

# VERBUND's environmental mission statement

VERBUND is Austria's leading energy provider and one of the largest producers of hydroelectricity in Europe. We generate electricity mainly from the renewable energy sources of water, wind and sun. We support the integration of the new renewable sources of energy by using them in our gas and electricity grids as well as our gas-fired and storage power plants. We supply our customers with electricity and gas, also providing smart energy solutions that are customised, cost-effective and environmentally friendly.

We at VERBUND respect the right of present and future generations to an intact and habitable world. This is why we work to prevent or reduce the environmental impact of our corporate activities, plants, products and services. We thus contribute to reaching both national and international environmental and climate targets and support the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals.

## **We systematically improve our environmental management**

We practice environmental management at all of our locations so as to ensure fulfilment of the binding commitments. We record the ecological impact of our activities, plants, products and services. We set goals for ourselves and introduce measures designed to continuously reduce risks for the environment and for VERBUND and so that we can take advantage of any opportunities that arise. We systematically supervise the implementation of these measures and achievement of our targets. The considerable expertise and awareness of our employees are key prerequisites for this. Our planning, decision-making and actions factor in the related environmental impact, taking the life cycle into account. The system we developed for environmental data management enables us to determine and analyse relevant key performance indicators. We prevent or reduce the environmental impact by taking action to reduce emissions, make efficient use of resources and preserve and promote biodiversity.

## **We are shaping the future of energy with innovative solutions**

Our focus is on actively designing the energy system of the future. We foster innovation, development and the use of new, environmentally friendly technologies and sources of energy to meet challenges such as climate change and its impact. By engaging in climate change mitigation and adaptation we are setting the course for a sustainable and secure energy future.

## **We advocate for transparency, communication and collaboration**

We regularly report on how we are helping to protect the environment and on the environmental impact of VERBUND's activities. We are committed partners and networkers, we communicate with NGOs, public authorities, local residents and communities, experts and universities, as well as with customers and suppliers, and we actively look for partners to collaborate with on environmental issues.

**We demand and foster a reduction in the environmental impact not only of our employees' activities but also those of our suppliers, partners and customers.**

**VERBUND Group Executive Board**

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