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REGENERATING TOGETHER BENCHMARKING

One common global reference framework for regenerative agriculture

Benchmarking lets an existing regenerative agriculture scheme show how it compares with SAI Platform's Regenerating Together (RT) framework, to reduce duplication and harmonise efforts across the landscape.



WHAT IS BENCHMARKING?

A structured comparison against the RT framework

An approved benchmarking consultant reviews a scheme's content, governance and assurance and compares them with the RT framework. The RT framework provides value by harmonising the definition and farm-level operationalisation of regenerative agriculture, bringing schemes together under the same framework to identify the preferred approach for each company and supply chain.

Benchmarking is open to all farm-level schemes, including company programmes and sourcing requirements, voluntary sustainability standards and national schemes.

BENCHMARKING AIMS TO

- Reduce the need for farmers and businesses to use multiple regenerative agriculture schemes.
- Create a level playing field, with fair and consistent results from one standardised approach.
- Cut duplicated, company-specific benchmarking exercises.
- Limit the growth of overlapping regenerative agriculture schemes.
- Avoid direct RT implementation where it would compete with a scheme farmers already use.

WHAT A RT BENCHMARK COVERS

1. Scheme content
Foundations (human rights, environmental impact, contextualisation), impact areas, outcomes and indicators, practices, outcome quantification, continuous improvement and performance levels.

2. Governance
How the scheme is structured, managed and implemented, including the checks and balances that give it legitimacy.

3. Assurance
How compliance of farms and farm groups is assessed, and whether this meets RT minimum assurance requirements.

The result shows how the scheme's content and performance levels compare with RT, any gaps to address, and whether governance and assurance meet RT minimum requirements.

BENEFITS FOR SCHEME OWNERS AND USERS

Global industry recognition
A credible, third-party benchmark against a widely approved industry framework.

Greater industry alignment
Reduces duplication of programmes being developed in your supply chain.

Greater market access
Users of your scheme can show equivalency with the RT framework to their buyers and increase visibility.

One benchmark report
Prevents the need for multiple unilateral benchmarking exercises with every stakeholder or scheme owner.

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HOW IT WORKS

The steps of a RT benchmark

1. **Prepare and get informed**
   Read the RT Benchmarking Guide and contact SAI Platform to learn about benefits, fees and timelines. Secure funding and stakeholder commitment, and gather your scheme documentation. The scheme needs a public-facing document describing its scope, regenerative agriculture elements and continuous improvement model.
2. **Select and engage an approved benchmarking consultant**
   Choose a consultant from SAI Platform's approved list. They provide a quote and share the administrative documents needed to start.
3. **Conduct a quick scan of the key components**
   A rapid check that the scheme includes all core RT components, carried out by the consultant or by the scheme itself.
4. **Complete the benchmark assessment**
   A desk-based assessment using the RT Benchmarking Template. Either the scheme drafts it and the consultant reviews (Option 1), or the consultant carries out the full exercise (Option 2). Include document and page references as evidence.
5. **Receive a preliminary result**
   The consultant shares the result and discusses it with the scheme owner; more information may be requested to improve accuracy.
6. **Confirm the result**
   Once the scheme owner and consultant agree, the documentation goes to SAI Platform, which confirms the result in writing and advises on communications.
7. **Result published on the SAI Platform website**
   The result appears on the RT Benchmarking Results page, the only official source. Schemes with full equivalence can then make RT Benchmarked Claims in line with the RT Claims Guide.

KEY RESOURCES FOR A RT BENCHMARK

Found on the RT framework landing page

RT Benchmarking Guide
The process, governance, requirements and scoring.

RT Benchmarking Template
The template used to map your scheme against RT.

RT Framework Implementation Guide
Core requirements for implementing the RT framework.

RT Technical Components
Definitions of impact areas, outcomes, indicators and practices.

RT Claims Guide
How to make public claims related to the RT framework.

ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS

Shared by your consultant once you engage them:

Benchmarking Application Form
Completed and signed by the scheme owner, then sent to SAI Platform via the consultant.

Benchmark License Agreement
Between the scheme owner and SAI Platform; sent directly to SAI Platform before the benchmark begins.

Service agreement or contract
Between the scheme owner and the consultant, once the benchmarking implementation option is agreed. This is a bilateral contract and is not shared with SAI Platform.

Find out more

RT framework landing page
All technical material and key resources for the RT framework.
saiplatform.org/schemes-and-frameworks/regenerating-together-programme/regenerating-together-framework/

Approved benchmarking consultants
Find and engage an approved RT benchmarking consultant.
saiplatform.org/benchmarking-consultants/programme/rtp/

RT Benchmarking Results
See the schemes with published RT benchmarking results.
saiplatform.org/benchmarking-consultants/programme/rtp/

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