



Introduction to Collaboration Hubs



Thursday 25th February 2021 , 14:00 – 15:00 GMT

By Virtual Conference Call

Agenda



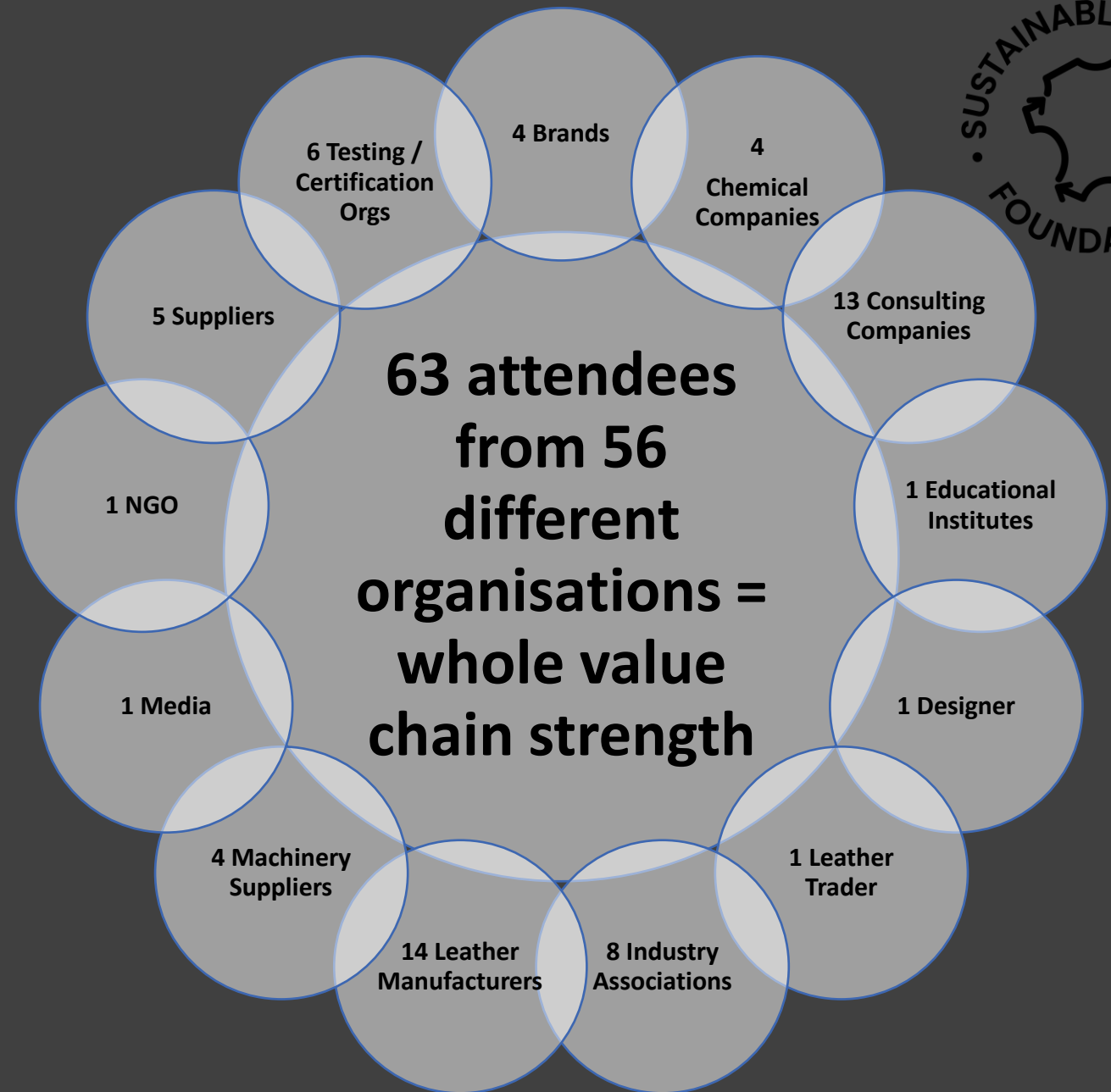
- **Welcome and Introduction**
 - Katie Kutskill, Chair of Advisory Board, GST Autoleathers
- **Key Concepts and Governance**
 - Deborah Taylor, Managing Director, SLF
- **Overview of identified Groups**
 - Karl Flowers, Technical Director, SLF
- **Open Q&A**
 - All
- **Next steps**

Welcome



Housekeeping:

- Please keep your microphone and camera switched off unless given the floor
- Please use the comment box to ask any questions or use the “Hand Up” function
- There will be an open Q & A during the session



1. Welcome & Introduction



The most powerful results come from collaborative action.



