



# SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

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**Eckert & Ziegler**  
*Contributing to saving lives*

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**Note:**  
*This report has been prepared in orientation towards the German Sustainability Code. We have used the traditional plural form when referring to men, women and others to streamline the language used and facilitate reading. It goes without saying that everyone is included.*

*In the current fiscal year 2024, "Eckert & Ziegler Strahlen- und Medizintechnik AG" will change its legal form to a European stock corporation (SE) and will then operate as "Eckert & Ziegler SE". As this report relates to the 2023 financial year, the legal form AG is still used here.*

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## INTRODUCTION

This non-financial Group statement (Sustainability Report) has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the German Commercial Code and the CSR Directive Implementation Act (CSR-RUG). The reporting period is the financial year 2023. Unless otherwise stated, the data provided relate to all companies included in the scope of consolidation.

## BUSINESS MODEL

The Eckert & Ziegler Group (Eckert & Ziegler) is an internationally active producer of isotope-based components for medical, scientific, and industrial applications. Besides Eckert & Ziegler Strahlen- und Medizintechnik AG, a publicly listed company under German law with headquarters in Berlin, the Group has minority interests in a further 43 companies. The Group is managed by the Executive Board, which is supported by the extended Group Executive Committee in its decisions. It comprises the Executive Board of Eckert & Ziegler AG and the heads of selected Group segments.

The company's core business includes handling and processing of isotope-based materials in specially equipped and approved production facilities in Europe and the United States. In addition, Eckert & Ziegler develops, produces, and sells medical devices for cancer therapy as well as radionuclide generators and synthesis equipment for the production of radiopharmaceuticals. Plant engineering and the retrieval of isotope-related waste from hospitals and research institutions round off the portfolio.

There are relatively few providers in the international markets in which Eckert & Ziegler operates. Eckert & Ziegler has no direct competitor that offers the same wide range of products. Its competitors each only serve special market niches. There are considerable barriers to market entry due to strict regulatory requirements.

Subsidiaries in the two operative segments – Medical and Isotope Products – are responsible for the operating business activities. With their various product groups, the subsidiaries are oriented towards different customer groups. The Others segment includes the holding company, which bundles Group-internal services such as radiation protection, legal, accounting, IT, human resources and in the period under review Pentixapharm GmbH, respectively since September 2023 Pentixapharm AG and Myelo Therapeutics GmbH.



## STRATEGY (1 – 4)

### 1 STRATEGIC ANALYSIS AND ACTION

*The company declares whether or not it pursues a sustainability strategy. It explains what concrete measures it is undertaking to operate in compliance with key recognised sector-specific, national and international standards.*

Eckert & Ziegler is one of the world's largest providers of isotope technology for radiotherapy and nuclear medicine. We set ourselves the objective of sustainably aligning our corporate activities with a balanced relationship between economic, social and ecological aspects. Along with the risk management system, the internal control system and the compliance management system, opportunities and risks that affect the sustainable development of the company are recorded and evaluated. For the use of isotope technology, the disposal of which generally leads to an economic and ecological burden on society, Eckert & Ziegler strives for a circulation principle wherever this makes sense and is possible.

### 2 MATERIALITY

*The company discloses the aspects of its business operations that have a significant impact on sustainability issues and what material impact sustainability issues have on its operations. It analyses the positive and negative effects and provides information as to how these insights are integrated into the company's processes.*

To us, sustainability means thinking holistically and in the long term as well as acting responsibly, especially in the following fields of action:

#### Employees

As an international company, we live diversity and place great value on appreciative communication as an important component of our corporate culture. It also means that we of course comply with all labour and co-determination laws and regulations of the respective countries and maintain regular, constructive and trusting dialogue with the relevant committees. We have committed ourselves to this in our transnational Code of Conduct. In addition, binding standards for all employees are contained in a large number of works agreements of the Group companies.

#### Environment

Caring for the environment is an important objective of Eckert & Ziegler. With our actions, our processes and our products, we accept our responsibility to people, the environment and the future. From production to disposal of our products, we focus on resource conservation and recycling.

#### Products

Comprehensive quality management and other regulations ensure that we provide patients with safe, effective and high-quality products.

#### Company

We consciously fulfil our social responsibility and are involved in early childhood science education as well as local, non-profit projects at individual company locations.



## 3 OBJECTIVES

*The company discloses what qualitative and/or quantitative as well as temporally defined sustainability goals have been set and operationalised and how their level of achievement is monitored.*

We work together on the framework conditions for responsible and sustainable corporate governance. To reinforce the grounding of the topic, we have different areas on our agenda that we want to promote in the future. They are qualitative in nature and provide an outlook on future developments. The achievement of the objectives is determined by qualitative or quantitative standards.

In the area of economics, we focus on profitability, good corporate governance and responsible sourcing. In the area of social affairs, the spotlight is on diversity and integration, continuous development, responsible leadership, working conditions and local commitment. In terms of the environment, the focus is on the reuse of components as much as possible, on waste prevention and safer disposal.

