

Get started: Green DiSC

Evaluate, Plan and Transform Your Lab



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What Is Green DiSC?

- **Green DiSC**

is the first open-access certification scheme which provides a roadmap for research groups and institutions who want to tackle the environmental impacts of their computing activities.



Green DiSC categories and action levels

About the criteria

Some examples for Bronze

Compute

Inventory of HPC infrastructure
Identification of demanding computing pipelines

Data storage

Inventory of main data resources
Regular cleaning of users' storage spaces

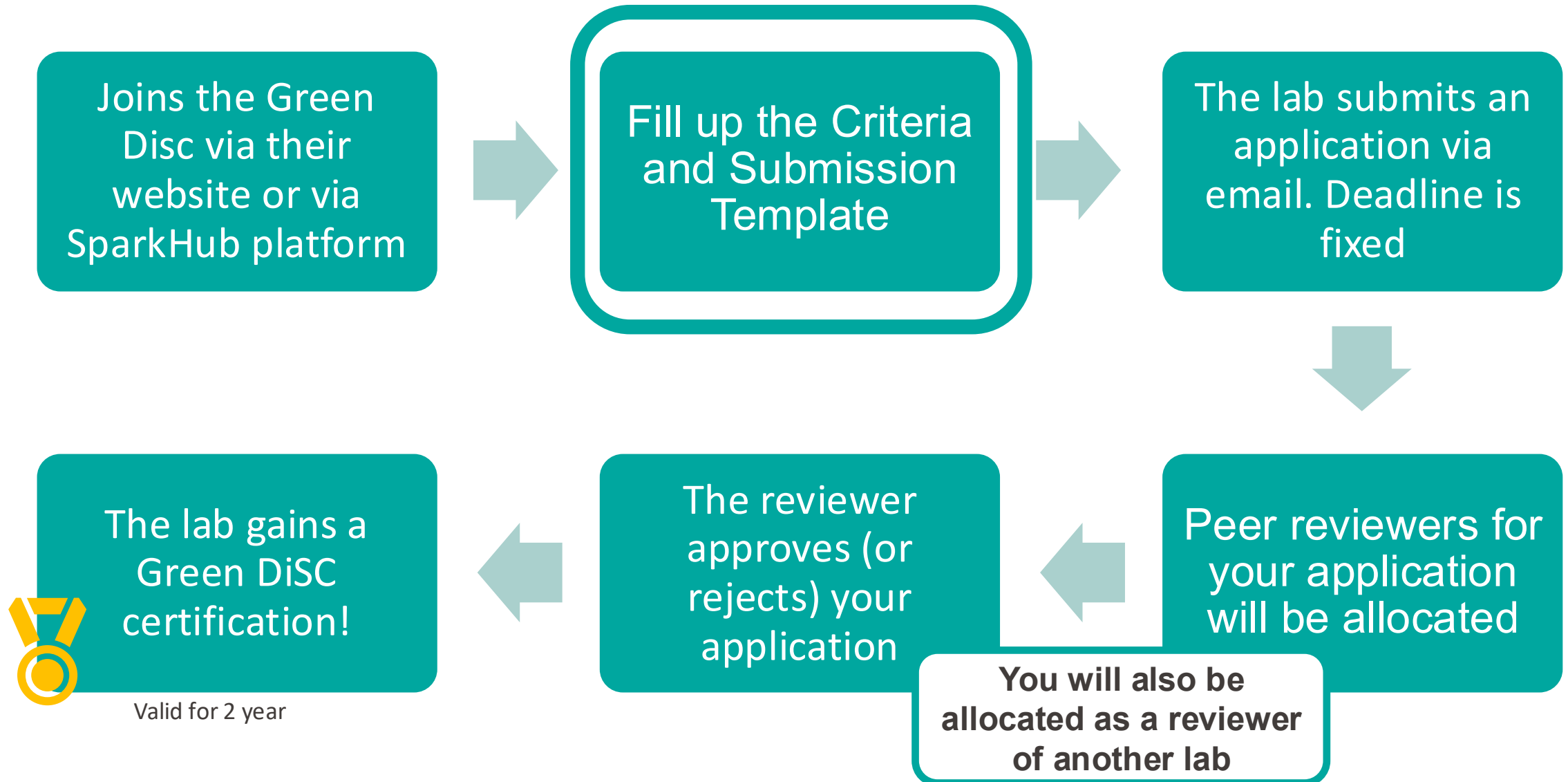
Offices

Computing hardware inventory
Identification of e-waste processing

General

Nomination of a Green DiSC representative
Resource sharing
Induction procedure

Green DiSC process



Getting started – Green DiSC platform

- Register yourself via Green DiSC website to start as a **Research group**
- Institution admin will be informed and create a Google Doc for your unit.
- Complete the information document (Key information for Green DiSC in Group X) with your contact.
- details, and anything else that you may find useful.



Research group

This category includes groups or laboratories of any size, including for example computational groups, research software engineering teams, groups doing both wet lab and dry lab research. Check the FAQ section for more guidance.

[Enrol here >](#)



Central team

This category includes central sustainability teams within an organisation, a department's sustainability representative, or an IT team. Check the FAQ section for more guidance.

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Green DiSC onboarding for groups

It's great to have you onboard!

This is the form to be fully enrolled so that we can create an online Google Drive space for your group (we aim to do that within 48h of you completing the form). In this drive, you will find more guidelines on how to manage the scheme and support on working your way through the Bronze level.

Back-up email (preferably a generic team/institution contact email so that it's always reaching someone even if you're away) *

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Is a central team in your organisation also enrolled in Green DiSC? *

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I don't know

If yes, tell us here which one so you don't end up with two Google Drive spaces!

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Getting started – SparkHub platform

SPARKHUB <https://sparkhub.eu>

- *“The new SPARKHub platform is currently in its pilot phase until the end of summer, with Green DiSC powering its digital research category. After the pilot, we will help publicly launch SPARKHub, which means applicants can do the entire process of applying, submitting, and auditing on the new web platform! More on this over the summer...”*

**If your lab has activities other than computing related,
registration via SparkHub is recommended.**

How to fill the form, what to consider

- Cover page
 - key information about the applicant
- Tracker
 - Optional. Helpful to monitor the status of each criterion / allow you to assign different parts of the application to members of your team.
- **Submission template for each criterion**
 - Supporting evidence: ex. workflows, tools, policies
 - Documentation quality
 - Evidence that actions are implemented, not just planned.
 - Consistency between lab practices and form claims.
 - If something is not yet in place, explain the current status.
 - Opportunities for improvement

Submission & Review Process

- Save the criteria file as a .docx file and email it with supporting documents at info@greendisc.org
- **Fixed deadline:** Wednesday 15 July 2026
- Green DiSC team will allocate peer reviewers for your application => A few weeks to complete the reviews.
- You will respond to your reviewers' comments and make required adjustments (if any) => Sufficient time you need.
- Final outcome will be communicated around 3 months after the deadline.

Tools & Support

- [Newsletter](#)
- **Green DiSC monthly drop-in sessions**
- ESCS Forum