



TECHNICAL LEARNING AND ASSESSMENT DOSSIER

Sustainable Procurement Management - ISO 20400:2017 - Course + certificate

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780,00 €

VAT excluded

Course code

ISO20400-COURSE

Minimum duration

480 min

Final pass score

80%

Dossier issue

13/10/2026

1. Course identity, purpose and scope

Course on integrating sustainability into procurement governance: policy, priorities, risk analysis, specifications, supplier qualification, life-cycle cost, contracts, indicators, due diligence and supply-chain improvement.

This extended technical dossier describes the pathway as published in CIWZ Academy on the issue date. It consolidates purpose, references, learning architecture, module contents, assessment system, passing criteria and certificate conditions. It does not replace the official texts of the standards, laws, guidelines or schemes referenced.

2. Normative, regulatory and technical references

ISO 20400:2017; ISO 26000:2010; due diligence, life-cycle, circular-economy and sustainable supply-chain management principles

References are used as the learning and assessment framework within the limits of published content and available sources. For professional application, the official and current versions of the referenced documents always prevail.

3. Learning architecture and assessment system

- 10 structured learning modules
- minimum tracked time: 480 min
- intermediate-check bank: 160 questions
- active final-exam bank: 100 questions
- final exam: 30 questions selected from the bank
- passing threshold: 80%
- Access to the pathway through the personal Academy profile or a corporate assignment.
- Sequential study of the modules, with server-side recording of progress and required minimum time.

- Intermediate checks linked to modules to verify understanding, application capability and quality of reasoning.
- Final exam unlock only after the pathway requirements have been completed.
- Protected final exam assembled by the platform through selection from the active course question bank.
- Recording of the result and, where applicable, the option to request the final certificate.

4. Official catalogue technical information

Purpose

Course on integrating sustainability into procurement governance: policy, priorities, risk analysis, specifications, supplier qualification, life-cycle cost, contracts, indicators, due diligence and supply-chain improvement.

References

ISO 20400:2017; ISO 26000:2010; due diligence, life-cycle, circular-economy and sustainable supply-chain management principles

Mode

Structured online learning with intermediate checks, minimum tracked study time and protected final assessment.

Certificate

The CIWZ certificate records successful completion of the CIWZ pathway or assessment. It does not replace third-party personnel certification, professional qualification, licence or credential where required.

5. Detailed course syllabus

The following syllabus is derived from the active modules published on the platform. Each module shows its minimum study time and the size of its available intermediate-check bank.

01 Principles and governance of sustainable procurement

Minimum time: 48 min | Intermediate questions: 16

02 Context, stakeholders and priorities

Minimum time: 48 min | Intermediate questions: 16

03 Supply-chain risk and opportunity mapping

Minimum time: 48 min | Intermediate questions: 16

04 Category strategy and procurement specifications

Minimum time: 48 min | Intermediate questions: 16

05 Supplier qualification and due diligence

Minimum time: 48 min | Intermediate questions: 16

06 TCO, life-cycle costing and value

Minimum time: 48 min | Intermediate questions: 16

07 Contracts, KPIs and sustainability clauses

Minimum time: 48 min | Intermediate questions: 16

08 Performance monitoring and supplier audits

Minimum time: 48 min | Intermediate questions: 16

09 Circular procurement and innovation

Minimum time: 48 min | Intermediate questions: 16

10 ISO 20400 implementation roadmap

Minimum time: 48 min | Intermediate questions: 16

6. Developed module-by-module contents

The following pages analytically describe the content actually associated with each platform module. The structure is designed so that learners, companies, HR, Quality, HSE or CISO functions can understand precisely what is studied and assessed.

MODULE 01**Principles and governance of sustainable procurement**

- Minimum required time: 48 min
- Available intermediate-check bank: 16 questions

1. Module objective

Module 1 addresses Principles and governance of sustainable procurement within the “Sustainable Procurement Management - ISO 20400:2017” pathway. The goal is not rote learning: learners must identify the applicable requirement or criterion, translate it into an operational decision, identify necessary evidence and assess the quality of the outcome.

