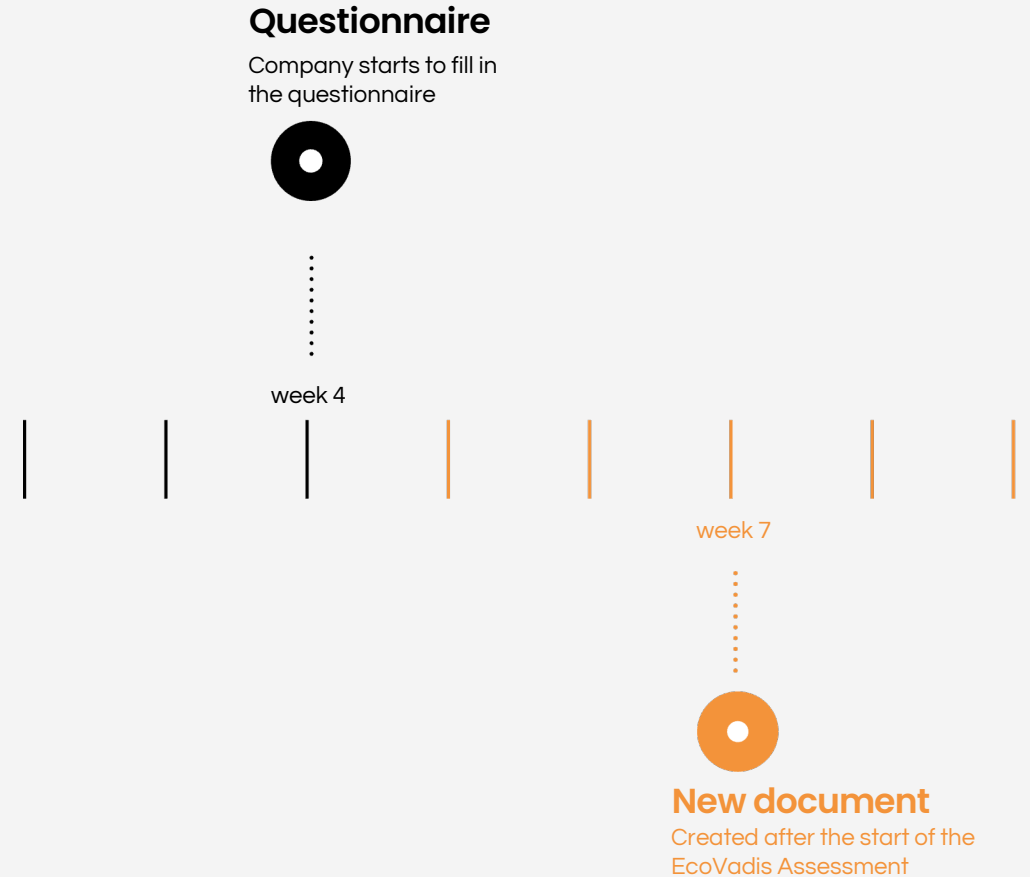
**Best
practices**

Common document
warnings

Documents created on purpose



EcoVadis has a very thorough system that can scrape the document and see when it was made and by whom. EcoVadis can detect when a document has been created during the questionnaire.



