



# Top Trends Shaping Supply Chain Sustainability in 2026

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## Key Takeaways

- **Regulation sets the baseline:** Global rules on sustainability are fragmented, but they are converging in direction, pushing companies toward deeper supply chain transparency, product-level traceability, and accountability.
- **Resilience becomes strategic imperative:** Leading companies treat sustainability and resilience as two sides of the same coin, embedding sustainability KPIs into risk frameworks and building cross-functional, data-driven capabilities.
- **AI agents orchestrate sustainable decisions:** AI deployment shifts from automation and insight to autonomous action, continuously monitoring suppliers, regulations, and sustainability data to mitigate risks, support compliance, and optimize procurement.
- **Product-level traceability becomes gatekeeper:** Digital product records and end-to-end material flow mapping enable companies to validate product claims, meet evolving regulatory requirements, and create new revenue streams.
- **Supplier enablement unlocks scalable progress:** Companies shift from top-down approaches to empowerment, investing in supplier capability, training, and incentives to build credible, resilient, and high-performing value chains.

# Regulatory Outlook: Diverging Developments, Clear Direction

Companies are facing multi-dimensional challenges such as continuing market volatility, supply chain disruptions, and disparate regulatory developments in different regions and industries. While sustainability regulation in Europe, North America, and Asia-Pacific is fragmented and evolving at varying speeds, the overall direction is converging toward deeper levels of supply chain transparency, product-level traceability, and accountability.

## Key underlying drivers across the various regions are:

- The **need to maintain market access** as sustainability is being incorporated into trade relations within the scope of legislation such as the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA), the EU Deforestation Regulation (EUDR), and the EU Forced Labor Regulation (EUFLR).
- The **growing expectation of assured and verifiable data**, both across regulations (e.g. the CSRD, Californian climate disclosure rules) and voluntary initiatives (e.g. the CDP A-List). **73% of large corporations now obtain assurance** on their sustainability disclosures to ensure access to capital, strengthen stakeholder trust, and manage risk.
- The **business imperative to build resilient and agile business models** that embed sustainability into corporate operating systems rather than treating it as an add-on.
- The **necessity to harmonize processes** as regulatory requirements overlap across jurisdictions.

These developments are increasingly impacted by technology. AI, automation, and real-time analytics enable companies to monitor suppliers, trace materials, and model risks faster and at greater scales than ever before.

## Developments in Europe

Globally, the European Union continues to lead regulatory efforts in terms of scope and rigor. And while the emphasis under the current European Commission is on consolidation and simplification, this does not eliminate the need for action. Table 1 outlines key regulatory regimes taking effect in 2026 and 2027. They combine pressure with opportunity, allowing proactive companies to gain a competitive edge and create strategic value beyond mere compliance.

**Table 1:** Key Regulatory Developments in Europe in 2026 and 2027 (as of December 5, 2026)

Region	Legislation
European Union	<b>Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM – White Paper)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>January 1, 2026:</b> Implementation period begins, entailing new challenges for procurement operations and financial management.</li><li>• <b>February 1, 2027:</b> Sale of CBAM certificates starts.</li><li>• <b>September 30, 2027:</b> Companies must hand in their first CBAM declaration and surrender certificates, covering 2026 emissions.</li></ul>
	<b>Deforestation Regulation (EUDR – White Paper)</b> <p>The EUDR was set to take effect on December 30, 2025, for large and medium-sized companies and on June 30, 2026, for small and micro-enterprises. Following a proposal by the European Commission to amend parts of the EUDR, the start date will likely be postponed by one year, to the end of 2026.</p>
	<b>Empowering Consumers for the Green Transition Directive (ECGT)</b> <p>With the Green Claims Directive on hold, the ECGT Directive still becomes applicable on September 27, 2026. It requires companies to provide clear, verifiable information on environmental claims, product durability, and reparability to facilitate sustainable purchasing decisions.</p>
	<b>EU Batteries Regulation</b> <p>The regulation imposes due diligence obligations on companies involved in the sourcing, processing, and trading of cobalt, natural graphite, lithium, and nickel. The original application date was <a href="#">pushed back by two years</a> to August 18, 2027. The Commission will publish due diligence guidelines by July 26, 2026.</p>
	<b>Forced Labor Regulation (EUFLR – White Paper)</b> <p>The EU Forced Labor Regulation will take effect on December 14, 2027, requiring robust due diligence systems to address forced labor in supply chains.</p>
United Kingdom	<b>Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism</b> <p>A scheme similar to the EU's CBAM is expected to take effect on January 1, 2027, but legislative adoption is still pending. Companies will have to pay a carbon tax on emissions embedded in imported products.</p>
	<b>Sustainability Disclosure Requirements (SDR)</b> <p>Under the SDR, Sustainability Reporting Standards (SRS) will be introduced, drawing on the ISSB standards. The <a href="#">SRS are currently under development</a>, with SRS S1 and SRS S2 due by late 2025. Initially voluntary, the standards are expected to become mandatory at a later stage.</p>



In the EU, following the stop-the-clock decision and delays to both the **CSRD** and **CSDDD**, further amendments and scope threshold adjustments are being discussed. Under the **Eco-Design for Sustainable Products Regulation (ESPR)**, a ban on the destruction of unsold textiles and footwear takes effect on July 19, 2026. Additional product-specific eco-design requirements will be rolled out in the coming years, as specified in the [2025-2030 Working Plan](#).

Meanwhile, in the UK, there are plans to update and tighten the provisions of the **Modern Slavery Act**, but no specific timeline for the reform has been defined.

### Developments in North America

In North America, sustainability is advancing through market dynamics and selective regulation. While federal legislation in the United States exists such as the Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA) – which has led to [nearly 10,000 shipments](#) being denied entry since its launch – state-level initiatives, risk management, and investor pressure take center stage.

