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Introduction



Dear readers, partners and friends of the EJOT Group.

I am delighted to present the first sustainability report for our group of companies, which highlights the many activities we have initiated to reduce our CO₂ emissions with the aim of achieving climate neutrality by 2035. However, this sustainability report also shows that we face major challenges along the way, the solutions to which often lie beyond our direct sphere of influence.

This report, which will be prepared and published annually in the future, replaces our previous corporate carbon footprint reporting. It is a significantly more intensive and expanded presentation of our activities in the context of sustainability development. Our guiding principles for our activities for the sustainable development of our group are based, on the one hand, on the sustainability goals of the United Nations and, on the other, on the traditional core values of a family business.

In other words, we are striving for a long-term and stable foundation for our group of companies so that we can also think of future generations of our stakeholders. We operate sustainably when we give equal consideration to healthy economic development, social responsibility and the protection of our natural resources.

At the beginning of our activities for the preparation of this sustainability report, we conducted a comprehensive and internationally aligned materiality analysis. In it, we identified 18 topics from the three main areas (environmental, social and governance) as material. This is a complex task and a major undertaking for a company that is actively operating in 47 countries at over 50 locations. Since the EJOT Group has grown further in the 2023 financial year to include new national subsidiaries and company shareholdings, it goes without saying that this report does not present a completed result, but rather an insight into our roadmap for sustainable development, which from now on is to be further supplemented and improved.

In the reporting year 2023, we were able to achieve successes in some areas, which we will discuss in more detail. At the same time, we were confronted with challenges that will require even more effort and on which we are working.

The creation of our sustainability report alone is a success in view of the complexity of the task. This first edition shows a selection of our activities and results, which in their original version is over 100 pages long and which we have converted into this summary for better communication. We have also achieved initial success in the development of CO₂ reduced screws within our supply chain. We found partners who were able to

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provide us with the appropriate raw material by using increased amounts of secondary materials in steel production. One highlight of our activities is the wejot project, which comprises two areas: the employee capital participation, which is linked to achieving the company's annual climate protection targets, and the ideas competition, in which employees contribute ideas for reducing CO₂ in the company, thus maintaining a continuous improvement process.

The complexity of our group – and also of its supply chains – as already outlined is a central challenge for achieving our sustainability goals. This is reflected in the analysis of our CO₂ emissions, which are mainly in the emissions from the supply chain (Scope 3). The Greenhouse Gas Protocol's Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard allocates companies' greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to three scopes, distinguishing between direct and indirect emissions in calculation and reporting. Our group is much further ahead in its activities to reduce emissions from Scopes 1 and 2, where we are especially making progress in measures for renewable energy supply and the steady growth of electric mobility.

EJOT has grown continuously over many years, mostly organically, but sometimes also through acquisitions. This was also the case in the past financial year, in which we consolidated the business of our long-standing joint venture partner ATF in the USA through a majority shareholding in its figures. This also affected our carbon footprint, which is why we did not succeed in reducing our CO₂ reduction target in absolute figures in the group in a year-on-year comparison. On the one hand, this is due to the increased production of systems for renewable energies such as photovoltaics, and on the other

hand, our anchors help to insulate buildings. A central challenge remains reconciling the opportunities that can be achieved by such climate-friendly products with the price expectations of major customers, who in turn see themselves in global competition and must therefore be convinced of a more sustainable product selection.

There is still a lot to be done on this path to sustainability of our processes. We – shareholders, management, and employees – are taking this path because it corresponds to our conviction that we want to make our contribution to sustainability and climate protection. We are not going down this path alone, but side by side with you, our employees, and our business partners.

Christian F. Kocherscheidt
CEO EJOT Group



Sustainability at EJOT at one glance

	Thinking sustainably	Independent and long-term development	Working together in a family business
	The road to the goal! Climate-neutral / Innovation / Environment	What EJOT stands for as a partner: performance leadership / processes / structure	Who we are and how we work Culture / International / Customer-oriented
			
In focus	CO₂e intensity CO ₂ e (in tonnes) / million revenue	Decarbonisation tracker Share of green energy (in %) of total energy needs	Occupational safety and safety Employees (in %) who are covered by the management system
Base 2020	352.9	no group-wide survey	0
Status 2023	239	51	29
Target 2035	< 100	> 90	> 60

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Milestones and stumbling blocks of the year 2023

Milestone

1. Successful cooperation in the supply chain: The development of CO₂e reduced screws by, among other things, increasing the secondary materials in the steel and using green electricity
2. Implementation of the EJOT Group's first sustainability report in accordance with the CSRD (Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive).
3. Climate protection and employee responsibility: Continuation of our unique employee capital participation wejot in the sense of sustainable investments and ideas.

Stumbling blocks

1. Improvement of worldwide data management.
2. Due to the majority shareholding in the American company EJOT ATF, we were unable to achieve our absolute CO₂e reduction target for the three scope categories.
3. Supply chain development is crucial for CO₂e reduction at EJOT. Manufacturers and standards are binding for us and must be aligned with sustainable development worldwide so that we can fully achieve our goals.



The EJOT Group



EJOT is a medium-sized group of companies in the metal processing industry and is the European market leader in fastening technology. The nucleus of today's EJOT Group is the screw factory Adolf Böhl, founded in 1922 in Berleburg in North Rhine-Westphalia. Over more than 100 years, growth, company acquisitions and diversification have led to a group of companies, today's EJOT Group, based in Bad Berleburg. EJOT offers a wide range of innovative fastening elements, in particular thread-forming screws for plastics and metals, technical formed parts made of plastic and metal, as well as a complete programme for the fastening of the outer shell of buildings. The customers come from the automotive and supplier industry, the telecommunications and entertainment electronics industry or the construction industry. EJOT's products offer potential for the restructuring of the economy from fossil fuel combustion to climate-friendly new technologies, whether in the automotive industry with the transformation to electric mobility, the lightweight and hybrid construction of bodies-in-white or in the construction

industry with building insulation, the use of renewable energies and their secure fastening.

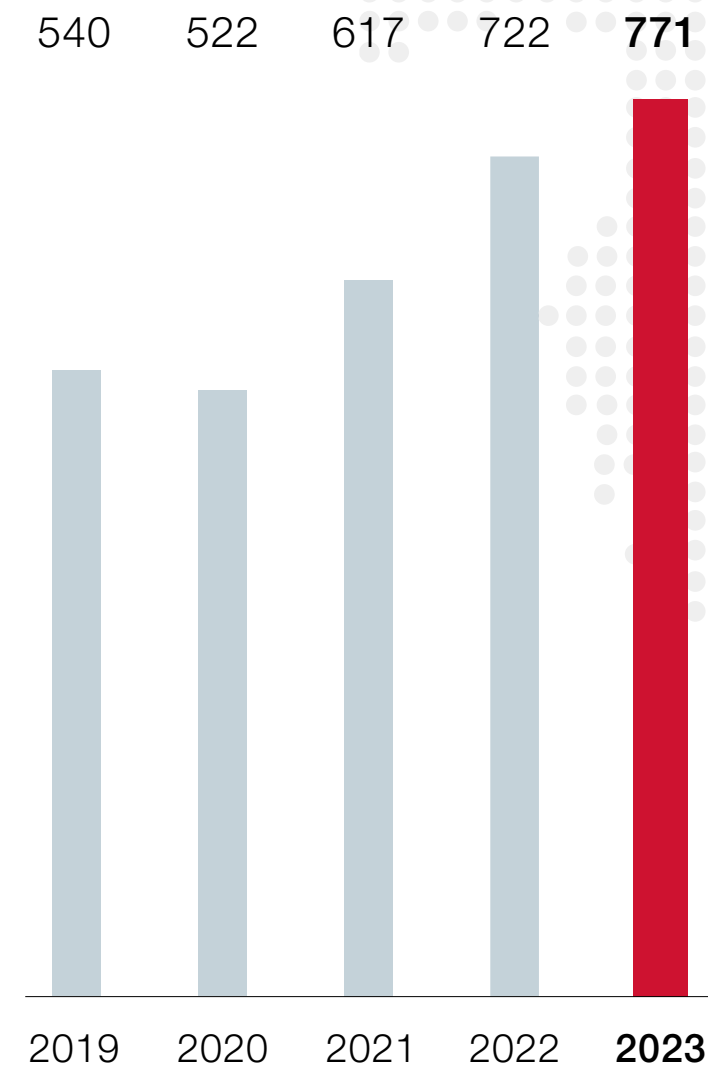
EJOT employs approx. 4,500 employees worldwide. In addition to the German production sites in Bad Berleburg, Bad Laasphe and Tambach-Dietharz, EJOT produces in Brazil, China, Great Britain, Mexico, Poland, Switzerland, Taiwan, Turkey, Croatia, the USA, India and Finland. Furthermore, the company has numerous sales companies around the globe.

EJOT is focusing on the topic of sustainability and has set itself the goal of reducing its CO₂ emissions from the current level of approx. 245,000 tonnes to zero by 2035.



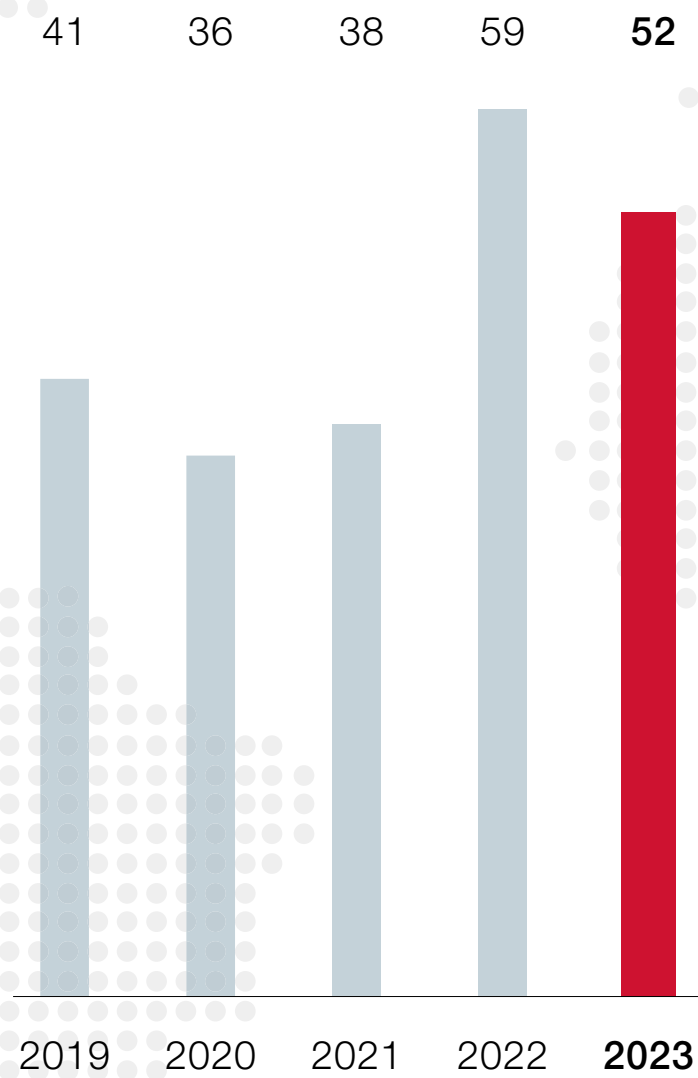
Facts and Figures

Turnover (million euros)



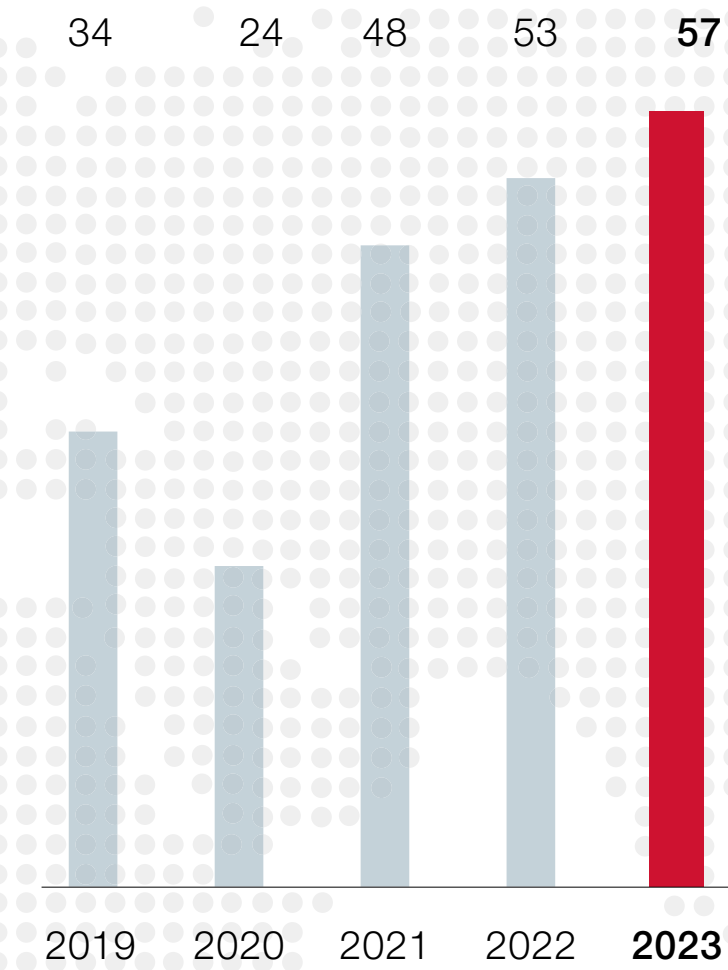
771
Million euros in 2023

EBIT (million euros)



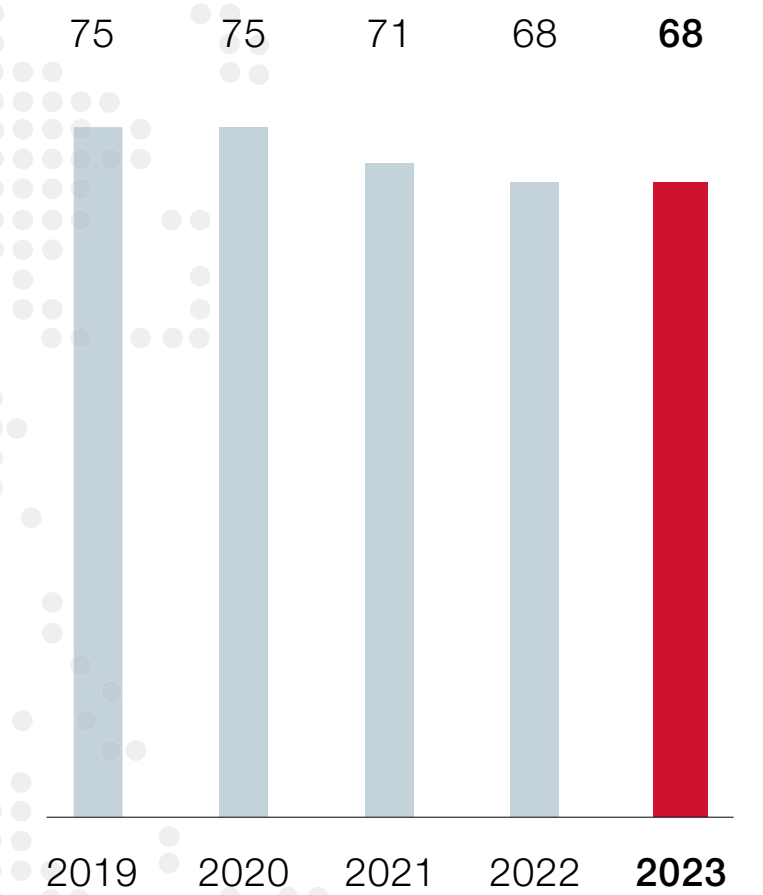
52
Million euros in 2023

Investments (million euros)



54
Million euros in 2023

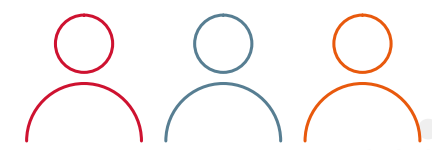
Equity ratio (in percent)



68
Percent in 2023

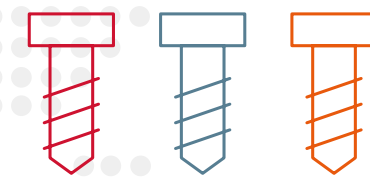


Facts and Figures



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Employees (annual average)



52

Millions of screws (items/day)



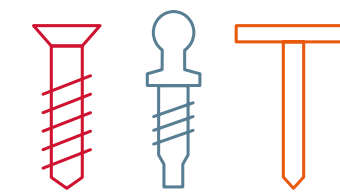
4.000

Suppliers



25.668

Customers



36.000

approx. various products

Strategy, business model and value chain

We are anchoring EJOT's global and cross-market corporate strategy with the Vision 2025:



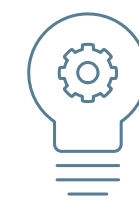
Technological leadership

We aspire to be the **technological leader** in fasteners, joining processes, forming technology (metal and plastic) and complex assemblies.



Internationality

We can **produce or procure all our products on every continent**. We are successful with our products and services in **Europe**, but also on the **American, Asian and African** continents. We have grown sustainably as an international group.



Innovation

We are able to help our customers by constantly developing new products and/or processes that bring benefits and added value. **Constant innovation at all levels of the organization secures our future.**



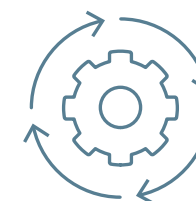
Customer orientation

Our customers know that EJOT offers the **best solutions in product and service**. Every product and every employee stands for competence and understanding of **our customers' requirements**.



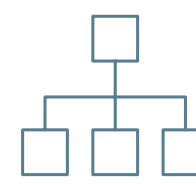
Culture

Our culture is characterised by **integrity and appreciation**. **The motivation of our employees** is the guarantee for a constant renewal and maintenance of our efficiency.



Processes

We think about **processes holistically** – without disruption or waste, for the benefit of our customers. With **transparency and uniform key figures**, these processes are designed to be comprehensible and lean from start to finish, from customer order to customer delivery.



Structure

Our organizational structure is **comprehensible and transparent for all employees worldwide**. It is characterized by **clear areas of responsibility and clear and understandable roles**.



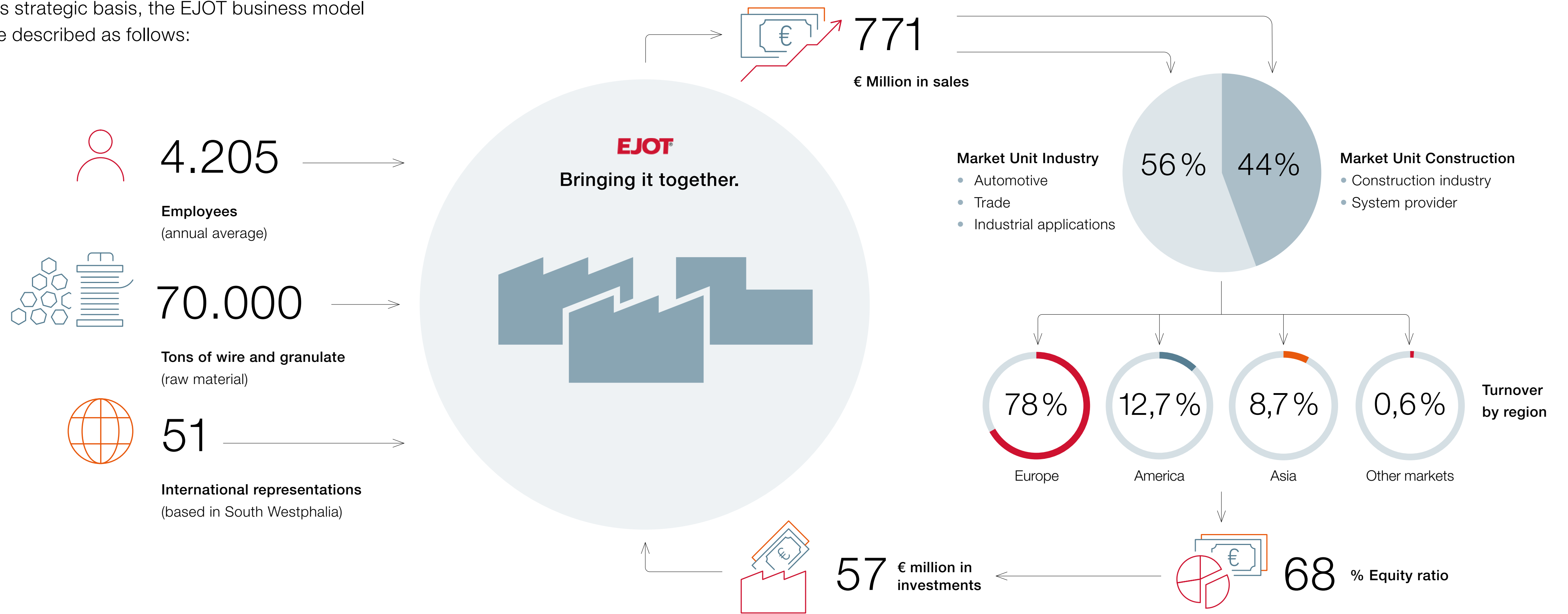
Environment

We have succeeded to evaluate our CO₂e emissions. From this, energy / CO₂e savings are defined, which will ensure **CO₂e neutrality by 2035**.



