

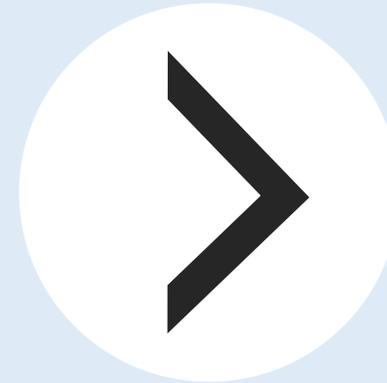
ACTION PLAN



REGION C



ITC



2016 - 2018

Swedish regions and county councils



GENERAL INFORMATION



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PRODUCTS IN FOCUS

- Computers
- Displays & thin clients
- Printers, servers,
- Network, security, storage systems
- Computer accessories
- Smartphones, cellphones, telephone exchange and accessories

VISION

The Swedish County Councils and Regions contribute to long term sustainable production of ICT-products, by enhanced requirements on suppliers due-diligence processes
follow-up and action on supplier Code of Conduct non-compliance
promoting suppliers, through procurement, guaranteeing good working and living conditions, living wages and respect for human rights in the supply chain.

DEV. GOALS

SDG 3:9,
SDG 5:1,
SDG 6:3,
SDG 8:7, 8:8,
SDG 10.2,
SDG 12,
SDG 15:1,
SDG 16:2, 16:5



SUPPLY CHAIN

Generic supply chain

IKT

Raw material

Minerals

Other sub-suppliers

Component manufacturing

Final assembly

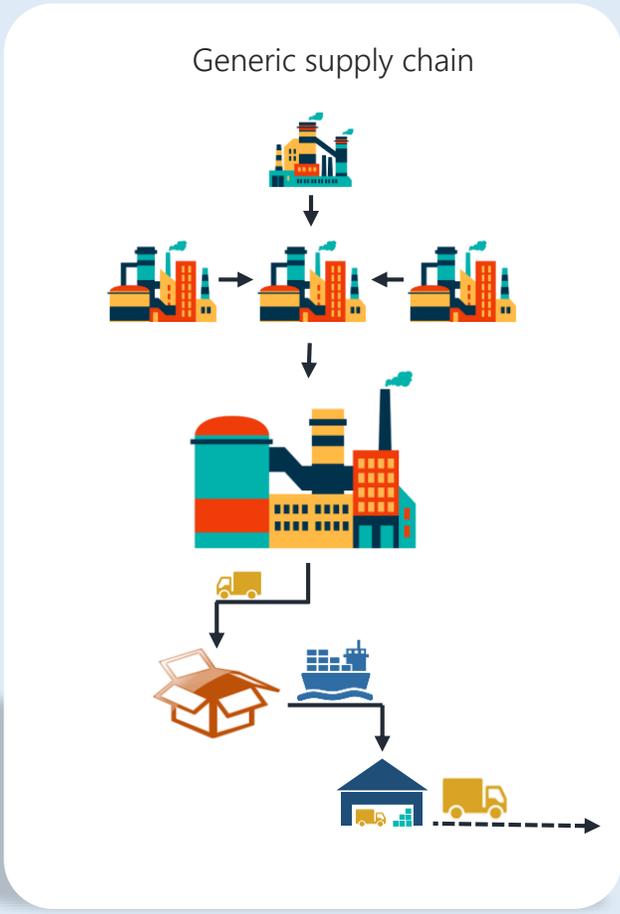
Final assembly

ICT Brands, retailers, service suppliers

Packaging/distribution

Packaging/distribution

Reuse/recycling





PRIORITIZED RISK

GENERIC SUPPLY CHAIN ▼	HUMAN RIGHTS	LABOR RIGHTS	ENVIRONMENT	ANTI-CORRUPTION
RAW MATERIAL	Conflict minerals Tin, Tantalum, Tungsten and Gold (3TG), as well as cobalt, emanating from mining operations in the DRC and adjoining countries are associated with serious human rights abuses on workers and communities and the proceeds are used to finance regional conflicts. Land grabbing occurs in most mining countries.	Mining industry (especially 3TG, cobalt, copper) is known for hazardous working conditions leading to fatal injuries and diseases. There is a high risk of forced labour, child labour and other forms of modern slavery.	Mining has strong negative environmental impacts with a high loss of biodiversity and risk of soil and water contamination. Mining is often carried out without proper environmental monitoring and control.	Mining takes place in countries with weak and corrupt government systems. There is a high level of corruption in the mining industry.
OTHER SUB-SUPPLIERS		The main concerns in ICT are: lack of freedom of association/collective bargaining and on working and living conditions such as salaries below living wage, excessive overtime hours, poor housing, forced labour and occupational health and safety risks. Problems are generally larger further down in supply chain.	High usage of chemicals and toxic metals in component production plants (IC, RAM, PCB, Cameras, batteries etc.) pose a risk for workers and the environment, local communities suffers from air and water pollution. Problems are generally larger further down in supply chain.	ICT manufacturing takes place in countries with a high level of corruption.
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PACKAGING/ DISTRIBUTION				
REUSE/RECYCLING	There is a risk that electronic waste is dumped in poor countries, harming human health and the environment.		There is a risk that electronic waste is dumped in poor countries, harming human health and the environment.	