Some of our medium-term objectives:

- In the area of environmental services, investment in new technologies should speed up the assessment of radioactive waste. As a result, it can be supplied faster to the further disposal paths. This accelerates the process cycle and shortens the residual materials stay on the company premises.
- In the production of new radioactive sources, more and more activity from old sources should be used and the recycling rate therefore increased.
- In order to ensure the preservation of professional competence in radiation protection in Germany, the expertise of our radiation protection specialists should also be made available to a broader group of experts. As the phasing out of nuclear energy means that there is an increasing lack of young skilled physicists in radiation physics, Eckert & Ziegler is involved in active committees to ensure that the company's knowledge about radiation protection topics remains intact.
- A more frequent use of videoconferencing technology is intended to reduce the number of business trips.
- Advertising materials and other information are to be made available more frequently in digital form.



## 4 DEPTH OF THE VALUE CHAIN

*The company states what significance aspects of sustainability have for added value and how deep in the value chain the sustainability criteria are verified.*

Our services include the individual areas of the value chain development, procurement, production, marketing and sales. As an internationally active and expanding company with high product diversity, we have an ever more complex value-added chain. We use the most environmentally friendly, resource-efficient and innovative technologies possible for all areas and place great value on fairness and transparency.

A large part of our purchasing volume comes from the immediate vicinity of the respective production site. In this way, we ensure more transparent and low-risk supply chains, shorter transport routes, lower emissions and faster delivery times. When selecting suppliers, we consider economic criteria such as quality, price and availability as well as aspects such as safety, environmental protection and short transport routes. Most upstream supply chain companies are based in the EU, the USA or Canada, so the strict national guidelines and laws in relation to labour and human rights are complied with. With a compliance screening check, we ensure that legal requirements are fulfilled and dubious business contacts are rejected.



## PROCESS MANAGEMENT (5 – 10)

### 5 RESPONSIBILITY

*Accountability within corporate management with regard to sustainability is disclosed.*

The overall responsibility for sustainability rests with the Executive Board of Eckert & Ziegler AG. Sustainability issues are also the subject of the Executive Board and Supervisory Board meetings.

### 6 RULES AND PROCESSES

*The company discloses how the sustainability strategy is implemented in the operational business by way of rules and processes.*

Sustainability is an essential objective of our quality policy, which is anchored in the company through a QM system. All procedures and processes are regulated by and implemented on the basis of this QM system. It is part of the corporate culture that every employee acts independently and responsibly in the interests of the company. This includes environmental, social and economic action in accordance with sustainable principles. The involvement of all employees is the key success factor of the company's sustainability strategy. Sustainability aspects are regularly discussed in Executive Board and Supervisory Board.

The Corporate Communications department is responsible for the preparation of the sustainability report. The sustainability report was reviewed and approved by the Supervisory Board.

### 7 CONTROL

*The company states how and what performance indicators related to sustainability are integrated into its periodical internal planning and control processes. It discloses how suitable processes ensure reliability, comparability and consistency of the data used for internal management and external communication.*

Due to our sustainable business model, many regulations and processes that secure the company's success already contribute to the implementation of sustainability [DIN EN ISO 9001:2015; DIN EN ISO 13485:2021; ISO/IEC 17025:2018; cGMP; PMD Act, among others]

The Code of Conduct and a related compliance management system provide employees with a guideline for compliant decisions in their daily work. All employees receive annual compliance training. This is meant to ensure that responsible behavior is permanently anchored in the thinking and actions of employees. With the advance of digitalization, the protection of internal data is also becoming increasingly important. Annual training of all employees on the subject of cyber security is therefore an essential part of our IT security.



## 8 INCENTIVE SCHEMES

*The company discloses how target agreements and remuneration schemes for executives and employees are also geared towards the achievement of sustainability goals and how they are aligned with long-term value creation. It discloses the extent to which the achievement of these goals forms part of the evaluation of the top managerial level (board/managing directors) conducted by the monitoring body (supervisory board/advisory board).*

The Executive Board remuneration structure is oriented toward providing an incentive for long-term successful and sustainable corporate development. Executive Board contracts were either amended or, in the case of new versions, drawn up according to the provisions of the German Act on the Appropriateness of Management Board Compensation (Gesetz zur Angemessenheit der Vorstandsvergütung, VorstAG).

Therefore, it is a significant aspect of the remuneration structure to agree on variable compensation components with a multi-year measurement basis in addition to fixed compensation components. This combination ensures that remuneration of the Members of the Executive Board appropriately reflects both positive and negative developments. The Supervisory Board determines the total remuneration of the individual Members of the Executive Board as well as the remuneration structure for a period of several years and performs regular reviews.

The area of responsibility and the individual performance of the respective Member of the Executive Board are of particular importance when it comes to specifying total remuneration and splitting remuneration between various components. The financial position, success and future outlook of the company are also included in this evaluation.

Violations of compliance rules and guidelines applicable throughout the Group from previous periods can also retroactively reduce current bonuses. On the one hand, this is intended to emphasize the importance of compliance within the Eckert & Ziegler Group. On the other hand, in the interests of sustainable development, the Group's reputation is to be strengthened through a contemporary, value-based corporate culture.

Ultimately, remuneration should be attractive and appropriate compared to competitors and within the context of the remuneration structure at Eckert & Ziegler, both with regard to upper management and the workforce. For further information, please refer to the remuneration report in the annual financial statements.

