



SUSTAINABILITY PROGRESS REPORT 2022

ECKES granini

the best of fruit

DEAR STAKEHOLDER OF ECKES-GRANINI

Since the beginning of the pandemic in 2020, the world has been in a stage of ongoing challenges and upheavals. Eckes-Granini is also directly feeling the effects of the war in Europe and the ongoing Corona pandemic. Currently, we are facing significant cost inflation and energy shortages that are expected to stay with us beyond 2023. We have to deal with a tight raw material situation, freight space shortages and supply chain difficulties, as well as a dramatic increase in transportation and logistics costs in European road and overseas traffic and a surge in the price and shortages of packaging materials. Like all companies

in the food industry, we are working on viable solutions and ways to succeed in this environment.

Despite the difficult conditions we are currently experiencing, Eckes-Granini is sending a clear message on sustainability. For us, producing food means actively assuming responsibility for the ecological and social impact of our actions. For us, sustainability is not a trend that we follow at the drop of a hat. It is an integral part of our roots as a family-owned company and has been since Peter Eckes founded the company in 1857. Even back then, it was clear that anything that goes against nature will not endure in the long run. That is why we are

continuously trying to develop new solutions that enable us to adopt more sustainable business practices.

I am therefore pleased to present our Sustainability Progress Report 2022, in which we show what we have achieved over the past twelve months. Doing business more sustainably is an ongoing learning process for us, with new challenges and opportunities all the time. Some of the paths we take in this context are arduous and small-scale. And it often takes longer than originally planned to achieve the goals we have set. Nevertheless, we are happy to take on these challenges. After all, innovation and growth only work if the ecological, social, and economic aspects of entrepreneurial activity are reconciled in the long term.

How well we succeed as a company in preserving the environment and our natural resources will ultimately determine our corporate development over the next 20 or 50 years. That is why we stand for corporate responsibility, partnership, respect, and sustainability and are sticking

to our sustainability targets even in these difficult times. The interim targets we have achieved, and the sustainability projects described here are an encouragement to continue our efforts for climate protection, to fulfill our social responsibility and to invest in a sustainable future.

Thank you for your interest and support!

TIM BERGER,
CEO ECKES-GRANINI GROUP



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“For a healthy and enjoyable life –
with respect and responsibility for people and planet.”

WHO WE ARE

We bring people the best of fruit for a healthy and enjoyable life – with respect and responsibility for people and planet. That is the guiding principle for the Eckes-Granini Group. We are the leading supplier of branded fruit juices and fruit-based beverages in Europe. Independent, financially sound, and family-owned, we build on our 1,700 committed and competent employees, our strong brands and a long-term strategic orientation devoted to generating sustainable added value.

OUR PURPOSE

We operate with fully owned subsidiaries and strategic partners, primarily in Europe. We are represented all over Europe – in the retail food trade and the out-of-home market – by an innovative product portfolio. Consumers in over 80 countries, know and appreciate our fruit juices and our wide range of fruit beverages. The success achieved by our brands is attributable to outstanding product quality, a unique positioning, sustainable innovations, and a strong focus on the needs and expectations of consumers.

OUR PROMISE

Sustainability is central to our business strategy. Our ambition is to become one of the most sustainable companies in the juice and fruit beverage sector. For our six key areas of sustainability, we have set ourselves clear and ambitious goals, which we intend to achieve either by 2025 or in some cases 2030. We are convinced that sustainability gives us as a company and our brands a distinct competitive advantage.

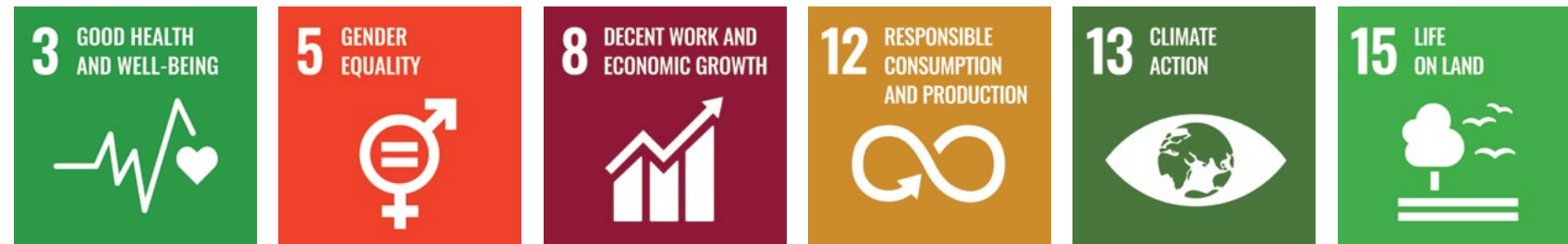


CONTRIBUTING TO THE GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY GOALS

