

# AI-Driven Sustainability Framework Benchmarking Tool

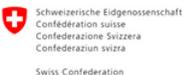
User Guide | Version 1.0

This user guide provides an overview of the Sustainability Framework Benchmarking Tool, an AI-powered web application developed by the Global Infrastructure Basel Foundation (GIB).

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# Introduction to the sustainability framework benchmarking tool

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## Sustainability Benchmarking

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The **Sustainability Framework Benchmarking Tool** is an **AI-powered web application** designed to support the alignment of **Voluntary Sustainability Standards (VSS)**—voluntary certification systems that define ESG benchmarks for responsible business conduct—**with selected regulatory requirements.**

As sustainability regulations evolve, the tool helps users understand how VSS indicators compare to regulatory expectations, providing a clear, evidence-based foundation for informed decision-making and regulatory readiness.



# Functional overview of the application

The tool enables users to:



Use AI to read and analyse large volumes of text from sustainability standards and regulations.



Identify overlaps, gaps, and alignment between VSS requirements and regulatory obligations.



Benchmark indicators and criteria to determine whether a VSS is *Fully compliant*, *Partially aligned*, *Missing key elements*

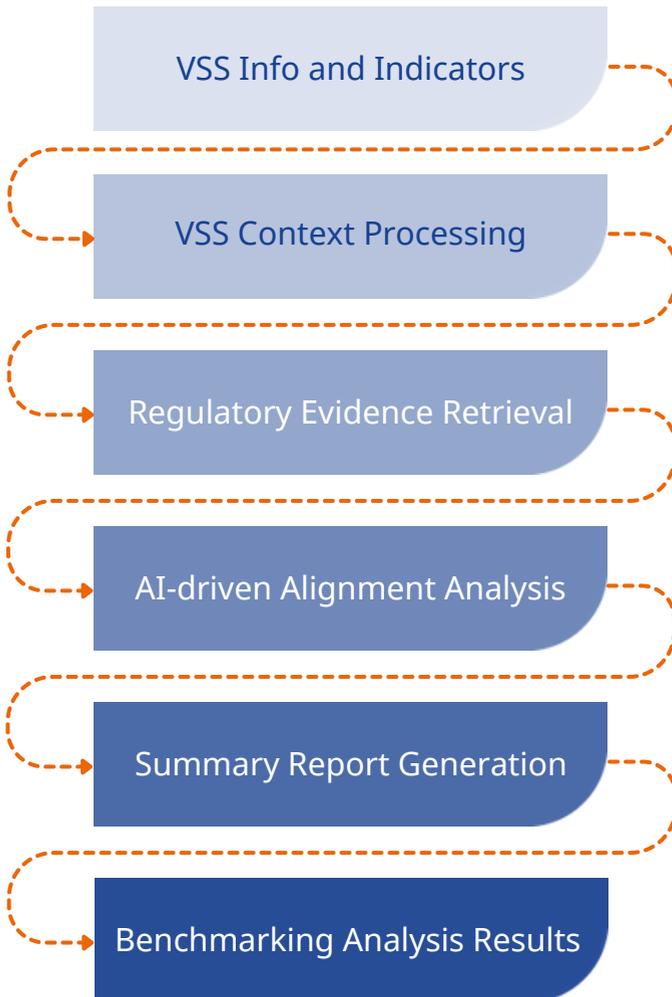


Generate clear, structured summaries and reports, significantly reducing time and manual effort required for analysis.



# Application system workflow

The tool leverages artificial intelligence to process text, assess framework alignment, and generate summary reports, following a clear, step-by-step workflow.





# Designed for sustainability stakeholders\*



## STANDARD-SETTING BODIES AND VSS OWNERS

Organisations that develop and manage voluntary sustainability standards and need to assess how their criteria align with evolving regulations.



## INVESTORS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND VERIFICATION BODIES

Organisations conducting audits or conformity assessments that need structured benchmarking insights.



## POLICYMAKERS AND REGULATORS

Public authorities assessing how voluntary standards map against legislative requirements or exploring recognition mechanisms.



