

COMPLETE STANDARDS DIRECTORY

Green Cross United
Kingdom

1. HOLISTIC & FOUNDATIONAL FRAMEWORKS (4 Standards)

01. B Corporation Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comprehensive certification for companies balancing profit with purpose - https://www.bcorporation.net/en-us - For-profit companies committed to social/environmental performance, accountability, transparency - Covers governance, workers, community, environment, customers across entire business model
02. Green Key	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leading standard for excellence in environmental responsibility and sustainable operation in tourism - https://www.greenkey.global - Hotels, hostels, small accommodations, attractions, restaurants, conference centers - 13 imperative criteria + optional for continuous improvement in hospitality sector
03. Global Footprint Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scientific measurement of humanity's demand on Earth's ecosystems - https://www.footprintnetwork.org - https://www.footprintnetwork.org/our-work/earth-overshoot-day - Nations, cities, organizations measuring ecological footprint and biocapacity - Tracks Earth Overshoot Day—when humanity's demand exceeds Earth's annual regeneration capacity*
04. ICMM (International Council on Mining and Metals)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mining industry framework for responsible mining practices - https://www.icmm.com - Mining companies committed to sustainable development principles - 10 Principles + Position Statements covering environmental stewardship, human rights, community development*

2. INFRASTRUCTURE & BUILT ENVIRONMENT (18 Standards)

05. ENVISION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Global rating system for sustainable infrastructure (developed by ISI & Harvard) - https://sustainableinfrastructure.org - Water, energy, transport, landscape, among other infrastructure projects
06. LEED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design - World's most widely used green building certification - https://www.usgbc.org/leed - Commercial, residential, interiors, among others
07. BREEAM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) - UK environmental assessment method for buildings - https://www.breeam.com - New construction and existing buildings
08. CEEQUAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assessment scheme for civil engineering projects - https://www.ceequal.com - Bridges, roads, railways, hydraulic works
09. Infrastructure Sustainability (IS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Australian scheme for sustainable infrastructure - https://www.isca.org.au - Infrastructure projects in Australia & New Zealand
10. SPeAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainability assessment tool by Arup - https://www.arup.com - Early-stage sustainability analysis
11. Greenroads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rating system for sustainable roadway projects - https://www.greenroads.org - Highways, streets, roadways
12. Invest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tool for sustainable transport evaluation - https://www.sustainabletransport.org - Public and multimodal transport systems

13. STARS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rating system for sustainable campuses - https://stars.aashe.org - Universities, institutional complexes
14. SITES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rating system for sustainable landscapes - https://www.sustainablesites.org - Parks, public spaces, gardens
15. GREEN STAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Australian certification for buildings and communities - https://new.gbca.org.au/green-star - Buildings, communities, retail centers
16. WELL Building Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certification focused on human health and wellness - https://www.wellcertified.com - Offices, hospitals, schools, residential
17. Living Building Challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - World's most rigorous regenerative standard - https://living-future.org/lbc - Net-positive impact ambition projects
18. Passive House (Passivhaus)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standard for near-zero energy buildings - https://passivehouse.com - Residential and commercial in cold/temperate climates
19. EDGE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Excellence in Design for Greater Efficiencies - Resource efficiency certification for emerging markets - https://edgebuildings.com - Projects in developing countries
20. CASBEE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Comprehensive Assessment System for Built Environment Efficiency - Japanese green building evaluation system - https://www.ibec.or.jp/CASBEE - Buildings in Japanese/Asian context
21. DGNB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Nachhaltiges Bauen - German certification for holistic sustainability - https://www.dgnb.de/en - Buildings, districts, interiors in Europe
22. HQE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Haute Qualité Environnementale

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - French high environmental quality certification - https://www.behqe.com - Projects in France and francophone countries
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3. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (6 Standards)

23. ISO 14001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental Management System - https://www.iso.org/iso-14001-environmental-management.html - Organizations of any sector and size
24. ISO 14003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guidelines for EMS implementation - https://www.iso.org/standard/60856.html - Complementary guide to ISO 14001
25. ISO 14006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guidelines for ecodesign - https://www.iso.org/standard/66679.html - Manufacturing and product companies
26. EMAS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eco-Management and Audit Scheme - EU environmental management and audit system - https://ec.europa.eu/environment/emas - Organizations in the European Union
27. ISO 26000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social responsibility guidance - https://www.iso.org/iso-26000-social-responsibility.html - CSR framework (non-certifiable)
28. ISO 37101	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustainable development in communities - https://www.iso.org/standard/61885.html - Cities, municipalities, communities

4. CLIMATE & CARBON (8 Standards)

29. GHG Protocol	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Global standard for GHG accounting - https://ghgprotocol.org - Corporations, projects, products
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30. ISO 14064	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specifications for GHG quantification, reporting, verification - https://www.iso.org/standard/66453.html - Technical complement to GHG Protocol
31. PAS 2060	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Specification for carbon neutrality - https://www.bsigroup.com - Demonstration of corporate carbon neutrality
32. Carbon Trust Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carbon reduction certification - https://www.carbontrust.com - Companies reducing emissions year-over-year
33. SBTI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Science Based Targets Initiative - Methodology for climate science-aligned targets - https://sciencebasedtargets.org - Corporations with climate commitments
34. CDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Carbon Disclosure Project - Corporate environmental reporting system - https://www.cdp.net - Companies reporting to investors
35. Gold Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standard for high-quality carbon projects - https://www.goldstandard.org - Offset projects with co-benefits
36. VCS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Verified Carbon Standard (VCS) - Programme for carbon offset projects - https://verra.org/programs/verified-carbon-standard - Voluntary carbon market