2. Normative framework and criteria

Pathway references: ISO 20400:2017; ISO 26000:2010; due diligence, life-cycle, circular-economy and sustainable supply-chain management principles. The training material provides an applied interpretation and does not replace official texts. In case of conflict, amendment or transition, the current legal act, controlled official standard and applicable scheme/programme rules prevail.

3. Operational method

- Define scope, boundaries, accountability and expected result before choosing the solution.
- Separate legal, contractual, voluntary and internal requirements.
- Set verifiable criteria in advance: thresholds, documents, measures, owners and review method.
- Collect sufficient and relevant evidence, triangulating documents, data, observation and interviews.
- Control deviations and exceptions through justification, authorization, duration, residual-risk control and follow-up verification.

4. Application to Principles and governance of sustainable procurement

Decision quality depends on linking the technical criterion to the real context. A formally correct solution may be ineffective if interfaces, timing, input data, accountability, change and operating conditions are ignored. The professional should make the reasoning reconstructable: observed fact, applied criterion, assessment, decision, evidence and effectiveness check.

5. Evidence and controls

- approved, version-controlled documents aligned with actual practice;
- records showing who decided, on which information and with which checks;
- quantitative or qualitative data comparable over time with declared source and method;
- supplier, project or third-party controls where results depend on the value chain;
- follow-up reviews demonstrating effectiveness, not merely completion.

6. Errors to avoid

Critical errors include documentary-only conformity, use of standard wording without case-specific reasoning, selective evidence, absence of criteria before decisions and closing actions without measuring effectiveness. A certificate, declaration or label must never be treated as automatic proof of every requirement: scope, validity and

relevance must be checked.

7. Applied case

Scenario: during a project review, the requirement concerning “Principles and governance of sustainable procurement” was managed through established practice but without measurable criteria and with incomplete evidence. The responsible person must avoid both a paper-only fix and indiscriminate suspension. The requirement must be reconstructed, risk assessed, a proportionate measure defined, evidence completed and effectiveness checked.

8. Mastery checklist

- Can I explain the topic without relying on memorized definitions?
- Can I distinguish requirement, verification criterion and evidence?
- Can I identify insufficient evidence even when a document exists?
- Can I select a measure proportionate to risk and context?
- Can I justify a conclusion so that another competent person can reconstruct it?

MODULE 02**Context, stakeholders and priorities**

- Minimum required time: 48 min
- Available intermediate-check bank: 16 questions

1. Module objective

Module 2 addresses Context, stakeholders and priorities within the “Sustainable Procurement Management - ISO 20400:2017” pathway. The goal is not rote learning: learners must identify the applicable requirement or criterion, translate it into an operational decision, identify necessary evidence and assess the quality of the outcome.

2. Normative framework and criteria

Pathway references: ISO 20400:2017; ISO 26000:2010; due diligence, life-cycle, circular-economy and sustainable supply-chain management principles. The training material provides an applied interpretation and does not replace official texts. In case of conflict, amendment or transition, the current legal act, controlled official standard and applicable scheme/programme rules prevail.

3. Operational method

- Define scope, boundaries, accountability and expected result before choosing the solution.
- Separate legal, contractual, voluntary and internal requirements.
- Set verifiable criteria in advance: thresholds, documents, measures, owners and review method.
- Collect sufficient and relevant evidence, triangulating documents, data, observation and interviews.
- Control deviations and exceptions through justification, authorization, duration, residual-risk control and follow-up verification.

4. Application to Context, stakeholders and priorities

Decision quality depends on linking the technical criterion to the real context. A formally correct solution may be ineffective if interfaces, timing, input data, accountability, change and operating conditions are ignored. The professional should make the reasoning reconstructable: observed fact, applied criterion, assessment, decision, evidence and effectiveness check.

