

CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY & SUSTAINABILITY

CERTIFICATION, AUDITS
AND TRAINING

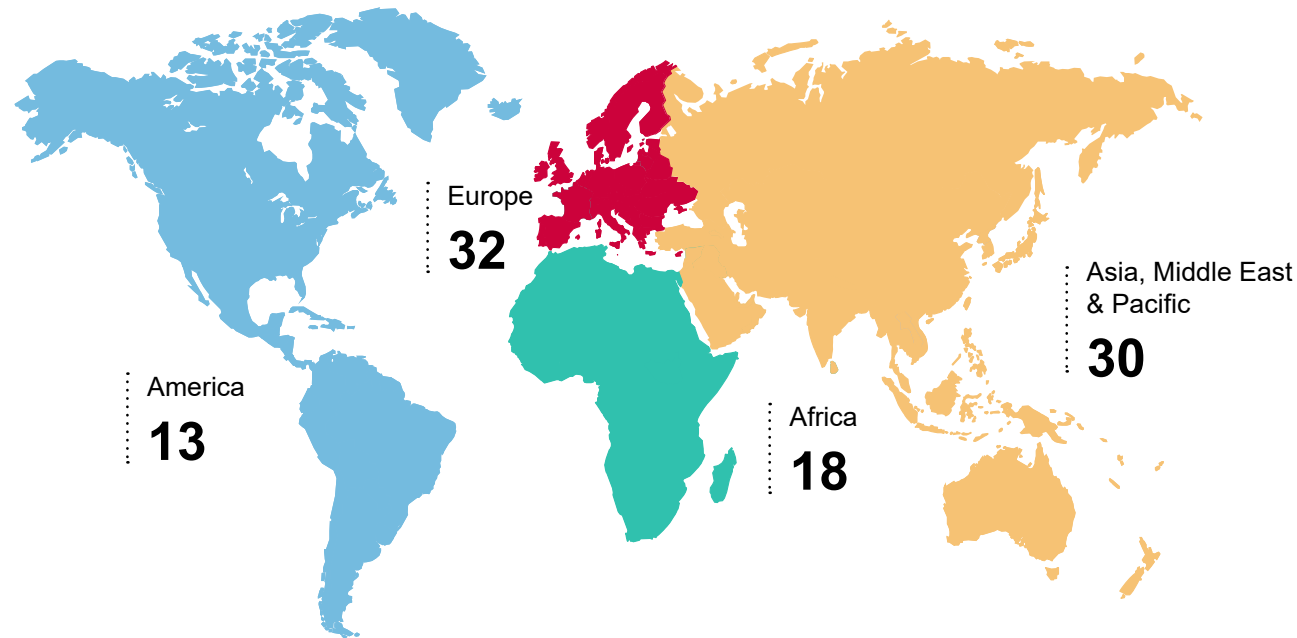


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A LEADING CERTIFICATION BODY

Bureau Veritas is a global leader in certification. We partner with clients across all industries to address their quality, health & safety, environmental protection, cybersecurity, operational and social responsibility challenges. Our global network of expert auditors and wide range of audit, training and certification solutions support clients in optimizing performance through continuous improvement of their processes and management systems.

