

# ESG Certification

## A CORNERSTONE FOR COMMITTING AND DEMONSTRATING YOUR ESG CREDENTIALS



### WHAT IS IT?

A non-accredited certification scheme developed by SGS to assess the management of environmental, social and governance issues in an organization. An ESG certificate is issued to an organization that complies with the defined criteria.

### WHY DO YOU NEED ESG CERTIFICATION?

We have developed our criteria based on ESG insights and audit data built up over the last three decades. The criteria summarize the requirements of popular ESG best practices and sustainability standards.

Complying with our ESG criteria not only leads to an ESG certificate but also established, auditable internal processes, which are the foundation of continual improvements. These will enable your employees and suppliers to commit to their ESG metrics and targets, and, in turn, enhance your ESG credentials period over time.

An ESG certificate, can demonstrate the truth of your ESG credentials to stakeholders, reducing the perception of greenwashing. ESG certification gives you competitive advantages for new market entry, particularly in the tendering and financing stages.

### HOW IS IT DONE?

This is a three-year certification scheme which consists of 1 main audit and 2 surveillance audits. Certification activities include:

- Materiality assessment
- Documentation/record check
- Interviews
- Physical/remote site visits

### WHO IS IT FOR?

- Organizations looking for long-term commitment to their ESG strategies through established, auditable internal processes.
- Senior management, Sustainability Manager, Project Manager, Business Development Managers, etc.

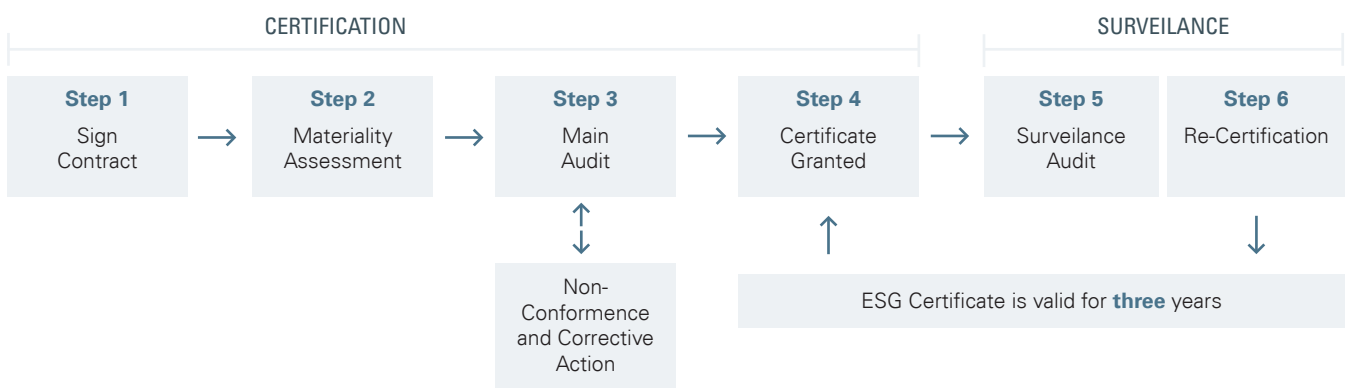
### KEY BENEFITS

- Demonstrate your ESG commitment
- Create mechanisms for continual improvement
- Avoid greenwashing
- Prepare for new market entry
- Go beyond the minimum standards
- Consistently achieve ESG targets






### ESG-RELATED ISO CERTIFICATION

In addition to ESG Certification, based on your needs, you can implement and be certified against other ESG-related ISO standards, including:

- ISO 14001 Environmental Management
- ISO 45001 Occupational Health and Safety
- ISO 50001 Energy Management
- ISO 14064 Greenhouse Gases
- ISO 26000 Social Responsibility
- ISO 20121 Sustainable Events
- ISO 37001 Anti-bribery Management



**WHY SGS IN YOUR SUSTAINABILITY JOURNEY?**

 <b>30+</b> Years of experience in sustainability	 <b>2,700</b> Offices and laboratories, providing global technical expertise and network	 <b>▲ CHF 1,243k</b> Invested in communities around the world
<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b> <b>2014</b> Carbon neutral since 2014	 <b>▼ 43%</b> Decrease in total greenhouse gas emissions against a 2014 baseline	 <b>▼ 68%</b> Decrease in Total Recordable Incident Rate (TRIR) since 2014

We are a leader, not only in providing ESG services for over 30 years but also as an active participant in demonstrating best practices.

Our ESG experts actively contribute to developing international standards, frameworks, schemes and regulations, such as the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), UN Principles for Responsible Banking (PRB) Assurance and EU Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD).

We also lead by example. Our sustainability leadership has been recognized internationally. SGS was rated PRIME by ISS ESG Corporate Rating and AAA in the MSCI ESG Ratings assessment. Our ESG practices are further reinforced by

SGS Sustainability Ambitions 2030, which set ambitious targets across our whole value chain and foster a culture of sustainability.

With extensive experience in all major industries, we understand each sector’s pain points and have the technical expertise and logistical capabilities across the globe to ensure realistic sustainability outcomes.

MEMBER OF <b>Dow Jones Sustainability Indices</b> In Collaboration with RobecoSAM			<b>MSCI ESG RATINGS</b>  CCC B BB BBB A AA AAA	Corporate ESG Performance RATED BY ISS ESG 	
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