The EJOT business model

On this strategic basis, the EJOT business model can be described as follows:



Our markets in the Market Units Industry and Construction

Proximity to the customer and his needs is a central success factor of the two Market Units [Industry](#) and [Construction](#). This close coordination is one of the foundations for the development of customised fastening solutions with added value for the customer. Based on the manufacturing technologies of cold forming and plastic injection moulding, the EJOT product portfolio is continuously being expanded, with current trends such as electromobility or sustainable building envelopes being incorporated into product development. We are committed to sustainable management in the development and production of our products.

In the [Market Unit Industry](#) EJOT offers a wide product range for various applications.

- **Thread forming screws**
For plastics and metals.
- **Individual precision cold formed parts**
Cost-effective due to cold forming, high savings potential due to multifunctionality.
- **System solutions for mixed and lightweight construction**
With flow drill FDS® screws and EJOWELD® friction-welding.
- **Metal-plastic components**
Individually developed functional assemblies that can perform a wide range of functions.





With the following products, the Market Unit Industry is represented worldwide in the markets:

- **Functional plastic parts**

Development and production of high-precision metal-plastic composite parts using insert technology.

- **Joining technology for special space and material requirements**

Fasteners for thin-walled components as well as foam and sandwich structures.

- **Contacting elements and sealing systems**

For a wide range of applications in e-mobility.

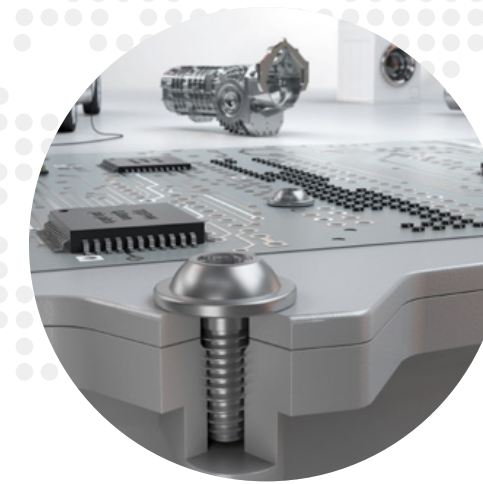
- **Fastening solutions in the Micro range**

Micro screws and cold-formed parts in the smallest dimensions for miniature components.

The customer is supported by a qualified application engineer throughout the entire project (“one face to the customer”). Prediction programs can be used in advance for the preliminary design of the screw connections. In the APPLITEC screw laboratory, component tests are carried out using modern screw technology. The online service area “CAD & more” offers the possibility to download CAD data or product information and to carry out your own calculations. Furthermore, with the help of FEM simulations, the customer can optimise the design of components and screw locations together with EJOT specialists. The comprehensive online service area offers our customers the opportunity to precisely dimension their components and thus prevent the waste of materials.



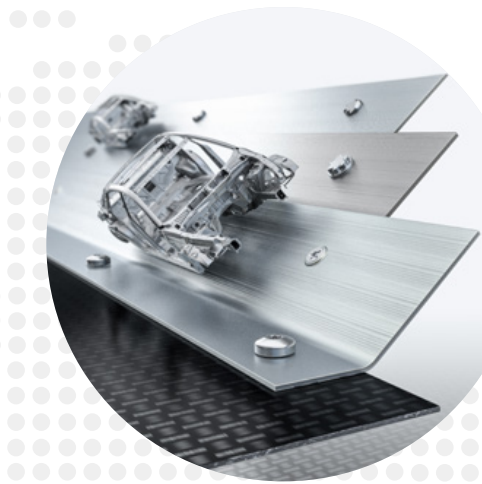
Self-tapping screws for plastics



Self-tapping screws for metal



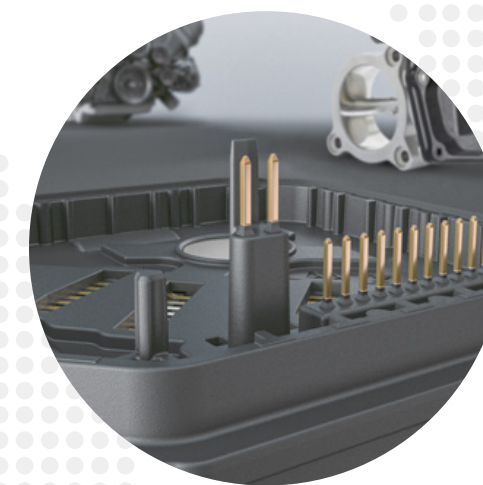
Precision cold-formed parts for complex applications



System solutions for body-in-white light-weight/mixed design



Spindle & adjustment systems: multifunctional components



Precision parts made of plastic for electronic components



Elements made of plastic for special materials



Contacting elements and sealing systems for electromobility

With the Market Unit [Market Unit Construction](#) serves selected market segments in the construction industry for professional applications in the outer shell and interior finishing of buildings. EJOT stands for a comprehensive product range, special know-how for fastening solutions and customer-oriented service in various core segments.

- **Industrial lightweight design:** Fasteners for fixing trapezoidal sheets and sandwich elements to steel and timber structures are the focus of this core segment
- **Timber construction:** The aim is to offer solutions for all building components where fasteners are needed.
- **Rear-ventilated facades:** The rear-ventilated facade offers great design freedom and versatility. EJOT is a system provider in this area. The various system components, services and comprehensive advice lead to a homogeneous yet individual solution.
- **CROSSFIX®:** The award-winning substructure system CROSSFIX® is the first substructure made of stainless steel that can be used equally for holding horizontal and vertical load-bearing profiles. The use of 100 per cent stainless steel significantly reduces the thermal bridge surcharge in the system.
- **Flat roof:** In the flat roof sector, the focus is on fastening elements and installation equipment for the efficient fastening of insulation materials and roofing membranes on flat roofs and slightly sloped roofs.





- **Industrial window and facade technology:** The window and glass facade technology sector deals with high-quality fasteners for window and door production as well as their installation.
- **Fastening systems for solar energy systems:** EJOT offers a variety of fastening solutions for the correct and safe installation of solar energy systems. The product portfolio includes approved fasteners for the installation of photovoltaic systems on the roof as well as for the installation of systems in open spaces.
- **Anchoring technology:** The application areas for anchoring technology are versatile and the respective demands on the fastening solutions are equally diverse. From balcony and stair railings to anchoring large machines.
- **External thermal insulation composite systems (ETICS):** EJOT offers comprehensive system accessories for external thermal insulation composite systems in the areas of anchors, assembly elements and profiles.

The Market Unit Construction is represented in the global markets with the following products:



Timber Construction



Industrial Lightweight Construction



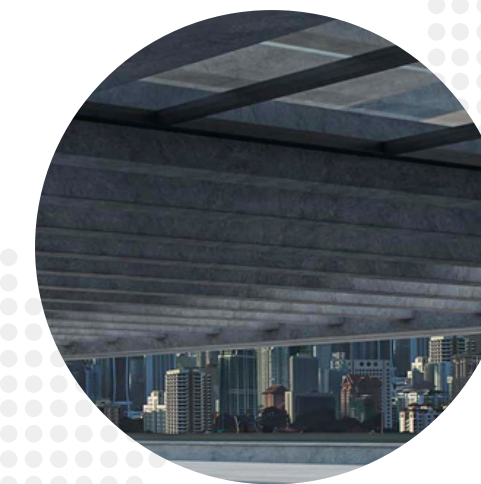
Solar



Flat Roofing



Rear Ventilated Facades



Metal and Chemical Anchoring Technology



Window and Glass Facade Technology



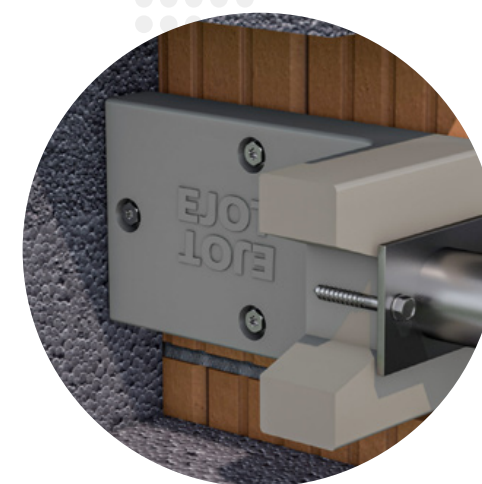
Interior Work



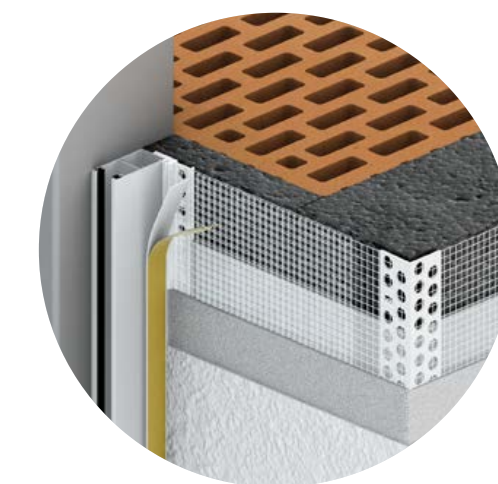
Distribution



Fastening Solutions for ETICS



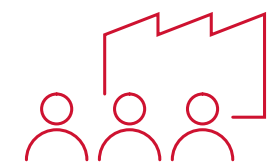
Mounting elements for Attachments



Profiles for ETICS



Sustainability at EJOT – Vision



Working together in a family business

Who EJOT are and how it works.

- Culture
- Internationality
- Customer orientation



Independent and long-term development

EJOT: your reliable partner.

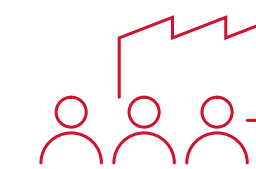
- Technological leadership
- Processes
- Structure



Thinking sustainably

The road to the goal.

- Climate neutrality
- Innovation
- Environment



Quality connects Sustainability unites.

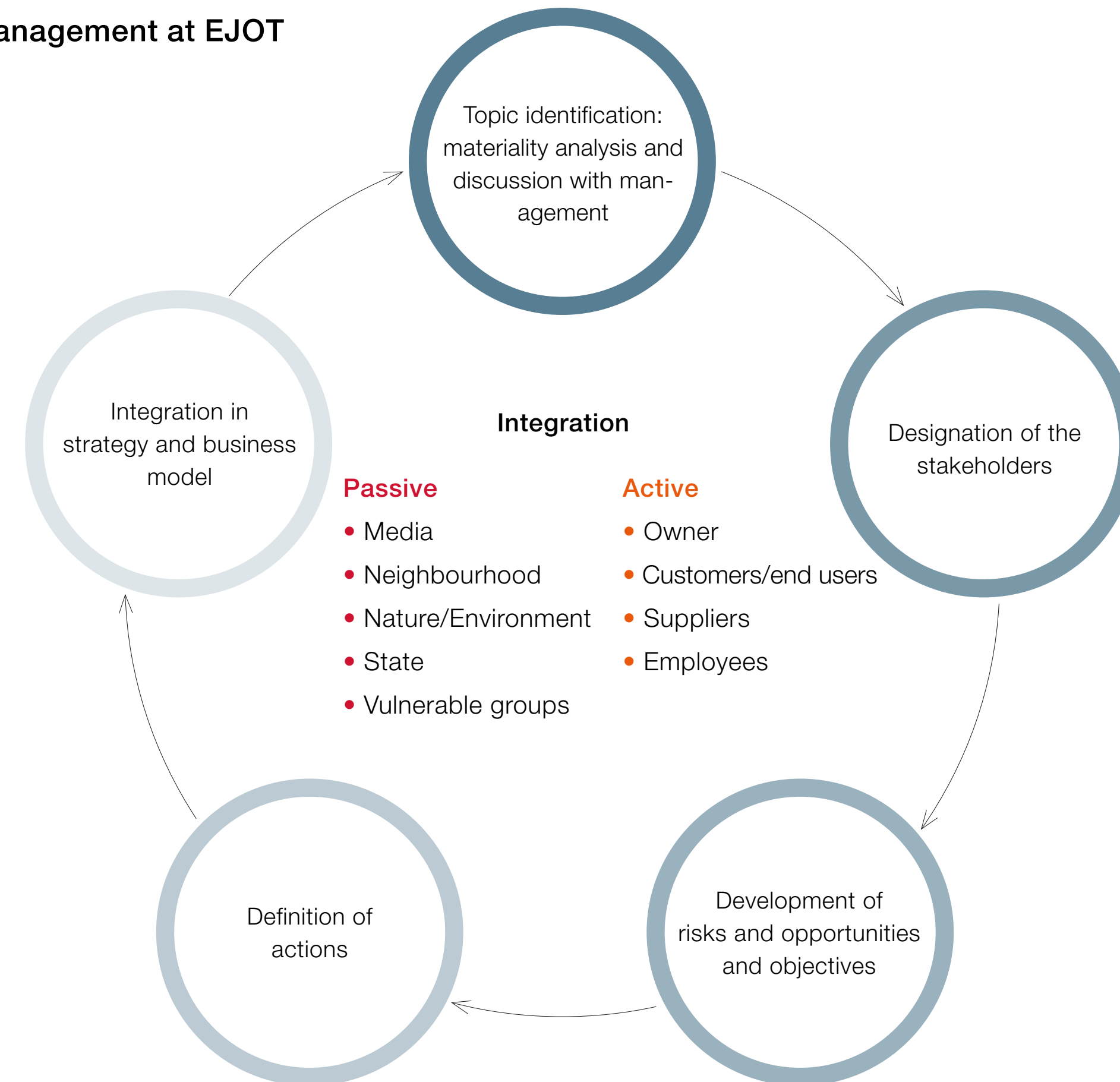
What **EJOT** want to achieve



Involving interested parties

Stakeholder management is regulated in the long term and location-based by the certification of DIN EN ISO 14001. As part of the CSRD, the existing systems are now being supplemented. First, topics are identified as part of the double materiality analysis and consultation with top management. Based on this, the most important stakeholders of the respective topics are named and either passively (no topic-related contact, fundamental exchange) or actively involved in the business model (e.g. surveys). Based on these results, risks, opportunities and goals for the identified topics are developed and a definition of measures is derived. In this way, we ensure that stakeholder concerns are involved in our strategies. In the year under review, there were no significant changes in interests and positions that would have led to a change in the business model (ESRS 2, 45c).

Stakeholder management at EJOT



EJOT sees active stakeholder management as an obligation to take into account the interests of all parties involved and to work together on goals.

Heiko Stötzel, Environmental Officer of the EJOT Group



Analysis of the main effects, risks and opportunities

The double materiality analysis

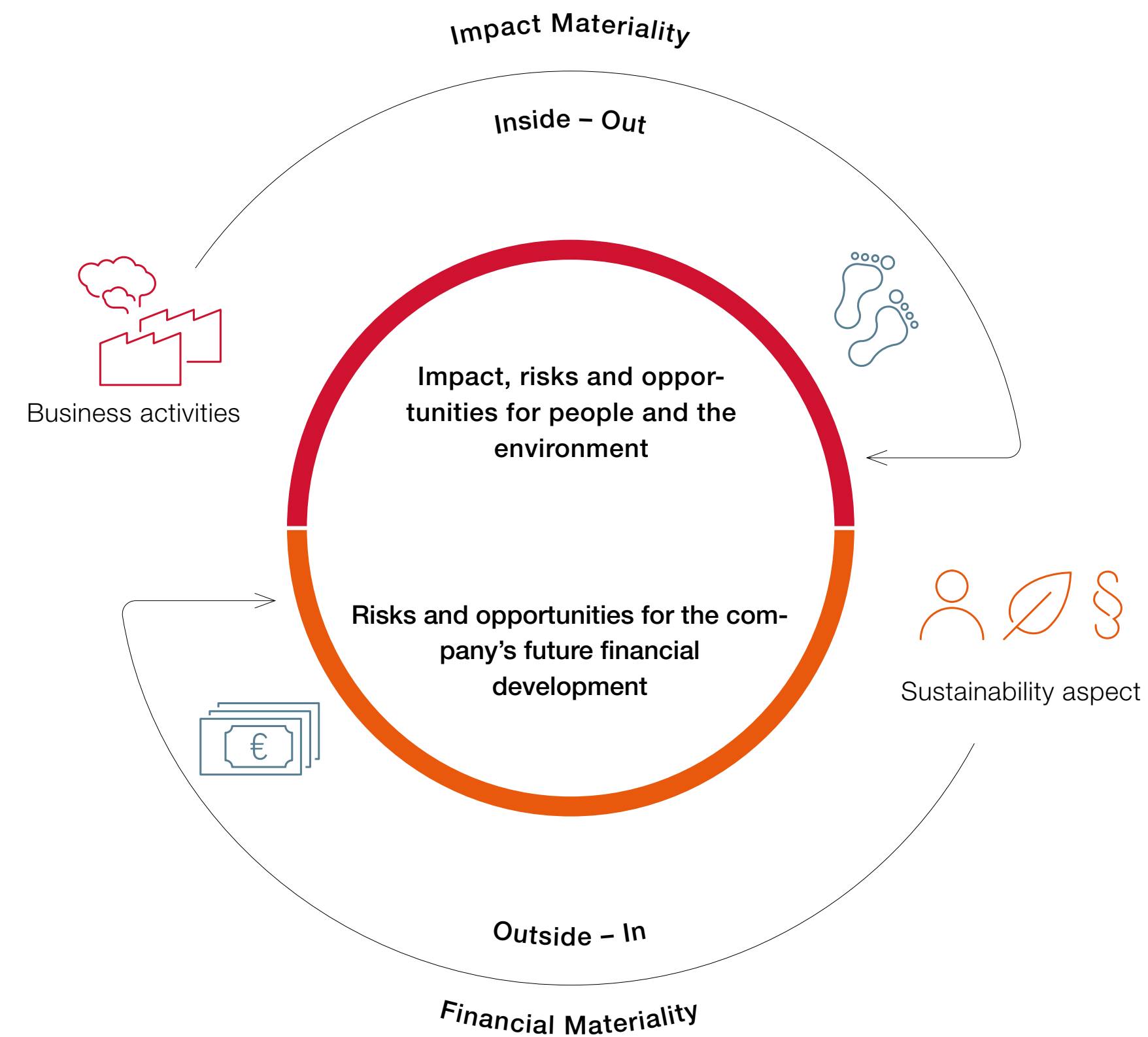
The materiality analysis pursues the objective of identifying sustainability aspects relevant to sustainability reporting. For this purpose, all aspects are considered and evaluated based on a Likert scale. This consideration is based on a logic, which is carried out in two stages via impact materiality and financial materiality.