Working for the Industry and the Consumers

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SLF Progress Update & 2021 Plan



- Set up in July 2020 to create a fresh approach towards creating a sustainable future for the leather industry.
- Key objectives to:
 - Integrate with a fully inclusive mechanism
 - Focus on all elements of sensitivity or potential negative impact
 - Work with industry stakeholders to drive change and improvement
 - Communicate better with consumers and external media



Industry Led – Consumer Focused – A Fresh Approach

Website and App Development

Desktop View

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Mobile View

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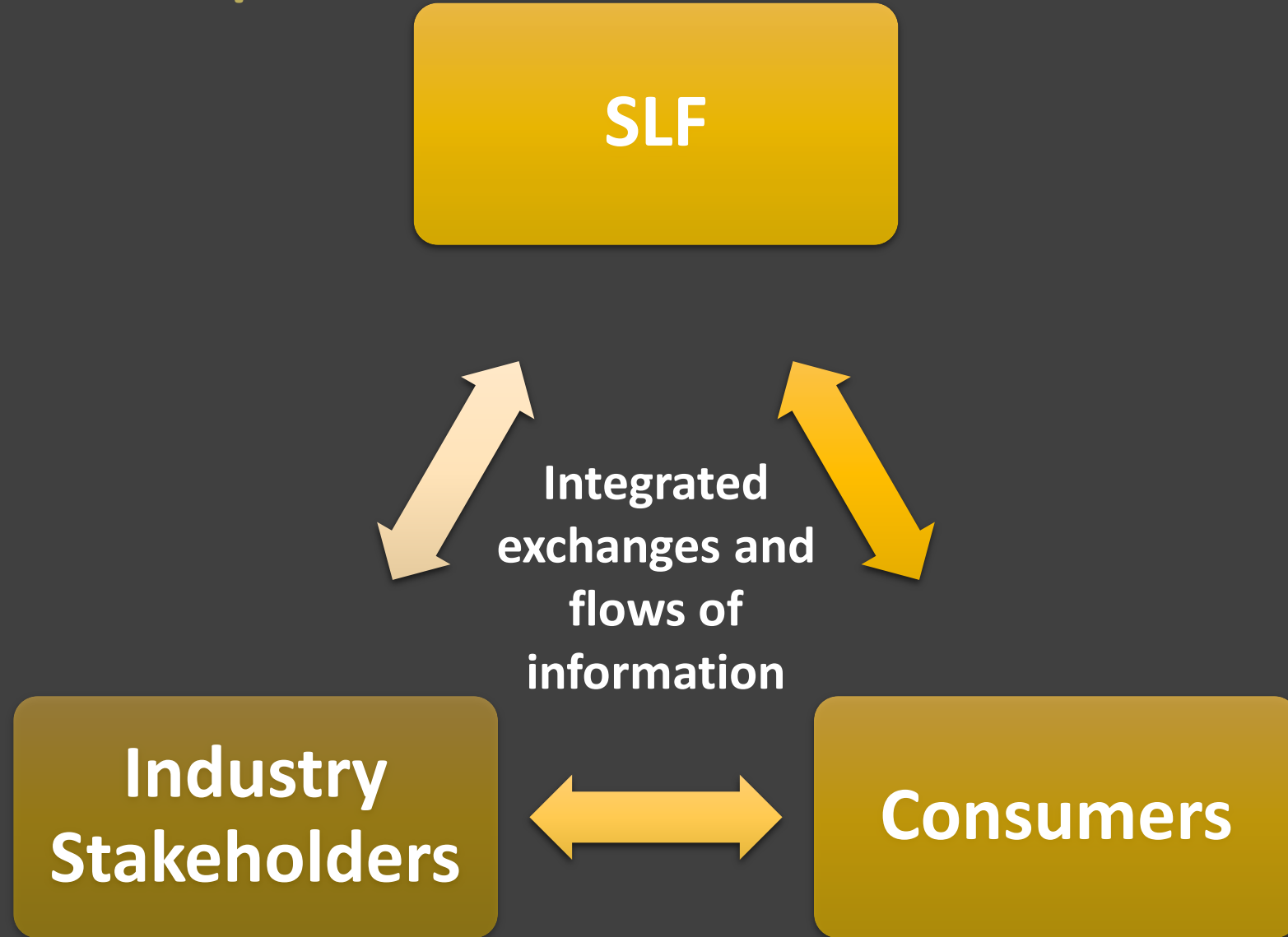
2. Key Concepts and Governance



The aim of our Collaboration Hubs is to create formal platforms where:

- industry concerns and priorities can be discussed
- problem solving and road-maps can be accelerated
- tangible results can be achieved.

