TRAINING PROGRAM: **SUSTAINABLE SUPPLIERS**

THIRD EDITION

A program of:











Supply chains are one of the **drivers of the global economy,** essential for the development and marketing of goods and services worldwide and for connecting companies of different sizes across different indus - tries and geographical areas.

The UN Global Compact Spain presents the third edition of the **Training Program: Sustainable Suppliers.** This program consists of providing training in specific areas of the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to SMEs that supply the large enterprises that have partnered with the initiative in Spain. It is an **international training project** focusing not only on Spanish suppliers but ones from other countries, too.

More than

3rd

Edition

of the program at global level

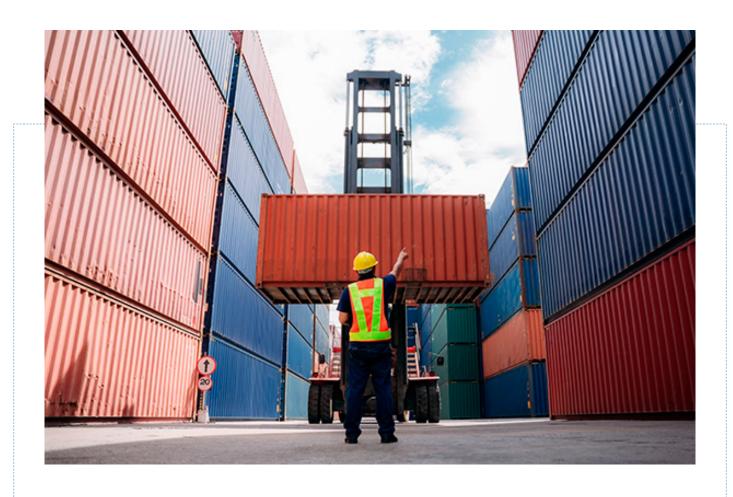
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SMEs

suppliers trained in the first two editions of the program 94%

of participating SMEs

say they found the program useful



PROGRAM OBJECTIVES



Train the supply chains of large Spanish enterprises that have partnered with the initiative in Spain in the field of sustainability, taking the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact and the SDGs as a reference.



Provide knowledge and resources to **Spanish and foreign SMEs on corporate sustainability** based on the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact and the SDGs.



Help SMEs that supply large enterprises and Global Compact partners **comply** with the national, European and international regulatory frameworks regarding sustainability.



Position Spain as a benchmark in the promotion of corporate sustainability and contribution to the 2030 Agenda through a pioneering UN project.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

The program will run for 5 months, from March to August, 2025. Over this time, SME suppliers will have access to a dedicated training platform with content on the UN Global Compact's Ten Principles and the SDGs.



Note: the registration form will be enabled until February 28th, 2025

PROGRAM SCOPE

REQUIREMENTS

This project is expected to **train SMEs suppliers worldwide**, integrated in the supply chains of large Spanish enterprises committed to the UN Global Compact Spain, which will act as project drivers.

SME suppliers that sign up to the program must:

- Maintain an effective business relationship with the large enterprise and/or multinational driving the program.
- **Have a workforce** of between 10 and 250 employees.



BENEFITS

CONTENT

- **Discover current global trends** around sustainability and business.
- **Gain knowhow** on content and tools that facilitate the onboarding of sustainability into the business strategy.
- **Identify priority topics** for the company in terms of sustainability by size, sector and geographical location.
- Know the main reference frameworks and international sustainability reporting regulations.
- Align corporate sustainability work with the strategies and key lines set by large enterprises and/or multinationals with a global presence and activity.

The training program will consist of four training modules:

- **Module 1:** Sustainability overview
- **Module 2:** The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Module 3: The Ten Principles of the Global Compact: (topics integrated in the four blocks of principles: human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption).
- **Module 4:** Business internationalization, incentives and sustainability reporting.

FAQs

01. Which organisations are promoting the Trainig program: Sustainable suppliers?

The Training program: Sustainable suppliers" has been created in collaboration by the UN Global Compact Spain, ICEX and the ICO Foundation.

102. How long will the program run?

The program will run for 5 months from March to August 2025.

Does the SME supplier benefiting from the program have to be a partner of the UN Global Compact Spain or another local network?

No. Both SMEs that are already members of the initiative and others that are not can participate in the program. If the SME supplier is a member of a local Global Compact network in another country, it may also take part in this training program.

Should the SME supplier benefiting from the program have its tax and social domiciles in Spain?

The materials will be translated into other languages.

106. What requirements must SME suppliers benefiting from the program meet?

SME suppliers benefiting from the program must meet the following requirement:

· Have a workforce of between 10 and 250 employees.

17. How much does it cost for SME suppliers to sign up to the programme?

Nothing. The program is free for the SME suppliers that want to participate.

FAQs

08. Will the training platform be open to everyone?

No. The platform will be open only to the SME suppliers benefiting from the program that signed up during the registration phase. Each supplier will have unique credentials to access the training platform.

19. What types of training will the program include?

The program will include:online courses (On-Demand Sessions), live sessions (Live Sessions) and downloadable materials (practical guides, editable templates, extra resources, among others)

10. In which languages is the training available?

The training is available in Spanish, English and Portuguese (platform and contents).

11. What content will be included in the program?

The program will offer training content integrated in the following modules:

- Module 1: Sustainability overview.
- Module 2: The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Module 3: The Ten Principles of the Global Compact.
 (Topics integrated in the four blocks of principles: human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption).
- Module 4: Business internationalization, incentives and sustainability reporting.

12. How much time will SME suppliers need to invest in completing the program?

It is estimated that SMEs will have to devote around 90 minutes a week to completing the program in the scheduled time.

FAQs

Which company profile/position should participate in the program on the SME's behalf?

It is suggested that the person or area currently managing sustainability-related actions and/or projects within the company should sign up.

If the SME participated in the last edition, can it register/participate again in this edition?

Yes, although the training will be similar, we recommend that, if a person from the company has already attended the last edition, a new profile/person should participate in this edition.

15. How long do companies have to register with the program?

SMEs can sign up to the program until February 28th, 2025.

16. Will beneficiary SME suppliers be able to complete the program after August 2025?

No. The program implementation phase is scheduled to run for 5 months from March to August 2025. The program must have been completed by then, otherwise the SME supplier benefiting from the program will be unable to obtain the program participation and compliance certificate.

Will participating suppliers receive a compliance certificate at program completion?

Yes. Once all the modules have been completed, the SME suppliers benefiting from the program will receive a participation and compliance certificate.

A hybrid (virtual/face-to-face) closing event is also planned for the months of September/October, with invitations extended to both the large enterprises driving the program and the participating SME suppliers.