# LLR Responsible Purchasing Charter





### PATENT AND TRADEMARK ATTORNEYS

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### **Preamble**

LLR, an industrial property consulting firm, carries out a regulated activity based on principles of ethics, confidentiality, and independence. As such, we integrate sustainable development and social responsibility principles into all our activities, including our procurement process.

This charter complements LLR's Ethical Charter and Code of Conduct, available on our website.

## 1. Objectives of the charter

- 1.1 Promote environmental (waste reduction, greenhouse gas emissions reduction) and social criteria (working conditions, employee health and safety) in our procurement decisions.
- 1.2 Establish a relationship with suppliers that is based on trust, durability, and balance.
- 1.3 Encourage continuous improvement of responsible practices across our value chain (suppliers, partners, consultants, and other business relationships).

### 2. LLR's objectives

We aim to select our suppliers taking into account the following principles:

### 2.1 Independence

2.1.1 Promote fair treatment in the selection of our suppliers.

### 2.2 Integration of responsible criteria

- 2.2.1 Take environmental and social performance into account in our choice of suppliers, including their working methods.
- 2.2.2 Favor purchasing from local, inclusive companies, and/or those engaged in CSR practices.

### 2.3 Dialogue and partnership

- 2.3.1 Establish long-term relationships with our suppliers, based on trust, dialogue, and continuous improvement.
  - 2.3.2 Encourage our suppliers to adopt responsible practices within their own value chains.
- 2.3.3 Require transparency from our suppliers regarding the origin of products and services, as well as production methods.

### 3. Our expectations of our suppliers

We expect our suppliers to adhere to the procedures outlined below.

# 3.1 Respect for human rights and working conditions

- 3.1.1 Our suppliers shall prohibit all forms of forced labor, child labor, and discrimination.
- 3.1.2 Our suppliers shall guarantee decent, safe, and fair working conditions for all employees.

### 3.2 Respect for the environment

- 3.2.1 Our suppliers shall take all appropriate measures to minimize the environmental impact of products and services provided (waste management, energy efficiency, carbon emissions reduction, responsible use of resources), including digital practices (ecoresponsible hosting, digital sobriety, reduction of printing volumes).
  - 3.2.2 Our suppliers shall provide, where possible, eco-designed or low-carbon alternatives.

### 3.3 Business ethics

- 3.3.1 Our suppliers shall combat corruption, fraud, and money laundering, and shall protect whistleblowers who report such practices.
- 3.3.2 Our suppliers shall comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and standards governing their activities.

## 4. Implementation and monitoring

This charter applies to all our suppliers and partners, each of whom is invited to respect these principles as far as possible and to promote them in their professional activities. We reserve the right to request that suppliers provide evidence of their commitment (EcoVadis evaluation forms, certifications, CSR reports, self-assessments).

### 5. Conclusion

Through this charter, we affirm our commitment to promoting responsible purchasing practices and invite our suppliers to be active contributors to change.