Impact Materiality

In the context of Impact Materiality, the focus was on the following question: *What current effects, opportunities and risks does the company have on people and the environment in this context?*

Financial Materiality

In the context of Financial Materiality, the focus was on the following question: *What opportunities / risks arise from the sustainability aspect for the future development of the company regarding cash flow and capital access, among other things?*

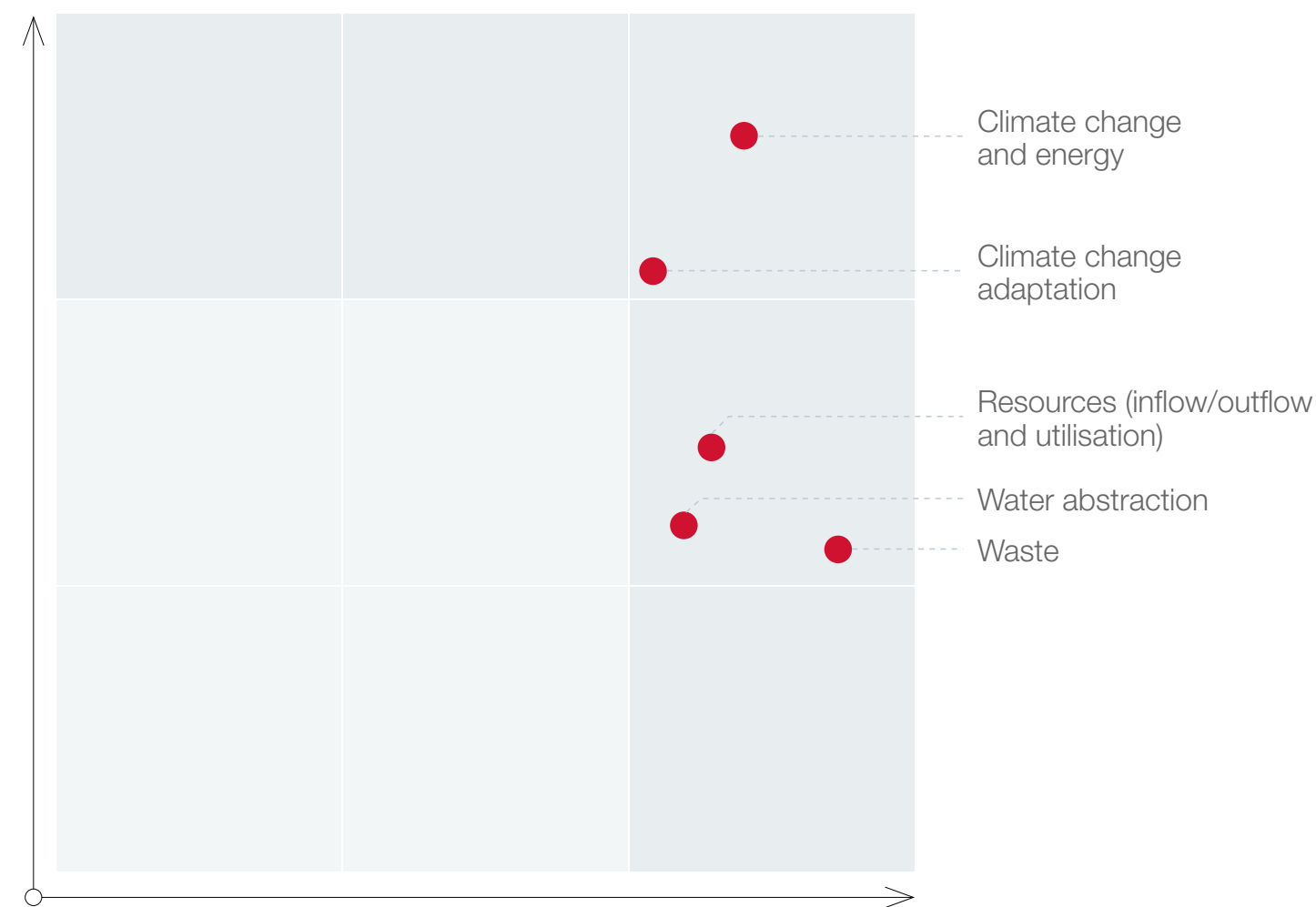




Results of the double materiality analysis

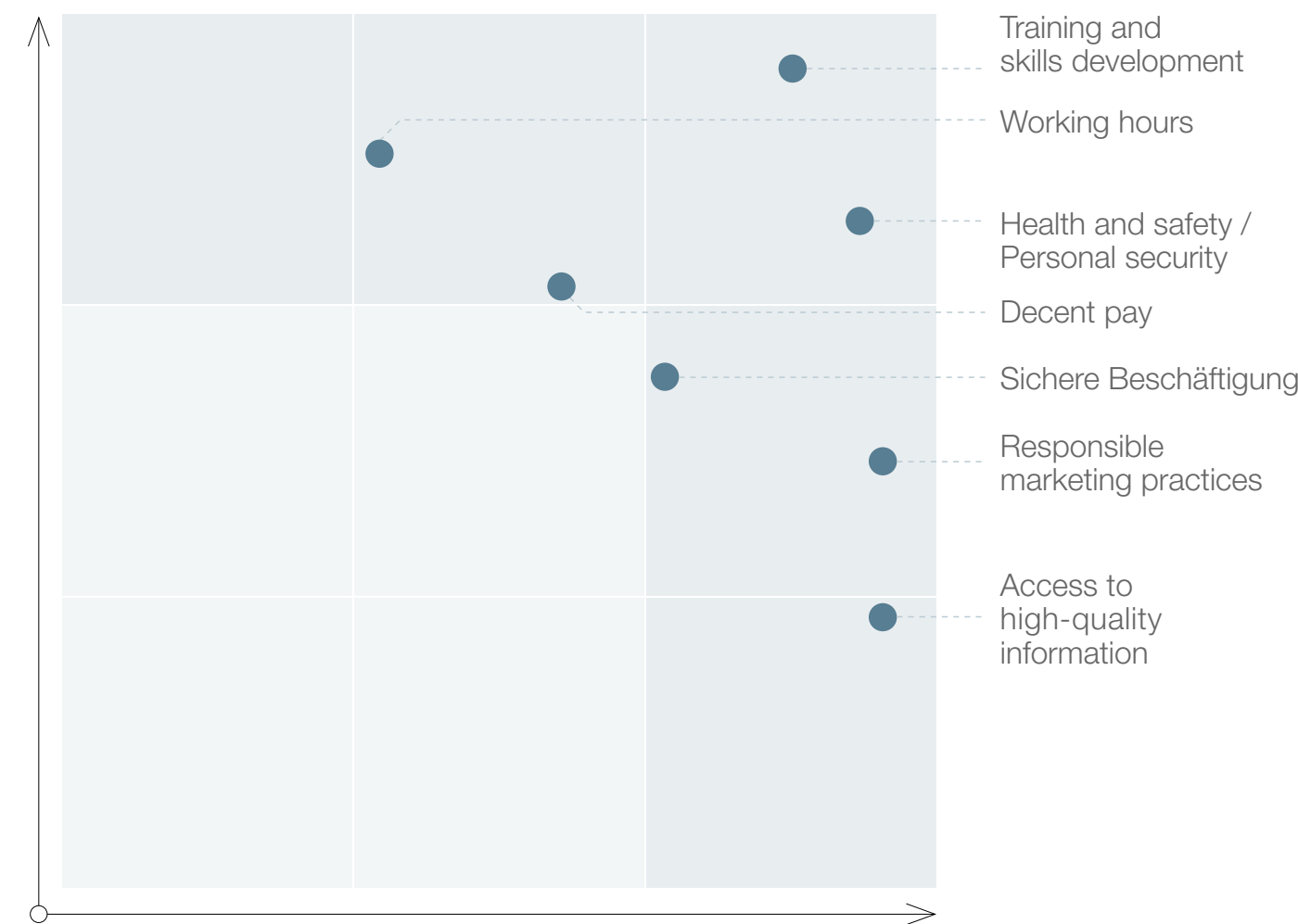
Ecological

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Social

Working together in a family business



Economic

Independent and long-term development



↑ **Outside – In**
(Financial influence on companies, stakeholders, etc.)

→ **Inside – Out**
(impact on people and the environment)

■ significant area

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Thinking sustainably

Identifying and assessing impacts, risks and opportunities

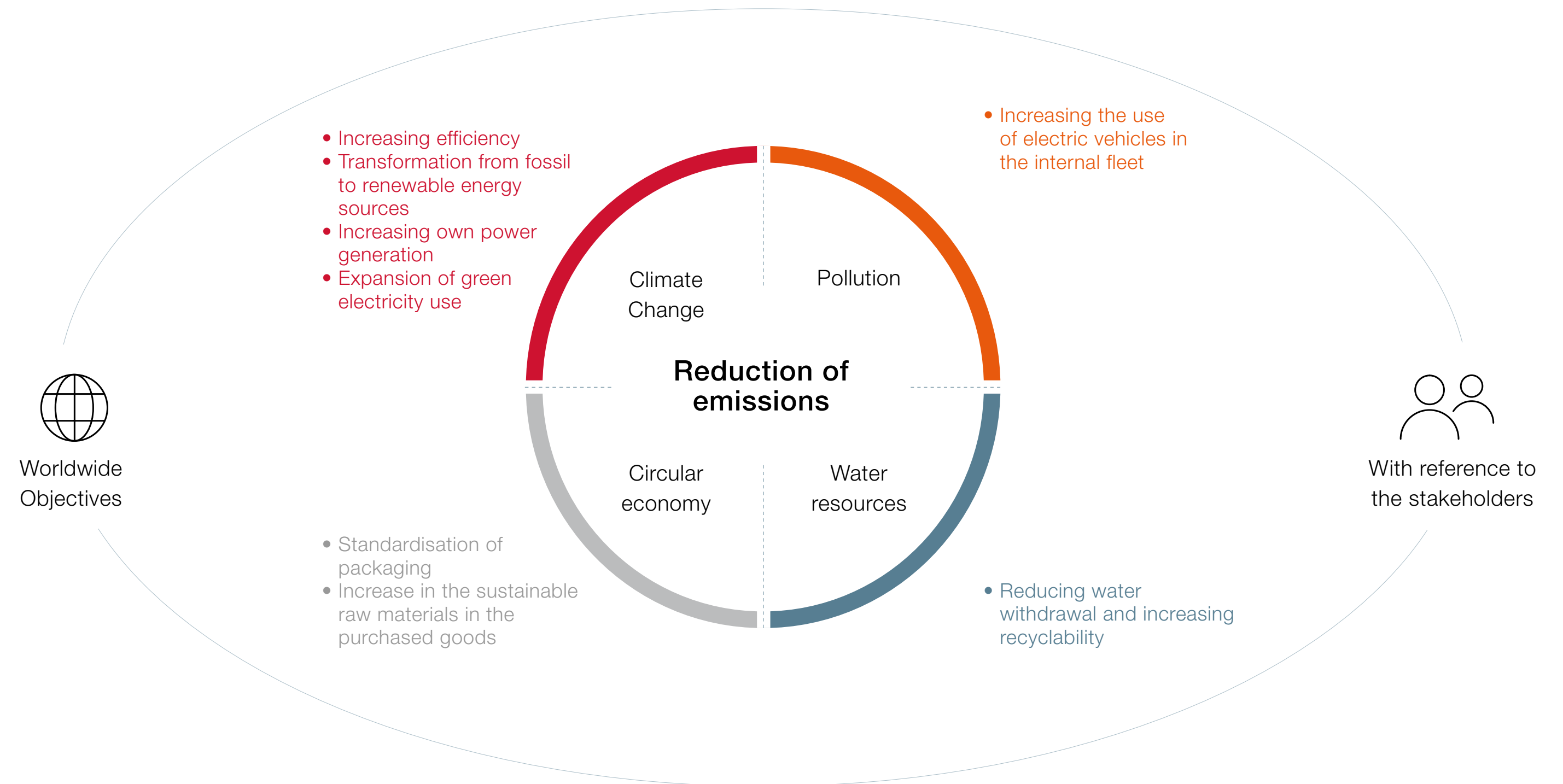
EJOT has and will continue to conduct a thorough analysis of its operations to identify the main sources of greenhouse gas emissions and to assess the potential risks and opportunities associated with climate change. This also includes the analysis of supply chains and product life cycles to identify all possible influences.

Developing climate protection and adaptation strategies

Based on the identified impacts and opportunities, EJOT develops specific strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to changing environmental conditions. This may include measures such as optimising production processes, promoting energy-saving measures and implementing climate risk management plans.

Integration of energy efficiency and renewable energies

Energy efficiency and the use of renewable energies are central in EJOT's climate protection strategy. The company will strive to continuously optimise its energy consumption and increasingly integrate renewable energy sources such as solar energy into its operations.



Research and innovation

EJOT invests in research and development to develop new technologies and processes that enable more sustainable production and a smaller CO₂e footprint. This also includes research into new materials and manufacturing techniques that conserve resources and are environmentally friendly.

Continuous monitoring and reporting

EJOT will regularly monitor and transparently report on the progress it has made in implementing its climate protection strategy. This includes regularly recording and reporting on greenhouse gas emissions, the use of renewable energies and progress in adapting to climate change.

Strategies for climate protection and adaptation to climate change

The effects of ongoing climate change are becoming more and more visible and noticeable. In addition to far-reaching changes for the environment, there are also paradigm shifts for society and the economy. EJOT is actively addressing this major challenge and is committed to taking a variety of measures to work towards the 1.5 degree target of the Paris Climate Agreement. By developing, producing and selling solutions for fastening technology in the automotive and supplier industry, in the electrical and electronics industry and fastening solutions for the construction industry, the product portfolio offered represents a partial solution to the challenges of our time.

In accordance with the requirements of ESRS 2 MDR-P and considering the aspects of point 25, EJOT is developing a comprehensive climate protection strategy that aims to address the significant impacts, risks and opportunities associated with climate change.



EJOT has a comprehensive portfolio of fastening solutions for the complete solar sector.



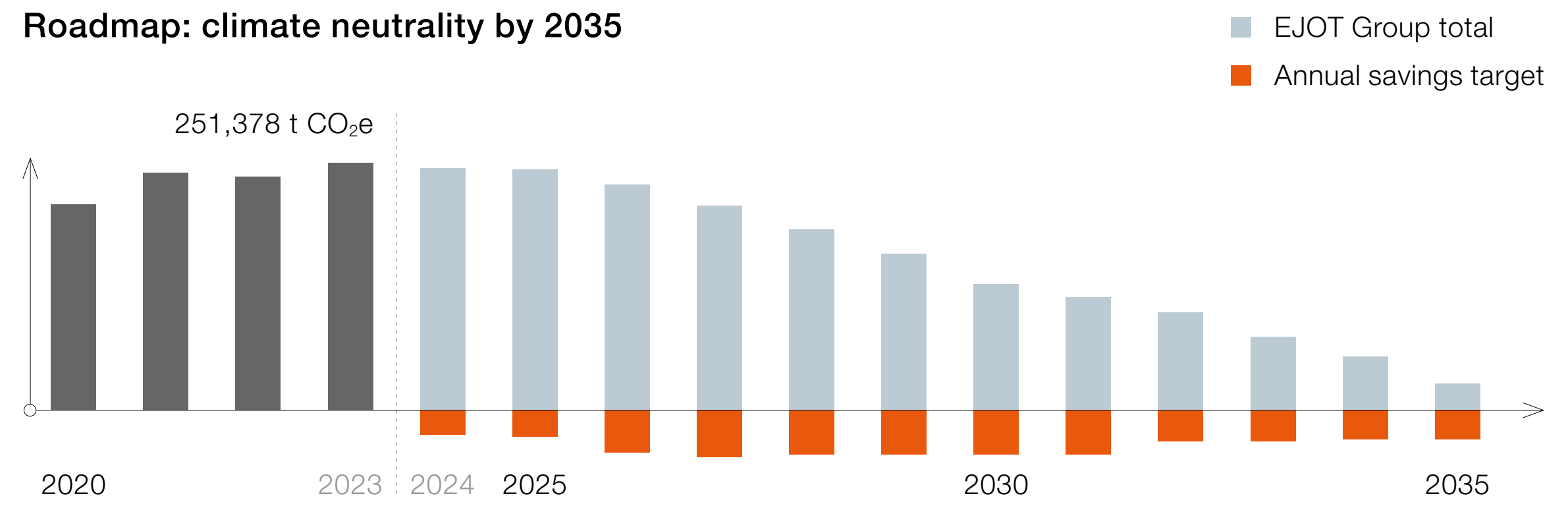
The path to climate neutrality by 2035

With the Sustainability Roadmap, EJOT describes the path to climate neutrality. EJOT has set itself the goal of being climate-neutral in all three scopes by 2035, so that the goals are compatible with the 1.5 degree target set in the Paris Agreement.

Our annual Corporate Carbon Footprint (CCF) is the basis for this. We calculate our emissions worldwide using the Greenhouse Gas Protocol. Based on the annual emissions, a development forecast for the CO₂e-reducing measures is created, considering economic growth. This is how EJOT ensures that the target and measure definitions are considered in all financial decision-making processes and approved by top management.

Through our activities, we have already been able to save Scope 1 and 2 emissions compared to the base year 2020. Scope 3 emissions include upstream and downstream emissions and are now the strategic focus because they account for over 80 % of total emissions. In this area, we work in partnership with our suppliers to provide products with reduced CO₂e. We have defined a three-milestone system to achieve our goals. At the end of each milestone period, the possible achievement of objectives is reviewed and, if necessary, countermeasures are taken.

Roadmap: climate neutrality by 2035



Fields of action	Examples of milestones for achieving the objectives		
Thinking sustainably	Employee share ownership and CO ₂ e ideas competition	Development of environmentally friendly products	Climate-neutral procurement of goods and services
Efficiency increase	More economical processes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy measurement system • Reduction plan for each location 	Transition from fossil to renewable energy sources	favouring new technologies
Green energy	Start of own power supply	95 % green electricity at EJOT	100 % green electricity at EJOT

2020–2025 →
2026–2030 →
2031–2035 →>>>

Impact of climate change on strategies and business model

Adaptation to climate change

Adaptation to climate change is a high priority for EJOT, as EJOT is aware that it can lead to competitive advantages. More resilient buildings and processes already enable continuous production today and will enable it in the future as climate conditions worsen. Anticipated climate changes in the respective regions are incorporated into decision-making and strategy considerations. In 2024, the “adaptation to climate change” was officially included into the integrated management policy to make it more visible to all stakeholders (ESRS2, 48b).

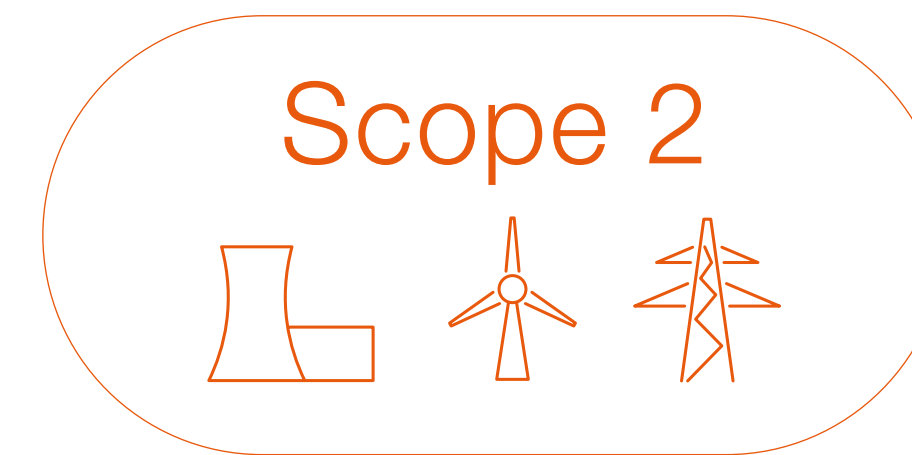
Climate protection

Climate protection is a high priority for EJOT, as EJOT is aware that every economic player must contribute to climate protection to continue to operate in a world that is worth living in and predictable. The goal of climate-neutral production by 2035 is firmly anchored in the EJOT Group’s strategy and will particularly influence investment decisions in the coming years, including those regarding machinery and supporting technologies. These efforts account for the smaller share (Scope 1 & 2) of the EJOT Group’s total emissions. The biggest leverage lies in the purchasing of the materials used.



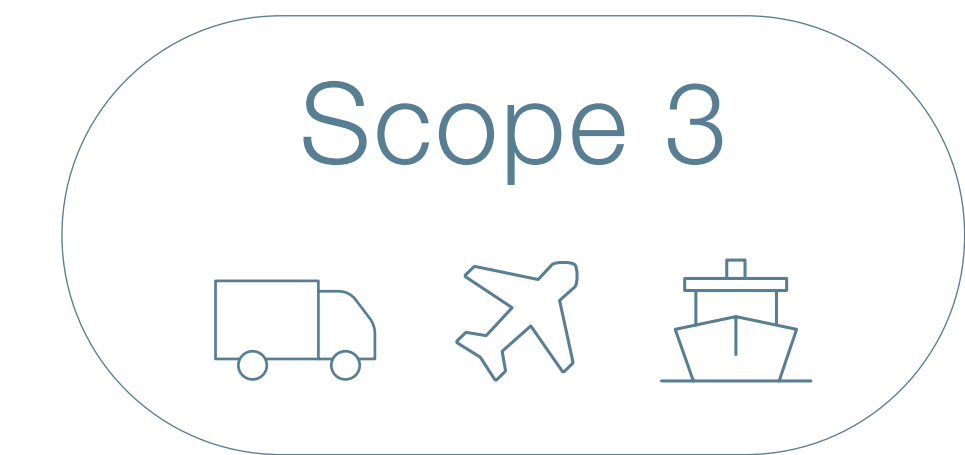
Scope 1 refers to the direct greenhouse gas emissions that a company itself causes.

