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Edinburgh Pathway: A collaborative route to a sustainable supply chain

2025

2026

2027

2028

2030-45

2045-50

Sustainability deliverables included in appropriate contracts

Build capacity to consider sustainability in purchasing decisions

Sustainability embedded throughout procurement journey

Buying organisation

Embedding



Milestones

Commitment from suppliers & buyers to science-aligned targets

Stakeholders have knowledge & skills to make informed decisions

Suppliers demonstrates credible emission reduction plan

Buyers & suppliers collaborate to deliver innovative solutions

Net Zero Institutions

Sustainable Supply Chain

Commitment and action



Publish public commitment aligning to the Edinburgh Pathway

Publish carbon reduction targets seeking to align to science-based targets

Publish SMART action plan to achieve set targets

Supplier

Data



Provide organisational level carbon emission data across all three scopes

Provide carbon emission data for products based on best available data

Provide product-specific carbon emission data

Reporting and monitoring



All suppliers report against action plans and targets where already available

Publish annual reports demonstrating progress towards targets

Suppliers continue to complete action plans to achieve targets

All steps are proportionate to the sustainability impact of the specific procurement

Steps from 2026 to be completed by April each year

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Low impact suppliers offered a 24-month extension to pathway dates