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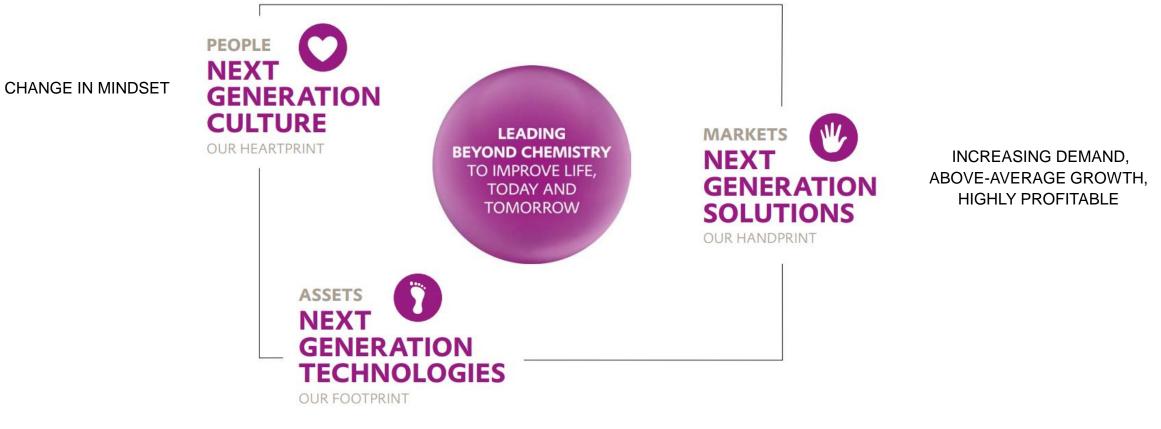
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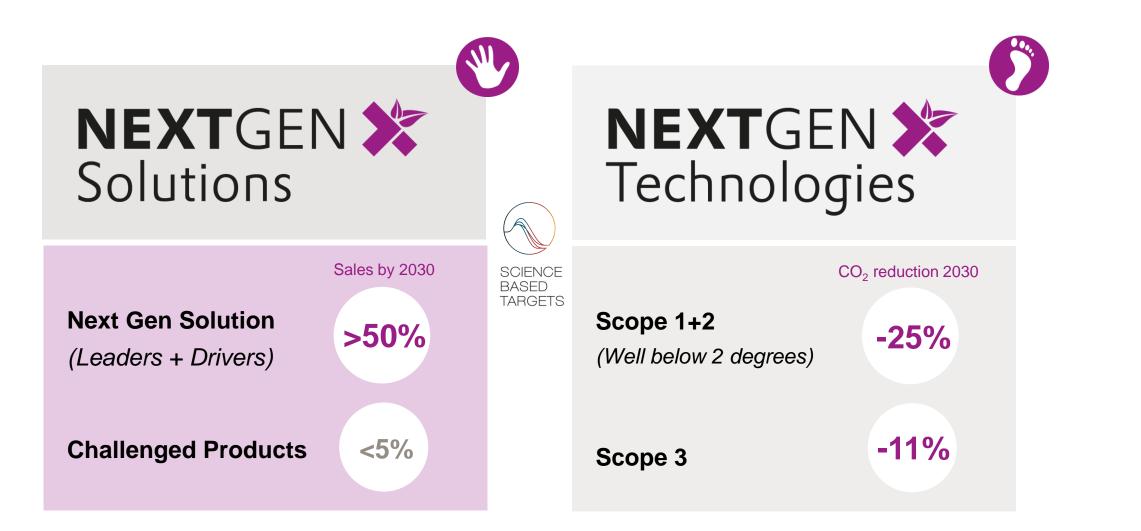
Setting the frame



AMBITIOUS SUSTAINABILITY TARGETS AND COMMITMENTS



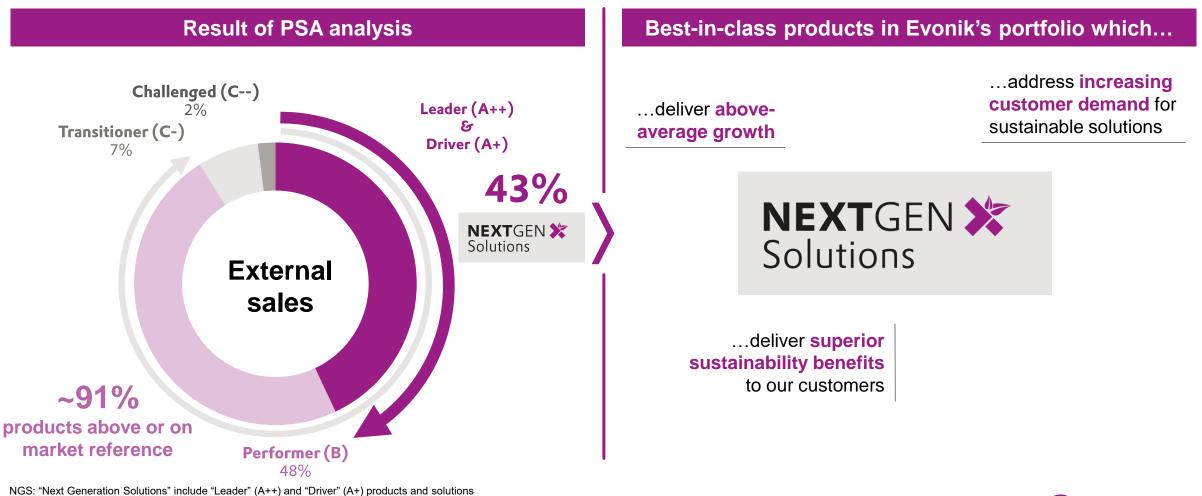
Ambitious commitments on handprint and footprint In line with Science Based Targets





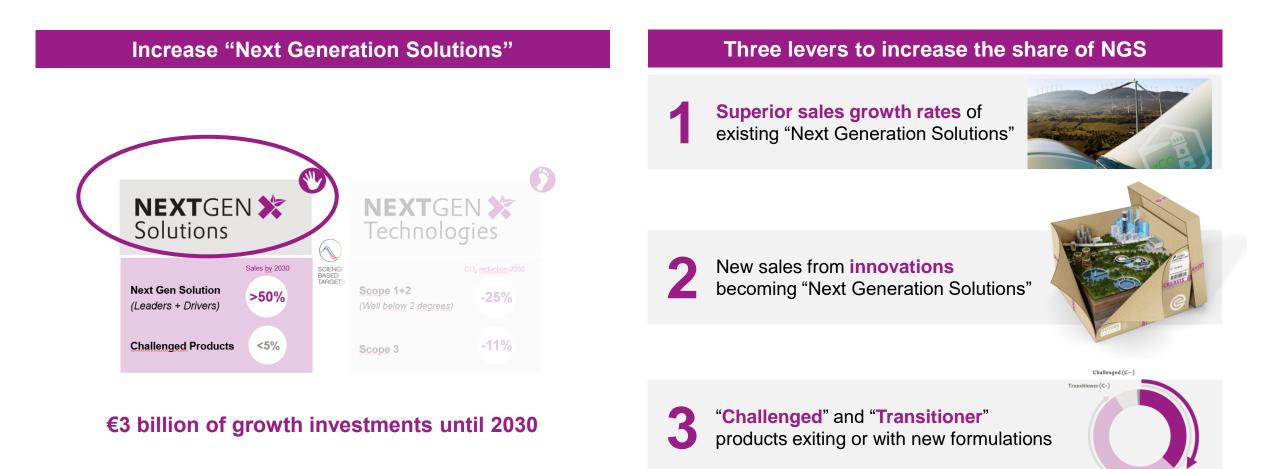
Handprint: "Next Generation Solutions"

43% of Evonik's portfolio with superior sustainability benefits





Handprint: "Next Generation Solutions" to grow beyond 50% by 2030 Market-driven transformation



NGS: "Next Generation Solutions" include "Leader" (A++) and "Driver" (A+) products and solutions



Handprint: Superior sales growth rates of existing "NGS" Portfolio circled around our four "Sustainability Focus Areas"



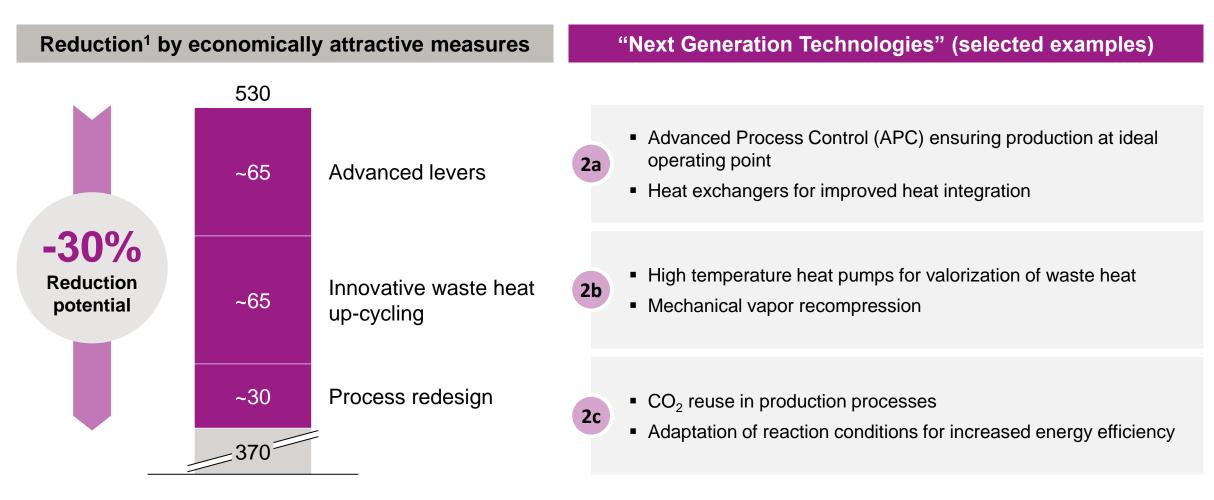


Footprint: Our commitments to reaching the Paris Climate Agreement Site-driven transformation