GOALS



HUMAN RIGHTS

ICT companies should undertake and publicly disclose their due diligence practices on smelters and minerals supply chain in accordance with *OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Area*. Follow-up will pay particular attention on how brands manage these risks in sub-tiers. Promote suppliers that have a conflict mineral policy and due diligence process.

LABOR RIGHTS

ICT production often takes place in countries where freedom of association and collective bargaining is very limited. Temporary employments and large turnover rates makes it difficult for workers to unionise. The County Council believes that increased workers' influence is crucial to improve workers' rights and the basis for a long term sustainable production. Some audits do not address this issue at depth which the County Council consider a separate call for concern. Follow-up should pay particular attention on how brands manage these risks; industry programs and initiatives that address workers empowerment will be encouraged.

LABOR RIGHTS

Health and safety issues remain a high concern in ICT production, especially due to the use of chemicals and other hazardous substances, see 3.1 below. Follow-up will pay particular attention on how brands manage these risks in sub-tiers.

Forced labour occurs among migrant workers and student workers in the electronics industry. Follow-up will pay particular attention on how brands manage these risks in sub-tiers.

Salaries below living wage are common and social benefits not always paid. According to the County Council Code of Conduct the supplier shall support the payment of living wages to employees. Living wage definition and business models need to be developed before this can be realized. The County Council will promote dialogues with suppliers, business community and civil society organizations on living wage and how to improve living conditions, in particular in dormitories, to better meet human needs and support the family situation of workers.

Excessive working hours is a widespread problem in the ICT manufacturing industry and closely related to the low wages. Poor supply chain management, short lead times, peak production and understaffed factories are also contributing to the problem. Follow-up will pay particular attention on how brands manage these risks in sub-tiers.

ENVIRONMENT

Discharge of chemicals or explosions/fires may pollute the environment and impact nearby communities. Environmental and OHS related risks in sub-tiers should be part of Brands supply chain due diligence and follow-up should pay particular attention on how brands manage these risks in sub-tiers.

E-waste is a growing concern and there is a risk that the County Council 's e-waste end up at illegal e-waste hotspots. The county council will assess risks and follow-up on ICT reuse and recycling suppliers.

ANTI-CORRUPTION

Corruption is high in countries of production in the ICT supply chain which undermines human rights, workers rights and proper environmental protection. Follow-up should pay particular attention on how brands manage the risks of corruption. The corruption risk will be further assessed.

OTHER STRATEGIC GOALS

Transparency is key to assess, address and promote sustainable supply chains. End-buyers and consumers need access to information to be able to choose products and be a driver for change. Resellers and brands need to establish processes that enables information sharing and reporting, also further down in the supply chain. The county council will seek dialogues with suppliers, business community and civil society organizations to clarify expectations and enhance reporting requirements.

The county council is looking for ways to benchmark suppliers/brands/products and will seek dialogues with suppliers, business community and civil society organizations on how to rate and track progress on supply chain sustainability.

The ICT-industry has expressed a wish that buyers coordinate and streamline requirements and processes. The county council already do so through the national cooperation on supplier code of conduct and sees a value to enhance the communication on best practices and lessons learned to other public buyers in Europe.



ACTIVITY FOCUS

Year 1

Focus on desktop audits and membership in Electronics Watch. Participation in the EICC annual conference responsible electronics and stakeholder dialogue on evaluation criteria.

Year 2

Desktop audits and continued development of award criteria focusing on addressing freedom of association and conflict minerals.

Year 3

Continued desktop follow-ups. Stakeholder dialogue on award criteria and pilot. Continued membership in Electronics Watch.



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