BUREAU VERITAS CERTIFICATION OFFICES

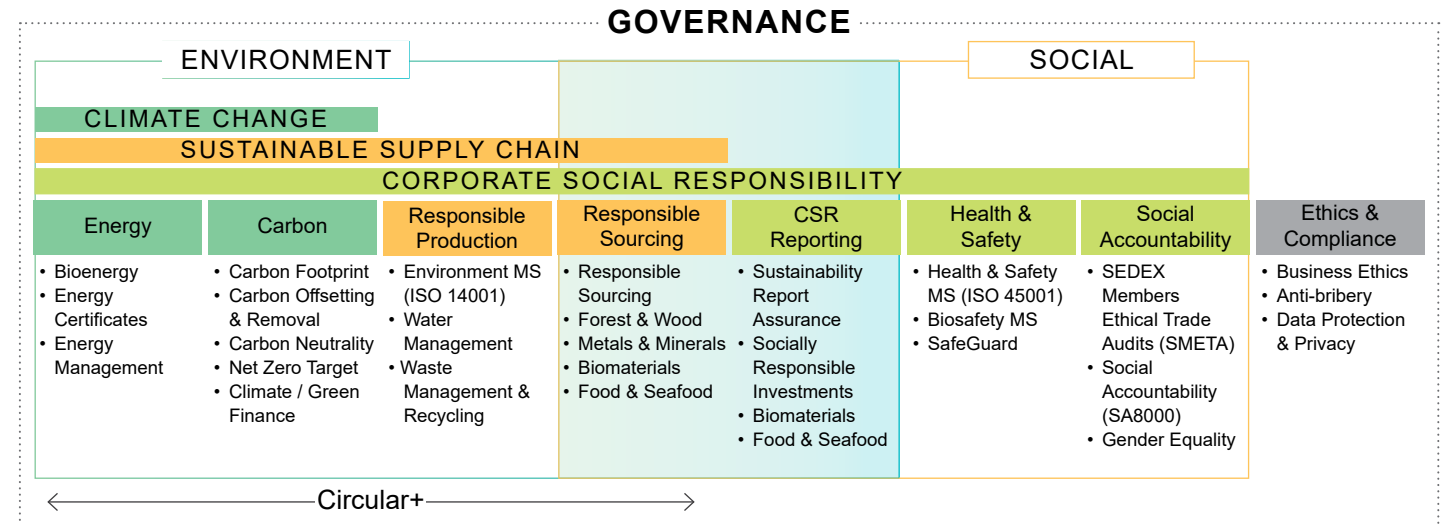


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AN END-TO-END VIEW OF SUSTAINABILITY

Businesses are rethinking their sustainability strategies, shifting their focus from simply reducing environmental impacts, to achieving sustainability throughout the value chain. Bureau Veritas provides a comprehensive suite of corporate responsibility and sustainability services including training, auditing, certification and verification to help companies transform their business model, improve their sustainability practices and meet ambitious objectives.



ACHIEVE CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT WITH BUREAU VERITAS CERTIFICATION

- Minimize environmental impact by reducing overall **energy consumption** and increasing use of green energy sources
- Limit **carbon¹ emissions** by reducing or removing carbon
- Ensure the sustainable origins of products and materials through **responsible sourcing**
- Drive onsite efficiencies and adopt circular economy principles via **sustainable production**
- Minimize **social impacts** by taking a responsible approach to labor, materials sourcing, production and workplace equality
- Support workplace **health and safety**, ensuring the wellbeing and security of employees, clients and stakeholders
- Gain comprehensive, **accurate and unbiased information** about environmental and social impacts



OUR GREEN LINE OF SERVICES AND SOLUTIONS



¹ Throughout this brochure, 'carbon' is used to describe several greenhouse gases defined by the Kyoto Protocol, including carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O), hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, sulphur hexafluoride (SF₆) and nitrogen trifluoride (NF₃).

CLIMATE CHANGE

REDUCING CARBON EMISSIONS AND IMPROVING ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Organizations are under increasing pressure to minimize their environmental footprint and demonstrate their commitment to the fight against climate change. Environmental and Social Governance (ESG) requirements from investors, competitive reputational pressures and new net zero targets mean businesses need to implement responsible carbon and energy management systems. This will enable organizations to reduce, remove and offset carbon emissions throughout their value chain and transition to alternative energy sources that support sustainable development.

OUR SERVICES FOR CARBON EMISSIONS

- Carbon Footprint Verification
- Carbon Offsetting & GHG removal project validation and verification
- Carbon Progress for reductions towards carbon neutrality and net zero emissions
- Green Bonds Certification

VERIFYING EMISSIONS DATA

By measuring and reporting GHG emissions (ISO 14064-1, GHG Protocol) and undertaking voluntary Carbon Footprint Verification (CFV), companies can identify, track, report and minimize emissions. These standards provide guidance and requirements for quantifying the carbon footprint of sites and organizations, enabling companies to provide accurate information and set objectives for carbon reduction or removal. Regulatory GHG emissions verification for the European Union Emission Trading Scheme (EU ETS), other regional and national schemes enable compliance for those installations that are affected.

