

ESG KPI Verification & Assurance

VALIDATE YOUR ESG METRICS AND TARGETS, AND GET A THIRD-PARTY STATEMENT



WHAT IS IT?

ESG KPI Verification & Assurance is an independent, third-party service that validates the ESG metrics and targets set as part of an organization's KPI disclosures. It also provides a statement from SGS to confirm the accuracy and reliability of your ESG claims, together with expert opinions on your ESG KPIs.

WHY DO YOUR ESG KPIS NEED VERIFICATION AND ASSURANCE?

Greenwashing has recently been a concern, not only for customers but also for investors, financial institutions and authorities.

Consequently, organizations are facing pressure to engage in real, sustainable business practices to secure sustainable finance, an Initial Public Offering (IPO), acquisition and other business collaborations.

Verifying and assuring the data of ESG KPIs increase the confidence from your investors, financial institutions and partners, and is an essential compliance process in:

- Due diligence
- Risk evaluation
- Risk management
- Second Party Opinion (SPO)
- Equator Principles

HOW ARE ESG KPIS VERIFIED AND ASSURED?

We can conduct desk-based reviews, interviews with the management and review of documented evidence to verify and assure your ESG metrics and targets.

Your data management processes and systems, including internal controls, can also be evaluated, giving you recommendations to improve the processes of disclosure and reporting in future reporting cycles.

WHO IS IT FOR?

- Organizations looking for financing through sustainability-linked products, being listed on a stock market, acquiring or being acquired by another organization.
- Sustainability Manager, Technical Manager, Investor Relations Manager, Corporate Communications Manager, Business Development Manager, etc.

KEY BENEFITS

- Reduce borrowing through sustainable finance
- Greater preparation for an IPO
- Validate your ESG claims
- Ascertain the ESG performance of your suppliers
- Facilitate due diligence processes
- Reveal potential noncompliances

SGS AS AN APPROVED VERIFIER

We have been working with different international organizations to verify and assure the ESG metrics and targets claimed by their customers and suppliers.






We are an approved third-party verifier for assessing whether an issuer and green bond meet certification requirements against the Climate Bonds Initiative's (CBI) Climate Bonds Standard.

As an independent, third-party verifier, we can also partner with you to ensure that your customers and suppliers are consistently and accurately meeting their ESG KPIs.



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WHY SGS IN YOUR SUSTAINABILITY JOURNEY?

 30+ Years of experience in sustainability	 2,700 Offices and laboratories, providing global technical expertise and network	 ▲ CHF 1,243k Invested in communities around the world
CO₂ 2014 Carbon neutral since 2014	 ▼ 43% Decrease in total greenhouse gas emissions against a 2014 baseline	 ▼ 68% 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.



ESG RESOURCES

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