

# Sustainability Checklist

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- General Sustainability
  - Use the smallest possible amount of resources (soil, water, air, energy etc).
  - Include green procurement standards for all required goods, materials and services.
  - Consider potential negative environmental and social impacts.
  - Support the provision of environmental services of a certain area.
  - Decrease in gas emissions.
  - Exclude risks of water, air or soil contamination.
  - Exclude the negative impact of a protected site or a nature park.
- Water Infrastructure
  - Exclude the negative impact of any water bodies.
  - Comply with the non-deterioration clause of the water framework directive.
  - Use the most recent supporting water-saving and water recycling technology.
  - Support or promote realistic water pricing.
  - Propose activities to raise awareness about water scarcity.
  - Improve the water quality of a certain water body.
- Transport
  - Decrease CO2 emissions.
  - Reduce the need for transport.
  - Increase public transport use or the safe use of bicycles.
  - Promote the most environmentally favourable transport solution.
  - Include technologies to mitigate negative impacts on biodiversity and species.
  - Use teleconferences or web conferences rather than traveling for face-to-face meetings.
  - Use hybrid or alternative fuel vehicle(s).
- Business Investments
  - Comply with environmental regulation.

- Consider the most up-to-date technology for energy efficiency in production.
- Support the business to use more renewable energy sources.
- Use less natural resources like water, soil etc.
- Consider the most up-to-date technology for recycling and waste reduction.
- Emit less polluting or hazardous substances to air, water or soil.
- Support or market eco-technology.
- Support jobs in the eco-technology field.
- Include green procurement rules for the purchase of materials, goods and services.
- Encourage company staff in developing or practising environmental protection measures.
- Renewable Energies
  - Propose renewable energy investments.
  - Prioritise small-scale, local renewable energy sources.
  - Use to the highest possible energy efficiency in the energy production.
  - Support renewable energies procurement rules.
  - Support the research, development or refinement of renewable energy sources.
- Waste
  - Consider other forms of waste treatment than land-fill or incineration.
  - Reduce the amount of waste going to landfills.
  - Support households to recycle waste.
  - Reduce copying.
  - Reuse packaging and shipping materials.
  - Use reusable rather than disposable products.
- Nature Protection
  - Provide for sustainable funding schemes for conservation actions.
  - Support the prevention of natural risks.