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Discussion within the 8 groups:



Agree priorities and desired outcomes

Action:

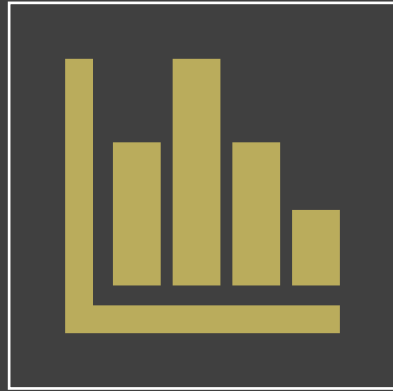
Plan workstreams to carry out the actions

Output:

Feed through output materials /
documentation to industry / consumers

- All information will be transparently available
- Information and documents will be hosted on the website
- All outputs will go through a review process – Karl will focus on this a little more later
- Agreement by industry consensus or science based data or both
- Resulting outputs will be open-source

3. Collaboration Hubs – Why?



Sustainability data



Sustainability discussions

- FILK, IULTCS (IUE), IPPC, UNIDO, magazines, trade shows, chemical companies, ICT, COTANCE
- Who collates this, compares it on a dashboard and communicates these ideas (and research data) to the supply chain and consumer?
- Who helps collate benchmarks (or creates benchmarks when new are needed)?
- Who identifies missing data?

3. Collaboration Hubs – How?



- Permanently open hub (with targeted work goals)
- Social media and marketing (ongoing)
- Proud association in the industry to aid involvement
- To be the cutting edge of sustainability developments
- To manage Research Chairs (generate research priorities)
- To inform standards and guides
- To inform evidence-based SLF standpoint
- To disseminate information to industry

