

Working Group Sustainable Supply Chain Management

The Working Group Sustainable Supply Chain Management is a knowledge-sharing platform for Swiss companies founded in 2019 by the Swiss Business Council for Sustainable Development (öbu) and Global Compact Network Switzerland & Liechtenstein (GCNSL).

During its first year, over 33 companies attended one of the four meetings convened by the Working Group, representing a wide range of industries such as Retail, ICT & Technology, Energy, Extractives, Building & Construction, Transport & Logistics, Insurance & Finance and Pharmaceuticals.

Meetings are hosted by one of the participating companies and focus on a sustainable supply chain topic of interest to the group.

The Working Group's programming is aligned with the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct.

Participating companies use the Working Group as a platform to exchange, learn and to practice Responsible Business Conduct and strive to progressively embed these principles in their management systems.

More info: [Working Group Concept Note 2020](#).

About the group: Regular participation in the Working Group is open to individuals representing companies with significant international supply chains that are member companies of öbu and/or GCNSL.

Participants comprise ABB, Aldi Suisse, BKW, Coop, Dormakaba, Georg Fischer, Lafarge-Holcim, Post, SBB, Schindler, Sonova, Swisscom, SwissRe among others.

Past Meetings

Feb 19'	Kick-Off meeting, hosted by öbu and GCNSL
May 19'	Supply Chain risk management in procurement processes, hosted by BKW Energie AG
Oct 19'	Human Rights due diligence in practice, hosted by LafargeHolcim AG
Jan 20'	Managing sustainability of contracted service providers, hosted by Schindler AG

Next Meetings

May 20'	Environmental supply chain management, focusing on CO ₂ , hosted by Georg Fischer AG
TBD	Dealing with recruiting agencies, migrant workers and risk of slavery in the supply chain
TBD	Organizational structures and processes for effective embedding of RBC.
TBD	Downstream measures: Risks and impacts in the use-phase and end-of-life of products.



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The meetings of the Working Group have shown that all companies are working on procedures to manage social as well as environmental performance in the supply chain. The level of sophistication of these procedures varies significantly across industries as well as company size and structure.

While a consensus is emerging on the pertinent tools, solutions, approaches and good practices, numerous challenges remain.



4th meeting of the Working Group, Schindler Management AG, Ebikon, 30.01.2020.

The Group will work on the following issues in the coming months:

- How do we track not only implementation of measures but also impacts along supply chains?*
- What are recommended practices for dealing with downstream sustainability risks and impacts?*
- How can leading companies promote and support SMEs within their value chains in responsible business conduct?*

“For BKW, the Working Group constitutes a great opportunity to get updated on current development and practices but also to get quick and easy exposure to peers and their experiences.”

*Antje Simon, Sustainability Manager,
BKW Energie AG*

Interested? Get in touch!



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