Executives and employees who assume additional responsibilities within our companies beyond their actual activities receive, among other things, additional incentives such as function allowances or rewards or bonus systems.

Regular discussions are held between executives and employees in order to secure the long-term success of the Eckert & Ziegler Group. These include target-setting discussions that take place at least once a year, as well as situational discussions and consultations that arise from day-to-day business.

In the annual, structured appraisal interview, various topics are addressed:

- Target agreements: What objectives were achieved in the previous year and with which objectives for the coming year can the employee contribute to the company's success?
- Performance assessment: How did the employee achieve their objectives and complete their tasks?
- Skills assessment: How did the employee fulfil the requirements set for them? What are their strengths and where is there still development potential?
- Conduct assessment: How does the exchange with the supervisor, with colleagues and external contacts take place?
- Development perspectives: How successfully were the training courses conducted in the previous year? What development opportunities does the employee want and what further development is necessary from the perspective of the company? Which training courses are planned for the coming year?



## 9 STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

*The company discloses how the socially and economically relevant stakeholders are identified and integrated into the sustainability process. It states whether and how an ongoing dialogue takes place with them and how the results are integrated into the sustainability process.*

Eckert & Ziegler AG's stakeholders include customers, suppliers, employees, shareholders, supervisory authorities, the media, national and international expert committees, standardisation committees, citizens' initiatives and the general public. The company is in regular exchange with them all. Eckert & Ziegler AG sees the dialogue as a continuous process in order to put its actions and plans to the test over and over again and, if necessary, introduce changes. Clarity, openness and continuity are crucial factors in learning from each other and developing, but also in creating understanding and building as well as maintaining trust.

## 10 INNOVATION AND PRODUCT MANAGEMENT

*The company discloses how innovations in products and services are enhanced through suitable processes which improve sustainability with respect to the company's utilisation of resources and with regard to users. Likewise, a further statement is made with regard to if and how the current and future impact of the key products and services in the value chain and in the product life cycle are assessed.*

The extent to which a general innovation orientation characterises Eckert & Ziegler is illustrated by the fact that in 2023 the innovation rate was 7%. This key figure tells us that the percentage of revenue which was achieved from products added to the Group's portfolio within the last two years.

When we develop products and services, on the one hand we pay attention to international requirements and, on the other hand, have to keep an eye on individual market requirements and find country-specific solutions. At the same time, the following applies to all our products: They must be safe for people and the environment and meet the highest quality standards. The quality management systems mentioned under point 7 ensure safe processes and reliable products.

At the end of their lifetime, we ensure the professional separation and the proper disposal of our products. By taking back used radiation sources and processing them for new products, valuable resources can be returned to the recycling cycle, thereby making a further contribution to environmental protection. This recycling is extremely useful for all parties involved and helps conserve resources.

There are currently no fixed processes at Eckert & Ziegler for improving sustainability with innovations in products and services when it comes to its own use of resources and sustainability with users. However, we have set ourselves the long-term objective of strengthening our sustainability management and innovative capability through appropriate measures.



## ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS (11 – 13)

### 11 USAGE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

*The company discloses the extent to which natural resources are used for the company's business activities. Possible options here are materials, the input and output of water, soil, waste, energy, land and biodiversity as well as emissions for the life cycles of products and services.*

The Eckert & Ziegler Group is considered to be part of the metalworking or chemical and pharmaceutical industries. Like all industrial companies, it is subject to comprehensive rules and regulations that include guidelines on environmental impact. These rules and regulations often prescribe both limits on emissions as well as their monitoring. In most cases, the regulations are formulated in such a way that the measurements for complying with the threshold values are carried out by independent third parties or at least monitored by the supervisory authority. The quality of the data can therefore be classified as very high. In the period under review, there were no incidents that led to threshold values being exceeded. Furthermore, no significant deviations from requirements were recorded in the period under review in terms of the quality management system (DIN EN ISO 9001:2015; DIN EN ISO 13485:2021; ISO/IEC 17025:2018; MDSAP; cGMP; PMD Act etc.).

In addition, a separate report for environmental monitoring is published every year for the production site in Braunschweig. The report is available here: [http://www.ezag.com/de/startseite/presse/weitere\\_publikationen/](http://www.ezag.com/de/startseite/presse/weitere_publikationen/)

By taking back used sources and processing them for new products, Eckert & Ziegler is making an additional contribution to environmental conservation. This recycling is extremely useful for all parties involved and helps conserve resources. In order to reduce energy costs, Eckert & Ziegler invested million of Euros in energy-saving production techniques for raw materials years ago. Today, the Group is in a position to produce its raw materials with one thousandth of the previous energy input.

### 12 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

*The company discloses what qualitative and quantitative goals it has set itself with regard to its resource efficiency, in particular its use of renewables, the increase in raw material productivity and the reduction in the usage of ecosystem services, which measures and strategies it is pursuing to this end, how these are or will be achieved, and where it sees there to be risks.*

In 2023, a new energy audit was prepared for the German subsidiaries of Eckert & Ziegler in accordance with DIN EN 16247-1 on a regular basis. An actual recording of the energy consumption (electricity, gas, heat, fuel) within the company was determined and potential savings were shown. In analysing the energy consumption, all subsidiaries could be grouped into the category with the lowest possible savings. In particular, auditors certified a high energy efficiency for the building of the Group headquarters in Berlin-Buch with only a low savings potential. The recommendations made after the analysis to increase energy efficiency at the remaining company locations will be examined and successively implemented as far as possible.

