

Self-Assessment of Responsible Care

This tool is used by companies in chemical sector to implement Responsible Care. Responsible Care is worldwide commitment on volunteer basis to promote continuous improvement and accomplishment of outstanding performance with chemical compound management.



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Cefic created a new Responsible Care management system for Europe to enable more companies in the chemical industry to join the Responsible Care group and improve their reputation and credibility.

The revised Responsible Care management system provides European chemical companies with a clear, inclusive and progressive path to continuous improvement.

It includes the development of practical tools (the Responsible Care Management Framework and the Responsible Care Self-Assessment Tool) that is valuable to both companies and national associations, and to create maturity levels that will help companies grow over time. It unites the European Responsible Care® agency with the highest possible standards (i.e. Quality Management ISO9001, Environmental Management ISO14001, EMAS, Energy Management ISO50001, Health and Safety Management ISO45001, ISO26000, RC 14001 and RCMS, two technical specifications from the American Chemistry Council worldwide application) along with sustainability principles (i.e. the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the Cefic Sustainability Charter and the ChemistryCan Initiative). Ultimately, it contributes to a harmonized Responsible Care approach at ICCA level.

The revised management system includes continuous performance evaluation and ongoing evaluation of small and large companies or workplaces that have or have not had experience with Responsible Care or have or have not established standards. It therefore includes the following 4 levels of sophistication/maturity, which represent 4 different levels of Responsible Care implementation:

Level 1	Commit to Responsible Care Commitment to Responsible Care	The candidate commits to Responsible Care and begins to familiarize himself with the implementation steps.
Level 2	Initiate and Plan	Planning and implementation: the organization has started implementing Responsible Care within its operations, improvement plans are drawn up and implemented.
Level 3	Improve Continuously	PDCA - planning and control: the organization has reached implementation level where plans and actions are not only implemented but also evaluated to lead to continuous improvement; fully implemented system approach.
Level 4	Promote and Sustain Excellence	Promote and maintain high standards The organization has achieved improved performance and greater efficiency. It continues by either reviewing the effectiveness of its processes or sharing best practices with colleagues, partners, etc. to support business building and accelerate changes.

Note: This is a voluntary self-assessment tool developed by the Cefic Responsible Care Issue Team to support companies in assessing their performance under the Responsible Care Global Charter. This tool - and any accompanying guidance - does not change or replace the content of the Responsible Care Global Charter. It is in no way intended to be prescriptive or binding; companies and national associations are free to define how they will implement the Global Charter, including priorities and levels of engagement. Ultimately, it is up to each signatory to the Global Charter to assess the appropriateness of the measures taken in implementing the Global Charter. No disclaimers or warranties are made as to the completeness or accuracy of the tool, and neither Cefic nor any company that is a member of Cefic accepts any liability for damages of any nature arising from the use of or reliance on the information it contains.



Result

Partial score	score	minimum	maximum
KAPI Corporate leadership culture	3.89	1	4
KAPI Protection of people and environment	3.65	1	4
KAPI Strengthening chemical management system	2.70	1	4
KAPI Effect on business partners	3.41	1	4
KAPI Stakeholder engagement	3.83	1	4
KAPI Contributing to sustainability	3.40	1	4

Total score

3.49

87.27 %

