



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

### Responsible Procurement: Risk Analysis Matrix (Sarah Dye, NWUPC)

The National Responsible Procurement Group are collaborating with UKUPC Responsible Procurement Network on a review of the UKUPC Risk Analysis Matrix, with a view to better align it with the Supply Chain Code of Conduct.

We are seeking input from both users of the current matrix and anyone who has not used it but might be interested in doing so in the future. Please [provide feedback via this very short survey by 31 July](#).

### Request for support: Risk classification (Sarah Dye, NWUPC)

**We are also seeking volunteers to support the risk classification work.** This would involve working with a sub-group on one of the four themes: Social Compliance, Working Environment & Terms, Ethical Compliance & Economic Development or Environmental Compliance; to determine relevant risks, the considerations that feed into the classification and the level of risk.

**If you would be interested in supporting this activity, please contact [sarah.dye@nwupc.ac.uk](mailto:sarah.dye@nwupc.ac.uk) by 31 July.**

### GHG Reporting Tools (Angus Warren, APUC)

Angus provided an update on the University of Leeds' GHG reporting methodology (commonly known as the "DEFRA Methodology") following a recent meeting with colleagues from Leeds, alongside Fiona Goodwin (EAUC). This is the base data used for the APUC GHG Supply Chain Reporting tool and the earlier HESCET tool, and is also used by NHS England.

During the meeting, they also discussed plans for a new joint-sector bid to UKRI for sustainable funding to maintain longer-term support for a more comprehensive publicly available, free to use tool in this area. APUC have confirmed they would be happy to share their existing developments as part of a joint bid. If successful, this could be made available to public and private organisations (including the sector's suppliers) to avoid the duplication that we've seen to date. It is planned to significantly increase (circa 1000% increase in relevant commodity areas) coding granularity and have correction functionality to maximise accuracy.

### Results of NRPGE Events Survey (Siôn Pickering, Edinburgh University)

A task and finish group worked together on research and planning for proposed NRPGE events next year. A series of online webinars was the most popular option from survey responses and is therefore the recommended outcome, which could be made available externally to staff at member organisations and for suppliers. Further work is needed to develop an overview of the different themes for these events and how they are prioritised.

## 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>• Group numbers grown to 15 with ad-hoc members joining for specific sessions</li> <li>• Lab equipment guidance now likely to be completed by end of August (accommodating summer annual leave)</li> <li>• Currently examining lab consumables (initial meeting on 17 July, additional meetings to come, and work to be started)</li> <li>• Meetings scheduled every 2 months to March 2025</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>• No new updates provided.</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 3 briefings we set out to do are now complete and we will revert to meeting quarterly. The sub-group will support the risk analysis work.</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>• This group has developed plans for a workshop in October. Imperial College London and the Responsible Procurement group (RPG) are hosting this action-oriented workshop which seeks to develop deliverable plans to minimise scope 3 emissions from the laboratory supply chain.</li> <li>• This practical workshop will bring together key invited figures from across the higher education research system and beyond - funders, suppliers, purchasers, lab sustainability schemes, industry, and the NHS - to discuss how we can make lab purchasing and supply chains more sustainable.</li> <li>• The aim is to create a roadmap of work that extends beyond this event, to help assist in the transformation of laboratory supply chains.</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>• See 'GHG Reporting Tools' update from Angus Warren above.</li> </ul>

## Next group meeting

A date will be set for the next NRPNG meeting, currently billed for 1 October 2024.