



CO₂ PERFORMANCE LADDER

CO₂ Performance Ladder documents and guidelines (open access)

The CO₂ Performance Ladder (CO₂PL) is an instrument that helps organisations reduce their carbon emissions in their organisation, projects and sector. With a certificate on the Ladder, organisations can receive an award advantage for their registration on tenders. The instrument is used as both a CO₂ management system as well as a procurement tool. The Foundation for Climate Friendly Procurement and Business (SKAO) is responsible for all matters related to the Ladder: its use, continued development, managing the certification scheme and expanding on participating industries.

SKAO has published many documents, guidelines and best practice examples. All documents are open access, free and published in English, Dutch and (at least the normative documents) French. Below is an overview of the most important documents so you can easily find them. There are three categories: general information about the CO₂PL and SKAO; how to get certified; and how to apply the CO₂PL in tenders.

1 General information (CO₂PL and SKAO):

- [Essentials](#) document: a summary to explain the CO₂ Performance Ladder and SKAO. This document is being revised and updated at this moment.
- About SKAO: [English](#), [Dutch](#)
- Newsletters (see attachment): [English](#), [Dutch](#)
- CO₂PL in Europe: [English](#)

2 CO₂ management system:

- [Animation](#) (1:30 min): [English](#), [Dutch](#)
- The most important document for our carbon management system is our [Handbook](#). This is our standard, and this document includes all (technical) details about the method and the requirements/level: [English](#), [Dutch](#), [French](#)
The status of this accredited document is normative.
- As our Handbook is a formal and accredited standard, we have written a guide as an practical addition to our Handbook. The [practical guide](#) includes examples and is more easily digestible for those beginning with the CO₂PL.
The status of the practical guide is informative. We have several practical guides.
 - Part 1: Certification level 1-3: [English](#), [Dutch](#)
 - Part 2: Certification level 4 & 5: [English](#), [Dutch](#)
 - Certification level 1-3 for certified governments: only in [Dutch](#)



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- Real time overview: To check out which organisations are certified, you can look here: [English](#), [Dutch](#), [French](#)
- FAQ: [English](#), [Dutch](#), [French](#)
- Best practices and examples of certified organisations
 - Examples of certified organisations: [English](#), [Dutch](#)
 - Certified governments: [English](#), [Dutch](#)

3 Procurement instrument:

- Animation procurement (1:30 min): [English](#), [Dutch](#)
- The most important document about the use of the CO₂PL in Green public procurement is our procurement guide. This is the document containing information for procuring/contracting authorities on how to use the CO₂PL. This document not only includes the legal framework, but also the MEAT criteria and a 10 step action plan on how to apply the CO₂PL in tenders: [English](#), [Dutch](#), and the Belgian model procurement clauses (in [Dutch](#) and [French](#))
- Best practices and examples of tenders:
 - project cases of tenders: [English](#), [Dutch](#)