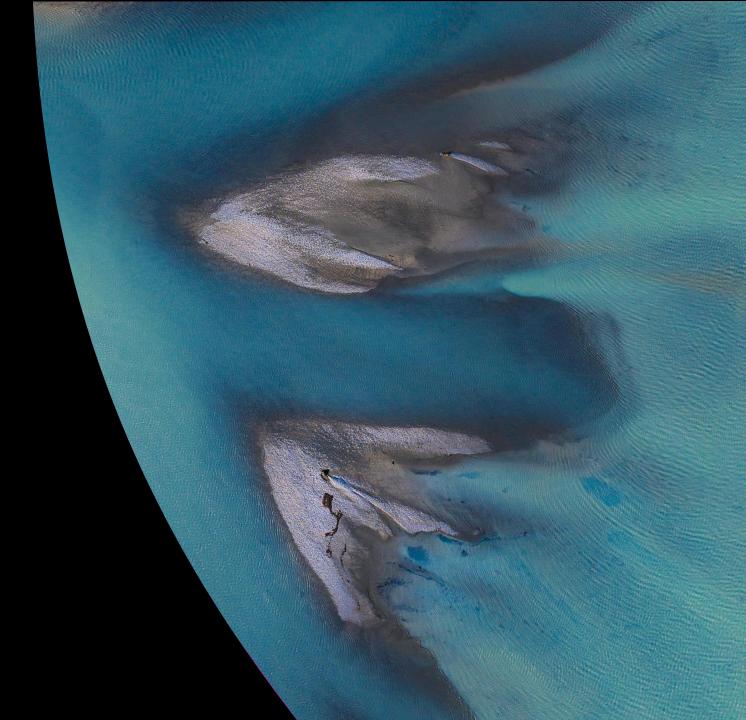
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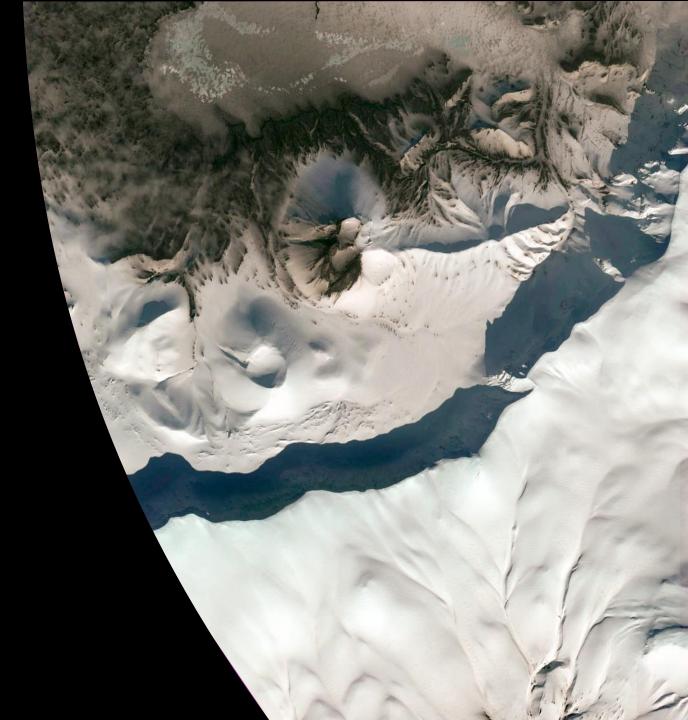




## Top Tips on Submitting Your Questionnaire

21st of August 2025





## Agenda



Introduction to CDP – Write Once, Read Many

Getting started – Key reminders

Pre-submission checklist & tips

Submission process – Portal walkthrough

Post-submission – Scoring & amendments

Resources

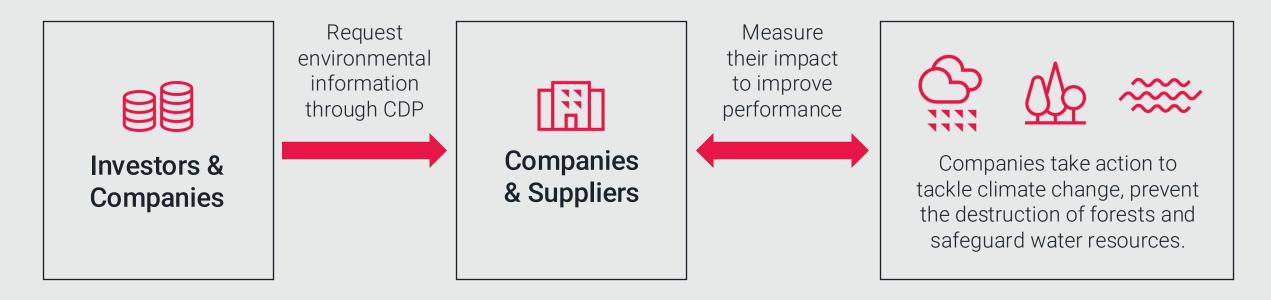
FAQs

## Write once, read many – unlock environmental action



#### How we work

Investors and purchasing companies use CDP to make informed decisions, reward companies with superior performance and drive action.





Companies and suppliers provide data on environmental impacts, risks, opportunities, investments, strategies and more.

### About CDP

CDP is a global non-profit that runs the world's environmental disclosure system for companies, cities, states and regions.



**640+** 

Investors with US\$120 trillion of assets



**1 24,800+** 

disclosing companies worth two thirds of global market capitalization



**370+** 

purchasing organizations with an annual spend of US\$6.4 trillion



1,100+

disclosing cities, states & regions



#### Disclosure is a business necessity



Access to capital

Quantifying risk and opportunity

**640+ investors** are asking CDP to engage companies in their portfolios to disclose in 2025.



Business competitiveness and access to buyers

Procurement and building business

In 2022, CDP Supply Chain members drove **70 million tonnes** of emissions reduction initiatives.



Compliance

Mandatory or voluntary

CDP's disclosure platform improves consistency of information for investors.



