

BIC Green Supply Chain

Update: May 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) held one meeting for the Designed for Recycling Project, Part 3 Manufactured Book to End-of-Life in May. 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 has 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 displaying it.
- The Sustainability and Environmental Data Reporting Project Part 2 T&FWG held two meetings for the project in May. The T&FWG have completed filling in the Publisher Declares spreadsheet, with the following results:
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 - 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.
 - The T&FWG identified 16 organisations that have a sustainability policy but could find no data being displayed by them. The project consultant is going to contact these organisations.
- The environmental consultant has contacted a few BIC members to help with a small project – Sustainability 101 Guides. Guides 1, 3, 4 and 5 have been published on the BIC website. Guide 2 is currently with the BIC Executive Director for review and approval.
- The BIC Board EUDR Sub-group decided that it would be a good idea to run a project around EUDR. The EUDR Practicalities - A BIC Fast Track project has been set-up with the kick-off meeting being held on the 29 May 2025. The project will run until the end of July. The aim is to provide the book supply chain industry with guidance and practical ways that organisations can use to navigate EUDR. It should be noted that it has been agreed that the BIC Environmental Consultant will focus most of his time on this project until the end of July.

Initial Deliverables Achieved to Date:

- The draft version for the Designed for Recycling Project Part 3 has been written,
- The Publishing Declares spreadsheet has been filled in by the T&FWG for the Data Project.



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 the project consultant will reach out to the organisations that are known to have a sustainability policy and see if they have any data that the project could usefully use,
- Work continues with the Sustainability 101 Guides,
- The focus of the Environmental Consultants' time will be on the EUDR project.

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