

Policy on resource use and circular economy in the EVN Group

1 Purpose

A significant share of global emissions is connected with the depletion of resources and the subsequent production of products. Since many available resources are finite, it is important to use them efficiently and to keep them in the economic cycle for as long as possible.

In recognition of the impacts of our activities on the environment, we take our responsibility for the protection of natural resources very seriously. This policy is intended to serve as a guideline for our efforts to identify, assess and manage the material environmental impacts, risks and opportunities related to the use of resources and the circular economy. Our goal is to not only fulfil but – wherever possible – to exceed legal requirements.

This policy underscores our commitment to continuously improve our environmental practices through constant innovation and, in doing so, make a positive contribution to environmental protection. This commitment also reflects the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations (UN), which we have supported for many years.

2 Scope of application

This policy is valid and applicable to all material sustainable economic activities of the EVN Group in Austria and other countries unless specific national or legal limitations take precedence.

The business areas of the EVN Group affected by this policy include the energy business with the generation of energy, the operation of distribution networks and the supply of electricity, natural gas and heat to our customers. This policy also covers the provision of drinking water suppliers to our customers as part of the environmental services business as well as wastewater disposal and thermal waste and sewage sludge utilisation. As a result of and in connection with these business areas, we are active on international markets. Moreover, our group is an internet- and telecommunication service provider with one subsidiary on the Austrian market.

We also expect our business partners, suppliers and customers to respect and support our efforts for the responsible use of resources and promotion of the circular economy. We cooperate, wherever possible, to minimise the impacts of our joint activities and work to meet our environmental goals.

These principles of conduct and action lines concentrate on the focus topics identified during the annual update of the materiality analysis. Included here are our resource inflows as well as our waste.

3 Principles of conduct and action lines

The implementation of sustainable resource use and circular economy is based on the following principles of conduct and action lines that apply to all our business activities:

- Regular survey of impacts, risks and opportunities: We regularly identify, quantify and assess the impacts, risks and opportunities of our activities and locations with regard to the environment and society.
- Management of resource use: The conservation and responsible use of resources are an important benchmark for our actions. Therefore, a continuous increase in the efficiency of resource use is an essential task for management and operations.
- Reduction of environmental impacts: We rely on the best available technologies and proven procedures during the construction, operation and dismantling of plants and operating locations.
- Priority of primary raw materials: We are working to substitute secondary (recycled) resources for primary raw materials wherever this is technically possible and reasonable.
- Reuse of resources: Our efforts include a continuous increase in the use of renewable resources. The material and resource flows in our company are precisely recorded and directed towards reuse, recycling or other utilisation.
- Continuous improvement of waste management: We are continuously optimising our waste management system to align it with a circular economy. When waste is stored, we ensure that any harmful or negative influence on the environment is prevented.

- Sustainable procurement: Sustainability criteria are integrated in the procurement process and evaluated on a regular basis.
- Compliance: We are committed to compliance with all relevant legal regulations and standards for the use of resources and the circular economy.
- Awareness creation: We support the creation of a greater awareness among our employees for the sustainable use of resources and the circular economy and organise regular training for our specialists.

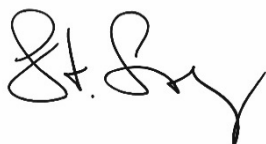
4 We use the following measures to keep interested parties informed:

- Transparent reporting: We report transparently on our metrics for resource use and the circular economy to citizens, institutions and other interest groups and provide information on our measures and success.
- Open communications: We promote a culture of open communications and encourage all employees to submit suggestions for the improvement of our resource use and the circular economy.
- Inclusive stakeholder management: We work together with our stakeholders and incorporate their needs and expectations concerning resource use and the circular economy in line with legal requirements.

5 Responsibility

The Executive Board of the EVN Group represents the highest level of the company's organisation that is responsible for the implementation of this policy.

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