### CDP's write once, use many approach

regulation

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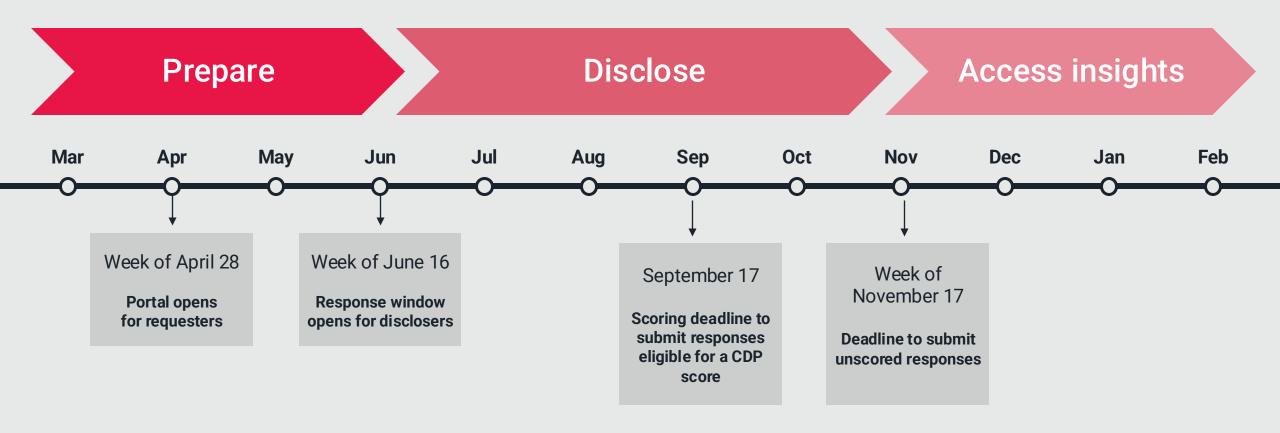
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#### 2025 disclosure timeline



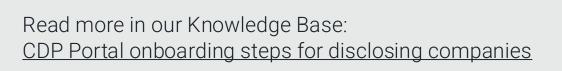
## Getting started



## Questionnaire set-up

- 1. Sign in to the CDP Portal
- 2. Confirm Submission Lead
- 3. Choose fee (if applicable)
- 4. Confirm participation
- 5. Set up your questionnaire
- 6. Begin responding







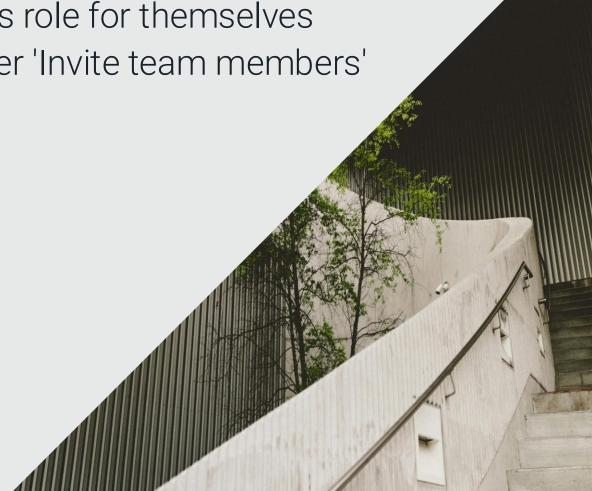
## Submission Lead

- Submission Lead is the new "Main User"
- The Submission Lead must choose this role for themselves
- You can see the Submission Lead under 'Invite team members'
- Only the Submission Lead can:
  - Complete the questionnaire set-up
  - Submit the questionnaire
  - Pay the Administrative Fee

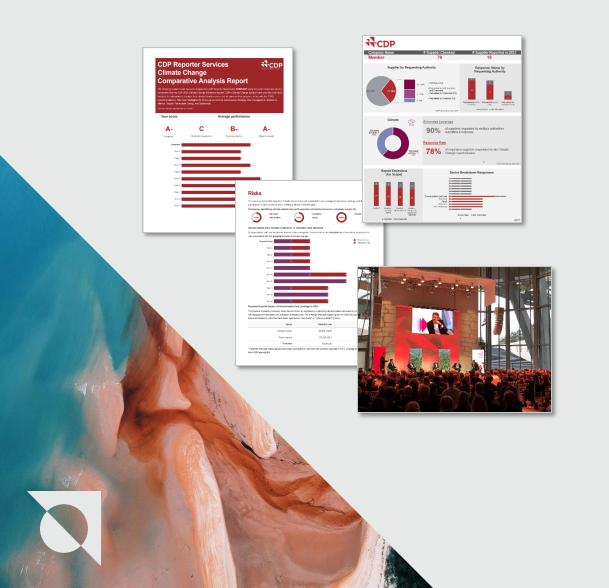


Read more in our Knowledge Base:

<u>How to manage team members as a Discloser</u>



## Make the most out of your CDP disclosure & support our mission along the way



	Enhanced Fee	Foundation Fee
Report through CDP, receive score, use CDP reporting frameworks and guidance		
Detailed CDP Comparative Analysis Report		X
Screening of top 50 suppliers to understand environmental action in your supply chain		X
Access to 100 company responses		X
Free entry/priority registration to and recognition at regional CDP events		X
CDP <b>Supporter badge</b> , <b>quote</b> from CDP Director		X
1-Hour Consultation with CDP Accredited Solutions Providers		X
and more!	\$7,300	\$3,100

