



Invitation to Ecovadis assessment

Dear Supplier,

As the public train operator, SNCB plays a key role in the Belgian mobility. We are committed to offering safe, reliable, and sustainable door-to-door mobility, while embracing our societal responsibility with conviction.

In addition to our mission of providing sustainable mobility and serving the public interest, SNCB is firmly committed to minimizing the negative impacts of its operations on the environment, individuals, and society.

Our vision for sustainable procurement is clear: **we want to adopt responsible consumption and sourcing practices, fully compliant to Belgian and European legislation.**

Therefore, SNCB has a sustainable procurement policy aiming to:

- Preserve natural resources
- Reduce our carbon footprint
- Protect the ecosystems
- Ensure human rights, conditions & safety
- Develop responsible supply chains

To reach these goals, it is important to **gain transparency on our supply chain's sustainability performance**. Since the goods and services we purchase from you are directly linked to them, you are receiving this letter.





As Head of Procurement and Head of Sustainable development & CSR, we encourage you to

1. **Register** on EcoVadis
2. **Complete** the sustainability assessment, and
3. **Share** the result with us.

Why it matters to us

SNCB is under a Public Service Obligation with the Belgian Government. By 2032, we committed to cover **75% of our spend** among suppliers with an EcoVadis score ≥ 50 (or equivalent). Furthermore, we want to ensure that our suppliers understand the urgency of their collaboration and share our commitment to sustainability.

To further our commitment, we have partnered with [EcoVadis](#), a globally recognized ESG rating agency conducting sustainability assessments based on international standards. Beyond performing the assessment on our own, we aim to invite as many of our suppliers as possible to perform such an assessment. To this end, we would like to inform you that such assessment will gradually become an integral part of our contractual conditions.

This initiative is crucial to improve transparency, commitment and sustainability all along our supply chain, and to meet regulatory requirements.

To get started, please visit the EcoVadis website for more information about the [assessment](#), including the associated [fees](#) and access to a [free live webinar](#). This webinar will empower you to begin your assessment and understand how EcoVadis helps businesses meet regulatory requirements.

During this process, you might be asked to participate in improvements based on a corrective action plan after your assessment is finished. This will help you track and communicate your progress over the collaborative platform. It will also strengthen our business relationship and support us both in promoting and improving our sustainability practices within our organizations and along our supply chains.

We thank you in advance for joining,

Best Regards,

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