

Procurement Policy



Objective

Ascendi is committed to a sustainable procurement approach, systematically integrating environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria throughout the entire process of purchasing goods and contracting services, with the aim of building an ethical and responsible value chain.

The purpose of this policy is to formalise this commitment, ensuring that purchasing and service contracting decisions contribute to long-term value creation, risk mitigation, the reduction of adverse impacts, and the promotion of responsible practices, in line with the Organisation's strategic principles and the expectations of its stakeholders.

As part of this commitment, Ascendi ensures the transparent disclosure of its sustainability standards and criteria through appropriate communication channels, as well as the provision of formal consultation and communication mechanisms, ensuring accessibility and the effective participation of relevant stakeholders.

All employees and partners involved in the procurement process must also comply with Ascendi's Code of Conduct, ensuring integrity, legality and ethical behaviour in all business interactions.

Guiding Principles

Ascendi's Procurement Policy is based on the following principles:

- Selection of business partners and the evaluation of their commercial proposals, with particular emphasis on the adoption of sustainable development policies and standards;
- Protection of the environment and preservation of biodiversity, taking into account the depletion of natural resources, particularly energy and water, through the adoption of best practices that promote responsible consumption of raw materials and the implementation of circular economy principles aligned with decarbonisation objectives;
- Promotion of the development of local communities, giving priority, whenever possible, to the procurement of goods and services from locally based business partners;
- Encouragement of collaborative innovation through partnerships that support digital transformation and technological solutions that contribute to the energy transition, reducing the need for new resources and maximising the reuse of existing ones;
- Compliance with all applicable legal requirements relating to occupational safety, health and hygiene;
- Commitment to the promotion and protection of human and labour rights, as well as equality, diversity, inclusion and non-discrimination;
- Adoption of integrity policies and practices that promote anti-corruption, transparency and confidentiality; and
- Promotion of continuous improvement through the periodic review of sustainable procurement criteria, the implementation of internal training and awareness initiatives, and the encouragement of suppliers to continuously enhance their practices.