# Pre-submission checklist

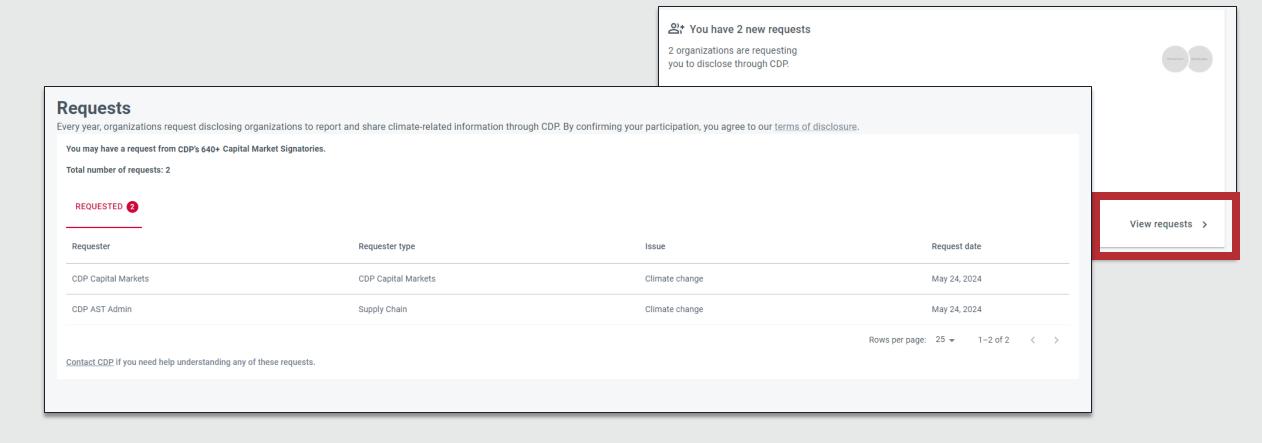


# Pre-submission checklist: Administrative

- Submission Lead: Only the Submission Lead can submit your response.
- Raise Admin Fee invoice: All Disclosers requested by Capital Markets Signatories are subject to the Administrative Fee.
- Requests: Ensure you have merged and/or accepted all the requests addressed to your organization or subsidiaries.
- Mandatory datapoints: Ensure you have completed these key questions