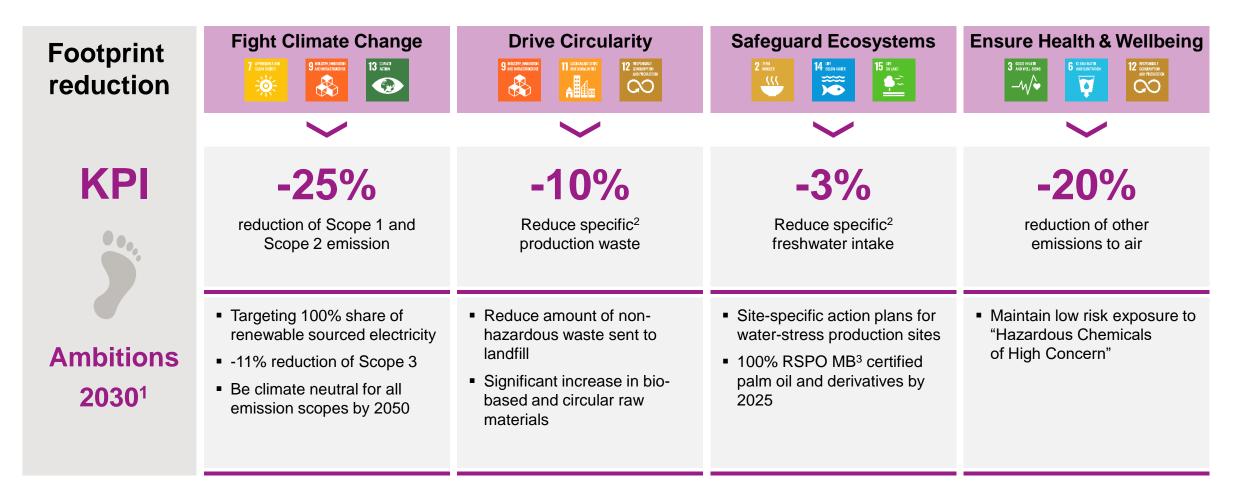
Footprint: "Next Generation Technologies" Example Antwerp as blueprint for other sites





1. Gross emissions in kt CO_2e

Footprint: Reduction targets in all our sustainability focus areas Measurable set of KPIs in place

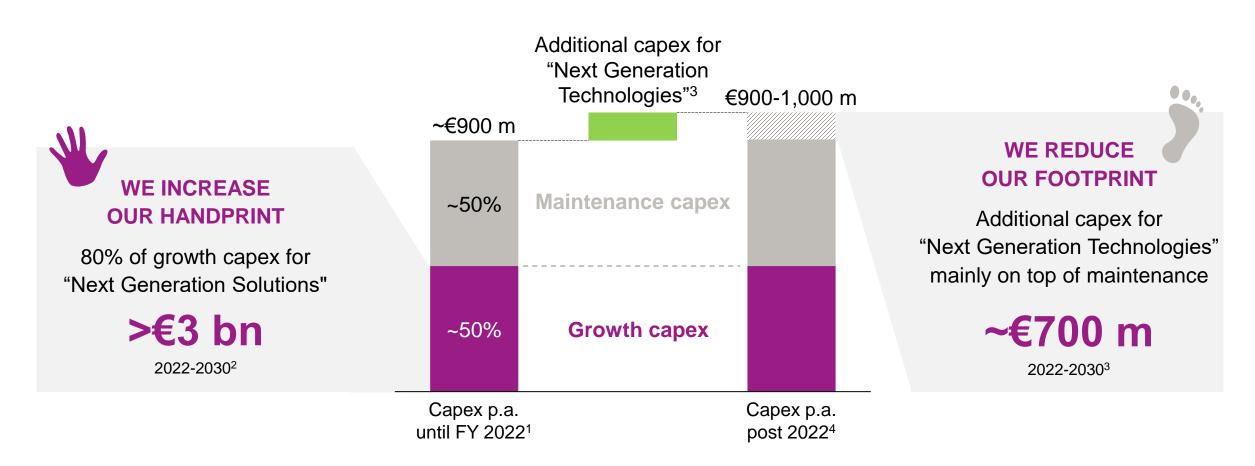


1. Reference year 2021; 2. Corresponding to the production volume; 3. RSPO MB: Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil Mass Balance



Ambitious sustainability targets backed by financial commitment

Capex as key element for investments into handprint & footprint



1. Incl. ~€50 m p.a. for Performance Materials | 2. ~€350 m p.a. | 3. ~€80 m p.a. on average incl. ~€15 m p.a. for PM, ramping up gradually over the coming years | 4. Incl. ~€65 m p.a. for PM



Complementing the governance on ESG

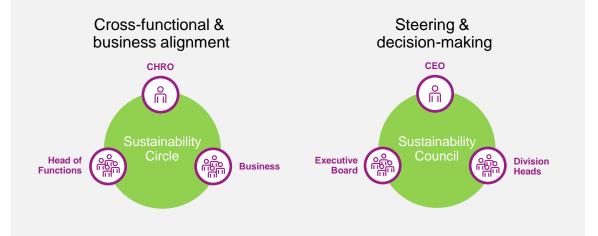
Reflected in organizational set-up and remuneration

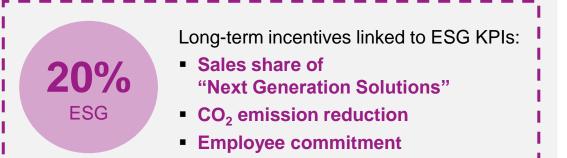
Clear responsibilities

- Executive Board has overall responsibility for sustainability
- Setting strategic framework and executing measures in close cooperation with operating divisions

Part of remuneration

- Occupational safety part of remuneration of the executive board since more than a decade
- New ESG goals integrated in remuneration schemes of Executive Board







Sustainability strategy - Key take-aways

To improve life, today and tomorrow.

Sustainability is an **integral part of our purpose** – four Evonik focus areas as guiding framework for Evonik

Sustainability is fully integrated into strategic management processes: portfolio & innovation steering, capital allocation

Handprint: increase NGS¹ sales share to >50% by 2030

Footprint: reduce CO₂ emissions by 25% by 2030²

Driving Next Generation Culture & complementing governance

1. NGS: "Next Generation Solutions"

2. Commitment letter signed and handed in for SBTi, 25th April 2022, gross emissions reduction with reference year 2021, target year 2030

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Sustainability Rankings

Evonik best-in-class within chemicals sector

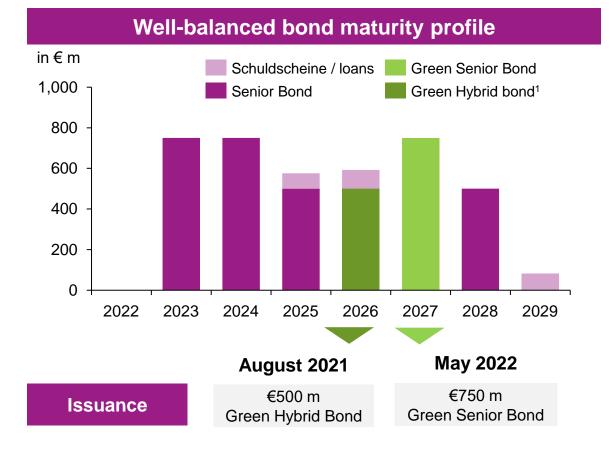


1: Rating on a scale of AAA to CCC | 2: Top 1% of companies assessed | 3: Rating on a scale of A+ to D- | 4: out of ~130 companies ranked in the chemical sector | 5: Rating on a scale of A+ to D-



Green Finance supporting Evonik's sustainability strategy

Green bonds as financial instrument firmly established



1: Formal lifetime 60 years; first redemption right for Evonik in 2026

Use of proceeds...

- ...according to Green Finance Framework, mainly allocated to NextGen Solutions capex
- In addition, green RD&I opex for NextGen Solutions and expenses for energy efficiency (e.g. for NextGen Technologies) and renewable energy (e.g. Green PPA)

Green Finance firmly established

- Sustainability strategy well accepted by reputable ESGinvestors
- Green Finance can be an important differentiating factor, especially in difficult market situations
- Contribution to achieving sustainability targets, e.g. increase sales share of Next Generation Solutions to >50%



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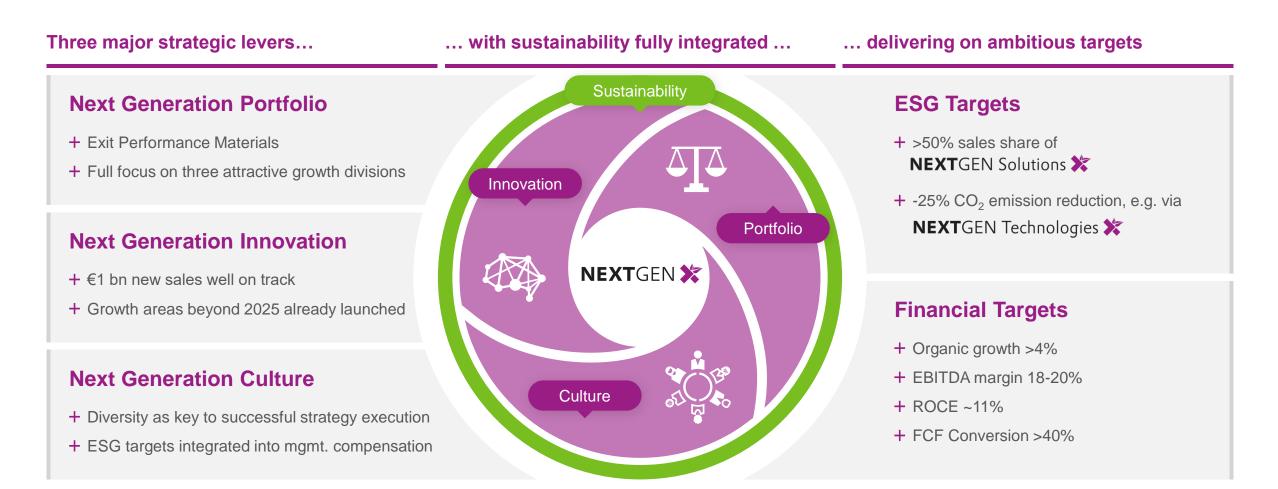
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		Status 2022	Target
Ch. Augustana and analytic	 Sales share to be generated from "Next Generation Solutions" by 2030 	43%	>50%
Strategy and growth	 Generate >€1 bn in additional sales¹ in our six innovation growth fields by 2025 	>€600 m	>€1 bn
Value chain and products	 TfS assessments of all raw materials suppliers (with annual procurement volume >€100k) by year-end 2025 	66%	100%
	► >€350 m additional sales from solutions for the circular plastics program from 2030		>€350 m
The environment	 Reduce green house gas emissions 		
The environment	 absolute scope 1 and scope 2 emissions by 2030 (reference: 2021) 	-6%	-25%
	 absolute scope 3 emissions by 2030 (reference: 2021) 	-7%	-11%
	 Reduce specific freshwater intake² by 2030 (vs. 2021) 	+6%	-3%
	 Reduce specific production waste by 2030 (vs. 2021) 	+2%	-10%
	 Intercultural mix³ in top management by 2023 	15.8%	20%
Employees	 Women in top and senior management by 2023 	20.3% / 17.1%	23%
Cofotu	 Safety 		
Safety	 Accident frequency rate (LTI-R)⁴ 	0.25	≤0.26
	 Incident frequency rate (PSI-R)⁵ 	0.49	≤0.40
	 Occupational health performance index 	5.6	≥5.0
Governance and compliance	 Sustainability Council reporting directly to CEO 		V
	 20% of Long-Term Incentive linked to Sustainability targets 		\checkmark

