

Powering Energy Transition for a More Sustainable Future.

Case Study_



A PLANET

Introduction.

To create this case study we spoke to Alfredo Menéndez Morán, Head of Sustainability and Continuous Improvement at EDP Spain, one of the branches of EDP, a leading global energy company.

EDP has a significant presence in 29 countries and is active **throughout the energy value chain**, from generation to distribution and commercialisation of electricity and energy-related value-added services.

EDP Spain is an integral part of this large energy company, operating in the areas of generation, distribution and commercialisation of electricity in the country. Despite being part of a global organisation, EDP Spain strives to adapt its operations and strategies to local needs and expectations, always maintaining alignment with EDP's global strategy.

Sustainability is a fundamental pillar of EDP's strategy. The company is committed to **leading the energy transition** and creating superior value for all its stakeholders. They are committed to accelerating the energy transition process, a step they consider vital for global sustainability.

Their approach to sustainability covers a wide range of aspects, from **decarbonisation and environmental protection to the circular economy and social impact**. In addition, governance also plays a crucial role in their model, as it provides a signal to the market, their investors and their entire environment of how they operate with ethics, integrity, values and a constant focus on ESG excellence.

In this case study, we will explore how EDP Spain has used APLANET to improve its sustainability management. We will examine how the platform has helped the company overcome its challenges, how it has facilitated the collection and management of sustainability data and how it has benefited EDP on its sustainability journey.

Through this journey, we will gain a deeper insight into how a large energy company can use technology to drive its commitment to sustainability and lead the energy transition.

The EDP Data Management Challenge.

Within the sustainability universe, data collection and management can be a maze. For EDP Spain, a global company with three distinct business platforms - electricity generation, distribution and trading - this maze was even more intricate.

As Alfredo Menéndez Morán, Head of Sustainability and Continuous Improvement at EDP Spain, explains, **"we had different systems in the different businesses, with different managers, with different owners of the information that were treated and aggregated differently"**. This diversity of systems and owners **complicated the collection of sustainability data** and the creation of accurate and timely reports.

In addition, the need to adapt EDP's global sustainability strategy to the local realities of each region added another layer of complexity. **"We do our own materiality study,"** Alfredo explains, **"we consult our stakeholders, to find out what the local needs and expectations are"**.

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This required a **flexible and adaptable approach**, capable of taking into account the specificities of each geography and the local community. **"EDP in Spain is going to act in a coordinated manner, aligned with the global strategy, but taking into account all the local specificities of the geographies, areas, local communities and stakeholders where we are present and where we operate"**, adds Alfredo.

Data collection was a manual and time-consuming process, riddled with emails, calls and disparate systems. **"The time needed to collect all the information was very long and the probability of making a mistake was on the table every day,"** says

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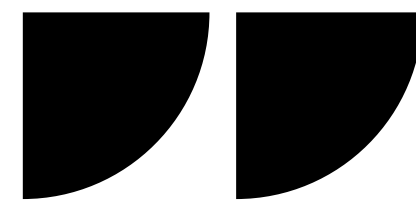
In addition, the lack of a unified system made it difficult to aggregate data and present a unified picture of EDP Spain.

In short, EDP needed a solution that could **unify its data collection systems**, adapt to local needs and facilitate the management and reporting of its sustainability efforts. The search for such a solution led EDP to APLANET.

Crossing Paths with APLANET and Joining Forces.

EDP's path towards more efficient and **unified sustainability management** crossed paths with APLANET in a scenario of innovation and entrepreneurship. **"APLANET participated in an EDP startup programme called EDP Starter,"** recalls

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This programme, designed to identify and support startups with the potential to add value to EDP's business, was the starting point of a collaboration that would change the way EDP managed its sustainability.

APLANET, with its proposal for a unified platform for sustainability management, caught the attention of EDP's innovation team. **"The EDP Spain innovation team saw that it was a startup with a tool that could be useful,"** says Alfredo. APLANET was one of the finalists in the EDP Starter programme, and this led to an opportunity to test the platform in a real environment.

EDP's sustainability team decided to test APLANET and began collaborating to adapt the platform to their specific needs.

"We started to test this tool and to collaborate with APLANET to see how we could automate the access to information that we were getting from different systems, from e-mails, from calls, from capturing information from one site or another. So we tried to add it into the tool to make reporting easier for us," Alfredo explains.



