

# BIC Green Supply Chain

**Update: June 2025**



## Summary of current position:

- The BIC Green Supply Chain Work Plan tracker has been updated to show what was completed in June. 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. 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 T&FWG is also researching the packaging used in the returns process.
- 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 project consultant contacted 16 organisations and some of them provided carbon reporting data. This data will be added to the Publishing Declares spreadsheet. Once that has been done, the T&FWG is going to work out what percentage of books published this represents across the industry. The T&FWG will then work on the narrative to explain this.
- The environmental consultant has contacted a few BIC members to help with a small project – Sustainability 101 Guides. All the guides have been published on the BIC website [Sustainability 101 Guides - Book Industry Communication](#)
- 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.
  - The T&FWG for this project now number 30 people from across the book industry supply chain,



- The project has two subgroups looking at the supply of POD and General Supply products,
- The POD subgroup has come up with a plan as to how it might work in theory, but this needs to be tested in EU Traces. One member of the subgroup has access to EU Traces and the next meeting is focused on testing the theory,
- The General Supply subgroup is looking at the data flow maps generated for the April workshop and is now refining them,
- There have been a lot of discussions around access to EU Traces and the need to have a DDS visible to customers before they order a book. This poses the question about access as the EU Commission says it is the EU customer/Importer that needs to create the DDS. They do not see a reason for non-EU organisations to have access to the system.

#### **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,
- Requests have been sent to organisations to see if they have carbon reporting data as it cannot be found on their websites.

#### **Next steps:**

- The Designed for Recycling Part 3 T&FWG to research the packaging used in the returns process,
- 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 needs to add the extra CO2e data to the publishing declares spreadsheet,
- The Sustainability and Environmental Data Reporting Project Part 2 T&FWG is going to work out how much the collected data represents the publishing industry
- The focus of the Environmental Consultants' time will be on the EUDR project. Work on this project continues with three weekly meetings and actions for the T&FWG to complete in the week.

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