

# Committee Profile

## Description of the Committee

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### Description / Challenge / Initial Situation:

Today's sustainability landscape faces significant challenges due to increasing regulatory complexity, diverse reporting requirements, and fragmented data management across the value chain. Regulatory and Reporting requirements demand high-quality data and coordinated action among many stakeholders in the supply chain. Disparate data sources, varying formats, and inconsistent processes often lead to inefficiencies, data gaps, and delays in compliance and reporting. As a result, organizations struggle to achieve transparency, comparability, and real-time collaboration on sustainability topics.

To overcome these challenges and enable secure, multi-tier data exchange and collaboration across the automotive value chain, Catena-X has established standards and KITs for various use cases in the Sustainability Business Domain. The Sustainability Committee plays a vital role in ensuring that concepts and technical solutions for sustainability use cases are fully aligned with the overarching vision and business/technology goals of the Catena-X initiative.

After two years of active operation about 50% of the Sustainability Committee is now being restaffed. All also currently active committee members, who would like to continue their role, need to resubmit an application.

### Goals

The committee works collaboratively with Catena-X member organizations and external stakeholders to ensure that sustainability solutions meet broad industry needs and remain aligned with Catena-X's overall objectives. As with all Catena-X committees, the Sustainability Committee is appointed by the association's Management Board and given a permanent mandate to oversee its domain, coordinating necessary processes for implementation and standardization of sustainability practices within the data space. This strategic role makes the committee a key pillar in Catena-X's governance structure, translating high-level Catena-X sustainability goals into practical guidelines, standards, and action plans for the network.

Since we follow a mentoring concept to coordinate and steer the expert groups in the Sustainability Domain an applicant should be an expert in one or more areas related to the relevant [sustainability use cases](#) in Catena-X:

- Product Carbon Footprint (PCF)
- Circular Economy (including Material Accounting)
- Digital Product Passport / Eco Pass (DPP)
- Supply Chain Due Diligence

As a committee member, you work in close alignment with the expert group leads to define and steer the strategic development of sustainability-related capabilities in these areas. Through your proficiency with the dedicated regulations and their implications on these sustainability areas, you ensure that Data Space capabilities are strategically aligned with regulatory needs, compliance requirements, and evolving industry trends. In collaboration with the association staff, we plan and release technical and methodology standards,

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guidance documents and KITs in line with the association's standardization and release processes, continuously increasing the value delivered in the sustainability domain.

## Tasks

As the first point of contact for all sustainability-related matters at Catena-X, the committee and its members address external requests, internal strategic and operational topics. Its primary objectives are:

**Vision and Roadmap:** The committee works to define a common vision, roadmap, standards, and other KIT artefacts for the overall sustainability domain. Members actively participate in Catena-X planning sessions, represent sustainability topics, and maintain regular alignment with the Catena-X Management Board to ensure strategic coherence across the organization.

**Content Review and Approval:** All sustainability domain deliverables—including standards, guidelines, specifications, and internal and external communications—are reviewed, validated, and formally approved by the committee before release. This ensures that outputs maintain the highest levels of quality, consistency, and compliance.

**Topic Leadership:** Committee members serve as expert sparring partners for the expert group, providing guidance, insights, and strategic direction. They stay informed and aligned with the group's work, identify key topics, and actively drive and resolve issues in collaboration with the expert group. Please state in your application what topic leadership you could consider.

**Management of External Relations:** The committee drives and steers engagement with external initiatives, such as VDA, RBA, ACEA, CLEPA, WWF, and GBA, to pool joint efforts and resources. Through these collaborations, they help create a driving force for a data-driven automotive value chain and promote cross-industry sustainability initiatives. The operational exchange may happen through a committee member or a member of the respective expert group from the sustainability domain.

**Transparency:** The Sustainability Committee ensures transparency by organizing and preparing regular soundings and/or topic-focused Q&A Sessions that keep the Catena-X community up to date. Committee Members are encouraged to communicate within their own organization and externally on ongoing sustainability activities, initiatives, and progress, fostering awareness, engagement, and alignment across their network.

Through the accomplishment of these objectives, the Sustainability Committee plays a key role in fostering collaboration, harmonizing industry requirements, and advancing standardization across connected industries.