5. Evidence and controls

- approved, version-controlled documents aligned with actual practice;
- records showing who decided, on which information and with which checks;
- quantitative or qualitative data comparable over time with declared source and method;
- supplier, project or third-party controls where results depend on the value chain;
- follow-up reviews demonstrating effectiveness, not merely completion.

6. Errors to avoid

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7. Applied case

Scenario: during a project review, the requirement concerning “Context, stakeholders and priorities” was managed through established practice but without measurable criteria and with incomplete evidence. The responsible person must avoid both a paper-only fix and indiscriminate suspension. The requirement must be reconstructed, risk assessed, a proportionate measure defined, evidence completed and effectiveness checked.

8. Mastery checklist

- Can I explain the topic without relying on memorized definitions?
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- Can I select a measure proportionate to risk and context?
- Can I justify a conclusion so that another competent person can reconstruct it?

MODULE 03**Supply-chain risk and opportunity mapping**

- Minimum required time: 48 min
- Available intermediate-check bank: 16 questions

1. Module objective

Module 3 addresses Supply-chain risk and opportunity mapping within the “Sustainable Procurement Management - ISO 20400:2017” pathway. The goal is not rote learning: learners must identify the applicable requirement or criterion, translate it into an operational decision, identify necessary evidence and assess the quality of the outcome.

2. Normative framework and criteria

Pathway references: ISO 20400:2017; ISO 26000:2010; due diligence, life-cycle, circular-economy and sustainable supply-chain management principles. The training material provides an applied interpretation and does not replace official texts. In case of conflict, amendment or transition, the current legal act, controlled official standard and applicable scheme/programme rules prevail.

3. Operational method

- Define scope, boundaries, accountability and expected result before choosing the solution.
- Separate legal, contractual, voluntary and internal requirements.
- Set verifiable criteria in advance: thresholds, documents, measures, owners and review method.
- Collect sufficient and relevant evidence, triangulating documents, data, observation and interviews.
- Control deviations and exceptions through justification, authorization, duration, residual-risk control and follow-up verification.

4. Application to Supply-chain risk and opportunity mapping

Decision quality depends on linking the technical criterion to the real context. A formally correct solution may be ineffective if interfaces, timing, input data, accountability, change and operating conditions are ignored. The professional should make the reasoning reconstructable: observed fact, applied criterion, assessment, decision, evidence and effectiveness check.

5. Evidence and controls

- approved, version-controlled documents aligned with actual practice;
- records showing who decided, on which information and with which checks;
- quantitative or qualitative data comparable over time with declared source and method;
- supplier, project or third-party controls where results depend on the value chain;
- follow-up reviews demonstrating effectiveness, not merely completion.

6. Errors to avoid

Critical errors include documentary-only conformity, use of standard wording without case-specific reasoning, selective evidence, absence of criteria before decisions and closing actions without measuring effectiveness. A certificate, declaration or label must never be treated as automatic proof of every requirement: scope, validity and relevance must be checked.

7. Applied case

Scenario: during a project review, the requirement concerning “Supply-chain risk and opportunity mapping” was managed through established practice but without measurable criteria and with incomplete evidence. The responsible person must avoid both a paper-only fix and indiscriminate suspension. The requirement must be reconstructed, risk assessed, a proportionate measure defined, evidence completed and effectiveness checked.

8. Mastery checklist

- Can I explain the topic without relying on memorized definitions?
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- Can I identify insufficient evidence even when a document exists?
- Can I select a measure proportionate to risk and context?
- Can I justify a conclusion so that another competent person can reconstruct it?

MODULE 04**Category strategy and procurement specifications**

- Minimum required time: 48 min
- Available intermediate-check bank: 16 questions

1. Module objective

Module 4 addresses Category strategy and procurement specifications within the “Sustainable Procurement Management - ISO 20400:2017” pathway. The goal is not rote learning: learners must identify the applicable requirement or criterion, translate it into an operational decision, identify necessary evidence and assess the quality of the outcome.