1. With products introduced in or after 2015 | 2. See table T12 in Sustainability Report | 3. Non-German Employees | 4. New reference parameter from 2021 | 5. Modified calculation basis from 2021



Sustainability fully integrated in corporate strategy Next phase of transformation in all three strategic levers





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Portfolio

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- Footprint: CO₂ emission reduction as key KPI

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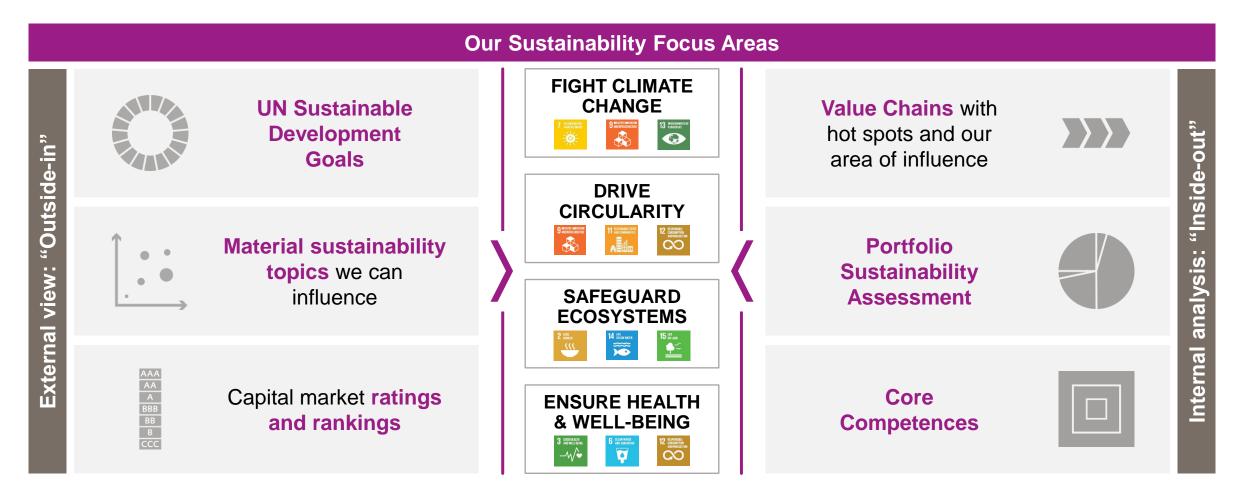
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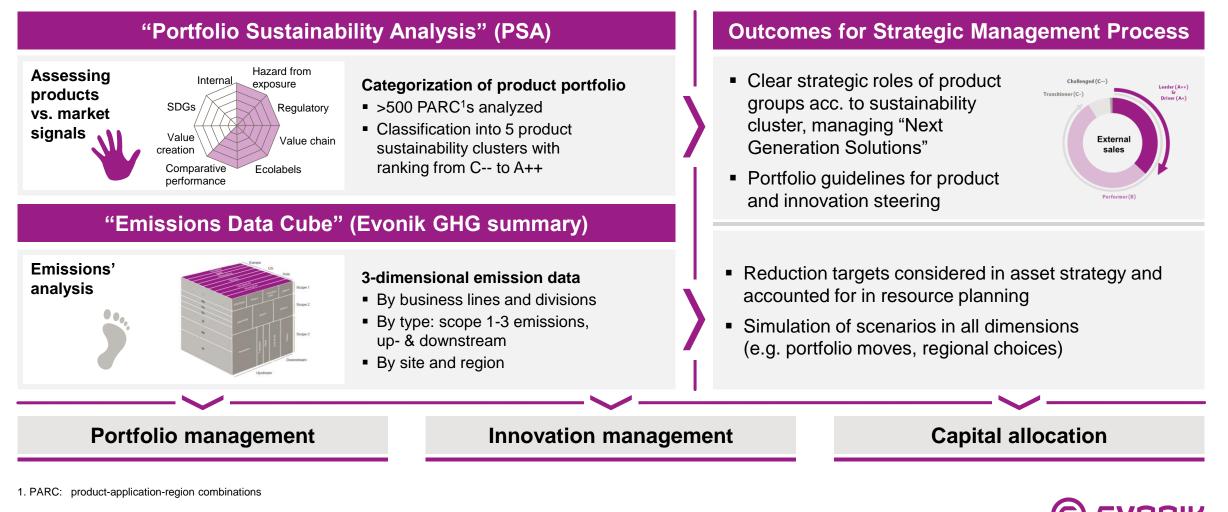
Our Sustainability Focus Areas defining footprint & handprint measures Result of external views and Evonik portfolio and competencies





Sustainability fully integrated in corporate strategy

PSA and Emission Data Cube: core tools for strategic management process



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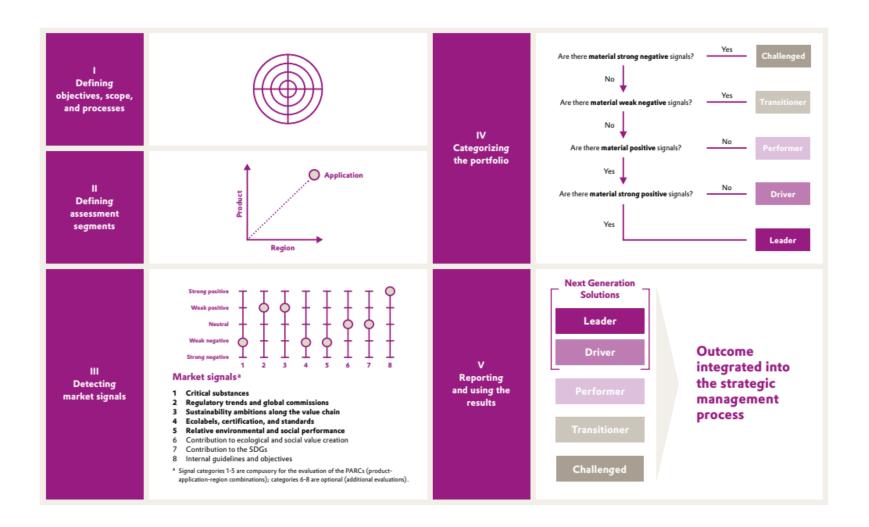
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Portfolio Sustainability Analysis (PSA)

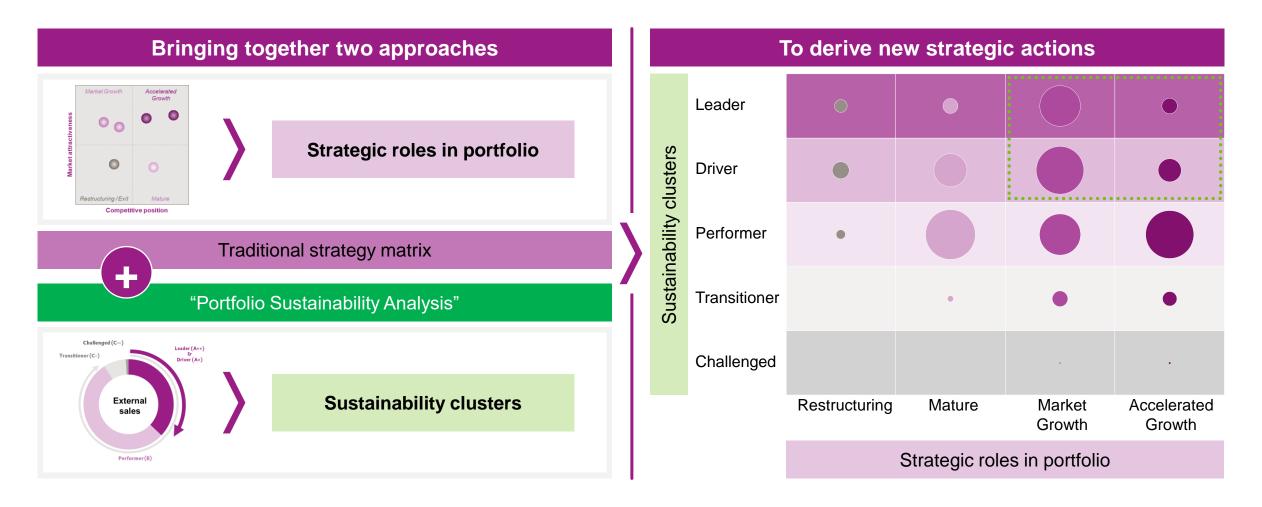
Categorization of product portfolio, integrated in Strategic Management Process





Portfolio management: Adding sustainability as integral dimension

Alignment of sustainability clusters and strategic roles in strategy dialogues





Handprint: "Next Generation Solutions" to grow beyond 50% by 2030 Ambitious new sales share target to be achieved through three levers



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Superior sales growth rates of existing "Next Generation Solutions" Selected examples addressing our four Sustainability Focus Areas



Drug Delivery Systems

Modern aquaculture solutions



% values: Target CAGR 2021-2030 defined in Strategy Dialogue

Handprint: Fight Climate Change

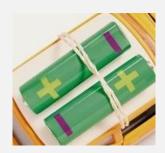
Cooling and A/C



- Lightweight through metal / rubber replacement
- Weight reduction supports CO₂ and NO_x reduction
- Smart battery temperature management

Focus "Future mobility"

Materials for Li-Ion-Batteries



Nanostructured high-quality metal oxide and silicon particles improve safety, lifetime and energy density

 Metal oxides extend cathode lifetime by ~50%

Silica / Silane "green tires"



First Silica/Silane system for naturalrubber-based truck tires

- Fuel savings as high as 8%
- Pilot plant quantities available Q1/2022



Handprint: Drive Circularity

TEGOVISIN®



Water-repellents for building materials:

- Strong reduction of water uptake and efflorescence
- Long lasting stability and aesthetics reduce the need for resource and emission intensive maintenance

Focus "Durability"

SITREN®



Additives for integral protection of concrete structure:

- Durability for new and renovated concrete surfaces by protection against environmental influences
- Less emissions and reduced resource use by longer lifetime of constructions