## SUSTAINABILITY AND COMPLIANCE TEAMS OF ORGANISATIONS

Companies using VSS certifications who want to understand how those standards support regulatory obligations.

*\*The app is currently accessible to ISEAL members. Interested organisations may contact GIB for more information.*



# Regulatory coverage of the application

The current version benchmarks against these four legal frameworks, with the option to expand to additional regulations upon request.

**SUSTAINABLE FINANCE  
DISCLOSURE  
REGULATION (SFDR)**

**EU DEFORESTATION  
REGULATION (EUDR)**

**Directives and  
EU Regulations  
the Tool Covers**

**CORPORATE  
SUSTAINABILITY DUE  
DILIGENCE DIRECTIVE  
(CS3D)**

**CORPORATE  
SUSTAINABILITY  
REPORTING DIRECTIVE  
(CSRD)**

# 7-Step benchmarking process overview

The platform follows a simple, step-by-step workflow to guide users through the benchmarking process.

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Login and Sign Up



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Enter Primary Framework Information



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Upload Sustainability Indicators



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Upload Supporting Documents (Optional)



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Select the Legal Framework



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Run the AI Analysis



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Review Summary Results

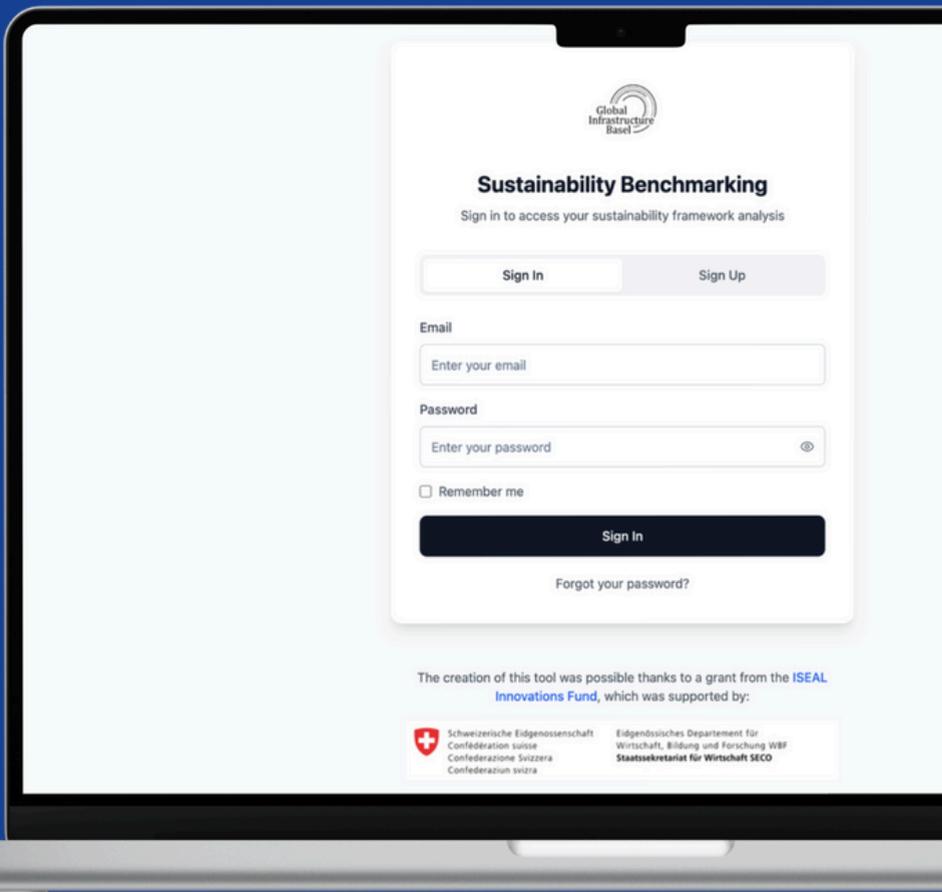


# 1

## Login and sign up

Reach out to GIB at [info@gib-foundation.org](mailto:info@gib-foundation.org) to request the application link.

Create an account to securely access the platform and begin your benchmarking analysis.