Examples: Emissions from own vehicles, heating or production facilities.



Scope 2 refers to the indirect emissions that result from the consumption of energy that the company purchases.

Examples: Electricity usage for production.



Scope 3 includes all other indirect emissions that occur upstream and downstream (in the supply chain).

Examples: Emissions from the supply chain, waste disposal, transport.

Greenhouse gas emissions in Scope 1, 2 and 3 categories

GHG Emissions in t CO₂e

Scope Category	2020	2021	2022	2023
Scope 1	9,975.92	10,139.15	11,065.88	11,533.64
Scope 1.1	7,430.93	8,012.01	8,228.62	8,771.78
Scope 1.2	2,479.86	2,062.72	2,804.80	2,685.15
Scope 1.3	65.02	64.24	31.78	76.53
Scope 1.4	0.11	0.18	0.68	0.18
Scope 2	19,670.16	10,447.53	8,864.19	11,033.18
Scope 2.1 ¹⁾	19,562.20	10,339.52	8,739.99	10,925.83
Scope 2.2	107.97	108.01	106.20	107.35
Scope 3	155,998.14	198,787.42	200,487.56	209,857.69
Scope 3.1	144,811.59	186,390.20	188,265.20	196,675.64
Scope 3.3	1,627.64	1,717.62	1,880.56	1,941.08
Scope 3.4	1,747.00	1,935.48	981.91	908.00
Scope 3.5	226.36	216.75	223.58	224.87
Scope 3.6 ²⁾	289.39	183.51	150.79	452.26
Scope 3.7	2,562.08	2,036.56	3,034.38	3,232.33
Scope 3.9	3,536.98	4,693.82	4,465.96	4,823.51
Scope 3.12	1,197.09	1,613.49	1,485.17	1,599.98
Zuschlag	23,685.00	22,061.00	21,296.50	18,953.89
Overall result	209,329,22	241,435.11	241,696.12	251,378.39

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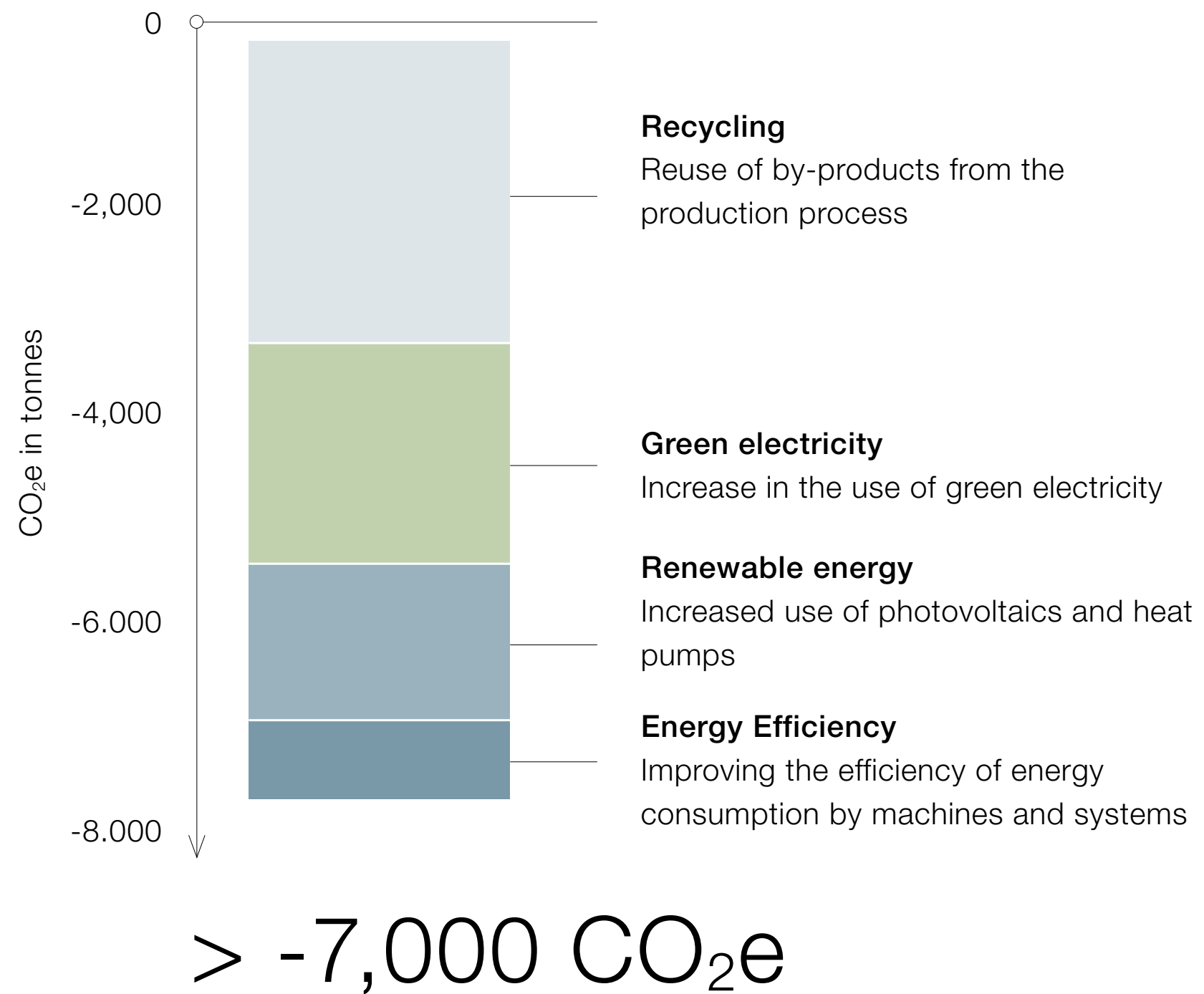
¹⁾ green electricity certificates²⁾ offsetting of air travel



Measures and goals of climate strategies

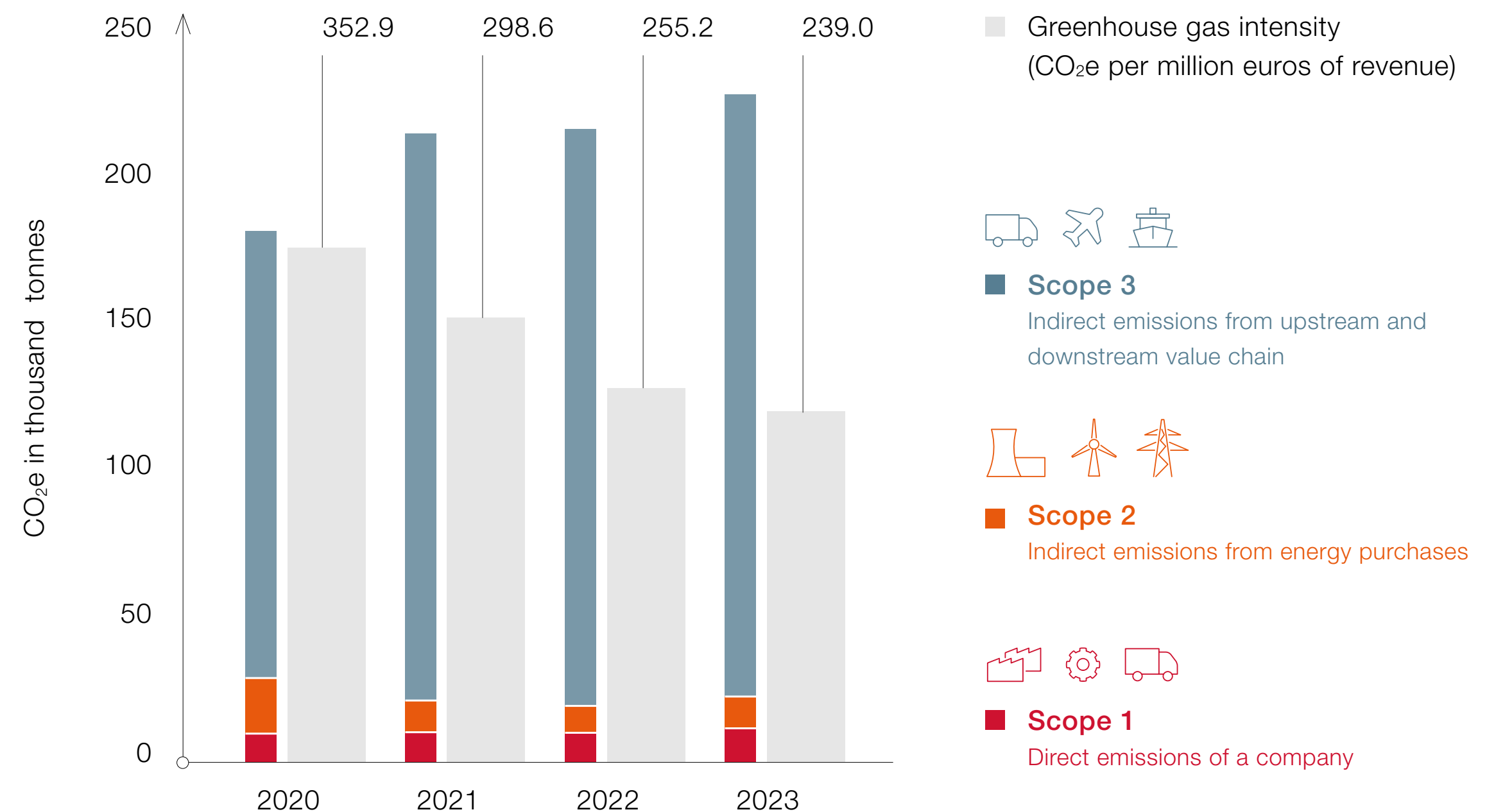
Total greenhouse gas emission savings of the EJOT Group in 2023

Measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions



Improvement in the GHG intensity

The EJOT Group's emissions from 2020–2023





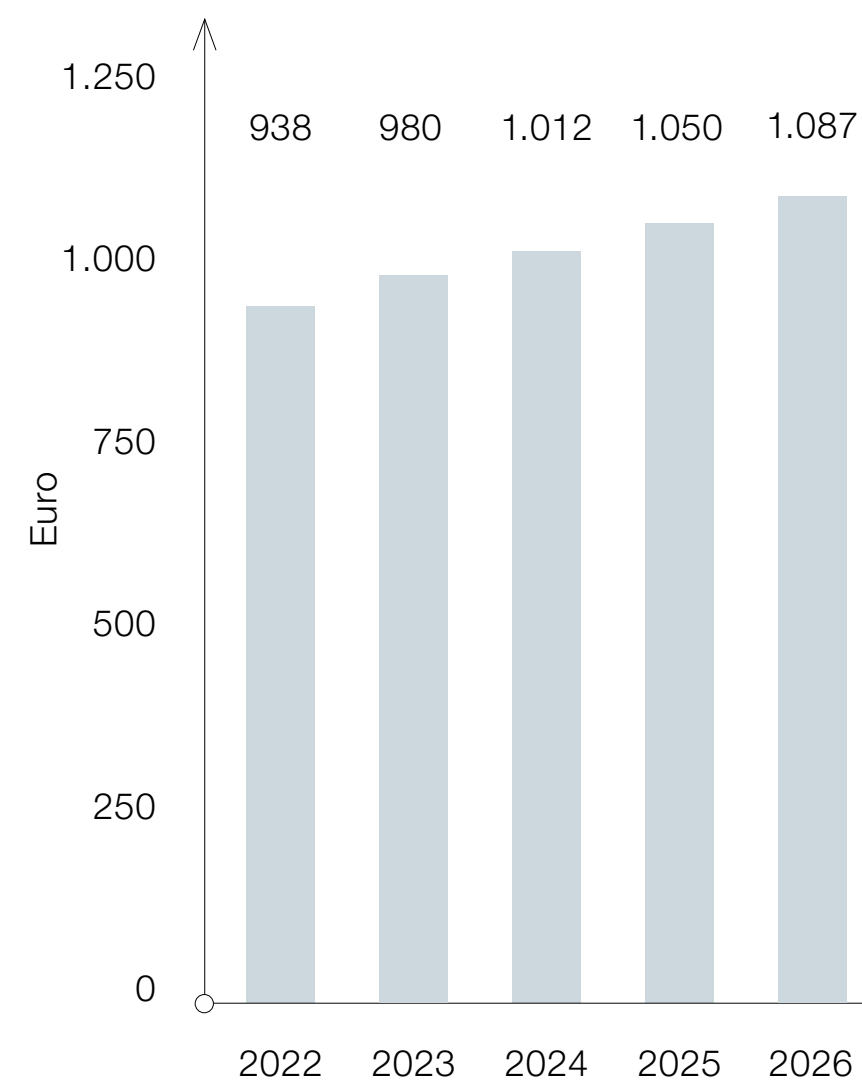
In focus

wejot – employee capital participation

On the way to climate neutrality, EJOT is also counting on the commitment of its employees with the wejot project launched in 2022. Components of the wejot project include employee capital participation, which is linked to the achievement of the company’s annual climate targets, and an ideas competition to reduce CO₂e emissions. The patron of the wejot project is the well-known weather and climate expert Karsten Schwanke.

The employee capital participation programme creates a win-win situation for EJOT, its employees and the environment: on the one hand, millions of euros have been invested in sustainability projects to reduce CO₂e emissions, and on the other hand, participating employees benefit from the company doubling their deposits and paying an attractive interest rate.

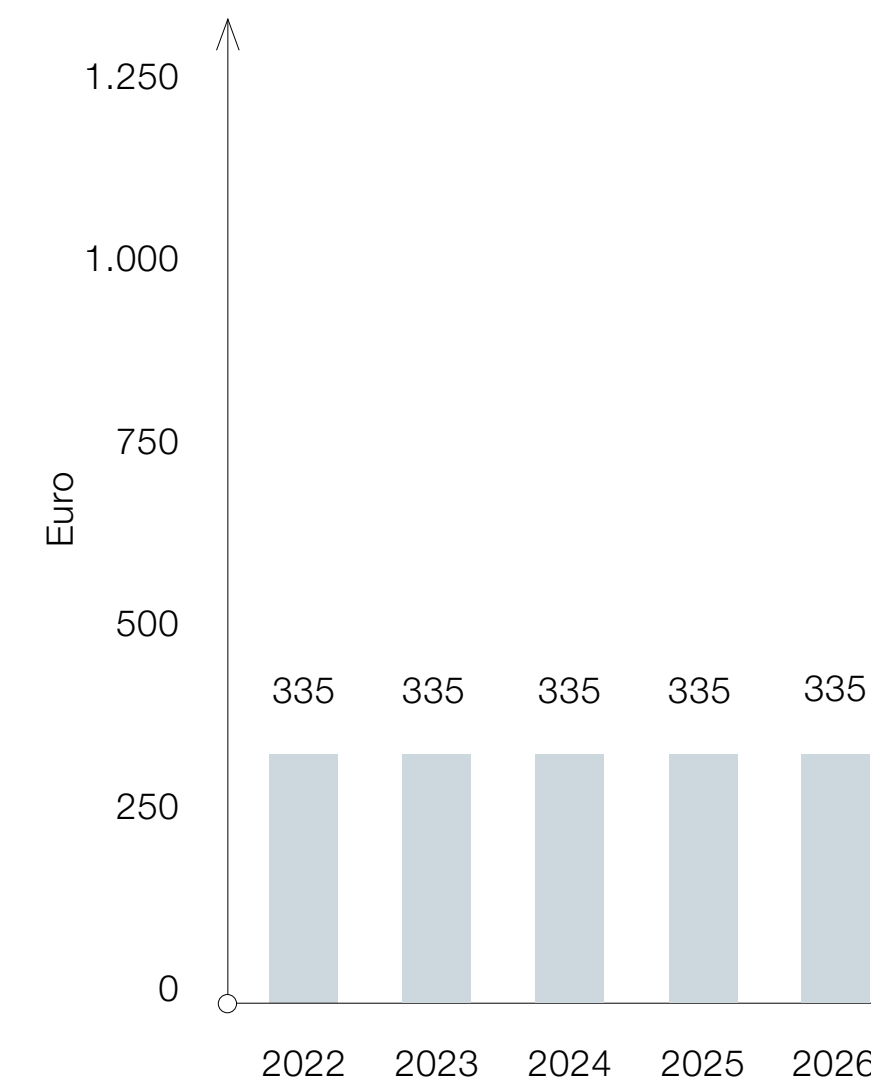
Net earnings of an employee with capital conversion with 100 % achievement of the annual climate targets



Total (Euro)

5.066

Net earnings of an employee without capital conversion



Total (Euro)

1.675



In focus

EJOT Polska – “Environmentally friendly commuting to work”

Since March 2023, all employees at the [EJOT Polska](#) site have been able to use a mobile application called ADAŚ – an application for environmentally active people. Every user has chosen not to use their car to get to work, for example

by switching to a bicycle, scooter or taking a passenger, thus avoiding CO₂ emissions of 170g per kilometre. The emissions saved in this way are recorded and credited to the user account. There are three monitors installed

on the company premises where users can log in (two at the Ciasna site and one at the Olszowa site). Information posters are regularly updated with the amount of CO₂e emissions reduced at a specific time. The motivation of the employees is rewarded with small gifts such as bags, backpacks, water bottles or bicycle accessories. More than 60 per cent of EJOT Polska’s employees have commuted to work in an environmentally friendly way at least once and have recorded this journey in their user account. More than 25 per cent of employees regularly commute to work in a sustainable way.

The results of the “Environmentally Friendly Commuting to Work” competition, in which an electric bicycle was awarded as the first prize, were announced during the Christmas party in December 2023. A total of ten employees were honoured. The CO₂e savings for 2023 are approximately 20 tonnes.



Energy consumption and energy mix



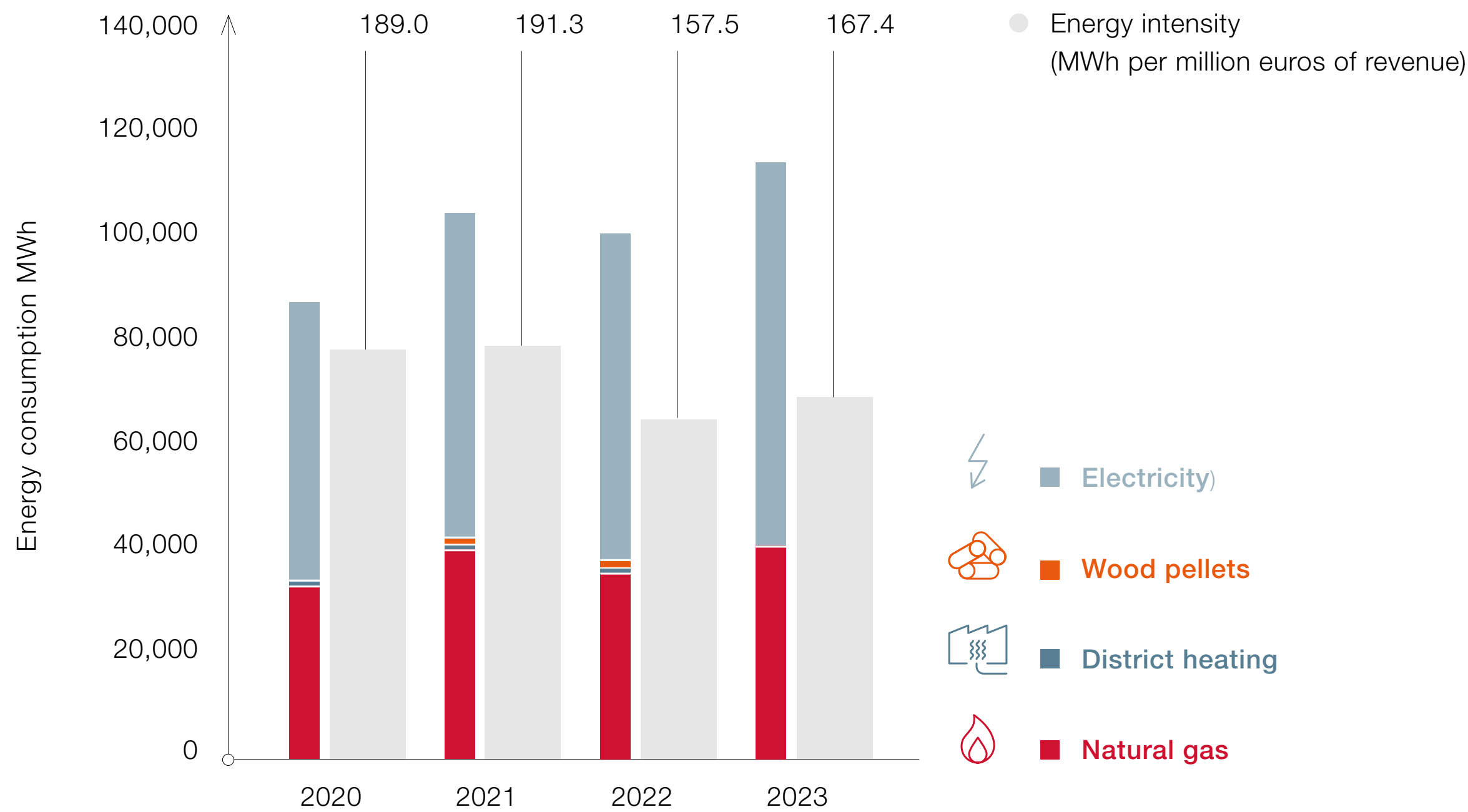
The topic of energy supply is of great importance to EJOT, as EJOT is dependent on energy as a manufacturing company. Energy efficiency and the increased use of renewable energies are in focus of efforts to optimise energy consumption and ensure a sustainable energy supply. This is also transparently written down in the integrated management policy. (ESRS2, 48b).



