

BIC Sustainability and Environmental Data Reporting Project Part 2

Project update: October 2025

Current project status: Green – 14.0% completed

Summary of current position:

- The Task and Finishing Working Group (T&FWG) only held no meetings in October,
- The T&FWG decided that once we had all the possible carbon reporting data, they would calculate what percentage of the books published this represented. Then we would write the narrative around that to explain what had been done,
- The project consultant had a meeting with BIC Executive Director about sharing the results so far with the PA. There is a concern that if both organisations report on the carbon footprint of Scopes 1, 2 and 3 in the book industry supply chain and the figures are different this is going to send a mixed message to the wider world. It was decided that the BIC Executive Director would talk to the CEO of the PA to agree the best way forward.

Initial Deliverables Achieved to Date:

- The Publishing Declares spreadsheet has been filled with the following results:
 - There are 130 publishers on the list, of these,
 - Six are providing data around Scopes 1, 2 and 3 as a combined score
 - Eight are reporting on Scopes 1 and 2,
 - Of those eight only five are reporting on Scope 3
 - There are 21 production and supply organisations on the list, of these,
 - One is providing data for Scopes 1, 2 and 3 and as a combined figure.

Next steps:

- T&FWG to calculate the percentage of published books the figures we do have represent,
- BIC Executive Director to talk to the CEO of the PA to discuss the best way forward for the project.

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