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# TOSCA sustainability framework

The aim of TOSCA – 'Towards sustainable supply chains through a common approach for company strategic work and daily operations' – is to show how companies can work towards sustainable development, within the company and in its supply chain.

Within the TOSCA project, AkzoNobel, SCA and Chalmers University of Technology have developed a sustainability framework that describes procedures for pursuing sustainable development in the supply and value chains of a company, and hence for the life cycles of its products. The framework is available at the TOSCA website:

[www.tosca-life.info](http://www.tosca-life.info)

The purpose of the website is to be an information platform for companies and organizations interested in learning how to implement sustainable development, within the company and in the supply and value chains.

The information at the website is divided into three main parts:

## Supply chain activities

– describes activities for working with sustainability in different parts of the supply chain in a life cycle perspective; from upstream supply chain and suppliers, own manufacturing through use and end-of-life. This part includes practical examples from SCA and AkzoNobel as well as state-of-the art descriptions and further reading.

## Sustainable development

– includes a general introduction to the concept sustainable development. This part describes the history of sustainable development, current trends and issues, as well as implications of sustainable development for business.

## Getting started guides

– contains practical guides for how to get started with selected central tools for measuring and analyzing sustainability aspects in supply chains. For example, guides are available for Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) and Eco-Efficiency Assessment (EEA).

### About the TOSCA project

The TOSCA project is jointly funded by the EU LIFE+ programme and AkzoNobel, SCA and Chalmers University of Technology. The TOSCA project will run during 2009-2011 and the project website will be continuously updated during this time.

In addition to developing the framework and website, both AkzoNobel and SCA run internal projects within TOSCA, based on the specific needs within each company. Results from these will also be disseminated at the website.

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