



meercat supplier evaluation overview and features



procurement. supply chain risk management

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In our work as consultants we have always lacked a tool that would be **easy and fast to implement, yet flexible and powerful enough to support robust supplier evaluation processes**. That's why we have created Meercat.

Having implemented, often from scratch, supplier evaluation and risk management solutions for medium and large international companies, **we know what your needs are!**

Meercat

- **Meercat covers the complete supply chain**
Meercat's unique feature is the ability to replicate your complete supply chain: retail points and franchisees, distributors and both direct and indirect suppliers.
- **Multiple, fully configurable surveys** can be used simultaneously by several different departments and divisions, making it more cost efficient than alternative solutions.
- **Meercat is fast to implement**
Thanks to streamlined and flexible configuration, you can start evaluating your suppliers in two days.
- **Subscription based, can be used as an interim solution**

Beyond Meercat

- **Evaluation criteria and risk list**
We provide our clients with a structured, ready to use list of 250+ evaluation questions to kick-start the implementation.
- **Supplier evaluation and risk management training / workshops**
We help our clients implement supplier evaluation and risk management processes and provide extra training on processes.
- **What You Want Is What You Get**
Can't find the features you're looking for? No problem! Meercat has been built with flexibility in mind and we can all the additional functionalities you need at very affordable prices.



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web-based tool that covers all your needs

Meercat is based on years of hands-on experience in designing and implementing supplier evaluation systems and best practices from the industry and academia.

Meercat covers the complete assessment process – from planning to reporting – and it has been specifically designed to meet the needs of medium and large enterprises.

- **Supplier self-registration**
Suppliers can register on-line and, once they pass the initial audit, can be added to the approved supplier pool.
- **Audit planning**
Sophisticated system to help schedule assessments and track audit progress.
- **Supplier Audits and Self-Assessments**
Meercat supports unlimited number of different surveys that can be filled-out during on-site audits, split between departments for desk-audits or completed as on-line self-assessments to help you keep the cost down.
- **Drill-down reports**
You can see the state of your network at a glance and then quickly drill down to issues that cause the most problems.
- **Development measures**
Each audit results in individual improvement measures whose progress can be continuously monitored.
- **Supplier database**
Comprehensive supplier database that can be manually or automatically synchronised with ERP systems.
- **Document and contract repository**
You can attach supplier contracts and other documents such as certificates and business continuity plans.
- **ERP integration**
Meercat can be implemented as a stand-alone tool, but it also allows integration with existing ERP systems.



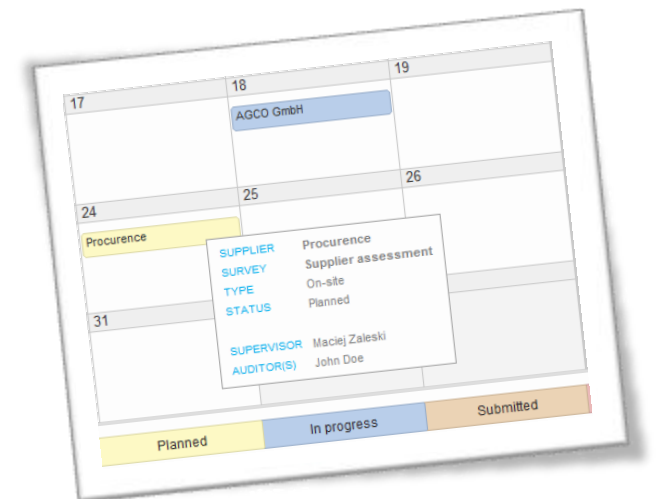
planning and performing audits

supplier evaluation process firmly in control

Thanks to **flexible and unlimited surveys** and the **coverage of the complete supply chain** (including distribution channels), Meercat can be used both for audits and ad-hoc data gathering from your network partners.

Meercat supports **on-site and desk-based (multi-department) audits**, as well as **self-assessments**.

- **Unlimited number of surveys**
Different surveys can be simultaneously used by different departments – for audits or data collection!
- **It's complicated? No problem**
Evaluate complete suppliers or individual business unit(s). Meercat also supports project-based organisations.
- **Schedule assessments**
Intuitive calendar for planning audits, including an overview of responsible auditors.
- **Document all findings.**
Both your staff and suppliers can attach evidence and add comments to each question. Perfect for internal and ISO audits.
- **Supervisors** can review and confirm audits and development measures.
- **Multi-language support**
Both the user interface and surveys can be translated. Comes bundled with English, German and Polish versions.
- **Email notifications**
Automatic notifications and reminders ensure smooth progress of audits.



reporting and improvement measures

developing your supplier portfolio

Meercat helps you create a stable, well-developed supplier network capable of handling most disruptions.

Meercat can [identify weak links in your supply network](#), be it individual suppliers or functional areas, such as quality or innovation. You can then [create a holistic improvement plan](#) and monitor the implementation of individual tasks.