**Table 2:** Key Regulatory Developments in North America in 2026 and 2027 (as of December 5, 2026)

Region	Legislation
United States	<p><b>Californian Climate Disclosure Rules (SB 253 and SB 261)</b></p> <p>The first reports under SB 253 are due in 2026, covering Scope 1 and 2 emissions for fiscal year 2025. Disclosure of Scope 3 emissions begins in 2027.</p> <p>Risk disclosures under SB 261 were also due in 2026, but <a href="#">litigation is underway</a> and an appeals court has temporarily paused parts of the law.</p>
	<p><b>Further State-Level Climate Disclosure Rules</b></p> <p>Several states, including New York, Illinois, New Jersey, and Colorado are exploring mandatory climate disclosure rules similar to those in California. All initiatives are currently under legislative review.</p>
	<p><b>Laws Targeting Forced Labor in Chinese Supply Chains</b></p> <p>In early 2025, <a href="#">two bills were reintroduced in Congress</a>. The <b>Cobalt Supply Chain Act</b> seeks to ensure that goods made using or containing cobalt refined in China do not enter the US under the presumption that the cobalt was extracted or processed with the use of forced labor in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The <b>TASK Act</b> would require the SEC to mandate due diligence reporting by listed companies. Both laws are pending legislative approval.</p>

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## Canada

### Several Laws Under Discussion

Mandatory climate-related disclosure rules for listed companies, due diligence legislation, and a carbon border adjustment mechanism are being explored. For more insights, read our fact sheet [“Canada – Sustainability in the Spotlight”](#).

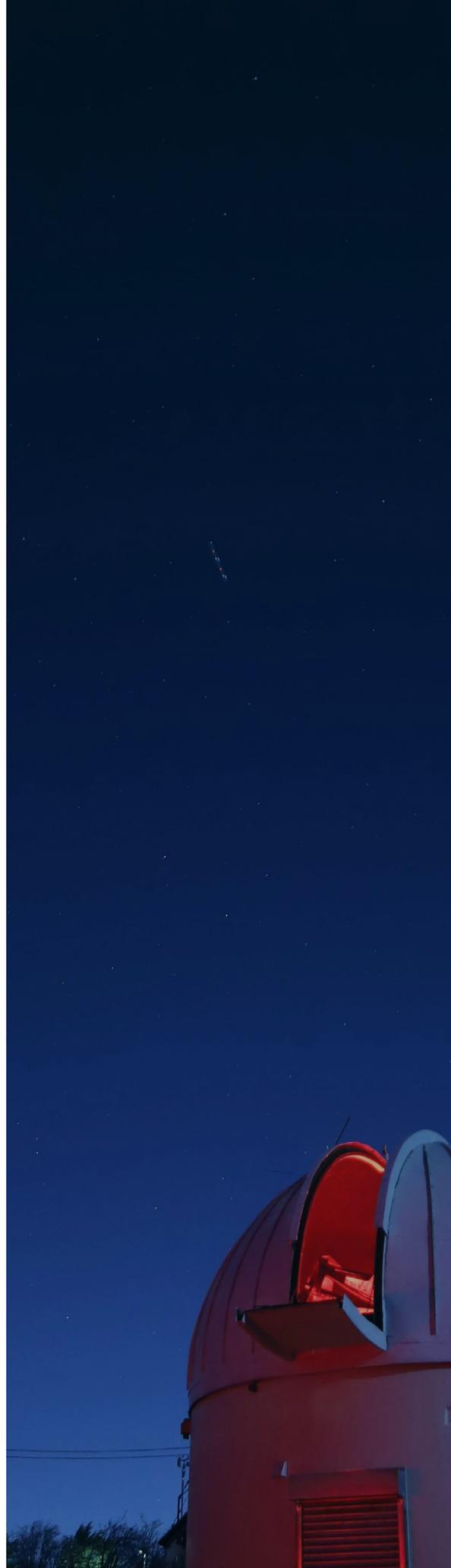
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As of early December 2025, the **SEC’s Climate Disclosure Rules** face an uncertain future, following a change in leadership and legal challenges to stop the law.

### Developments in Other Parts of the World

An increasing number of regulators are looking to the **ISSB standards** as a reference framework, requiring companies to disclose their emissions and climate-related risks. Dozens of countries, including some in the developing world, have adopted the standards or use them as a basis for their own reporting rules. Many more countries are planning to follow suit.

In November 2025, in response to investor demand, the ISSB announced the development of [disclosure requirements on nature-related risks and opportunities](#), drawing on the **TNFD** framework. The first draft is expected in time for COP17 of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in October 2026, which underscores the growing momentum of nature-related reporting.



# Resilience Reimagined: Turning Sustainability into a Strategic Asset

Most companies operate in highly volatile business environments. Geopolitical tensions, trade conflicts, extreme weather events, supply shortages, and quickly evolving legislation have exposed a lack of both strategic and operational readiness in many organizations.

Leading companies tackle these challenges by pursuing resilience and sustainability in tandem – two approaches that are highly intertwined.

The World Economic Forum (WEF) deems the two inseparable as companies cannot build enduring resilience without embedding sustainability principles into proactive, long-term decision-making. In its 2025 “[Resilience Pulse Check](#)”, the WEF highlights that only 13% of companies fully integrate resilience KPIs into their strategies. This gap is also notable given sustainability’s growing role as a driver of resilience. By strengthening supply chain stability, risk mitigation, supplier collaboration, innovation, and organizational adaptability, it becomes a core enabler of resilience rather than a standalone goal.

Companies should develop and continuously monitor resilience KPIs along several dimensions, including strategy and organization, finance, operations and supply chains, digital capabilities and technology, and sustainability.

Learn how to turn supply chain sustainability into a key driver of resilience in our white paper [“Building Resilient Supply Chains to Stay Ahead of Disruptions”](#).