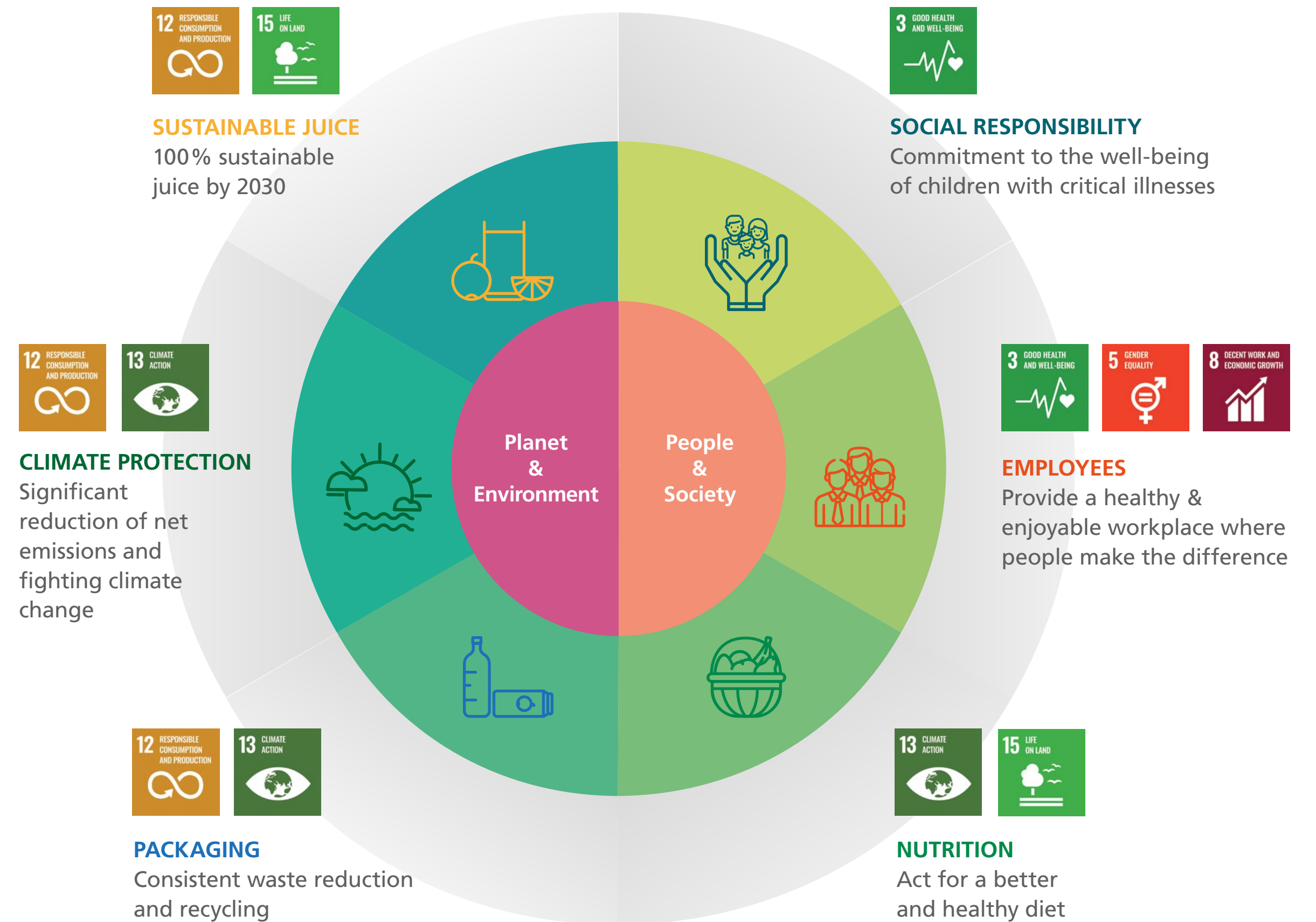
Meeting in New York, the United Nations General Assembly adopted 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in September 2015. The SDGs address the entire range of sustainable actions and define a global agenda to reduce poverty and hunger, improve health, enable equality, protect the planet and much more. By doing so, they create a first common understanding

of the challenges that global society must address in order to enable sustainable development. Our company is convinced that the SDGs possess the potential to accelerate the process of creating a better and fairer world.

In its own sustainability strategy and the fields of action derived from its intentions, the Eckes-Granini Group is seeking to contribute actively to achieving the following SDGs:






ECKES-GRANINI SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY IS BUILT ON THESE FIELDS OF ACTION






Our Objectives →

What we have achieved so far

 <p>PACKAGING</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – All of our PET bottles will consist of minimum 25 % r-PET (recycled PET) by 2025. – Our PET bottles will be made entirely of r-PET by 2030. – By 2025, we will reduce the packaging weight of our products (PET, glass, closures) by another 10 %. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – We reduced the packaging weight of our entire portfolio by 10 % between 2015 and 2020. In order to achieve our 2025 target, we are continuously working on further reducing the packaging weight of our products. – All of our PET bottles are 100 % recyclable. – We have launched new innovative products that enable us to offer juices and fruit-based beverages by using fewer packaging materials e.g. concentrates like <i>granini JUICE ME UP!</i> and <i>hohes C Bio Essence</i>.
 <p>CLIMATE PROTECTION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Our Science Based Targets (SBT) for emission reduction: We aim to reduce direct greenhouse gas emissions from our business activities (Scopes 1 and 2) by 95 % by 2030 compared to the 2019 baseline and reduce indirect greenhouse gas emissions in the value chain (Scope 3) by 50 % per liter by 2030 compared to the 2019 baseline. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – We have gradually introduced numerous measures to reduce or even eliminate harmful greenhouse gases that are emitted directly or indirectly due to our business activities. – The independent Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) has approved our GHG emissions reduction targets as consistent with levels required to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement. – In 2022 we have conducted a carbon footprint for the Eckes-Granini Group based on 2021 data: We generated 24,322 tonnes of Scope 1 and 2 emissions and 510,328 tonnes of Scope 3 emissions. Compared to the base year 2019, we have achieved a reduction of 6 % Scope 1 and 2 emissions (2019: 25,896 tonnes) and 18 % Scope 3 emissions (2019: 623,938 tonnes) representing 12 % less kg of CO₂ equivalents per liter sold.^{1,2} <p>¹ including investments (former 2019 figures in Sustainability Report 2021 calculated without investments) ² emissions from all Eckes-Granini subsidiaries, including EGSSA, our joint venture with Nestlé Waters in Switzerland.</p>
 <p>SUSTAINABLE JUICE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 100 % of the traded juices and purees by SJC members originate from sustainable sources by 2030 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – We joined the Sustainable Juice Covenant (SJC) in February 2019. – At the end of 2020, already 47 % of the fruit and vegetables we processed came from sustainable agriculture in accordance with SJC guidelines. In 2021 together with our supply chain partners we have managed to raise this number up to 60 %.³ – We are partner of a smallholder project in cooperation with <i>Solidaridad Brazil</i> since May 2020, which promotes sustainable orange cultivation. – The Eckes-Granini Group has been a member of the <i>Sustainable Agriculture Initiative Platform (SAI Platform)</i> since June 2020, one of the most important global initiatives for sustainable agriculture in the food and beverage value chain. – At Eckes-Granini, sustainable juice is embedded in the overall sustainable sourcing strategy. – In 2022, we have again organized and joined supplier visits in different countries like in Brazil, Spain, Portugal, and France to stay in close contact with our suppliers and to get an in-depth picture on site. Sustainable agriculture is key to sustainable supply of high-quality products. Through constant supplier visits we achieve a high level of supply chain transparency and a continuous alignment with farmers on next steps in our sustainable journey. <p>³ in accordance with the mass balance model</p>

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 <p>SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – We support the initiators of the <i>Team Rynkeby</i> charity cycling tour in raising at least EUR 100 million by 2025 to support seriously ill children and their families. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – In this year's <i>Team Rynkeby</i> charity cycling tour 10.4 million euros were raised for seriously ill children. The amount is the second highest ever raised in <i>Team Rynkeby's</i> history, surpassing last year's result by 7 %. The 2,026 riders from 62 local teams in different European countries were able to cycle to Paris this year for the first time since the pandemic began. A total of 538 service personnel actively supported them. The international charity cycling initiative <i>Team Rynkeby</i>, which has been supported by the Eckes-Granini Group as a partner and main sponsor since 2016, raises money for seriously ill children every year. In total, <i>Team Rynkeby</i> members raised already more than 85 million euros for good causes between 2002 and 2022.
 <p>EMPLOYEES</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Eckes-Granini offers its employees a healthy and enjoyable workplace that promotes excellent performance. – We create a suitable environment that enables each member of the Eckes-Granini team to contribute to our sustainability strategy and corporate values. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – We are 1,700 employees in ten countries. Following the successful launch in 2021 we celebrated our second group-wide Sustainability Day in 2022, where we get active every year in a variety of projects along our key sustainability areas to make a difference for the people around us and the causes we care about deeply. – We established a group-wide reference framework for a healthy and attractive workplace by 2020, which we intend to develop going forward. Building upon this framework of safety, health, and well-being, we initiated several projects on psychological safety and diversity equity inclusion (DEI) in the past 12 months. – Eckes-Granini Germany won the Top Employer 2022 award.. We have been recognized as an outstanding employer by the Top Employers Institute. To receive this award, employers must impress in the areas of HR strategy, working environment and conditions, talent acquisition, learning and development, leadership, safety, health and well-being, sustainability, and corporate culture, among others.
 <p>NUTRITION</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – We will reduce the content of added sugar in fruit beverages and nectars within our entire product range by another 10 % by 2025. – We actively develop new, low-calorie products. – We actively and transparently educate consumers about good nutrition, healthy nutrients and the ingredients contained in our products. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – We reduced the content of added sugar in fruit beverages and nectars by 10 % between 2015 and 2020. In order to achieve our 2025 target, we are continuously working on further reducing the content of added sugar. – We launched several new sugar-reduced and sugar-free products in 2022. These include: the <i>YO</i> sugar-free syrup range in Germany, Austria, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Romania, and Hungary; a new flavor of <i>Die Limo Ultra Leicht by granini</i> in Germany; the <i>Les Bien Faits</i> range in France with lower sugar; the low-sugar <i>granini Origin</i> range; and the <i>granini Sin</i> range in Spain, a fruit drink with minimum calories and no added sugar or sweeteners (artificial or natural). – We launched new products in the juice, shots and water-plus categories, as well as fruit-based beverages with additional health benefits. These include <i>hohes C Functional Water</i> in Germany, <i>Joker shots</i> in France, <i>hohes C shots</i> in Germany, <i>Sió Shots</i> in Hungary, <i>granini shots</i> in Lithuania, the <i>God Morgon Benefit</i> range in Sweden and Finland and the <i>Brämhults smoothies</i> range.