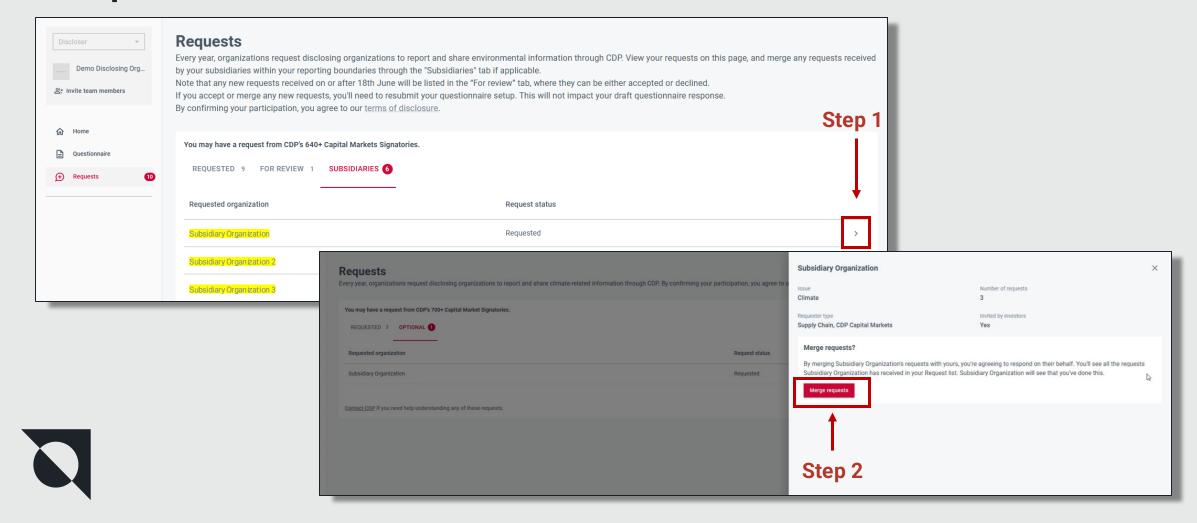


## View requests

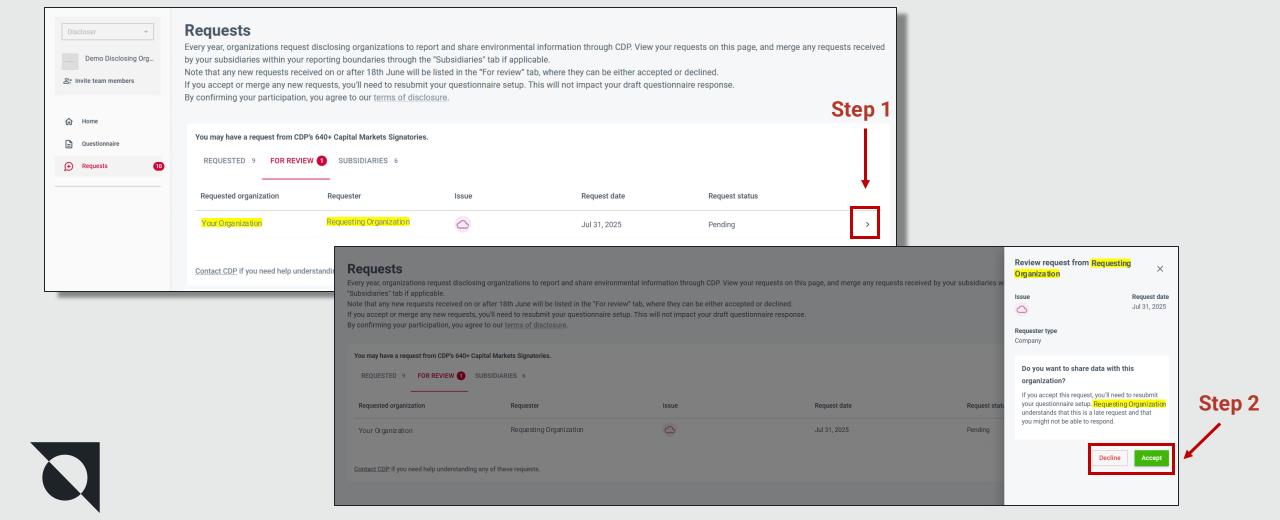




# View and merge subsidiary requests

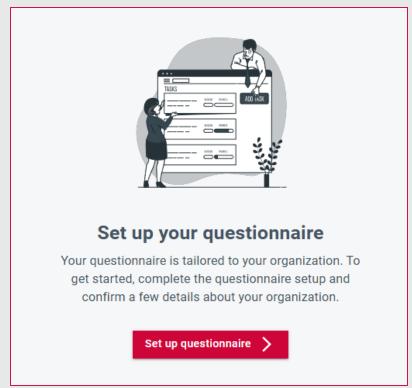


## Review any late requests



## Resubmit the questionnaire setup

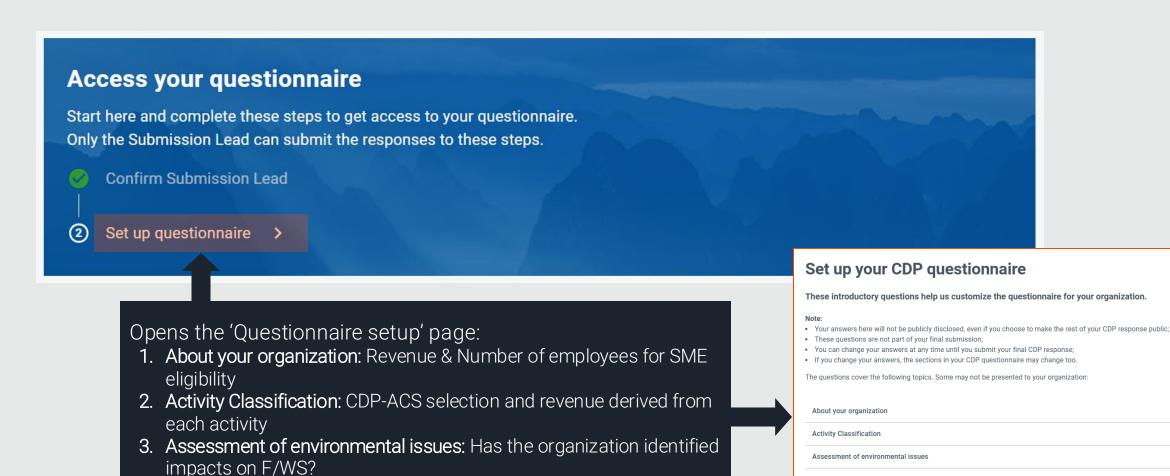
- After accepting or merging new requests, your questionnaire set-up will change back to "Edit" mode, and it must be re-submitted by the **Submission Lead** in order to access the questionnaire. Otherwise, you will see this message when accessing the questionnaire.
- When you re-submit your pre-questionnaire set up, no data will be lost.
- You will, however, see changes in questions (customer names showing up in drop-down menus).
- Your questionnaire setup will retain your original inputs, so this is a quick process of clicking through each window.





Read more in our Knowledge Base: How to manage your requests and re-submit your questionnaire setup as a disclosing company

## Resubmit the questionnaire setup



5. Additional Information: Forests commodities and mining operations

Intent to submit

Additional information



4. Intent to Submit

## Mandatory datapoints

#### For full corporate questionnaire

- 1.1 In which language are you submitting your response?
- 1.2 Select the currency used for all financial information disclosed throughout your response.
- 1.4 State the end date of the year for which you are reporting data. For emissions data, indicate whether you will be providing emissions data for past reporting years.
- 1.10 (FS-Only) Which activities does your organization undertake, and which industry sectors does your organization lend to, invest in, and/or insure?

#### For SME questionnaire

- 14.1 In which language are you submitting your response?
- 14.2 Select the currency used for all financial information disclosed throughout your response.
- 14.4 State the end date of the year for which you are reporting data.



## Pre-submission checklist: Questionnaire content

- Final response check: Review progress tracker.
- Confirm customer emissions allocation (if applicable): To allocate emissions to all customers you choose to, confirm requests list matches customers listed in question 7.26.
- Attachments: Confirm that your attachments are complete.
- Excel import: Double check the questions you used the Excel import function to confirm accuracy.
- Numbers and dates: Confirm numbers/dates are correct, and that typos are avoided, especially in Modules 7-9. CDP's scoring team cannot consider any corrections after the scoring deadline.
- **Verification statements**: For questions 7.9.1-7.9.3, ensure you are providing page number references not only for your assurance statement, but also for the explicit mention of Scope 1-3 emissions which were subject to the assurance/verification.

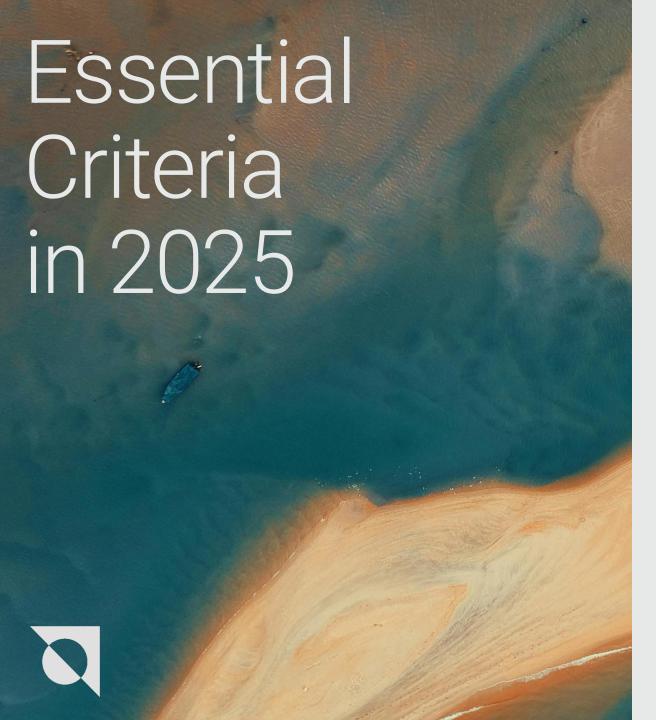


If you have an ESRS-aligned report, please follow the instructions on page 17 of our <u>2025 Updates</u> <u>document</u>.

## General tips

- **Reporting year alignment:** Ensure that disclosed information pertains to the reporting year unless the question or column specifies a different timeframe.
- **Do not leave cells blank:** Non-disclosed information cannot be evaluated and will result in a scoring penalization.
- Assessment and calculation of figures: Initial estimates may not be perfect. Start with approximations, clearly explaining the assumptions behind them. Input "0" only when the actual value is zero, not as a placeholder for uncalculated figures.
- **Ensure consistency:** Consistency should be maintained not only within individual question-level responses but also throughout the entire questionnaire. This is evaluated both at the question level and through criteria that promote consistency across questions.







