

# **CASE STUDY**

## **United Kingdom**

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## → *The specific case of the United Kingdom*

- ▶ During our research, the United Kingdom appeared to be an interesting example. The United Kingdom has in fact initiated a series of social dialogues, including a bilateral initiative (i.e. resulting from a dialogue between social partners) that is up and running : the “Green Workplaces” project.
- ▶ The “Green workplaces” project : a bilateral TUC-CBI initiative.
- ▶ After a series of pilot projects, the TUC (UK trades union organisation) launched the *Green Workplaces* project.
- ▶ It is an initiative co-funded by the Carbon Trust and the Trades Unions.
- ▶ The project is run jointly by the TUC and the CBI. It is coordinated by a steering group whose main task is to report to the Trade Union Sustainable Development Advisory Committee (better known by the acronym TUSDAC).
- ▶ Six workplaces were selected : Corus Steelworks, Friends Provident (Financial Services), DEFRA (the Government’s Environment Ministry), the TUC’s head office, Scottish Power and The British Museum).
- ▶ The aim of the project : promote more sustainable practices in the workplace.
- ▶ Main outcomes :
- ▶ The main outcome of the project was a demonstration that it is possible to carry out joint projects between employer organisations and trades union organisations.
- ▶ The project, established in 2006, has led to a number of more practical outcomes : changes in employee workplace behaviours, enabling the energy consumption of workers in their workplace to be reduced.



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