

# Introduction to ResponsibleSteel



ResponsibleSteel is the first global multi-stakeholder initiative for responsibly sourced and produced steel. Our vision is to maximise steel's contribution to a sustainable world.

Since our establishment in 2016, our mission has been to enhance the responsible sourcing, production, use, and recycling of steel by:

- Providing a multi-stakeholder forum to build trust and achieve consensus
- Developing standards, certification and related tools
- Driving positive change through the recognition and use of responsible steel

More than 90% of all metal produced annually is steel. Steel production is an important economic sector, and its products are crucial for the global transition to renewable energy, but it is also associated with environmental and social impacts.

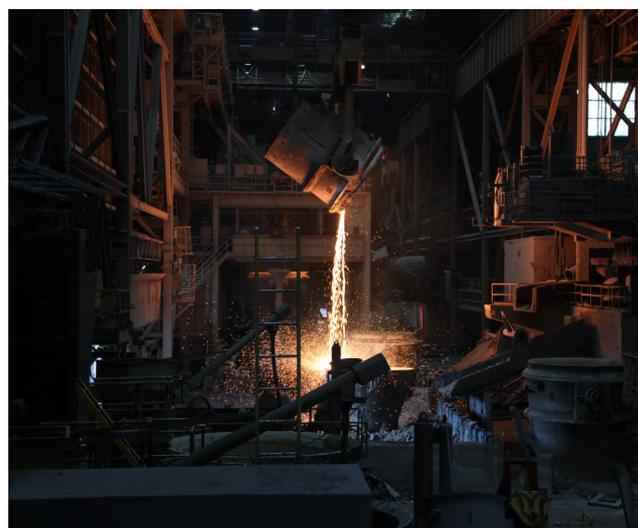
Climate change is the most urgent issue we face today. The steel sector alone accounts for between 7% and 9% of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.

Sustainability is complex and challenging, requiring innovation, dynamism, vision, and technical know-how. That is why we have spent almost a decade developing the ResponsibleSteel International Standard V2.0.

The first steelmaking sites to be evaluated against our Standard were certified in July 2021. We now have ResponsibleSteel certified sites across Europe, North America, South America, and Australia. The recently updated Standard also includes additional requirements for GHG emissions and the sourcing of input materials.

ResponsibleSteel now has over 130 members including steelmakers, steel buyers, mining companies, and civil society organisations. Our steelmakers collectively make up over 12% of global production and we have partnered with the Climate Group to target downstream consumers through our joint initiative, SteelZero.

By working hand in hand with some of the most influential organisations in this industry and beyond, we will continue to drive positive change, now and in the future.



Our International Standard V2.0 was launched in September 2022 and covers key issues:

- Corporate Leadership
- ESG Management Systems
- Responsible Sourcing of Input Materials
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Labour Rights
- Human Rights
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Local Communities
- Climate Change and GHG Emissions
- Noise, Emissions, Effluents & Waste
- Water Stewardship
- Biodiversity
- Decommissioning and Closure



Together, we can make a lasting impact on the world.  
Welcome to ResponsibleSteel.

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