

Among its commitments to a green economy, SPIE has implemented a proactive policy of sustainable purchasing to limit its environmental impact. In this way, the Group promotes corporate responsibility while encouraging innovation through the development of smart solutions.

Fostering long-term relationships built on trust with suppliers

In its purchasing decisions, SPIE considers the social, ethical and environmental context in which goods and services are manufactured or supplied. Set up in 2010, a **Group committee** aims to outline and implement SPIE's **Responsible Purchasing Policy**, which is based on the following three main priorities:

- Environmental and social performance assessment of suppliers
- Green purchasing
- Inclusive purchasing

Ethical purchasing

SPIE implemented a **procedure for assessing its suppliers** on the basis of their environmental and social performance to learn more about their CSR commitments and to identify key improvement areas. In this effort, SPIE worked with an independent and reputed company to supplement its CSR expertise. The method for assessing suppliers is based on 21 criteria from the following areas: **Environment, Social, Business Ethics and Suppliers**.

The procedure will help us to assess 100% of our strategic suppliers and 50% of our purchasing budget by 2015.

In addition, we drafted a responsible purchasing charter to involve all suppliers and service providers in our sustainable development efforts.

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Green purchasing

SPIE's carbon footprint shows that purchasing accounts for two thirds of all greenhouse gas emissions.

In partnership with its suppliers, SPIE works to identify efforts to reduce the carbon footprint of its purchases by analysing the life cycle of products and services (manufacturing, transportation, use, maintenance, end of life, etc.).

For example, SPIE compiled a list of green office equipment and is gradually replacing internal-combustion engine vehicles with electric vehicles.

Inclusive purchasing

In this area, our goal is to increase purchasing from suppliers that offer employment integration programmes, or employ local workers or those with disabilities (Establishments and Services for Assistance through Work/Adapted Companies).

Thanks to the efforts and commitment of our employees, orders placed with adapted companies that employ workers with disabilities represented €1 million in 2013.

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