

Press release

EcoVadis platinum rating confirmed with improved result

DEKRA Improves Sustainability Performance

- Expert organization in the top one percent
- Sustainability integral part of business model
- Award recognition of progress in all strategic areas

DEKRA's sustainability work has once again received external recognition, with praise for significant progress in all areas. EcoVadis, the leading international standard for sustainability in global value chains, has awarded DEKRA a platinum medal for the second time in succession. As a result, the expert organization is among the top one percent of comparable assessed companies. Scoring 78 out of 100 points, the result was an improvement on the previous 74 out of 100. EcoVadis assesses performance in environment, labor and human rights, ethics and sustainable procurement.

DEKRA is consistently implementing its sustainability strategy and striving to achieve its goals in this area. The testing, inspection and certification firm (TIC) is working to continuously improve sustainability performance in four strategic areas, aiming to reduce negative effects and reinforce the positive ones. The four areas are: Environment & Climate, Employees & Society, Management & Governance and Supply & Value Chain.

“The award from EcoVadis is recognition for the way we have systematically integrated sustainability into our company and business model,” says Stan Zurkiewicz, CEO and Chairman of the Management Board at DEKRA e.V. and DEKRA SE. “It is an important signal to our customers and partners that emphasizes how we at DEKRA are taking responsibility for sustainability.”

“With our Sustainability Strategy 2025, we are striving to further improve sustainability performance within our company, as well as helping our customers to improve in this area through our services. We see the EcoVadis rating as confirmation that we are on the right path with our strategy. But we also realize that this is a marathon and not a sprint,” says Wolfgang Linsenmaier, CFO and Member of the Management Board at DEKRA e.V. and DEKRA SE.

DEKRA has recently expanded its activities in all strategic sustainability areas.

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In **Environment & Climate**, for example, there has been a renewed push in areas like energy efficiency in buildings and sites, consumption and generation of renewable energy, and the electrification of company vehicles. A good example of this is the new photovoltaic plant with 330 solar modules that was commissioned last month at the company headquarters in Stuttgart and marks the start of a comprehensive PV rollout throughout the company.

In the area of **Employees & Society**, DEKRA has continued development regarding training, diversity and employee involvement. A new guideline for diversity and inclusion has been approved, and the company offered a sustainability training course in which around 80 percent of the global workforce has participated.

In **Management & Governance**, the company has improved performance regarding sustainability standards, transparency and reporting, as well as the internal organizational integration of sustainability. DEKRA has expanded its formal sustainability reporting and had it externally audited. It has also broken down its sustainability goals internally and integrated them into target agreement processes.

Last but not least, activities related to the **Supply & Value Chain** have included the expansion of sustainability standards and processes in purchasing, along with greater focus on sustainability as a business model. DEKRA created the Corporate Focus Area for sustainability services, with the aim of better connecting and gradually expanding the relevant services that aid sustainability across the group.

DEKRA will continue to consistently implement its sustainability strategy in all relevant areas and will pursue its vision of becoming a global partner for a safe and sustainable world.

<https://www.dekra.com/en/sustainability/>

About DEKRA

DEKRA has been active in the field of safety for almost 100 years. Founded in 1925 in Berlin as Deutscher Kraftfahrzeug-Überwachungs-Verein e.V., it is today one of the world's leading expert organizations. DEKRA SE is a subsidiary of DEKRA e.V. and manages the Group's operating business. In 2021, DEKRA generated preliminary sales totaling almost EUR 3.5 billion. The company currently employs around 46,500 people in approximately 60 countries on all continents. With qualified and independent expert services, they work for safety on the road, at work and at home. These services range from vehicle inspection and expert appraisals to claims services, industrial and building inspections, safety consultancy, testing and certification of products and systems, as well as training courses and temporary work. The vision for the company's 100th

birthday in 2025 is that DEKRA will be the global partner for a safe, secure, and sustainable world. With a platinum rating from EcoVadis, DEKRA is now in the top one percent of sustainable businesses ranked.

About EcoVadis

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