The new building for the Chinese production facility in Jintan is fitted with thermal insulation that exceeds the national standard. The Group head-quarters in Berlin-Buch, which we moved into in 2012, also fulfils a large number of sustainable construction and operating criteria, such as: Improved insulation standards for the building envelope; district heating generated by combined heat and power; solar water heating for service water; solar-fed power from a photovoltaic system; and ventilation system with highly efficient heat recovery. Thanks to these measures, the building's calculated specific primary energy consumption of 154 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>a is 25% lower than required by the strict conditions set forth in the Energy Conservation Regulation (Energieeinsparungsverordnung – EnEV).



In addition, the garden architecture of the approximately 8,000 m<sup>2</sup> of outdoor facilities next to the corporate headquarters in Berlin-Buch has been designed with sustainability in mind. In addition to a representative area, there is a wild garden (Barnim garden) with high biodiversity, a location-adapted wild seeds area, dry grasslands, deadwood, infiltration troughs, small hills, herbaceous wild plants, and a meeting space for employees. Here, in addition to existing plants, species were selected that are native to the Barnim Nature Park. The Barnimer Wildgarten is characterised by its biodiversity and is a self-sufficient habitat for a variety of plant and animal species. It is a sanctuary for crop and medicinal plants and has a wetland habitat with its infiltration troughs. In order to counteract light pollution, lighting was dispensed with in the centre of the wild garden; in the remaining parts of the outdoor area the light is dimmed down from 10 pm. The small wooden bridges are made of Hungarian robinia; the use of tropical woods was deliberately omitted. Water-bound path covers with vegetable-based binders and a rain-permeable artificial resin area ensure a low degree of sealing throughout the garden. Irrigation takes place via a sprinkler system fed with groundwater (well).

In order to increase raw material productivity, professional recycling of used sources takes place at several company locations. This includes, for example, the recycling of ionisation smoke detectors. For the sustainable reuse of the radionuclides contained therein, smoke detectors are received throughout Europe, the materials used are separated and the contamination-free residual materials are returned to the economic cycle. The radionuclide is chemically recovered and used in the production process for new industrial sources. So far around 8 million radiation sources from ionisation smoke detectors have already been recycled.

Also with americium and americium beryllium sources, at the end of the product life cycle there is a reuse of the residual activity. Thanks to professional recycling, this feeds directly into the production process of new sources. On average, 20% of the activity of the new sources consists of processed old sources. For radiation sources for blood irradiation equipment, the recycling rate in the reporting period was even just under 75%. In the case of radiation sources used in devices for blood irradiation and research purposes, the recycling rate in the reporting period was even around 80%.

Packaging material is also recycled. At our US sites alone, around 700 m<sup>3</sup> of cardboard are recycled each year. When it comes to lead, it is around 30 tonnes per year. Lead shields are used for shipping sources.

Our Dresden and Burbank facilities made large investments and dedicated new floor space for the recycling of used medical isotopes. The recycled material will be used in sealed sources used to calibrate Nuclear Medicine diagnostic machines. The waste streams for these isotopes will be reduced by 70%.

The facility for recycling in California is now in operation and the recycled isotope has been fully qualified for all medical calibration products. The facility in Dresden is complete and has begun processing together these two facilities are providing 30% of our raw isotope used in the production of medical sealed sources.

To avoid paper, we are increasingly relying on a paperless office and expanding the digitization of administrative processes.



## 13 CLIMATE-RELEVANT EMISSIONS

*The company discloses the GHG emissions in accordance with the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Protocol or standards based on it and states the goals it has set itself to reduce emissions, as well as its results thus far.*

In 2023, a new energy audit was prepared for the German subsidiaries of Eckert & Ziegler in accordance with DIN EN 16247-1 on a regular basis. An actual recording of the energy consumption (electricity, gas, heat, fuel) within the company was determined and potential savings were shown. In analysing the energy consumption, all subsidiaries could be grouped into the category with the lowest possible savings. In particular, auditors certified a high energy efficiency for the building of the Group headquarters in Berlin-Buch with only a low savings potential. The recommendations made after the analysis to increase energy efficiency at the remaining company locations will be examined and successively implemented as far as possible. To save energy, the largest production sites were converted to LED lighting across the board. This saved around 75% of the energy costs for lighting.

A large part of the premises is rented. We are in contact with the building management in order to make more use of regenerative energy and to select energy suppliers according to these criteria.