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The encounter with APLANET was a turning point for EDP. The platform offered a solution to the challenges they faced in collecting and managing sustainability data. But beyond the functionality of the platform, the collaboration with APLANET became a **strategic partnership for sustainability**. As Alfredo says, **"This is not simply that you are a SaaS for us, but that you are a partner"**. This joining of forces marked the beginning of a new chapter in EDP Spain's sustainability story.

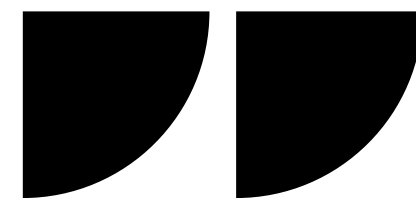
Implementation of APLANET software.

The implementation of the APLANET platform at EDP Spain was a process of collaboration and adaptation. Alfredo Menéndez Morán describes how EDP Spain's sustainability team worked together with APLANET to **configure the platform according to their specific needs**. "We understood each other well from the very beginning. It is true that we came with a very important background of our sustainability management," recalls Alfredo.

The first step was to **create KPIs** that reflected EDP's sustainability objectives.

"When we asked the APLANET team 'I need to automate these requests for this environmental information, this social information, this governance information, well all of the hundreds of indicators that we manage'; there was a very, very fluid understanding from the beginning," says

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The APLANET platform allowed EDP Spain to **unify the information from its different business platforms** - generation, distribution and commercial - in one place. **"Within the tool, we have everything from EDP Spain, let's say that would be where everything is aggregated, that is to say, the sheet, father or mother, as we usually say, then we have three children underneath. We have the generation platform, the distribution platform and the commercial platform."** Alfredo explains.

The process of **adapting to the platform was smooth**, thanks to the ease of use of the APLANET software and the constant support of the customer success team. **"It was always a very, very close and close relationship. So everything worked great, with a lot of demands on our part, because we needed to manage a lot of things that we were able to narrow down later on. Obviously, everything goes step by step, but from the beginning, everything flowed very well,"** says

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The implementation of APLANET at EDP not only enabled **better management of sustainability information** but also strengthened EDP Spain's ability to make **decisions based on accurate and up-to-date data.**

Results: Overcoming Challenges and Improving Sustainability Management

The implementation of APLANET has been a significant change in the way EDP Spain manages its sustainability. Alfredo Menéndez Morán highlights that the platform has enabled the company to overcome several challenges it previously faced.

One of the main challenges EDP faced was the collection of sustainability data from all of the company's platforms.

Before APLANET, EDP Spain had different systems in each of its business platforms, with different people in charge and owners of the information. This sometimes posed a problem when it came to having the information in time and form to give a joint image.

With APLANET, EDP Spain has been able to **unify its sustainability information on a single platform**. As Alfredo mentions, **"What the APLANET tool has allowed us to do is to aggregate information in such a way that we make a joint request for that information to the different owners, to the different managers. We process this information and we are able to say in an aggregated way what the response to each of EDP Spain's sustainability objectives is in a joint way"**.

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In addition, APLANET has allowed EDP to **improve the quality of its data and its traceability**. Alfredo points out that **"we have all the reporting and all the tests here, let's say that when it is 17.5, it comes here justified and we have traceability of the origin of the data and then we can always guarantee accuracy and everything we need, and that is the powerful part. This reporting and this reinforcement of the quality of the data and its traceability"**.

In summary, APLANET has enabled EDP to overcome significant challenges in its sustainability management by improving data collection, data quality and data traceability. This has enabled EDP to make **more informed and effective decisions** on its sustainability journey.

Conclusions: A More Sustainable Future

EDP Spain's experience with APLANET illustrates how **technology can be a powerful ally** in sustainability management. Through the implementation of APLANET, EDP Spain has been able to overcome significant challenges in the collection and management of sustainability data, improving the efficiency and quality of its reporting.

The APLANET platform has made it possible to unify your sustainability information in one place, facilitating data collection and improving traceability. This makes it easier to make more informed and effective decisions on your sustainability journey.

In addition, the collaboration between EDP and APLANET has proven to be a **key factor in the success of** the implementation.

