



# Sustainable Supplier Score Card & Audit

Greenhouse gases from transportation, oil spills from accidents, poor working conditions, wages and bankruptcies are all well-known issues within the logistics sector. How can these events be prevented and dealt with to reduce a company's risk in these areas? The right way is to assess and select your suppliers not only by costs, but also by sustainability.

## Your challenges

European companies have definitely embarked on the green supply chain train and sustainability has become a major competitive factor. More and more customers, analysts or rating agencies assess companies' sustainable maturity. Nowadays, sustainability is identified with minimizing risk, making long term profits and being compliant to regulations. So it is not difficult to see that sustainable awareness should be anchored and represented in your company profile. Nowhere does this apply more than in the logistics business, where close cooperation with different suppliers exists. Your business partners have a high impact on your reputation, which means your suppliers' sustainability scores could undermine yours.

BearingPoint will support you by easily and efficiently proofing your suppliers sustainability maturity for a smooth implementation in your supply chain.

## Our approach

Sustainability is traditionally associated with environmental issues, but it covers far more. Environment, social behavior and business practice are the three pillars of sustainability – carbon reduction is not the be all and end all. An interaction between the three elements is needed to successfully apply a sustainability program. To reduce your risks, BearingPoint creates Sustainability Score Cards and Supply Chain Audits which proof your suppliers on the three relevant fields.

### Overview of service offerings

#### Supplier Score Card/Audit

- Predefined catalogue of questions, concerning sustainability
- Screening relevant questions and creating an individually adapted scorecard
- Support in completing the Sustainability Score Cards
- Support in conducting the SC Audit
- Green maturity analysis
- SWOT Analysis
- Recommendations for actions

## Sustainability

### Environmental

#### Global Warming

- More regulations
- Increased public attention

#### Rena Disaster in 2011

- Accident and oil spill at coast of New Zealand
- MSC paid for cleaning



### Social

#### Bangladesh Garment Factory Disaster 2013

- More than 1.100 people died through building collapse
- Worldwide Health & Safety discussion for factories

#### Amazon 2013

- Public debate
- Subcontractors, like H.E.S.S. Security fired



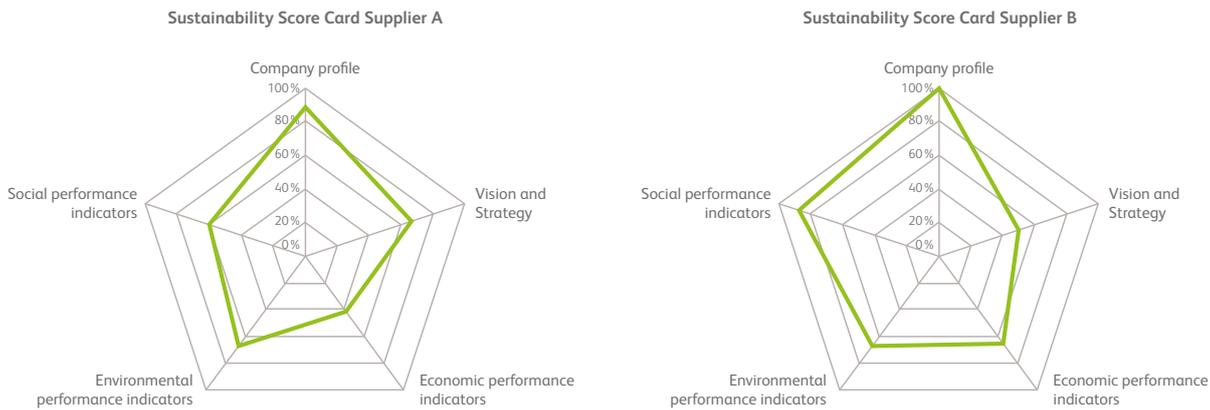
### Economic

#### Bankruptcies

- Airlines: American Airways, Cimber, etc.
- Shipping lines: Beluga, Offen, etc.
- Freight forwarder: Deventern, Menath, etc.



On the basis of official standards, we provide you with questionnaires which give you detailed information about your suppliers' economic, environmental and social performance. This way you can protect yourself from the unpleasant surprise of being 'guilty by association' with your suppliers. To avoid such cases we can offer you a pool of over 300 questions to construct informative questionnaires. Together, we pick out the ones that are especially meaningful for your supply chain and transform your corporate philosophy. With the aid of these questions, prospective suppliers can be proofed preemptively by completing the Sustainability Score Card. Pre-existing partnerships can be easily controlled with a sustainable Supply Chain Audit. Through this you get a representative and transparent company profile with an analysis of its sustainability maturity. From the results, we will offer recommendations for actions that minimize your risk.



## Results

Green- and sustainability washing unfortunately still remain unsolved topics which can never be completely avoided. But through the preventive Sustainability Score Card or a controlling Supply Chain Audit you can achieve transparency by identifying risks associated with your suppliers.

Moreover, you will get possible corrective actions derived from a detailed overview of the critical issues. The proposed corrective actions can be auxiliary to either introduce capacity building for already existing suppliers or to implement sustainability requirements within your supplier selection process.

The Score Card / Audit will help you protect your company from getting affected by someone else's mistakes. You can tangibly proof prospective and existing partners and you will be able to benchmark suppliers among each other to ensure choosing the most sustainable supplier for your demands.

It contributes to ensuring responsible actions in internal, as well as external, stages of your supply chain.

## About BearingPoint

BearingPoint consultants understand that the world of business changes constantly and that the resulting complexities demand intelligent and adaptive solutions. Our clients, whether in commercial or financial industries or in government, experience real results when they work with us. We combine industry, operational and technology skills with relevant proprietary and other assets in order to tailor solutions for each client's individual challenges. This adaptive approach is at the heart of our culture and has led to long-standing relationships with many of the world's leading companies and organizations. Our 3350 people, together with our global consulting network serve clients in more than 70 countries and engage with them for measurable results and long-lasting success.

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