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Epson has been awarded Platinum status for CSR by independent assessors EcoVadis [\[1\]](#). The platinum rating, which was established in 2020, indicates that Epson was ranked among the top 1% of companies in its industry [\[2\]](#). Epson had received a gold rating the previous three years. Gold is awarded to companies that score in the top 5% of companies evaluated.

The platinum rating was awarded in recognition of Epson's global corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives. The EcoVadis assessment focuses on four themes: the environment, labor and human rights, ethics, and sustainable procurement. Epson received an "Outstanding" (the highest score) for the environment, as well as high scores for sustainable procurement, labor and human rights, and ethics, putting it in the top 1% in the computer and peripherals manufacturing industry.

Kazuyoshi Yamamoto, President of Epson Europe, added: "The EcoVadis platinum certification provides our customers with the assurance that Epson is taking all available measures to achieve sustainability across its operations. Sustainability is in our DNA, it runs through everything we do. Platinum status means our customers can rest assured that every aspect of our business is independently checked and certified and that we are wholly committed to delivering the highest sustainability standards."

EcoVadis provides an independent, trusted, common platform for evaluating and rating more than 65,000 groups and companies across 200 industries in 160 countries using CSR assessment criteria that are based on the sustainability standards of thousands of external sources such as NGOs, labor unions, international organizations, local governments, and auditing organizations.

Epson seeks to leverage its efficient, compact, and precision technologies to drive innovations in four areas, including inkjets. It believes its technology can help to shrink environmental impacts, increase productivity, and play a major role in solving societal issues and in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations.

Epson seeks to achieve social sustainability and publishes details about its environmental initiatives, the creation of social value, corporate governance, and other CSR activities in its Integrated Report and Sustainability Report. Information is also posted on the Social Responsibility pages of the corporate website.

References

Epson CSR & environment <https://global.epson.com/SR/>

About Epson

Epson is a global technology leader dedicated to becoming indispensable to society by connecting people, things and information with its original efficient, compact and precision technologies. The company is focused on driving innovations and exceeding customer expectations in inkjet, visual communications, wearables and robotics. Epson is proud of its contributions to realizing a sustainable society and its ongoing efforts to realizing the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. Led by the Japan-based Seiko Epson Corporation, the worldwide Epson Group generates annual sales of more than JPY 1 trillion.

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[1] EcoVadis – an independent, trusted and collaborative platform - assesses companies' policies and actions as well as their published reporting related to the environment, labour & human rights, ethics and sustainable procurement. EcoVadis' unique CSR assessment method covers more than 200 procurement categories across 160 countries. More than 65,000 companies work with EcoVadis to reduce risk, stimulate innovation and build transparency and trust between trading partners.

[2] Manufacture of computers and peripheral equipment industry.

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About Epson Europe

Epson Europe B.V., based in Amsterdam, is the Group's regional headquarters for Europe, Middle-East, Russia, and Africa. With a workforce of more than 1,968 employees, Epson Europe's sales for fiscal year 2017 were 1.7 billion Euros.

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