

Polyflor SA:

Is my choice of flooring a sustainable one?

A checklist to confirm

A good flooring manufacturer should be able to provide the following information for you so that you can make an informed decision by using **Triple Bottom Line (TBL) analysis** questions.



PLANET

Remember to ask the **planet** questions on a **per product** basis. Know exactly which product you plan to use or specify and then ask these questions:

- What materials are used to make this floor?
- How energy efficient is the production process?
- How toxic is the production process?
- What are the environmental impacts of the flooring's logistics and installation?
- What is its in-use sustainability, including air quality, fitness for purpose, durability, cleaning and maintenance requirements, electricity usage and impact on the users' health and safety?
- Can the loop be closed? What becomes of the flooring after use and disposal?
- What environmental/green ratings does this product have?
- Can the manufacturer give you a full cradle-to-grave analysis of their product's impact on the environment?



PEOPLE

- How does the manufacturer treat its staff?
- How is the surrounding community affected and supported by this company?
- Does the company take part in community and social initiatives?
- Does this product do what it is supposed to do and thereby improve the quality of life of the people using it (i.e. is it fit for purpose)?
- Is it safe for people to use?
- Does it take human health requirements into account?



PROFIT

- Is the company profitable and does it behave responsibly with its profit?
- Does the flooring industry and company comply with circular economy principals such as
 - reduction of waste to a minimum
 - conservation of resources through recycling
 - use of products that are environmentally consistent with their intended use, providing a high level of durability, reliability, ease of maintenance and safe disposal at end of life?