3. Collaboration Hubs – How?



Will use the UN model for how these hubs run

Plan work packages and goals

Engage with experts and highly publicise industry efforts

Record, transparently industry comments

Show progress and release information outputs to the industry

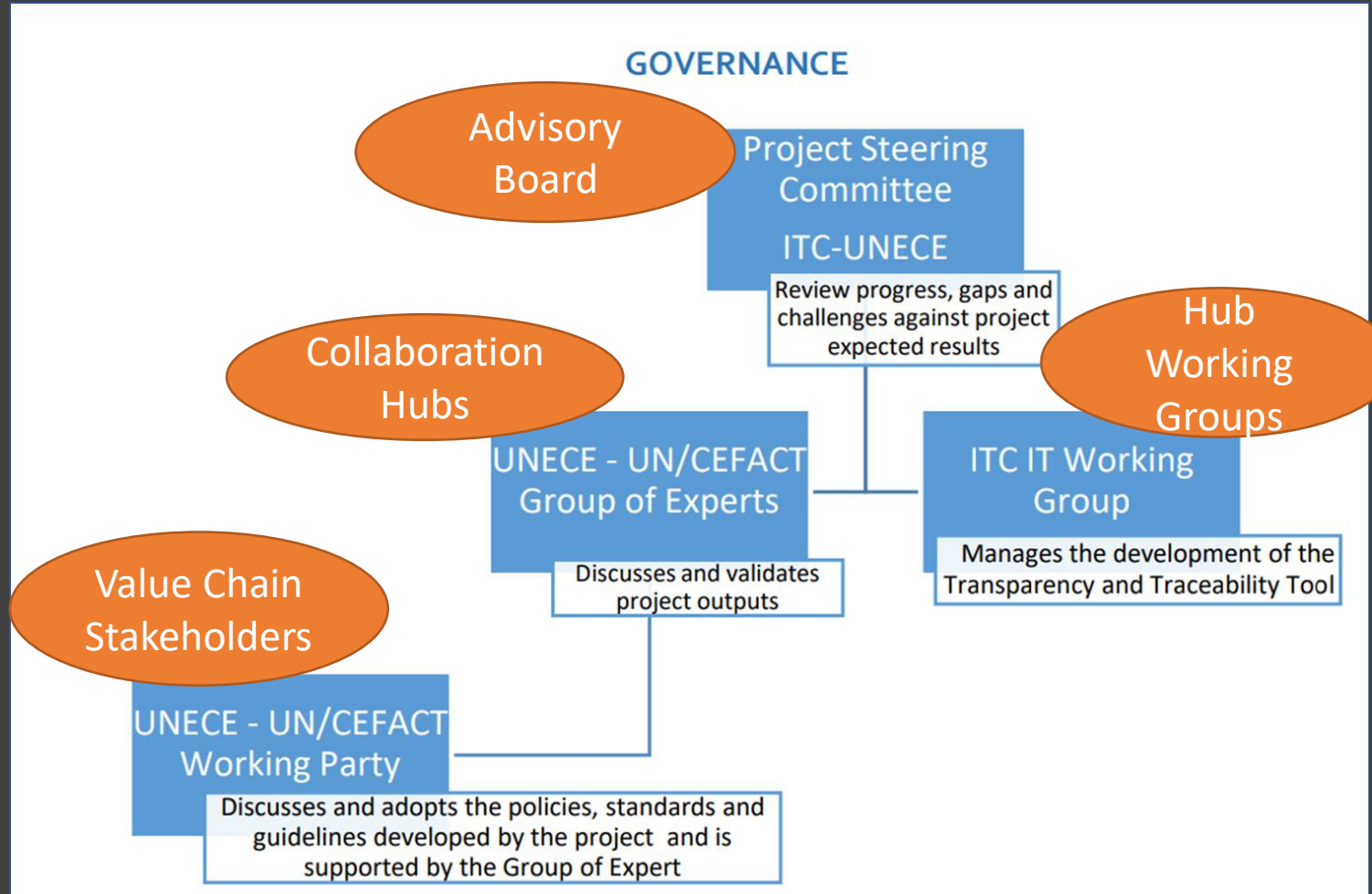


Traceability of Sustainable Value Chains

Enhancing transparency in the garment and footwear sector for informed and responsible choices



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3. UNECE outputs



- 1: A multi-stakeholder policy dialogue platform and policy recommendations ...
- 2: Traceability standards and implementation guidelines.
- 3: A transparency and traceability tool, for customized, open self-assessment and data sharing solutions for value chain stakeholders.
- 4: Piloting of the policy recommendations, standards and transparency and traceability tool.
- 5: Training and continuous improvement programme in collaboration with strategic partners

3. COTANCE PEFCR

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| 30 | Ugo Pretato | 5.3 | Electricity modelling | T | The procedure for modelling primary data collection shall apply the electricity modelling rules identified in the related issue paper released in January 2016 v.12. | Add a reference to the issue paper for modelling electricity use horizontally across the system. Specify rules for on-site electricity generation. Check also provisions in the new PEF guidance v6 | Added. | Accepted. The electricity modelling rules are however incorporated in the guidance 6.0 (§2.8) | | |
| 31 | Legambiente | 5.3 | | G | It's important that it be taken into account the content and the recommendations arising from BAT's documents for different steps considered. | To include an explicit reference to BAT. | BATs apply for tanneries of specific size and significance (class A with daily output greater than 12 tons of product) therefore regard only a segment of tanning plants. On the other hand PEFCRs are meant to cover the whole spectrum of tanning activities and plants of all sizes. Finally BATs have not been assessed with an LCA methodology. | Accepted | | |
| 32 | Legambiente | 5.3 | | G | It's important that it be taken into account the content and the recommendations arising from BAT's documents for different steps considered | To include an explicit reference to BAT. | See response to comment # 31. | Accepted | | |
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3. Collaboration Hubs - Overview