Looking to the future, EDP Spain sees great potential in the evolution of APLANET into a management tool, with the ability to incorporate innovative solutions, such as artificial intelligence, to anticipate challenges and opportunities in the field of sustainability.

In summary, EDP Spain's experience with APLANET demonstrates the value of technology in sustainability management, and how effective collaboration can lead to significant results.

With APLANET, EDP Spain is **well-positioned** to continue to lead the energy transition and create superior value for all its stakeholders.

About APLANET

APLANET is the technology for decision-making. Our ESG management and analysis technology platform helps companies to:

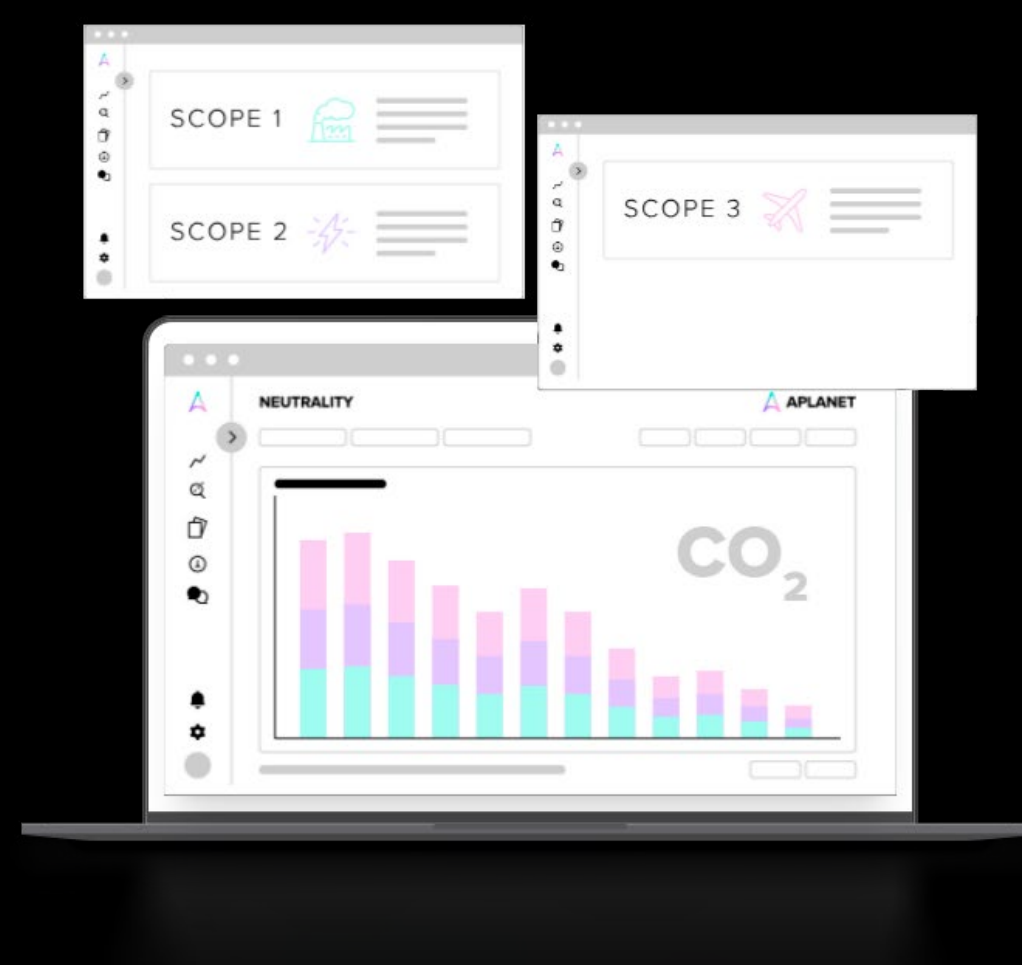
Organise, measure, analyse and communicate your ESG data in a customised, efficient and cost-effective way.

To have a reference source of information in the sustainable development ecosystem.

Extract insights that enable them to establish data-driven strategies to optimise their business decisions, accelerate and lead change and maximise their positive impact on stakeholders.

Our software connects the company's entire value chain to its ESG objectives and enables the company's entire architecture to be geared towards business and positive impact.

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