

BIC Green Supply Chain

Update: April 2025



Summary of current position:

- The BIC Green Supply Chain Work Plan tracker has been updated to show what was completed in April. The tracker has been submitted to the BIC Executive Director.
- The Task & Finishing Working Group (T&FWG) did not hold a meeting for the Designed for Recycling Project, Part 3 Manufactured Book to End-of-Life in April. 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 April. T&FWG decided that they would look at what all the Publishing Declares organisations are saying on their websites. The Environmental Consultant has created a spreadsheet for the T&FWG to record their research. The spreadsheet is currently being filled in by the T&FWG.
- 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, 4 and 5 are currently with the BIC Executive Director for review and approval.
- A small BIC team has been working on a workshop around EUDR. The BIC EUDR Workshop was held on Wednesday 23rd April 2025. The workshop was looking at the follow of data through the supply chain, and when organisations might be able to provide information as part of their processes and in what format. The delegates thought it was a productive day, and there was good consensus in the room. There are still several outstanding questions that need to be resolved. Such as how POD is going to work and if organisations outside the EU can have access to the EU Traces system. BIC is now thinking about how it can turn this into a small project and what the industry needs to go forwards.

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,
- Work on revising the EUDR maps from the workshop feedback. Think about the next steps and what format that might take.

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