# 2

## Enter primary framework information

Provide key details about your sustainability framework, including:

- Framework name
- Version
- Publication date
- Standard-setting organisation

The screenshot displays the 'Sustainability Framework Benchmarking' interface. At the top, it reads 'Sustainability Framework Benchmarking' and 'AI-Powered Benchmarking Analysis for Sustainability Frameworks against Legal Requirements'. Below this is an 'Analysis Progress' section with a progress bar and six steps: Primary Information (active), Sustainability Indicators, Supporting Documents, Legal Framework, AI Analysis, and a download icon. The current step is 'Step 1 of 6: Primary Information'. The main form area is titled 'Sustainability Framework' and asks to 'Provide basic information of your sustainability framework'. It contains the following fields:

- Name \***: Text input with placeholder 'e.g., FAST-intra Label'
- Version \***: Text input with placeholder 'e.g., 1.0'
- Publication Time \***: Two dropdown menus labeled 'Select month' and 'Select year'
- Standard-Setting Organization \***: Text input with placeholder 'e.g., Global Infrastructure Basel Foundation'

*Tip: If you have previously completed an analysis, you can use the "Auto-fill Form" option to populate fields from your last analysis.*

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## Upload sustainability indicators

Upload sustainability indicators using one of the following methods:

### Option 1: Excel Upload (Recommended)

Upload an Excel file containing indicators with the required columns:

- Indicator ID
- Indicator text

### Option 2: PDF or Word Upload with AI Extraction

Upload a PDF or Word document and select Start Extraction to allow the AI to extract indicators.

*Tip: Always review the AI-extracted indicators to confirm their correctness and completeness.*

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## Upload supporting documents (optional)

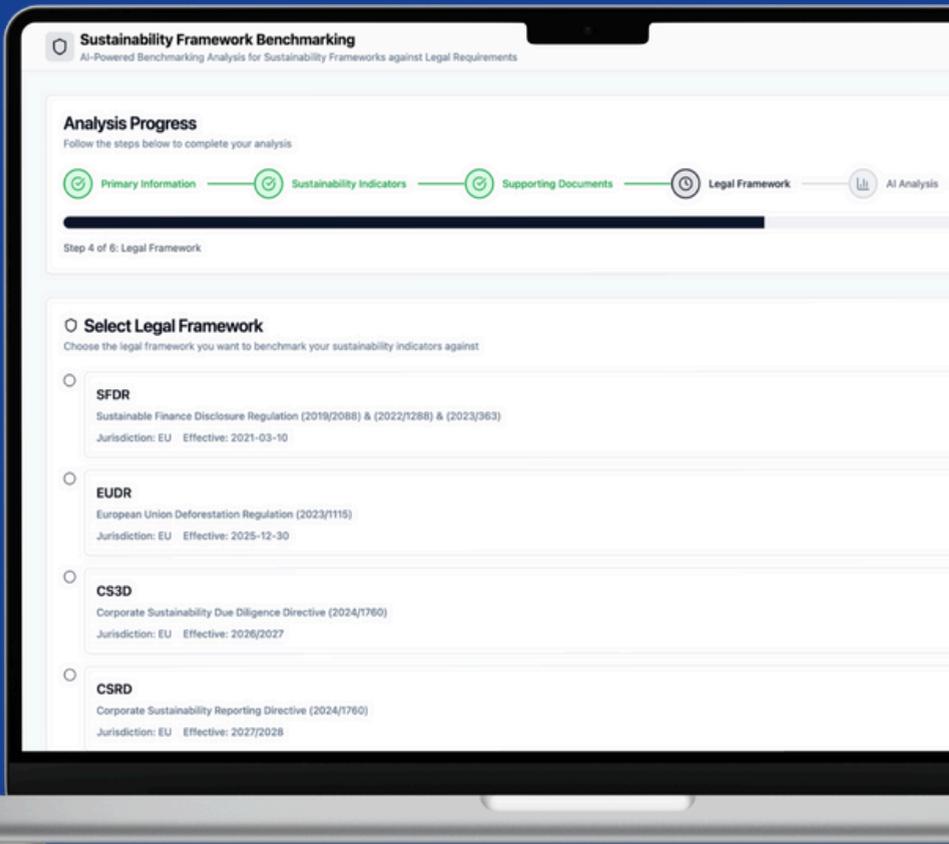
Upload any additional documents (examples: glossary of terms, definitions, or interpretations of indicators) to provide context and enhance the AI analysis.