Obsolete information



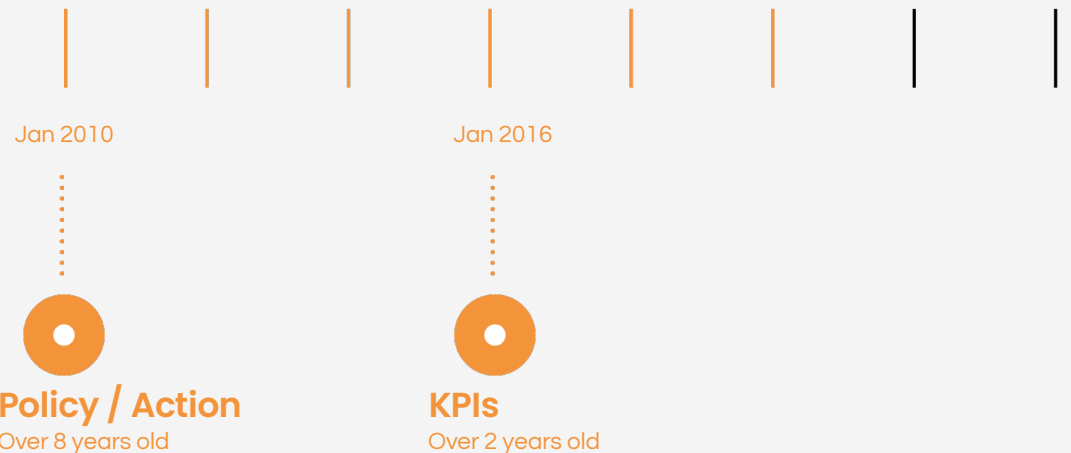
Questionnaire

Company starts to fill in the questionnaire



Jan 2022

- Policies or actions over 8 years old
- Reporting KPI's over 2 years old
- Outdated documents are considered obsolete and will not be taken into account in the evaluation.



Pictures



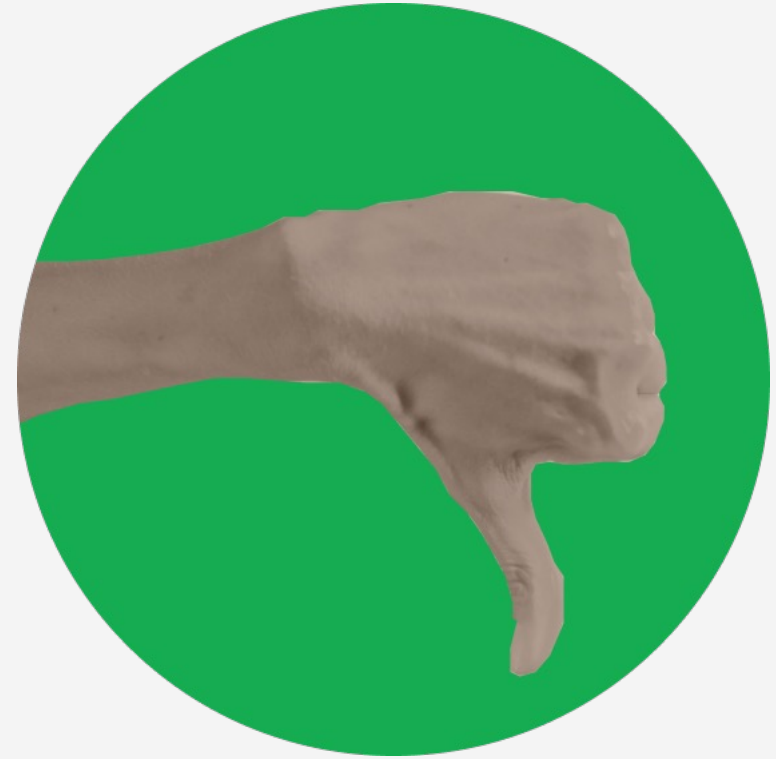
- Pictures are not considered as evidence.
- Some pictures such as a screenshot of a certain platform subscriptions can be added.



Out of scope



In many assessments we perform, we see that the wrong data is being attached to certain questions.



Plagiarism



EcoVadis has a sophisticated AI plagiarism check that can scrape the Internet and find the document that you plagiarised. Do not use other companies' documents.



Amounts of documents



EcoVadis allows for a maximum of 55 documents to upload on the platform.



Merging documents

From
2023

EcoVadis will change the rules for merging documents to incentivise companies creating a stronger SMS and document structure.

What can still be merged

- Combined documents uploaded for previous assessments (if still valid)
- Certifications of various entities and locations
- Key Performance Indicators overview of different entities and locations

What type of documents should you focus on creating?



