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HKI & IntegrityNext – Partnering for Practical ESG Solutions

Dear HKI members,

We are pleased to share with you a new collaboration between the HKI and IntegrityNext. Together, we aim to support you in addressing today's growing demands around supply chain transparency, sustainability, and regulatory compliance.

We have recently recorded a short video interview in German to introduce this partnership and explain how it can benefit you as a member. While an English version with subtitles is currently in preparation, we want to make sure you can already access the full content of the discussion. That's why we've prepared this summary as a service for our English-speaking members.

Below, you'll find the key messages and practical insights from the interview.

Why This Partnership Matters

The landscape of sustainability and compliance is evolving rapidly – not just in Germany, but across Europe and internationally. Companies are increasingly expected to take responsibility for their supply chains and demonstrate environmental and social performance.

Regulatory developments such as

- the German Supply Chain Act (LkSG),
- the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD),
- the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM),
- and upcoming EU-wide and international supply chain due diligence laws

are reshaping what companies must do – and what stakeholders expect.

Whether your company is directly affected or indirectly impacted through stakeholder or market demands, this partnership helps you, as our members, to navigate these requirements with practical, scalable solutions.

What Are the Biggest Challenges?

A recent HKI member survey highlighted the following pressing issues:

- Sustainability reporting (CSRD)
- Carbon emissions across the supply chain (Scope 1, 2 & 3)
- LkSG and upcoming EU supply chain laws
- CBAM, carbon tracking requirements, and deforestation-free supply chains (EUDR)

Additionally, members emphasized the need for effective ways to collect and manage carbon-related data across their operations and supply chains.

Members also expressed a strong need for:

- Greater transparency and traceability in supply chains
- Support with complex and changing requirements
- Pragmatic tools especially suited for SMEs

How IntegrityNext Helps

- IntegrityNext provides a ready-to-use digital platform that enables you to:
- Monitor supplier risks automatically
- Evaluate suppliers transparently and efficiently
- Fulfill documentation and reporting obligations (e.g. LkSG, CSRD, CBAM, carbon emissions)
- Access a database of over 2 million supplier profiles
- Work with always up-to-date ESG questionnaires

IntegrityNext's platform guides companies step-by-step through risk analysis and helps prioritize which suppliers require action. Updates to regulatory content are handled centrally, and even your suppliers are kept informed automatically.

This means: no setup from scratch, no hidden admin overhead – just a fast and effective start.

Even If You're Not (Yet) Affected ...

You may not be legally obligated to report – yet. But customers, investors, and partners may still expect ESG data and compliance.

Starting early puts you in control:
You gain lead time, reduce risk, and can build your internal processes at your own pace.



Sustainability is a journey. Some companies start earlier, some later – but we all need to go.

Knowledge, Tools & Exclusive Member Benefits

As an HKI member, you benefit from:

- Tailored solution packages designed to meet your specific needs
- Regular webinars and updates on ESG and compliance topics
- Direct contact with HKI and IntegrityNext for support
- Exclusive conditions through the HKI framework agreement

This partnership provides more than a platform – it creates a support system that helps you prepare, comply, and lead.

Get in Touch

If you have questions or would like to learn more about how to benefit from this partnership, we are here to support you:

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