**Table 3:** Exemplary Sustainability-Linked Resilience KPIs

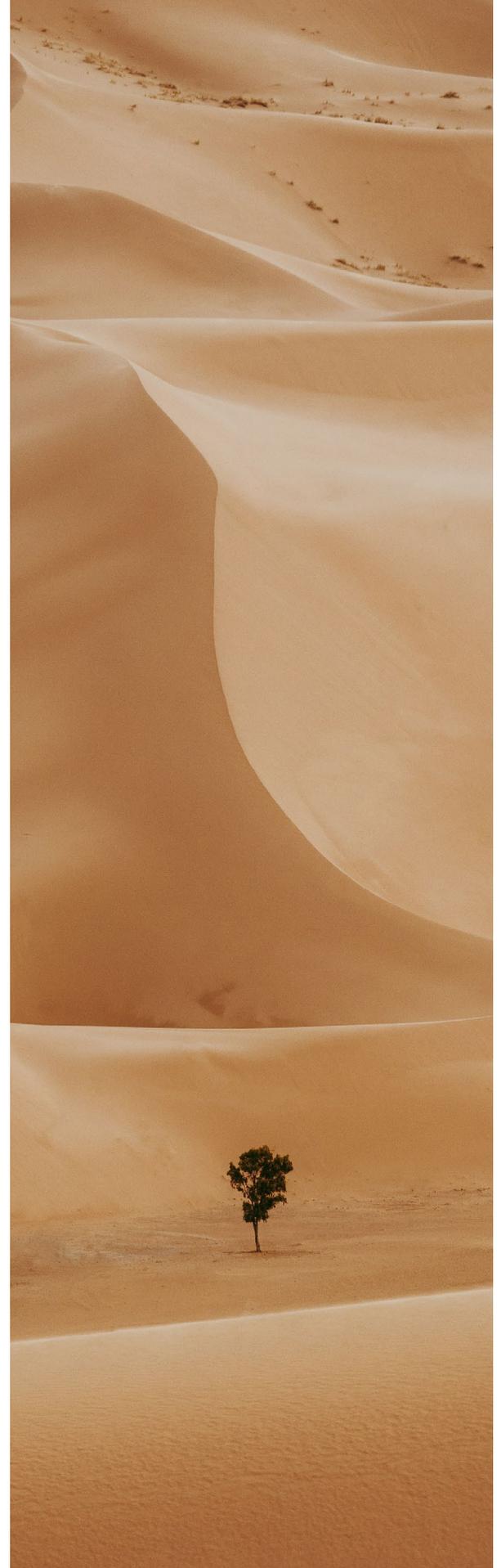
Environmental	
<b>GHG emissions reduction progress</b>	Percentage reduction in Scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions achieved vs. science-based targets and regulatory requirements
<b>Environmental vulnerability</b>	Share of own sites and suppliers in regions subject to climate change impacts (droughts, heat waves, floods etc.), water stress, and deforestation
<b>Water resilience rate</b>	Percentage of operations with water reuse systems or drought-resilient technologies
<b>Resource dependence</b>	Reduction in virgin material use, increase in recycled input and annual changes
Social	
<b>Human rights adherence rate</b>	Percentage of suppliers that have undergone independent audits or digital due diligence checks
<b>Workforce transition readiness</b>	Percentage of employees trained on sustainability standards and operational expectations
<b>Living wage coverage</b>	Percentage of workforce and suppliers earning a verified living wage
<b>Stakeholder trust index</b>	Annual change in community and stakeholder trust metrics
Governance	
<b>Strategic sustainability integration index</b>	Integration of sustainability KPIs within enterprise-wide risk frameworks
<b>Sustainable procurement ratio</b>	Percentage of spend aligned with internal sustainability criteria and external standards
<b>Supplier lead time</b>	Average time between supplier outreach and data delivery
<b>Regulatory exposure analysis</b>	Estimated financial impact of upcoming regulatory requirements (CBAM certificate costs etc.)

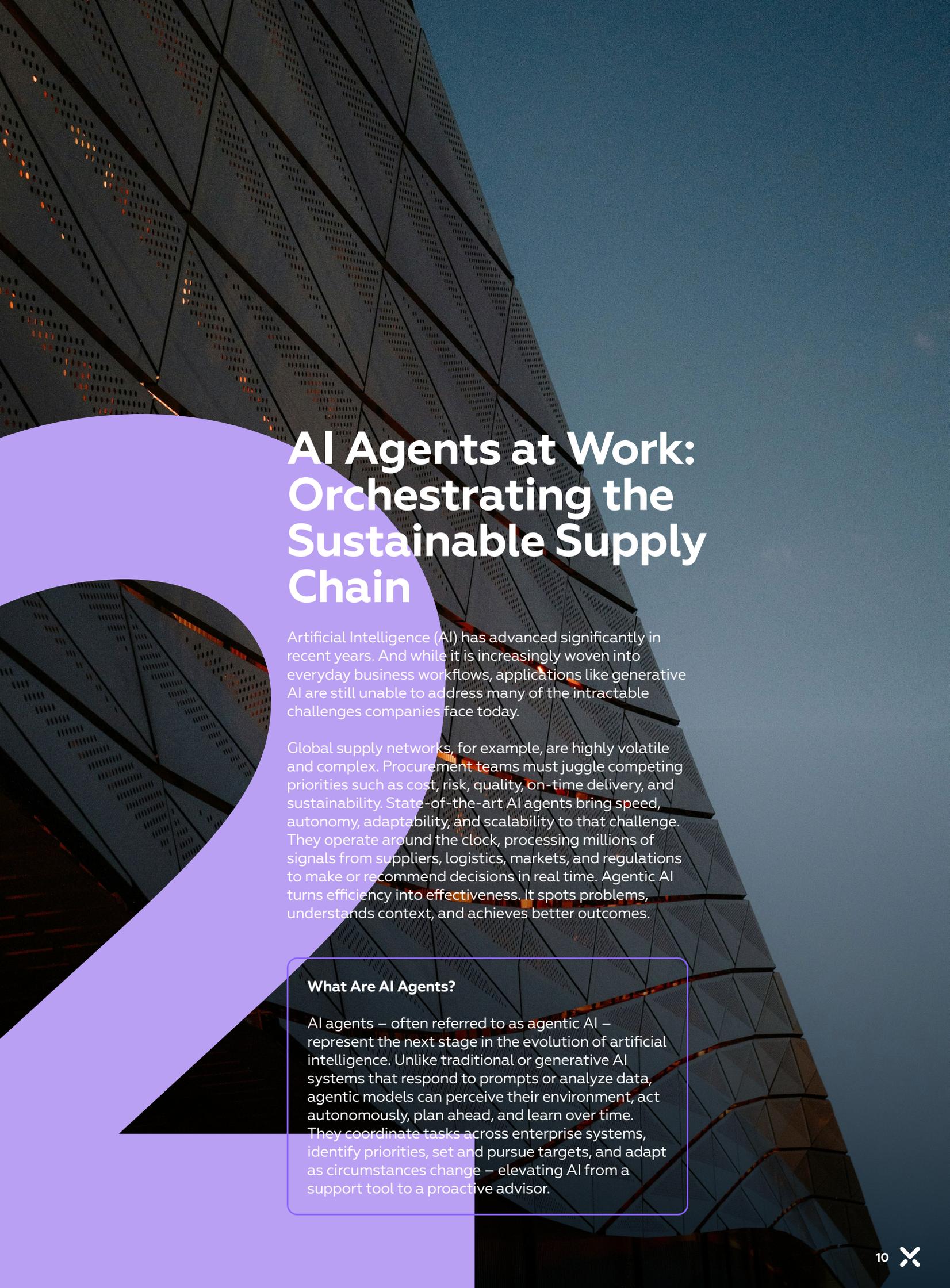
Today, companies must be prepared to continuously adapt and respond quickly to external pressures. This demands a new level of organizational readiness that extends across business processes and systems.

