2021

# Our low-carbon approach

OUR CSR AMBITION OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT OUR PROGRESS STRATEGY



# An approach in step *with our* CSR *ambition*

Long-term commitment is one of our core values. Our entrepreneurial culture and our ambitious goals are geared towards offering the best possible quality of service to both our customers and our staff over the long term.

ODDO BHF operates in regulatory and economic contexts that spur it to take on responsibilities by incorporating sustainable development angles into both its development plans and its strategies. Expectations are particularly high with regard to the issue of climate.

# OUR CSR AMBITION IS BASED ON 4 PILLARS

FOSTER A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE WITHIN OUR BUSINESSES

# CHAMPION OUR EMPLOYEES

WORK TOWARDS A CARING SOCIETY

REDUCE OUR ENVIRONMENTAL

The Group bases its environmental approach around three key points of reference:

# Article 173 of the Energy Transition Act of 17 August 2015

This sets out institutional investors' obligations to provide information about how they address environmental and social factors. Investors are required to transparently publish details of how they incorporate environmental, social and governance (ESG) criteria into their investment operations.

# 2015 Paris Climate Agreement

→ KEEP GLOBAL WARMING "WELL BELOW 2°C", and pursue efforts to limit this increase to " $1.5^{\circ}$ C"

→ ACHIEVE A GLOBAL BALANCE between emissions and absorption of greenhouse gases – "carbon neutrality" – in the second half of the 21<sup>st</sup> century

→ PRINCIPLE OF EQUITY FOR CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION: countries that have contributed the most to climate change and are able to do so must play a more active role in global climate change action

# Energy Transition for Green Growth Act

(ACT NO. 2015-992 OF 17 AUGUST 2015)

This law obliges companies with a staff of at least 500 people in France to draw up and submit a diagnostic greenhouse gas emissions assessment ("BEGES") so that ways of reducing these emissions can be identified and implemented. The Group honours its regulatory obligations, publishes its BEGES assessment among other things, and for several years, it has implemented initiatives to reduce its environmental impacts. ODDO BHF Asset Management has been a signatory to the United Nations Principles for Responsible Investment (PRI) since 2010 and the Group has been a signatory to the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) since 2006. So it has joined several global initiatives and working groups in France and Germany in order to promote a sustainable investment approach.





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At the beginning of 2020, the Group decided to **formally adopt a carbon footprint reduction plan** that will enable it to achieve several goals in the short term:



# \*THE IMPORTANCE OF SCOPE 3

Emissions are classed in three categories: **Scope 1** (direct emissions), **Scope 2** (indirect emissions linked to energy consumption) and **Scope 3** (other indirect emissions).

In order to make a credible voluntary commitment, it is vital to count emissions in addition to those covered by the regulations, which only address Scopes 1 and 2. This is because Scope 3 very often accounts for the great majority of companies' GHG emissions across all areas. The more accurate our knowledge of carbon sources is, the more appropriate and consistent with reality the associated action plan will be. → Going beyond what the regulations require in its efforts to address its GHGs\* by incorporating Scope 3\* and setting a benchmark, which is a vital starting point for establishing a strategy and setting a reduction target,

→ The outcomes highlighted in this comprehensive carbon assessment will enable the Group to control its emissions and provide a basis on which to put together an action plan and thus limit its own environmental impact,

→ In line with its desire to be a responsible actor through its investment policy, to raise awareness and educate all staff of ODDO BHF and stakeholders so that they realise the importance of playing their part in the Group's actions.

\*GHG: Greenhouse gas.

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# Findings of the ODDO BHF Group's carbon assessment

# Methodology

The ODDO BHF Group's GHG emissions were assessed by the Bilan Carbone® method, compatible with the GHG Protocol standard, for the 2019 activity data.

# EXTENT OF GHG EMISSIONS

The 2019 emissions that enabled the Group to operate were studied, with all of its geographical divisions being considered. In parallel, we have also estimated GHG emissions connected with logistics operations to industrial sites organised by ODDO BHF Metals. At this stage, the carbon impact of our portfolios and our investments has not been incorporated into this assessment.