Energy consumption – measures and targets

Increase in the energy efficiency of the EJOT Group 2020–2023

Group 2020–2023

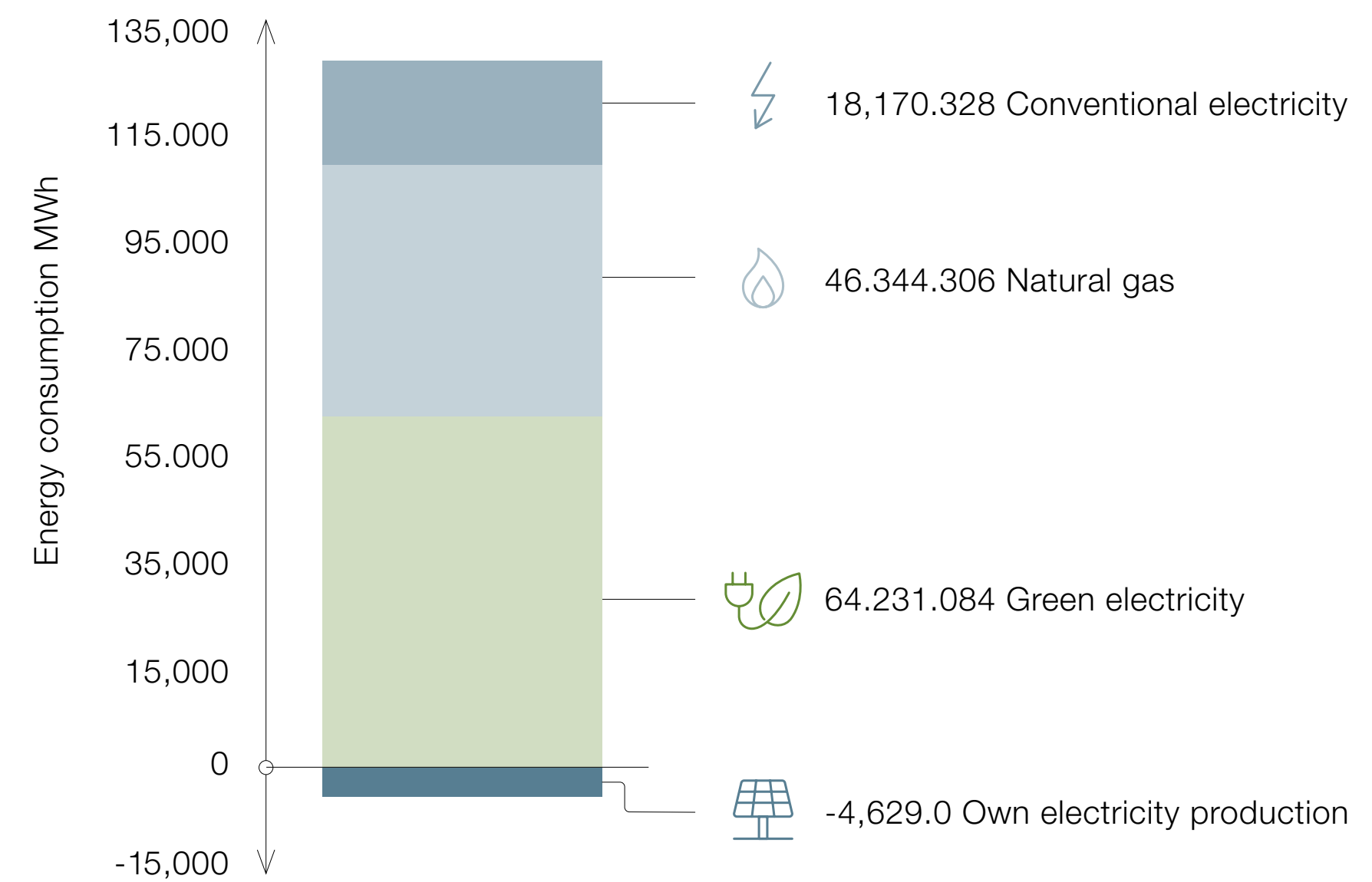


Decarbonisation tracker at EJOT SE & Co. KG

Share of renewable energies in total energy consumption 2023¹⁾

51 % Green energies as a percentage of total energy consumption

5,62 % Own electricity generation



¹⁾ Diesel and petrol are not yet included in the survey; this will be done in the next reporting year.

In focus

EJOT France: Regional Energy Partnership in Alsace



At the [EJOT France](#) site in Villé, the photovoltaic system on the roof of the company building produces so much green electricity that neighbours in the industrial area are also supplied: the municipal outdoor swimming pool, a supermarket, other companies. The electricity is not only sustainable but also costs only a fraction of the usual market tariff. In the meantime, the project has become a reference and has been awarded the Prize of the Alsatian Local Authorities (“Les Trophées des Collectivités d’Alsace”) in the category “Sustainability and Quality of Life”. Enquiries come from municipalities throughout France.

Further photovoltaic systems in the neighbourhood have already been installed or are being planned. The “Energiesen” association was founded for the joint project. The aim is for private households to be able to purchase green electricity at reduced tariffs.

Water resource strategies



The topic of water extraction is becoming increasingly important for EJOT and the entire industry. In the past, care was already taken to use water sparingly. Within the framework of DIN EN ISO 14001, water consumption is tracked as a key process indicator and is subject to the continuous improvement requirements of the standard. These efforts are to be further substantiated in the coming years and are included in the updated, integrated management policy, which refers to responsible water management. (ESRS2, 48b)

The identification and assessment of the main impacts, risks and opportunities for the water and marine resources thematic standard was carried out using the LEAP procedure and an overarching scenario analysis was applied.

To this end, the locations were geographically limited and analysed for climate hazards. The database for this was provided by the WWF's Risk Filter Suite – [↗ https://riskfilter.org/water/explore/map](https://riskfilter.org/water/explore/map) as well as [↗ https://www.wri.org/aqueduct](https://www.wri.org/aqueduct) and [↗ https://www.google.de/maps](https://www.google.de/maps).

The geographical classification of the producing sites has shown that only one site is close to < 50 km from the sea, so ocean acidification, saltwater intrusion and coastal erosion have not been considered further at the group level. There are some locations in the vicinity of flowing waters, and this was considered accordingly in the scenario analysis.

As a comprehensive assessment, it can be stated in a consolidated manner that, based on climate change developments, the topic of water is relevant for the EJOT group especially regarding water scarcity. And therefore, the increased water consumption, water abstraction and discharge of water are essential.

The downstream supply chain has no to very little impact on the topics in ESRS E3. Furthermore, the 5 largest suppliers were analysed regarding the ESRS E3 as part of the upstream supply chain. The basis is the abstract risk assessment of the LkSG and is managed throughout the group by the Supplier Code of Conduct, which explicitly calls for a reduction in water consumption.

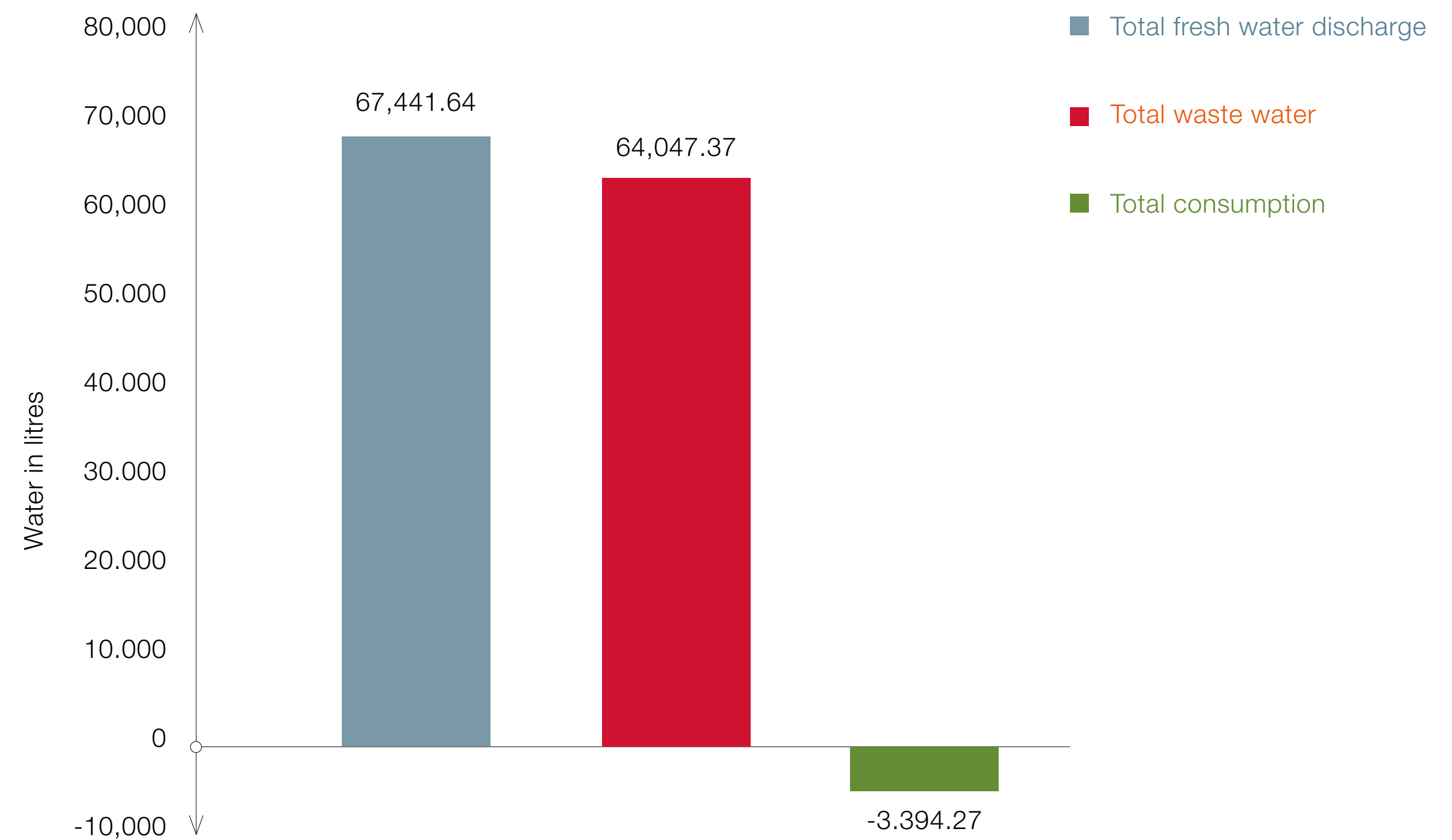


Measures and targets for water resources

The aim is to manage the topic of water resources more comprehensively internationally. The following future approach is to be adapted:

1. Improvement of central data monitoring on water withdrawals, consumption and discharges.
2. Focus on water reduction measures in high-risk areas with high process consumption.

Water supply/drainage and consumption 2023



Resource use strategies and circular economy

EJOT addresses the topic of circular economy and resource usage as well as individual elements in various guidelines and the integrated management policy. As part of the integrated management policy, for which the management is responsible, EJOT is committed to the circular economy worldwide and wants to drive it forward. An explicit sub-goal is to avoid waste and, where possible, to reuse process-related waste in the process.

Furthermore, the topic of waste is regulated and controlled by DIN EN ISO 14001. The annual waste report and the annual management review serve to continuously monitor the respective waste behaviour. Responsibility for the implementation of and compliance with DIN EN ISO 14001 lies at the operational level with the environmental management officers of the individual production and logistics centres. (ESRS-2, 65a; ESRS-2, 65b; ESRS-2, 65c)

EJOT's biggest lever is to increase the share of secondary materials in the raw materials purchased or CO₂-reduced

products, which account for the largest share of CO₂e emissions for the entire group and can have far-reaching effects in the upstream value chain. For the group of companies, the topic is becoming more important both internally and externally and is to be further expanded in the future.

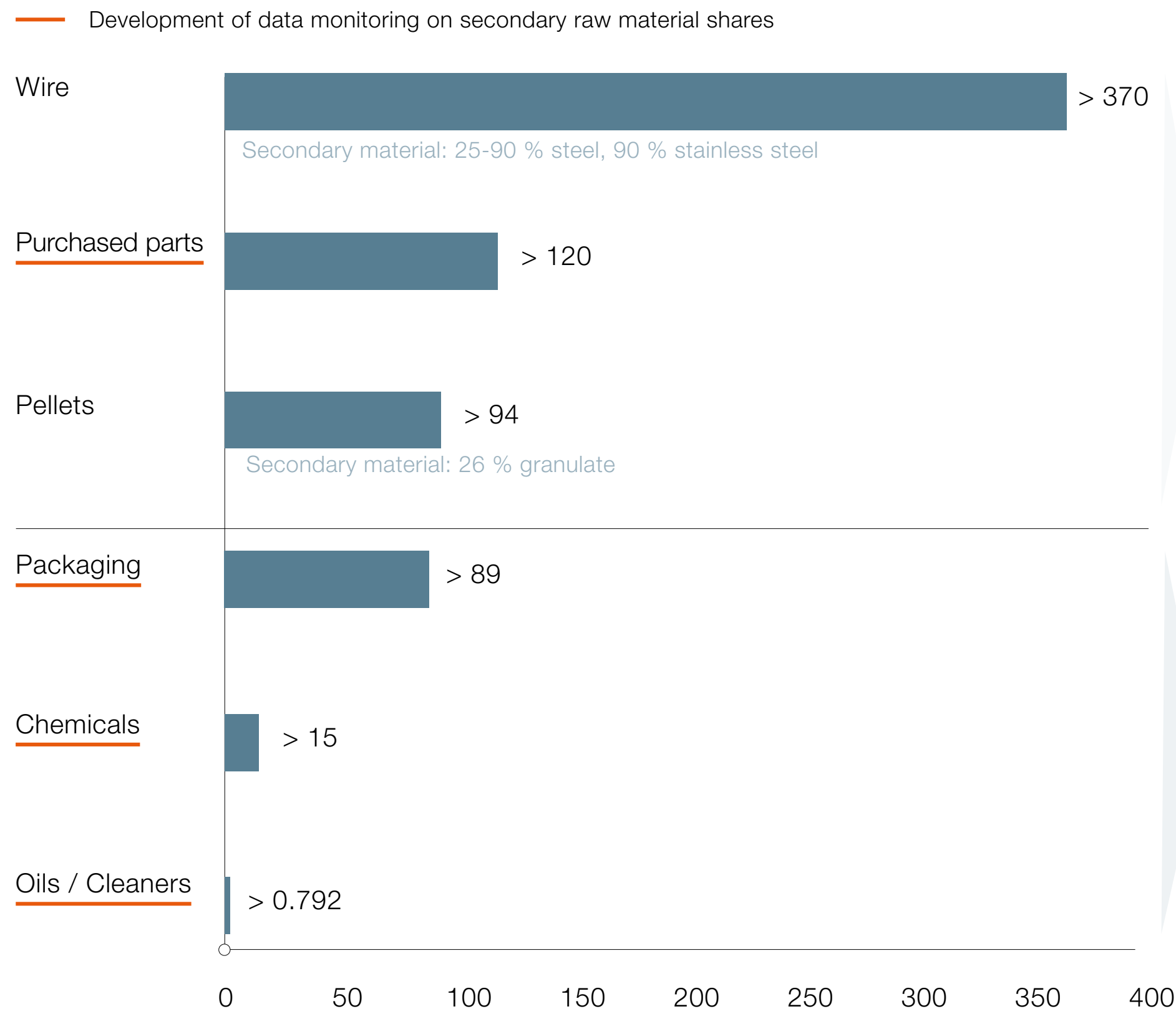
To this end, it is essential to actively seek joint solutions with suppliers. (ESRS-2, 65b; ESRS-2, 65c) In the globally valid Code of Conduct for Suppliers, it is expected that the supplier pays attention to the responsible and careful use of resources and raw materials as part of its sustainability policy (in doing so, it also considers its supply chain). He also pays attention to the efficient use of energy and resources in products and processes as well as to compliance with applicable environmental standards.





Resource inflows and outflows

Resource inflows in a hundred tonnes



Resource outflows

➤ [Product portfolio: See Chapter 2, “Our Markets”](#)

Applicable circular principles:

- **Durability**
Our fasteners are designed for the life of the application.
- **Recycling**
Steel and mono plastics are important materials for the circular economy.
- **Dismantling**
Separable fasteners contribute to the concept of a recyclable product.

Development of comprehensive data monitoring on circular principles in the field of packaging as well as auxiliary and operating materials.

Waste generation 2023 in tonnes



Total
9.985,41

Measures and objectives regarding resource utilisation and recycling

In the following, the planned and already taken (key) measures in the areas of resource usage and circular economy are presented

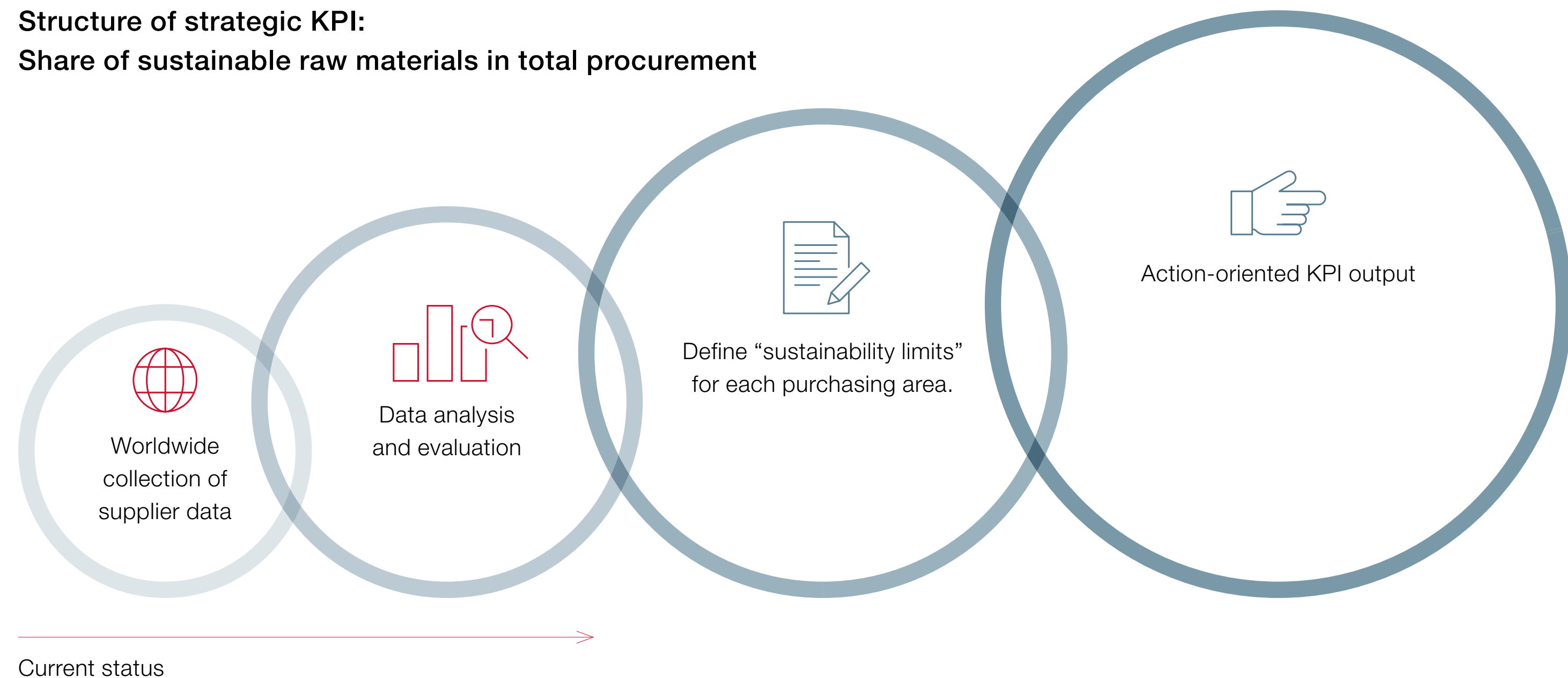
The chart shows the structure of strategic KPIs (Key Performance Indicators) for the share of sustainable raw materials in total purchasing. The process begins with the collection of supplier data worldwide, followed by the analysis and evaluation of this data. Subsequently, “sustainability boundaries” are defined for each purchasing area to enable action-oriented KPI output. The current status shows that future supplier evaluations will regularly include criteria such as the corporate carbon footprint, the product carbon footprint, the share of green energy as well as environmental, work and energy certifications. This structured approach is intended to ensure that sustainability aspects are firmly integrated into the procurement process.