2. Normative framework and criteria

Pathway references: ISO 20400:2017; ISO 26000:2010; due diligence, life-cycle, circular-economy and sustainable supply-chain management principles. The training material provides an applied interpretation and does not replace official texts. In case of conflict, amendment or transition, the current legal act, controlled official standard and applicable scheme/programme rules prevail.

3. Operational method

- Define scope, boundaries, accountability and expected result before choosing the solution.
- Separate legal, contractual, voluntary and internal requirements.
- Set verifiable criteria in advance: thresholds, documents, measures, owners and review method.
- Collect sufficient and relevant evidence, triangulating documents, data, observation and interviews.
- Control deviations and exceptions through justification, authorization, duration, residual-risk control and follow-up verification.

4. Application to Category strategy and procurement specifications

Decision quality depends on linking the technical criterion to the real context. A formally correct solution may be ineffective if interfaces, timing, input data, accountability, change and operating conditions are ignored. The professional should make the reasoning reconstructable: observed fact, applied criterion, assessment, decision, evidence and effectiveness check.

5. Evidence and controls

- approved, version-controlled documents aligned with actual practice;
- records showing who decided, on which information and with which checks;
- quantitative or qualitative data comparable over time with declared source and method;
- supplier, project or third-party controls where results depend on the value chain;
- follow-up reviews demonstrating effectiveness, not merely completion.

6. Errors to avoid

Critical errors include documentary-only conformity, use of standard wording without case-specific reasoning, selective evidence, absence of criteria before decisions and closing actions without measuring effectiveness. A certificate, declaration or label must never be treated as automatic proof of every requirement: scope, validity and

relevance must be checked.

7. Applied case

Scenario: during a project review, the requirement concerning “Category strategy and procurement specifications” was managed through established practice but without measurable criteria and with incomplete evidence. The responsible person must avoid both a paper-only fix and indiscriminate suspension. The requirement must be reconstructed, risk assessed, a proportionate measure defined, evidence completed and effectiveness checked.

8. Mastery checklist

- Can I explain the topic without relying on memorized definitions?
- Can I distinguish requirement, verification criterion and evidence?
- Can I identify insufficient evidence even when a document exists?
- Can I select a measure proportionate to risk and context?
- Can I justify a conclusion so that another competent person can reconstruct it?

MODULE 05**Supplier qualification and due diligence**

- Minimum required time: 48 min
- Available intermediate-check bank: 16 questions

1. Module objective

Module 5 addresses Supplier qualification and due diligence within the “Sustainable Procurement Management - ISO 20400:2017” pathway. The goal is not rote learning: learners must identify the applicable requirement or criterion, translate it into an operational decision, identify necessary evidence and assess the quality of the outcome.

2. Normative framework and criteria

Pathway references: ISO 20400:2017; ISO 26000:2010; due diligence, life-cycle, circular-economy and sustainable supply-chain management principles. The training material provides an applied interpretation and does not replace official texts. In case of conflict, amendment or transition, the current legal act, controlled official standard and applicable scheme/programme rules prevail.

3. Operational method

- Define scope, boundaries, accountability and expected result before choosing the solution.
- Separate legal, contractual, voluntary and internal requirements.
- Set verifiable criteria in advance: thresholds, documents, measures, owners and review method.
- Collect sufficient and relevant evidence, triangulating documents, data, observation and interviews.
- Control deviations and exceptions through justification, authorization, duration, residual-risk control and follow-up verification.

4. Application to Supplier qualification and due diligence

Decision quality depends on linking the technical criterion to the real context. A formally correct solution may be ineffective if interfaces, timing, input data, accountability, change and operating conditions are ignored. The professional should make the reasoning reconstructable: observed fact, applied criterion, assessment, decision, evidence and effectiveness check.

5. Evidence and controls

- approved, version-controlled documents aligned with actual practice;
- records showing who decided, on which information and with which checks;
- quantitative or qualitative data comparable over time with declared source and method;
- supplier, project or third-party controls where results depend on the value chain;
- follow-up reviews demonstrating effectiveness, not merely completion.

