

BIC Green Supply Chain

Update: September 2026



Summary of current position:

- The BIC Green Supply Chain Work Plan tracker has been updated to show what was completed in July. The tracker has been submitted to the BIC Executive Director.
- The Designed for Recycling Project, Part 3 Manufactured Book to End-of-Life, Task and Finishing Working Group (T&FWG) did not meet in September. The project consultant has made the requested corrections from TG Jones and they have now given their approval for their name to be used in the report and for its publication. The project consultant is awaiting final sign-off from the BIC Executive Director.
- The Sustainability and Environmental Data Reporting Project Part 2 T&FWG did not meet in September. 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. The BIC Executive Director and Environmental Consultant had another meeting with the PA about both their data reporting projects. Unfortunately, the meeting did not come to any resolutions and another meeting will be required in October. In the meantime, the BIC Executive Director and Environmental Consultant are due to hold a meeting with the Chair of the Green Supply Chain Committee about the project. This will happen in October.
- 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 was run for seven weeks, and several updates have been provided during the project's duration. The documentation was reviewed and published on the 14 August 2025.

The Task and Finishing Working Group (T&FWG) the full team did not meet in September. The EU Commission did publish its new EUDR FAQs. These are now being reviewed by the project team and will be discussed in the October meeting.

The PPWR Fast Track project had its first meeting at the end of July. The aim is to provide helpful information to the book industry supply chain. The Task and Finish Working Group (T&FWG) made up of volunteers from across BIC members. The project is being run like the EUDR one in that it is fast moving especially as PPWR goes live on the 12 August 2026. To date:

- Initially the T&FWG met three times a week, but during September this was reduce to twice a week
- The project consultant has created a number of process flow maps to help understand what an organisation's role is under PPWR
- The T&FWG have reviewed these maps made suggestions to improve and then approved them
- Work continues to understand the labelling requirements that have to go on packages



Initial Deliverables Achieved to Date:

- The Designed for Recycling, Part 3 Manufactured Book to End of Life final report has been approved for publication by TG Jones,
- The revised EUDR Guidance documentation has uploaded to the BIC Website.

Next steps:

- Prepare The Designed for Recycling Project, Part 3 Manufactured Book to End-of-Life for publication,
- The Sustainability and Environmental Data Reporting Project Part 2 project in 2026 to continue looking at ways to present the data,
- Continue working a plan for the Data Workshop for January or February 2027,
- Continue to work with the EUDR project team to provide information around EUDR for the book industry supply chain,
- The PPWR project to start pulling together helpful information and process maps for the book industry supply chain.

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