

BIC Green Supply Chain

Update: March 2025



Summary of current position:

- The BIC Green Supply Chain Work Plan tracker has been updated to show what was completed in March. The tracker has been submitted to the BIC Executive Director. After a meeting at the London Book Fair the overall workplan is going to be updated for the BIC website.
- The Task & Finishing Working Group (T&FWG) held one meeting for the Designed for Recycling Project, Part 3 Manufactured Book to End-of-Life. A table of all the packaging used in the supply chain and its properties has been created and the T&FWG are filling it in. The project consultant has started writing the final report. The format of the report is currently being reviewed by the T&FWG. The T&FWG have also been asked to look at how the data from the 'Packaging Characteristics' data can be displayed in the report. The data is rather complex in the amount that has been gathered lends itself to a visual representation would be the best way of display it.
- The Sustainability and Environmental Data Reporting Project Part 2 T&FWG held one meeting for the project in March. It was decided that the reporting of data could start small and expand from there over time. Therefore, if that meant only three or four organisations provided data that would be fine, so long as it was clearly explained on the BIC website that this was the case. If say CO2e was being reported and only one organisation was reporting on Scopes 1, 2 and 3 and the other three were only reporting on Scopes 1 and 2 that would be acceptable, so long as this was clearly explained. Then over time as more organisations provided their data for display on the BIC Website would be updated from both the perspective of the original organisations reporting and with the new one's data added in as well. It was also agreed that the T&FWG would research all the organisations who had signed up to the Publishing Declares to see what data they are reporting on.
- The environmental consultant has contacted a few BIC members to help with a small project – Sustainability 101 Guides. Guides 1 and 3 have been published on the BIC website. Guides 2 to 4 are currently with the BIC Executive Director for review and approval. The fifth guide is currently being reviewed by the project team.
- A small BIC team has been working on a workshop around EUDR. The workshop will be for people and organisations that have already been working on solutions to EUDR for their systems and processes. It will be an interactive workshop with all participants expected to contribute to the outcomes of the event. The workshop will be held on Wednesday 23rd April 2025.

Initial Deliverables Achieved to Date:

- The draft version for the Designed for Recycling Project Part 3 has been written,
- A spreadsheet has been created for the Data Project T&FWG to capture the results of their research of what data organisations as part of Publishing Declares are publishing/making available.

Next steps:



- The Designed for Recycling Part 3 T&FWG to complete the table for the packaging their organisations use in the supply chain.
- The Designed for Recycling Part 3 T&FWG to review the draft final report for content and gaps
- The Sustainability and Environmental Data Reporting Project Part 2 to research organisations that are part of Publishing Declares
- Work continues with the Sustainability 101 Guides.

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