6. Errors to avoid

Critical errors include documentary-only conformity, use of standard wording without case-specific reasoning, selective evidence, absence of criteria before decisions and closing actions without measuring effectiveness. A certificate, declaration or label must never be treated as automatic proof of every requirement: scope, validity and relevance must be checked.

7. Applied case

Scenario: during a project review, the requirement concerning “Supplier qualification and due diligence” was managed through established practice but without measurable criteria and with incomplete evidence. The responsible person must avoid both a paper-only fix and indiscriminate suspension. The requirement must be reconstructed, risk assessed, a proportionate measure defined, evidence completed and effectiveness checked.

8. Mastery checklist

- Can I explain the topic without relying on memorized definitions?
- Can I distinguish requirement, verification criterion and evidence?
- Can I identify insufficient evidence even when a document exists?
- Can I select a measure proportionate to risk and context?
- Can I justify a conclusion so that another competent person can reconstruct it?

MODULE 06**TCO, life-cycle costing and value**

- Minimum required time: 48 min
- Available intermediate-check bank: 16 questions

1. Module objective

Module 6 addresses TCO, life-cycle costing and value within the “Sustainable Procurement Management - ISO 20400:2017” pathway. The goal is not rote learning: learners must identify the applicable requirement or criterion, translate it into an operational decision, identify necessary evidence and assess the quality of the outcome.

2. Normative framework and criteria

Pathway references: ISO 20400:2017; ISO 26000:2010; due diligence, life-cycle, circular-economy and sustainable supply-chain management principles. The training material provides an applied interpretation and does not replace official texts. In case of conflict, amendment or transition, the current legal act, controlled official standard and applicable scheme/programme rules prevail.

3. Operational method

- Define scope, boundaries, accountability and expected result before choosing the solution.
- Separate legal, contractual, voluntary and internal requirements.
- Set verifiable criteria in advance: thresholds, documents, measures, owners and review method.
- Collect sufficient and relevant evidence, triangulating documents, data, observation and interviews.
- Control deviations and exceptions through justification, authorization, duration, residual-risk control and follow-up verification.

4. Application to TCO, life-cycle costing and value

Decision quality depends on linking the technical criterion to the real context. A formally correct solution may be ineffective if interfaces, timing, input data, accountability, change and operating conditions are ignored. The professional should make the reasoning reconstructable: observed fact, applied criterion, assessment, decision, evidence and effectiveness check.

5. Evidence and controls

- approved, version-controlled documents aligned with actual practice;
- records showing who decided, on which information and with which checks;
- quantitative or qualitative data comparable over time with declared source and method;
- supplier, project or third-party controls where results depend on the value chain;
- follow-up reviews demonstrating effectiveness, not merely completion.

6. Errors to avoid

Critical errors include documentary-only conformity, use of standard wording without case-specific reasoning, selective evidence, absence of criteria before decisions and closing actions without measuring effectiveness. A certificate, declaration or label must never be treated as automatic proof of every requirement: scope, validity and relevance must be checked.

7. Applied case

Scenario: during a project review, the requirement concerning “TCO, life-cycle costing and value” was managed through established practice but without measurable criteria and with incomplete evidence. The responsible person must avoid both a paper-only fix and indiscriminate suspension. The requirement must be reconstructed, risk assessed, a proportionate measure defined, evidence completed and effectiveness checked.

8. Mastery checklist

- Can I explain the topic without relying on memorized definitions?
- Can I distinguish requirement, verification criterion and evidence?
- Can I identify insufficient evidence even when a document exists?
- Can I select a measure proportionate to risk and context?
- Can I justify a conclusion so that another competent person can reconstruct it?

MODULE 07**Contracts, KPIs and sustainability clauses**

- Minimum required time: 48 min
- Available intermediate-check bank: 16 questions

1. Module objective

Module 7 addresses Contracts, KPIs and sustainability clauses within the “Sustainable Procurement Management - ISO 20400:2017” pathway. The goal is not rote learning: learners must identify the applicable requirement or criterion, translate it into an operational decision, identify necessary evidence and assess the quality of the outcome.

