



Good Practice - Inditex

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Activity 1 (Good Practice)

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Name/ title of practice:	Inditex
Location:	Arteixo, Coruña, Spain
Size and scale of organization:	Enterprise
Industry/Sector:	Fashion retail
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Additional details:	Inditex is the parent company of globally renowned brands, including Zara, Zara Home, Pull&Bear, Massimo Dutti, Bershka, Stradivarius, Oysho, and Uterqüe. Its business model is characterized by an extremely rapid response to market trends.
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Key focus/bias observed:	Regenerative leadership
Description of the <i>Practice</i>:	Inditex, the parent company of Zara and other brands, including its operations in Spain ("Inditex España" can be considered within this broader context), demonstrates a commitment to gender equality and the advancement of women's leadership through various initiatives
Implementation strategy:	"Salta" Programme: In Spain and other countries, this program aims to create work opportunities for people at risk of marginalization, including victims of domestic violence, many of whom are women.
Key actors involved:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Women Employees ● Inditex as a Company ● Male Employees ● Human Resources ● Customers ● Shareholders and Investors
Outcomes and metrics of impact:	<p>High Percentage of Female Workforce: Women constitute a significant majority of Inditex's global workforce (around 74% in 2023).</p> <p>Female Representation in Leadership: A high percentage of management positions are held by women (81% of executive positions in 2021).</p> <p>Board Diversity: Inditex achieved its target of 40% female representation on the Board of Directors by 2022, aligning with Spanish Good Governance Code recommendations and exceeding it with 50% female representation on the Board as of June 2024.</p> <p>Talent Development Programs: Inditex emphasizes internal promotion and offers continuous training and development opportunities for its employees, aiming to provide fair access to career advancement for women.</p>
Potential challenges and barriers for implementation:	The global retail sector is constantly under pressure due to inflation and supply chain volatility. These dynamics can significantly impact the replicability of good practices. Furthermore, maintaining such high agility and responsiveness requires continuous investment in technology and logistics; however, companies may not always be prepared to make such investments.



Blueprint for success - recommendations for replication or adaptation of the Practice:	<p>The practice can be replicated in other contexts, for example, by implementing specific programs for leadership training and career advancement, establishing measurable goals for female representation and regularly tracking data, and fostering a culture of respect, equal opportunities, and work-life balance.</p> <p>For companies aiming to replicate a successful model based on agility, efficiency, and customer centricity, the strategic integration of women's contributions at every level is fundamental.</p> <p>By implementing various inclusive strategies with particular attention to the empowerment and integration of women across different market segments, companies can not only replicate the efficiency and responsiveness of successful models but also build a more equitable, sustainable, and truly inclusive future.</p> <p>Female inclusion, leadership development, and social impact strategies aren't just for big companies. In fact, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises have a crucial strategic advantage in adopting them: their inherent agility.</p> <p>This flexibility allows SMEs to successfully implement these methods, creating lean, efficient, and cost-effective practices that directly boost results.</p>
Key lessons learned:	<p>Inditex's ability to adapt and respond rapidly to market changes and consumer preferences is essential. This agility is often the result of diverse teams, where female perspectives contribute to a more nuanced understanding of market trends.</p> <p>The commitment to innovation (in design, processes, and technologies) is crucial for maintaining a competitive edge. Women designers, researchers, and developers are driving forces behind many of the innovations that keep Inditex at the forefront.</p>
Other info/notes:	<p>Inditex was founded in 1985 by Amancio Ortega and Rosalía Mera, a key figure in the company's initial launch and development, whose contribution was fundamental to its growth.</p> <p>The company places a strong emphasis on internal design, with over 700 designers working for its various brands. Many of these designers are women who bring their creativity and understanding of trends to a predominantly female audience.</p> <p>The company's social programs, such as "for&from" for employees with disabilities, contribute to the creation of a more inclusive work environment that values diversity, benefiting all women and employees.</p>



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