WallCraft – Upcoming launch



Self-healing concrete:

- Bacteria-based additive extends the longevity of concrete by stimulating its self-healing properties
- Cracks can grow together again resulting in a durable construction



Handprint: Drive Circularity





CHEMICAL RECYCLING



- During separation/washing, our additives help to make recycling processes more efficient – resulting in higher quality of recyclates
- During compounding, our additives improve processing leading to competitive costs and quality

- Technologies & additives to enable chemical recycling
- Additives enabling for example
 - use of recycled polyurethanes
 - silicone recycling

> €350 m

sales potential of Evonik Circular Plastics Program by 2030



Handprint: Safeguard Eco-systems

Essential amino acids	Veramaris	AQUAVI [®] Met-Met	
	Contraction of the second seco		
 The key to high quality proteins Modern, environmentally sound formulation techniques based on nutrient value, on supplementation with crystalline EAAs, and on animal nutrient requirement 	 Production of omega-3 fatty acids from microalgae Potential to reduce the fish-in-fish-out ratio to zero 	 Ideal solution for precision protein dosing especially for bottom feeders Higher nutritional value than any other Methionine source available today 	
	 1 ton EPA DHA replaces 60 Tons wild- caught fish 	 Reduces fishmeal use; reduction of overfishing 	

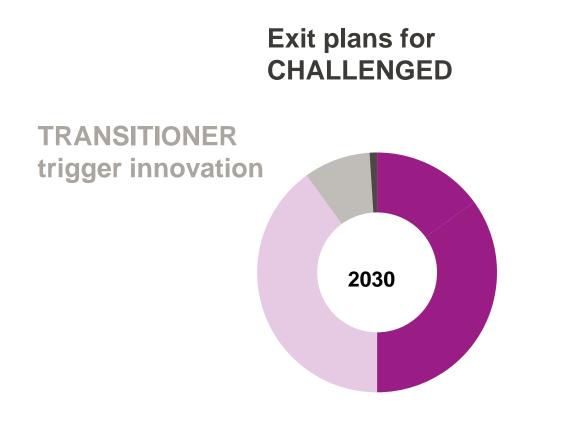


Handprint: Ensure Health & Well-Being

Focus "Drug Delivery Systems"					
Drug Delivery Systems	Next generations of LNP-based gene therapies				
 Global development partner & solutions provider for delivery systems for effective drugs and vaccinations 	Vaccines	Cancer immunotherapy expected to be the next breakthrough of mRNA therapeutics			
	Protein therapeutics	mRNA-based therapies can potentially treat hereditary diseases			
 Evonik as pioneer in Lipid nanoparticles (LNP) field for mRNA technology 	Gene editing	In-vivo modification of genes to prevent diseases expected to be commercial within the next years			



Actively managing "Transitioners" & phase-out "Challenged" products Either improvement or exit



"Challenged" products addressed with exit strategies

- Alternative, new product solutions without any negative signals are offered
- "Challenged" products included in financial riskmanagement

"Transitioners" as driver for innovation

- Early identification of negative sustainability signals
- Valuable trigger for innovation and customer engagement in reformulation

Further products will be exposed to negative signals as higher sustainability requirements develop



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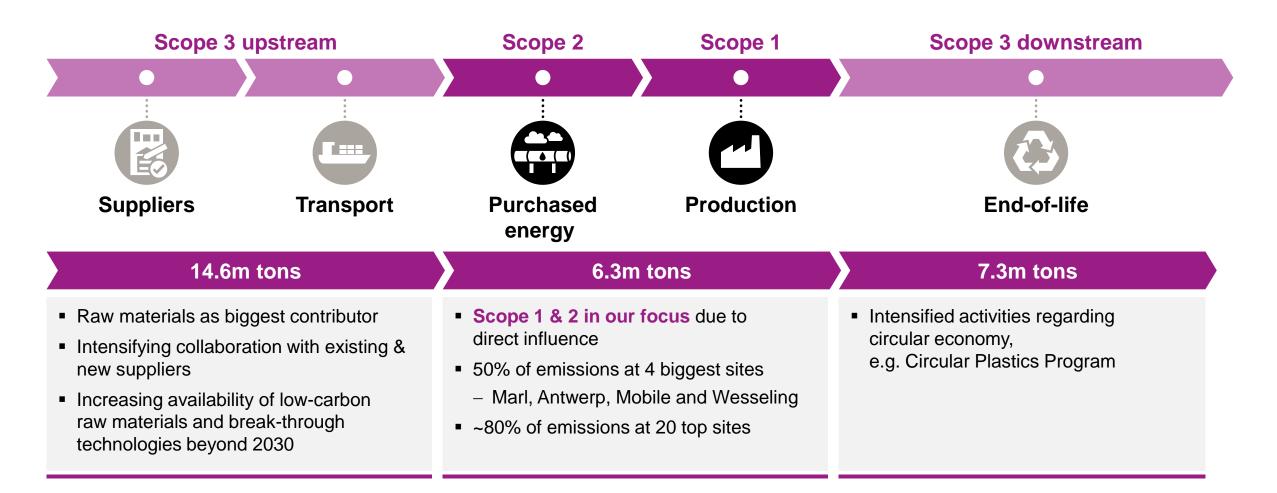
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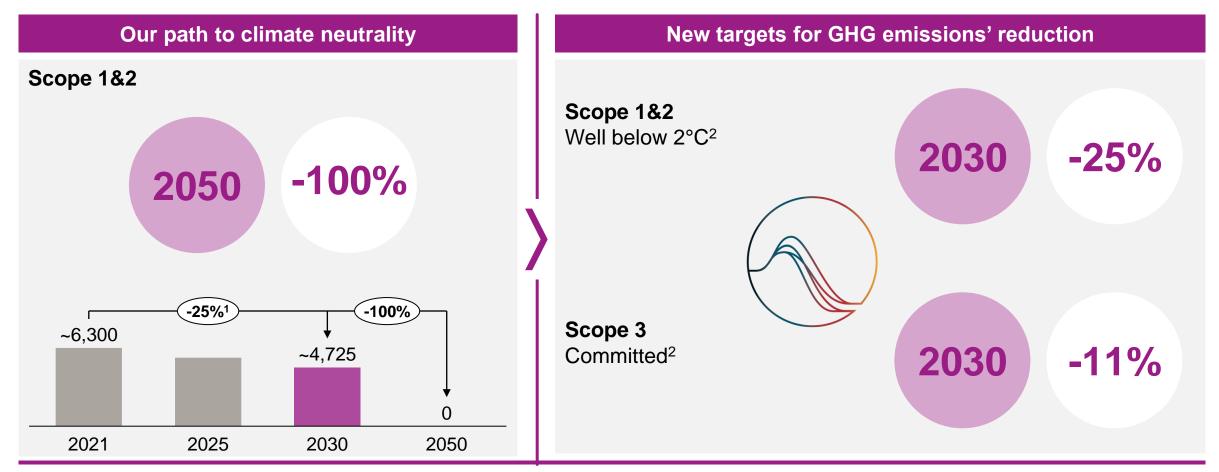
Footprint: Evonik Carbon Footprint 2021

Focus on Scope 1&2, intensifying efforts on Scope 3





Our commitments to reaching the Paris Climate Agreement Evonik will be climate neutral by 2050. Committed to SBTi.



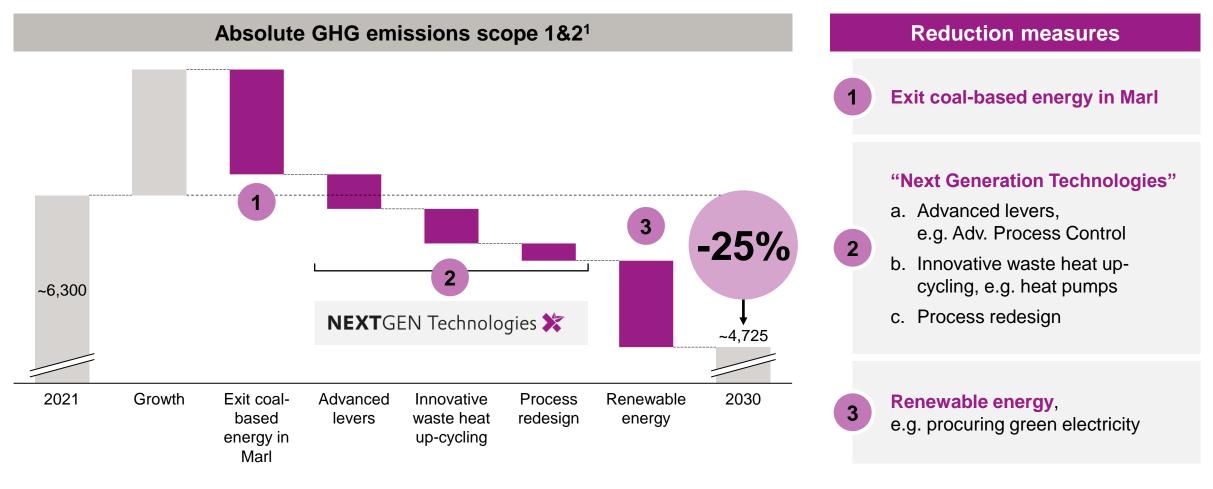
Gross emissions; reference year 2021, target year 2030
 Commitment letter signed and handed in for SBTi, 25th April 2022

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Footprint: Clear roadmap to achieve Scope 1 & 2 targets by 2030

Three clusters with economically attractive measures defined



1. Gross emissions in kt CO2e

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1 Exit coal-based energy in Marl



Modernization of Evonik's power plant park with two new power plants

Plan to replace the last coal-fired power plant at Marl Chemical Park by a **flexible** combined cycle gas and steam power plant

Global scope 1 GHG emissions to be cut by ~20%, mainly due to annual reduction of up to 1 million metric tons

Additional turbine plant connected to the grid end of 2022, replacing an old reserve gas-fired power plant

Total power output of 270¹ megawatts with an **efficiency exceeding 90%**

Flexibility due to current energy market situation:

Temporary prolongation of runtime of coal-fired power plant in order to increase security of supply, before readopting initial plan to replace coal with gas

1. 2x blocks in first power plant, 1x block in second plant, each generating 90 MW electricity and 220 tons of steam per hour



2 New EAGER program to assess main CO₂ emitting sites Definition of 2030 implementation plan with reduction measures

2021: Starting point

- Detailed analysis of options for Antwerp and Rheinfelden sites
- Definition of most important reduction levers with necessary investments
- Blueprint for other sites



2022/2023: On-going

- Project EAGER¹ to develop a clear perspective for top sites to collect and prioritize suitable reduction measures
- New data collection on waste & water

