



Procedure and criteria for independent experts

Procedure

Requirement 4.C.1 (Handbook 3.1) and Requirement 3.C.4 (Handbook 4.0) require organisations to engage in dialogue. This can be a dialogue with an independent expert from the pool of experts of the Foundation for Climate Friendly Procurement and Business (SKAO). An organisation can add an independent expert to the pool.

The procedure for nominating an independent expert is as follows:

1. The organisation contacts SKAO at info@co2performanceladder.com and nominates the person. The application should include the expert's contact details and CV (e.g. a link to their LinkedIn profile);
2. SKAO aims to test the submitted person against the criteria below within 10 workdays;
3. If the person meets the criteria, SKAO will contact the person for an introductory interview and alignment of their profile to be published on the SKAO website;
4. This person is then added to the pool of experts.

The organisation will receive an explanation should the person not meet the criteria.

Criteria

The expert should be independent of the organisation and appropriately qualified. Independence is tested by the organisation's Certification Body (CB). SKAO tests, possibly in consultation with coordinating partners outside the Netherlands whether the expert is:

- very knowledgeable about energy and/or CO₂ issues, or
- knowledgeable about energy and/or CO₂ issues in a specific sector. In that case, the expert can only be consulted by the organisation when they work within that specific sector.

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