BUSINESS BENEFITS OF MANAGING CARBON EMISSIONS



Accurately assess, measure and report on carbon emissions



Limit or balance out emissions with carbon removal or offsetting initiatives



Verify the positive impact of green investments for low-carbon projects

EMISSION SOURCES IN A COMPANY'S VALUE CHAIN



SCOPE 2

Emissions from purchased energy generated by utility providers

SCOPE 3

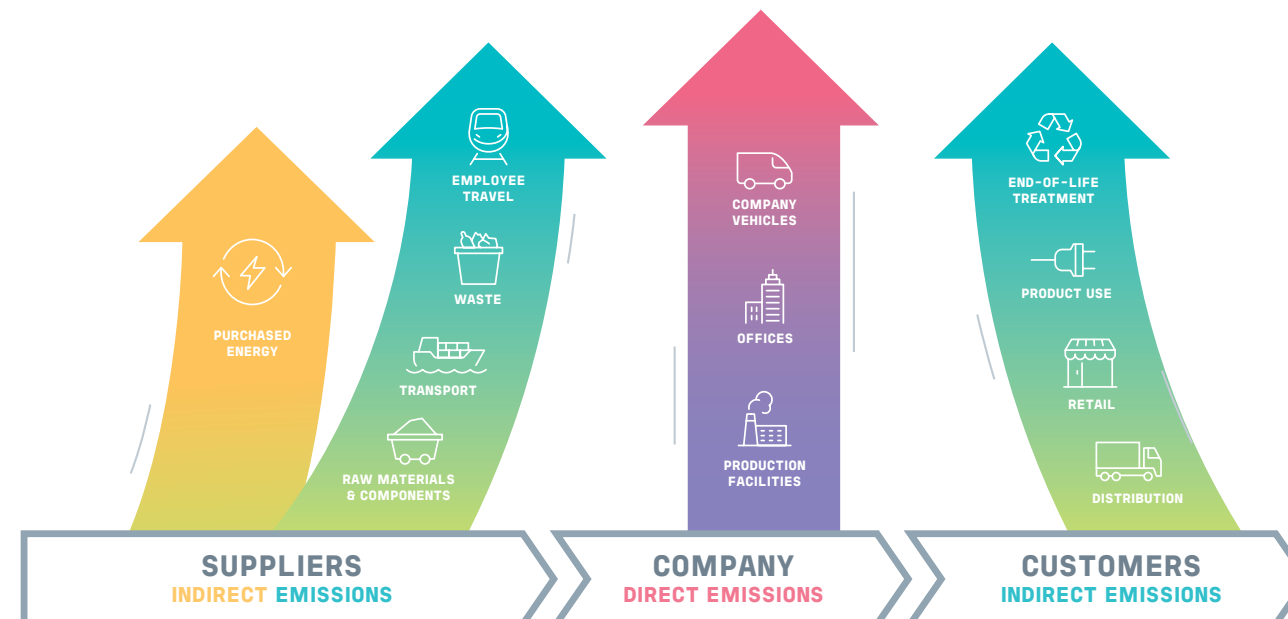
Emissions from purchased goods and services

SCOPE 1

Emissions from a company's owned and controlled sources

SCOPE 3

Emissions from sold products



OUR SERVICES FOR ENERGY MANAGEMENT

- Energy Management
- Bioenergy
- Energy Certificates

CUTTING EMISSIONS VIA ENERGY MANAGEMENT

Energy Management (ISO 50001) is an international standard for energy efficiency that helps companies establish an energy management system with concrete objectives and processes. Implementation enables organizations to manage and predict energy use, comply with current and future legislation, and embed energy efficiency and reduction principles into every aspect of a business.