We focus on energy-saving design and construction for our own new buildings and renovations. The new building of the Chinese manufacturing plant in Jintan is equipped with thermal insulation that exceeds the national standard. The Group headquarters in Berlin-Buch, which we moved into in 2012, also fulfils a large number of sustainable construction and operating criteria, such as: Improved insulation standards for the building envelope; district heating generated by combined heat and power; solar water heating for service water; energy-efficient lighting systems with sensor technology; solar-fed power from a photovoltaic system; and ventilation system with highly efficient heat recovery. Thanks to these measures, the building's calculated specific primary energy consumption of 154 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>a is 25% lower than required by the strict conditions set forth in the Energy Conservation Regulation (Energieeinsparungsverordnung – EnEV).

### Climate neutral

The group processes only relatively small masses in its products and is therefore already considered a low emitter of carbon dioxide in principle. Due to the short half-lives, the transport routes must also be kept short, regardless of the costs. Unnecessary back and forth journeys are eliminated. Above all, however, all energy-intensive raw materials are produced in a climate-neutral way, since Eckert & Ziegler essentially obtains its starting materials from operators of nuclear reactors. The raw material germanium-68, the starting product for our gallium generators, is produced in nuclear reactors, as is the iodine-125 for our prostate cancer implants. Even in countries where the carbon dioxide issue receives less attention, our suppliers naturally use their own reactors to generate electricity. The Executive Board is therefore convinced that Eckert & Ziegler is one of the most climate-friendly companies in the chemical-pharmaceutical industry, if one considers the entire value chain.

A large number of Eckert & Ziegler company locations are easily accessible by public transportation. There is a large bicycle cellar available at the company headquarters in Berlin-Buch. Employees are therefore encouraged to cycle to work during the warmer months. For the ride from the S-Bahn station to the company headquarters in Berlin-Buch employees have access to around 50 rental bikes, which can be used free of charge during the first 30 minutes. In order to make public transportation even more attractive for employees, Eckert & Ziegler is currently looking into connecting to the so-called Jelbi network at its headquarters in Berlin-Buch, which links public transportation with other mobility providers like bicycles or scooters. Employees who frequently travel receive a BahnCard, which they are also allowed to use privately.

A charging station for electric vehicles was set up at the company's headquarters in Berlin-Buch in 2020. Three more charging stations were added in 2022. This will give all employees the opportunity to charge their electric cars with electricity. Since 2022, free charging facilities have been provided at the Berlin-Buch site for employees' electric bicycles.



**SOCIETY (14 – 20)****EMPLOYEE-RELATED MATTERS (14 – 16)**

## 14 EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

*The company reports on how it complies with nationally and internationally recognised standards relating to employee rights as well as on how it fosters staff involvement in the company and in sustainability management, what goals it has set itself in this regard.*

Our employees and their development are at the heart of the companies of the Eckert & Ziegler Group, because only with motivated and qualified employees can the tasks of our various companies be carried out at a high quality while considering the increasing regulatory and legal requirements as well as changing customer needs.

As an international company, we live diversity and place great value on appreciative communication as an important component of our corporate culture. It also means that we of course comply with all labour and co-determination laws and regulations as well as the data protection laws and regulation of the respective countries and maintain regular, constructive and trusting dialogue with the relevant committees. We have committed ourselves to this in our transnational Code of Conduct. In addition, binding standards for all employees are contained in a large number of works agreements of the Group companies.

## 15 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

*The company discloses in what way it has implemented national and international processes and what goals it has for the promotion of equal opportunities and diversity, occupational health and safety, participation rights, the integration of migrants and people with disabilities, fair pay as well as a work-life balance and how it will achieve these.*

The legal requirements applicable to us for the promotion of equal opportunities and diversity, occupational health and safety, the integration of migrants and people with disabilities, fair pay as well as a work-life balance, are considered essential at all of our sites.

We offer attractive work time models with flexible daily and weekly working hours, generous core and frame working hours, and part-time models, each tailored to the individual needs of the employees. This ensures the good integration of childcare in professional life.

Furthermore we offer mobile working to all employees whose jobs are suitable for it, in order to take account of the respective personal situation and create the greatest possible flexibility and employee satisfaction.

Depending on the type of activity, a fixed salary system or a system consisting of a fixed and a variable component is used. Since we operate in different locations worldwide and within Germany, the remuneration is in principle based on local conditions and set standards. In addition, there are various bonus systems and company agreements for participation in the company's success. In order to give our employees a direct stake in the company's success and at the same time support the accumulation of assets, we launched an employee share purchase program (ESPP) on 1 January 2023, which we will continue in 2024. The employee share program is currently only offered in Germany and will possibly be extended to other Group companies abroad after a pilot phase.

Long-standing and experienced employees are the solid basis of our company. For this reason, Eckert & Ziegler expresses its thanks with additional benefits on the occasion of company anniversaries. This can be e.g. special payments or additional holidays.



Active and healthy employees are in turn the basis of our performance and competitiveness. Both the employer and the employee have a duty to take care of their health. As an employer, we provide health-promoting operational structures and processes (for example, through appropriate leadership skills, ergonomic workplaces, fitness training courses and operational health management with, for example, topic-specific health days in cooperation with the Techniker Krankenkasse health insurance company).

Employees of various nationalities work in our global companies and contribute to the cultural diversity of the Eckert & Ziegler Group. Within the individual segments, the companies network with each other via modern communication solutions, in order to promote effective cooperation, to exchange know-how and resources, independent of the location, the organisational unit or the hierarchy level, and therefore be able to compete effectively.