By combining the application of essential criteria (EC) with a requirement for organizations to achieve a minimum score at each level, CDP recognizes organizations that provide key data points vital for understanding how they assess and respond to environmental challenges.

- Consistent reporting baseline
- Ensure critical gaps in disclosure are addressed

## Essential Criteria application across scoring levels

#### **Climate**

• EC applied at Awareness, Management, Leadership & A-list levels



Areas of focus include Governance, Processes and Ambition

#### Forests & Water

EC applied at Leadership & A-list levels





Essential criteria are only applied to organizations responding to the full corporate questionnaire (not SME).



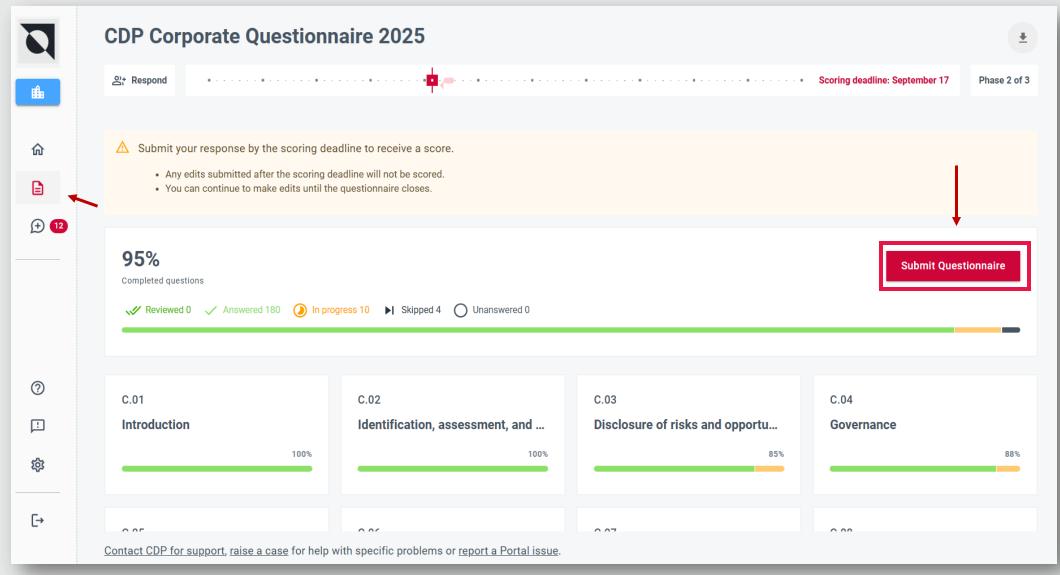
Learn more in our webinar:

"Introduction to CDP's Scoring Methodology & Understanding the Essential Criteria"

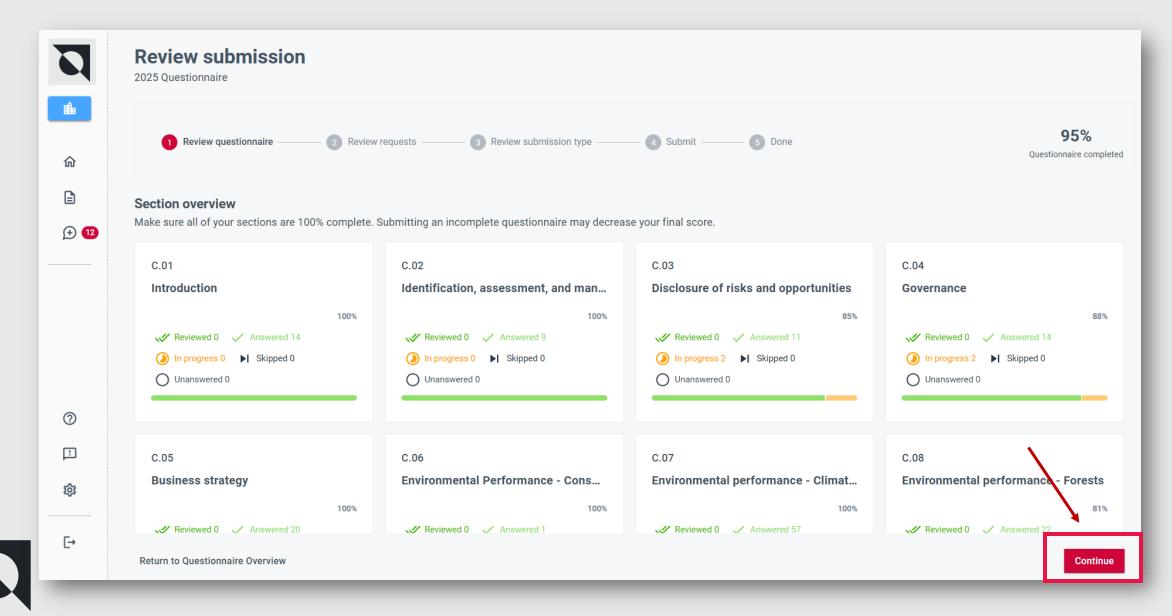
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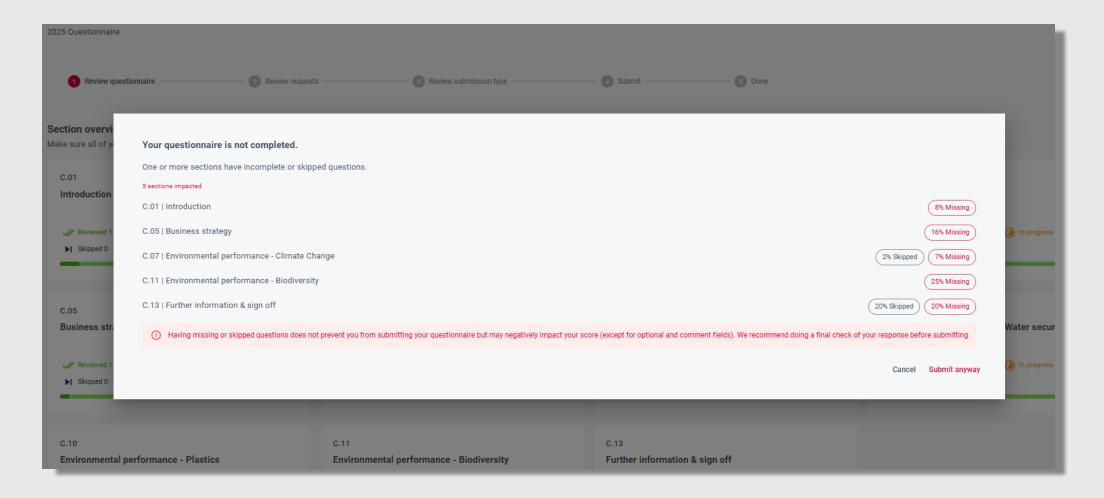
## Start - Navigate to your questionnaire & click 'Submit questionnaire'