2. Normative framework and criteria

Pathway references: ISO 20400:2017; ISO 26000:2010; due diligence, life-cycle, circular-economy and sustainable supply-chain management principles. The training material provides an applied interpretation and does not replace official texts. In case of conflict, amendment or transition, the current legal act, controlled official standard and applicable scheme/programme rules prevail.

3. Operational method

- Define scope, boundaries, accountability and expected result before choosing the solution.
- Separate legal, contractual, voluntary and internal requirements.
- Set verifiable criteria in advance: thresholds, documents, measures, owners and review method.
- Collect sufficient and relevant evidence, triangulating documents, data, observation and interviews.
- Control deviations and exceptions through justification, authorization, duration, residual-risk control and follow-up verification.

4. Application to Contracts, KPIs and sustainability clauses

Decision quality depends on linking the technical criterion to the real context. A formally correct solution may be ineffective if interfaces, timing, input data, accountability, change and operating conditions are ignored. The professional should make the reasoning reconstructable: observed fact, applied criterion, assessment, decision, evidence and effectiveness check.

5. Evidence and controls

- approved, version-controlled documents aligned with actual practice;
- records showing who decided, on which information and with which checks;
- quantitative or qualitative data comparable over time with declared source and method;
- supplier, project or third-party controls where results depend on the value chain;
- follow-up reviews demonstrating effectiveness, not merely completion.

6. Errors to avoid

Critical errors include documentary-only conformity, use of standard wording without case-specific reasoning, selective evidence, absence of criteria before decisions and closing actions without measuring effectiveness. A certificate, declaration or label must never be treated as automatic proof of every requirement: scope, validity and relevance must be checked.

7. Applied case

Scenario: during a project review, the requirement concerning “Contracts, KPIs and sustainability clauses” was managed through established practice but without measurable criteria and with incomplete evidence. The responsible person must avoid both a paper-only fix and indiscriminate suspension. The requirement must be reconstructed, risk assessed, a proportionate measure defined, evidence completed and effectiveness checked.

8. Mastery checklist

- Can I explain the topic without relying on memorized definitions?
- Can I distinguish requirement, verification criterion and evidence?
- Can I identify insufficient evidence even when a document exists?
- Can I select a measure proportionate to risk and context?
- Can I justify a conclusion so that another competent person can reconstruct it?

MODULE 08**Performance monitoring and supplier audits**

- Minimum required time: 48 min
- Available intermediate-check bank: 16 questions

1. Module objective

Module 8 addresses Performance monitoring and supplier audits within the “Sustainable Procurement Management - ISO 20400:2017” pathway. The goal is not rote learning: learners must identify the applicable requirement or criterion, translate it into an operational decision, identify necessary evidence and assess the quality of the outcome.

2. Normative framework and criteria

Pathway references: ISO 20400:2017; ISO 26000:2010; due diligence, life-cycle, circular-economy and sustainable supply-chain management principles. The training material provides an applied interpretation and does not replace official texts. In case of conflict, amendment or transition, the current legal act, controlled official standard and applicable scheme/programme rules prevail.

3. Operational method

- Define scope, boundaries, accountability and expected result before choosing the solution.
- Separate legal, contractual, voluntary and internal requirements.
- Set verifiable criteria in advance: thresholds, documents, measures, owners and review method.
- Collect sufficient and relevant evidence, triangulating documents, data, observation and interviews.
- Control deviations and exceptions through justification, authorization, duration, residual-risk control and follow-up verification.

4. Application to Performance monitoring and supplier audits

Decision quality depends on linking the technical criterion to the real context. A formally correct solution may be ineffective if interfaces, timing, input data, accountability, change and operating conditions are ignored. The professional should make the reasoning reconstructable: observed fact, applied criterion, assessment, decision, evidence and effectiveness check.

5. Evidence and controls

- approved, version-controlled documents aligned with actual practice;
- records showing who decided, on which information and with which checks;
- quantitative or qualitative data comparable over time with declared source and method;
- supplier, project or third-party controls where results depend on the value chain;
- follow-up reviews demonstrating effectiveness, not merely completion.

