

Sustainability Software Checklist

Once you've decided to use sustainability software to measure your greenhouse gas emissions, the next decision is which software to use.

Here's a quick checklist of questions to ask yourself and your chosen vendor:

Emissions	
Does the software use appropriate emissions factors?	
Does the tool take into consideration both physical location and time-frame of your assessment to ensure accuracy?	
Are emissions factors applied consistently and updated frequently?	
Does the system automatically calculate emissions, metrics and other KPI's in real time?	
Can the tool flag incorrect data?	
Data Management	
Does the software have a mechanism for managing secondary, proxy or missing data?	
Does the system have in-built assumptions that let you enter data that you do have (eg floor area, spend, mileage)? ¹	
Can the tool accommodate the full range of available data types for scope 1, scope 2 and scope 3? ²	
Is the reporting functionality sufficient? For instance is it available in a pre-formatted CDP data set?	
Is the reporting process transparent? ³	
<p>¹ - This will make it faster and easier to get data into the system and greatly aid transparency and auditability.</p> <p>² - It's unlikely that your data is perfect, particularly as reporting requirements extend into scope 3 and supply chains, so the software should allow for a combination of primary, secondary, proxy and financial data.</p> <p>³ - Your data and calculations should be ready for audit and verification when required</p>	

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Vendor	
How experienced is your chosen vendor? Do they have clients in your sector?	
Can they tell you their clients renewal rate?	
Will you have access to named specialist support? ⁴	
Is the software capable of supporting future reporting requirements? ⁵	

⁴ - Accounting for emissions isn't straightforward – particularly as the scope of reporting expands to include value chain emissions, climate and nature based risk. Make sure you have access to someone with expertise in climate and environmental reporting.

⁵ - [Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive](#) (EU)
[Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting \(SECR\) regulations](#) (UK)
[US SEC Proposed New Rules](#) (USA)



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