



Campus Sustainability Fund Final Report

1.0 - Project Report

1.1 - Project Title:

Supplier Sustainability Assessment Tool

1.2 - Report Prepared by:

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- UVic stakeholders, including faculty and staff, as well as suppliers and service providers, are becoming more aware of social and environmental impact factors in procurement decision-making.
- Purchasing Services team members are becoming more active towards sustainable procurement, as they are encouraged to promote and support sustainable practices that aligning with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

1.4 - Student Learning:

- Co-op students are learning about supply chain sustainability and risk management.
- Co-op students are gaining experience with EcoVadis, a helpful tool in sustainability assessment and industry research.

1.5 - Goal Acquisition:

The key goals of the pilot project have been achieved:

- Supplier assessment - We have started to engage existing suppliers to obtain sustainability assessment and gain visibility on their performance
- Stakeholder engagement – Client units and leaders across campus have an increased awareness of the Supplier Sustainability Assessment Tool and are beginning to engage their major suppliers
- Proof of concept – The pilot has demonstrated the potential benefits of the EcoVadis Supplier Sustainability Assessment Tool.

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1.7 - Lesson's learned:

- Sustainability is becoming a fundamental success factor for business. We are learning that UVic suppliers are willing to dialogue and consider participating in the sustainability performance assessment.
- Internal decision drivers are important considerations that require stakeholder engagement, consultation, and buy-in.
- Timelines for completion of the pilot were stretched due to limited resources for implementation
- Increased supplier engagement and participation is a critical success factor for program success. We aim to further collaborate with our key suppliers, to obtain assessments, monitor their sustainability performance, and achieve improvements.
- Networking, finding the right contact information and closely following up is extremely important to establish a constructive dialogue with suppliers towards e(iap)2.3 (p2dn-8.7 (f0 (p2.8 (t)-3 u(o)4.3 (n)2