



Overview of sustainability certifications schemes

Rabo Sustainability Bond

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In this document you will find all sustainability certification schemes that are eligible for the Rabo Impact Loan and the Rabobank Sustainability Bond. Rabobank assesses the selection of certification schemes on an ongoing basis.



ASC

Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC) is an international, independent and accredited certification for fish farming. Certification confirms that the fish has been farmed in a responsible manner. The certification applies key requirements to protect the ecosystem and reduce greenhouse gases.



B Corporations

B Corporations are companies that use their entrepreneurship to solve social and environmental problems. B Corporations must complete a B Impact Assessment and realize a minimum score



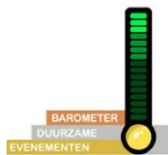
Barometer Duurzaam Terreinbeheer

The Barometer Duurzaam Terreinbeheer is a certification scheme for more sustainable management of green and surfaced sites. The highest level (Gold) complies with the requirements of Stichting Milieukeur (SMK, the Dutch environmental quality label).



Barometer Duurzame Bloemist

The Barometer Duurzame Bloemist confirms that a florist applies sustainable business practices. The highest level (Gold) complies with the requirements of Stichting Milieukeur (SMK).



Barometer Duurzame Evenementen

With the label Barometer Duurzame Evenementen an event organizer shows that its events are organized sustainably. Criteria include energy, water, hygiene and cleaning, waste, mobility, location, catering, ground and green. The highest level (gold) meets the Ecolabel mark.



Beter Leven

The Beter Leven (Better Life) certification is an independent certification within livestock farming, developed by the Dutch Society for the Protection of Animals. The Beter Leven certificate with three stars is carried only by animal friendly and organic products. This certification guarantees the highest level of animal welfare in livestock farming.



Blue Flag

Blue Flag (Blauwe Vlag) is an independent international certification for beaches and marinas. The certification is managed by Stichting Keurmerk Milieu, Veiligheid en Kwaliteit (KMVK) and sets strict requirements in the fields of waste and the environment, energy consumption and water quality.



BREEAM-NL

BREEAM is an independent and accredited certification for assessing the sustainability performance of buildings. In addition to certifying existing buildings, BREEAM also certifies new housing and demolition projects.



BSCI

The Business Social Compliance Initiative (BSCI), contributes to the global improvement of working conditions in factories and on farms. BSCI provides companies with a common code of conduct based on internationally accepted guidelines, such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the Rights of the Child. Companies that are members of the BSCI implement the Code in their supply chain and thus contribute to sustainable improvement of working conditions.



Care & Fair

The Care & Fair initiative aims for fair trading in the carpet industry. Participating businesses provide better living and working conditions for carpet weavers and pursue the elimination of child labour in the carpet industry.



CO2-Prestatieladder

The CO2-Prestatieladder is an independent and accredited certification scheme for businesses to reduce CO2 emissions. The certification scheme offers businesses scope for creativity and innovation at a product and business level.



Cradle to Cradle (C2C)

Cradle to Cradle (C2C) is an independent international certification. Certified products are demonstrably sustainable due to the use of cleaner raw materials and the reduction of waste flows and CO2 emissions during, but also after, the life cycle of a product. Accordingly, C2C is aligned with the thinking of the circular economy.



Demeter

Demeter is an independent and accredited certification for biodynamic agriculture. Businesses with this certification meet strict requirement regarding the environment and animal welfare.



Duurzaam Repareren

Duurzaam Repareren (Sustainable Repair) is an independent certification within the automotive sector. Certified businesses meet measurable criteria that lead to less waste, energy consumption, environmental impact and product use. In addition, a sustainable use of personnel is also stimulated.



EKO

EKO is an independent and accredited certification for organic products. Skal Biocontrole sets strict requirements in the field of pesticides and artificial fertilisers, animal welfare and food additives.



EKO-Holland

EKO-Holland is a cooperative of around 100 dairy farmers. The participating businesses produce a large portion of all Dutch organic milk every year. Dairy farmers that produce organic milk must comply with strict legal requirements.



Erkend Duurzaam

Erkend Duurzaam is a CSR program for the mobility sector. The label offers entrepreneurs demonstrable CSR policy to, among others, save energy and waste. Participating companies are judged by their business, labour, community engagement and environmental regulations.



EU Ecolabel

The EU Ecolabel is an independent and accredited certification for non-food products and services. The certification is managed and verified by Stichting Milieukeur (SMK).



Fair Flowers Fair Plants

Fair Flowers Fair Plants (FFFP) is an international, independent and accredited consumer label within the ornamental plants sector. Flowers and plants of certified businesses are produced in an environmentally friendly manner and in good working conditions.



Fair Wear Foundation

Fair Wear Foundation (FWF) is a Dutch organisation promoting the improvement of working conditions in the clothing industry. Clothing brands can carry the label if at least 90% of their suppliers are verified by the FWF.



FSC® (suppliers)

The Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) is an international, independent and accredited certification. Certified wood and paper products are sourced from responsibly managed forests. A selected group of FSC partners work together to promote responsible forest management worldwide.



GEO Certified

De Golf Environmental Organization (GEO) focuses on helping the international golf community to be a leader in the field of sustainable sport and business. GEO Certified is an eco-certification of golf development and track and club management.