5. BIODIVERSITY & NATURE (7 Standards)

37. IUCN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Global Standard for Nature-based Solutions - Standard for nature-based solutions - https://www.iucn.org/theme/nature-based-solutions - Restoration, conservation projects
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38. TNFD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures - Framework for reporting nature-related risks and opportunities - https://tnfd.global - Financial institutions, corporations
39. NCP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Natural Capital Protocol - Framework for valuing natural capital impacts and dependencies - https://capitalscoalition.org/capitals-approach/natural-capital-protocol - Corporate natural capital assessments
40. BIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Biodiversity Indicators Partnership - Set of indicators for biodiversity monitoring - https://www.bipindicators.net - Governments, protected areas
41. SAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SAN Biodiversity Assessment** - Methodology for agricultural biodiversity impact - https://www.rainforest-alliance.org - Farms and agroforestry
42. RSPO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil - Standard for sustainable palm oil - https://rspo.org - Palm oil plantations
43. FSC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest Stewardship Council - Responsible forest management certification - https://fsc.org - Forests, plantations, timber products

6. CIRCULAR ECONOMY (6 Standards)

44. Cradle to Cradle Certified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Standard for circular and healthy products - https://www.c2ccertified.org - Consumer products, construction materials
45. Circularity Indicators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Circularity Indicators (Ellen MacArthur Foundation) - Metrics for product/company circularity

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - https://ellenmacarthurfoundation.org - Companies transitioning to circular economy
46. ISO 14040/14044	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) - https://www.iso.org/standard/37456.html - Environmental assessment of products/services
47. EPD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental Product Declarations - Type III environmental declarations - https://www.environdec.com - Construction materials, industrial products
48. TRUE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Total Resource Use and Efficiency - Zero waste certification - https://true.gbci.org - Facilities diverting >90% waste from landfill
49. UL Environment's ECV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Environmental claims and certifications - https://www.ul.com - Products with verified environmental claims

7. WATER RESOURCES (4 Standards)

50. AWS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alliance for Water Stewardship - International water stewardship standard - https://a4ws.org - Water-intensive sites
51. ISO 14046	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water footprint - https://www.iso.org/standard/43263.html - Water-related impact assessment
52. WELS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water Efficiency Rating Label (WELS) - Water efficiency labeling system (Australia) - https://www.waterrating.gov.au - Sanitary fixtures, appliances
53. LEED Water Efficiency Credits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LEED Water Efficiency Credits - Specific water management credits in LEED - https://www.usgbc.org/credits - Projects seeking LEED certification

8. ENERGY (3 Standards)

54. Energy Star	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Energy efficiency program (EPA/USA) - https://www.energystar.gov - Buildings, products, industrial plants
55. ISO 50001	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Energy management system - https://www.iso.org/iso-50001-energy-management.html - Organizations improving energy performance
56. bEQ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Building Energy Quotient - Building energy efficiency labeling - https://www.ashrae.org - Building comparative assessment

9. SOCIAL & GOVERNANCE (4 Standards)

57. IFC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IFC Performance Standards** - Environmental and social performance standards - https://www.ifc.org/en/insights-reports/2012/ifc-performance-standards - Private sector investment projects
58. Equator Principles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Risk management framework for financial institutions - https://equator-principles.com - Banks financing large projects
59. SA8000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Social accountability standard - https://sa-intl.org - Labor conditions in supply chains
60. UN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights - Guiding principles on business and human rights - Human rights due diligence

10. REPORTING & TRANSPARENCY (5 Standards)

61. GRI Standards

Global standards for sustainability reporting

🔗 <https://www.globalreporting.org>

💡 Annual corporate sustainability reports

62. SASB Standards

Standards for financially material sustainability disclosure

🔗 <https://www.sasb.org>

💡 Financially material information by industry

63. TCFD Recommendations

Recommendations for climate-related financial disclosures

🔗 <https://www.fsb-tcfd.org>

💡 Climate risks and opportunities reporting

64. CDSB Framework

Framework for reporting environmental and climate information

🔗 <https://www.cdsb.net>

💡 Integration into annual reports

65. Integrated Reporting Framework

Framework for integrated reporting (IIRC)

🔗 <https://www.integratedreporting.org>

💡 Connecting sustainability with value creation

11. 10. SUSTAINABLE FINANCE (4 Standards)

66. Green Bond Principles (GBP)

Voluntary principles for green bonds

🔗 <https://www.icmagroup.org/sustainable-finance>

💡 Issuers and investors in green bonds

67. Climate Bonds Standard

Standard and certification scheme for climate bonds

🔗 <https://www.climatebonds.net>



- 📍 Climate bond certification

68. EU Taxonomy

Classification of sustainable economic activities

🔗 <https://ec.europa.eu/sustainable-finance-taxonomy>

- 📍 Activities in the European Union

69. Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI)

Principles for responsible investment

🔗 <https://www.unpri.org>

- 📍 Investment institutions

12. ## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

1. **Sustainable Infrastructure Tools Index**

<https://sustainable-infrastructure-tools.org/tools-index>

2. **ISO Standards Catalogue**

<https://www.iso.org/standards.html>

3. **World Bank EHS Guidelines**

<https://www.ifc.org/en/insights-reports/2012/ifc-ehs-guidelines>

4. **UNEP Finance Initiative**

<https://www.unepfi.org>

This document serves as comprehensive technical reference. For project-specific guidance, consult Green Cross UK's ASV Methodology team.