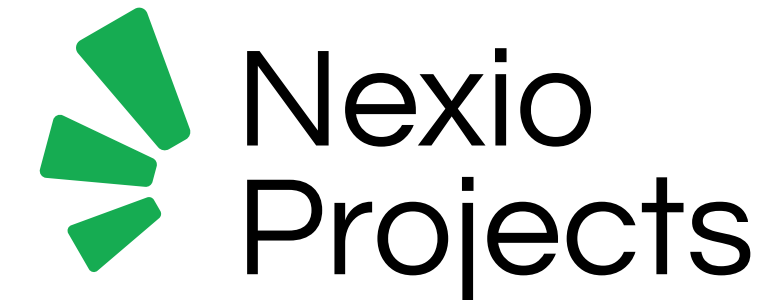



Case study: Orion Engineered Carbons

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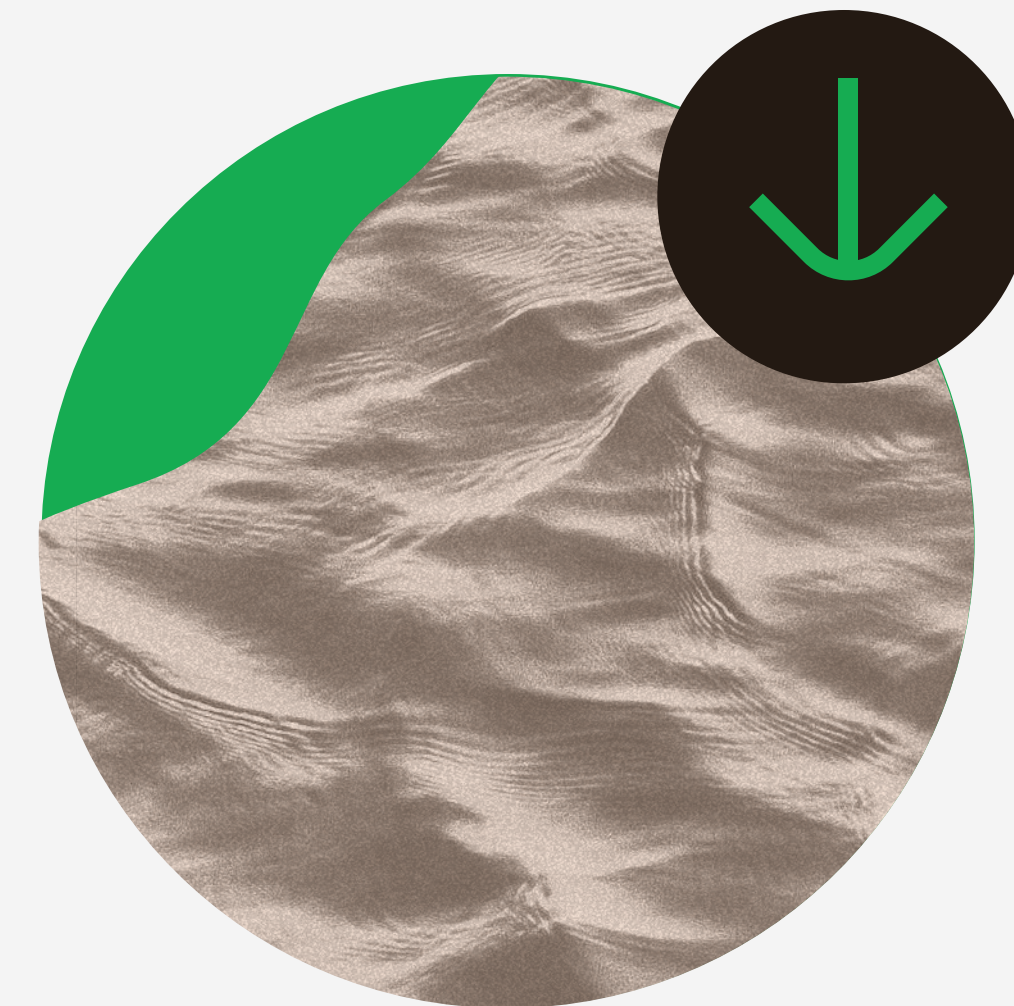
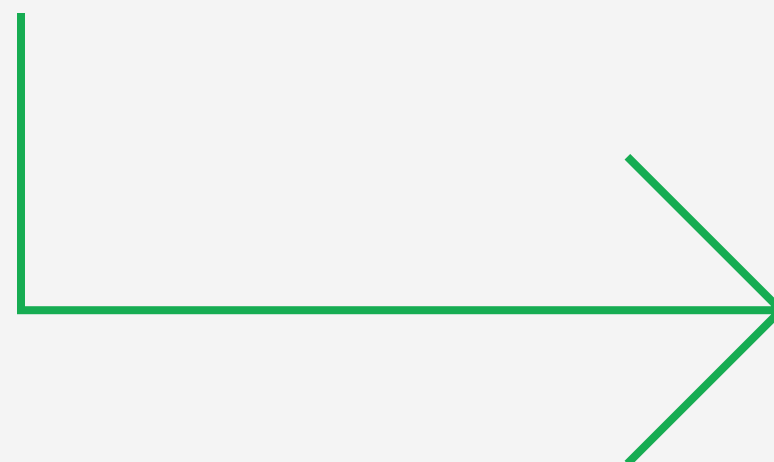
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The Challenge