## EMISSIONS FROM OPERATIONS

Energy and air conditioning for sites, goods and services, information technology, business travel and journeys between homes and workplaces, waste



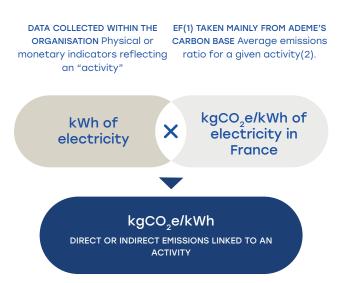
# LOGISTICS EMISSIONS LINKED TO THE ACTIVITY OF ODDO BHF METALS

GHG emissions linked to transportation of freight by road, river and sea managed by ODDO BHF Metals for its customers.

# METHOD

GHG emissions are estimated, and not measured, on the basis of recognised carbon compatibility standards. Data measuring activities involving physical flows that are used in ODDO BHF's operations are multiplied by emission factors, a carbon content coefficient.

 Details of the parameters incorporated into ODDO BHF's carbon assessment are available on request.

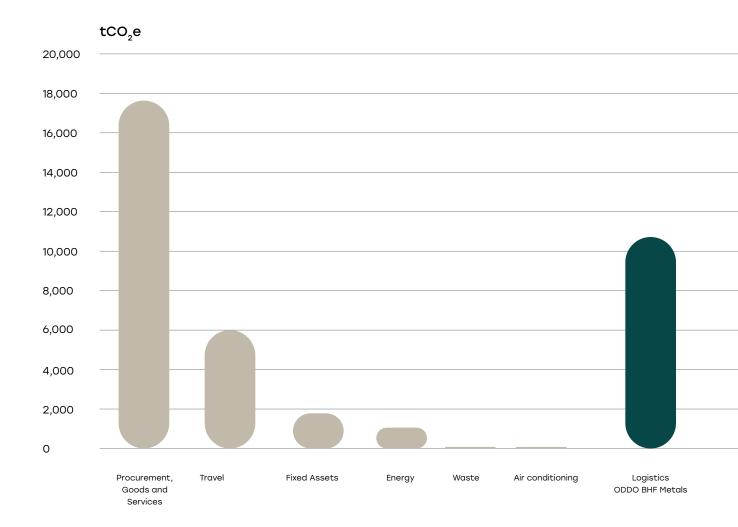


To produce this first comprehensive carbon assessment, the Group relied on **the expertise of the consulting firm Sustainable Metrics, a member of the Crowe network**. All business functions falling under the scope of the analysis contributed to the project during the collection of data, the interpretation of the results and the identification of areas where reductions can be made: HR, Procurement, Accounts, IT, Infrastructures, Property, Facilities Management, Risks, and metal trading activity.

(1) Emission factor. (2) This is equivalent to a life cycle assessment that is deemed to be representative.



# Main sources of emissions identified



The GHG emissions from our operations under **Scopes 1 and 2** (electricity consumption, the heating network that heats our buildings, and our fleet of motor vehicles) **make up just 4% of our total emissions.** 

The Group's renewable energy commitment policy, which involves the contracting of electricity labelled as **"energy of renewable origin"** in France and Germany, enables it to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions linked to the operation of the various sites. 96% of our emissions are indirect emissions (IT databases, maintenance, services, etc.).

While the proportion accounted for by travel is significant (as with the majority of office activities), and also because of the close relationships between our teams in France, Germany and Tunisia, the impact of computer equipment manufacturing and the use of related IT services makes up a significant relative proportion.



# The Group's *carbon reduction* approach

Our approach is based on three main components:

