



Informa's approach to going FasterForward on Sustainability

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Our public commitments, including nine core targets:



Accelerating sustainable change in our business and the specialist markets we serve by 2025

Faster to Zero



Moving faster to become a zero waste and net zero carbon business.

- Become carbon neutral as a business and across our products by 2025
- 2. Halve the waste generated through our products and events by 2025
- 3. Become zero waste and net zero carbon by 2030 or earlier

Sustainability Inside



Embedding sustainability inside every one of our brands to help our customers accelerate sustainable development in their specialist markets.

- 4. Embed sustainability inside 100% of our brands by 2025
- Help and promote the achievement of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals through our brands

Impact Multiplier



Multiplying the positive impact we create when we improve access to knowledge, help people connect more efficiently and invest in our communities.

- Enable one million disconnected people to access networks and knowledge by 2025
- 7. Contribute \$5bn per year in value for our host cities by 2025
- 8. Contribute value of at least 1% of profit before tax to community groups by 2025
- Save customers more carbon than we emit by 2025

The Fundamentals 2.0

Unlocking the next level



Purpose

01

For sustainability to be included in the content of the event.

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For the event brand to have successfully embedded Sustainability Inside, helping our customers accelerate sustainable development in their specialty market.

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For the event to have a purposeful partnership with a not for profit.

Stakeholder engagement

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For there to be six significant sustainability communications.

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For the event team to be engaged with sustainability, and it to be a part of event decisions.



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For all lighting specified by Informa to be LEDs, and for the venue's lights and air conditioning to be used efficiently.

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For the event to have minimal to no waste generation from areas of the show built by Informa, and for the carpet to be reused or recycled.

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For all exhibitor stands to have reached at least a Bronze level in the Better Stands programme, according to its ten-box framework.

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For there to be at least three initiatives to optimise the impact of attendee travel.

Procurement

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For three items procured for the event to have enhanced sustainability credentials.

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For there to be at least three ways in which the sustainability of the food and beverage (F&B) of the event has been enhanced.





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Community and Wellbeing

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For the event to have at least two initiatives which support the local community around the event venue.

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For the event to have at least three initiatives which enhance wellbeing, equality, accessibility, and respect for all.

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For the event to have successfully implemented and measured the impact of at least one significant initiative to 'Connect the Disconnected', removing barriers to our networks and knowledge for an identified group.

Governance

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For the events to be compliant with Informa's Health and Safety Guidelines.

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For event sustainability data to be submitted by six weeks of the event.





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CPhI Worldwide a leader in reusable stands

Demonstrated the quality and creative possibilities of reusable stands

Increasing range of options for exhibitors

Similar examples evident in most countries around the world

New systems and suppliers entering the market in response to growing customer demand

Better Stands delivers a range of benefits, not just waste reduction, helping to debunk common pushbacks from stakeholders



Better customer experience



Timelier build completion



Better onsite working environment



Reduced hours onsite

Better commercial opportunity



Increased revenue from new product inventory



Demonstrates sustainability commitments



Reduction in event waste bills

Better environmental impact



Reduction in event waste



Reduced carbon emissions

Recently debunked challenges:



Reusable doesn't look as good



Supply chain isn't ready



It's more expensive

Information Classification: General

How do you define a Better Stand?

We classify all stands into 4 categories – Disposable, Bronze, Silver or Gold – depending on the particular elements that are reused or recycled.

All elements of a particular category must be shown to be reused or recycled in order to achieve that classification. If a stand does not meet all the elements in the Bronze level then it is classed as disposable.





The basic principle is that an exhibitor stand is broken down into 10 distinct areas which are assessed as reusable or not.

Depending on which components are reusable, this produces a Better Stands ranking

We train exhibitors, contractors, our Colleagues and their peers to undertake these assessments in a consistent way, helping to develop a standardised industry approach

