



**ResponsibleSteel**<sup>TM</sup>  
standards & certification

## ABOUT RESPONSIBLESTEEL

**ResponsibleSteel is the first multistakeholder standard and certification initiative for the steel industry. Our mission is to be a driving force in the socially and environmentally responsible production of net-zero steel, globally.**

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. ResponsibleSteel aims to maximise steel's contribution to a sustainable world 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.

**Sustainability is complex and challenging, requiring innovation, dynamism, vision, and technical know-how. That's why we have spent almost a decade developing our International Standard Version 2.0.**

Launched in September 2022, Version 2.0 consists of 13 Principles including new enhanced requirements for GHG emissions and the sourcing of input materials.

The first steelmaking sites to be evaluated against our Standard were certified in July 2021. We now have ResponsibleSteel certified sites across Europe, Asia, North America, South America, and Australia.

ResponsibleSteel has over 130 members including steelmakers, steel buyers, mining companies, and civil society organisations.

Our steelmakers collectively make up around 13% 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.

### ResponsibleSteel's 13 Principles:

1. Corporate Leadership
2. ESG Management Systems
3. Responsible Sourcing of Input Materials
4. Occupational Health and Safety
5. Labour Rights
6. Human Rights
7. Stakeholder Engagement
8. Local Communities
9. Climate Change and GHG Emissions
10. Noise, Emissions, Effluents & Waste
11. Water Stewardship
12. Biodiversity
13. Decommissioning and Closure

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

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