



The Foreign & Commonwealth Office

The Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) is a ministerial department of the UK Government, supported by 11 agencies and public bodies to represent the UK's interests overseas. As a lead promoter of the UK abroad, it is critical to the FCO that it upholds the highest standards of sustainability, with purchasing being a key area to demonstrate its leadership and positive impact.

The Challenge

The FCO faces strict regulations to measure and report on the impact in its supply chain:

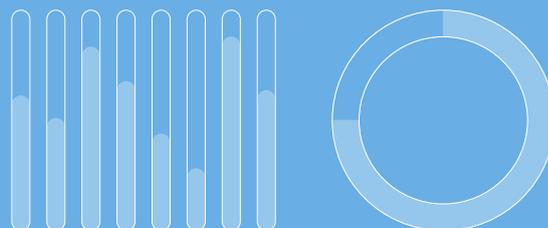
- European Union regulations and the Social Value Act in the UK require government agencies to incorporate sustainability into its purchasing practices.
- A priority focus for the FCO and many other Government agencies is to measure and monitor the promotion of **small-to-medium size enterprises** (SMEs) in their supply chain.
- Thus, the FCO faced the challenge of analysing thousands of suppliers, needing to efficiently measure, monitor and report the number of SMEs in its supply chain - and how much it spends with them.



The Solution

AMEE provides a solution that accurately measures SME impact while **minimizing time, cost and complexity** for FCO:

- AMEE's comprehensive and continuously updated business database served as a valuable resource for the FCO to gain visibility into its supply chain.
- The FCO only had to provide a list of suppliers - AMEE then quickly reported back on the SME composition and spend analysis across the thousands of suppliers.
- AMEE integrated its data into FCO's other enterprise systems, reducing complexity and enabling cohesive reporting.



Key Benefits

Overall, AMEE's support to FCO's supply chain sustainability reporting provided them with most efficient way to meet their compliance requirements - and drive more sustainable procurement. Specifically, AMEE's services helped FCO:

Reduce cost:

By tapping into AMEE's live data and outsourcing analysis, they were able to avoid unnecessary, non-core costs.

Enhance data insight:

FCO found they had very high SME inclusion rate, which enabled them to promote their strong performance with Government.

Ensure compliance:

AMEE's robust analytics services ensured accurate compliance with reporting rules using the most up-to-date data on suppliers.

"AMEE helped us reduce the time and money we spend on reporting while providing new clarity and insight into our supply chain."

Michelle St Clair, Commercial Analytics Lead, FCO