#### Step 1 – Review your questionnaire response

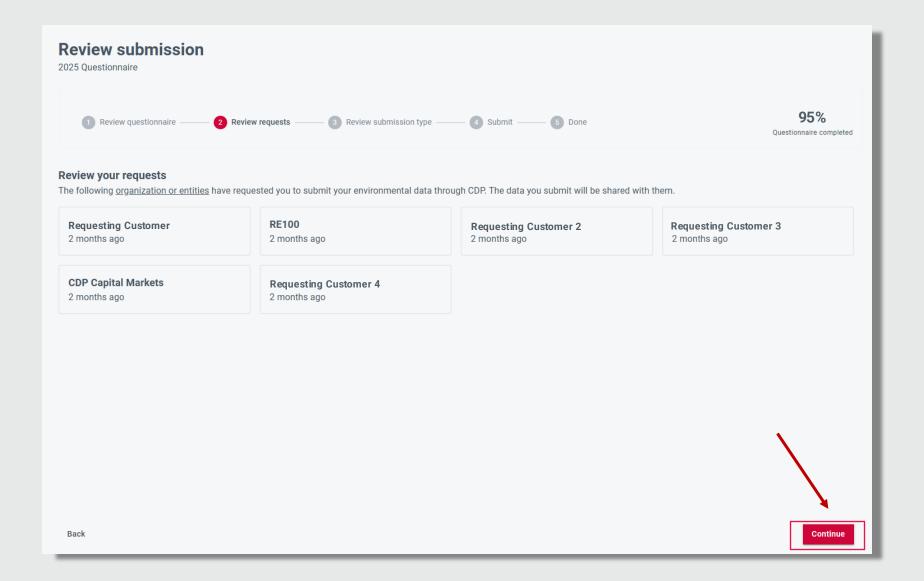


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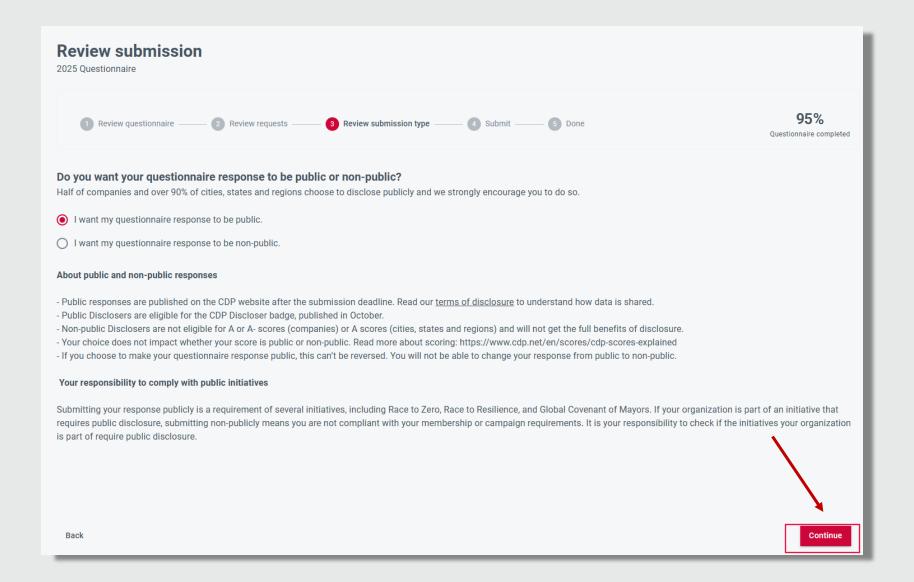




#### Step 2 – Review Requests



#### Step 3 – Review submission type: Response publicity



#### Response publicity status

Selection is made during submission process

#### **PUBLIC RESPONSE**

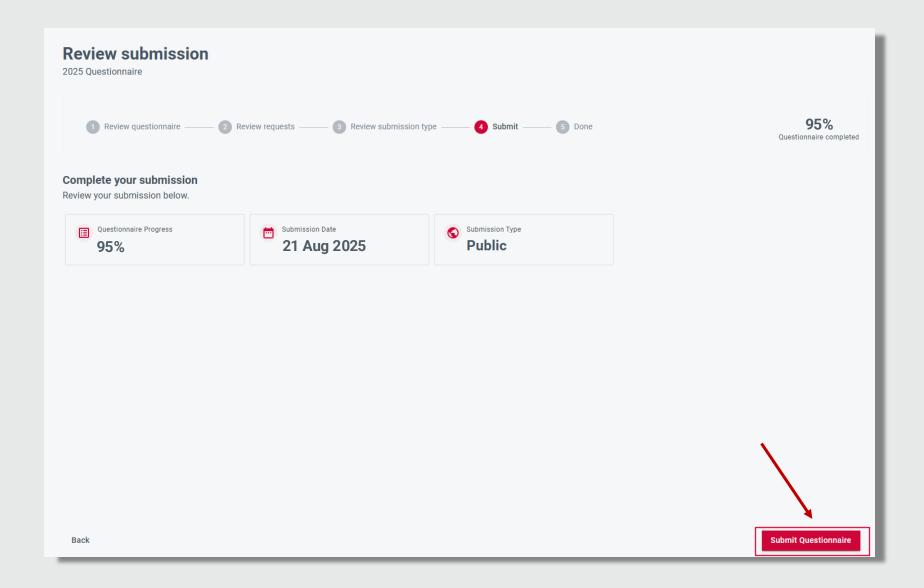
- Response available for all requesting authorities (Capital Market Signatories, customers, etc)
- Response available to public
- Response shared with CDP data users (MSCI, Bloomberg, and more)

