

Global Sustainability Performance Holds, Despite Corporate Commitments to Create a More Responsible Economy

EcoVadis just released its annual Global CSR Risk and Performance Index. The report offers comprehensive insight into the supply chain sustainability performance of more than 30,000 companies worldwide.

Here's what you need to know:

- Overall, despite sustainability scores increasing since 2015, it appears they have plateaued.
- 68% of companies globally lack measures to promote diversity, equality and inclusion.
- The lowest scoring theme is "sustainable procurement" (or, what suppliers are doing about their own supply chain), which means visibility into sub-tiers is a serious risk area.
- The top performing regions for large companies are Europe and North America.
- Greater China is the lowest-scoring and highest-risk region.

Here's why it matters:

When left unmanaged, the supply chain can expose organizations and society to serious hidden risks, including slavery, forced labor, dangerous working conditions, environmental damage, corruption and more.

Here's what you need to do:

Engage your suppliers. Your supply base is the single-most crucial lever for reducing risk and creating real, networked impact across the supply chain.

More than 75% of companies that were assessed at least twice by EcoVadis maintained or improved their score, proving that sustainable procurement makes a difference.

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