BUSINESS BENEFITS OF IMPROVING ENERGY MANAGEMENT



Prioritize energy efficiency and reduction to improve business sustainability



Ensure the green credentials of the bioenergy or biofuels supply chain



Reduce costs and achieve savings by implementing energy improvements

RESPONSIBLE SOURCING AND PRODUCTION

PROVING THE SUSTAINABLE ORIGIN OF PRODUCTS AND PRODUCTION PROCESSES

Consumers are increasingly vigilant about the environmental and social impacts of their purchases, putting pressure on companies to demonstrate the sustainability of their products. As a result, many organizations are taking a proactive, holistic approach to improving processes along the product lifecycle. By proving that resources are responsibly sourced and industrial processes are as sustainable as possible, businesses can protect their reputation and meet consumers' changing expectations.

OUR SERVICES FOR RESPONSIBLE SOURCING

- Company Responsible Sourcing
- Forest & Wood
- Metals & Minerals
- Biomaterials
- Food & Seafood

PROVIDING TRANSPARENCY FOR SUSTAINABLE SOURCING

The aquaculture industry provides a strong example of the importance of sustainable sourcing. As global demand for seafood continues to grow, fisheries must employ best practices, reducing overexploitation and damage to marine ecosystems. Certification to standards such as the **Marine Stewardship Council**, **Best Aquaculture Practices**, and **Aquaculture Stewardship Council** supports supply chain traceability for aquaculture farms and fisheries.

BUSINESS BENEFITS OF RESPONSIBLE SOURCING



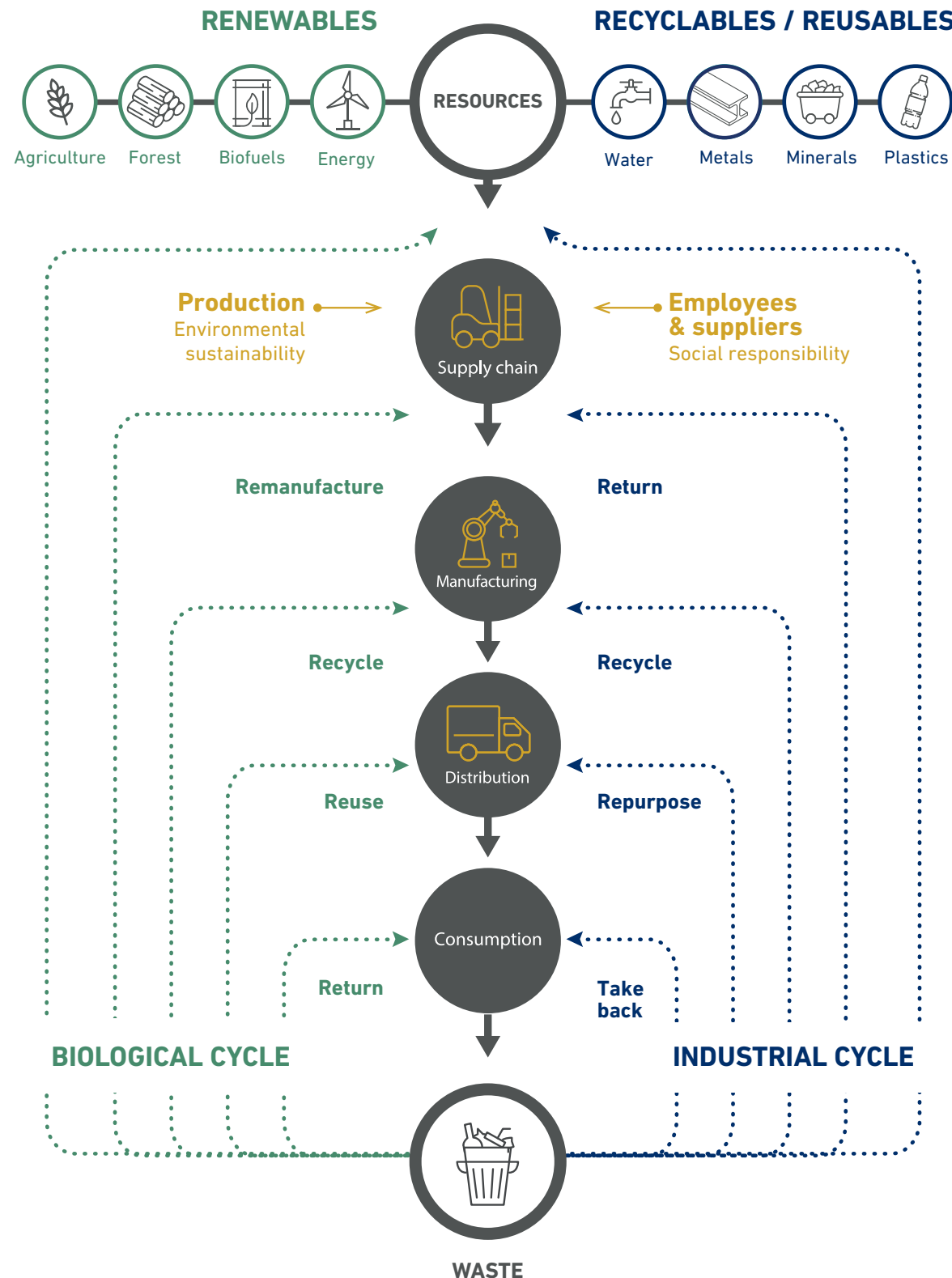
Prove the **socially and environmentally responsible** origins of products