Europe Marl 1 Wesseling Herne Delfzijl Hanau Slovenská Lunca mericas Mobile Al Lafayette Mapleto Bayport Castro Etowah Asia Pacific Jurong Island Nanping Shanghai-MUSO

2022-2030

- "Next Generation Technologies" implementation plan
- Investment into selected projects
- Execution of CO₂ reduction measures

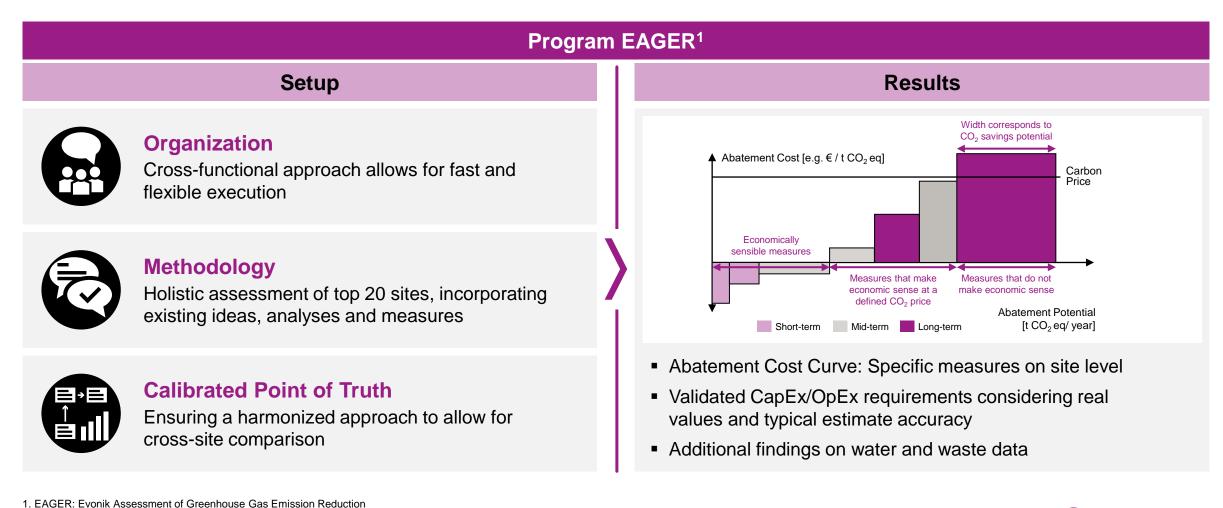


IMPLEMENTATION PLAN



1. EAGER: Evonik Assessment of Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction

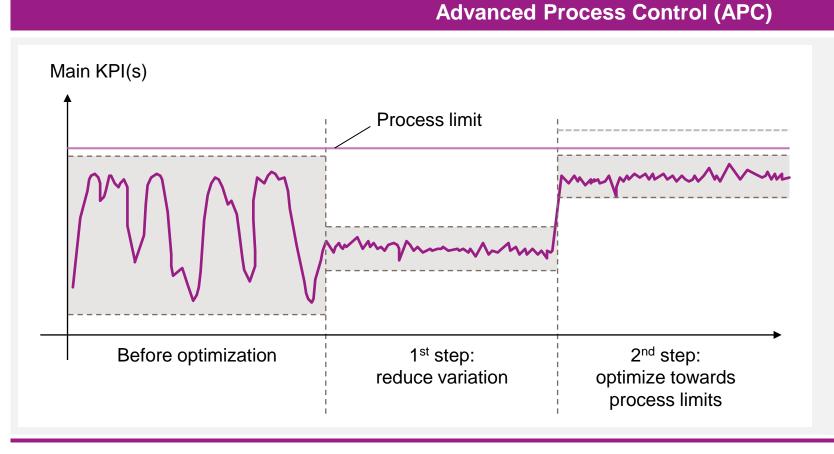
2 EAGER to support sound decision making on site investments





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2a "Next Generation Technologies": Advanced levers Example

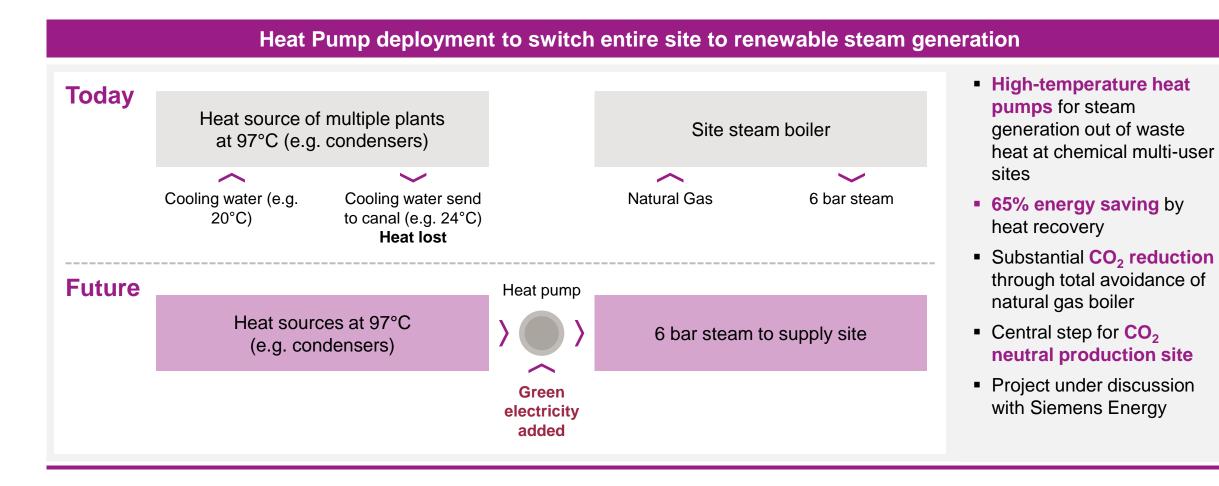


APC optimizes complex production processes under consideration of many process parameters and ensures production at the **ideal operating point**

- Before optimization: High fluctuation
- 1st step: Reduce variation up to 50%
- 2nd step: Optimize towards process limits, typical benefit 5 % (throughput increase, specific energy/raw material consumption)



2b "Next Generation Technologies": Innovative waste heat up-cycling Example





2c "Next Generation Technologies": Process redesign Example

Partnering with RWE in order to replace steam methane reforming by electrolysis



- Evonik currently uses steam methane reforming for (grey) hydrogen production at its site in Delfzijl, Netherlands
- MOU¹ signed with RWE for (green) hydrogen supply from their 50 MW electrolyzer, largest to have been granted a license in the Netherlands
- Powered by RWE's Westereems, NL, wind farm
- RWE received environmental permit in January 2022
- Electrolyzer planned to be operational in 2024



1. MOU: Memorandum Of Understanding

Picture from https://benelux.rwe.com/en/press/2020-11-06-rwes-innovative-electrolysis-project-eemshydrogen-enters-next-phase

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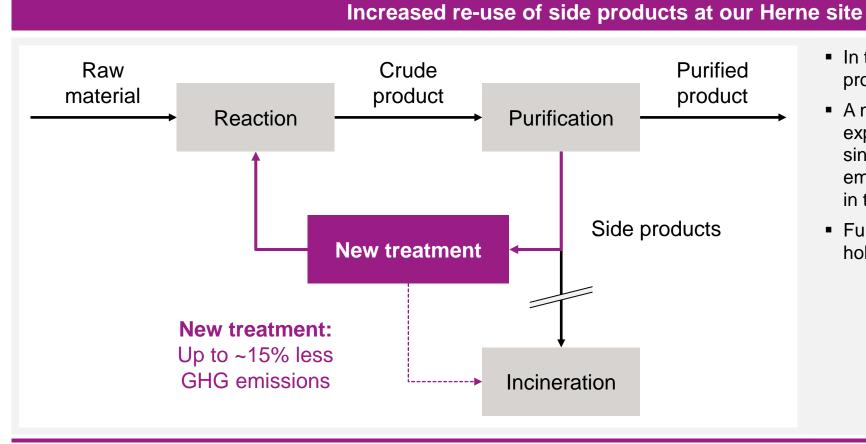


Sustainable processes via electrochemical pH-shift

- Development of sustainable processes avoiding acids, bases and salt containing waste streams
- pH induced reactions by applying electrochemical process steps – "electrons replace chemicals"
- Technology as enabler to minimize carbon footprint



2c "Next Generation Technologies": Process redesign Example



- In the current process, all side products are incinerated
- A new side product treatment as experimentally demonstrated for a single stream – would lead to GHG emission reduction of up to ~15 % in this process step
- Further CO₂ reduction potential by holistic network optimization



3 Renewable energy

Targeting 100% renewable sourced electricity until 2030

Increase share of renewable grid electricity



- First PPA (100 MW) concluded in Q4 2022
- Second long-term agreement (50 MW) in February 2023
- Covering 33% European electricity needs of Evonik with wind energy (~150 kt CO2 emission reduction p.a.)
- Increasing electrification of processes e.g. by heat pumps leading to increasing demand of green electricity

Other renewable energy sources

Other options for renewable energy include:

- Biomethane or biomass for selfgeneration of steam and electricity¹
- Green hydrogen supplementing or replacing natural gas



1. CO2 reduction occurs in GHG protocol scope 1 or 3, dependent on selected accounting methodology (incl. or excl. biogenic carbon removals and emissions)



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Evonik's Scope 3 approach

Different levers to deliver outcome that matters to our customers

Incremental Improvement

- Supplier engagement for raw materials and services investing in energy efficiency and use of renewable energy
- Turn electricity trading green
- Water stewardship and avoiding of production waste in alignment with scope 1&2 emission reduction pathway

Green Opportunities

- For existing products access renewable raw materials and energy to deliver green(er) products for high market pull applications
- New products based on renewable carbon and green energy without significant harm to other environmental or social sustainability topics

Back-Integration

- Backwards integration levering efficiency, green energy, carbon capture opportunities
- Reduce storage and transport of toxic chemicals
- Sites & technologies without high-carbon lock-in risk
- Access to raw materials with competitive green future

