



ecovadis



**Sustainable
Procurement Program**

Introduction to Cascades CSR Ambitions and Goals

Sustainable development is an approach that is directly aligned with the values of Cascades and its founders. Since 2009, the company has structured its sustainable development approach in a plan that specifies the various areas of intervention, one of them dealing with responsible sourcing.

The objective of this program is to enable Cascades to work with suppliers who share the same values as it regards respect for the environment, respect for workers and the community, responsibility for its products and services and the transparency of its governance.

This program also meets the expectations of our customers, more and more numerous on the transparency of our supply chain.

The participation of suppliers, historical and new, in this program is therefore essential.

Why EcoVadis

Cascades has selected EcoVadis to simplify collaboration with our trading partners in order to assess sustainability / Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) performance worldwide.

We rely on EcoVadis' CSR expertise to produce ratings and detailed scorecards that **make it easy** for both of us to understand your CSR performance, and to work together if any improvements are needed.



Download a [sample CSR Scorecard here](#)

As an internationally recognized standard, EcoVadis ratings provide **global benchmarks**, which are essential for measuring and improving the performance of our global value chain. The EcoVadis rating is based on an evidence-based assessment, adapted to hundreds of business categories, takes into account relevant industry labels and certifications as well as local laws in 150 countries, and is aligned with global standards like the UN Global Compact.

Best of all, you can **share the results** of the assessment (your scorecard) with multiple customers and save a lot of time and effort.

What Are The Benefits Of An EcoVadis Assessment?



Meet Cascades expectations, **efficiently and confidentially**: The EcoVadis CSR assessment is adapted to your industry, country and size, and runs on a secure, ISO27001-certified platform. (No more emailing spreadsheets!)



Demonstrate and improve your company's CSR/sustainability performance with an **internationally recognized rating, scorecard**, global benchmarks and feedback to guide improvements, used by more than 50 000 companies.



Valorize your current work: The assessment takes into account your relevant certifications (e.g. ISO, industry standards, etc.), labels, policies, procedures and reporting, combined with a 360 degree monitor of news and intelligence.

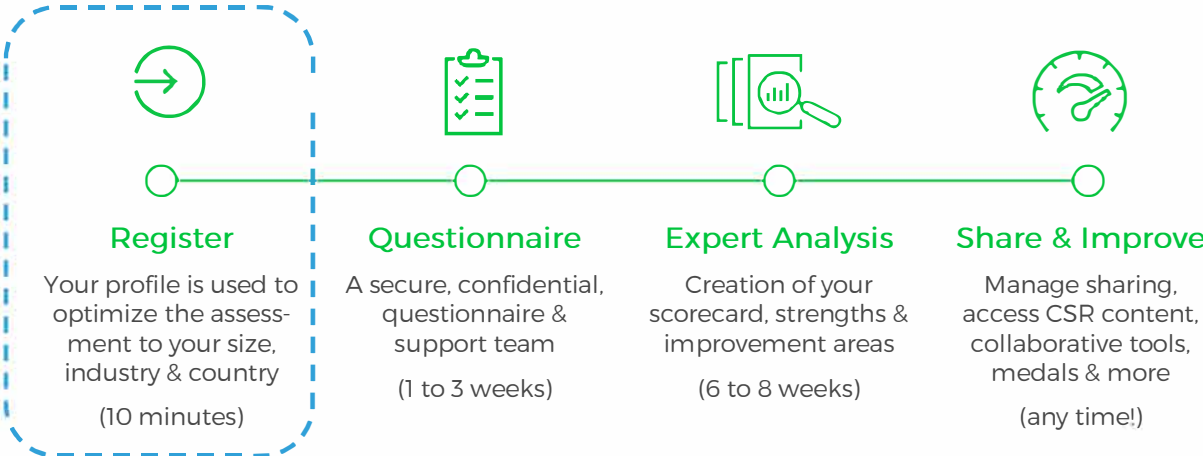


Save time and effort with all your stakeholders: You can **share the results** (your Scorecard) with multiple customers. Optional recognition medals and extended reports let you communicate your sustainability success to the world!

How It Works And What You Need to Do Next:

The steps to complete your assessment are outlined below. EcoVadis will contact you to help you register and collect your data. They need this to make sure the questionnaire you receive is tailored to your industry sector, size, and country. At the end of the analysis and rating process by EcoVadis' CSR experts, we will both receive the results in the form of a detailed scorecard with actionable, detailed insights on your CSR performance.

You can count on the EcoVadis team to support you every step of the way, in 10 languages at <http://support.ecovadis.com>



Your next step: You will receive an email from EcoVadis – please be sure you respond to it and complete the steps that follow.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why has my company been selected to participate?

All our key partners are invited to take part in the process.

Where do I find support?

EcoVadis provides support in 10 languages. Access the web-based knowledge center and contact options including chat, email, and phone at: <http://support.ecovadis.com>

What happens if I don't want to participate?

This program is important to us and we expect our business partners to participate.

Why do I have to pay for this service?

To ensure the confidentiality and control of your data, you must subscribe and engage directly with EcoVadis for your assessment. You will also own the results. The annual subscription fee covers: The expert analysis and creation of your CSR scorecard with benchmarks, strengths and improvement areas, performed by the EcoVadis sustainability analyst team (one per year); access to the online CSR platform where you can manage sharing of your CSR scorecard, use the Corrective Action Plan module and all the additional content and tools to support your improvement. See <https://www.ecovadis.com/plans-pricing/> for more information.

I am not the person in charge of CSR and sustainability in my company.

In the registration system you can indicate the relevant contact in your company: EcoVadis will contact this person for the assessment. Please also inform your main contact (e.g. buyer).

Will my information be kept confidential?

Your documents will be kept confidential and will not be shared or distributed without your authorization. Upon completion of the assessment, your rating and scorecard are visible to Cascades. Sharing to others will require your authorization. Recognition medals (where relevant) may be displayed on the EcoVadis platform according to their [Terms and Conditions](#). Please see the [EcoVadis Trust Center](#) to view their certifications and commitments to information security and data privacy.

How will Cascades use my EcoVadis scores and assessment results?

The results are integrated into our goal of responsible sourcing of our sustainability plan. They are also used to assess potential risks to suppliers. If the results do not meet the requirements, the implementation of an action plan will be required from the supplier, which is essential to maintaining long-term relationships.

What technical resources do I need?

No software installation is required: EcoVadis uses a web-based solution delivered on a secure platform, and includes updates and technical support. All you need is an internet connection, and to provide the documentation requested in the questionnaire phase.