Improve **product traceability and sustainability** in the supply chain



Prove **commitment to ethical and responsible** sourcing best practices



OUR SERVICES FOR RESPONSIBLE PRODUCTION

- Environmental Management (ISO 14001)
- Water Management
- Waste & Recycling Management

FULLY MANAGING ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT

Environmental Management (ISO 14001) is a management system that puts sustainability at the heart of business governance, helping companies measure, manage and limit their environmental footprint. Organizations can define and progress towards environmental management objectives, increasing operational controls and integrating environmental considerations into overall business strategy.

BUSINESS BENEFITS OF RESPONSIBLE PRODUCTION



Implement **sustainable actions** across operations and the supply chain



Reduce **environmental impacts** from water, waste and energy consumption



Integrate **lifecycle and circular economy principles** into everyday operations

SOCIAL, HEALTH AND SAFETY

INCREASING ACCOUNTABILITY AND PROTECTING EMPLOYEES IN THE WORKPLACE

Organizations are continually being held accountable for their treatment of the planet and its people, including their employees. Companies must demonstrate they are adopting a responsible approach to worker wellbeing and adhering to stringent health and safety regulations

and standards. Through third-party certification from an accredited APSCA² member, businesses can prove their social and ethical business practice and implement robust workplace safety and hygiene protocols.



A COMMITMENT TO ETHICAL PRACTICES

Social Accountability (SA8000) is a leading social certification program that provides a holistic framework for organizations to determine and demonstrate their dedication to fair labor practices. **Sedex Members Ethical Trade Audit (SMETA)** is an ethical auditing program that includes multiple aspects of responsible business practice, such as labor standards, environmental impact and business ethics.

OUR SERVICES FOR ETHICAL BUSINESS PRACTICES

- SEDEX Ethical Trade Audits (SMETA)
- Social Accountability (SA8000)
- Aluminium Stewardship Initiative (ASI)
- Responsible Steel (RS)
- Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC)
- Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Initiative (PSCI)
- Fairness Integrity Safety & Health (FISH)
- Maritime Labor Convention (MLC)

BUSINESS BENEFITS OF INSTITUTING ETHICAL PRACTICES



Prove claims of fair and ethical treatment of employees, partners and stakeholders



Target supply chain best practices with **environmental and social initiatives**



Define areas for improvement and take action to support equality



OUR SERVICES FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY

- Occupational Health & Safety Management System (ISO 45001)
- Biosafety Management System
- Safeguard Inspections and Label

