

# Sustainability Policy

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## Introduction

With a basis in our vision of a sustainable and humane society through digitization and innovation, we can be a positive force in matters relating to both environment and sustainability in a broader perspective.

Knowit is a member of the [UN Global Compact](#), which means that we are to conduct business in an ethical manner, showing respect for our own employees and those of other companies in our value-chain, as well as minimize negative environmental impact.

With a basis in the principles, we strive to develop our operations in accordance with sound business practices and correct behaviours in the areas of human rights, labor law, environment, and anti-corruption.

Knowit also has a partnership with the [Exponential Roadmap Initiative](#). Their 1.5°C Business Playbook is a solid guide for companies of all sizes wanting to work actively to help achieve the 1.5-degree target. Knowit not only uses the playbook's four pillars to report the company's negative and positive climate impact, but also to report its entire sustainability work.

This policy, our *Code of Conduct*, *Supplier Code of Conduct*, *Equality and Diversity* policy, and *Workplace Environment* policy are policies which govern and reflect our work in the sustainability field.

## Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to specify the direction, organization and the accountability for our joint sustainability efforts. This policy, related guidelines and instructions shall be followed by all companies, employees, and subcontractors within Knowit Group.

In this policy, the term sustainability should be understood from a holistic perspective, including the environmental, social, and economic aspects.

## Sustainability regulations and commitments

Knowit's business is impacted by stakeholders' priorities, compliance to external laws and regulations and ultimately by our own ambition to play a part in the development of a sustainable and humane society.

The following third-party standards, regulations and initiatives are examples used as inspiration and guidance to support our sustainability work.

- [UN Global Compact](#)
- [Exponential Roadmap Initiative](#)
- ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and ISO 27001
- EU Taxonomy

- CSRD
- the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- the International Labor Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work
- the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development
- the United Nations Convention Against Corruption
- OECD's guidelines for multinational enterprises
- the UN's Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

## Our Essential Aspects

The key to sustainability work that contributes to long-term value creation is to understand the surrounding world and the stakeholders' expectations in a changeable time. Knowit's materiality process to identify the most important issues contributes to prioritizing the sustainability aspects that Knowit should be focusing on. This analysis of the societal changes that Knowit and its stakeholders can affect and is affected by is the foundation for how sustainability is integrated into Company strategy and reported. A full materiality analysis is done every other year, with a review and smaller adjustments being made in between these occasions. From 2023 and onwards, a double materiality analysis will be performed instead, according to CSRD.

Specifically, Knowit's significant environmental aspects are the activities, services and products that interacts or can interact with the environment most - positively or negatively:

- Emissions to air (negative)
- Energy and resource use (negative)
- Environmental/sustainability benefit in our customer assignments (positive)
- Selection of suppliers and purchase of goods and services (positive)

Knowit's significant environmental aspects are evaluated taking into account a life cycle perspective at least once a year.

## Targets

Knowit shall, together with clients and partners, work to actively contribute to the UN Agenda 2030 and the development of society, with a particular focus on positive environmental and climate impact, and increased inclusion. Knowit will follow up on the general sustainability target by following developments in three focus areas:

- By 2030, eighty percent of Knowit's net sales shall contribute to at least one of the UN sustainable development goals where Knowit can make the largest difference.
- Knowit is a climate-positive company in 2022 and shall halve its CO2e emissions before 2030 compared to 2019.
- Knowit shall be an inclusive workplace with an even gender distribution (40–60 percent over time) among executives at all levels.

The outcome of these targets, together with performed and planned activities are available at [www.knowit.eu/sustainability](http://www.knowit.eu/sustainability).

## Responsibilities

All roles within Knowit share the responsibility for our sustainability efforts.

- Knowit's **Board of Directors** and **Group Executive Management** shall ensure long-term value by integrating environmental, social, and financial risks, and opportunities in our business strategy and operations.
- Each **Head of Business Area** is responsible for promoting Knowit's sustainability efforts and objectives in their operations and in their customer offerings and assignments.
- The **Head of Sustainability** serves as leader and coordinator for sustainability within Knowit Group. He/she is also the owner and responsible for maintaining this policy and to support the organization in matters related to sustainability.
- All **managers** are directly accountable for compliance with this policy within their area of responsibility, and for ensuring that all employees are familiar with and follow this policy.
- All **employees** are responsible to follow this policy, related guidelines, and instructions. As an employee, you are also required to complete all mandatory trainings related to sustainability.

## Monitoring and reviewing

The effectiveness of this policy shall be continuously evaluated. The policy shall be reviewed at least annually. Additional reviews should occur when Knowit makes operations or business changes that might significantly affect this policy. These reviews are the responsibility of the *Head of Sustainability*.

To guide us in the work with identifying and prioritizing the areas of sustainability to focus on we conduct a double materiality analysis integrated with the strategy work of Knowit Group. This is made annually.

Relevant stakeholders shall be informed about significant changes to this policy. Knowit shall also continuously work to improve stakeholder understanding and implementation to support our sustainability efforts.