

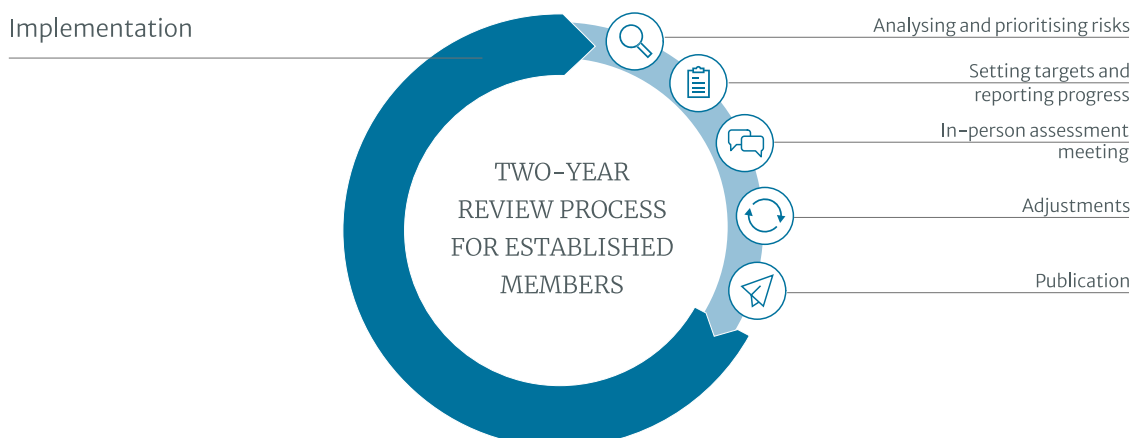
## Chapter 4.1

# Individual Responsibility

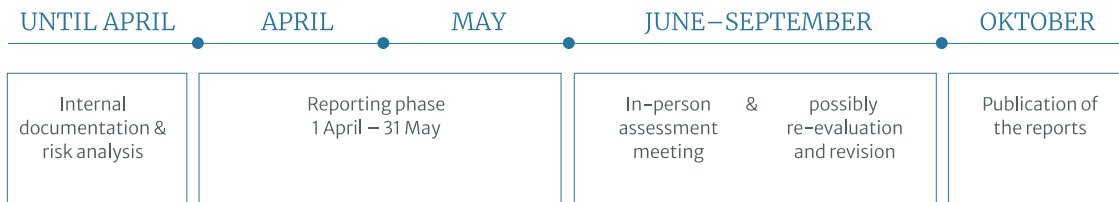
## Review Process

The members of the Partnership for Sustainable Textiles have set out to achieve social, environmental and economic improvements along the entire textile supply chain together with other companies and organisations. The Review Process substantiates and documents their individual commitment to this shared goal. At the heart of the reporting are risk analysis and risk prioritisation with regard to 11 social, environmental and corruption risks. Members use this as a basis for deriving goals in order to prevent potential risks and mitigate actual negative impacts.

After the 2019 OECD Alignment Assessment, the Review Process was supposed to take place in its revised version for the first time in 2020. Shortly after the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Steering Committee decided to suspend the 2020 Review Process. It began at the beginning of April 2021.



The review process takes place every two years. It essentially comprises five elements in chronological order.



The Steering Committee responded swiftly and decisively in March [2020]. By deferring the new Review Process in particular, it created scope for the Partnership to reorient itself in the midst of the crisis and make sure that the course towards due diligence and sustainability is correct, relevant and forward-looking. The Review Process will now commence in spring 2021 in what continue to be choppy waters, with coro-navirus cliffs, trade currents that are difficult to predict, human rights shoals and storms intensified by climate change...

Jürgen Janssen, head of the Partnership Secretariat, in the foreword to the report on the 2020 Members' Meeting

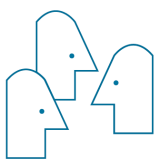








The Partnership Secretariat supports and accompanies members before and during the Review Process. Companies can carry out risk analyses using the Partnership's new T-REXS tool. The tool for entering data (TexPerT) has also been updated. Two new guidelines provide step-by-step assistance through the Review Process and the risk analysis. In March 2021, the Partnership members had the opportunity to address individual sector risks during the 'Fit for the Review Process' week.

## The 11 Sector Risks

The OECD has identified 11 risks of particular relevance to the textile and garment sector. Companies must address all these sector risks during the Review Process. On a case-by-case basis they examine if and how these sector risks occur (actual negative impacts) or could occur (potential risks) in their own value chain.

**THE 11 SECTOR RISKS**

 <p>Freedom of association and collective bargaining</p>	 <p>Discrimination, sexual harassment, gender-based violence</p>	 <p>Occupational health and safety</p>	 <p>Wages and social benefits</p>
 <p>Working Time</p>	 <p>Child and forced labor</p>	 <p>Bribery and corruption</p>	 <p>Chemicals and wastewater</p>
 <p>Environmental protection and resources</p>	 <p>Greenhouse gas emissions</p>	 <p>Animal welfare (incl. Mulesing)</p>	

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**Textile Risk Expert System – T-REXS**

The Textiles Partnership presents its new tool, which guides companies step by step through the risk analysis.