**Key pillars for building sustainability-driven resilience include:**

- Integrated strategies and processes across functional areas
- A unified data platform and agile technologies
- Real-time transparency and actionable data insights
- Shared ownership, internal alignment, and collaborative infrastructure
- Predictive analytics to support foresight and adaptability

Companies that prioritize resilience move from static risk management to dynamic, forward-looking supply chain design that integrates ongoing risk monitoring, sustainability goals, strategic priorities and advanced analytics.





# AI Agents at Work: Orchestrating the Sustainable Supply Chain

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has advanced significantly in recent years. And while it is increasingly woven into everyday business workflows, applications like generative AI are still unable to address many of the intractable challenges companies face today.

Global supply networks, for example, are highly volatile and complex. Procurement teams must juggle competing priorities such as cost, risk, quality, on-time delivery, and sustainability. State-of-the-art AI agents bring speed, autonomy, adaptability, and scalability to that challenge. They operate around the clock, processing millions of signals from suppliers, logistics, markets, and regulations to make or recommend decisions in real time. Agentic AI turns efficiency into effectiveness. It spots problems, understands context, and achieves better outcomes.

## What Are AI Agents?

AI agents – often referred to as agentic AI – represent the next stage in the evolution of artificial intelligence. Unlike traditional or generative AI systems that respond to prompts or analyze data, agentic models can perceive their environment, act autonomously, plan ahead, and learn over time. They coordinate tasks across enterprise systems, identify priorities, set and pursue targets, and adapt as circumstances change – elevating AI from a support tool to a proactive advisor.





## How AI Agents Enable Sustainable Procurement

AI agents can integrate cross-functional data across procurement, logistics, and sustainability, continuously monitor supplier behavior, track regulatory developments, and optimize sourcing with sustainability built in from the start. Below is an overview of possible use cases:

### Autonomous supplier risk mitigation

Agents analyze sustainability ratings, news reports, satellite and geospatial data, and supplier performance. When risks surface, they flag them early, initiate corrective workflows, or pause transactions.

### Compliance monitoring by design

Multi-agent systems can scan regulatory changes, identify affected suppliers and materials, and help assemble assurance-ready documentation – reducing manual effort and strengthening audit readiness.

### Circularity and traceability

AI agents maintain product and material information, for example via digital passports (DPPs), trigger return, refurbishment, and recycling flows and reconcile supplier declarations with third-party evidence.

### Dynamic, low-carbon sourcing

Agents balance price, lead time, risk, and Scope 3 impact. When natural disasters, sanctions, or policy changes hit, they propose alternative qualified suppliers and simulate trade-offs.

## How to Deploy Agentic AI

Implementing agentic AI requires thorough preparation and, above all, clear goal setting. As a starting point, companies need the following:

1

### Strong Data Foundation and Interoperability

- Build a unified data fabric with powerful interfaces, spanning all internal systems and sharing supplier, material, sustainability, and logistics data in real-time.
- Establish rigorous cyber security protocols from the outset and review them regularly as agentic AI systems evolve.

2

### Clear Goals, Policies, and Guardrails

- Ensure clear data governance, high data quality, and detailed documentation so that every action is fully traceable.
- Define AI access and decision rights, including when human approval is required.
- Encode business and sustainability objectives – such as emission limits or human rights thresholds – as optimization parameters.

3

### Operating Model and Skills

- Establish cross-functional governance involving procurement, sustainability, compliance, and IT with a central AI/sustainability control framework.
- Train teams in agent orchestration, goal design, change management, and ethical standards and define clear accountability for outcomes.

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### Pragmatic Adoption Strategy

- Begin with pilots that focus on repetitive, high-volume tasks such as supplier monitoring, emissions tracking, or regulatory mapping.
- Prioritize use cases with a clear ROI before scaling up workflows.
- Monitor model performance and continuously refine via structured feedback loops.

Companies must combine digital maturity, strong data governance, robust use cases, ethical standards, accountability, and human oversight to ensure autonomous AI systems operate safely, transparently, and effectively.



