Philips' ESG commitments

In September 2020, Philips reinforced its commitments as a purpose-driven company with the announcement of an enhanced and fully integrated approach to doing business responsibly and sustainably. Philips' framework comprises a comprehensive set of commitments across all the Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) dimensions that guide execution of the company’s strategy. It includes ambitious targets and detailed plans of action.

As a leading health technology company today, our purpose is to improve people’s health and well-being through meaningful innovation, positively impacting 2.5 billion lives per year by 2030. We aim to grow Philips responsibly and sustainably, and we therefore continuously set ourselves challenging environmental and social targets, and highest standards of governance. Acting responsibly towards the planet and society is part of our DNA. We believe that this is the best way for us to create superior, long-term value for Philips’ multiple stakeholders.
Our key ESG commitments

Environmental
We act responsibly towards our planet in line with UN SDGs 12 and 13.

- We will maintain carbon neutrality and use 75% renewable energy in our operations by 2025. We will reduce CO₂ emissions in our entire value chain in line with a 1.5 °C global warming scenario (based on Science Based Targets).
- We will generate 25% of our revenue from products, services and solutions contributing to circularity, and offer responsible take-back on all professional medical equipment by 2025.
- We will embed circular practices at our sites and put zero waste to landfill by 2025.
- We will design all new product introductions in line with our EcoDesign requirements by 2025, with ‘EcoHeroes’ accounting for 25% of hardware revenues.
- We work with our suppliers to reduce the environmental footprint of our supply chain in line with a 1.5 °C global warming scenario (based on Science Based Targets).
- We engage with our stakeholders and other companies to drive sustainability efforts addressing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Social
Our purpose is to improve people’s health and well-being through meaningful innovation, in line with UN SDG 3. We act responsibly towards society and partner with our stakeholders.

- We aim to improve the health and well-being of 2 billion people per year by 2025, including 300 million people in underserved communities.
- It is our strategy to lead with innovative solutions along the health continuum – helping our customers deliver better health outcomes, a better experience for patients and staff, lower cost of care, and helping people take better care of their health.
- We aim to be the best place to work for our employees, providing opportunities for learning and development, embracing diversity and inclusion, and assuring a safe and healthy work environment. We pay at least a living wage and aim for employee engagement above the high-performance norm.
- Through our supplier development program we will improve the lives of 1,000,000 workers in our supply chain by 2025.
- We actively engage with and support the communities in which we operate, e.g. through volunteering, internships, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) initiatives.
- We contribute to the Philips Foundation, an independent foundation (stichting) organized under Dutch law, which aims to provide access to quality healthcare for disadvantaged communities.
- We consider our tax payments as a contribution to the communities in which we operate, as part of our social value creation.

Governance
We aim to deliver superior long-term value for our customers and shareholders, and we live up to the highest standards of ethics and governance in our culture and practices.

- Our management structure and governance combines responsible leadership and independent supervision.
- Our integrated operating model defines how we work together to delight our customers and achieve our company goals, leveraging our global scale and capabilities.
- We are committed to delivering the highest-quality products, services and solutions compliant with all applicable laws and standards.
- Our remuneration policy is designed to encourage employees to deliver on our purpose and strategy and create stakeholder value, and to motivate and retain them. Our executive long-term incentive plan includes environmental and social commitments.
- We ensure ethical behavior through our General Business Principles, with a strong compliance and reporting framework.
- Our risk management is designed to provide reasonable assurance that strategic and operational objectives are met, legal requirements complied with, and the integrity of the company’s reporting and related disclosures safeguarded.
- We are transparent about our plans, activities, results and contributions to society (e.g. Country activity and Tax report), and engage with shareholders, customers, business partners, governments and regulators through a variety of platforms.