

## SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Steconfer is committed to integrating sustainability practices into all stages of its supply chain, in line with the principles of environmental, social and economic responsibility, as well as the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This commitment is reflected in the adoption of sustainable procurement practices, which promote efficient resource management, minimise environmental impacts, support social and economic development and foster sustainable innovation in the railway sector. As a company dedicated to the construction and maintenance of railways, including electrification, signalling and telecommunications, we recognise the impact of our activities on the environment and the community, and endeavour to contribute to a more sustainable and inclusive future.

### 2. OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this policy is to define the guidelines for the responsible acquisition of goods, services and materials, promoting environmental and social sustainability throughout the value chain, in line with the SDGs. Steconfer is committed to implementing practices that contribute to the realisation of global goals such as:



Building resilient infrastructure, promoting inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and fostering innovation.



Ensuring sustainable production and consumption patterns.



Adopting urgent measures to combat climate change and its impacts.

### 3. SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING PRINCIPLES

Our sustainable purchasing policy is based on the following principles:

#### 3.1. Energy efficiency and emissions reduction



Prioritise the purchase of equipment and materials that promote energy efficiency.



Reducing the carbon footprint throughout the supply chain by favouring suppliers who demonstrate initiatives to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

#### 3.2. Responsible use of resources



Encourage reuse, recycling and the choice of recyclable or sustainably sourced materials, with a particular focus on metals, cables and other materials used in the construction of railways and electrification, signalling and telecommunications systems.



Purchasing materials from certified sources (such as FSC-certified wood, steel from responsible sources, etc.), which minimise environmental impact and protect natural ecosystems.

#### 3.3. Transparency and ethics in the supply chain



Select suppliers who operate transparently, comply with all legal and regulatory standards and implement ethical business practices, such as fair working conditions and safety in the labour environment.



Require suppliers to comply with international environmental and social standards (ISO 14001, SA 8000, among others).

### 3.4. Waste reduction



Promote efficient waste management by implementing programmes for reduction, recycling and reuse programmes in railway works and electrification and signalling systems.



Prioritise suppliers who implement responsible waste management practices and that encourage the circular economy.

### 3.5. Support for local suppliers and sustainable innovation



Give preference to local and regional suppliers, wherever possible, in order to reduce transport-related emissions and support the local economy.



Encourage partnerships with suppliers who invest in sustainable innovation, promoting the development of new technologies and greener solutions in the railway sector.

### 3.6. Compliance with environmental and safety standards



Ensure that all materials and equipment purchased comply with environmental, safety and efficiency standards applicable to the railway sector, including specific requirements for electrification, signalling and telecommunications.



Require suppliers to demonstrate effective management of environmental and occupational safety risks in all their operations.

#### 4. SUPPLIER SELECTION CRITERIA

The selection of suppliers will be based on a careful assessment that includes, but is not limited to:



**Environmental impact:** Analysing the life cycle of products, with a focus on reduction of energy consumption, water and carbon emissions.



**Social responsibility:** Verification of compliance with labour laws and human rights, including not using child or forced labour.



**Certifications:** Validation of sustainability certifications, such as ISO 14001 (Environmental Management), ISO 45001 (Occupational Health and Safety) and other relevant certifications.



**Innovation:** The supplier's ability to offer innovative products and solutions that contribute to efficiency, sustainability and quality in railway construction.

#### 5. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Steconfer undertakes to regularly monitor the implementation of this policy by:

- Continuous evaluation of suppliers based on sustainability criteria.
- Collecting feedback and reports on suppliers environmental and social performance.
- Promoting internal and external audits to ensure compliance with sustainable purchasing objectives.

## 6. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Steconfer will work together with its employees, suppliers, customers and other stakeholders to:

- Promote a culture of sustainability and responsibility throughout the value chain.
- Encourage ongoing training and raise awareness of sustainable purchasing practices.

## 7. POLICY REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure that it remains up-to-date and in line with the industry's best practices and innovations in the sector, as well as with applicable regulatory requirements.

## 8. CONCLUSION

Steconfer is committed to being a benchmark in the implementation of sustainable purchasing practices in the railway sector, by integrating sustainability as a central pillar of its operations and promoting the development of a more responsible, efficient and sustainable railway infrastructure for the future.