BUSINESS BENEFITS OF IMPROVING HEALTH AND SAFETY



Protect workers **beyond workplace-related incidents** and illnesses



Prioritize health and safety of customers, partners and stakeholders



Understand biosafety in order to **minimize and control infectious disease hazards**

CREATING A HEALTHY WORKPLACE

Occupational Health & Safety (ISO 45001) is an international management system certification standard that enables companies to identify and control workplace hazards. Certification supports businesses in minimizing injuries, health problems and dangerous situations. **Biosafety Management System** can complement this standard, managing infectious diseases onsite, while Bureau Veritas' **Safeguard inspections and label** can confirm best practice preventative measure implementation at site level.



ENTERPRISE RISK



ENSURING CYBER SECURITY, DATA PROTECTION AND MANAGING OPERATIONAL RISKS

With the digitalization of assets, products and services, companies must be ever more vigilant in managing cyber security and operational risks. Businesses are entrusted with keeping sensitive client data and internal information safe and private, making information security, data protection and privacy management non-negotiable. Meanwhile, companies must safeguard themselves from operational risks, prioritizing asset management, developing strategies to maintain business continuity, and shielding themselves from corporate corruption.

OUR SERVICES FOR DATA PROTECTION AND CYBER SECURITY

- Data Protection Certification and GDPR
- Privacy Information Management System (ISO 27701)
- Information Security Management System (ISO 27001)
- Information Security for Cloud Services (ISO 27017)
- Personally Identifiable Information (ISO 27018)
- TISAX®

PROTECTING SENSITIVE CONSUMER DATA

The quantity of data collected by businesses, combined with concerns over how it is used, have made governments aware of the need to protect consumers, resulting in stringent regulations such as the European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). By complying with voluntary standards for **Privacy Management (ISO 27701)** and **Data Protection Certification**, businesses can meet international requirements, protect consumer data and prevent data breaches.

BUSINESS BENEFITS OF PRIORITIZING CYBER SECURITY



Identify **data protection risks** and implement the necessary controls



Protect **sensitive data** for your company, customers and business partners



Cement **your company's reputation** safeguarding digital information



ENSURING LONG-TERM BUSINESS CONTINUITY

Companies face a variety of operational risks that can harm their reputation and call into question their short- and long-term viability. In the face of utility and supply chain disruptions, IT outages, extreme weather events, global pandemics and more, organizations must ensure business continuity. **Business Continuity Management System (ISO 22301)** certification enables organizations to demonstrate resilience and mitigate property and revenue loss.

OUR SERVICES FOR OPERATIONAL RISK

- Asset Management System (ISO 55001)
- Business Continuity Management System (ISO 22301)
- Anti-Bribery Management System (ISO 37001)

BUSINESS BENEFITS OF MANAGING OPERATIONAL RISKS



Identify **business-wide operational risks** specific to your company and context



Identify **areas of improvement** and implement policies to **mitigate operational risks**



Provide **transparency on operational risk management** to reassure stakeholders



CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY & SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING ASSURANCE

BUILDING TRUST AND IMPROVING COMMUNICATION WITH VERIFIED DATA

Corporate Responsibility and Sustainability Reporting and communication is vital for organizations looking to build long-lasting relationships with stakeholders, partners and consumers. By providing comprehensive, unbiased information about their environmental and social impacts, organizations can prove best practice implementation for corporate responsibility and sustainability. Independent third party verification of their “non-financial” information further enables businesses to meet stakeholder expectations and build a long-term communication strategy based on accurate, publicly recognized information.

BUSINESS BENEFITS OF RESPONSIBLE COMMUNICATION



Communicate openly and honestly about a business' **environmental impact**



Verify **social and environmental data** to provide unbiased information



Prove the **sustainability of processes and practices** behind socially responsible investments

OUR SERVICES FOR CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING ASSURANCE

- Assurance of Sustainability Reports
- Climate and Social Bond Certification

BOOSTING CREDIBILITY WITH VERIFIED REPORTING

Frameworks like the **Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)** enable businesses to define and produce transparent sustainability reports, helping them understand their impact and prevent greenwashing. Organizations can structure their approach to sustainability and corporate responsibility using **ISO 26000**, an international guidance standard. Businesses will also need to align their development strategies with the new **EU Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive** and the **EU Taxonomy** classification system for determining the sustainability of a business' economic activity and investments.

