



Driving Transparency and Sustainability: How Evonik Streamlines Supplier Prequalification with IntegrityNext



"With IntegrityNext, we can efficiently prequalify thousands of suppliers while ensuring compliance with stringent sustainability and regulatory standards. Continuously updated questionnaires, a multilingual platform interface, and seamless ERP integration help to substantially streamline the entire process."

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Context & Goals

Evonik, a global leader in specialty chemicals, sources products from suppliers in over 100 countries. The company uses the IntegrityNext platform to achieve the following objectives:

- Ensure proactive supply chain risk management in line with regulatory and sustainability standards
- Establish a centralized, automated process for efficient supplier pre-qualification
- Enhance transparency and documentation of sustainability performance across the supply chain

Project Description

Responsibility for sustainability in the procurement department lies with the Sustainability, Risk & Compliance team. It manages the prequalification of new suppliers, trains sourcing managers on sustainability topics, and coordinates initiatives across the supply chain.

Sourcing managers use IntegrityNext data and analytics integrated into SAP to verify supplier credentials during the procurement process. For example, they check for ISO certifications, assess compliance with human rights standards, and confirm adherence to due diligence obligations related to conflict minerals.

Key Outcomes

- **Scalable risk analysis:** Over 11,000 tier 1 suppliers assessed – enabling in-depth, data-driven transparency.
- **Broad risk coverage:** Supplier practices evaluated across LkSG-relevant topics and several other key risk areas.
- **Effective compliance framework:** Enhanced visibility and robust risk analysis lay foundation for compliance with legal due diligence obligations.
- **Streamlined procurement:** Digital pre-qualification managed efficiently by a small core team – significantly reducing the burden on sourcing managers.

Impact at a Glance

11,000

suppliers systematically prequalified using self-assessments

400

procurement staff benefit from efficiency gains through digital, centralized prequalification



94%

response rate for supplier self-assessments

Scalable

due diligence process enables coverage of a large and growing supplier base

About Evonik

Sector

Specialty chemicals

Annual revenue

€15.2 billion (2024)

Employees

32,000 (2024)

Headquarters

Essen, Germany

Number of suppliers

33,000 (tier 1)

Annual procurement spend

€10.5 billion (2024)

IntegrityNext product use

Supplier prequalification, compliance with the German Supply Chain Act (LkSG)