## Agentic AI Outlook

Technology is moving rapidly from proof-of-concept toward early enterprise adoption, particularly in supply chain and procurement contexts. Many organizations are already [experimenting with AI agents](#), but large-scale orchestration across business functions still remains rare. This experimentation is unfolding against the backdrop of evolving legislation. Starting in August 2026, most of the [EU Artificial Intelligence Act's](#) (AI Act) provisions for high-risk systems will take effect. Companies will need to establish solid risk management processes and ensure high data quality, effective governance, robust traceability mechanisms, and adequate human oversight.

# Impact Measurement: Quantifying the Business Value

In times of competing budgets and tightening regulatory requirements, the credibility of any corporate sustainability claim relies increasingly on its validity and measurable impact.

Companies are being asked not just what they are doing, but what difference it makes – in terms of cost saved, hours gained, avoided disruptions, or positive environmental effects.

## Why it matters

Impact measurement turns sustainability from a cost center into a source of value creation, securing internal buy-in, strengthening investor confidence and stakeholder trust, and ultimately improving strategic decision-making.

When calculated effectively, sustainability drives tangible outcomes across the following areas:

- 1. Efficiency – Operational gains for the business:** Lower energy and material consumption, optimized logistics, reduced work or waste generation.
- 2. Resilience – Systemic strength and risk reduction:** Fewer supply chain disruptions, faster recovery from shocks, and better regulatory preparedness.
- 3. Value creation – Strategic and financial effects:** Improved access to sustainable finance, enhanced brand differentiation, and stronger supplier relationships.
- 4. Sustainability impact – Environmental and social outcomes:** Reduced emissions and resource intensity, improved human rights performance, or more robust biodiversity protection.

Our report „[The State of Sustainable Procurement 2025 – Practitioners' Insights and ROI Perspectives](#)“ shines a light on how companies are embedding sustainability in procurement, highlighting the benefits they're achieving, ROI challenges, and planned investments.

## Overcoming the Measurement Conundrum

Research shows that most companies still struggle to quantify the environmental, social, and financial benefits of their efforts. According to a survey by UK-based supply chain organization CIPS and IntegrityNext, [78% of companies have not yet determined the ROI of their sustainable procurement activities.](#)

The obstacles generally fall into four main categories:

### Data fragmentation

Many organizations lack consistent, granular and supplier-verified data. Upstream visibility remains patchy beyond tier 1.

### Translation into financial value

Metrics such as “tons of CO<sub>2</sub> avoided” or “hectares of forest protected” rarely convert directly into financial terms without applying cost proxies or scenario modeling.

### Attribution and comparability

Isolating the effect of a specific initiative is difficult. Many impacts also occur indirectly and play out over long time horizons.

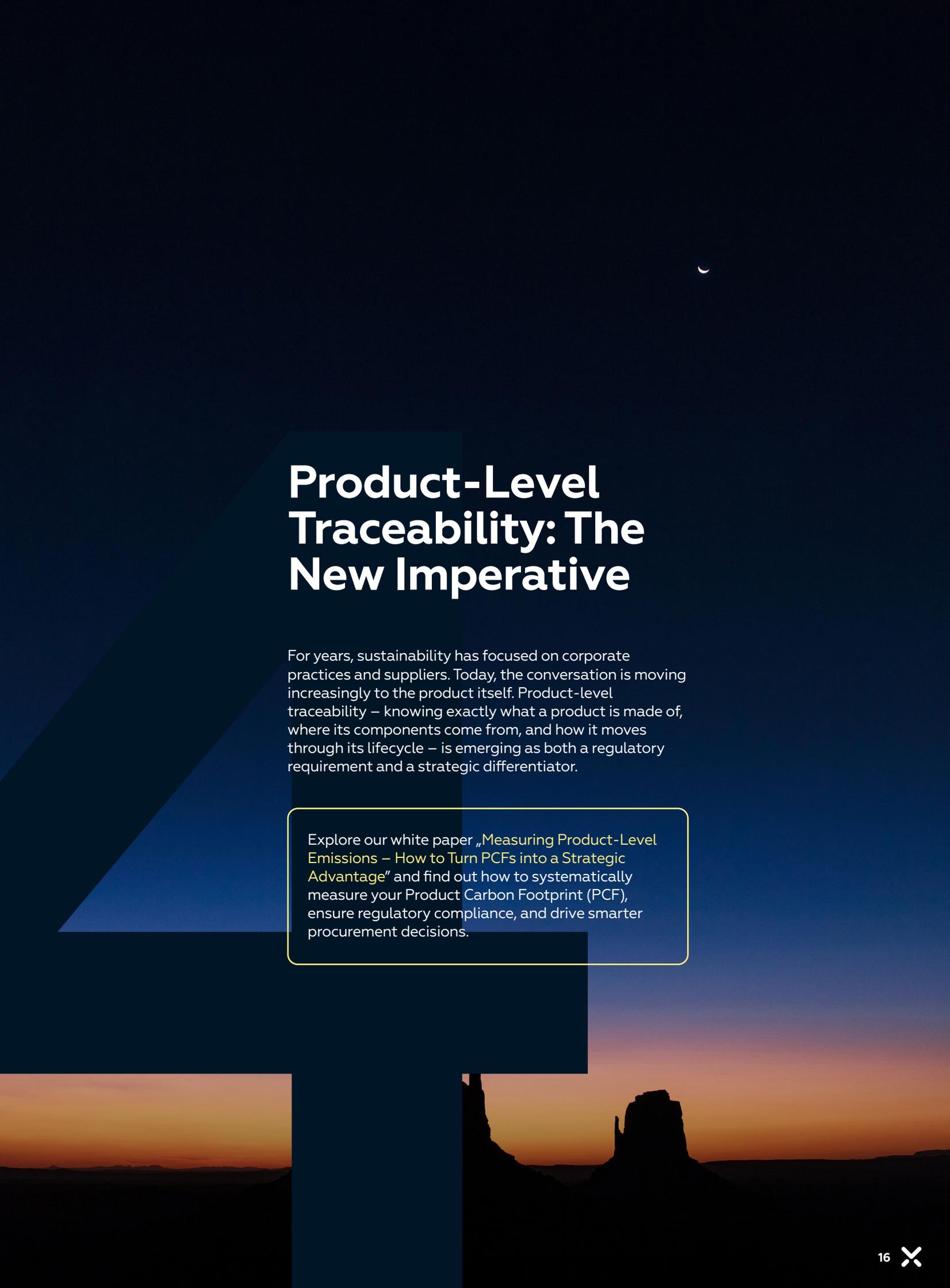
### Cultural and governance gaps

Sustainability impact measurement often sits outside strategic business management – with expertise frequently limited and unclear responsibilities.

