Creating value through Corporate Social Responsibility

Targets towards a zero-carbon future

We are following the guidelines of the COP 21 Paris Agreement and the Science-Based Targets initiative because we know it is both the right thing to do to combat climate change and that it gives us a competitive advantage in the market. The expectations of clients and shareholders in this area are rapidly changing and we plan to stay ahead of the curve.

We have two primary targets: firstly, to halve our emissions between 2019 and 2025 to contribute to maintaining global warming around 1.5°C, and secondly – aligned with scientists' thoughts on what is needed to achieve the Paris Agreement ambition – to reach net-zero emissions as soon as possible. And we have committed to reaching that by 2028.

We want to reduce our climate-related risks and seize climate-related opportunities. Seizing opportunities means offering our clients new solutions: 'Green IT' solutions which have the smallest possible impact on the climate and 'IT for Green' solutions to help them achieve their sustainability ambitions. Digital has the potential to be part of the solution to climate change. Surveys show that new digital solutions can remove ten times the emissions they produce and the energy they consume.

Leading the way in carbon reduction

Our action plans detail how we plan to reduce the emissions under our control, which is what we call the Atos operational scope. We aim to halve the emissions related to the energy consumed by our supercomputers, data centers, and offices. Our shift towards low carbon and renewable energy sources will be one of our most impactful actions. We are also boosting our green mobility by shifting to hybrid and electric cars, enforcing better travel discipline, and continuing to enhance our remote collaboration tools.

Meanwhile, we will reduce the energy consumption of the products and solutions we sell to our clients, using best green IT practices, green lifecycle assessments, eco-design, and following eco-guidelines. We have R&D investments dedicated to energy and emissions and we have adopted circular economy principles.

For emissions not under our operational scope but that are under our influence, Atos is working with its suppliers to reduce the emissions embedded into the products, goods and services we buy. We have implemented CO₂ criteria in our calls for tender and have ratings to classify our suppliers. Together these actions will encourage green suppliers which is vital since upstream emissions account for around 70% of our total.

In 2020 we reduced our total carbon emissions (full SBT scopes 1,2,3) by 15% from 2019. Our ambitious shift toward renewable energy for emissions under our control is playing a huge part in our success. And when we look at the potential reduction in the coming years, we know that we are on target to meet or even, we hope, exceed our 2025 target.

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