In addition, the following criteria should be part of the regular supplier evaluation in the future:

- Corporate Carbon Footprint
- Product Carbon Footprint

Structure of strategic KPI:

Share of sustainable raw materials in total procurement



- Share of green energy
- Environment, occupational safety and energy certification

In focus

Application example of the Iso Bar ECO

As a manufacturer of fastening solutions for the construction industry, EJOT is aware of its responsibility and actively participates in the development of innovative solutions for energy-saving, sustainable building envelopes. One solution from our portfolio is the [Iso-Bar ECO](#), the only approved fastener for the subsequent greening of ETICS facades on the German market.

The Iso-Bar ECO is a thermally separated fastening element made of glass-fibre reinforced plastic and thus enables a minimal thermal bridge effect. Unnecessary heat loss can thus be avoided.



In focus

Reuse of plastic granulates in our own production



We have achieved great success in the field of waste prevention. At our plastics processing sites, certain injection molding waste is fed directly back into the production of new products. This not only avoids plastic waste, but also reduces the purchase of plastic granulates. In 2023, more than 500 tons of granulates could be reused through this approach.

In focus

recarb[®] – CO₂e reduced screws

EJOT pursues the goal of reducing the CO₂e footprint in the supply chain. This is achieved, among other things, by using CO₂e-reduced raw materials that are used in the production of EJOT products. In the future, customers will have the opportunity to purchase recarb[®] products from EJOT so that their Scope 3 emissions are reduced. This is done via a so-called verification system. This ensures that there is no need for a separate product line and no need for double stocking. These measures help to promote sustainability in industrial processes and minimize CO₂e emissions along the supply chain.

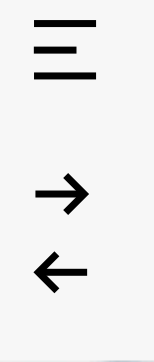


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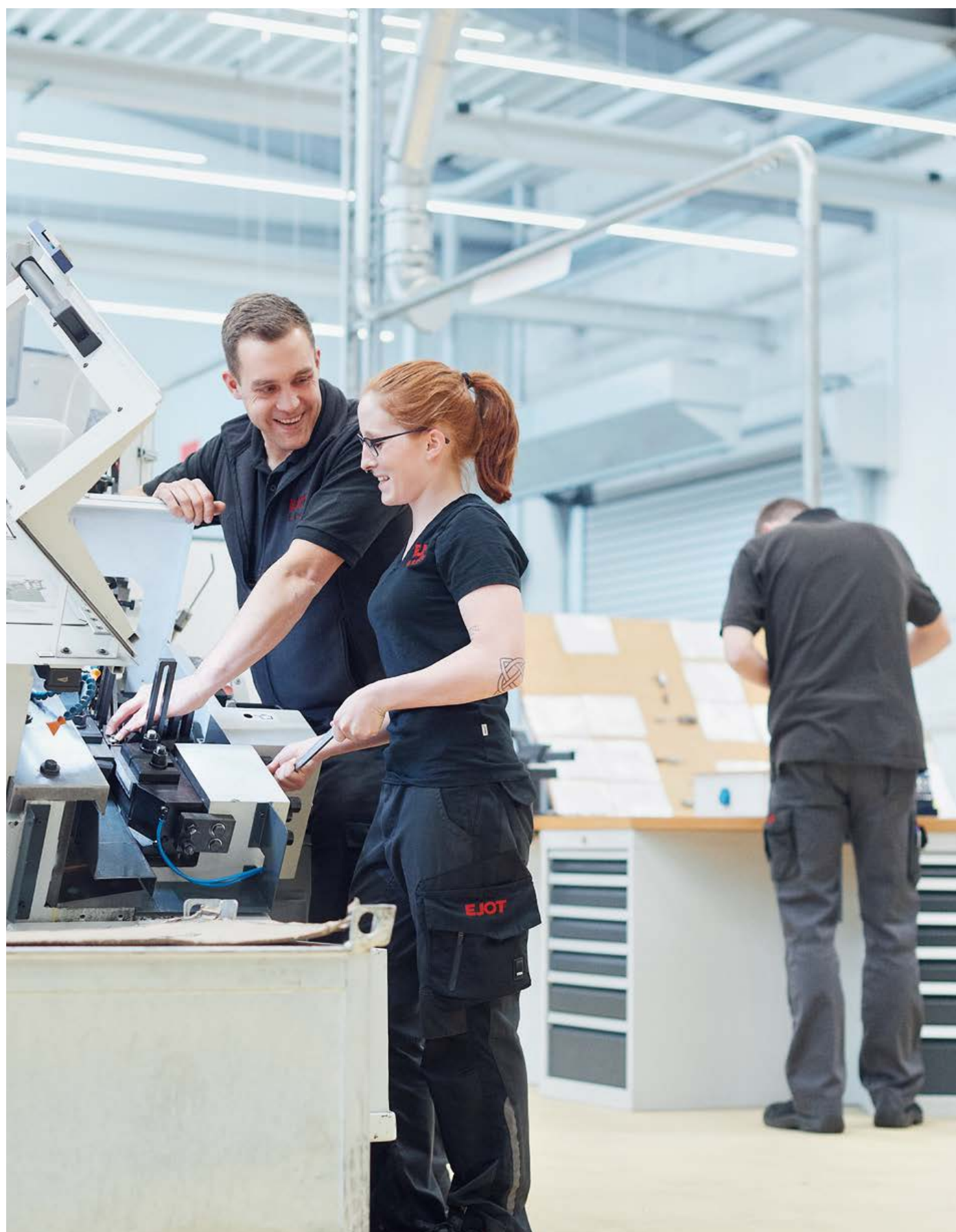
Working together in a family business

42 Own workforce – ESRS S1

50 Workers in the Value Chain – ESRS S2



Together for social responsibility in the workplace



A socially oriented corporate policy forms the backbone of our corporate identity, which is characterized by internationality, a sense of community, quality and customer orientation. As a multinational group of companies, we are always committed to fully respect human rights in accordance with international standards and promoting inclusion and diversity based on tolerance and respect. Our corresponding guiding principles are set out in the Compliance Guideline and form the basis for targeted measures in line with our social responsibility.

The safety and health of our employees is our top priority. The elimination of hazards and minimization of workplace risks is managed by means of risk assessments. Therefore, we integrate occupational health and safety standards and

implement measures to prevent occupational accidents. Ensuring safe working environments also includes preventive fire protection and emergency management at EJOT.

Through close cooperation with our employees and their representatives, we always take their concerns and interest groups into account. Furthermore, we support professional development through continuous investment in training and further education and thus promote employee satisfaction.

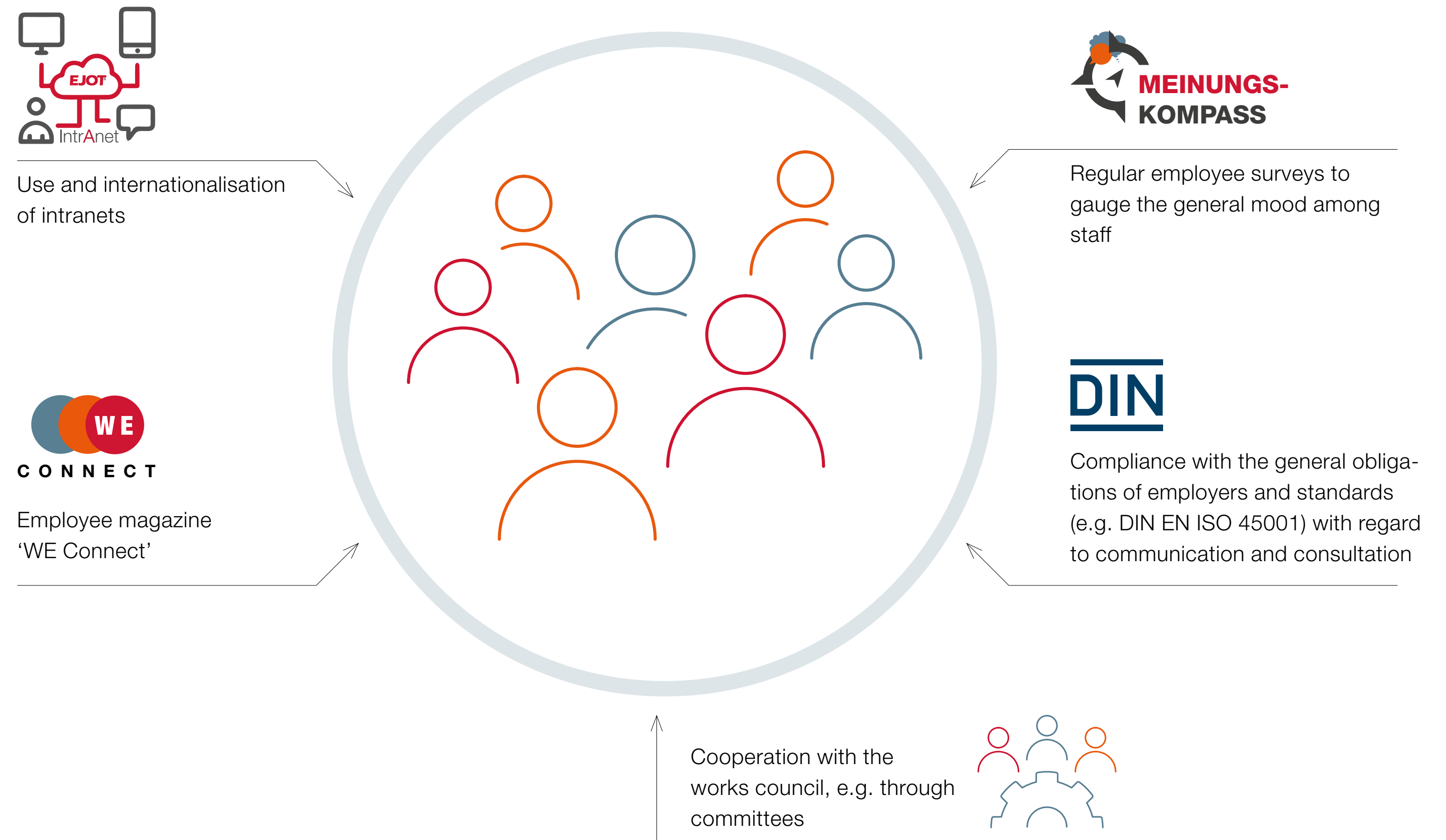
The focus of our orientation in the social sector in the coming years is to build up a more extensive data and information base. Many key figures, measures and targets currently still come from local information, and we would like to develop this further in the following reporting years.



Communicating with our own staff in a spirit of partnership

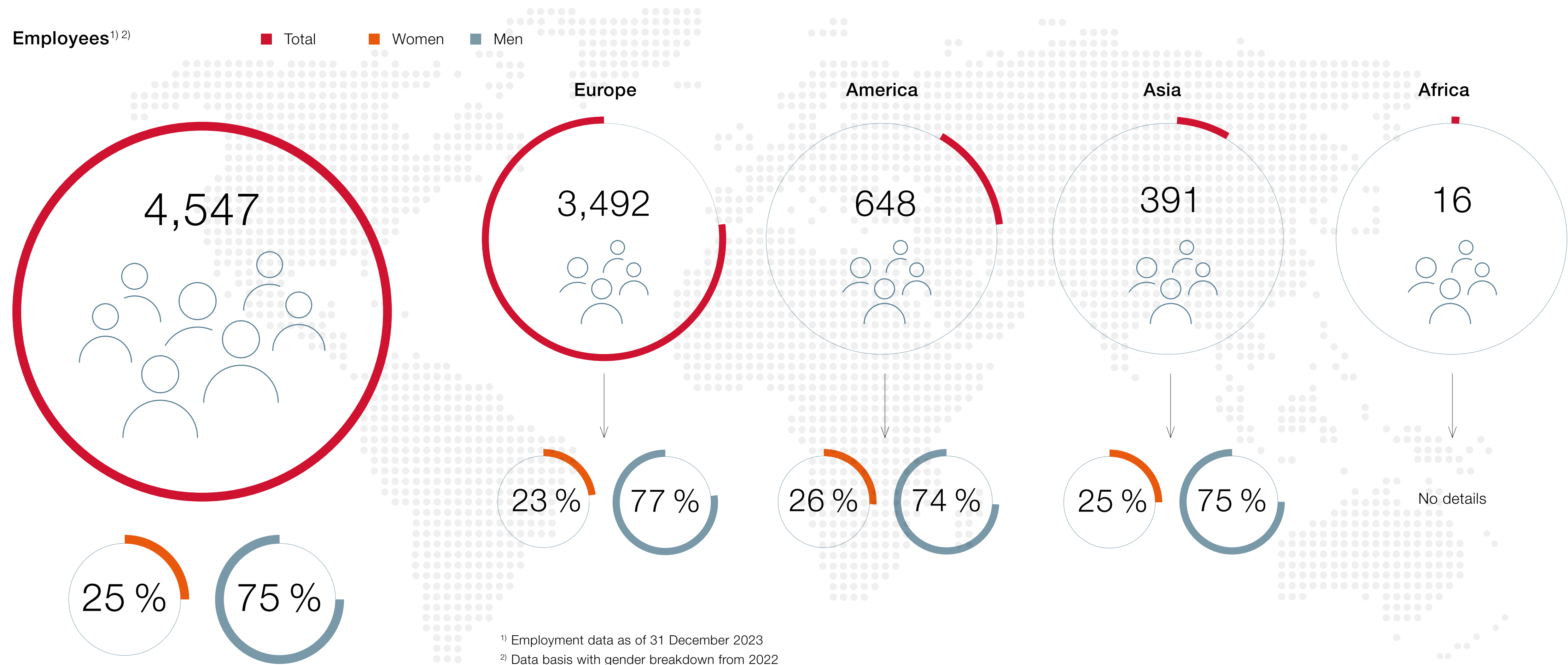
The disclosure requirement S1-2 describes detailed procedures for involving the company's own workforce and employee representatives regarding their effects. At EJOT, the general procedures for involving the workforce and employee representatives include:

The opinions of the workforce are included in decision-making processes through information, consultation and consent. This involvement occurs regularly to allow for continuous feedback and takes place at all levels, including site, product level, and management. Within the framework of the works council, employees are released from work for these tasks in accordance with the current agreement to ensure effective participation. Specific measures to reduce CO₂e emissions are also considered, such as through the wejot program.



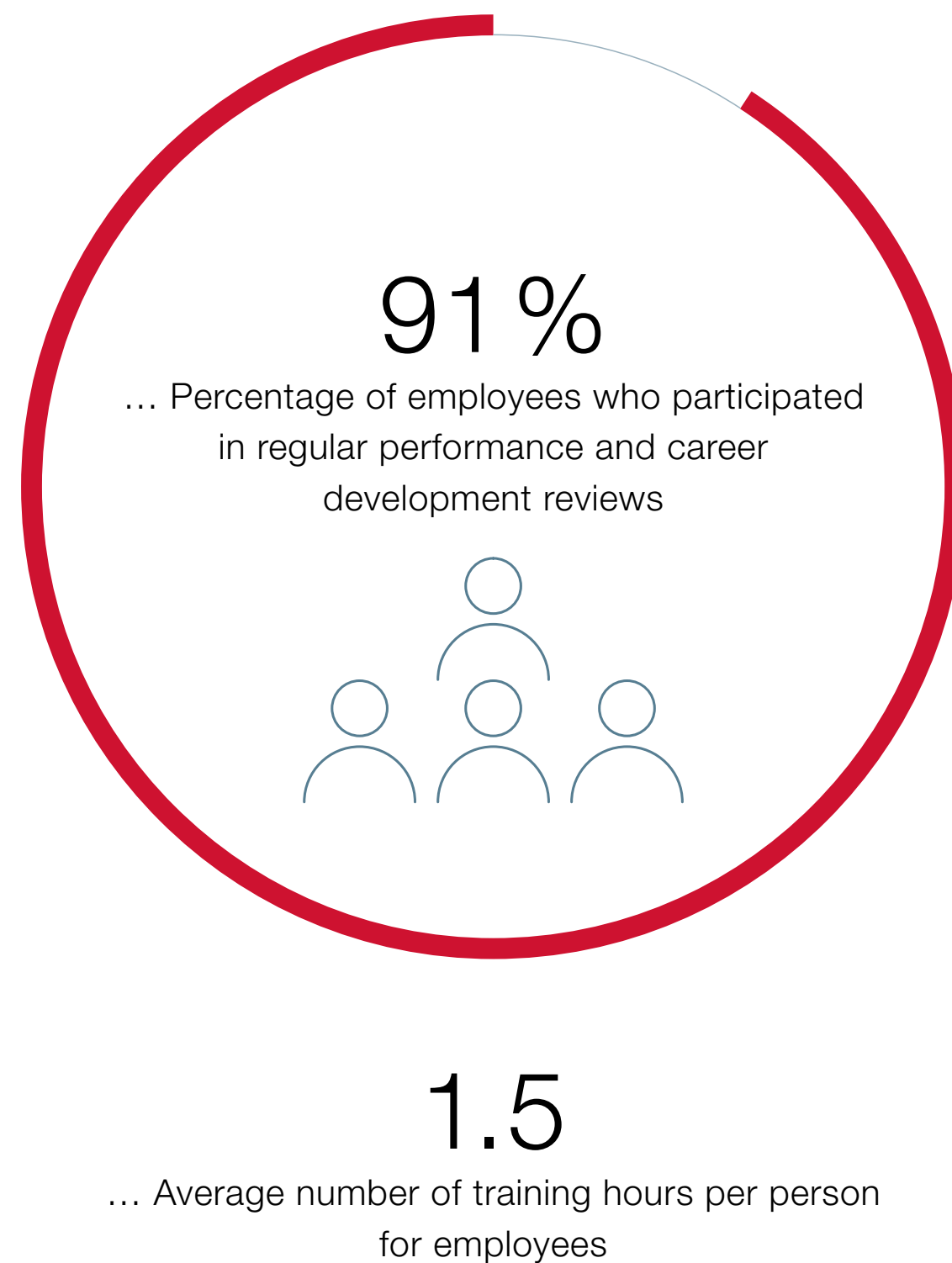


A look at the employee structure

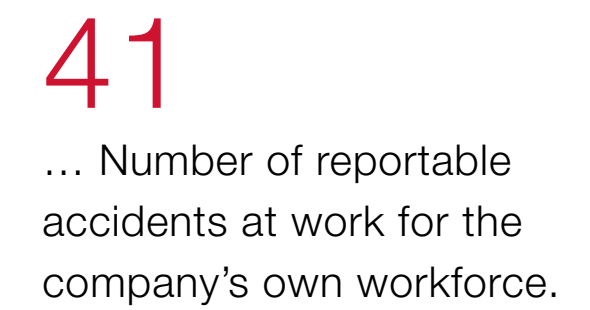
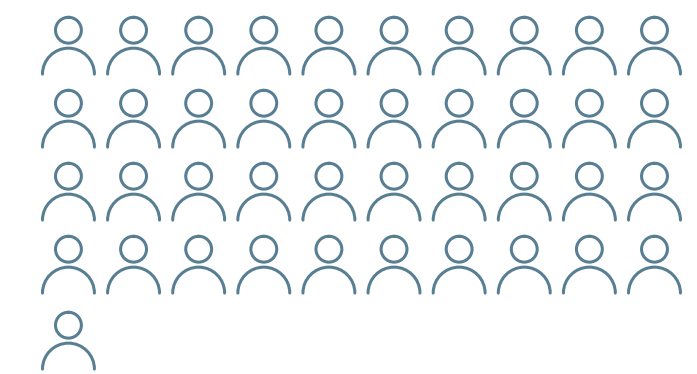
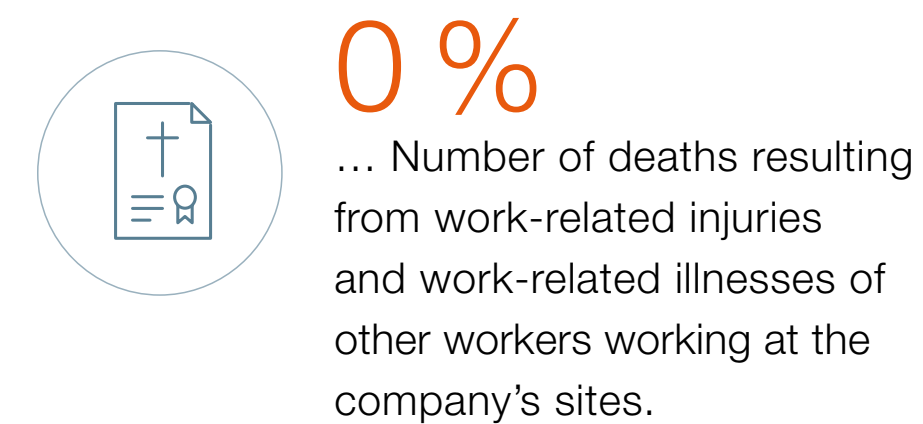
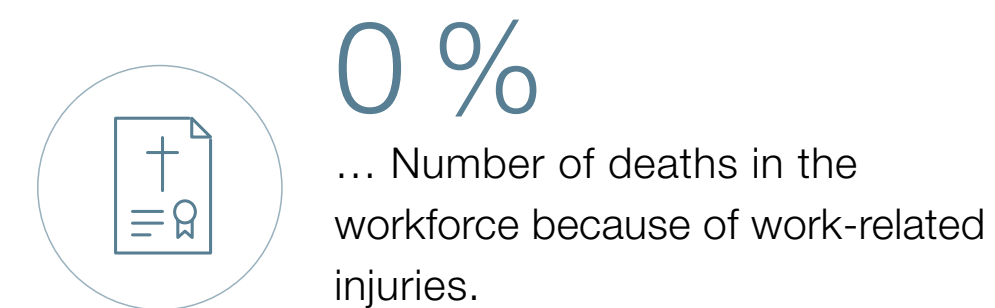