Asset Transformation

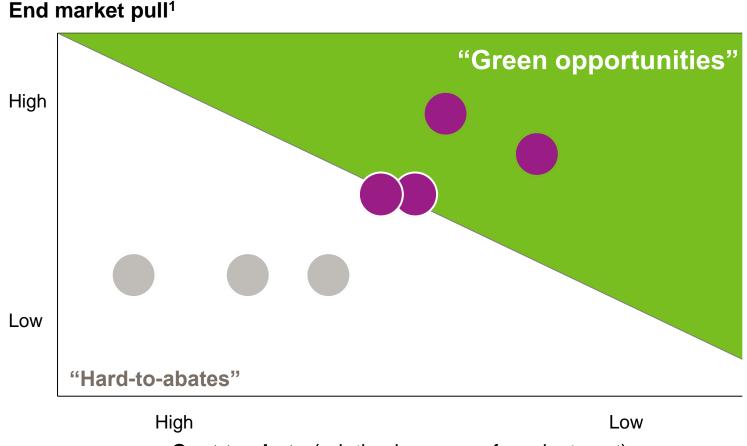
- Identify lock-in risks (portfolio / technology / site / raw material) and ensure that capital allocation and innovation are steered towards climate-neutrality, circularity and "safe & sustainable by design" chemicals
- Collaborate with, or transfer of business to best owner for an asset-heavy business model

Continuous reduction of product carbon footprints based on certified, marketbased data

Evonik able to serve market segments with high demand for credible green solutions Improve resilience, profitability and competitiveness along the path to climate neutrality Secure financial resources, technology, and raw materials for products, the world will need



Evonik's Scope 3 approach Take a selective approach on GHG reductions



Cost to abate (relative increase of product cost)

1) Reflecting willingness -to-pay and relevance of products

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Sustainable use of palm oil

- Evonik member of Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) and cross-industry industry platform Action for Sustainable Derivatives (ASD)
- Our annual demand for palm-based derivatives is approx. 100 kilo tons, primarily used by Business Lines Care Solutions and Oil Additives
- For Evonik employees, we developed recommendations for action for the responsible handling of palm oil, palm kernel oil and their derivatives
- Target: By 2025, Evonik aims to ensure only RSPO-certified palm oil and palm kernel oil are used in its products.

TEGO[®] Betain P 50 C

The cost-efficient, concentrated Cocamidopropyl Betaine based on RSPO certified palm kernel oil.

Evonik's Personal Care Business

- ~60% of our cosmetic ingredients are made up of at least 50% renewable feedstocks
- Palm oil raw materials basket contains 65% RSPO-MB palm-based feedstocks
- Production of >40 cosmetic ingredients using CO₂-optimized processes

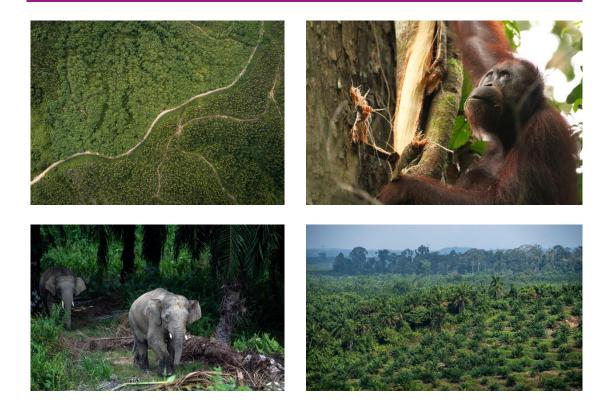


Promotion of sustainable palm oil production in Malaysia

Evonik and Beiersdorf support WWF project

- Beiersdorf and Evonik committed to a sustainable palm oil economy for many years, being both members of RSPO¹ and ASD²
- Conservation and sustainable development project launched in Sabah's Tabin landscape in late 2020
- Goal is to certify local palm-oil farmers for sustainable production (RSPO), restore ecological connectivity and protect wildlife habitats
- Tabin's wildlife reserve safeguards many threatened species such as orangutans or Borneo elephants

Tabin's ecosystem faces enormous challenges





Methodology

- Distinction between water Scarcity Sites and Water Intensive Sites
- Development of Contextual Water Targets
- Introduction of the Sustainable Baseline Water Stress methodology in addition to AWARE¹
- Assessment according to Physical, Regulatory and Reputational Risks

Understand water as a place dependent and shared resource (Basin risks)	Understand Evonik's impact on local basins (Operational risks)	Assess and prioritize water-related risks	Optimize water governance, improve water efficiency and reduce pollution and footprint	Reduce water demand in water-stress areas to a sustainable level
(Basin risks)	risks)		and footprint	level

Example

Multi-User Site Shanghai (MUSC) – Implementation for 2022



- Demineralization of purge water from a cooling unit
- Usage in chemical processes
- Replacement of 250.000m³ freshwater

Potential targets depending on the results of the EAGER analysis

water-stress sites

Minimize freshwater intake in water-stress production sites

water-intensive sites

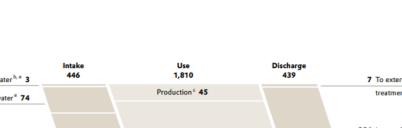
Reduce water intake in water-intensive sites



1. AWARE: available water remaining

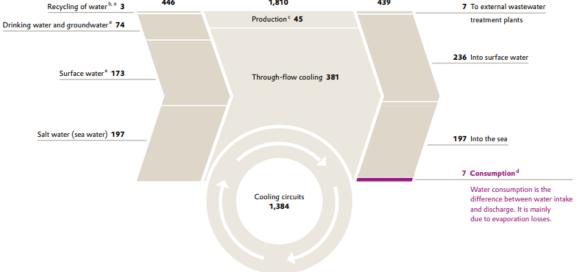
Only 2% used for production

- Total water intake was 446 m m3 in 2022, while discharges amounted to 439 million m3
 - Difference of 7 m m3 mainly comprises water used to replace evaporation losses
- ~98% of our total water use (including water consumption) was for cooling purposes in energy generation and production
- Only ~2% used for production purposes



(in million m³ p.a.)^a

Evonik's water data 2022





Methodology

Alignment with two of our sustainability focus areas

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Goal for waste management:

 Promote the environmentally sound treatment of waste generated by Evonik

Goal for waste reduction:

 Reduction of waste generated at Evonik



- Recycling of solvent from a chemical process
- Usage in other chemical processes
- Adapted by other Evonik site in China

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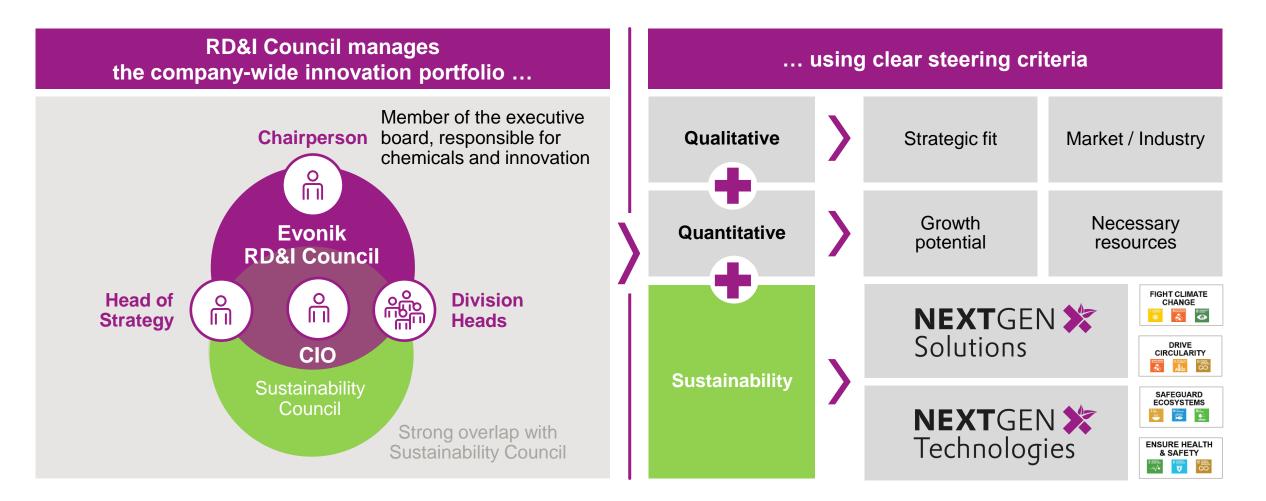
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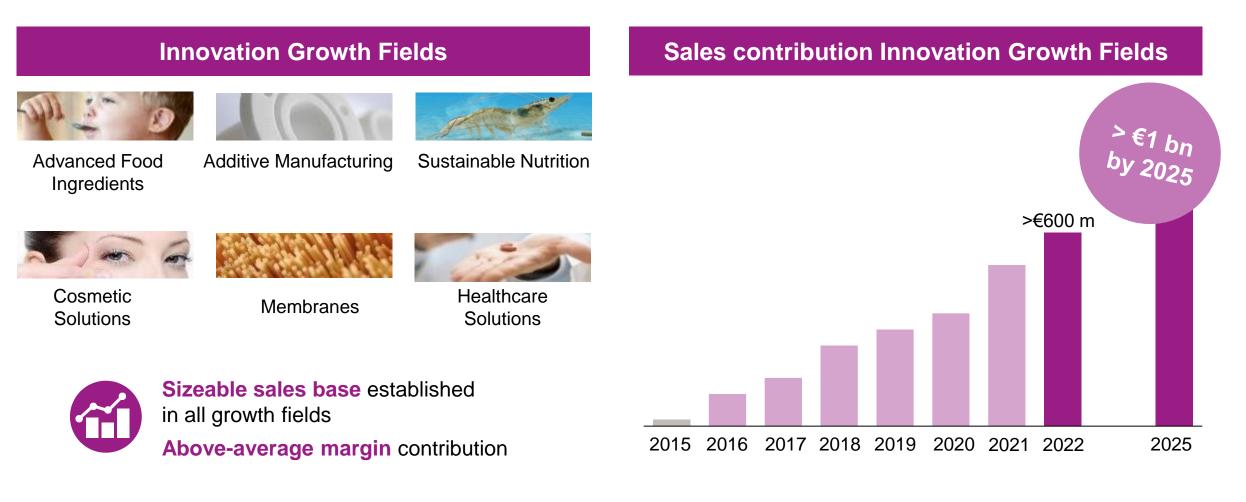
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>€460 m SPENT	>€600 M SALES IN 2022 FROM INNOVATION GROWTH FIELDS	DRIVE CIRCULARITY
~24,000 PATENTS ¹	>€2,700 EMPLOYEES	SAFEGUARD ECOSYSTEMS
100% SUSTAINAB	ENSURE HEALTH & SAFETY	