#### **NON-PUBLIC RESPONSE\***

- Response available for all requesting authorities (Capital Market Signatories, customers, etc)
- Response not available to public
- Response is used as aggregated data only in CDP reports and studies

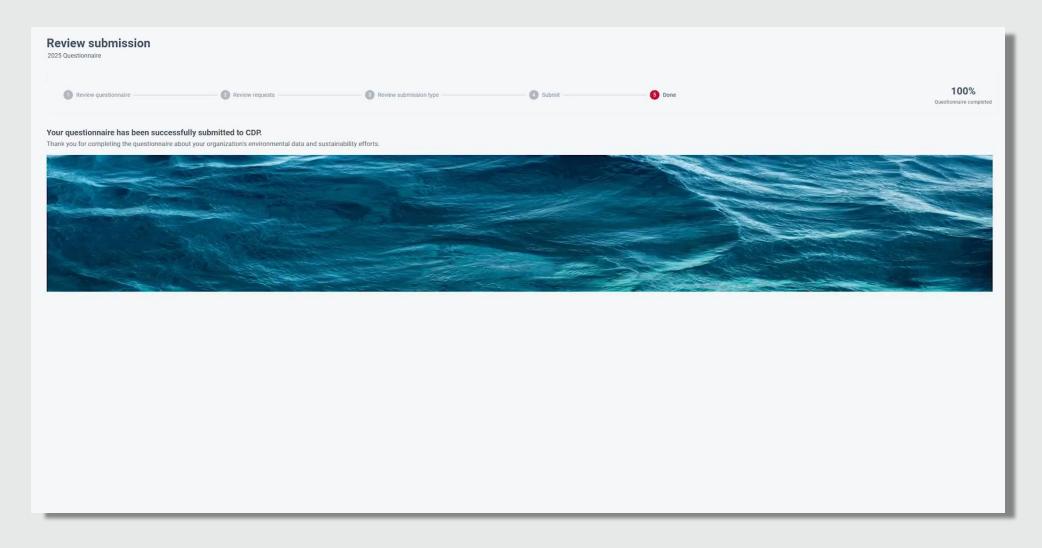


#### Step 4 – Submit your response

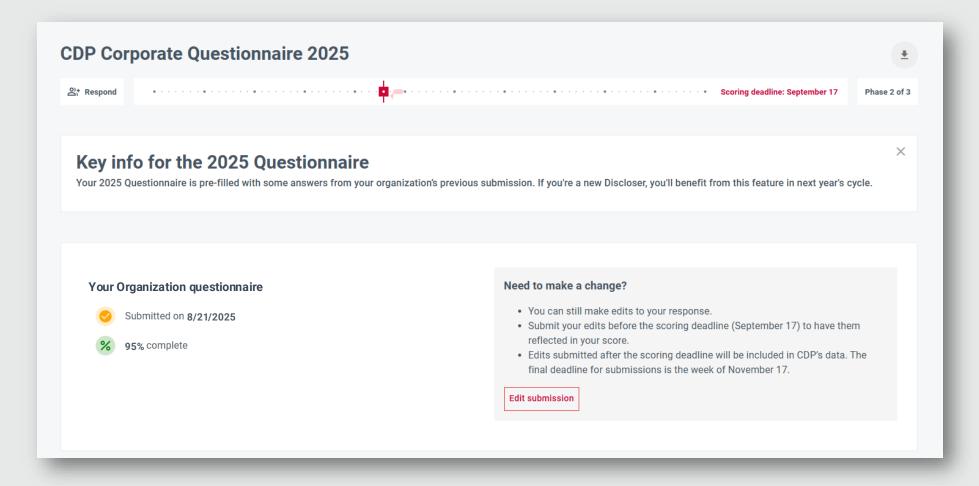




## Step 5 – You will receive a confirmation email within a week



#### Your Questionnaire page after submission





## Post-Submission Scores and Amendments



## About CDP scores

A CDP score provides a snapshot of a company's disclosure and environmental performance.

Scores indicate the level of action reported by the company to assess and manage its environmental impacts during the reporting year.

Don't forget about Essential Criteria!





# Corporate scores in 2025



CDP will continue to **score companies individually** for climate change, forests, and water security in 2025.



Plastics and biodiversity will remain unscored as we empower more companies to begin disclosing on these environmental issues.

# Public and Non-public scores

- Score publicity is based on which stakeholders are requesting your organization to disclose.
- Score publicity is independent of response publicity.
- If requested by Capital Market Signatories, your score will be listed publicly on CDP's website.
  - Upon request, first-time responders can opt to keep their score **private**.
  - Water and Forests scores for financial services will be publicly shared for the first time in 2025.
- If requested by Customers only, your score will be shared with requesting customers only and not available on CDP's website.



# Amending your response

- Amendments of responses will be free and self-service in the Portal via the "edit" function.
- Only information submitted before 17<sup>th</sup> of September 23:59 local time will be factored into scoring.
- Disclosers can then make edits to their submitted response until w/c November 17<sup>th</sup> – these will not be scored
- Amendments must be submitted by the Submission Lead, but Contributors can change a submitted response into amendment status.