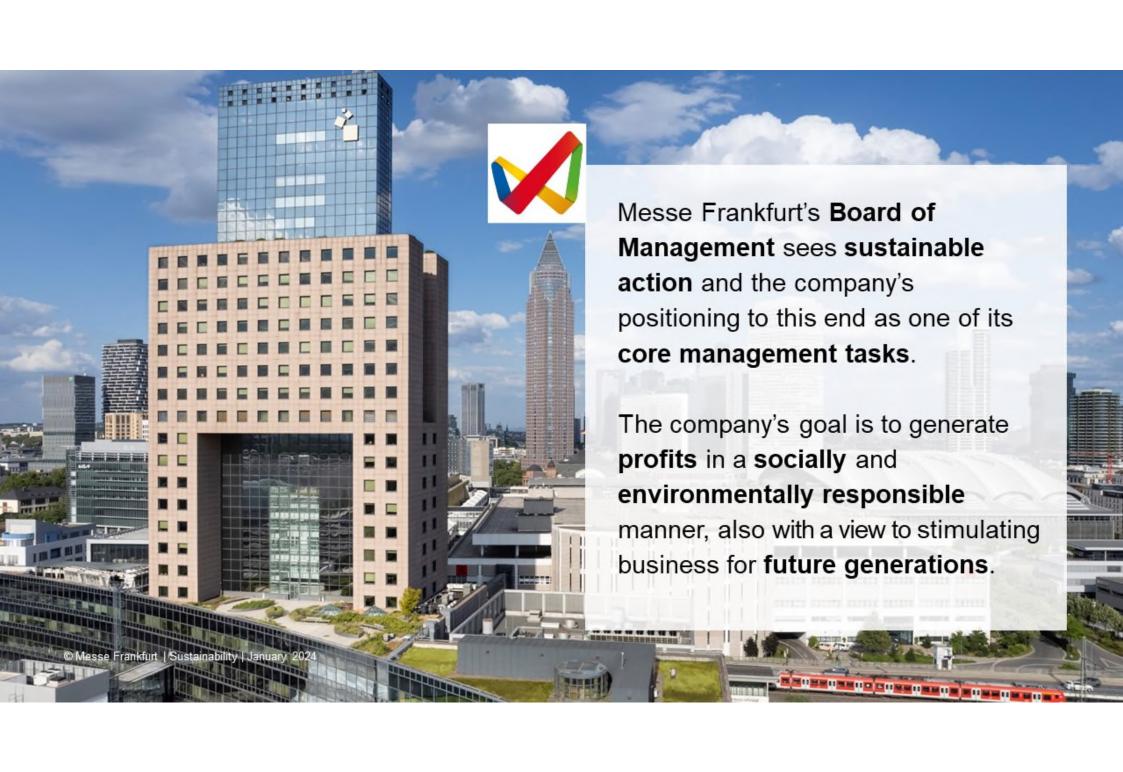
	Category		Items	Disposable	Bronze	Silver	Gold
Reused	1	Stand structure and walls	Structure or framework of the stand, walls, panels for meeting rooms, backdrop	×	~	~	~
	2	Platform or raised flooring	Structure of flooring (excluding surface covering, e.g. carpet)	×	~	~	~
	3	Furniture and equipment	Showcases, counters, chairs, tables, sofa, coffee table, fiyer stand, LED walls, TV, AV equipment etc.	×	~	~	~
	4	Lighting	All kinds of lighting in the stand and within showcases	×	~	~	~
	5	Fascia and overhead signage	Overhead signage or branding, fascia, company logo on top of the stand structure	×	×	~	V
	6	Rigged structure	Any rigged structure including lighting gantries or other structural elements	×	×	~	~
	7	Ceiling	Any form of ceiling e.g. fabric ceilings, solid ceilings for lighting or stand support	×	×	~	~
	8	Display facilities	built-in or detachable product display cabinets, lightboxes etc.	×	×	~	4
Reused or recycled	9	Floor covering	Carpet, floor tiles, HDF coverings, lino etc.	×	×	×	~
	10	Graphics and decorative items	Stand graphics that are wall-mounted or floor-standing (not overhead) and any other decorative items such as plants and flowers, models and ornaments	×	×	×	~



Sustainability at Messe Frankfurt



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Messe Frankfurt's binding ecological target is to be climate-neutral at its Frankfurt base by 2040 at the latest. We see this as attaining greenhouse gas neutrality and establishing a sustainable water management system.

Wolfgang Marzin, President and Chief Executive Officer of Messe Frankfurt.

Our understanding of sustainability

Three dimensions of responsibility

Ecological	Social	Economic						
Emissions Closed-loop recycling Natural resources Environmental performance	Respect and esteem No prejudice Equal opportunities	Long-term viability Procurement Future-proof business models						
Governance								

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What is your vision for Sustainability at Events until and beyond 2040?

46 responses



