

SGE-21 Ethical and Socially Responsible Management System

The **SGE-21** is a standard developed by Forética that establishes a framework for ethical management and corporate social responsibility. It is the first European standard that allows organisations to systematically integrate [social responsibility](#) into their business strategy. The certification evaluates key areas such as personnel management, customers, suppliers, the environment, and the community, ensuring [responsible and sustainable practices](#) throughout the entire value chain.



What is SGE-21?

SGE-21 is a standard that defines a framework for managing in an ethical and responsible manner, covering everything from internal management to the impact on society and the environment. It enables organisations to systematise and improve their practices in social responsibility and sustainability.

What are the characteristics of SGE-21?

SGE-21 has the following characteristics:

- **Adaptable Design:** Designed for any type of organisation, from micro-enterprises to large multinationals.
- **Compatibility:** It is compatible with other management systems such as ISO 9001, [ISO 14001](#), or ISO 45001.
- **In Tune with Sustainability:** It aligns with the latest trends in sustainability, adapting to current challenges and opportunities.

What Are the Benefits of SGE-21?

SGE-21 offers the following benefits:

- **Management Efficiency:** Increases efficiency in the use and management of resources.
- **Relationship Strengthening:** Improves and strengthens relationships with stakeholders.
- **Contribution to Sustainable Development:** Supports and contributes to the sustainable development goals.
- **Enhanced Image:** Reinforces the company's image as an ethical, transparent, and responsible entity.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** Ensures compliance with the regulations and legislation related to ethics, sustainability, and corporate social responsibility.

Who Is This for?

SGE-21 may be of great interest to:

- **Companies Across All Sectors:** Organisations that wish to implement an ethical and socially responsible management system.
- **Committed Organisations:** Those committed to sustainability and continuous improvement in corporate social responsibility (CSR).
- **Corporate Governance:** Companies interested in strengthening their corporate governance and transparency.
- **NGOs and Cooperatives:** Entities that seek to ensure responsible practices in their operations.

Why Verify with Applus+ Certification?

Verification of the SGE-21 standard with **Applus+ Certification** offers internationally prestigious backing, ensuring transparency and rigour in audits. Applus+ supports companies with specialised advice to integrate ethical and responsible practices, enhancing their competitiveness and reputation. Moreover, the Applus+ seal reinforces the trust of clients and stakeholders, facilitating access to new business opportunities in markets that value sustainability and social responsibility.