The Eckert & Ziegler Group respects and protects the rights of its employees. The focus here is on maintaining high standards for a safe and healthy work environment and fair working conditions. We do not tolerate any discrimination of employees based on skin colour, gender, age, nationality or religion, social background, disability or sexual orientation. This applies to hiring employees, existing employment relationships and career advancement. Only performance, personality, skills and aptitude are decisive for this. New employees are informed on the issue of equal treatment pursuant to the German General Equal Treatment Act (Allgemeines Gleichbehandlungsgesetz; AGG) as early as the recruitment process and are referred to our principles as part of their induction.

Violations of any kind can be reported internally to the Compliance Officer as well as to an externally appointed body (anonymously) as part of our compliance organisation. In the period under review, there were no discrimination incidents.

### **Occupational safety**

Protecting our employees from occupational risks has top priority at Eckert & Ziegler. Although companies with industrial use of ionizing radiation or radionuclides have the lowest hazard class of all branches of the chemical industry at 0.58 (source: BG RCI, Annual Report 2022), Eckert & Ziegler would still like to further reduce the accident figures, which are very low compared with other industrial companies. The company is working on this together with the responsible authorities and the employers' liability insurance associations. In the year under review, the number of occupational accidents throughout the Group was 3 per 1,000 fulltime employees (previous year: 5), well below comparable values, which the German Employers' Liability Insurance Association for Energy, Textiles, Electrical and Media Products (BG ETEM), for example, sees at around 16 occupational accidents per 1,000 fulltime employees according to its annual report for Germany and the year 2022. According to its 2022 annual report, the comparable figure for the German Employers' Liability Insurance Association for the Raw Materials and Chemical Industry (BG RCI) is around 17. In the area of radiation protection, there were one significant incident (previous year: 3) throughout the Group in the reporting year in accordance with the Radiation Protection Ordinance. The significant incidents in the reporting period and in previous years were merely deviations from normal operating procedures. None of the incidents was safety-relevant.



## Occupational accidents and significant incidents

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
<b>occupational accidents (in absolute values)</b>											
reportable occupational accidents	3	5	3	4	5	5	7	2	3	5	3
reportable commuting accidents	7	2	5	6	1	4	0	3	4	2	4
<b>occupational accidents (per 1,000 employees)</b>											
reportable occupational accidents	2.9	5.3	3.6	6.4	6.3	6.7	9.1	3.0	4.3	9.8	5.2
reportable commuting accidents	6.7	2.1	5.9	7.7	1.3	5.4	0	4.5	5.8	2.8	6.9
<b>radiation protection</b>											
significant incidents *	1	3	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

\* reportable events in accordance with the Radiation Protection Ordinance or special requirements of the respective licensing notices.  
The significant incidents in the past years were merely deviations from normal operating procedures. None of the incidents was relevant to safety.

An evaluation of the workplaces in the context of risk assessments as well as a network of qualified occupational safety officers ensures that all employees are made aware through regular training and possible risks are identified and remedied during workplace inspections and audits.

As part of the mental risk assessment, a professionally accompanied employee survey with subsequent workshops was conducted with employee participation. The proposals for preventive measures jointly developed in this context have been implemented, i.e. through management training courses. In 2022, a professionally supervised evaluation of the measures from the mental risk assessment was planned in order to judge the effectiveness of the measures taken. Due to the aftermath of the COVID-19 situation, this evaluation had to be delayed. In order to also take into account the effects of COVID-19 on the mental health risk situation, the mental health risk assessment is to be carried out again in 2024. In addition, the topics occupational safety and radiation protection are taught online via a training software. The answering of test questions at the end of each training session serves to check the understanding of the content covered. The final meeting with the supervisor in the annual appraisal interview completes the instruction of the employee. In line with their specific requirements, the companies and locations are also developing suitable improvement tools.

## 16 QUALIFICATIONS

*The company discloses what goals it has taken to promote the employability of all employees, i.e. the ability of all employees to participate in the working and professional world, and in view of adapting to demographic change, and where risks are seen.*

The sustainable competence assurance of our employees is an important concern of the Eckert & Ziegler Group. In addition to the numerous legally prescribed training measures, individual further development and qualification options are therefore also discussed in annual employee appraisals, documented and, if possible, promptly implemented. As an employer, we also support private continued education initiatives by individually coordinating with the employee, to what extent, for example, financial support can be granted or new opportunities can arise within the company or group of companies.



Our personnel and succession planning is geared to attracting executives from within our own ranks and preparing them for the new tasks as part of individual development plans, both through internal and external measures.

In addition, the Eckert & Ziegler Group is always interested in recruiting new talents on the job market and is also focusing on the training of junior staff. For example, we offer high school graduates the opportunity to complete a 2.5-year apprenticeship to become an industrial clerk as well as an apprenticeship as an IT specialist for system integration. Since 2022, we have also been training chemical laboratory assistants in cooperation with the Berufsbildungszentrum Chemie (bbz) and mechatronics engineers in cooperation with the ABB training center. In doing so, we endeavour to offer all apprentices a job after passing the exam and to keep their skills within the company.

