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Are supply chain businesses fleet-ready for mandatory UK Sustainability Reporting Standards?

As listed corporates prepare to comply with mandatory UK SRS standards from January 2027, businesses in supply chains need to ensure contracts aren't at risk

With mandatory UK Sustainability Reporting Standards ([UK SRS](#)) expected from January 2027, many supply chain businesses will be preparing to ensure their own compliance in order to protect existing contracts and commercial relationships. However, the current economic conditions mean they face big challenges to upgrade fleets.

The UK Sustainability Reporting Standards (UK SRS) are the UK's standardised framework for corporate reporting on sustainability and climate-related risks. The FCA has completed a [consultation](#) on the standards with a policy statement expected this Autumn, before the rules come into force in less than 6 months time (from 1 January 2027). Listed corporates are, therefore, already likely to be preparing to ensure compliance, with increased scrutiny on supply chains.

While the risks covered by the UK SRS will cover all areas of business operations, mobility will come under particular focus as a key generator of emissions. As such, without low and zero emissions vehicles, businesses that work with listed corporates risk losing contracts.

“Switching a fleet to fully electric in a short space of time is impractical for most businesses operating in the supply chain ecosystem,” commented Tom Middleditch, Head of B2B Marketing and Sustainability spokesperson at Europcar Mobility Group UK. “And current economic conditions make significant multi-year financial commitments challenging, meaning long-term leasing of electric cars and vans isn't practical or possible for many organisations. However, rental can provide a viable alternative – and help ensure that contracts are not at risk as the UK SRS comes into force.”

Rental provides an agile, low-risk route into EV adoption to help organisations balance cost pressures and sustainability requirements of customers. It is also an immediate and scalable way for businesses to experience the benefits of electric mobility, helping them make informed decisions in the longer-term.

Providing businesses with access to vehicles to suit most use-cases, the Europcar fleet has been enhanced with a wide range and significant volume of PHEV and BEV cars as well as a wide choice of eVans, with all BEVs offered with price parity to petrol and diesel models. The Europcar eVan fleet now includes the car-derived Renault Kangoo, and short wheelbase VW e-Transporter, Vauxhall Vivaro, Mercedes-Benz e-Vito, Peugeot Expert and Ford Custom.

“Many corporates are already reporting their sustainability-related information voluntarily, acting early to reduce emissions, while others are planning for January,” added Tom Middleditch.

“These listed businesses will already be reviewing and switching partners based on their sustainability credentials, so suppliers must act quickly to ensure they do not lose existing contracts or miss out on new opportunities.”

To help ease the transition to electric, Europcar provides customers renting an electric van with a detailed handover by an EV expert, enabling drivers to take to the road with confidence. Drivers also gain access to the full suite of [Octopus Electroverse](#) features, including a real-time charger map with availability, speed and cost details as well as route planning functionality based on range and chargers along the route. And to further support drivers gain a better understanding of EV life, Europcar regularly updates its free digital EV Guide and [Knowledge Hub](#).



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