# COMPONENT 01

Rolling out a realistic and ambitious reduction action plan

# COMPONENT 02

The Group's emissions reduction approach

# COMPONENT 03

Implementing carbon governance at ODDO BHF

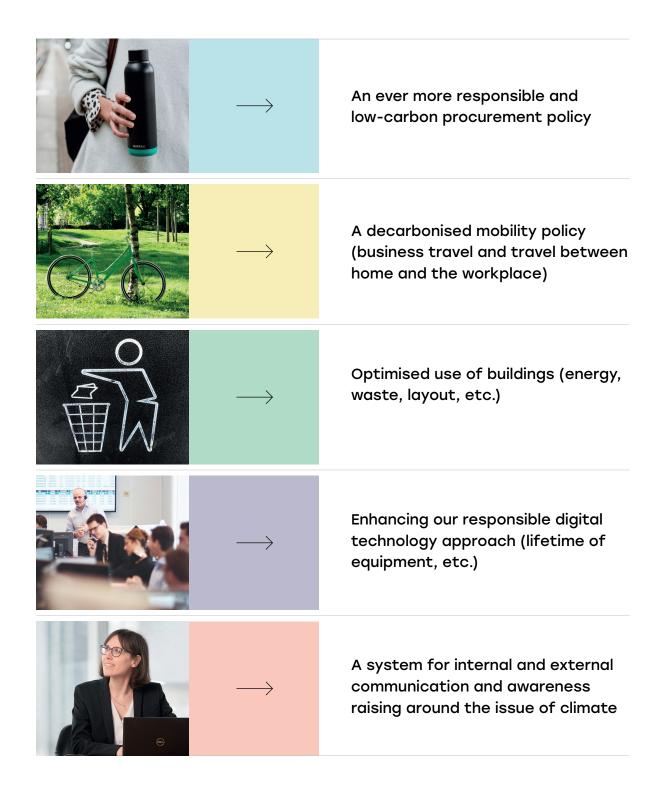
# BENCHMARK

To limit global warming to less than 2°C, the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere must be kept at around 450 ppm\* by the end of the 21st century. To achieve this goal, GHG emissions need to be reduced by 40% to 70% by 2050 (by comparison with 2010 levels) and emissions levels close to zero need to be reached by 2100. In France, according to the SNBC (National Low-Carbon Strategy), the level of GHG emissions reduction effort per year between now and 2050 needs to be around 7%.

\*parts per million.

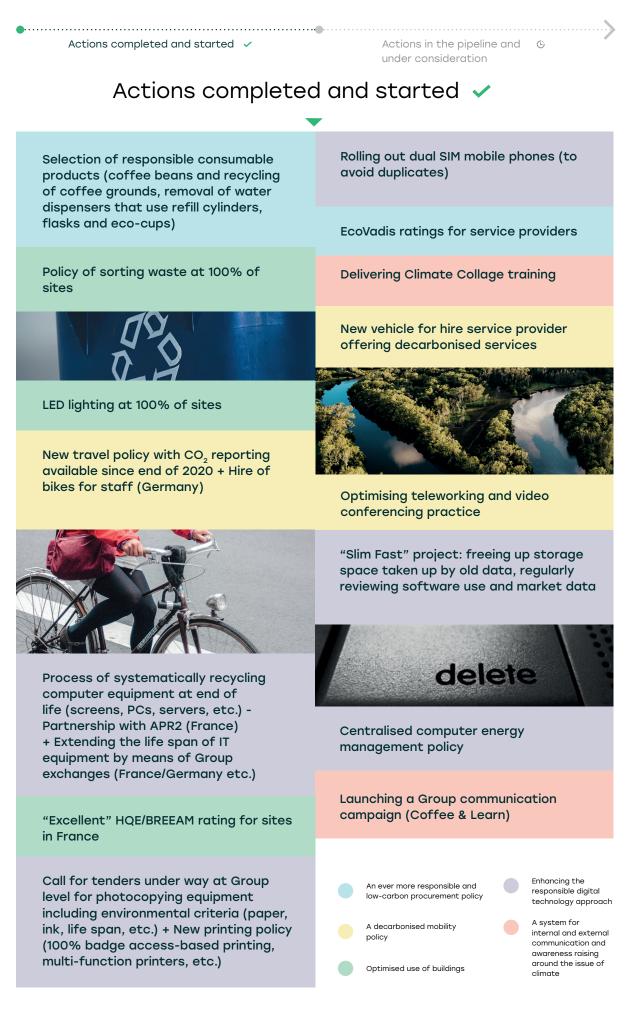
# COMPONENT 01 Rolling out a realistic and ambitious reduction action plan

To reduce its GHG emissions, the Group must continue with and build on the actions it has implemented internally with external partnerships. The priorities identified for achieving a credible reduction goal cover five areas:





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Group's sites in order to harmonise the

greenhouse gas reduction policy.