6. Errors to avoid

Critical errors include documentary-only conformity, use of standard wording without case-specific reasoning, selective evidence, absence of criteria before decisions and closing actions without measuring effectiveness. A certificate, declaration or label must never be treated as automatic proof of every requirement: scope, validity and relevance must be checked.

7. Applied case

Scenario: during a project review, the requirement concerning “Performance monitoring and supplier audits” was managed through established practice but without measurable criteria and with incomplete evidence. The responsible person must avoid both a paper-only fix and indiscriminate suspension. The requirement must be reconstructed, risk assessed, a proportionate measure defined, evidence completed and effectiveness checked.

8. Mastery checklist

- Can I explain the topic without relying on memorized definitions?
- Can I distinguish requirement, verification criterion and evidence?
- Can I identify insufficient evidence even when a document exists?
- Can I select a measure proportionate to risk and context?
- Can I justify a conclusion so that another competent person can reconstruct it?

MODULE 09**Circular procurement and innovation**

- Minimum required time: 48 min
- Available intermediate-check bank: 16 questions

1. Module objective

Module 9 addresses Circular procurement and innovation within the “Sustainable Procurement Management - ISO 20400:2017” pathway. The goal is not rote learning: learners must identify the applicable requirement or criterion, translate it into an operational decision, identify necessary evidence and assess the quality of the outcome.

2. Normative framework and criteria

Pathway references: ISO 20400:2017; ISO 26000:2010; due diligence, life-cycle, circular-economy and sustainable supply-chain management principles. The training material provides an applied interpretation and does not replace official texts. In case of conflict, amendment or transition, the current legal act, controlled official standard and applicable scheme/programme rules prevail.

3. Operational method

- Define scope, boundaries, accountability and expected result before choosing the solution.
- Separate legal, contractual, voluntary and internal requirements.
- Set verifiable criteria in advance: thresholds, documents, measures, owners and review method.
- Collect sufficient and relevant evidence, triangulating documents, data, observation and interviews.
- Control deviations and exceptions through justification, authorization, duration, residual-risk control and follow-up verification.

4. Application to Circular procurement and innovation

Decision quality depends on linking the technical criterion to the real context. A formally correct solution may be ineffective if interfaces, timing, input data, accountability, change and operating conditions are ignored. The professional should make the reasoning reconstructable: observed fact, applied criterion, assessment, decision, evidence and effectiveness check.

5. Evidence and controls

- approved, version-controlled documents aligned with actual practice;
- records showing who decided, on which information and with which checks;
- quantitative or qualitative data comparable over time with declared source and method;
- supplier, project or third-party controls where results depend on the value chain;
- follow-up reviews demonstrating effectiveness, not merely completion.

6. Errors to avoid

Critical errors include documentary-only conformity, use of standard wording without case-specific reasoning, selective evidence, absence of criteria before decisions and closing actions without measuring effectiveness. A certificate, declaration or label must never be treated as automatic proof of every requirement: scope, validity and relevance must be checked.

7. Applied case

Scenario: during a project review, the requirement concerning “Circular procurement and innovation” was managed through established practice but without measurable criteria and with incomplete evidence. The responsible person must avoid both a paper-only fix and indiscriminate suspension. The requirement must be reconstructed, risk assessed, a proportionate measure defined, evidence completed and effectiveness checked.

8. Mastery checklist

- Can I explain the topic without relying on memorized definitions?
- Can I distinguish requirement, verification criterion and evidence?
- Can I identify insufficient evidence even when a document exists?
- Can I select a measure proportionate to risk and context?
- Can I justify a conclusion so that another competent person can reconstruct it?

MODULE 10**ISO 20400 implementation roadmap**

- Minimum required time: 48 min
- Available intermediate-check bank: 16 questions

1. Module objective

Module 10 addresses ISO 20400 implementation roadmap within the “Sustainable Procurement Management - ISO 20400:2017” pathway. The goal is not rote learning: learners must identify the applicable requirement or criterion, translate it into an operational decision, identify necessary evidence and assess the quality of the outcome.