In order to make the training in our companies even more attractive, to ease the transition of trainees into the working environment and to strengthen the employer brand of Eckert & Ziegler, we reduced the number of hours per week for our trainees from 40 to 35. This has also contributed to the fact that we have obtained the seal for excellent training quality of the IHK Berlin for the third time in a row. Besides that, we offer trainees who have successfully completed their training and the corresponding final grade, a minimum six-month employment guarantee.

## 17 HUMAN RIGHTS

*The company discloses what measures it takes, strategies it pursues and targets it sets for itself and for the supply chain for ensuring that human rights are respected globally and that forced and child labour as well as all forms of exploitation are prevented. Information also be provided on the results of the measures and on any material risks.*

Eckert & Ziegler is committed to the ten principles of the UN Global Compact.

In the period under review, the Eckert & Ziegler Group only produces in Europe and in the USA and according to high industrial standards and in compliance with all applicable laws. In these countries, the likelihood of child labour or the exploitation of labour is negligible. In addition, both our own employees and those of our suppliers require a high degree of specialisation.



## 18 CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP

*The company discloses how it contributes to corporate citizenship in the regions in which it conducts its core business activities.*

At its various locations, Eckert & Ziegler is engaged in projects and initiatives through financial support and the personal commitment of its employees. In this respect, we have set strategic priorities. In particular, the company supports initiatives for education, science, and research, as well as other projects in the region of individual company locations.

Several years ago, Eckert & Ziegler launched the “Forschergarten” project ([www.forschergarten.de](http://www.forschergarten.de)) in cooperation with the Life Science Learning Lab Gläsernes Labor in Berlin-Buch and the Friedrich-Fröbel School for Social Education in order to promote science education among young children. The idea of this initiative is to make science and technology come alive for children in nurseries and schools, reduce their fear of the unknown and enhance the quality of education during early childhood. Due to increased demand, the course range has been enhanced and now includes physics classes. Under the motto “Atoms you can touch,” courses have been offered that aim to convey the basics of radiation to high school students in a practical and visual manner. Among other things, the students are allowed to detect natural radioactivity in everyday objects such as building materials, cigarette ash or fertilizer using a Geiger counter, and gain an insight into the use of radiation in medicine.

Eckert & Ziegler sponsors and donates to a team of American employees who raised donations by taking part in the National Multiple Sclerosis Society’s annual “Walk MS” against multiple sclerosis. The donations will go towards research into fighting the disease, which is still incurable, while those afflicted with the disease will receive financial support. The fundraising campaign has been one of our projects for many years. At our Californian subsidiary, employees also volunteered at a local home for homeless people. We support this voluntary commitment and supplement the donations of our employees.



## ANTI-CORRUPTION AND BRIBERY MATTERS (19 – 20)

### 19 POLITICAL INFLUENCE

*All significant input relating to legislative procedures, all entries in lobby lists, all significant payments of membership fees, all contributions to governments as well as all donations to political parties and politicians should be disclosed by country in a differentiated way.*

The operating subsidiaries of Eckert & Ziegler AG are members of trade and industry associations. By means of these memberships they individually comment on current legislative procedures. This is usually done by writing position papers that are publicly brought into the political discussion.

The trade and industry associations include in particular:

- AAPM (American Association of Physicists in Medicine)
- BDN (Professional Association of German Nuclear Medicine Physicians e. V.)
- BVmed (German Medical Technology Association)
- DGN (German Society of Nuclear Medicine)
- EANM (European Association of Nuclear Medicine)
- HPS (Health Physics Society)
- ISSPA (International Source Suppliers and Producers' Association)
- ISOO (International Society for Ocular Oncology)
- NMEU (Nuclear Medicine Europe)
- OOG (Ophthalmic Oncology Group)
- SNMMI (Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging)
- VBKI (Association of Berlin Merchants and Industrialists e. V.)

In addition, the company does not make any cash contributions nor contributions in kind to e.g. standards committees, political parties, politicians and related institutions. The management rejects any kind of political influence and does not pursue such by supporting any interest organisations.



## 20 CONDUCT THAT COMPLIES WITH THE LAW AND POLICY

*The company discloses which measures, standards, systems and processes are in place to prevent unlawful conduct and, in particular, corruption, how they are verified, which results have been achieved to date and where it sees there to be material risks. The company depicts how corruption and other contraventions in the company are prevented and exposed and what sanctions are imposed.*

The Eckert & Ziegler Group has a Code of Conduct and a related compliance management system which is binding for all employees of the Group and which specifies the focus of particular practical relevance.

The Group conducts its business responsibly and in accordance with the legal and regulatory requirements of the countries in which the company operates. The Group Executive Board is fully committed to the statutory and company-specific regulations on responsible and lawful actions, as well as to the renunciation of any business that conflicts with the principles defined in the Code of Conduct. The Eckert & Ziegler Group respects applicable laws and expects the same from its employees and business partners. The company offers its employees the use of the necessary sources of information and advice in order to avoid violations of laws and regulations. In addition, the Group Compliance Officer is available for questions. Each supervisor organises their area to ensure compliance with these principles, company rules and legal requirements.

