

BIC Sustainability and Environmental Data Reporting Project Part 2

Project update: June 2026

Current project status: Green – 35.0% completed

Summary of current position:

- The Task and Finishing Working Group (T&FWG) met once in June,
- The T&FWG have gathered all the information they can around data reporting. The team is now looking at how this can be displayed and easily updated on a yearly basis. So, the team have come up with the following calculations around the percentages of publishers who have signed up to Publishing Declares:
 - The number of publishers who are reporting/measuring their carbon emissions is 40.7%
 - Of all the books sold in the UK in 2025 73.62% are being produced by a publisher who is reporting/measuring their carbon emissions
 - The team is now taking a deeper dive into the emissions data that publishers are providing. The idea behind this is to see if and how this can be reported as a figure for the book industry

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:

- Complete the analysis of the data that publishers have provided.

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