2. Normative framework and criteria

Pathway references: ISO 20400:2017; ISO 26000:2010; due diligence, life-cycle, circular-economy and sustainable supply-chain management principles. The training material provides an applied interpretation and does not replace official texts. In case of conflict, amendment or transition, the current legal act, controlled official standard and applicable scheme/programme rules prevail.

3. Operational method

- Define scope, boundaries, accountability and expected result before choosing the solution.
- Separate legal, contractual, voluntary and internal requirements.
- Set verifiable criteria in advance: thresholds, documents, measures, owners and review method.
- Collect sufficient and relevant evidence, triangulating documents, data, observation and interviews.
- Control deviations and exceptions through justification, authorization, duration, residual-risk control and follow-up verification.

4. Application to ISO 20400 implementation roadmap

Decision quality depends on linking the technical criterion to the real context. A formally correct solution may be ineffective if interfaces, timing, input data, accountability, change and operating conditions are ignored. The professional should make the reasoning reconstructable: observed fact, applied criterion, assessment, decision, evidence and effectiveness check.

5. Evidence and controls

- approved, version-controlled documents aligned with actual practice;
- records showing who decided, on which information and with which checks;
- quantitative or qualitative data comparable over time with declared source and method;
- supplier, project or third-party controls where results depend on the value chain;
- follow-up reviews demonstrating effectiveness, not merely completion.

6. Errors to avoid

Critical errors include documentary-only conformity, use of standard wording without case-specific reasoning, selective evidence, absence of criteria before decisions and closing actions without measuring effectiveness. A certificate, declaration or label must never be treated as automatic proof of every requirement: scope, validity and relevance must be checked.

7. Applied case

Scenario: during a project review, the requirement concerning “ISO 20400 implementation roadmap” was managed through established practice but without measurable criteria and with incomplete evidence. The responsible person must avoid both a paper-only fix and indiscriminate suspension. The requirement must be reconstructed, risk assessed, a proportionate measure defined, evidence completed and effectiveness checked.

8. Mastery checklist

- Can I explain the topic without relying on memorized definitions?
- Can I distinguish requirement, verification criterion and evidence?
- Can I identify insufficient evidence even when a document exists?
- Can I select a measure proportionate to risk and context?
- Can I justify a conclusion so that another competent person can reconstruct it?

7. Assessment system, final exam and passing criteria

- Intermediate checks are linked to individual modules and provide progressive learning control before access to the final assessment.
- The final assessment consists of 30 questions selected from the active course bank. The platform applies an anti-repetition logic for new attempts when the bank size allows it.
- Final question-bank size detected at generation time: 100 active questions.
- Published passing threshold for the course: 80%.
- Questions are intended to assess not only recall but also interpretation, application, evidence selection, scenario assessment and quality of decision-making, depending on the subject matter.

8. Tracking, learning continuity and session integrity

- Path status, completed modules and recorded time are managed server-side when the course uses the Academy learning mode.
- The platform allows the pathway to resume from the recorded point and retains the results of required checks.
- Assessment sessions may be subject to the integrity and proctoring controls enabled by the platform and described in the applicable usage rules.
- Technical and integrity events support assessment and do not replace professional judgement where human review is required.

9. Certificate, use and limitations

The CIWZ certificate, where provided by the pathway and requested after passing, records the result achieved in the stated CIWZ pathway or assessment. It does not automatically replace personnel certification, professional registration, statutory licence, legal qualification or credentials issued by third-party bodies where such requirements are imposed by the applicable scheme.

10. Commercial and tax conditions

- Course + certificate: 780,00 € VAT excluded.
- UAE VAT is applied to UAE customers according to billing data and the applicable tax rules.
- Any specific commercial terms, agreements or corporate orders override the public price only when formally accepted by Certificato IWZ FZCO.

11. Dossier document control

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