Violations of the Code of Conduct can be reported internally, in German or English – even anonymously – or via a designated ombudsman.

In 2022 there were three reports of alleged irregular conducts or inquiries about procedures. However, the reported incidents were of minor relevance.



## EFFAS PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF FINANCIAL ANALYSTS SOCIETIES)

### Performance indicators for criteria 5 to 7

Key Performance Indicator EFFAS S06 – 01

Percentage of total suppliers and supply chain partners screened for compliance in accordance with ESG-criteria.

*Currently, our suppliers are not assessed for their compliance with ESG-criteria.*

### Performance indicators for criterion 10

Key Performance Indicator EFFAS E13 – 01

Improvement rate of product energy efficiency compared to previous year.

*Statistical data on the energy efficiency of our products is currently not collected because radioactive components do not consume energy.*

Key Performance Indicator EFFAS V04 – 12

Total investments in research on ESG relevant aspects of business as defined by company such as e.g. eco-design, eco-efficient production processes, decreasing impact on biodiversity, improving health and safety conditions of employees or supply chain partners, consulting on integration of ESG aspects in change management, development of products to exploit ESG opportunities etc. in monetary terms, i.e. currency as a percentage of revenue.

*The investments (CapEx) determined in accordance with the EU taxonomy for the climate-related environmental targets, based on all taxonomy-eligible activities, amounted to approximately € 2,855,900 in Fiscal Year 2023.*

### Performance indicators for criteria 11 to 12

Key Performance Indicator EFFAS E04 – 01

Total waste in tonnes.

*Currently, the total weight for radioactive waste generated in production is not collected since this key performance indicator cannot be depicted correctly, due to e.g. the use of shielding components (lead).*

Key Performance Indicator EFFAS E05 – 01

Percentage of total waste which is recycled.

*This indicator has not been collected so far. For explanations, see Chapter 12 Resource Management.*

Key Performance Indicator EFFAS E01 – 01

Energy consumption, total.

*As part of the last valid, in December 2023 created energy audit report based on DIN EN 16247-1, the following total energy consumption was calculated for the 2022 fiscal year at the German sites in Berlin, Braunschweig, Dresden, Leipzig, Düsseldorf and Würzburg: around 7 GWh/a.*

### Performance indicators for criterion 13

Key Performance Indicator EFFAS E02 – 01

GHG emissions, total (Scope 1, 2, 3).

*The total value of GHG emissions has not been collected thus far due to the large number of branches and the associated high effort that would need to be expended.*



## Performance indicators for criteria 14 to 16

Key Performance Indicator EFFAS S03 – 01

Age structure/distribution (number of FTEs per age group, 10-year intervals).

<i>Employees (FTE, Full Time Equivalent),</i>	<i>Employees (FTE),</i>
<i>who work full-time:</i>	<i>who do not work full-time:</i>
<i>aged &lt; 20 years: 6</i>	<i>aged &lt; 20 years: 2</i>
<i>aged 20 – 29 years: 127</i>	<i>aged 20 – 29 years: 16</i>
<i>aged 30 – 39 years: 233</i>	<i>aged 30 – 39 years: 46</i>
<i>aged 40 – 49 years: 229</i>	<i>aged 40 – 49 years: 56</i>
<i>aged 50 – 59 years: 183</i>	<i>aged 50 – 59 years: 30</i>
<i>aged &gt; 60 years: 99</i>	<i>aged &gt; 60 years: 28</i>

Key Performance Indicator EFFAS S10 – 01

Percentage of female employees in relation to total employees.

*39% of the FTEs in the total workforce are female.*

Key Performance Indicator EFFAS S10 – 02

Percentage of female FTEs in senior positions in relation to total FTEs in senior positions.

*In fiscal year 2023, a total of 140 FTEs were employed in management positions; 45 of them were female.*

*This corresponds to a share of 32 percent*

Key Performance Indicator EFFAS S02 – 02

Average expenses on training per FTE p.a.

*€ 536 per FTE (previous year: 487)*

## Performance indicators for criterion 17

Key Performance Indicator EFFAS S07 – 02 II

Percentage of total facilities certificated according to SA 8000 standard.

*Our biggest production sites, which are located exclusively in Europe and the USA, are not certified in accordance with SA 8000. They are each subject to a number of national social standards governing employees' working conditions, such as the Occupational Safety Act, General Equal Treatment Act, Basic Law, Child Protection Act, and many more.*

## Performance indicators for criterion 19

Key Performance Indicator EFFAS G01 – 01

Contributions to political parties as a percentage of total revenues.

*< € 0.5 million for litigation in connection with supply relationships with a competitor.*

## Performance indicators for criterion 20

Key Performance Indicator EFFAS V01 – 01

Expenses and fines on filings, law suits related to anti-competitive behaviour, anti-trust and monopoly practices.

*None*

Key Performance Indicator EFFAS V02 – 01

Percentage of revenues in regions with Transparency International corruption index below 60.

*In countries with a Transparency International Corruption Index lower than 60, the Eckert & Ziegler Group generated sales of € 46,4 Mio. in the 2023 fiscal year (previous year: 43,2). This corresponds to a share of about 19% (previous year: 19%) of total sales.*



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