Broader purpose documents
i.e. sustainability report



Policies
i.e. environmental policy



Actions
i.e. operating procedures



Reporting
i.e. KPIs report & dashboard

04

**Understand
the results**

EcoVadis medals



Top 50%



Top 25%



Top 5%



Top 1%

Before 01 Jan 2022

47 - 55

56 - 66

67 - 74

75 - 100

From 01 Jan 2023

50 - 58

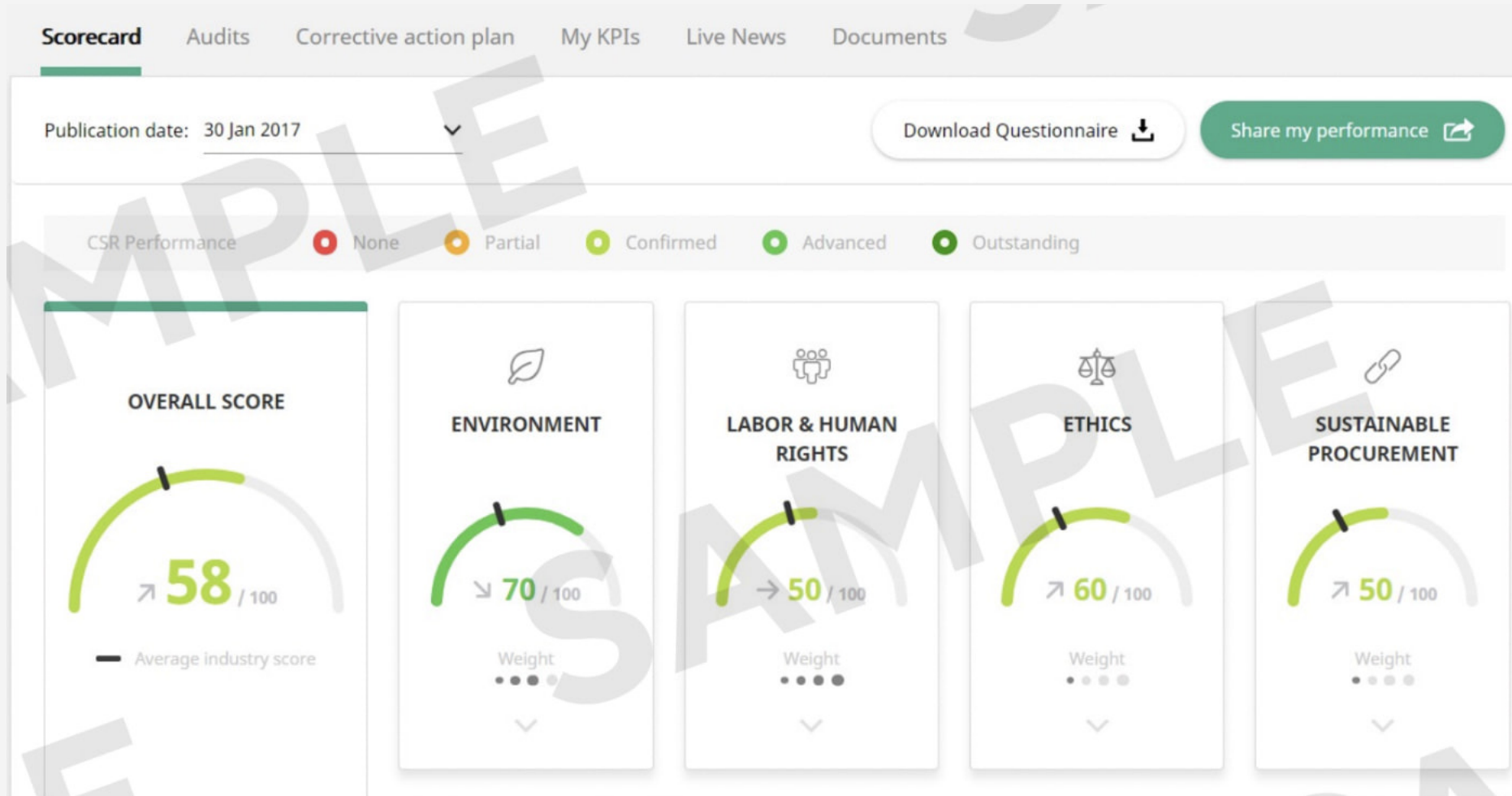
59 - 69

70 - 77

78 - 100

Source: EcoVadis, 2022

Understanding the scorecards results



Source: EcoVadis, 2022

Scorecard results: strengths



Environment ⓘ Weight ●●●▲

Strengths (20) Improvement Areas (3) 360° Watch Findings (1)

Policies
Strengths

- Standard policy on a majority of environmental issues ⓘ
- Dedicated responsibility for environmental issues ⓘ
- Global Compact signatory ⓘ

Actions
Strengths

- Formal measures implemented to avoid road congestion
- ISO 14001 certified ⓘ
- Regular training on work processes for labeling, storing, handling and transporting hazardous goods ⓘ
- Work processes to reuse & recycle waste from transportation or warehousing activities ⓘ

Scorecard results: corrective actions



Labor & Human Rights ⓘ Weight ●●●▲

Strengths (18) **Improvement Areas (8)** 360° Watch Findings (4)