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

DOING GOOD, FOR YOURSELF AND OTHERS

Eckes-Granini supports the international charity cycling initiative of *Team Rynkeby Foundation* that cycles with heart and soul and great team spirit every summer to Paris to raise money through sponsors and donations for severely ill children and their families. Together we hope to improve their quality of life and future opportunities. The Eckes-Granini Group has been a partner and main sponsor of *Team Rynkeby* since 2016.

Team Rynkeby has been raising money for charities, research institutions and healthcare services that care for young patients with life-threatening illnesses and their families since 2002 and has so far been able to donate 85 million euros.

In 2022, *Team Rynkeby* set off for Paris with 2,026 riders in 62 local teams from Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, the Faroe Islands, Iceland, Germany, Switzerland, and Belgium. Among them also 55 Eckes-Granini employees. A total of 538 service staff actively supported the teams all the way. This was an exciting new record in more than one way, as the



participants managed to raise 10.4 million euros for seriously ill children, the second highest amount in the history of *Team Rynkeby*.





SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

IN COLLABORATION WITH *TOO GOOD TO GO* TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE

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UNE PARTIE
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With a new label, Rynkeby is taking another step to ensure that food is not being thrown away before its time. Rynkeby’s focus on food waste goes all the way back to 1934, when Inger Rasmussen started pressing juice from apples fallen from the trees. She was sorry to see so many apples being thrown out every single day, and from that arose the idea to make home-pressed juice from apples. This is what you know today as Rynkeby!

Rynkeby has therefore for a long time used the “SEE – SCENT – TASTE” icon on most packaging to encourage consumers to use their senses and thereby reduce food waste easily and quickly! To ensure even greater attention to reducing food waste and ensuring recognizability across food packaging, Rynkeby has joined a coalition of the country’s largest food companies, which, together with the organization *Too Good To Go*, improves the date marking.

We have a shared responsibility to combat food waste and want to support consumers in taking responsible and conscious choices. *Too Good To Go* is an obvious, strong partner for Rynkeby. We support this excellent initiative and since 2022 have added the label “Ofte God Efter” (“Often good after”) to the packaging of a large number of our products.

And they are not the only ones! Eckes-Granini France has teamed up with *Too Good To Go* France to fight food waste. They want to raise awareness of the fact that 40 % of the food produced worldwide is wasted. Almost half of your weekly groceries, meal or baguette goes to waste every time. It may sound crazy and yet that is what happens every day around the world.

The good news is that we have the power to act accordingly. Waste management is part of the daily life at



Eckes-Granini France, and every effort is taken to prevent the waste of products that are clean for consumption. A new partnership with *Too Good To Go* strengthens these actions to prevent products that are good for consumption going to waste. Let’s fight together against food waste!



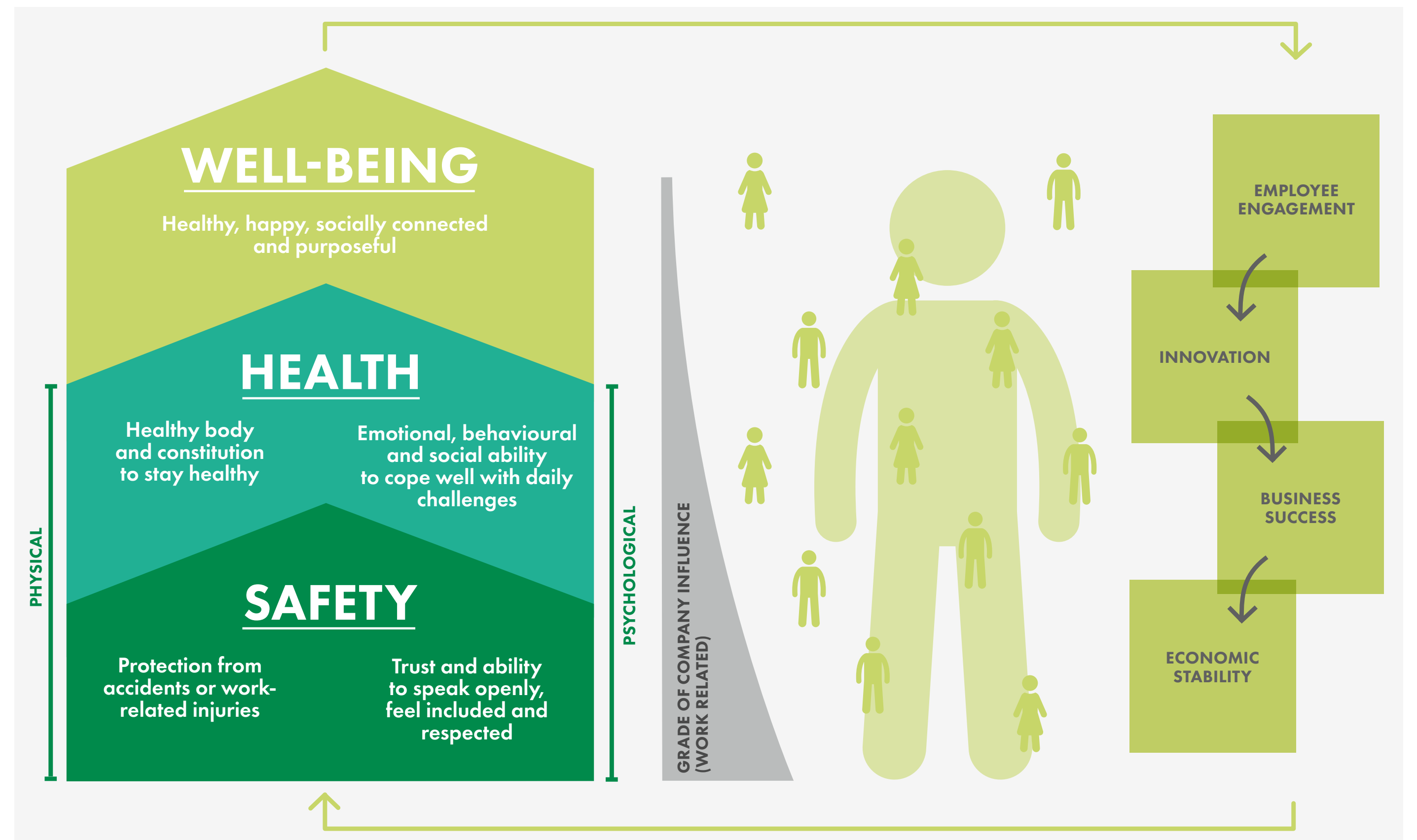
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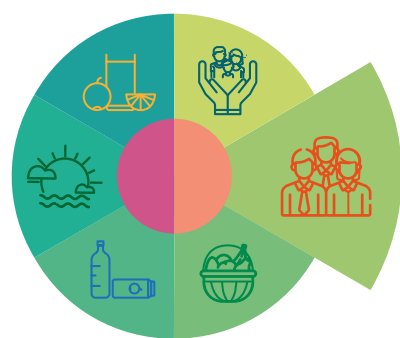
A working environment that reflects the needs of our staff and offers space for personal and professional development is key to strengthen the motivation, engagement, and innovative drive of our employees. Therefore, it also has a crucial business impact. To shape such an environment, we have developed a shared fundamental understanding of a sustainable working environment that builds on the important elements of safety, health, and well-being.