CIRCULAR+

APPLYING CIRCULAR ECONOMY PRINCIPLES TO THE ENTIRE SUPPLY CHAIN

Organizations are increasingly moving away from a linear model of production toward a circular economy model, where inputs and outputs are fully reused, recycled and repurposed. To support this transition, Bureau Veritas created **Circular+**, a set of sustainability services that covers the entire supply chain, including sourcing, production, distribution, consumption and waste. Circular+ encompasses a range of verification, certification and auditing services that help businesses improve their sustainability and achieve a circular economy business model.





CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

SAFEGUARDING YOUR BUSINESS AND TARGETING ONGOING IMPROVEMENT

Adopting a comprehensive Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) approach enables companies to protect and transform their businesses. By advancing corporate social responsibility initiatives at a company-wide level, organizations can both safeguard their business and achieve ongoing improvement.



PROTECTING YOUR BUSINESS TODAY

In today's competitive and volatile business world, companies have a great deal to protect: revenue streams, investments, assets, consumer data, and more. By managing them safely, honestly and responsibly, businesses can cement their reputation as adherents to corporate social responsibility best practices. This is key to retaining stakeholder interest and earning consumer trust, helping companies secure their place in the short- and medium-term

PREPARING FOR A SUSTAINABLE TOMORROW

As stricter regulations and new targets for reducing environmental impact come into force, companies are thinking long-term, seeking their place in tomorrow's greener, more responsible economy. By launching corporate social responsibility initiatives now, companies can target ongoing improvement, evolving in step with changing social, legislative and regulatory expectations. This enables business to transition smoothly into a future where sustainability is the norm.



4 STEPS TO SUSTAINABILITY WITH BUREAU VERITAS CERTIFICATION



ASSESS YOUR BUSINESS' NEEDS

Every company has distinct priorities for corporate responsibility and sustainability, according to their business model and stakeholders' expectations. Bureau Veritas' experts can help businesses determine their current level of environmental and social impact, and identify solutions that enable organizations to measurably improve their performance.



ACCESS THE RELEVANT TRAINING OR EXPERTISE

Bureau Veritas offers comprehensive training solutions for corporate responsibility and sustainability, enabling businesses to achieve continuous improvement and operate with higher levels of accountability. The courses and services offered on Bureau Veritas' Training platform help ensure that staff have the knowledge and tools to implement and evaluate standards, management systems and more.



IMPLEMENT THE BEST SOLUTION FOR YOUR COMPANY

Businesses have many options for improving corporate responsibility and sustainability, from implementing company-wide management systems, to complying with standards, to undergoing independent data verification. Companies can also undergo customized audits, targeting specific areas for improvement or aligning their strategy with national and international objectives (e.g., the UN's Sustainable Development Goals).



GET BUREAU VERITAS CERTIFICATION, ASSURANCE OR VERIFICATION

Bureau Veritas offers certification, assurance and independent verification services to companies across industries and throughout businesses' supply chains. Our global network of experts provides key services for sustainability, health and safety, and corporate responsibility, helping companies achieve continual improvement with measurable objectives.



SHAPING A WORLD OF TRUST

Bureau Veritas is a Business to Business to Society company, contributing to transforming the world we live in. A world leader in testing, inspection and certification, we help clients across all industries address challenges in quality, health & safety, environmental protection and social responsibility.

CERTIFICATION FOR AN EVOLVING WORLD

Bureau Veritas Certification aims to create value for our clients by providing services that enable them to continually improve their business performance and mitigate risk in a fast changing world. Our services contribute to our clients' aims to achieve compliance, increase stakeholder confidence and achieve excellence.

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