



# EMPOWERING SMES FOR SUSTAINABLE SUCCESS



*The CSRD Challenge and  
Opportunities*

## INTRODUCTION

# VSME

The European Union's Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) has introduced stringent requirements for transparency, particularly in supply chain practices.

While these regulations pose challenges for businesses, they also offer an opportunity to showcase sustainability efforts and build competitive advantage.

Though small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) are largely exempt from mandatory CSRD compliance, larger companies increasingly require CSRD-compliant data from their suppliers, creating a ripple effect across supply chains. Proactively aligning with CSRD principles, even voluntarily, can help SMEs stand out, build credibility, and improve market positioning.

The European Union define an SME as an undertaking with less than 250 employees.

## THE VSME ESRS: A GAME-CHANGER FOR SMES

The CSRD Voluntary Standard for SMEs (VSME) is designed to address the unique needs of smaller businesses. This framework provides SMEs with the tools to:

### **Align with ESRS Requirements:**

*Simplify compliance without the complexities faced by larger organizations.*

### **Generate Standardized Data:**

*Produce reliable sustainability data that meets the demands of client's sustainability reporting.*

### **Reduce Administrative Burdens:**

*Streamline data collection efforts and minimize ad hoc client requests.*

### **Build a Sustainable Foundation:**

*Establish systems for future reporting as regulations evolve.*

By adopting the VSME ESRS, SMEs can position themselves as proactive, responsible partners in the supply chain, gaining trust and maintaining competitiveness.





# We help you turn your sustainability challenges into strategic opportunities.

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## Scandic Sourcing

### Your Partner in Sustainability

With over 15 years of expertise in supplier code of conduct assessments and sustainability audits, Scandic Sourcing supports European companies sourcing from China and Asia. Our tailored programs are designed to:

**Guide SMEs Through VSME ESRS:**

Provide hands-on support to Client team to ensure compliance with client expectations while keeping processes practical, cost-effective and minimizing the burden on the organization.

**Enhance Supply Chain Transparency:**

Address the most challenging aspect of sustainability reporting through structured and actionable programs.

**Deliver Measurable Results:**

Help businesses showcase their sustainability efforts effectively and build resilience against future regulations.

### Turning Challenges into Opportunities

Scandic Sourcing emphasizes the transformative potential of the VSME ESRS. SMEs equipped with VSME-aligned reports can:

- *Meet client requirements with ease.*
- *Demonstrate their commitment to sustainability.*
- *Simplify the complexities of transparent reporting for resource-constrained teams.*



Adopting the VSME ESRS isn't just about meeting immediate demands; it's an investment in long-term business success. By embracing sustainability practices today, SMEs can strengthen their market position and prepare for the regulatory demands of tomorrow.

## Partner with Scandic Sourcing

Scandic Sourcing's tailored solutions and extensive expertise make us an invaluable partner for SMEs navigating the evolving landscape of corporate sustainability reporting. Contact us to learn how we can help your business leverage the VSME ESRS framework to turn compliance challenges into opportunities for growth and success.

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