## Next steps

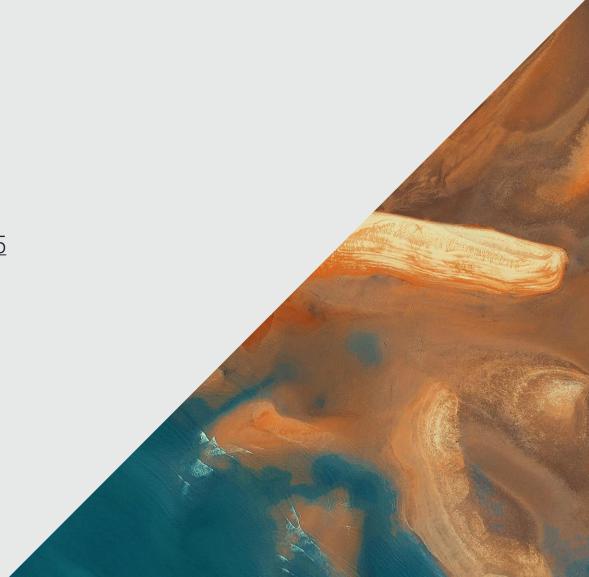
- Complete your disclosure!
- Submit by scoring deadline of September 17 (11:59pm local time).
- Enhanced admin fee benefits are delivered starting in autumn 2025
- Promote your disclosure with Disclosure Comms Toolkit





# Key resources

- CDP Disclosure Cycle 2025
- FAQs
- How to Disclose
- Knowledge Base & Discloser Portal Videos
- Guidance for companies (corporate and SMEs)
  - CDP Full Corporate Scoring Introduction 2025
  - CDP Climate Change Scoring Essential Criteria 2025
- Corporate Disclosure Key Changes for 2025
- CDP Full Corporate Scoring Changes 2025
- Mapping IFRS S2 to CDP's 2024 Questionnaire





# CDP Knowledge Base

## **Knowledge Base**

The Knowledge Base contains articles to help you use our platform and respond to CDP. They are created by our support team who have answered questions for our users. If you cannot find an answer, please contact our support team through My Support. You will need to be signed in to access this. If you are a new user, you can register here. Once you are signed in, please return to the Help Center via the link at the top of the page.

**Articles for Requesters** 



**Articles for Disclosers** 

Managing your Discloser account

Navigating the CDP Portal and questionnaires

Reporting guidance for disclosing companies

## How to submit your questionnaire response



Views: 18040

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This article is for all Disclosers and outlines the steps needed to submit your final response via the CDP Portal.

Important: you can explore, complete and review the questionnaire from disclosure launch. However, you will only be able to submit your response from the week commencing July 14. You will not be able to submit your questionnaire until that date.

#### Contents

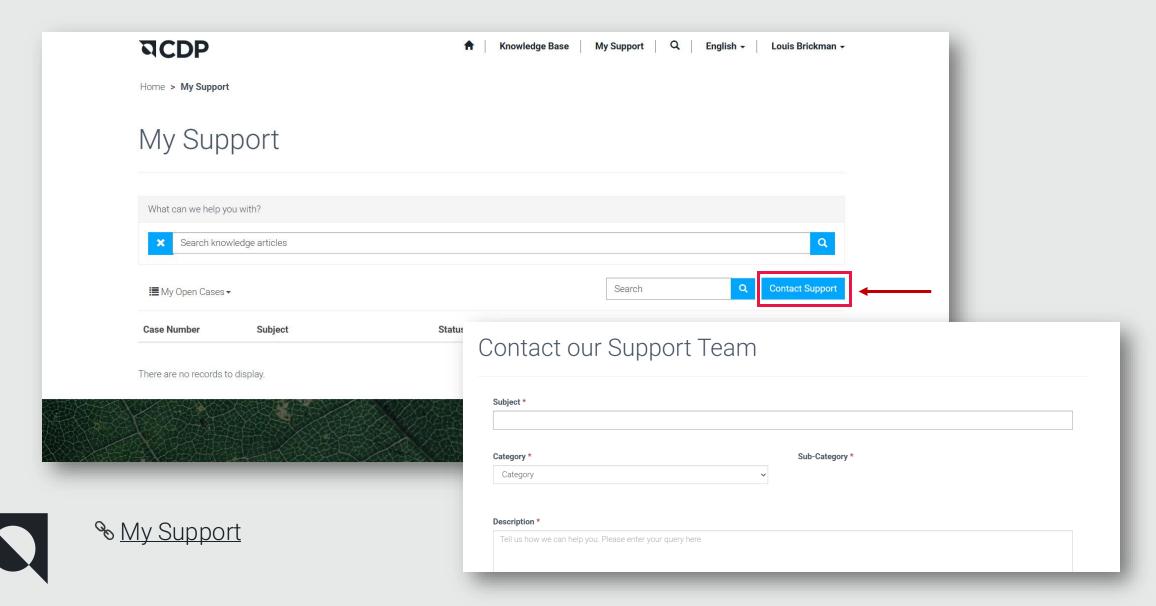
- Introduction
- · Submission Lead & admin fee pre-requisite steps
- · How to submit your response (Submission Lead only)

Sign in and navigate to your guestionnaire





## "My Support" for unanswered questions



# FAQs



## FAQ - Quick Reminders

#### What does a public vs. non-public response mean?

• Non-public responses are only shared with CDP's Capital Market Signatories and the customers that requested you to disclose. Public responses are also shared with further CDP data users and disseminated to the ESG ecosystem.

### Who is subject to the administrative (admin) fee?

• Any Discloser requested to disclose by Capital Market Signatories (see <u>2025 Sample Methodology</u>) is subject to the admin fee. If you are only requested to disclose by customers, you are not subject to the admin fee.

## What happens if I submit after the 17th of September?

• If you disclose between the 17<sup>th</sup> of September and the week of the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, your data will be shared with your requestors (Capital Market Signatories and/or customers), but you will not receive a score. The week of November 17<sup>th</sup> will be the last deadline to submit (exact date TBD). Should you face significant struggles to meet the 17<sup>th</sup> of September deadline due to technical challenges, please reach out to your CDP point of contact.



## FAQ - Portal Questions

#### What information will be submitted?

 Only the data that is displayed in the portal will be submitted to stakeholders and only that data submitted before the scoring deadline will be taken into account for scoring.

What should I do if the progress tracker is indicating that I don't have a question complete?

• The progress tracker does not need to be complete to submit your response. It is a tool to support your disclosure. That being said, we encourage you to disclose as much information as possible.



## FAQ - Post submission

## I want to share my response on my own company website. How can I do that?

 Please feel free to export a Word version of your questionnaire. We are currently exploring further formatting options.

#### When will scores be released?

• Scores will be shared before the end of the calendar year. We are still working to finalize the exact timeline. We will share an update with all stakeholders once this has been confirmed.

#### When will data be shared?

Data will be shared with requesting stakeholders and data users later this year. We will provide additional
information on this timeline in due course.



# Thank you!