1. Patents and patents pending

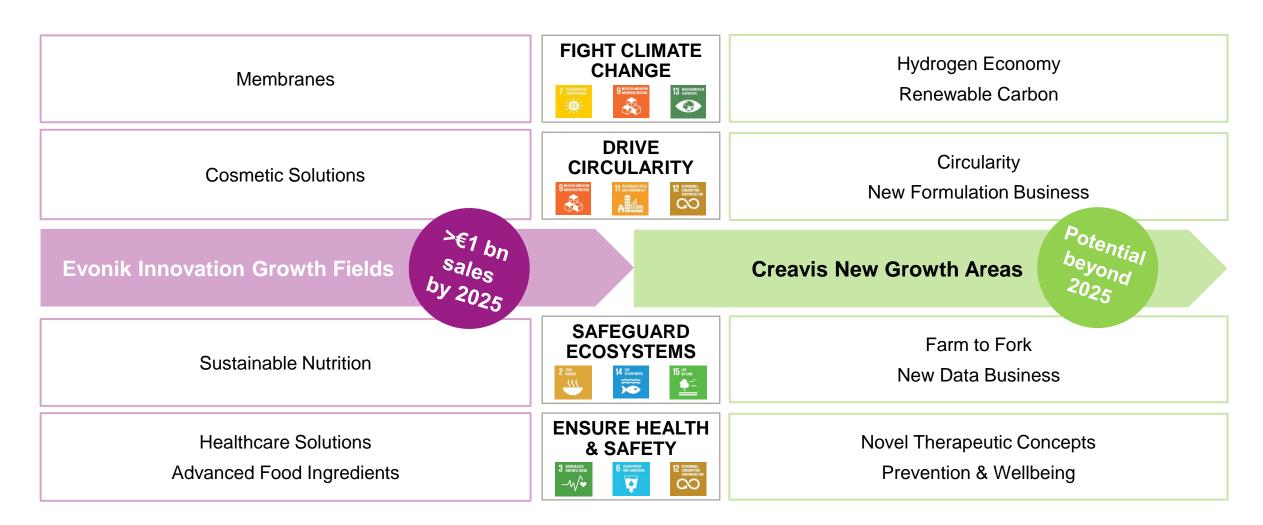
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Leading in Innovation – Growth fields and sales target On track to achieve target of >€1 bn sales from innovation





New sales from innovations becoming "Next Generation Solutions" Innovation with clear focus on Sustainability Focus Areas





Example for New Growth Area: Hydrogen Economy Tapping into a major opportunity with our DURAION[®] membrane

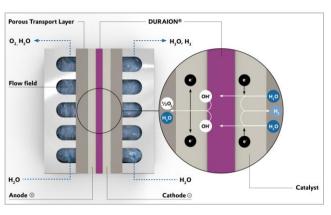
Challenge

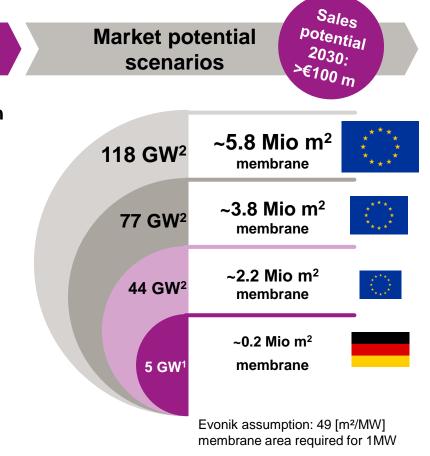
Currently two major technologies in place for hydrogen electrolysis – both with major downsides:

- State of the art Proton Exchange Membrane (PEM) electrolysis requires rare precious metals and expensive materials
- Established Alkaline Electrolysis (AEL) does not require precious metals, but is not very flexible

Evonik Proposition Evonik's novel Anion Exchange Membrane (AEM) is the most cost-efficient way to ramp-up green hydrogen with key advantages:

- High production rates
- Dynamic operation
- Pressurized H₂ production
- Inexpensive materials & electrodes



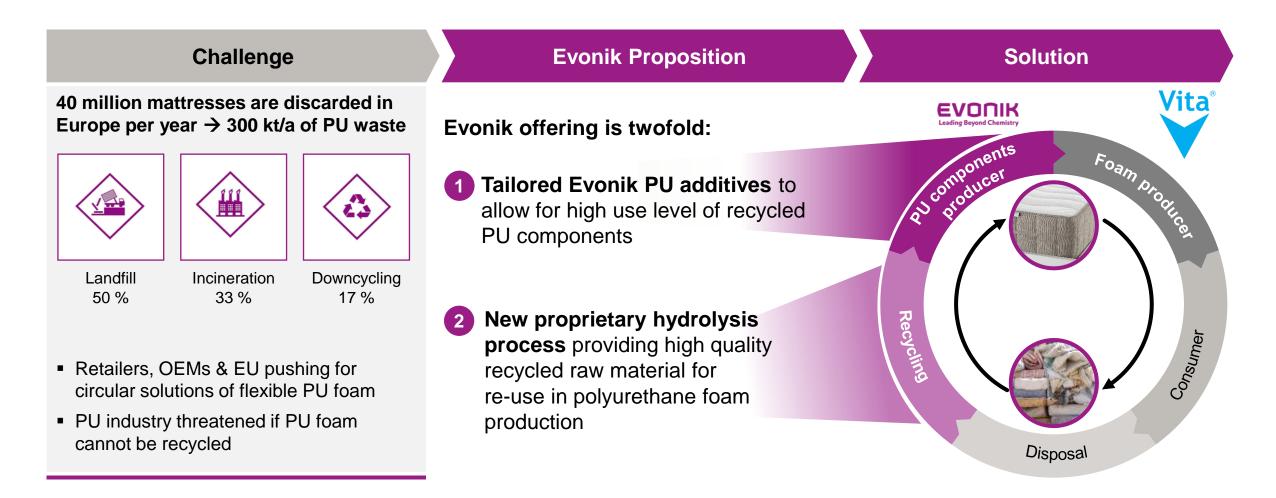


1. Study IndWEDe-NOW GmbH, 2018 2 Green Hydrogen for a European Green Deal A 2 x 40 GW Initiative, Hydrogen Europe; Translation with internal assumptions (Creavis)



Example for New Growth Area: Circularity

Novel PU additives enabling chemical recycling of flexible foam





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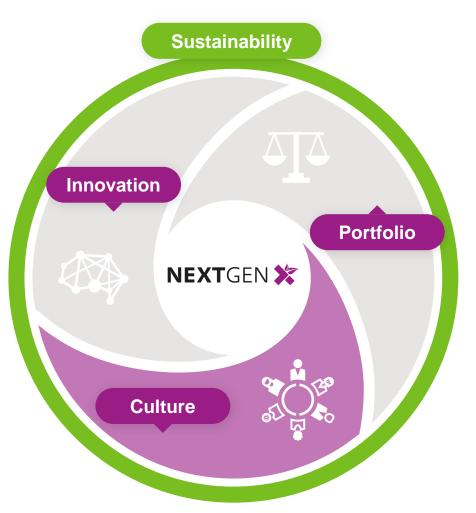
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Driving "Next Generation Culture" Shifting mindset in the entire organization



1. below upper limit of 0.26 (number of accidents per 200,000 working hours)

Safety first as foundation:

- Accident frequency as part of management compensation
- Low level secured over the last years¹

Diversity as basis of our economic success:

- Ambitious targets defined
- Inclusive mindset and behavior foster diversity

Attractive employer:

- Employee commitment with increase of 5pp in latest employee survey
- Integrating sustainability stronger into HR core processes



Our sustainability commitments

External



UN Global Compact

Aligning companies' operations and strategies with 10 universally accepted principles in the areas of human rights, labor, environment and anti-corruption



Internal

Global Social Policy

Evonik's internal commitment to human rights, core labor standards, international standards and principles of conduct



Responsible Care

The global chemical industry's initiative to improve health, environmental performance, enhance security, and to communicate with stakeholders about products and processes

Chemie³



An alliance of VCI, IG BCE and BAVC underpinning sustainability as a guiding principle of the chemical industry in Germany and providing inspiration for the international community



ESHQ Values

Protecting people and the environment, treating partners fairly, and focusing on the needs of customers as core beliefs for everyone at Evonik



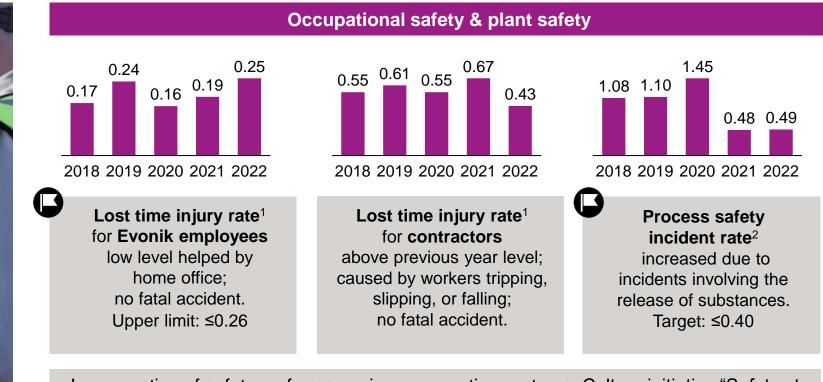
Code of Conduct

Containing corporate values and principles, governing conduct of all Evonik employees; externally operated whistleblower system



Safety is at the top of our agenda





Incorporation of safety performance in remuneration systems. Culture initiative "Safety at Evonik" firmly established. Roll-out of new global server-based platform ESTER³

This indicator contains all work-related accidents (excluding traffic accidents) resulting in absences of at least one full shift per 200,000 working hours.
 Number of incidents per 1 million working hours up to 2020, Number of incidents per 200,000 working hours as from 2021 in acc. with Cefic 2016 3) ESTER = Evonik Standard Tool ESHQ and Reporting



Diversity goes far beyond quantitative targets

We approach diversity with diversity

• Diversity is key to economic success

- Evonik ranks among top European companies in terms of diversity
- We address diversity strategically, culturally and with an eye toward our business processes
- Top management as prominent role model in embracing diversity, e.g. in Diversity Council

Specific goals with highest priority (by 2023)

- Gender diversity: e.g. 23% of executive & senior management positions and 30% on manager level (2022: 20%/17%/29%)
- Intercultural mix: e.g. 20% of executive and 35% of senior management positions (2022: 15.8%/25.5%)

Diversity goes far beyond quantitative targets!

