

TfS launches learning hub for chemical companies and suppliers

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- *The TfS Academy will boost sustainable procurement expertise as part of the wider TfS mission of fostering more sustainable chemical supply chains.*
- *Over 240 courses in seven languages, covering key sustainability topics, are available.*
- *The TfS Academy will be free to access for employees of TfS member companies and their suppliers.*

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Together for Sustainability (TfS), the industry-led initiative for sustainable chemical supply chains, is proud to announce the launch of a brand-new, free capability-building and learning offering for its member companies and their suppliers: the [TfS Academy](#).

As of today, the TfS Academy is open for member companies' employees and selected supply chain partners to build on their existing knowledge to stay abreast of the latest recommendations and expectations in the area of sustainable procurement. TfS is encouraging its community to sign up and get started with their learning journey under the call-to-action: "**Unlock Your SustainAbilities**".

TfS President Bertrand Conquéret says, "The TfS initiative is based on the belief that procurement is a key enabler in making supply chains and businesses at large more sustainable. Therefore, it is essential that we empower our procurement teams and supply chain partners by equipping them with the right sustainability knowledge and expertise. The TfS Academy intends to do just that, opening its doors to buyers and suppliers at all levels to boost their sustainability skills in key areas enabling them to apply their learnings at work and drive Sustainable Leadership!"

With 240 courses in seven languages (English, Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese, Vietnamese, and Bengali), the TfS Academy is intended as a one-stop learning environment for TfS member companies' buyers and suppliers. The courses include e-learning, guidelines, webinar recordings, and quick reference guides, and are divided into six areas: health and safety, environment, sustainable procurement, labour and human rights, management, and governance.

The TfS Academy curriculum has been specifically designed to meet the learning needs of the TfS community, based on analysis of the most pressing issues of interest. Topics covered include water and waste management, managing greenhouse gas emissions, protecting biodiversity, preventing forced labour, transparency and ethics, and embedding sustainability standards in procurement processes – to name just a few. These are suitable for all levels of experience (beginner, intermediate, and advanced) and roles (from blue-collar to C-Suite), and range in length and breadth, allowing each learner to follow along at their own pace.

The TfS Academy will support the wider TfS mission of driving continuous supply chain improvements, by helping suppliers prepare for or follow-up on TfS Audits and Assessments and supporting buyers from TfS member companies in their ongoing dialogue with suppliers to improve sustainability performance.

This latest offering is part of TfS' strategy 2020-2025 to grow the membership and increase impact. In 2021, the TfS Capability and Training Programme delivered nine training sessions in several languages to over 1,800 learners. Together with EcoVadis, TfS also conducted supplier training in North and Latin America, Europe and China dedicated to supporting their Assessments and follow-up in the areas of Labour and Human Rights Policies, Whistle-blower Procedures, Environmental Reports, and Sustainable Purchasing Policies. You can learn more about TfS' commitment to ongoing capability-building, as well as other activities, in the [2021 Activity Report](#).

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A procurement-driven initiative, TfS delivers a framework with robust tools to increase the sustainability performance of chemical companies and their suppliers.

TfS, a global, procurement-driven initiative, delivers a ground-breaking framework with robust tools – TfS Assessments and TfS Audits – to assess and improve the sustainability performance of chemical companies and their suppliers. The TfS program also includes the development of a scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions Product Carbon Footprint calculation and sharing solution, and global capability building activities. TfS delivers the de facto global standard for environmental, social and governance performance of the chemical supply chains. The program is based on the UN Global Compact and Responsible Care® principles. TfS is a global organisation with regional members' representation in Asia, North and South America. Operating as a unique member-driven organisation, the TfS member companies shape the future of the chemical industry together.

Chemical supply chains for a better world.

Current TfS member companies are ADVANSIX, AKZONOBEL, ARCHROMA, ARKEMA, AZELIS, BASF, BAYER, BRENNTAG, CHEMOURS, CLARIANT, CRODA, CORTEVA, COVESTRO, DOW, DSM, EASTMAN, EVONIK, GIVAUDAN, HENKEL, ICL, IFF, KRATON, LANXESS, LYONDELLBASELL, MERCK, OMV, SEMPERIT, SIKA, SOLVAY, SYNGENTA, UPM, WACKER, and WANHUA.

TfS member companies represent a global turnover in the chemical industry of €375 billion and a global spend of €244 billion.

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