Orion Engineered Carbons reached out to Nexio Projects for support in completing the EcoVadis assessment. The team was seeking guidance about where to better focus its efforts and consequently improve the company's score.

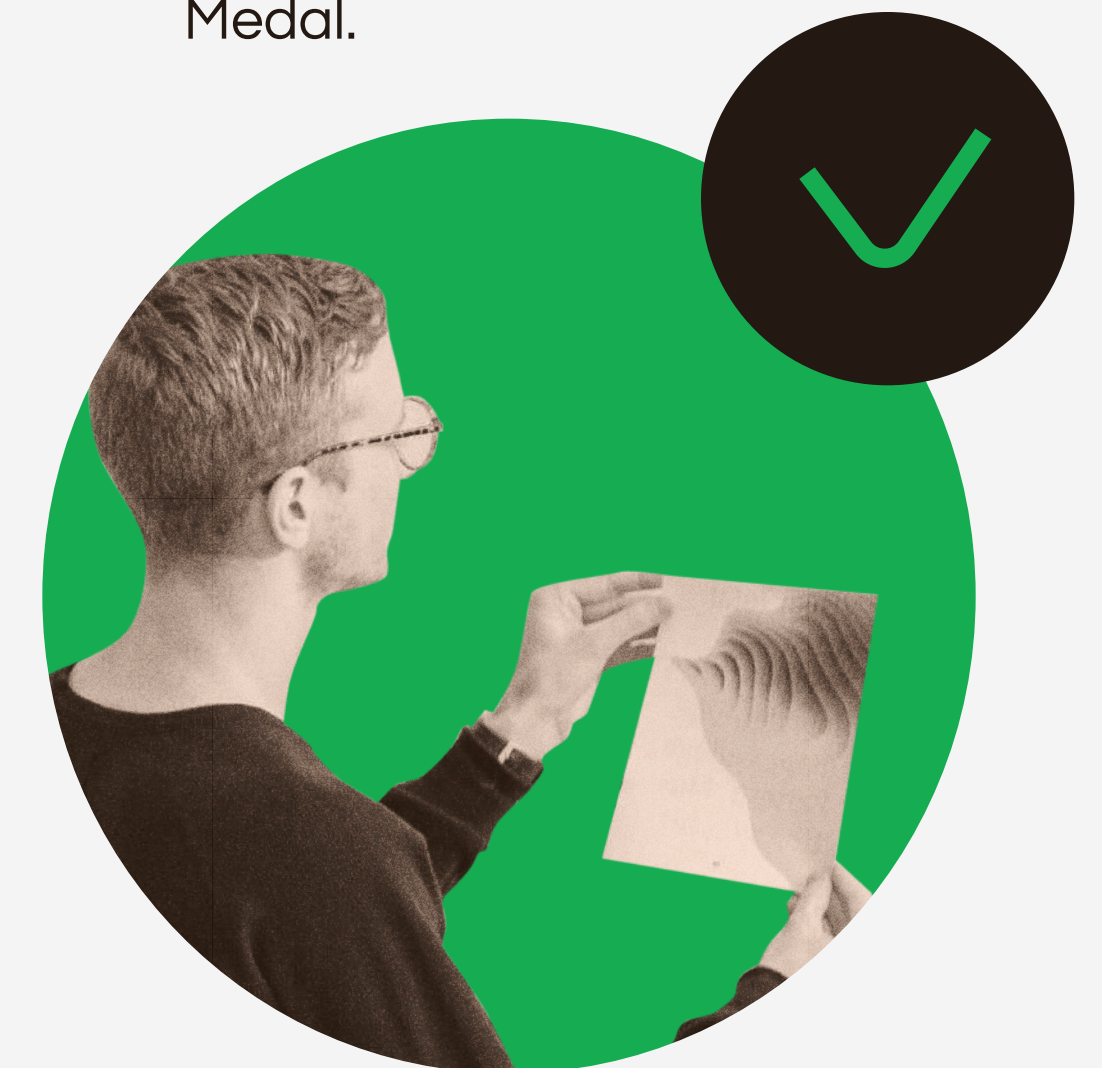


The Solution

The main improvement areas were identified through an Insights Report. Nexio Projects then also supported with the EcoVadis Assessment Completion.

The outcome

- As a result, Orion Engineered Carbons obtained a clearer understanding of the actions to take to close the main gaps in their sustainability systems.
- Additionally, the EcoVadis Assessment resulted in a score improvement from Silver to Gold Medal.



Company Facts

Specialty Chemicals

App. 1,500 FTEs

23 locations

EcoVadis Gold Medal

The context

- Orion Engineered Carbons is a global leader in carbon black production. The company pursues constant innovation to improve the quality and performance of its products, while at the same time minimising possible negative impacts on the environment.
- Orion has proven its commitment to sustainability by linking managers' bonus to ESG performance, signing the United Nations Global Compact in 2021 and disclosing their carbon performance according to the CDP framework.

Project Objectives

- To ensure a smooth process of the EcoVadis Assessment Completion;
- To help Orion to obtain an EcoVadis score that reflects the sustainability efforts of the company;
- To narrow down the sustainability areas with highest priority to help Orion direct its commitments;
- To improve the internal understanding of the EcoVadis Methodology and Assessment process.

Key Outcomes

- As a result of the project, Orion managed to improve their EcoVadis score moving from the Silver medal to the Gold medal;
- Moreover, internal awareness regarding the multi-faceted nature of sustainability increased, as did the understanding of the EcoVadis score's importance.
- Improved motivation in the Orion team thanks to a better understanding of the process and recognition for their efforts.

Nexio Projects' Solution

- Nexio Projects supported Orion in the process of submitting their EcoVadis Assessment Completion;
- The team helped Orion in understanding what documentation to submit to achieve a score that reflects the company's efforts;
- Nexio Projects collaborated with Orion in the identification of the main gaps in their sustainability strategy to prioritise actions and foster progress on the company's ESG initiatives.

“Having Nexio Projects to guide us through the what, when and how greatly helped our team tackle the EcoVadis Assessment more efficiently”.

**Jochen Rother,
Head of Corporate
Sustainability at Orion
Engineered Carbons**