SUCCESS BUILT ON SAFETY, HEALTH, AND WELL-BEING

The safety of our employees is one of the top priorities for us and comprises more than protection from accidents or work-related injuries. Just as important as physical safety is psychological safety. In 2021 and 2022, we have placed a special focus on this part of our holistic working frame. Following the science-based approach from Harvard Business School Prof. Amy C. Edmondson, we define psychological safety as “trust and ability to speak openly, feel included and respected”. It is our clear target to understand and improve the conditions for speaking freely about ideas, questions, or concerns within the working relations in our company. To get there, we work along the action fields of communication, transparency, leadership, co-operation, and appreciation. ▶





EMPLOYEES

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, INCLUSION — BREAK THE BIAS!

Another key aspect of psychological safety, health and well-being is a culture that embraces diversity! That's what we're working on.

Dealing with the visible and non-visible differences of each individual in a constructive, appreciative way is essential – because open exchange, respectful interaction and constructive dialogue are the basis for good cooperation. Different perspectives and personalities spark new ideas! For precisely these reasons, we at Eckes-Granini are addressing the important topic of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI).

DEI means valuing the variety and breadth of characters, personalities, perspectives, and backgrounds, to be fair and equally just to people and to integrate everyone into the team. We generally talk about 7 different DEI dimensions: Gender, Nationality, Sexual Orientation, Social Background, Religion, Generation, Physical & Mental Abilities.

As a company and as individuals, we challenge our own unconscious biases on questions like "According to which understanding of our role do we act? What thought patterns do we follow? What is helpful and meaningful for me, my colleagues, my team and our business and what is not? How can we break the bias?"

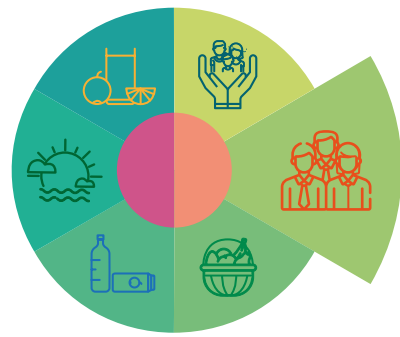


SHOW YOUR COLORS AND CELEBRATE DIVERSITY ON THE JOB TOGETHER!

That's what our LGBTiQ network at Eckes-Granini and our cafeteria caterer brought to our plates. We had the RAINBOW(L) for lunch and a rainbow fruit skewer at hand. Our colleagues had a lot of fun with this pop-up action and clearly showed their colors.

In addition, as part of our "Diversity Mission," we organized an initial awareness workshop on diversity and unconscious bias with employees in Germany and conducted a language analysis on the topic of stereotyping and biasing in words and images using the example of our sustainability report.





EMPLOYEES

THAT'S THE SUSTAINABILITY SPIRIT!

Following the successful launch in 2021, we celebrated our second group-wide “Sustainability Day” in 2022, to make sustainability tangible and a matter of concern for us all. For one working day, everyone was able to get actively involved in a project close to their hearts.

Throughout the Eckes-Granini Group our employees put their heart into a project along our six key sustainability areas. Shovels were swung to plant trees and bee-friendly flowerbeds or dig herb beds. We put in the work with various

clean-up projects, took care of orchards, and got creative in upcycling activities. In interactive workshops we learned more about a healthy diet, circular economy or sorting garbage, sweated together in various sports activities, and collected money for seriously ill children. A ‘hands-on’ approach, indeed. And an event that was driven by great commitment and team spirit.