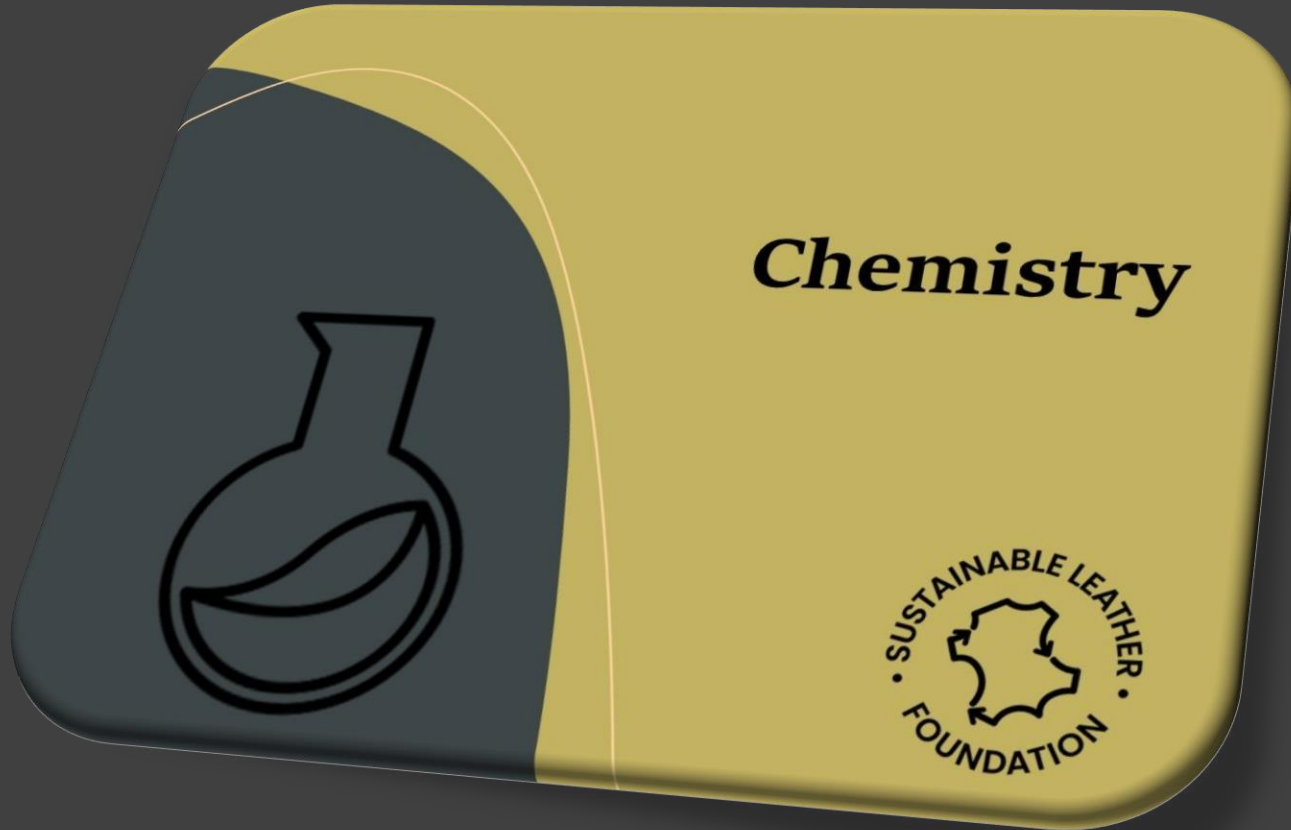
This hub will be investigating the impacts of leather, leather by-products, leather wastes, leather products in-use aspects, end-of-life and circularity phases.

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This hub will be working on LCA, water, energy, effluent treatment, soil and solid waste topics. This is a large topic and experts in this hub will be split into one or more sub-groups to reflect specialties.

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Chemists, test houses, safety experts will make up this hub. Working on green chemistry, risk management including health & safety of chemicals, and chemical sustainability.

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This hub is specifically designed to ensure that the way we communicate sustainability in the leather industry to the consumers is clear, factual and represents a true reflection to instil value, credibility and trust.

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Participation from experts on deforestation and conversion-free principles, biodiversity, farming and animal welfare is key to evolving our sustainability credentials from farm to post-consumption.