Training and skills development



Health and safety



¹⁾ no worldwide data basis, data refers to the German locations

²⁾ UAccident statistics (reporting p. Accidents x 1 million hours worked / hours actually worked)



Creating a safe working environment for employees

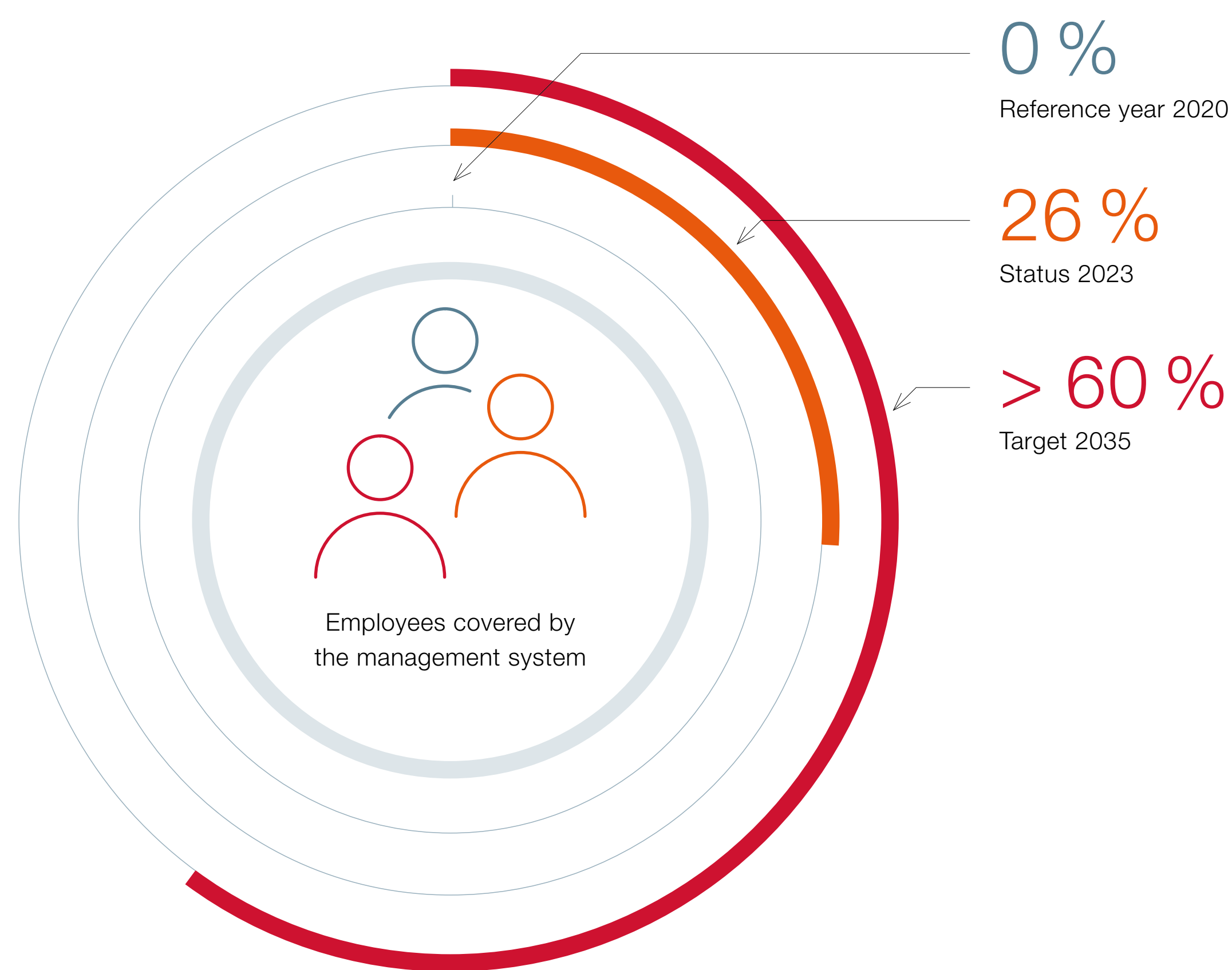
Reducing workplace hazards

The “Reduction of Workplace Hazards” measure at EJOT aims to create a safer working environment and reduce the failure rate. The implementation is carried out by central management and coordination, supplemented by site-specific measures. The time horizons depend on the operational project durations.

An annual progress report is presented in the management review and in the working committee meetings. The financial expenses are covered decentrally by the departments within the framework of normal operating expenses. The measure pursues absolute goals such as reducing the accident rate, accident costs, open hazards in the departments, accident numbers and increasing the health rate. These key figures can be used to monitor the effectiveness of the operational measures.

The scope of application includes the EJOT locations that are covered by DIN EN ISO 45001. A general strategic goal is to certify as many sites as possible according to the corresponding standard.

Occupational safety and security



Public offer for career orientation

EJOT is actively involved in career orientation through various public offers such as school cooperations, Girls' Day and the "EJOT Backstage" event. These measures are aimed at strengthening the corporate image, attracting new employees and assuming social responsibility. The aim is to give pupils a comprehensive picture of possible professions. The time horizons of these measures are long-term. Progress is measured, among other things, by the number of applications. The financial expenditure for these measures is generally budgeted in the respective department.

Learning Managementsystem: WeLearn

EJOT has a comprehensive Learning Management System (LMS) in place, known as "WE Learn". With this digital system, EJOT improves the standard of employee training and promotes, among other things, self-determined learning in the company.

Through this measure, the continuing education offer is made available in digitized form and includes all common training formats, from eLearning and webinars to internal and external face-to-face training. The overall offer is aimed at all employees in Germany and contains continuous time horizons. There is a consistent offer and audit security is also guaranteed, e.g. for annually recurring mandatory training courses. WE Learn can and should be rolled out internationally in the future. The first international training units have already been created.



Progress reports are generated by reports in the system and with the help of Power BI evaluations. The financial expenditure for this measure is considered an important investment in the EJOT learning culture.



In focus

EJOT France – an example of inclusion

In 2018, [EJOT France](#) integrated its own powder coating unit to provide an optimized service to its customers. EJOT has chosen ESAT - Adapei Papillons Blancs d'Alsace to take over all the tasks of this unit through posted workers with disabilities. These employees enrich our working environment by bringing their motivation and dedication to every task entrusted to them. We are very satisfied with the work done and the employees like to come to us to work with us. The jobs that the employees occupy have been adapted so that they can work independently.

Thanks to their work, dedication and attention to detail, the teams have recently reached a remarkable figure: the threshold of 4 million painted screws has been exceeded! Their thoroughness and professionalism have helped maintain our reputation for excellence in quality and reliability. Their presence reminds us every day that diversity and inclusion are worthwhile values that EJOT France also shares.



In focus

International ideas competition with annual award



On the road to climate neutrality, EJOT relies on the support and commitment of its employees at its locations in Germany and abroad with the ideas competition. The ideas competition is part of the wejot project.

Since autumn 2022, the ideas competition has received around 800 ideas from the work areas of the EJOT workforce from Germany and abroad. The implementation will save hundreds of tons of CO₂. The best three ideas will be awarded with 250 euros every month.

At the 2023 annual award ceremony of the ideas competition, 17,500 euros in prize money were distributed to employees in six categories. The main prize in each category is endowed with 2,500 euros, the second and

third places with 250 euros each. The award-winning ideas cover a wide range of different areas: tons of cardboard are reused, the use of a heat pump dryer in electroplating, the use of existing thermal energy for the operation of a biofilter and the use of adhesive tape made from recycled material. With the ideas of the annual award alone, 315 tons of CO₂ are saved annually. Thanks to the ideas implemented, EJOT has saved more than 180,000 euros in heating costs at its German sites in the short time since autumn 2022.



Strategies for managing the value chain

EJOT’s strategy related to the workforce in the value chain is based on several pillars. These are defined, evaluated and checked for effectiveness by an interdisciplinary team of representatives from purchasing, compliance, legal and sustainability.

We expect all suppliers to accept our Supplier Code of Conduct and confirm it by signature. This addresses all elementary aspects of managing the essential impacts, risks and opportunities of the workforce in the value chain. In doing so, we explicitly refer to the

- Respectively applicable national laws,
- United Nations Global Compact,
- Universal Declaration of Human Rights (A/RES/217, UN Doc. 217/A-(III)) of 10.12.1948,
- International Labour Standards (ILO),
- OHSAS 18001 Health & Safety Standard International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

An essential part of the strategy is not only the specification of our principles, but also the monitoring of compliance. Compliance with the requirements is checked by the suppliers

Labour in the value chain¹⁾

Our strategy	Activities	Analysis and output
An interdisciplinary project team that meets monthly to manage supply chain-related issues	Supplier Code of Conduct	Our Supplier Code of Conduct serves as a contractual safeguard to ensure that internationally recognised human rights and other standards are adhered to by our suppliers and affiliated companies.
	Complaints channel	The complaints channel allows workers in the value chain, among others, to be heard and included. EJOT responds with corrective action as needed.
	Risk analysis	The risk analysis carried out by our service provider Integrity Next is designed to identify, evaluate and prioritise human rights and environmental risks in the supply chain.
	Regular supplier assessment and review	Improve and promote cooperation so that problems can be identified and addressed at an early stage.

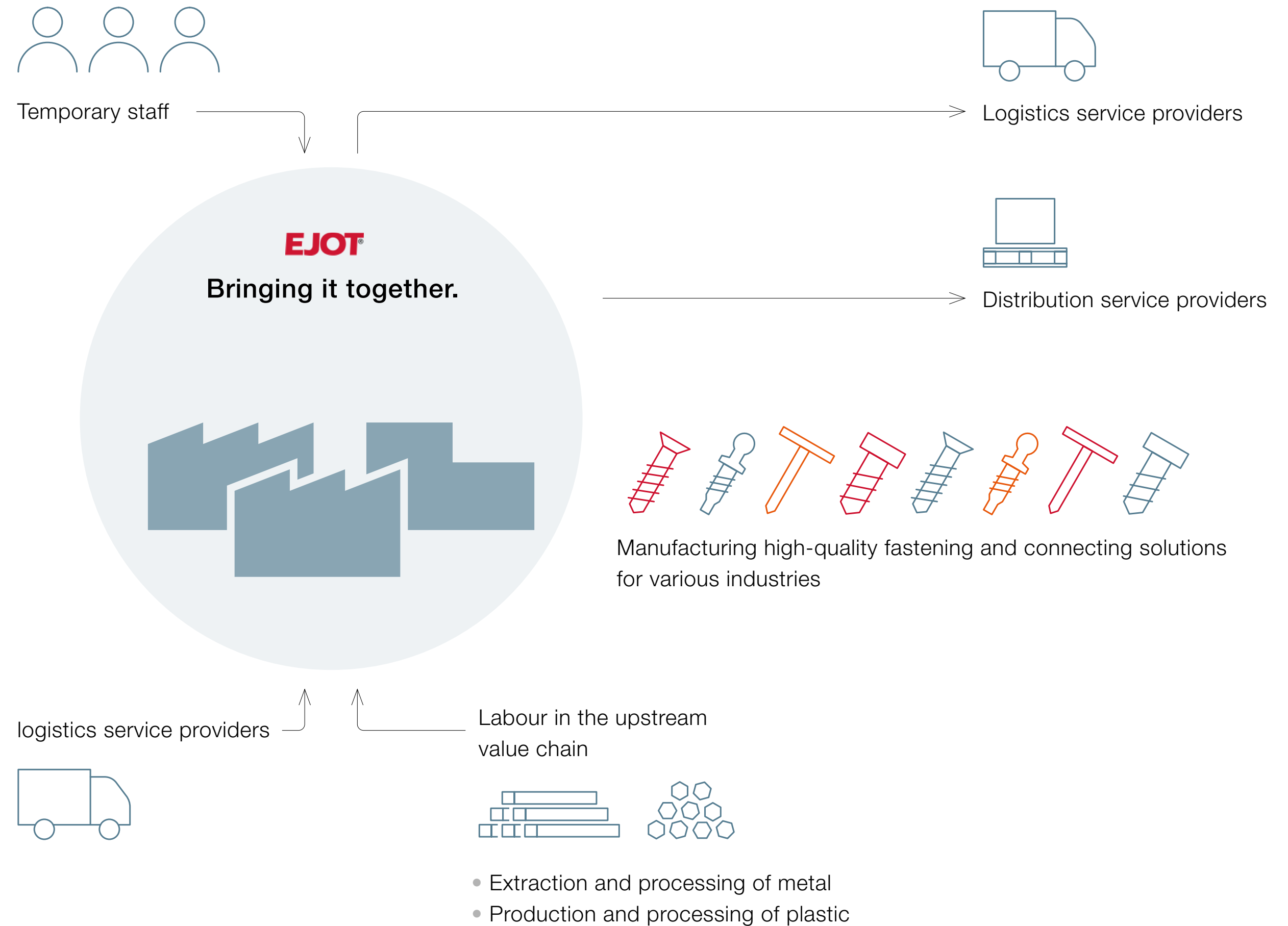
¹⁾ Integrating the interests, perspectives and rights of workers in our value chain strategy.

by means of self-assessments (supplier evaluation). These are carried out once a year. In the event of anomalies, EJOT will take further measures, such as on-site audits, to analyse and evaluate the situation and initiate appropriate remedial measures.

Within the framework of the future obligations of the Supply Chain Due Diligence Act and the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive, EJOT's goal is to improve the data situation as well as to further promote the active integration of the value chain.

The current strategy serves as a starting point and is intended to guide the path towards concrete measures and goals. The first measures already implemented are the risk analysis and the complaint channel.

Description of labour in the value chain





Taking measures and their objectives

Implementation of the legal requirement of the Supply Chain Due Diligence Act

The current status of work on the Supply Chain Due Diligence Act shows significant progress in various areas. 70 % of the abstract risk analysis have already been implemented in the company’s own operations, while full implementation has been achieved in the supply chain. This results in an aggregated result of 85 %.

However, the concrete risk analysis still has room for improvement. Here, only 30 % was generated in the company’s own operations and 50 % in the supply chain, resulting in an aggregated result of 40 %.



Topic	Own company	Supply chain	Overall result
Abstract risk analysis	70 %	100 %	85 %
Concrete risk analysis	30 %	50 %	40 %
Risk reduction measures		not yet started	
Complaints procedure	100 %	100 %	100 %

In the next step, we will deal with the minimization of the detected risks: The procedure for determining necessary measures includes a thorough analysis and evaluation of the risks and opportunities. Time-bound and results-oriented goals are set, the follow-up and implementation of which are continuously monitored. These measures aim to eliminate negative effects and promote positive effects.

EJOT pursues a partnership approach in the supply chain, which is why supplier development is at the forefront. In the event of abnormalities from the risk analysis and the specific audits, corrective measures are defined with the supplier and their effectiveness is monitored. The last resort is to terminate the business relationship if no progress can be made. However, with the termination of a business relation-

ship, we will no longer be able to influence the improvement of human rights- or environment-related risks.

On a positive note, the complaints channel has been fully set up both in the company's own operations and in the supply chain and is already available to all parties involved.

As a family-owned company with a high ethical and moral standard, we already pay attention to many things in our supply chain. For many years, we have been using a Supplier Code of Conduct for this purpose, for example.

Thanks to the LkSG and the CSRD, we are now taking an even more systematic and system-supported approach to risk analysis, for example. This requires a great deal of administrative work, but EJOT is convinced that it will make the company better.