- [Drill-down reporting](#)
Start from a complete overview of compliance in your network, then drill-down to the individual results of each supplier.
- [Identify key problem areas in your network](#)
Meercat indicates what issues cause the most problems for you suppliers so that you can correctly allocate your resources.
- [Multi-dimensional reporting](#)
Extended question attributes allow you to evaluate supplier scores using different approaches.
- [Export results to Microsoft® Office Excel®](#)
Meercat comes with many pre-defined reports, but just in case we don't have the one you need, you can create it yourself.
- [Supplier Development](#)
Create a detailed development plan that lists all the tasks a supplier should implement to continue working with you.
- [Task workflow](#)
Ideas can be discussed in-house and, if approved, released to the supplier. You can follow the progress of each measure.
- [Audit compliant action-trail](#)
You will instantly know who agreed to do what, what the follow-up discussions looked like and who was responsible for moving the deadlines. You can attach scans and photos as evidence.



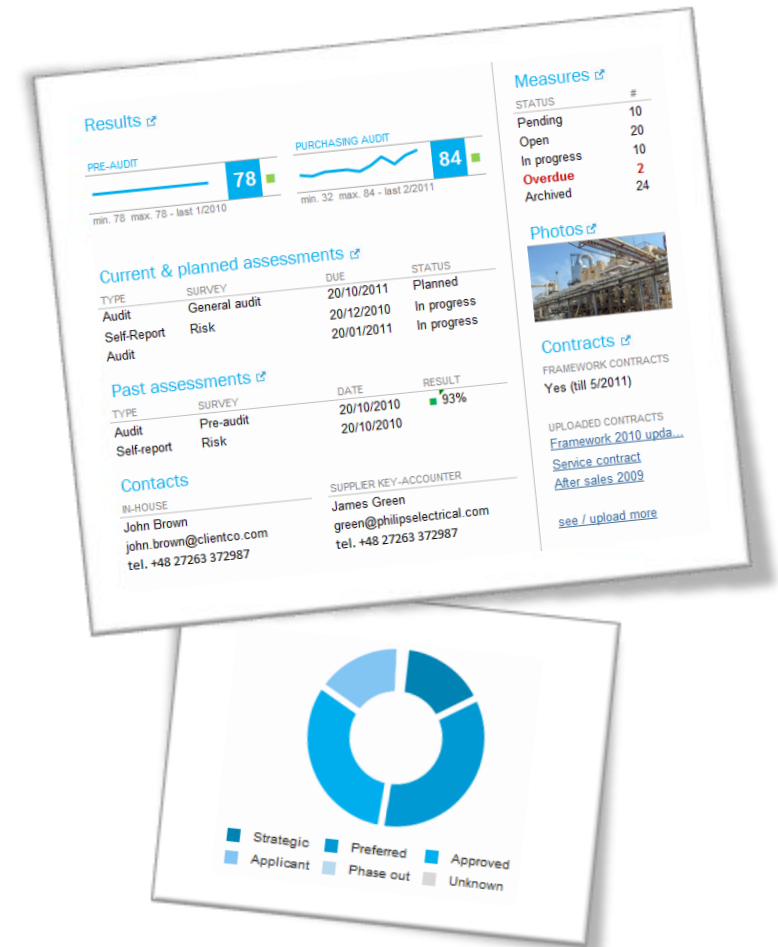
supplier & contract database

all key supplier and contract info at a glance

Having problems with finding framework contracts for your suppliers? Annoyed with the inflexibility of your ERP systems? Do you still keep your supplier classification in Excel®?

Meercat helps you keep **all key supplier information in one place** and makes it accessible to all purchasing professionals when they need it most.

- **Basic supplier information**
Supplier geographical location, ownership structure, industry and spend information in one place.
- **Supplier classification**
Standard, preferred or strategic? A, B or C? Manufacturer or distributor? Chemicals or Plastics? Meercat will know.
- **Contract data, certifications and photos**
All the necessary documents in place and properly attributed for quick search.
- **Synchronise data with ERP systems**
- **Supplier self-registration**
Have all your suppliers in one place – also those that are still applying or are blacklisted. Let suppliers check the quality of your master data.



security and configuration

your data is safe with Meercat

Meercat has been [designed with security and compliance with ISO audits in mind](#), we want to offer you the same level of security as internet banking.

Your data is transmitted using a secure connection to a protected server, which can be [hosted by Procurement or by your own IT department](#).

- [SSL secure connection](#)

All communication is encrypted using the latest 256-bit SSL technology.

- [mTAN authentication](#)

We use the same SMS-based session authentication approach as leading internet banks. In this way you can ensure no unauthorised persons access your data even if employees' passwords become compromised.

- [Firewalls](#)

We have installed state of the art firewalls and anti-virus scanners to prevent the possibility of hacker intrusions. Our systems are monitored 24h / day to detect and stop unauthorised access.

- [In-house hosting](#)

Apart from choosing a Procurement-hosted solution, you can also opt for a in-house hosting. The complete set-up takes just a day and you'll have

- [Internal processes and audits](#)

We understand how important security is for you. You can arrange an audit of our facilities and internal processes to fully convince yourself that your data is in good hands.

- [Experienced developers](#)

Developed in co-operation with SMT Software, a multi-national software house listed on the Warsaw Stock Exchange, experienced in developing banking and financial sector applications.



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