

# ECOVADIS

EcoVadis connects companies on the subject of sustainability and is nevertheless a challenge for suppliers

### For more transparency along the supply chain

EcoVadis is a sustainability rating platform for global supply chains. EcoVadis Scorecards make it easy to understand, track and improve environmental, social and ethical performance worldwide. More than 20,000 companies use EcoVadis to reduce risk, drive innovation and foster transparency and trust between trading partners.



The DFGE is the official partner of EcoVadis in the German-speaking region (DACH) and offers various products and services, such as free webinars and on-site training as well as the EcoVadis Response Check.

Buyers ask their suppliers to be rated by EcoVadis' experts on their sustainability performance following EcoVadis' assessment methodology (150 purchasing categories, 110 countries, and 21 CSR indicators). The suppliers answer a questionnaire and substantiate their answers, which are evaluated by EcoVadis experts and then made available to the inquiring company in the form of a scorecard. The scorecard serves as a basis for discussion and further improvement.



"With the support of the DFGE, we have been able to show our customers direct progress, this without much time or expense. We can now use the DFGE improvement strategy to decide which specific actions to implement next."

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## ECOVADIS

Predicted sustainability beyond your company

#### **OUR SERVICES**



#### Starter

- Workshop to understand your practices
- Review of existing documents
- Preparation of questionnaire
- Creation of a "CSR Roadmap"



#### Complete

- Kick-off meeting with introduction into the project
- Development of an improvement plan
- Review of new & existing documents
- Creation of dedicated documents
- Formalization of questionnaire responses
- CSR Roadmap formalization



#### Services

- Consult: Gap analysis and work shops
- Trainings und webinars
- Response check
- Ad hoc documents
- Tailor-made consulting services

#### YOUR ADVANTAGES

Expert knowledge: Make use of our experience. We are the first official partner of EcoVadis in the DACH region. Our team consists of CSR experts with more than 20 years of experience with various CSR reporting standards like UNGC, CDP, GRI – and EcoVadis.

Scalability: Profit from horizontal and vertical scalability. No matter if you are a SMB or a company acting worldwide, no matter if you are an EcoVadis beginner or if you are already taking part for several years.

Progress: Improve your sustainability management system. We help you provide a better answer to your EcoVadis questionnaire which leads to address risks, better manage client's requests, better monitor the success of your actions, better communicate on your commitments.

Turnkey solution: We minimize your workload by creating a turnkey solution, going from the formalization of responses to the creation of required documents. Time-saving solution: Within only 2-7 weeks, you get a finalized solution. We work "iteratively and recursively", meaning that you always get the answer which suits best at a certain moment. In the following years, these answers are checked, complemented and expanded. This way, you can document a continuous improvement process. You don't sign a perennial consultancy contract in which you are bound for several years.

Founded in 1999 as a spin-off of the technical University of Munich, the DFGE – Institute for Energy, Ecology and Economy provides consulting services in the field of sustainability. Our offer Sustainability Intelligence featuring calculation management, reporting solutions and strategy development aims at bundling the effort of taking part in several sustainability/CSR standards and rankings like CDP, UNGC, DJSJ, EcoVadis or GRI as well as building overarching strategies, such as a sustainability strategy according to the SDGs. As the unique partner of the CDP for SBTs, DFGE provides its customers with comprehensive advice on climate strategy and helps them to operate climate-neutrally at product level or company-wide. To enable

a future Al-based CSR management, DFGE researches in big data approach and machine learning. Our clients comprise international companies

(DAX and fortune 500), SMEs, governmental organizations or territorial authorities.

