

Gren Supplier Code of Conduct

Gren focuses on developing and providing sustainable energy solutions, primarily district heating, to meet its local communities' needs in their daily lives while having a positive impact on the environment.

Gren is committed to sustainability in all its operations and wishes to actively engage with stakeholders in continuously improving its environmental, social and economic performance. Gren's suppliers play an important role in our efforts for sustainability.

Supplier Code of Conduct

This Supplier Code of Conduct (the Code) is applicable to Gren's operations in every part of the world and to any supplier that delivers goods, services, work or other business activities to Gren.

The purpose of this Code is to define the basic sustainability requirements placed on Gren's suppliers. The Code is based on the principles of the United Nations Global Compact and is divided into four sections: business principles, human rights, labour standards and environment.

Gren's suppliers are obliged to implement the principles of this Code in all their business activities. Suppliers shall also comply with any additional requirements agreed in the contract documents. Suppliers are expected to have appropriate management systems in place to ensure compliance with this Code, proportionate to the size, complexity and risk environment of their business. Suppliers are also responsible for ensuring and monitoring their sub-suppliers' compliance with the principles of this Code.

Gren's suppliers shall confirm compliance with this Code by continuously documenting compliance, providing information to Gren on request, and allowing on-site audits by Gren or an external auditing company representing Gren. Material breach of the Code or repeated refusal to provide the required information may lead to the termination of cooperation with Gren.

Gren's suppliers should report any suspected violation of the Code to their Gren contact person, via the local Gren reporting channel (if available) or reporting channel https://gren.gurufield.com/ that is available to any internal or external stakeholder, and it can be used anonymously if necessary.

Business principles

Gren's suppliers shall comply with all the applicable laws and regulations in all locations where they conduct business. In addition to complying with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements, suppliers are expected to act in accordance with the highest business ethics standards. Suppliers shall avoid any situations where a conflict of interest between the supplier and Gren exists, and shall disclose any potential or existing conflict of interest to Gren.

Accuracy of information, privacy and fair competition

Suppliers agree to safeguard the security of Gren's information and confidentiality of confidential information, and to handle personal and other data appropriately, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations and Gren's guidelines. Suppliers shall issue accurate and relevant financial and other information about their business operations, conduct responsible marketing, and compete fairly and ethically in all other respects.

Anti-corruption, anti-bribery, economic sanctions and anti-money laundering, anti-terrorism and proliferation financing and sanction evasion

The highest standards of integrity are to be expected from Gren's suppliers, including its sub-suppliers, and other entities acting on behalf of the supplier, in all business interactions. Any form of extortion, bribery or corruption, including improper offers of payments to or from employees or organisations, is prohibited. Suppliers shall establish and maintain policies and procedures designed to prevent bribery and corruption.

Suppliers shall not provide Gren representatives with any gifts or hospitality in any situation in which it might influence, or appear to influence, any Gren representative's decision in relation to the supplier.

Suppliers shall comply with all applicable international and national sanctions and shall not directly or indirectly provide Gren with materials or products sourced from any country subject to comprehensive sanctions or any individual or entity targeted by sanctions administered by the United Nations, the European Union, the United Kingdom or the United States or any other applicable national restrictions.

Suppliers shall implement protective measures to (i) minimise the risk that their business is used for money laundering, terrorism and proliferation financing, and (ii) ensure compliance with applicable anti-money laundering, anti-terrorism and proliferation financing laws and regulations. Suppliers shall comply with all applicable laws and regulations regarding export control and export restrictions, as well as international and national sanctions imposed by the EU, US, UK, UN or any international organization.

Human rights

Gren's suppliers shall support and respect internationally proclaimed human rights that are expressed in e.g. the International Bill of Human Rights, and ensure they are not involved in human rights violations. Suppliers shall identify their human rights impacts, implement mitigation actions when required and provide remedial action in the event of human rights violations.

Labour standards

Freedom of association

Gren's suppliers shall recognise and respect employees' freedom of association and their right to freely choose their representatives. Suppliers shall also recognise employees' right to collective bargaining. Suppliers shall not discriminate against employees' representatives or members of trade unions, or restrict their ability to carry out their representative functions in the workplace.

Forced labour

Gren's suppliers shall not use forced labour, and employees shall be free to leave their employment after reasonable notice as required by national law or contract. Employees shall not be required to lodge deposits of money or identity papers with their employer.

Wages and working hours

Gren's suppliers shall ensure that all employees are provided with understandable, written employment contracts setting out their employment conditions. Salary and terms shall be fair and reasonable, and at least comply with national laws or industry standards, whichever is higher. Working hours shall comply with national laws. Employees should have at least one day off per seven-day week.

Child labour and young workers

Gren's suppliers shall not, in any circumstances, employ children who are below the minimum legal employment age. The minimum age is the age of completion of compulsory schooling, or not less than 15 years (or 14 years in countries subject to the developing country exception of ILO Convention 138). Children and young people above the minimum age but under 18 years of age shall not be employed in any hazardous work, or work that jeopardises their health, safety, or morals.

Non-discrimination

Gren's suppliers shall treat their employees with respect and dignity. Any discrimination based on partiality or prejudice is prohibited. This includes discrimination based on ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, pregnancy, parental status, religion, etc. Threats of violence, corporal punishment, physical or verbal abuse, or other unlawful harassment are strictly prohibited.

Health and safety

Gren's suppliers shall provide their employees with a safe and healthy workplace in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. Suppliers shall ensure that appropriate health and safety information is provided to its employees and sub-suppliers, and that relevant training and protective equipment is provided. Suppliers working for Gren shall comply with Gren's general EHS requirements as applicable. Suppliers shall at least provide employees and sub-suppliers with drinking water, clean toilets, adequate ventilation and thermal conditions, emergency exits, proper lighting, and access to first aid supplies or other provisions for emergency care at the workplace, as well as in accommodation provided by the supplier (if any).

Prevention of alcohol and drug use at work

Gren is an alcohol- and drug-free workplace. Suppliers' employees and their sub-suppliers are permitted to work at Gren's premises only if they are sober and drug-free. Suppliers shall take precautionary action to prevent alcohol and drug abuse. Occasional testing can be performed on suppliers' employees when they are working at Gren's premises if it is allowed in national (or local) legislation.

Environment

Gren's suppliers shall support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges and undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility. Suppliers should identify the environmental impacts of their operations and implement mitigation actions when required. Suppliers are expected to strive to continuously reduce the use of energy and water, as well as minimise waste and emissions to the air, water and land in their operations, and mitigate impacts on biodiversity.

Suppliers should consider the climate impact of their operations and reduce greenhouse gas emissions where reasonable. Suppliers are expected to promote the circular economy and pay attention to the efficient use of materials and the lifecycle impact of their products. Suppliers are encouraged to develop and diffuse environmentally friendly technologies. Suppliers shall at least comply with all applicable environmental laws and regulations.