Leading companies are closing the gap by integrating sustainability impact measurement into the core of their supply chain operations. Strategic measures include:

- **Start with visibility and traceability:** Map the supply chain, identify product streams, and capture supplier performance data.
- **Define the baseline and KPIs:** Establish where performance stands before an initiative begins, develop metrics aligned with value chain risk and business strategy, and link measurement to operational decision-making.
- **Invest in integrated data systems:** Embed sustainability metrics across the organization and use digital platforms that merge supplier data, risk and sustainability scores in real time, enabling monitoring and faster corrective action.
- **Standardize and monetize:** Adopt common sustainability frameworks and assign financial proxies – such as internal carbon prices or average cost per disruption – to convert impact into ROI.
- **Collaborate across functions:** Build cross-departmental teams combining procurement, sustainability, and finance expertise when setting KPIs and making investment decisions.

Ultimately, sustainability impact measurement requires investment in data systems, tools, and training to turn metrics into valuable financial insights – for more targeted decision-making and resilience.



# Product-Level Traceability: The New Imperative

For years, sustainability has focused on corporate practices and suppliers. Today, the conversation is moving increasingly to the product itself. Product-level traceability – knowing exactly what a product is made of, where its components come from, and how it moves through its lifecycle – is emerging as both a regulatory requirement and a strategic differentiator.

Explore our white paper „[Measuring Product-Level Emissions – How to Turn PCFs into a Strategic Advantage](#)“ and find out how to systematically measure your Product Carbon Footprint (PCF), ensure regulatory compliance, and drive smarter procurement decisions.

## Why Product Transparency is Gaining Traction

Regulators and markets are converging on the need for verifiable, product-level data. For example, the EU has made the circular economy a central component of its strategic policy framework, aiming to reduce external dependencies while strengthening resilience and sustainability. Product traceability is a fundamental pillar of these efforts.

Under the [Clean Industrial Deal](#), the EU plans to increase the circular material use rate from 11.8% to 24% by 2030. The EU is also expected to adopt the [Circular Economy Act](#) in 2026 to stimulate demand for secondary materials and circular products while bringing down feedstock costs. The [Eco-Design for Sustainable Products Regulation \(ESPR\)](#) will support these efforts by improving the circularity, energy performance, recyclability, and durability of products and introducing digital product passports (DPPs) across multiple product categories. DPPs are digital records that contain comprehensive product lifecycle information, enabling full traceability of materials and their origins, environmental impacts, repairability, and recycling capabilities.

Other laws like the EU's Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), the EU's Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) or the U.S. Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act (UFLPA) are equally hardwiring expanded product-level sustainability data into procurement decisions – ultimately turning traceability into a gatekeeper for market access, regulatory compliance, and stakeholder trust.

## How Companies Can Approach the Challenge

### Map material flows end-to-end

Traceability begins with understanding what goes into a product – from raw material extraction through manufacturing to end-of-life and reuse.

### Design for data capture

Assign digital identifiers linked to product passports that record material composition, recycled content, repairability, and carbon footprint – aligning all teams around a single data model.

### Embed circular economy thinking

Material substitution, modularity, remanufacturing, reuse, and reverse logistics should become integral elements of product lifecycle planning – lowering raw material dependency and cost volatility.

### Establish a single source of truth

Integrate supplier, product, logistics, and sustainability data on one platform so that all teams use consistent information. Real-time updates allow traceability to become an effective management tool.

## What to Keep in Mind

Product-level traceability demands rigor and collaboration. Companies need to balance openness with confidentiality, ensuring the protection of intellectual property while meeting regulatory requirements and stakeholder expectations. Supplier engagement is critical: traceability fails if upstream partners lack the required resources, digital maturity, or data quality. Governance frameworks must define clear ownership, validation, and verification processes.

Most importantly, traceability should serve more than just compliance purposes. When done well, it unlocks value – opportunities for innovation, new revenue streams, and the ability to verify sustainability claims with confidence.



# Supplier Enablement: Building Sustainable, Resilient Value Chains

If the past few years have taught supply chain leaders anything, it's that a company's approach to sustainability is only as strong as its suppliers. No amount of technology, disclosure, or regulation will deliver impact if suppliers lack the knowledge, tools, and incentives to act.

However, many organizations struggle to conduct meaningful supplier engagement, especially when dealing with large, multi-tier networks. As regulations continue to evolve around the world, supplier enablement is becoming the linchpin of credible, scalable impact and effective compliance.

## How Supplier Enablement Ties in with the Other Trends

- **Regulation:** Regulatory compliance requires informed, well-equipped suppliers.
- **Resilience:** Prepared suppliers help companies adapt quickly and maintain continuity.
- **Agentic AI:** Reliable supplier data makes automation and process orchestration effective.
- **Impact Measurement:** Credible metrics hinge on consistent supplier reporting.
- **Traceability:** Full visibility from raw material to finished product demands supplier engagement.



## Why Supplier Enablement Matters

Supplier enablement sits at the intersection of nearly every sustainability priority and regulation. Compliance and performance both depend on suppliers' ability to measure, report, and improve. From emissions to labor rights and product circularity, suppliers are where most impacts and risks occur.

Ultimately, true resilience comes from shared preparedness. Supplier networks that can adapt to disruptions, provide valuable data, and respond to emerging risks effectively help companies weather volatility and build continuity. In addition, enabled suppliers create multiplier effects – as each one builds capacity, they further strengthen the rest of the value chain.