*Note: Though this step is optional, it is highly recommended to generate more accurate results.*

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## Select the legal framework

Choose the regulatory framework to be used as the benchmarking reference.

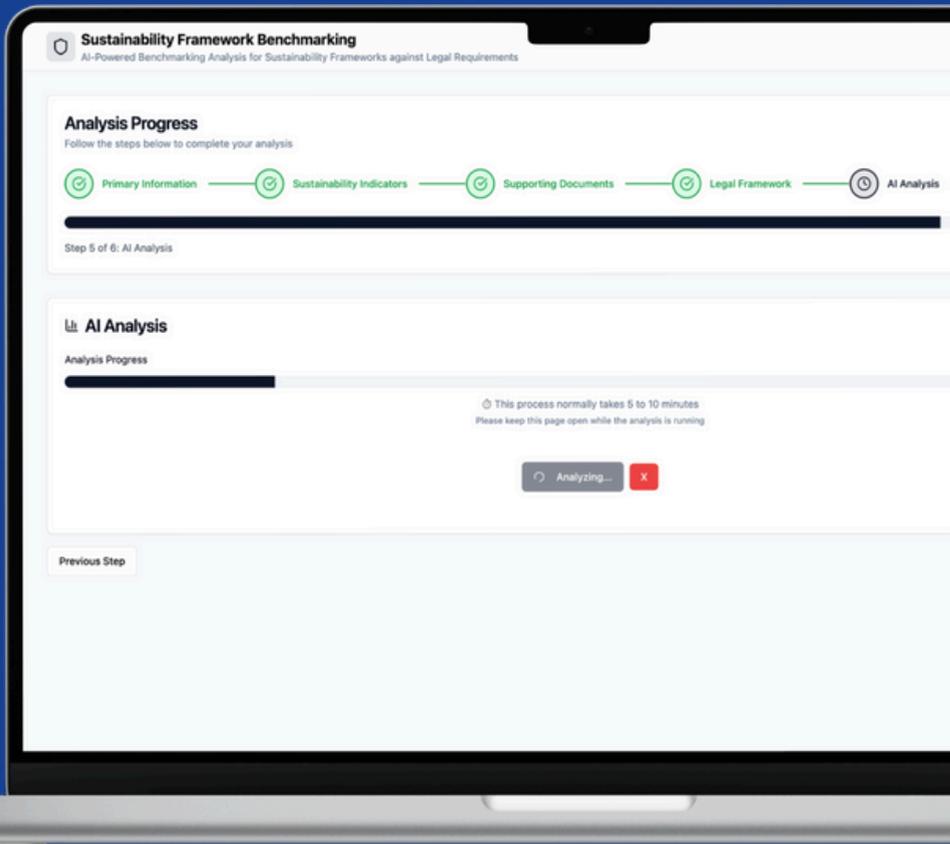


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## Run the AI analysis

Start the AI-powered benchmarking analysis. The analysis typically takes 5–10 minutes. Please keep the page open during this time.

After completion, download the detailed Indicator Analysis Excel file. It contains individual indicator assessments , regulatory evidence, alignment levels and justifications.



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## Review summary results

Review the benchmarking results. For each indicator, the tool provides:

### **Statement**

The indicator is rewritten (if needed) into a clear, factual statement focused on ESG impacts.

### **VSS Context**

Relevant excerpts from the uploaded VSS documents that explain the indicator.

### **Regulation Evidence**

Extracts from the selected regulation that relate directly to the indicator and support the alignment assessment.

### **Citations**

Source references for both the VSS content and regulatory text.

### **Alignment**

The alignment outcome:

- Fully Aligned
- Mostly Aligned
- Partially Aligned
- Not Aligned
- Not Applicable

### **Justification**

A brief explanation outlining why the specific alignment category was assigned.

# Interested in accessing the tool?

Get in touch with GIB at [info@gib-foundation.org](mailto:info@gib-foundation.org)



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