



Welcome to EURO

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Operational Research Societies

European Working Group on Sustainable Supply Chains





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Open & flexible: Other countries, Industry, Other subjects

Please send us recommendations or apply yourself!



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Elections: At least every 3 years



Join forces in a European Working Group on Sustainable Supply Chains to share **insides, datasets, trends and hotspots**.

The EWG on Sustainable Supply Chains will provide a reference point for all researchers in the field of Operations Management and Operations Research with an **interest in closing loops and to make supply chains more sustainable**.

The group meetings will encourage the exchange of information among **practitioners, users and researchers**.



Keywords



- Forward & reverse SC
- Industry & Consumers
- Down-/Upgrading
- Social & environmental issues
- growth \leftrightarrow development
- Industry partners/cooperations



Plans



- ✓ Areas/Streams/Sessions at EURO-K & IFORS conferences
- ✓ Annual Conference
- ✓ Best Paper Award/PhD/Master Thesis Award?
- ✓ Special Issues in Journals
- ✓ PhD Summer/Winter Instituts
- ✓ Cooperation with other EWG Groups
- ✓ Cooperation with Industry
- ✓ Communication within group



Plans



✓ Areas/Streams/Sessions at EURO-K & IFORS conferences

→ **Visibility / Audience / Timetable**

- Fix Names :

Area: OR in Sustainable Supply Chains?

Streams: Closed Loop Supply Chains,
Environmental Management,
Biobased Supply Chains

...

- Organizers?!



Plans



✓ Annual Conference

- Different Locations → different Organizers
- annual / every 2 years?
- General Topic “Sustainable SC” / Special Topics ?
- Rather “low-budget” (attractive for PhD students)
- Limited number of people
- Practitioner days/visits?
- Breakout Groups?
- PhD-Sessions?

✓ Best Paper Award



Plans



✓ Special Issues in journals

- Journals?
- Topics?

✓ PhD Summer/Winter Instituts

→ not within the next 2 years...



Cooperation with other EWG-Groups



- EWG “OR in Agriculture and Forest Management”
 - EWG “OR in Sustainable Development and Civil Engineering”
 - EWG “VeRoLog – Vehicle Routing and Logistics Optimization”
 - EWG “Transportation”
- For instance joint EURO Mini Conferences

Cooperation with INFORMS/POMS Groups



Cooperation with industry



- Very important!

„Cooperation“ could mean:

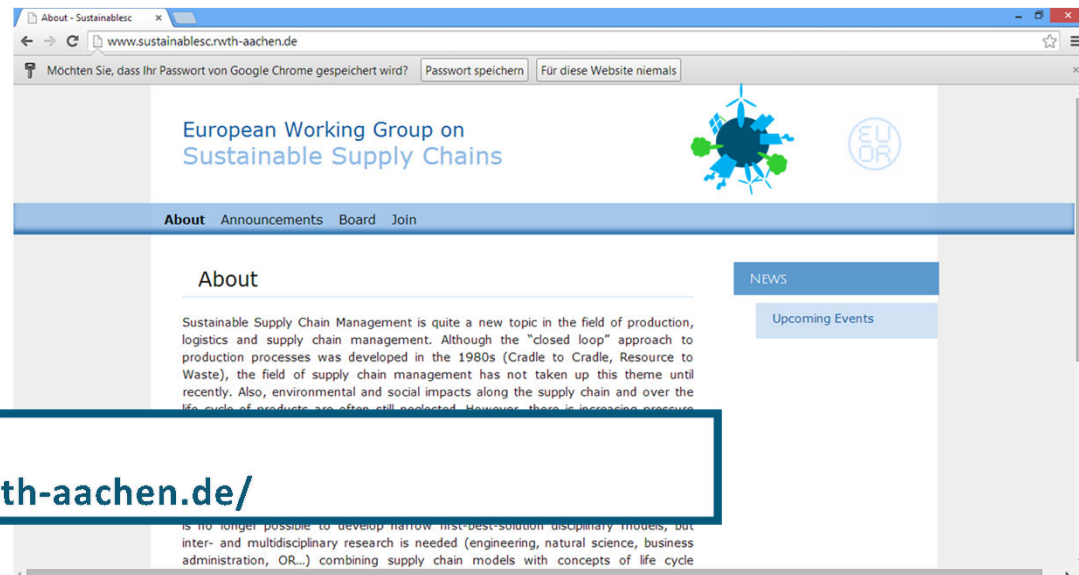
- sponsoring Conferences
- providing cases & data at practitioners days
- take part in conferences
- become a member of the board



Communication



- Website (Currently Representation of the Group
→ Future: Research Webpage?)
- Linked-In Group
- Newsletter (2-times a year)
- ...



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Other Remarks?
Recommendations?
Wishes?

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