

KBC SUSTAINABILITY CODE OF CONDUCT FOR SUPPLIERS

1. INTRODUCTION

At KBC we are aware that we can achieve sustainable growth only when we engage with all of our stakeholders. It is our mission to create an identity where sustainability, responsibility and accountability are fully integrated. As suppliers are amongst our main stakeholders, we want them to integrate criteria in their purchase, sale and out-sourcing procedures that reflect social, ethical and environmental concerns. Suppliers have to comply with the principles outlined in this Sustainability Code of Conduct for Suppliers, which is a component of our overall Corporate Sustainability and Responsibility strategy. Our Sustainability Code of Conduct for Suppliers is in line with the UN Global Compact Principles and applies to all entities of the KBC Group, and to all KBC's procurement and outsourcing activities.

[UNGC Principles](#)

We are convinced that by integrating sustainability, responsibility and accountability into our business, we will be able to achieve sustainable value for all of our stakeholders. In this case, too, cooperation will be the key to success. By working together with other parties, we aim to provide products and services that have the least possible impact on the environment and that contribute to sustainable development.

Sustainability is a chain. By encouraging our stakeholders to be more sustainable, we aim to stimulate each party in the supply chain to be- have in a sustainable manner.

It is our policy to formally request that our suppliers* respect and endorse the principles of this Code of Conduct.

**We consider as suppliers all actual or potential companies supplying the KBC group, i.e. contractors, suppliers of goods and services, consultancy firms, etc. The Code of Conduct also applies to all supplier entities, i.e. supplier parent companies and subsidiaries, if relevant.*

2. REQUIREMENTS

The Code of Conduct sets out following requirements for you as a Supplier:

Supplier must comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

Supplier must have respect for human rights and not allow any harassment, physical or mental punishment or any other form of abuse.

Supplier must respect local and international labour regulations with regards to working hours and wages.

Supplier must warrant that there are no forced labour practices and that employees are free to leave their job after giving reasonable notice.

Supplier must have a non-discrimination policy in place that prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender, race, social or physical handicap, religion, origin.

Supplier must respect the core principles of the International Labour Organization. This includes e.g. that they do not employ children below 14 years of age or as defined under national legislation; children are entitled to education and must be able to develop freely.

Supplier's employees must enjoy freedom of association and have the right to collective bargaining.

Supplier must provide its employees and appointees with safe and healthy working conditions.

Supplier must conduct its activities with due respect for the environment and take initiatives to reduce their ecological footprint.

Supplier must deliver products and services that meet the quality and safety criteria specified in relevant contract clauses.

Supplier must conduct its business with integrity and have a policy in place that prohibits fraud, tax fraud, money laundering, bribes and kickbacks. Supplier must have a zero tolerance towards corruption.

3. SCREENING

This Sustainability Code of Conduct for Suppliers allows KBC to conduct interim screenings to evaluate whether Supplier is complying with the agreed CSR requirements. If any violations come to light that cannot be fundamentally resolved within an appropriate period of time, KBC shall have the right to terminate for cause all contracts with you as a Supplier.