

Sustainability@Evonik—Ten key messages

To create sustainable, value-added solutions for our customers, we apply our purpose “Leading beyond chemistry to improve life, today and tomorrow.” We lead beyond chemistry by networking competencies, perspectives, and partners.

We maintain a constant dialog with our stakeholders on challenges affecting our company and society. We actively seek dialog so that we can respond rapidly to key future trends, global developments, and changing market requirements.

We have integrated sustainability into our Strategic Management Process. Appropriate roadmaps are currently being developed for the operational business.

Evonik helps serve the rising demand for sustainable solutions. We already generate 35 percent of our sales today with products and solutions that are above or even well above market level in terms of their strong positive sustainability profile. These are our “Next Generation Solutions”. They include viscosity improvers for hydraulic-powered construction machines, peracetic acid for effective, biodegradable disinfection, or controlled drug delivery systems. We generate 90 percent of our sales with products and solutions whose sustainability performance is at least in line with the market reference.

Foresighted resource management is another key element in our sustainability strategy. Evonik is committed to the Paris Agreement on Climate Change (COP 21) and has defined ambitious targets for climate, water and energy.

Our products and solutions and their application (handprint) help the customer to achieve its sustainability goals. In the next few years, we want to expand this handprint and further reduce the Evonik Carbon Footprint.

Our soundly based analytical methods meet the rising interest in sustainability. In this way, we show how we as a company add value for society.

We systematically examine the positive and negative effects of our business activities along the value chain. Early identification of future opportunities and risks makes our business model more resilient and sharpens understanding of the long-term value that our activities create for society.

Evonik supports the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and intensively examines its own contributions to achieving them. We have identified the four most important SDGs for our Group (SDGs 3, 6, 12, 13) and focus specifically on them.

Transparency is important to us. We align our sustainability reporting with global standards. This is also reflected in ratings and rankings where we are well positioned.