## The Shift: From Policing to Partnership

Traditionally, supplier management has revolved around ad-hoc data requests, audits, certifications, and corrective actions. But these top-down approaches are giving way to more collaborative methods, capacity building, and continuous dialogue. Leading companies recognize that many suppliers lack the resources to meet sustainability demands. Rather than enforcing requirements, they're investing in enablement and engagement:

### Education and guidance

Workshops, multilingual training, and benchmarking tools that clarify expectations and build know-how.

### Shared accountability

Co-created KPIs and dashboards that track performance and improvement, not just compliance.

### Incentives over penalties

Sustainability-linked contracts, preferential terms, or financing advantages for high-performing suppliers.

### Co-innovation

Collaborating with suppliers on low-carbon materials, circular design, and digital solutions that reduce emissions and waste.

This approach reduces "supplier fatigue" while unlocking the network effect: the more suppliers engage, the faster sustainability performance scales across industries.

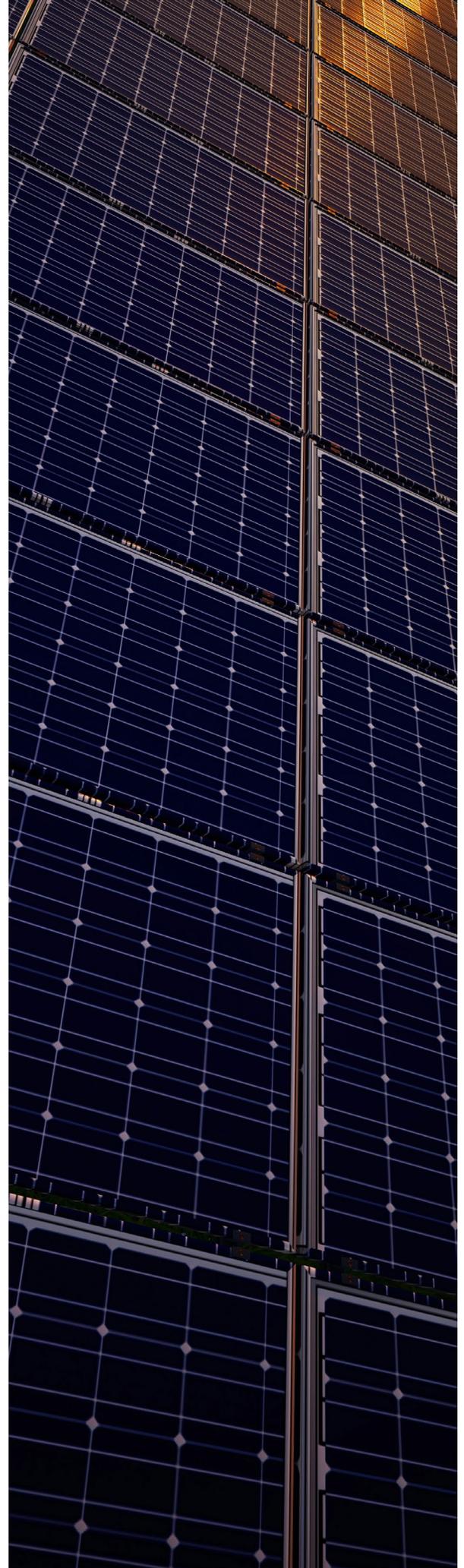
## How to Operationalize Supplier Enablement

To systematically embed enablement, companies should follow these steps:

- 1. Simplify and standardize:** Replace fragmented surveys with harmonized data collection via shared digital platforms – lowering barriers to supplier participation.
- 2. Automate where possible, personalize where it matters:** AI can handle routine tasks such as supplier outreach or data verification – freeing up resources for higher-value activities like strategic relationship management, enablement, and innovation.
- 3. Incorporate sustainability into procurement:** Embed sustainability performance along the supplier life cycle, including in sourcing decisions, contracting, and incentive structures – turning procurement into an engine of change.
- 4. Close the loop between data and improvement:** Use software, shared data ecosystems, and analytics to provide suppliers with feedback, corrective guidance, and measurable progress indicators – transforming information into action.
- 5. Integrate enablement with impact and ROI:** Measure progress through supplier-level KPIs and show how it translates into sustainability outcomes and business value, including reduced risk, stronger partnerships, and operational gains.

## The Road Ahead

Supplier enablement drives credible reporting, innovation, and impact. As sustainability regulations converge and digital technologies mature, companies that invest in their suppliers – educating, empowering, and incentivizing them – will build not just compliant value chains, but more collaborative and resilient ecosystems capable of continuous improvement.



# How IntegrityNext Guides You Through 2026 and Beyond

Most organizations operate in fast-paced, highly dynamic business environments. IntegrityNext helps you stay ahead of evolving regulatory, customer, and investor expectations – so you can future-proof your business and address upcoming challenges head-on.

The [IntegrityNext platform](#) sits at the intersection of supply chain resilience, product traceability, technology deployment, and supplier enablement. It goes beyond mere data collection to deliver real-time, actionable insights for better decision-making:

## Comprehensive Risk Management

Strengthen risk mitigation and resilience along the supply chain

- **Compliance Solutions:** Meet evolving regulatory requirements under the EUDR, CBAM, CSDDD, and more
- **Risk Analysis:** Pinpoint critical supply chain risks across all tiers and material topics and mitigate them in collaboration with your suppliers
- **Data Infrastructure:** Leverage a unified data platform, effective system integrations, and intuitive KPI dashboards to guide cross-functional action

## Extensive Product Traceability

Gain full product-level transparency

- **Automated Product Mapping:** Break down products into their constituent elements – from raw materials to finished products – for enhanced risk insights
- **Product Carbon Footprint (PCF) Assessment:** Calculate product emissions from cradle to gate in line with recognized standards
- **Product Compliance:** Collect data on conflict minerals due diligence and hazardous substances, in alignment with the EU's REACH and RoHs, and the U.S. TSCA

## Full Supply Chain Visibility

Identify critical materials, suppliers, and dependencies across all tiers

### Understand Products in Full Context

See how products are made. Generative AI connects HS codes, materials, and process steps to reveal product composition and sourcing pathways.