VITAMIN-RICH PRODUCTS FOR A CONSCIOUS DIET



People are increasingly aspiring to embrace a healthy lifestyle. A balanced diet is a crucial element in this. With innovative recipes, scientific research, and nutritional education, we help consumers to enjoy a healthy diet. The variety of fruit and vegetables contained in our juices provide the body with many valuable nutrients such as natural vitamin C, as well as other vitamins, minerals, and secondary plant substances. Our focus in this is on naturalness.

USING INNOVATIVE RECIPES TO REDUCE SUGAR

In recent years the Eckes-Granini Group has pushed ahead with reducing the sugar in numerous products – in new recipes as well as in established ones. In doing so, we invest not only in cutting the added sugar, but also in ingredients with naturally low sugar contents such as coconut water. Besides introducing innovative recipes, we constantly test the use of new technological and physical approaches to sugar reduction.



In 2021 and 2022 we launched several new sugar-reduced and sugar-free products. These include the YO sugar-free syrup range in Germany and Austria; a new flavor of Die Limo Ultra Leicht by granini in Germany; Joker LES BIEN FAITS in France with lower sugar; as well as the low-sugar granini Origin range and granini Sin range in Spain, a fruit drink with minimum calories and no added sugar or sweeteners (artificial or natural).



FOR MORE WELL-BEING



Eckes-Granini is constantly looking for new and innovative product concepts that contribute to a healthy diet. We do so in particular thanks to our varied recipes with additional health benefits. We launched new products in the juice, shots and water-plus ranges, as well as fruit-based beverages with additional vitamins and nutrients, like *hohes C Functional Water* in Germany, *Joker shots* in France, *hohes C Super Shots* in Germany, *Sió Shots* in Hungary, *granini Shots* in Lithuania, the *God Morgon Benefit* range in Sweden and Finland and the *Brämhults smoothies* range.

BÖRJA DAGEN BÄTTRE

MED VITAMINER & FIBRER

NYHET

BERRY PROTECT
Apple, Blueberry, Raspberry & Acerola
VITAMINER: BENEFIT: Vitamin C & E contributes to the PROTECTION OF CELLS from oxidative stress

PREBIOTIC FIBER
Apple, Pear, Coconut & Chicory Root Fiber
VITAMINER: BENEFIT: Chicory inulin supports normal DIGESTIVE FUNCTION**

SUN POWER
Orange, Apple, Carrot & Yuzu
VITAMINER: BENEFIT: Vitamin C & D contributes to the normal function of the IMMUNE SYSTEM

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WITH DEPOSIT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

On January 1, 2022, the mandatory deposit for non-refillable plastic bottles was extended to juices and nectars in Germany.

The “juice deposit” is a long overdue step on the way to closed loop recycling and more sustainable packaging solutions. As a company, Eckes-Granini has been actively committed to sustainability and supported the introduction of the juice deposit in the past.

Around 45,000 tonnes of PET were lost due to the lack of integration into the deposit system in Germany until 2021. This corresponds to about ten percent of all PET bottles in circulation. These PET bottles, which did not have a deposit, were disposed via the *dual system* and, due to contamination and mixing, were

largely only recycled downstream. Deposited PET bottles, on the other hand, are collected via the return vending machine and can thus be fed back into the recycling cycle for food packaging, among other things. This means that more recycled PET (r-PET) is available for the closed-loop recycling system since 2022.

The familiar *DPG* symbol on the label helps to keep track. With deposit information on the bottle labels, display and shelf wobblers that link to further online information via QR code and on social media channels, Eckes-Granini Germany informed consumers about our new sustainability measures and the integration of our PET bottles into the well-known deposit system.





RE-THINKING PACKAGING

By moving towards sustainable resources and striving for circularity solutions to reduce our footprint in the key area of packaging, our objectives are to ensure our packaging is never turned into waste, to foster sustainable materials and to constantly rethink our packaging.

A pleasing result of our work are the new *JUICE ME UP!* concentrates. Small, smart, and sustainable – *JUICE ME UP!* is a genuine and unique innovation on the German (*granini*) and French (*Joker*) juice market.

JUICE ME UP! is concentrated fruit juice in a handy small package (200 ml) that can easily be self-mixed with water to make 1L of delicious juice. The small package saves CO₂ in transport and reduces packaging waste and weight, compared to a conventional 1-liter PET juice bottle.

Therefore, it protects the environment, reduces the weight of the shopping basket, and saves space in the pantry.



A BOTTLE THAT DISAPPEARS BY ITSELF

Eckes-Granini Sweden has teamed up with the startup *Tomorrow Machine* to work on an innovative packaging solution: a new bottle that is not only compostable, but even edible.

Many manufacturers claim that their packaging is biodegradable. In most cases, however, this packaging has to be industrially processed – with heat, for example – so that it decomposes. The bottle currently being designed by Eckes-Granini Sweden in cooperation with various partners is quite different. It is designed to compost all by itself – all you need to do is break the barrier.

The idea is to design a material inspired by fruit peels that will serve as our packaging and compost itself. Supported by government innovation agency *Vinnova*



and *Bioinnovation*, and in cooperation with *RISE (Research Institute of Sweden)*, a prototype is being developed, made of mainly potato starch and coconut extract. The tricky part has been to find a way to control the decomposition, while at the same time being suitable for juice. The clever solution: the outer shell of the product can be peeled like an orange –

and that's when the decomposition process begins.

