

Letter to suppliers:

Getlink strengthens its commitment to sustainable procurement

Convinced of the need to integrate each and every stakeholder on sustainability issues, Getlink renews its commitment to sustainable procurement.

This commitment is part of the Group's long-term voluntary approach, which has been illustrated in 2021 by the renewed signature of the "Responsible Supplier Relations & Purchasing" charter, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, the structuring of a demanding CSR trajectory. Within this CSR umbrella, the Environmental dimension has been addressed by an ambitious plan over 2019-2025.

As a major bi-national player and manager of a unique infrastructure, the Group has naturally developed a purchasing approach that promotes innovation and sustainable development since its inception. Today more than ever, the Group's proactive objectives will only be achieved if Getlink brings on board its ecosystem and, first and foremost, its suppliers as partners. This is particularly true of its carbon trajectory: the Group is committed to reducing the greenhouse gas emissions associated with its purchases by 7.5% between 2019 and 2025.

Thus, faced with the challenge of controlling the impact on material and human resources, Getlink is strengthening its purchasing policy. The Group is undertaking such an approach with a goal of being responsible, demanding and supportive. In this respect, Getlink is committed to valuing and giving significant weight to social and environmental contributions, in addition to economic performance across the product lifecycle, starting at the bidding phase and extending throughout the life of contracts until the assessment of contracts and supplier performance.

These key points go well beyond the regulatory requirements and are intended to encourage operational excellence. Without being exhaustive, it will be about promoting the energy savings made by the products or services purchased, minimising the carbon footprint of the product or service from end to end, the moderation of resource use, the analysis of the product life cycle and the management of waste (from eco-design via recyclability to the traceability of the final waste streams for all types of waste), the fight against deforestation and the promotion of air quality as well as social commitments. In pragmatic terms, the approach will make it possible for relevant orders to define a limited number of specific key impacting requirements, which will be assessed against tangible metrics. The answers provided will complement the technical and economic analysis of the technical teams and buyers with a weighting of up to 15%. Compliance with these requirements will be monitored as part of the contract management and may result in verification audits. Under these conditions, the entire value chain will move towards more responsible and sustainable procurement.

Environmental and CSR issues require us to strengthen our commitment and to think differently about our value chain; this implies shared efforts and dedicated trade-offs. Let us be ready collectively to take up these challenges!

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