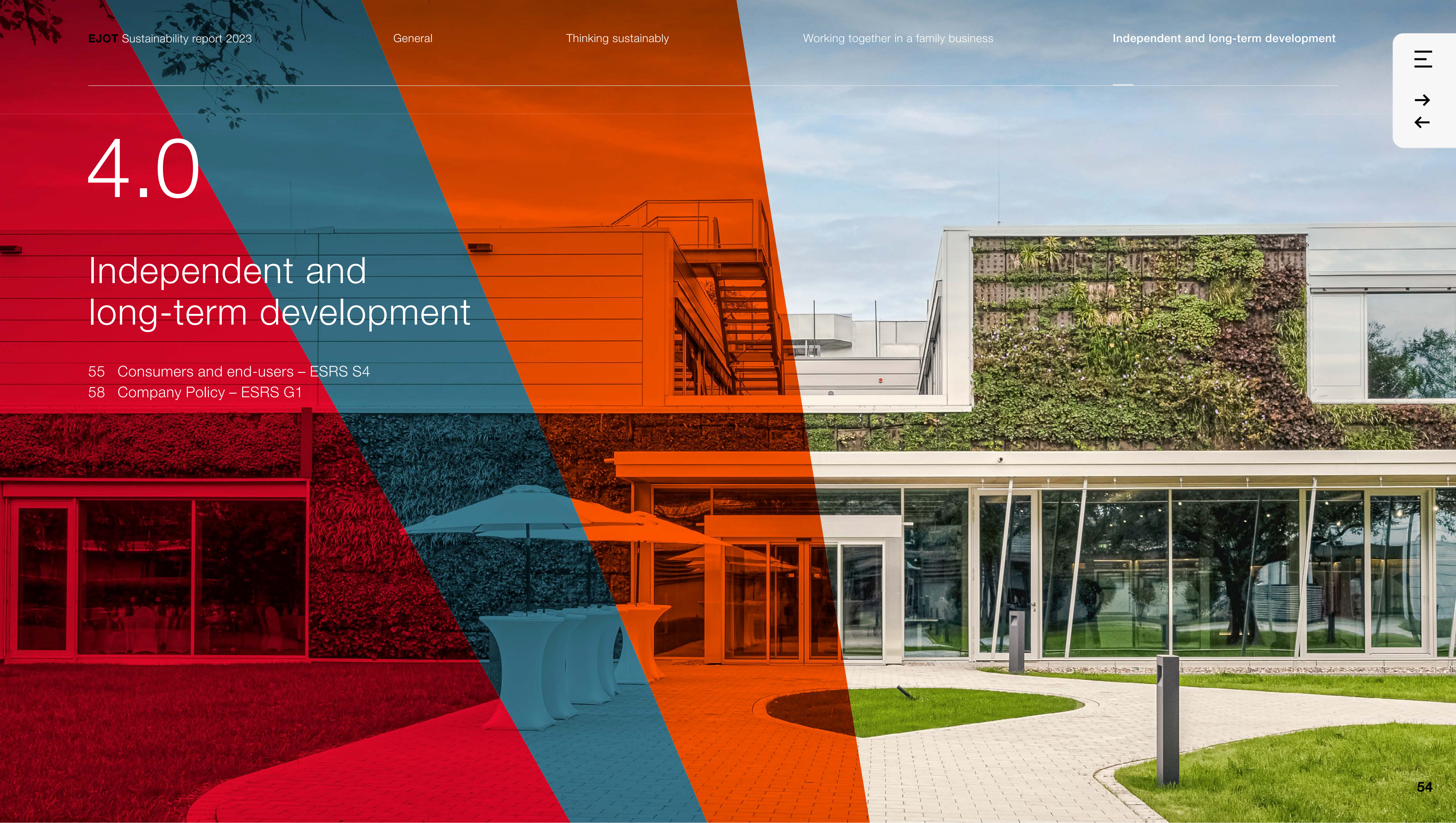


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Independent and long-term development

55 Consumers and end-users – ESRS S4

58 Company Policy – ESRS G1



Strategies related to consumers and end-users

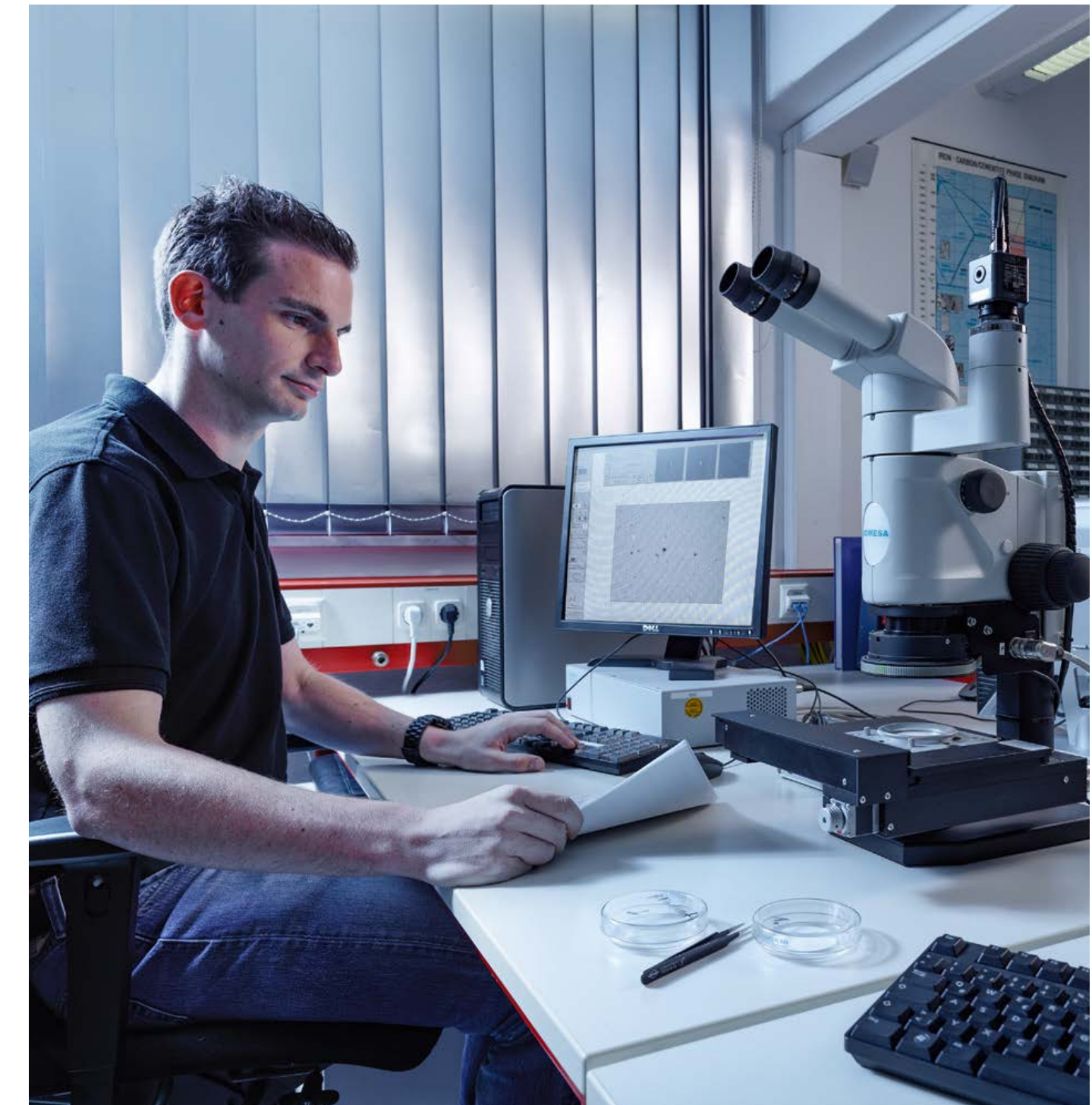
EJOT has developed comprehensive strategies to manage the material impact on consumers and end-users, as well as the associated risks and opportunities. This is largely due to the quality promise for our products.

Our economic development at EJOT is geared towards ensuring sustainable and efficient corporate governance that combines technological leadership, quality and customer satisfaction. Quality is the basis of all activities at EJOT. As an international group of companies, we take responsibility for the quality of our products and processes, for compliance with international standards and certifications as well as uniform management standards at all EJOT locations worldwide.

- Zero-defect goal: The consistent pursuit of the zero-defect goal for all products, processes and services is the prerequisite for securing our future, whereby error prevention takes priority over error elimination.

- Customer satisfaction: We are a reliable and competent partner for our customers. Meeting their expectations through flawless products and on-time delivery is our top priority.
- Continuous improvement: In line with our goals, our full attention is focused on the continuous improvement of products, processes, procedures and organizational procedures. Continuous improvement processes are implemented in all business areas of the company.

Our strategy covers not only specific groups, but all consumers and end-users of EJOT products. Transparency is ensured through continuous information and direct exchange via various communication channels, product data sheets and DOPs. High standards in the quality agreement and safety are strictly adhered to and regularly reviewed.





Involving interested parties

EJOT actively engages consumers and end-users in its strategy to ensure that their needs and expectations are fully addressed. Consumers are people who purchase goods and services for personal use, while end-users are those who ultimately use a product or service. In both market units, EJOT is predominantly in the B2B sector.



For EJOT, quality is a promise to us and our customers – quality is the key to trust and long-term relationships.

Marco Knebel, Vice President QM
EJOT Group

Types of consumers and end users	Direct contact – B2B	Indirect contact in the value chain
Market Unit Construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dealer • ETICS System Provider • Contractor • Architects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction workers and technician (shell construction, windows and façade, roof, timber construction, interior construction, energy technology) • End users of buildings • Employees in the field of demolition and dismantling • Employees at recyclers and disposal companies
Market Unit Industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OEMs • Tiers • Dealer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End users of vehicles • Employees in workshops • Employees at recyclers and disposal companies • Service and maintenance staff

Customer satisfaction is measured regularly. For example, in the Building Fasteners area, we conduct representative surveys every two to three years. In last year's survey, 99.6 % of respondents were satisfied to very satisfied. Annual appraisals are held in the ETICS area, the results of which are passed on to the specialist departments.

In the Market Unit Industry, customer surveys are conducted every two years, for which Quality Management is responsible. Furthermore, a dashboard is used to evaluate customer satisfaction, which includes the customers with the highest turnover. Through these comprehensive measures,

EJOT ensures that consumers and end-users are actively involved in the strategy and that their needs and expectations are always in focus.



Corporate policy and culture at EJOT

EJOT recognises its social responsibility and strives for ethical and law-abiding corporate management. These principles are deeply embedded in the company's culture and are promoted through clear guidelines and ongoing training. All employees are required to comply with applicable laws and regulations, especially regarding export and import regulations and the handling of conflict minerals. Business partners must be treated fairly, and contracts must be kept.

EJOT acts according to ethical values such as integrity, respect and non-discrimination. Conflicts of interest must be avoided, and wrongful advantages must not be sought. Occupational safety, environmental protection, information security and data protection must be guaranteed. These values are conveyed and consolidated to employees through regular training and information campaigns.

EJOT respects fair competition and complies with applicable anti-trust laws. Unfair agreements and activities that hinder competition are prohibited. If you are unsure, contact the Compliance Officer. Trade and trade secrets of others are

respected, and confidential information is not passed on without authorization.

The compliance guideline applies to all companies of the EJOT group worldwide. Employees are informed about the guideline, and their compliance is promoted by appropriate measures.

Violations of the compliance guideline can lead to warnings, terminations, claims for damages, fines or imprisonment. For EJOT, violations can lead to claims for damages, lawsuits, fines or loss of image. If employees have any questions or concerns, they can contact their manager or compliance officer. The Compliance Officer can be reached confidentially and anonymously.

To protect whistleblowers, EJOT has set up internal reporting channels and provides information and training to its employees. Measures to protect against retaliation shall be in accordance with the applicable legislation to execute the directive (EU) 2019/1937 of the European Parliament and of

the Council. The company has procedures in place to follow up on whistleblower reports and investigates incidents related to the company's policy, including cases of corruption and bribery, promptly, independently and objectively.

EJOT offers internal corporate policy training courses aimed at all employees and conducted on a regular basis. Particularly vulnerable functions within the company are identified and specifically trained to prevent corruption and bribery.



The role of administrative, management and supervisory bodies

The role of the administrative, management and supervisory bodies at EJOT, divided into the executive Board and the advisory board, is of central importance. These bodies are responsible for strategic direction, operational efficiency and sustainable development. While the executive board manages the day-to-day business processes and ensures the implementation of strategic goals, the advisory board provides valuable external perspectives, oversees corporate governance and supports crucial directional decisions.

In 2023, the EJOT executive board consisted of six people, which can be found in table five (ESRS 2, 21a). The proportion of women is 0 % for 2023 (ESRS 2, 21d)

The six-member advisory board, which consists of non-executive members, has a female share of around 33 % (ESRS 2, 21a & d).



The EJOT executive board (from left)

Title / Name (ESRS 2, 22a)	Responsibilities (ESRS 2, 22b)
Mr Dr.-Ing. Wolfgang Scheiding	CSO
Mr Dr.-Ing. Frank Dratschmidt	CDO
Mr Dipl.-Kfm. Wolfgang Bach	CFO
Mr Dr.-Ing. Rolf Künkel	COO
Mr Dipl.-Kfm. Christian F. Kocherscheidt	CEO
Mr Dipl.-Ing. Ralf Birkelbach	CTO



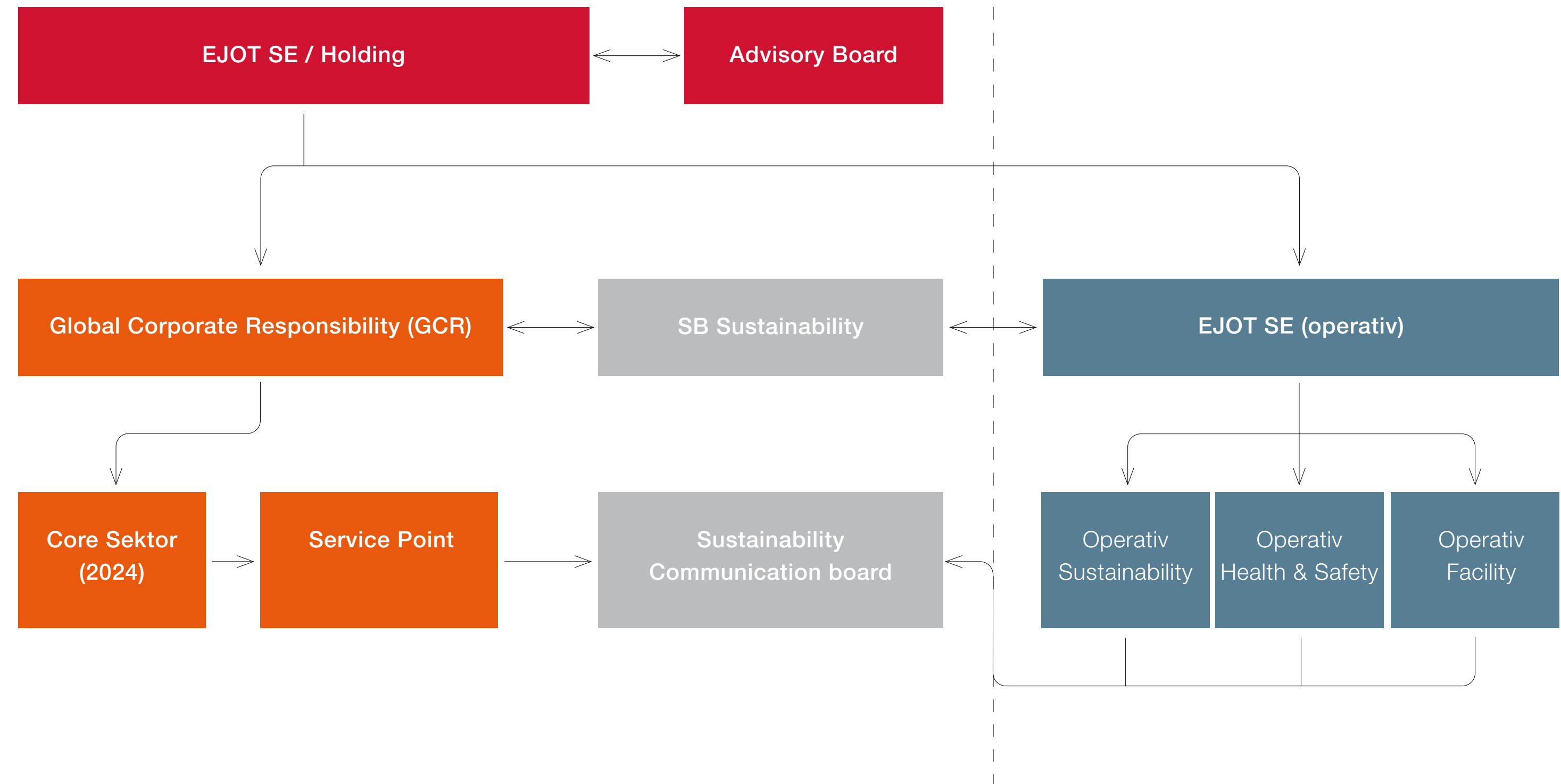
The EJOT advisory board (from left)

Title / Name (ESRS 2, 22a)	Responsibilities and relevant experience
Mr Dr.-Ing. Uwe Böhlke	CEO REHAU Industries SE & Co. KG
Mr Dr.-Ing. Hans-Toni Junius	Chairman of the Advisory Board Chairman of the management C. D. Wälzholz
Mrs Andrea Teutenberg	Member of the Board of Directors of KSB Management SE
Mr Prof. Dr. Thomas Bauernhansl	Head of Fraunhofer IPA, Stuttgart, Institute Director IFF, University of Stuttgart
Mr Jean Dufour	Former member of the management at Bosch Siemens Hausgeräte GmbH
Mrs Kathrin Susanne Kocherscheidt (not in the picture)	Judge at the district court Koblenz, shareholder



The sustainability organisation

For sustainability issues, EJOT has implemented the Sustainability Steering Committee (SB Sustainability), which is also staffed by parts of the management and has a quorum. Especially strategic topics for the orientation of the entire group are discussed and further developed.



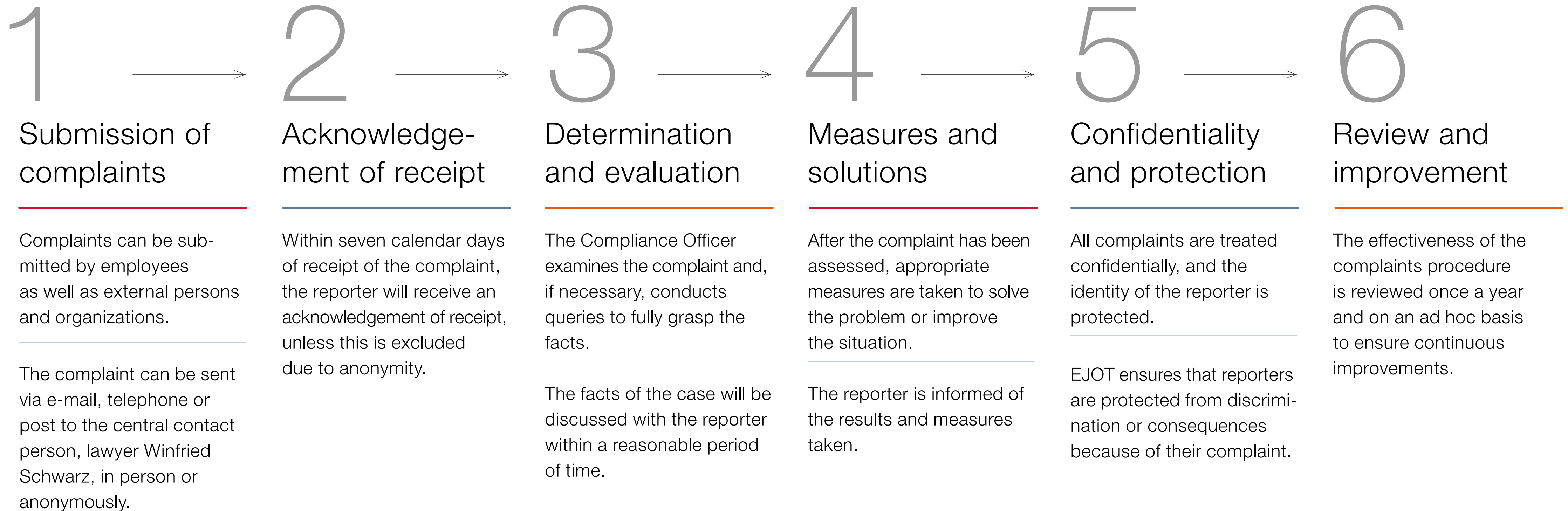
In addition, there is an annual management review within the framework of ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and ISO 45001, in which the management actively evaluates the results and effectiveness of a wide range of topics. In addition, the GCR team participates in advisory board meetings on specific sustainability topics as required. The annual budget process also provides information on sustainability issues and related investments (ESRS 2, 26a).

The committees described above have a quorum for the various topics. Appropriate topics are compared with the current situation and considered when discrepancies or potential improvements in the overall corporate strategy and budget issues are identified (ESRS 2, 26b).

List of material impacts, risks and opportunities addressed by management and the advisory board (ESRS 2.26c)

item	Topic	Impact	Risk	Opportunity
1	Energy efficiency			
1.1	Performance of PV systems	•		•
1.2	CO2e reduction projects	•		•
1.3	Product Carbon Footprint (suppliers / EJOT internal products)	•		•
2	Regulatory affairs			
2.1	CSRD	•	•	•
2.2	EU taxonomy	•	•	•
2.3	LkSG	•	•	•
3	Corporate Carbon Footprint			
3.1	EJOT group goal (transition plan)	•		•
3.2	wejot – Employee Share Ownership	•		•
3.3	Ideas management	•		•
4	Sustainability activities			
4.1	Marketing	•	•	•
4.2	R&D	•		•
4.3	Sales	•	•	•
4.4	Sustainability strategy	•	•	•
4.5	Packaging strategy	•		•

Complaints channel: how we handle complaints



Reliable partnership with suppliers

Management of supplier relations and increasing internationalisation are an important and strategic focus at EJOT. EJOT aims to be a reliable partner and would like to continuously work with its suppliers to improve products, procedures and processes.

One aspect of a reliable partnership is reliable and punctual payment behaviour. In German-speaking countries, for example, EJOT settles supplier invoices on average within six days of receipt of the invoice.

In addition to costs, quality, reliability and innovation, social and ecological sustainability are key factors in supplier selection and evaluation. EJOT carries out supplier evaluations once a year. The results are communicated and discussed in detail in the annual meeting. Furthermore, EJOT regularly conducts supplier audits to ensure that the above criteria are met. The EJOT supplier audit team is active worldwide. From a certain evaluation on, an extraordinary supplier audit is carried out. Where possible, EJOT tries to win regional suppliers to keep transport to a minimum and to achieve a simplified exchange.

Wherever possible, EJOT endeavours to recruit regional suppliers, to minimise transport and simplify exchange.



As part of the TREEATHLON® reforestation project, a planting campaign was also carried out together with suppliers.

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