Policies

Priority	Improvement Areas		
Medium	No supporting documentation or only basic policy on some relevant issues [i.e. working conditions]	ⓘ	Corrective action in progress
Low	No quantitative target on labor & human rights issues ⓘ		Corrective action in progress

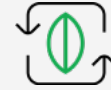
Actions

Priority	Improvement Areas		
Medium	No OHSAS 18001 certification ⓘ		
Low	No monitoring of road fatalities		Corrective action in progress
Low	Declares measures on structured social dialogue (e.g. collective agreement), but no supporting documentation available ⓘ		
Low	Declares measures on discrimination and/or harassment issues, but no supporting documentation available ⓘ		Corrective action in progress

Carbon Scorecard



Commitments



Organisations are rated on the strength of their targets.

Actions



Organisations are rated on their activities related to reducing emissions.

Reporting



Organisations are rated on the completeness and relevance of the data that is reported.

Carbon Scorecard



- Insufficient
- Beginner
- Intermediate
- Advanced
- Leader

Strengths and Improvement areas

Commitment ⓘ Weight: 25%

Strengths (2) Improvement areas (5)

Targets ⓘ

Absolute Scope 1 GHG emissions reduction target established

Absolute Scope 2 GHG emissions reduction target established

Actions ⓘ Weight: 25%

Strengths (3) **Improvement areas (2)**

Actions Scope 3 ⓘ

Priority Improvement Areas

Medium Aim at engaging suppliers in climate action ⓘ

Low Consider selecting suppliers based on GHG emission intensity ⓘ

Reporting ⓘ Weight: 50%

Strengths (4) **Improvement areas (6)**

Monitoring System ⓘ

Priority Improvement Areas

Low Consider updating GHG inventory at least once per year ⓘ

Monitoring Scope 3 ⓘ

Priority Improvement Areas

Low Consider using industry-average-data to estimate Scope 3 emissions ⓘ

Low Strive to collect Scope 3 data from internal stakeholders ⓘ

Performance Review ⓘ

Priority Improvement Areas

High Consider evaluating existing GHG emissions reduction initiatives to align performance with targets ⓘ

Reporting ⓘ

Priority Improvement Areas

Low Share the progress towards GHG emissions reduction target with internal stakeholders ⓘ

High Consider conducting third party verification on GHG emissions reporting ⓘ



How we can support you



- ✓ **EcoVadis Assessment Completion**
- ✓ **EcoVadis Assessment Review**
- ✓ **EcoVadis Insights Report**
- ✓ **EcoVadis Gap Analysis**



Useful resources

Product
Update
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Useful Resources

EcoVadis Assessment Sustainability Guidance Sustainability Glossary

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EcoVadis CSR Scoring Principles Download

Get an in-depth understanding of the EcoVadis methodology. For EcoVadis, an effective sustainability management system is composed of the following elements: Policies, Actions, and reporting on Results. Each of these elements carries a particular weight when calculating a company's theme score. These three management layers are separated into seven management indicators: Policies (POLI), Endorsements (ENDO), Measures (MESU), Certifications (CERT), Coverage - deployment of actions (COVE), Reporting (REPO), and 360° Watch Findings (360).

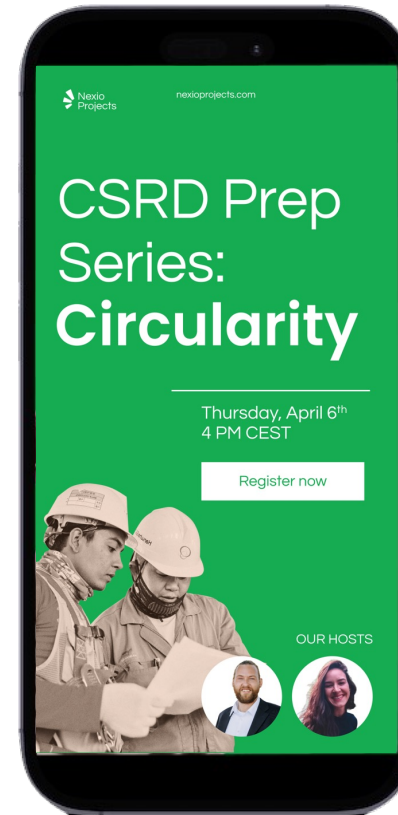
EcoVadis 360° Watch: A Key Component of the Assessment Methodology Download

Learn more about 360° Watch. This key element of the rating process combines artificial intelligence with human analysis to identify the most relevant stories within the past five years, both positive and negative, collected from over 100,000 public sources. 360° Watch Findings are the output of this process, where the analyzed results are integrated as part of the EcoVadis Rating, and are displayed in the EcoVadis Scorecard.



