



Furniture Industry Sustainability Programme (FISP)

KEY BENEFITS

The industry certification scheme for sustainability

Powerful marketing tool

Used in tenders

Meets SKA criteria

FISP is an independently certified sustainability programme tailored to the needs of the Furniture Industry supply chain. FISP promotes best practise to drive social, economic and environmental change, via continual improvement of member's business operations.

Created in 2006 FISP is recognised as the benchmark for sustainable practices in the UK furniture industry. It is widely referenced by procurement teams and furniture specifiers as a key part of an organisations sustainable procurement policies.

FISP has rapidly become established as the furniture industry forum on all environmental and sustainability issues. These issues relate to all aspects of the industry's business from purchasing and procurement right through to end of product life, including social, ethical and employment concerns as well as waste, energy and emissions.

FISP is an industry scheme, run by its members with all scheme governance issues agreed by its Steering Committee. www.fispfurniture.com

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BENEFITS

- The furniture industry benchmark to demonstrate sustainability credentials
- Improves your competitiveness through efficiencies and cost savings
- Help members gain industry recognition and awards
- Differentiates your company from competitors
- Inspires customer confidence
- FISP can be used to meet furniture criteria on SKA rating
- FISP is criteria on tenders and retail specifications
- Powerful and highly valuable marketing tool

BACKGROUND

The ability to prove your company's sustainability credentials is becoming more and more important when securing sales and meeting tender requirements.

FISP is designed to ensure that each individual client drives the changes necessary to achieve its individual business aims: the service is tailored to

your needs, whatever stage you are at on the road to excellence.

SCOPE OF FISP

FISP is much broader than the environmental systems, EMAS & ISO14001 standards. All organisations seeking FISP must demonstrate how the 3 pillars of sustainability are embedded within their organisation.

Section 1 is compulsory, checking your environmental policy is appropriate to the business, and the legal system to ensure environmental and Health & Safety legislation is complied with.

Section 2 of the audit focuses on an organisation's operations that have direct and indirect impact on the environment. There are nine options, of which a minimum of six must be assessed.

Section 3 addresses social and economic criteria. There are six options with a minimum of four selected for assessment.

HOW TO JOIN FISP

All organisations within the furniture industry supply chain are eligible to apply for FISP membership. There are two routes to FISP membership.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Organisations requiring time and support to improve their sustainability may become Associate members of FISP in the first instance. This entitles them to a package of support (workbooks, waste dashboard, energy dashboard and KPIs)

CERTIFICATION

When members are ready to apply for certification, FIRA International conducts an extensive audit to establish compliance with the criteria. Success leads to certification and Full FISP membership.

FULL FISP MEMBERSHIP

Full membership is for organisations who have successfully achieved FISP certification. This allows you to use FISP in tender processes and to claim points for SKA rating projects.

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