

SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING CHARTER



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WHY A SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING CHARTER?

SUEZ, THE TRUSTED PARTNER FOR CIRCULAR SOLUTIONS IN WATER AND WASTE.

Faced with growing environmental and societal challenges, SUEZ has been delivering essential services that protect and improve the quality of life for more than 160 years. The Group enables its customers to provide access to water and waste services with resilient and innovative solutions, to create value over the entire lifecycle of their assets and services, and to drive the ecological transition together with their end users.

By their nature, SUEZ's businesses and expertise contribute to preserving the environment. To strengthen and amplify this contribution, SUEZ has designed a cross-functional sustainable development roadmap for the period 2023-2027, which is built around 3 pillars - **Climate, Nature, Social** - and 24 commitments.

The Group's purchasing policy aims to support this roadmap by contributing, through the choice of responsible suppliers, to the preservation of resources, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, the preservation of biodiversity and the development of local communities.



KEY FIGURES:

- > 40,000 employees
- > Presence in 40 countries

THE PURCHASING DIVISION, A KEY STAKEHOLDER

As part of SUEZ, a leading player in water and waste management, the Purchasing division is a key stakeholder of the Group's global sustainability approach.

With a purchasing volume equivalent to 40% of SUEZ's revenue and 40,000 suppliers, the Purchasing Division steers shared value creation with suppliers. The Group's suppliers are also partners in achieving SUEZ's sustainable development objectives in terms of climate, nature and social responsibility.

Through its activities, it seeks to contribute to SUEZ's social, environmental and economic performance, in line with the challenges it faces:



STRATEGIC:

supporting the Group's differentiation strategy by working with suppliers to develop innovative partnerships, improve performance and enhance the skills of the division.



ENVIRONMENTAL:

decarbonizing the SUEZ's value chain and contributing to the energy transition while protecting biodiversity.



PERFORMANCE AND OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE:

managing risks and costs at operational level.



SOCIAL:

guaranteeing respect for fundamental rights, and specifically the health and safety of employees and subcontractors, while contributing to the sustainable development of communities, wherever the Group operates.

SUEZ seeks to collaborate with suppliers that contribute to a responsible value chain within the circular economy. The Group shares its commitment regarding Ethics, Health & Safety, Environment and Corporate Social Responsibility, involving them through the sustainable procurement policy.

This charter introduces SUEZ's commitments toward sustainable procurement as well as expected commitments from its suppliers in order to build long-term relationships. Together, we aim to make a significant contribution to a sustainable future by promoting innovation and responsibility throughout our supply chain.

OUR COMMITMENTS TOWARD SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING

SUEZ's commitments to Sustainable Purchasing are directly linked to the ambitions and commitments made under the 3 pillars of the Group's Sustainable Development roadmap:

CONTRIBUTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION:

The Purchasing Division is committed to integrating environmental criteria into its choice of suppliers, giving preference to those who adopt more frugal practices and technologies. In line with the Climate pillar, we will favour suppliers committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and producing green energy.

SOCIAL AND TERRITORIAL COMMITMENT:

The Purchasing Division seeks to work with suppliers who share Group's values of inclusion and social commitment. In line with the Social pillar, we will support suppliers who commit to fundamental rights and the health and safety of workers, and who contribute to the economic and human development of the territories in which we operate.

PRESERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY:

The Purchasing Division strives to support suppliers who take into account the preservation of biodiversity in their practices. In line with the Nature pillar, we will promote suppliers who contribute to the management of recycling and reuse (waste, water...) in order to preserve resources and promote the protection of ecosystems.

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNANCE:

The Purchasing Division will ensure that its stakeholders, including suppliers, are involved in the construction and implementation of SUEZ's sustainable development commitments. In line with the Governance in place within SUEZ, we will ensure a collective and transparent approach in the definition of objectives and the evaluation of our suppliers' results.

Specifically, the Purchasing Division is committed to implementing action plans with its strategic suppliers to reduce Scope 3 emissions and in a continuous improvement process to support the Group's objectives and ambitions up to 2027.

The Purchasing Division is also committed to contributing to local wealth and inclusion for all by increasing the proportion of local small and medium-sized enterprises among its suppliers, and by increasing spending on inclusive structures.

**Find out more about SUEZ's sustainable development
roadmap on the Group's website:**

<https://www.suez.com/en/about-us/a-committed-group/2023-2027-roadmap>

OUR COMMITMENTS TOWARD SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING

Sustainable Purchasing commitments are translated into operational objectives, based on an analysis of suppliers and the management of associated risks (ethical, environmental, human rights, CSR, economic, etc.).



ENVIRONMENTAL TARGETS:

- > Contribute to SUEZ's commitments on **carbon emission reductions** in relation to scope 3
- > Respecting the environment and contributing to the **conservation of resources and biodiversity**



SOCIAL TARGETS:

- > **Reinforcing procurement's social impact** through social and solidarity economy and diversity, by developing inclusive structures
- > **Supporting the development of territories** on which we operate by working with local small and medium-sized businesses
- > **Guaranteeing respect for human rights and environment** among employees within the entire value chain, in line with the law on the duty of vigilance
- > **Contributing to better employee working conditions and well-being** with specific concern to Health & Safety



ECONOMICAL TARGETS:

- > **Using a total cost of ownership analysis** for our main categories that have an impact on the Group and its environment

OUR SUPPLIERS' COMMITMENTS

SUEZ expects its suppliers to proactively implement these operational objectives, thereby contributing to overall value creation, economic, social and environmental performance, and sustainable development risk management.

To this end, our suppliers commit to respect :

- INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANISATION (ILO) FUNDAMENTAL CONVENTIONS -**
- THE 10 PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COMPACT -**
- THE SUEZ ETHICS CHARTER -**
- THE SUEZ HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY -**
- AS WELL AS THE APPLICABLE ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN THE COUNTRIES WHERE THEY OPERATE. -**

In line with its Human Rights Policy, in the event of a clear breach of ethical principles or human rights related infringement and of non-cooperation in SUEZ's vigilance efforts, the Group may terminate its contractual relations, particularly in cases of forced labour or child labour.