Green Award

Green Award is an independent certification for ocean and inland shipping vessels. Certified vessels are checked on quality, safety and the environment.



Green Key

Green Key is an independent international standard within the leisure industry. The label has three levels and sets requirements in terms of energy savings, waste and sustainable sourcing. The highest level (gold) is only awarded to companies that meet optional measures.



GreenSeat

GreenSeat is an independent and accredited certification for the travel sector. Certified businesses offer travellers the possibility of offsetting the CO₂ emissions of car and air travel as standard.



Groen Label Kas

Een Groen Label Kas is a greenhouse for the commercial cultivation of horticultural crops with a lower environmental impact. Een Groen Label Kas meets strict environmental requirements and therefore contributes to sustainable horticulture.



Groenkeur (only tree nursery products)

De Groenkeur-beoordelingsrichtlijn Duurzame Boomkwekerijproducten focuses on the production and marketing of durable tree nursery products. The Directive contains statutory requirements in the areas of environmental, traceability and labour. Certified companies comply with environmental requirements as described in the criteria document "Socially responsible procurement of spares".



Keten Duurzaam Rundvlees

Keten Duurzaam Rundvlees is an alliance between Dutch livestock farmers, butchers, wholesalers and purchasers. The partners in the chain have mutual agreements in place in the field of the environment and animal welfare. An independent oversight party supervises compliance with these agreements.



Keten Duurzaam Varkensvlees

Keten Duurzaam Varkensvlees is an initiative by pig farmers, slaughterhouses, wholesalers and meat producers. The partners in the chain have mutual agreements in place regarding the environment and animal welfare. An independent oversight party supervises compliance with these agreements.



Lean & Green

Lean & Green is an independent and accredited certification in the transport sector. The certification stimulates businesses to grow to a higher sustainability level by means of CO2 reduction.



Maatlat Duurzame Aquacultuur

Een Maatlat Duurzame Aquacultuur is a certification for a farm with a lower environmental impact, which has taken measures to safeguard animal health and welfare. Such fish farming contributes to the sustainability of aquaculture.



Maatlat Duurzame Veehouderij

Een Maatlat Duurzame Veehouderij-stal is a livestock shed with a lower environmental impact and includes measures for animal health and welfare. Such stable contributes to sustainable farming.



Made-By

Made-By is a certification in the clothing industry. The certification pursues the improvement of social, economic and ecological conditions throughout the production chain.



Max Havelaar

Max Havelaar is an independent and accredited certification for various products such as coffee, tea, cocoa and cotton. Certified products are traded fairly owing to the use of a minimum price and the establishment of long-term trade relations, as well as due regard for international environmental protection legislation.



Meer met Minder

Meer met Minder is an initiative within the construction sector. Affiliated businesses are specialised in energy savings in residential properties and can support the energy-savings process from beginning to end.



Metaalunie MVO Monitor

The Metaalunie MVO Monitor offer businesses in the metals industry an opportunity to assume their corporate social responsibility. This instrument helps businesses to increase awareness and transparency vis-à-vis the customer.



Milieukeur

Milieukeur is an independent and accredited certification for agri/food and non-food product groups. The certification applies a broad approach to increase the sustainability of products and services. The certification sets strict requirements in the field of animal welfare and environmental protection.



Milieuthermometer Zorg

The Milieuthermometer Zorg is a certification scheme for sustainable business operations at healthcare institutions. The highest level (Gold) complies with the requirements of Stichting Milieukeur (SMK).



MPS-ABC

MPS-ABC is an independent and accredited certification for growers, mainly in the horticultural industry. The certification has several levels. With the MPS-A status producers show that they meet the highest environmental standards.



MSC

The Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) is an international, independent and accredited certification for sustainably caught fish. Certification demonstrates that fish has been caught sustainably, without overfishing or damage to nature.



MVO Groeikeurmerk

The MVO Groeikeurmerk is a certification scheme which can be applied in all organisations. Application of the MVO Groeikeurmerk guarantees a balance between People, Planet and Profit. The certification combines the starting points of Total Quality Management and ISO26000.



MVO Koploper Network

The MVO Koploper Network (CSR Frontrunner Network) is a network of around 40 small and medium-sized businesses with high Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) ambitions. These leaders share knowledge, inspire and work together to implement CSR innovation in their operations and production processes.



MVO Prestatieladder

The MVO Prestatieladder is an independent and accredited certification that certifies CSR management systems. The CSR management system certificate is an objective means of proving that the business or organisation has a management system for Corporate Social Responsibility.



MVO-Wijzer

De MVO-Wijzer is an independent label to certify CSR management systems. Organizations received the CSR certificate when they have properly safeguarded their CSR policy and CSR activities and thus meet the standards of the CSR Guide.



Rainforest Alliance

The Rainforest Alliance is an independent and accredited certification for coffee, tea, cocoa, bananas, wood and tourist services. The certification applies strict requirements in the field of working conditions and environmental and nature conservation.



Travelife Certified

Travelife Certified is an independent international certification in the tourism sector. The certification provides for a sustainability system that helps tour operators and travel agencies to improve social and environmental aspects in their business operations.



UTZ Certified

Utz Certified is an independent and accredited certification for coffee, tea, cocoa and hazelnuts. The certification works with both small and large farming businesses and provides training to local farmers, helping them to