### Reveal What's Hidden

Uncover unknown suppliers with predictive AI trained on verified global trade data – exposing hidden relationships and risks across tiers.

### Turn Visibility into Action

Translate insight into improvement with built-in tools for supplier engagement, risk mitigation, and measurable sustainability progress.

### Achieve Compliance

Meet due diligence, deforestation, and decarbonization requirements faster through intelligent automation and a unified, scalable platform.

## Targeted Supplier Collaboration and Enablement

Ensure effective supplier engagement and capacity building

- **Action Tool:** Engage thousands of suppliers and coordinate preventive, corrective, and mitigation measures as well as project follow-ups with ease
- **IntegrityNext Academy:** Empower suppliers and internal teams with [expert-led courses](#) for faster onboarding, stronger supplier performance, and lasting impact

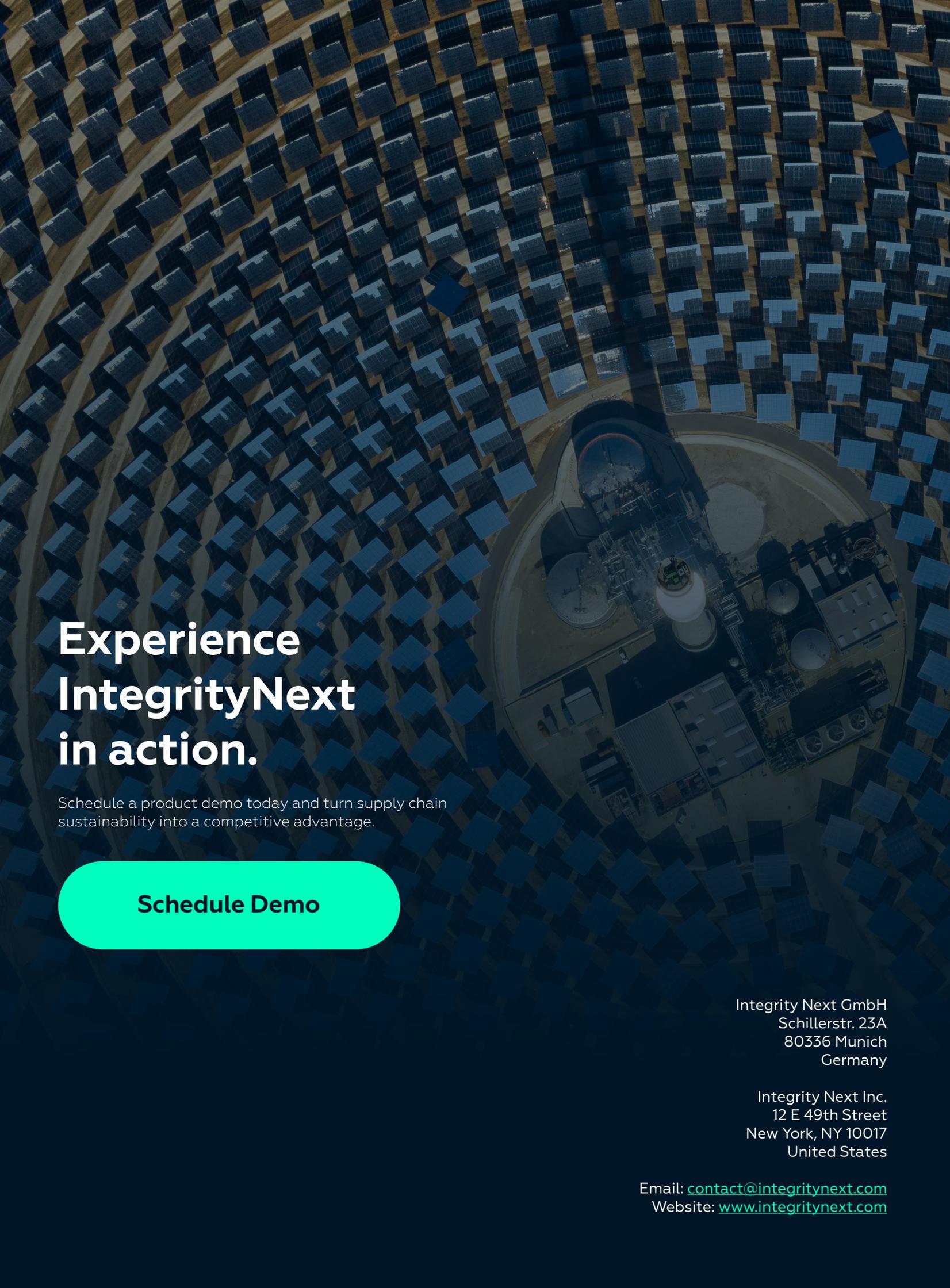
## Our AI Journey

IntegrityNext already leverages AI to deliver tangible value today – from 24/7 sustainability news monitoring and deforestation tracking in real time to AI-driven supplier assessments that gather and analyze pre-existing data to reduce the burden on business partners.

But this is just the beginning.

In 2026, our platform will take a major leap forward – evolving from isolated AI features to fully orchestrated, autonomous agentic AI workflows. This transformation will unlock unprecedented analytical insight and automation, enabling more targeted and proactive action across the supplier lifecycle.

Stay tuned for what's ahead in 2026.

An aerial photograph of a vast solar farm, with rows of solar panels stretching across a desert landscape. In the center, there is a large, circular building complex, possibly a control center or a processing facility, surrounded by more solar panels. The overall scene is bathed in a dark, blue-tinted light, giving it a futuristic and high-tech appearance.

# Experience IntegrityNext in action.

Schedule a product demo today and turn supply chain sustainability into a competitive advantage.

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