A decarbonised mobility policy Optimised use of buildings internal and external

communication and awareness raising around the issue of climate

# FOCUS ON THE RESPONSIBLE PROCUREMENT POLICY

We take account of social and environmental impacts in our relationships with our suppliers and subcontractors.

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# ecovadis

In 2020, the Group's Procurement Department routinely incorporated a CSR clause in its calls for tenders. Our main service providers are assessed through our partnership with EcoVadis; the rating that they receive ensures that we work with suppliers whose environmental and social performance is good.



Since 2019, ODDO BHF SCA has held an EcoVadis gold medal. The environment is one of the three areas in which the Group improved in 2020, along with ethics and social practices.

In parallel with this "operations" action plan, reduction efforts will continue to be made in the activity of ODDO BHF Metals (favouring transportation by river and sea, optimising destinations, etc.).

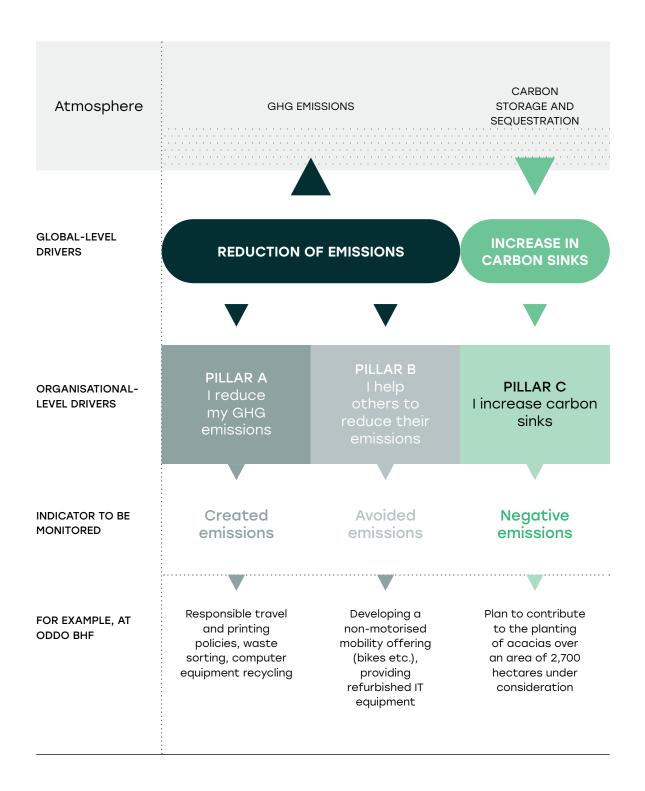
# ODDO BHF METALS

Numerous initiatives have already been implemented by the Quality team for several years to reduce freight transportation distances and introduce lower-carbon forms of transportation, such as trains or barges. The concentration of flows is another area of key focus for reductions.

If it were not for the efforts made by ODDO BHF Metals, carbon emissions linked to metal freight transportation could be 60% higher.

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# COMPONENT 02 The Group's emissions reduction approach





# COMPONENT 03 Implementing carbon governance at ODDO BHF



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A Low-Carbon Committee made up of at least one representative of each division involved in the action plan (HR, Communication, Procurement, Property, Facilities Management, IT, ODDO BHF Metals) has been created. This committee meets every six months to monitor the implementation of actions and measure outcomes, and reports directly to the General Management Committee on progress made in the low-carbon approach.

In parallel, in France, Germany and Tunisia, meetings of the Sustainable Development Committees that were created in 2019 are attended by members of the Group's staff who are experts on the environment or simply involved and interested in the subject. They meet regularly to analyse actions involving the Group and its stakeholders, and to implement them with the help of the business functions concerned (elimination of plastic on premises, sorting of waste, provision of responsible coffee beans, etc.). These committees are regularly informed of the outcomes of initiatives implemented at their instigation or at the instigation of business functions.

# A Crowe

This carbon assessment was drawn up with the help of Sustainable Metrics, a member of the Crowe network.

