

Benefits of IQNet SR 10 certification



By implementing a SR 10 Social Responsibility Management System, your organisation will be positioned as socially responsible, standing out from the competition and positively strengthening your image with all stakeholders.

Upon successful completion of the certification process, your organisation will obtain the IQNet and IQNet partner certificates for the Social Responsibility management system; including the right to use the IQNet SR 10 certification Mark.

IQNet SR 10 Social responsibility



Leadership and Business Management

- Positions the organisation as socially responsible
- Improves communication and understanding of expectations and needs of all stakeholders
- Promotes a more balanced decision-making process that involves all stakeholders
- Allows integration with management systems based on other standards (ISO 9001, ISO 14001, SA8000 etc.) and excellence models (EFQM, FUNDIBEQ, etc.)
- Improves the organisation's risk management practices
- Increases employees' loyalty, involvement, participation and morale
- Improves workers' health and safety
- Has a positive impact on the capacity to hire, motivate and retain employees
- Generates innovation

Social and Environmental

- Reduces negative impacts on society and the environment
- Favours the promotion and start-up of SR initiatives and programmes
- Stimulates the implementation of actions and initiatives that represent a positive impact on ecosystems and biodiversity

Financial and Commercial

- Improves competitiveness and contributes to accessing funding and relations with investors and partners
- Supports an organisation to positively differentiate from the competition
- Strengthens the organisation's image with clients, consumers, shareholders, investors, community
- Increases savings associated with increased productivity and resource efficiency, decreased energy and water consumption, reduced wastes and the recovery of valuable by-products
- Prevents or reduces potential conflicts with consumers on products and services

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IQNet partners focus on minimising risks and improving sustainable organisational performance for the benefit of our customers and related interested parties.



Innovative Products and Services

The need for Social Responsibility



An increasing number of organisations are becoming aware of the need to manage the impact of their activities on society and the environment. Their appreciation for the benefits of socially responsible management is leading them to take decisive action and reap the benefits that socially responsible management delivers to their sustainable development.

Escalating demands and increasing pressure are being applied by societal stakeholders, urging organisations to adopt ethical business practices in a systemic and transparent manner. Simply complying to legislative requirements falls short of the greater objective to establish socially responsible management as part of the organisation's fundamental strategy.

Catering to this growing need, ISO established the largest ever work group whose output was

the ISO 26000 standard as a guide to assist organisation adopt socially responsible practices. ISO 26000 contains information and recommendations; but it does not contain provisions for determining the minimum requirements for the practical implementation of the social responsibility principles and cannot be certified by organisations that are willing to demonstrate compliance with such principles.

Organisations need models to support them integrating the recommendations, guidelines and principles of ISO 26000 in their daily business. IQNet SR 10 is an international specification which aims to integrate social responsibility management into organisations' business strategy and to communicate the achievements obtained through certification.

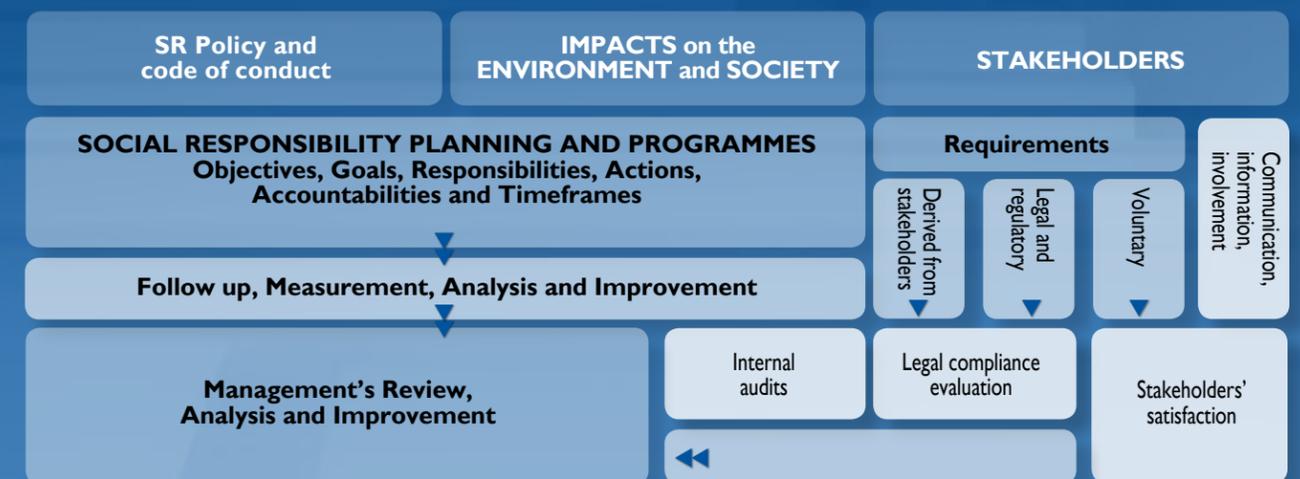


The IQNet SR 10 solution

IQNet SR 10 is a specification created by IQNet, defining the requirements of a social responsibility management system which must be complied with to satisfy societal stakeholders.

IQNet SR 10:

- is a management tool incorporating social responsibility requirements based on the PDCA cycle of continual improvement
- is easily integrated with (and compatible to) other management system based on ISO standards or excellence models
- can be applied to all organisations regardless of their size, complexity or business scope
- condenses the principles and recommendations of ISO 26000 into a verifiable format
- addresses all societal stakeholders



Key elements of the SR 10 Social Responsibility Management System.

