



## HEPA and EAUC National Responsible Procurement Group Key updates from April 2024 meeting

### Sector-level approach to Supply Chain Emissions

**Siôn Pickering (Edinburgh University)** presented to the group about proposals for a sector-level pathway for addressing scope 3 emissions from purchasing, covering 3 key strands:

1. Data accuracy
2. Commitments and action
3. Monitoring and reporting

The key aims of this approach are: harmonisation across the sector in what we ask of suppliers; agreement on standards for tools and resources, as well as reporting and monitoring practices; collective support for suppliers to achieve carbon targets. We will continue to share updates on any further development in this area.

### New net zero carbon supplier tool

**Laura Mayhew-Manchon (Nottingham Trent University)** presented an overview of a [new net zero carbon supplier tool](#) (to monitor supplier-specific foot printing data). So far over 30 universities have signed up. Nottingham Trent have strong experience in this area, having recently won the [AUDE University Sustainability Impact Initiative Award 2024](#).

### Risk Analysis Matrix review

Work is progressing on the review of the Risk Analysis Matrix with a task and finish group being formed in partnership with the UKUPC Responsible Procurement Network. The group is looking at how the responsible procurement tools used by the UPCs support assessment and ongoing monitoring of supplier conformance with the Supply Chain Code of Conduct.

Anyone interested in participating in this activity can contact Siôn Pickering ([sion.pickering@ed.ac.uk](mailto:sion.pickering@ed.ac.uk)) and Sarah Dye ([sarah.dye@nwupc.ac.uk](mailto:sarah.dye@nwupc.ac.uk)).

### Social Responsibility resources

UKUPC have recently added [social responsibility guidance tools to the UKUPC website](#), developed by the National Responsible Procurement Group. This provides UKUPC members with access to:

- EDI guidance
- Community benefits guidance
- Wellbeing guidance.

## Individual updates from sub-group leads

The National Responsible Procurement Group operates with a series of sub-groups, allowing greater focus, thinking and discussion in carefully selected areas. If you would like to join a sub-group please email the lead. Here are the latest updates from these sub-groups:

Sub-group / lead	Group updates
<b>Circular Economy</b> <b>(Joanna Dainton and Siôn Pickering)</b> <a href="mailto:Joanna.Dainton@uwe.ac.uk">Joanna.Dainton@uwe.ac.uk</a> <a href="mailto:sion.pickering@ed.ac.uk">sion.pickering@ed.ac.uk</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>New Output Doc:</b> Now added to the Responsible Procurement Group web pages and found here: <a href="#">IT Sustainable Procurement Guidance</a>.</li> <li>• <b>Next steps:</b> Developing a similar document for Lab equipment and consumables.</li> </ul>
<b>Supplier Assurance</b> <b>(Candice Snelling)</b> <a href="mailto:candice.snelling@nerc.ukri.org">candice.snelling@nerc.ukri.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Task and Finish group have completed production of the new supplier assurance guide.</li> <li>• This is now in creative design and will be published in June.</li> <li>• There will be a session at the EAUC conference to introduce this guidance.</li> </ul>
<b>Social Responsibility</b> <b>(Fiona Goodwin)</b> <a href="mailto:fgoodwin@eauc.org.uk">fgoodwin@eauc.org.uk</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The group have now completed the suite of guidance documents.</li> <li>• The group will now move from monthly meetings to quarterly meetings and will focus on sharing good practice.</li> </ul>
<b>Lab Supply Chain Working Group [NEW, formerly Supply Chain Climate Action]</b> <b>(Harriet Wallace)</b> <a href="mailto:h.wallace@imperial.ac.uk">h.wallace@imperial.ac.uk</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Supply Chain Climate Action group has been disbanded as it had significant overlap with the Supplier Assurance group.</li> <li>• It has been succeeded by a new Lab Supply Chain Working Group, which is organising a cross-sector symposium on where we are on decarbonising the laboratory supply chain, and what actions are needed to make greater progress, likely date 3 October.</li> <li>• The Working Group will also take forward actions coming out of the symposium. Anyone who would like to get involved in the working group or symposium can contact Harriet Wallace at: <a href="mailto:h.wallace@imperial.ac.uk">h.wallace@imperial.ac.uk</a>.</li> </ul>
<b>HESCET</b> <b>(Ashley Shelbrooke)</b> <a href="mailto:ashley@hepa.ac.uk">ashley@hepa.ac.uk</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The latest GHG measurement &amp; reporting sub-group meeting was held in April 2024. The group discussed code sets, requirements gathering and prioritisation &amp; timetabling.</li> <li>• The group would be interested to hear from the wider membership as to how they use the data from the HESCET... from regulatory requirements to internal reporting: how are you using the outputs of the tool at your HEP?</li> <li>• The group are always interested to hear what other tools are being used to measure &amp; report scope 3 in the sector. Please do feel free to let <a href="#">Ashley</a> know your feedback in these areas!</li> </ul>

## Next group meeting

A date will be set for the next NRP meeting, due in July 2024.