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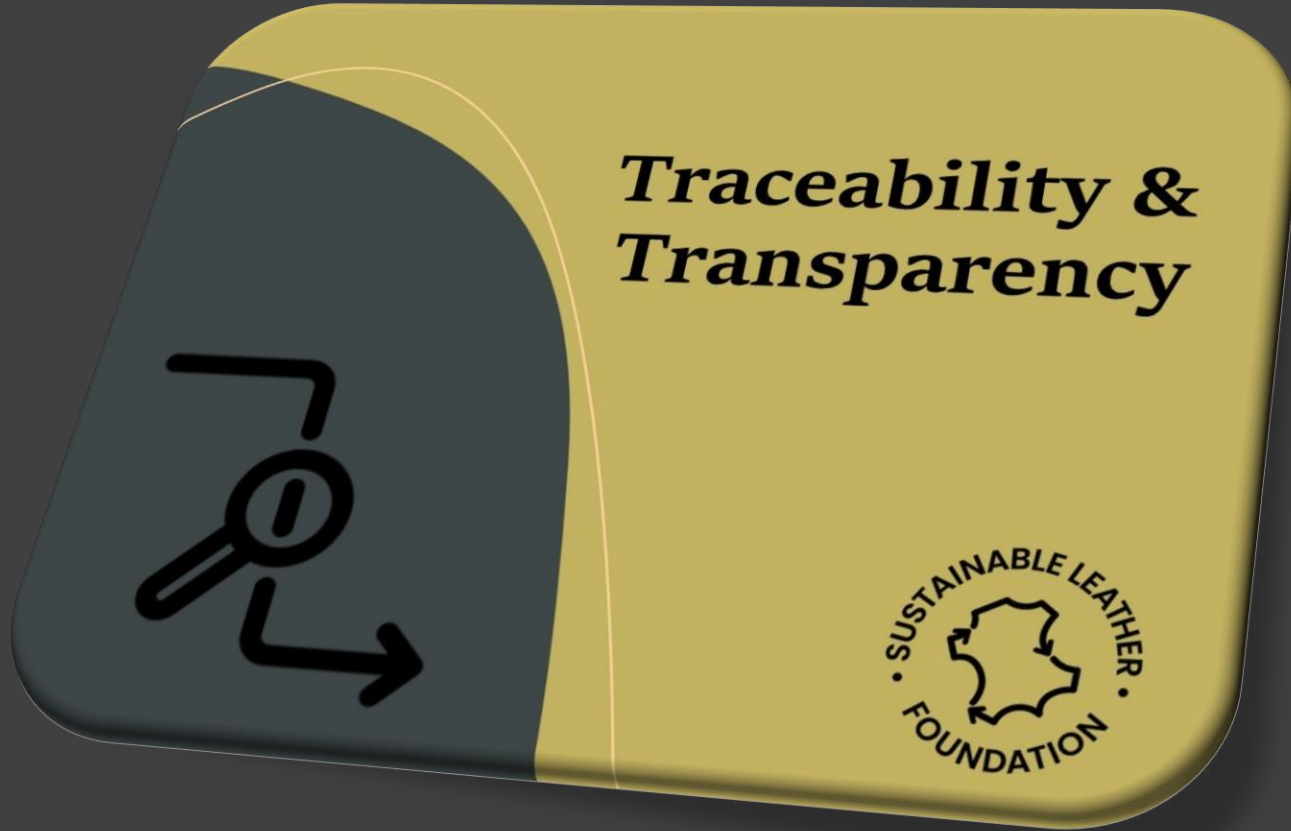
Quality and Systems Management experts will be the driving force of this hub. Working on exemplary governance principles and leather quality, to ensure the industry is recognised for the best practice governance adopted.

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One of the most under-represented concerns within the leather industry, this high priority focus hub will address ways of supporting the leather industry to make wide-sweeping changes to the social concerns that many regions face.

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The biggest tool in demonstrating sustainability for the leather industry is transparency and this is enabled through traceability. This hub will look at how methodology can work with technology to provide solutions for the industry.

3. Collaboration Hubs – Responsibilities



- A member of a hub would be interested in the topic
- They would engage as much or as little as they like
- They would attend calls and read through documents
- Wherever possible they would pass comment and try to inform a diversity of opinion
- Be part of the democratic process of policy making

4. Open Q & A



Open

Relevant



Accessible

3. Collaboration Hubs – Next steps?



- Sign up through the SLF web page to be involved
- Meeting timeline:

| Date | Hubs involved |
|------------|---|
| March 2021 | Biodegradability, Footprint, Chemistry, Traceability & Transparency |
| April 2021 | Governance, Deforestation and Biodiversity, Consumer, Social |
| Sep 2021 | Biodegradability, Footprint, Chemistry, Traceability and Transparency |
| Oct 2021 | Governance, Deforestation and Biodiversity, Consumer, Social |