Upcoming webinars

Scan the QR codes and book your spot!

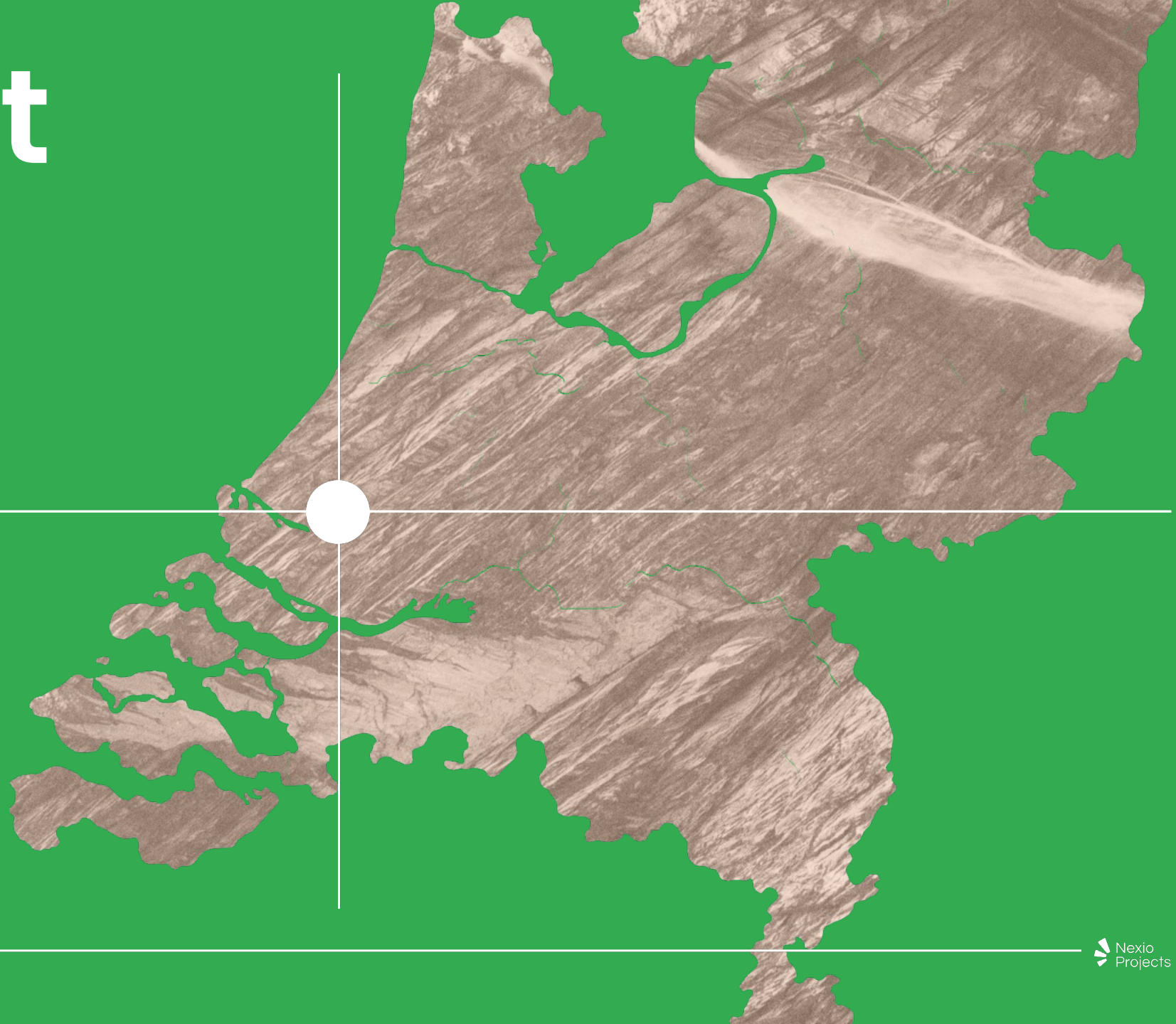


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