The project is not yet ready for production; currently there is only a prototype. If everything goes well, Eckes-Granini Sweden hopes to continue the project and, in the future, starts filling its *Brämhults* products in such bottles.

TETHERED CAP CONVERSION IN BRÖL, GERMANY

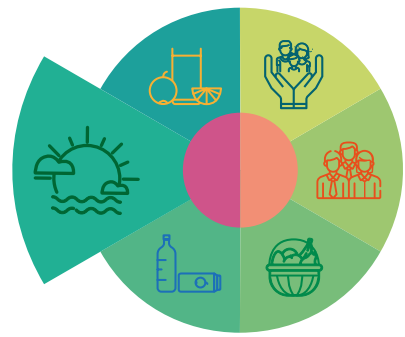
Beverage packaging is about to undergo a visible change – at least in the EU. Why? In the EU, tethered caps will be mandatory as of 2024. Tethered caps are closure solutions that are firmly attached to the packaging and remain there even after opening. The aim of the EU-wide requirement to switch to tethered caps is to recycle them together with beverage cartons or disposable PET bottles and to prevent littering of public spaces by loose caps. This reduces environmental pollution.

Eckes-Granini is working on optimal solutions and will introduce tethered caps in Germany for the 1.5 L *hohes C* Tetra Paks ahead of time by the end of 2022.

The tethered cap conversion at our German production site in Bröl on the Tetra Edge has already been completed



and ramped-up with all necessary tests. In the future, the cap will remain on the package, and we will save about 10% on the cap and thread weight. This corresponds to a reduction in plastic of no less than 8 tonnes (8,000 kg) per year. At the same time, of course, the CO₂ footprint is also reduced. By 2024, we will have converted all caps on all packaging/bottles. This corresponds to a plastic saving of around 600 tonnes (compared to 2022).



CLIMATE PROTECTION

AMBITIOUS GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION TARGETS APPROVED BY SBTi



To reduce emissions in line with the latest climate science criteria, Eckes-Granini is working with the independent Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi).

The SBTi defines and promotes best practice in setting science-based targets and evaluates companies' emissions reduction goals. Sponsors of the initiative include the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP), the UN Global Compact, the World Resources Institute (WRI) and the Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF).

