

BIC Sustainability and Environmental Data Reporting Project Part 2

Project update: July 2026

Current project status: Green – 40.0% completed

Summary of current position:

- The Task and Finishing Working Group (T&FWG) met once in July,
- 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. The T&FWG met to discuss the data the various publishers have provided online. Again, it varies how the data is being reported and the team is still trying to work out the best way to present this.
- The T&FWG looked at the report the PA publishes and this is helpful, but the data they report to members is more insightful, but permission will need to be obtained to use this.
- The T&FWG have also heard that the PA has restarted a project around data reporting. There is a meeting between the PA and BIC in August to discuss this.

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:

- Meet with the PA
- Obtain approval to use the PA data to advance this project.

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