## Related Expert Groups (currently existing/operational)

- Sustainability Regulations
- PCF-Methodology and Verification Governance (permanent)
  - PCF Electronics (adhoc)
  - PCF-Secondary Data Provision (adhoc)
- PCF Architecture and Interoperability (permanent)
- Circular Economy (permanent)
  - Material Accounting
  - eSDScom electronic Safety DataSheet communication

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- Digital Product Passport (permanent)
- Due Diligence Governance (permanent)
  - SME Due Diligence check Label (adhoc)

Please find more information about the expert groups on our [webpage](#).

## Owned Standards

- CX-0117 Circular Economy
- CX-0131 Circularity Core
- CX-0136 PCF Exchange
- CX-0143 Digital Product Passport

## Owned non-functional Requirements

- PCF Rulebook
- PCF Verification and PCF Program Certification Framework
- ESS Code of Conduct

Please find the current version of the standards on our [Catena-X – Library](#).

## Rough planning – Milestones Restaffing

- **2025-09:** Announcement & application phase
- **2025-10:** Committee Setup and board approval
- **2025-11:** Information on the new committee set-up & Handover Phase
- **2025-12:** On-site WS and final handover (December 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> in Cologne)

## Why should I participate?

- **Shape Sustainability Standards:** Actively contribute to the development of Catena-X standards and solutions that define how sustainability data is shared, validated, and used across the value chain.
- **Turn Ideas into Action:** Propose sustainability use cases, define requirements, and ensure your organization's needs are reflected in industry-wide solutions and shared practices.
- **Be Part of a Collective Mission:** Support the creation of an open, sovereign data ecosystem that advances sustainability for the entire automotive industry—not just your own company.
- **Create Long-Lasting Sustainability Impact:** Help develop frameworks and methodologies that enable more efficient, compliant, and transparent collaboration across hundreds of companies.
- **Foster Innovation in Sustainability:** Use the committee platform to introduce new ideas and initiate and steer activities on critical sustainability topics.
- **Strengthen Your Industry Role:** Enhance your organization's credibility and leadership by contributing to the strategic discussions that shape a more sustainable automotive future. What is expected of my organization to meet future requirements?
- **Early Access to Sustainability Insights:** By joining the Sustainability Committee, you gain first-hand access to the latest developments, decisions, and initiatives on Catena-X sustainability topics. This privileged information flow keeps you at the forefront of industry progress.

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### What is expected from me?

**Sustainability Expertise:** Members are expected to bring strong expertise in sustainability topics across the automotive value chain—such as PCF, Circular Economy, DPP, supply chain due diligence and regulatory compliance (e.g., CSRD, EU Battery Regulation).

**Strategic Contribution:** Committee members should think beyond immediate deliverables, contributing to long-term visions and strategic roadmaps that align sustainability services with Catena-X's overarching goals. This includes creating synergies between different use cases and ensuring coherence across initiatives.

**Collaboration and Steering:** As the committee operates across companies and industries, members should be skilled at building consensus in multi-stakeholder environments, providing clear communication, and negotiating solutions. They are also expected to serve as senior experts, guiding and steering expert groups, and actively contributing to the development and direction of their work.

**Advocacy and Adoption:** Members are encouraged to leverage their personal and company networks to accelerate the adoption of sustainability use cases, foster collaboration across initiatives, and drive alignment within the ecosystem.

**Commitment and Engagement:** Active participation is critical—committee members should dedicate time to regular (typically weekly) online-meetings, offline contributions, and topic leadership. Genuine passion for Catena-X's mission of a sustainable, interoperable data ecosystem ensures long-term commitment and inspires collaboration within the community. **On-site workshop participation up to three times per year is expected.**

### Selection Framework:

The Committee selection framework and criteria is aimed at selecting members who possess the right blend of expertise, commitment, and diversity to foster expansion. Please find below an outline of requirements for Committee members. When applying, please make a statement on the following criteria to outline your best fit.

- Proper expertise in the field of the above tasks
- Minimum availability of **6-8 hours per week**, more is a plus.
- Commitment to regular, active participation and active contribution.
- Willingness to take a topic leadership role
- Members should be open to different opinions, respect diverse viewpoints, and be willing to collaborate constructively.

We are searching for committee members across the global Catena-X ecosystem (including automotive suppliers of different sizes and tiers, OEM, sustainability solution providers).