WE'VE HAD OUR SCIENCE-BASED TARGET APPROVED

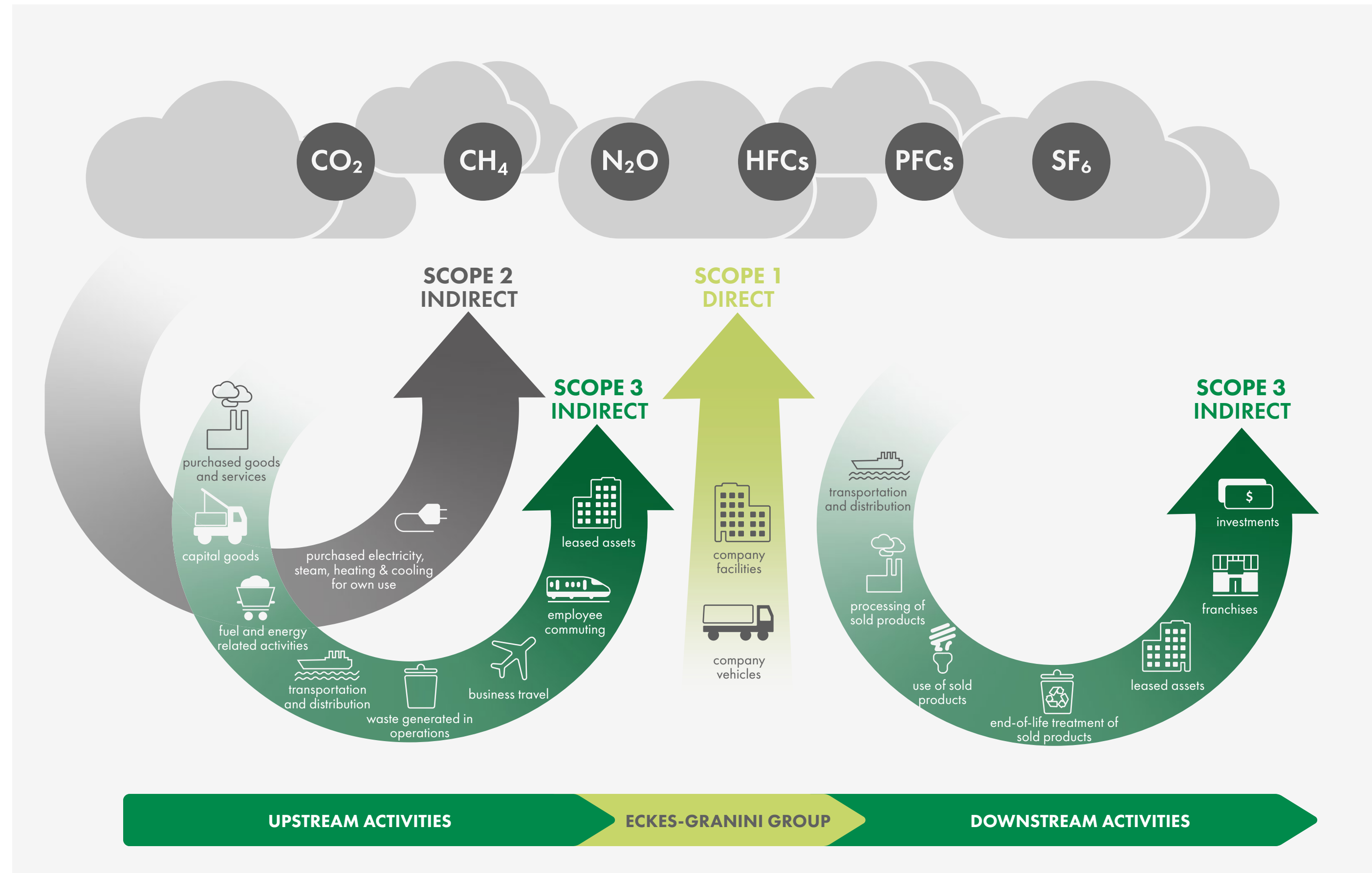
SCIENCE BASED TARGETS
DRIVING AMBITIOUS CORPORATE CLIMATE ACTION

The Eckes-Granini Group has joined the initiative to contribute to limiting global warming to 1.5°C by setting ambitious climate protection targets. Following an intensive review, the SBTi approved in January 2022 that Eckes-Granini's greenhouse gas reduction targets are consistent with levels required to meet the goals of the Paris Agreement.

Among many other impacts, increasing global warming poses massive risks to agriculture. However, the success of

Eckes-Granini and its brands depends to a large extent on fruit and vegetable cultivation. Even more reason for us as a company to feel obliged to act in accordance with the Paris Climate Agreement. For us, this means reducing or even avoiding climate-damaging greenhouse gases caused directly or indirectly by business activities step by step through a wide range of measures and setting ambitious targets for this purpose. Eckes-Granini aims to reduce direct

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greenhouse gas emissions from its business activities (Scopes 1 and 2) by 95 % by 2030 compared to the 2019 baseline. The plan is to continuously reduce energy consumption (electricity, heat, steam) and replace heat and steam generation systems with climate-friendly alternatives to reduce natural gas consumption. In addition, our own fleet of cars and trucks is to be converted 100 % to climate-friendly drive technology. Furthermore, Eckes-Granini has set itself the goal of reducing indirect greenhouse gas emissions in the value chain (Scope 3), which are caused by corporate activities but are often not under the company’s control (e.g., at suppliers and service providers), by 50 % per liter by 2030 compared to the 2019 baseline. Key measures to achieve the reduction targets include: in packaging, to gradually switch to material from recycled and renewable sources; in logistics, to further expand our network and optimize capacity utilization; in transportation, to shift additional transport volumes to rail and ship; in respect of our suppliers and farmers, to provide intensive support to reduce emissions along the upstream raw material value chain.

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SUSTAINABLE JUICE

A GREAT LEAP TOWARDS MORE SUSTAINABLE JUICE

This number makes us happy: 60 % of the fruit we use for our fruit juices comes from sustainable cultivation.* This is a significant increase compared to the previous year.

Greater sustainability is a major goal at Eckes-Granini. A lot has happened in this regard since the signing of the *Sustainable Juice Covenant* in 2019, when we made a commitment to *The Sustainable Trade Initiative* to ensure sustainability along the supply chain right through to fruit cultivation. In 2020, the proportion of sustainable fruit at Eckes-Granini was already 47 %, and it has 2021 increased significantly again, to an impressive 60 %.

* in accordance with the mass balance model

Sustainable Sourcing

Eckes-Granini is working with suppliers to educate farmers on sustainable cultivation, for example by supporting the *Small Holders, Big Opportunities* project of international non-profit organisation *Solidaridad* in Brazil. The project is about training around 500 small-scale Brazilian orange farmers in applying sustainable agricultural practices and techniques.





SUSTAINABLE JUICE

PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND SOURCING THROUGH SUPPLIER VISITS

Eckes-Granini obtains fruit and vegetables from all over the world – wherever the natural conditions are most favorable. Impeccable quality and fabulous taste matter to us. But sustainable purchasing of raw materials is as important as quality itself. We have a clear goal: From 2030 at the latest, we will only source our fruit and vegetables from farmers and suppliers who apply sustainable agriculture and processing methods.



In doing so, we are helping to ensure that our procurement processes protect people and the environment itself.

Day after day, farmers around the world keep our supermarket shelves generously stocked and ensure that consumers can choose from a wide range of products. Agriculture is quite literally essential for our survival. Naturally, farmers play a vital role when we speak of sustainability. But the challenges they face are becoming increasingly varied as well: Price pressure, legal requirements, climate change, demographic change, labor shortages and social and political conflicts, to name just a few examples. Eckes-Granini depends



on the agricultural sector and its high-quality products. This is why we are determined to offer our farmers active support. We engage with them directly

to acquire a better understanding of which projects and initiatives can make a real difference. The aim is to visit businesses and collaborate with stakeholders in the development of new impulses for sustainable agriculture and sourcing. In 2022, we have again organized and joined supplier visits in different countries like Spain, Portugal, France,

and Brazil to stay in close touch with our suppliers and to get an in-depth picture on site. Sustainable agriculture is key to sustainable supply of high-quality products.



Through constant supplier visits we achieve a high level of supply chain transparency and on-going alignment with farmers on the next steps in our sustainable journey.

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