- Diversity is not only a numeric game but a matter of culture
- An inclusive mindset and behavior ultimately determine if we can utilize diversity successfully

Diversity creates growth

- **Diversity creates innovation**
- Diversity brings us closer to our customers
- **Diversity is our future**



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Taking a broad view on human rights throughout our value chains

- Evonik commits to respecting human rights in line with the "Guiding" Principles on Business and Human Rights" of the United Nations across its complete value chain.
- Our policy statement on human rights is based on
 - the International Bill of Human Rights,
 - the International Labor Organization's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work
 - the ten principles of the United Nations Global Compact.
- We also respect the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises.
- Evonik complies with applicable laws and regulations wherever it operates. In countries where local laws and regulations conflict with internationally recognized human rights, we seek ways to honor the above-mentioned international standards while not violating local law.



Before entering into a business relationshi

TfS assessments

Evonik proces

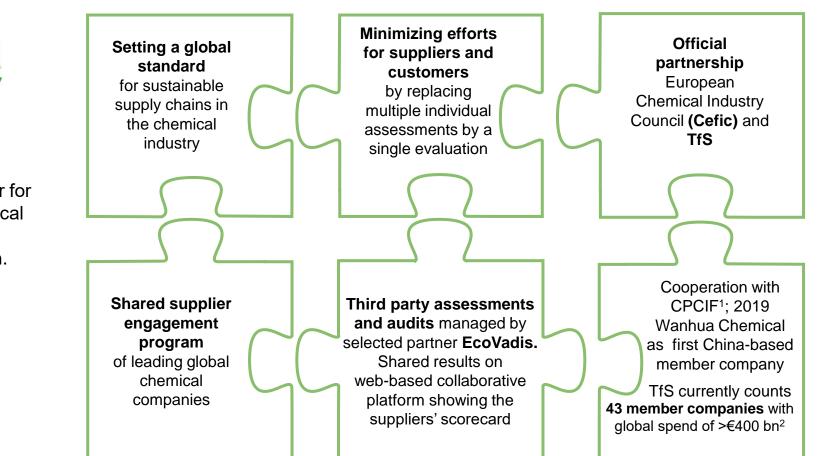


Responsible supply chain management



Evonik **founding member** of "Together for Sustainability" (TfS) initiative of chemical industry driving transparency and sustainability along the supply chain.

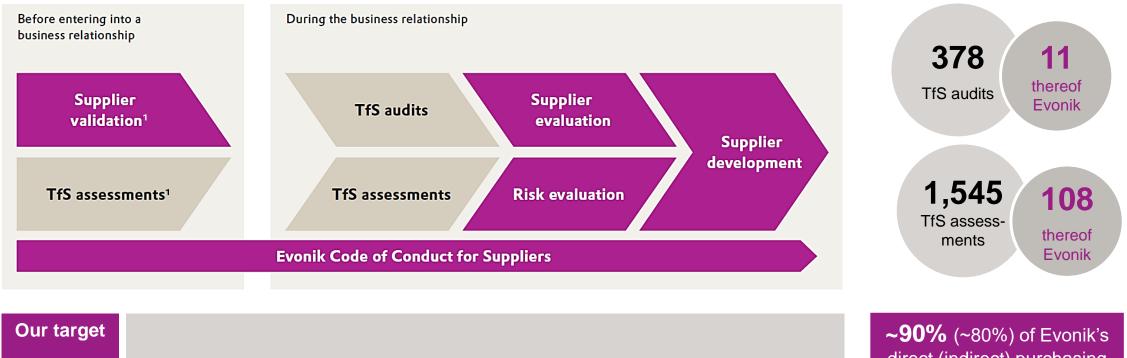




1) CPCIF = Chinese Petroleum and Chemical Industry Federation 2) estimated figure for the chemical industry



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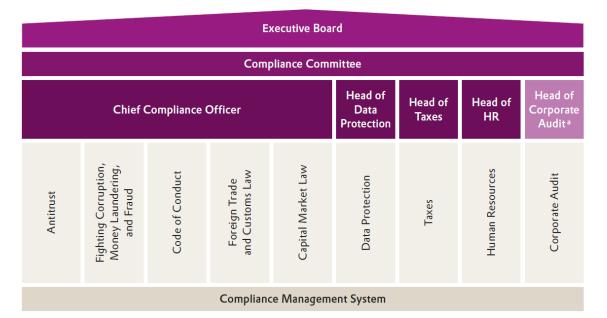
100% of raw materials suppliers² to be covered by TfS assessments by 2025 (2022: 66%)

~90% (~80%) of Evonik's
 direct (indirect) purchasing
 volume covered by
 TfS assessments

FY 2022 | 1. Alternatives; 2. with annual procurement volume of >€100k

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Compliance: Watching responsible business practices





House of compliance

- The House of Compliance has been established to define minimum Group-wide standards for the relevant compliance management systems in relation to the topics specified above and to ensure that these standards are implemented
- Decision-making, exchange of experience, and coordination of the joint activities all take place in the Compliance Committee, which is comprised of the heads of the individual departments, who are independently responsible for their subject area, and the head of Corporate Audit

Compliance management system

 The compliance management system comprises, on the basis of defined values and objectives, the instruments shown in the chart and any measures to be taken accordingly



Compliance. Whistleblower hotline.

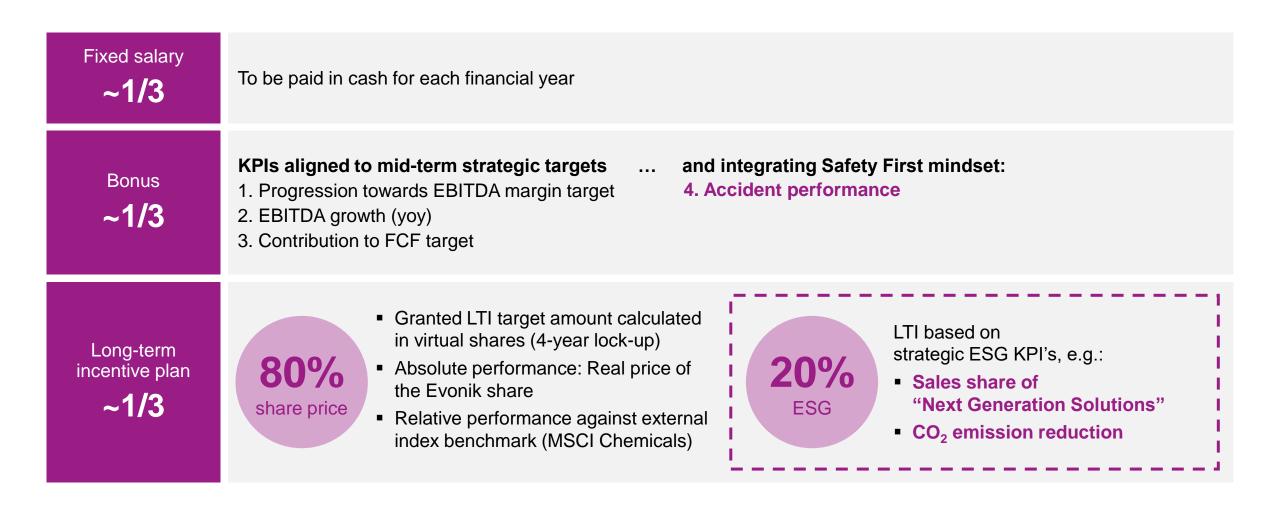
- All employees are required to report possible or actual violations of the code of conduct to the responsible department or compliance officer without delay
- In addition to internal reporting channels, electronic whistleblower hotlines operated by independent external providers are available group-wide
- Both employees and external stakeholders such as business partners and their employees, local residents near our sites, and employees' families can report suspected compliance violations
- Reports are possible on all key compliance issues and are automatically forwarded to the department responsible for the relevant compliance topic
- The whistleblower hotline is certified as conforming with European data protection legislation
- Evonik takes up all allegations and investigates them
- To protect whistleblowers, the general principles set out in the policy on internal investigations include security measures such as forbidding putting them at any disadvantage



^a External Whistleblower System. Guarantees anonymity, if desired by whistleblower.



Sustainability integrated into management compensation scheme 20% of long-term incentive based on strategic ESG KPI's





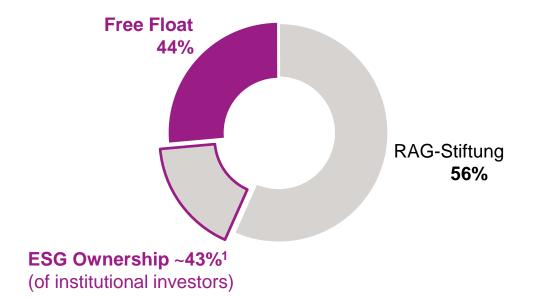
Shareholder structure

"RAG-Stiftung", long-term shareholder with focus on total shareholder return

RAG Stiftung

- RAG-Stiftung manages a portfolio of ~€19 bn assets under management, one of the biggest foundations in Europe
- Portfolio consists of publicly traded securities, private equity, direct holdings, real estate and bonds of various types
- RAG-Stiftung focuses on investments with high total shareholder return and strong cash/distribution profiles
- Underlying goal is to finance/cover the perpetual liabilities arising from hard-coal mining in Germany
- >60% of total portfolio invested in assets other than Evonik
- RAG-Stiftung with strong interest in Evonik's profitable growth, resulting in significant shareholder returns
- Clear intention to remain significant shareholder

Ownership structure





1. as of August 2022

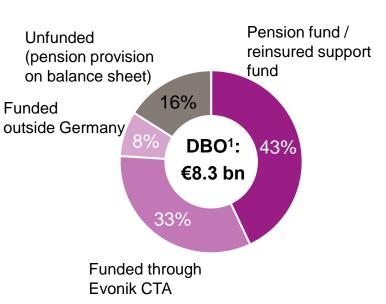
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Sustainability embedded in pension asset management

Evonik Pensionstreuhand e.V. (CTA)

Sustainability process initially developed for portfolio held directly by Evonik Industries AG and thus directly under Corporate control (Contractual Trust Agreement, **CTA**)

- CTA: >80% of total plan assets under management supervised by managers committed to UN Principles for Responsible Investment (UN PRI)
- CTA: >50% of liquid assets overlapping with renowned sustainability indices such as FTSE4Good etc.



Funding level at ~85%

Pensionskasse Degussa VVaG (Pension fund)

As one of the first pension funds in Germany, Pensionskasse Degussa VVaG (PKD) with own **ESG strategy** since April 2019

- Main focus on Governance requirements (compliance, audits, risk management, cyber security etc.)
- From 2020 on, 50% women in PKD Board of Management
- Investment criteria: managers required to have signed UN PRI; focus on democratic countries, respect for human rights, anti-corruption etc.
- Asset Class Specific: Suitable ESG factors taken into account in investment process



FY 2022 | 1) DBO = Defined Benefit Obligations | Pension funding overview as of Dec 31, 2022

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