



**Boxon Group** 

# **Sustainability Report**

2022

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Management approach

- Materiality
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## Reader guide for this report

The aim of this sustainability report is to give a clear understanding of Boxons sustainability engagement and the result of our efforts in the past year. After an introduction, we will give detailed information about how we work with sustainability in three strategic focus areas: Sustainable packaging, Circular & Climate neutral and Fair & Equal. This sustainability report is written in reference to Global Reporting Initiative (GRI). We have a final section with a GRI Index and GRI Appendix with more detailed information.

#### Statement on report content and topic boundaries

The report relates to the activities of Boxon Group AB, where all majority-owned subsidiaries' activities and figures are included in the scope of the present document. During 2022, Boxon Group acquired additional shares in the former associated company Boxon Oy Finland, which as of July 1, 2022, is a wholly owned subsidary. As this company has not been part of Boxon Group for a full reporting year, GRI 300 is excluded.

We have also acquired 49,5% of Boxes & Labels International AB in 2021, which means that this entity in included for the first time in the report. As Boxon owns 61,5% in Båfi Pac AB and 49,5% in Boxes & Labels International AB, the  $CO_2$ e from these has been calculated based on owner-shares.

#### Statement on COP



This report represents the Communication on Progress for Boxon Group AB with reference to 2022. Boxon's Communication on Progress on the ten principles of the UN Global Compact can be found in the Appendix.

#### Statement on statutory reporting + GRI

Reporting period, frequency and contact point Reporting period: January 20220101 to December 20221231 Reporting frequency: annual

#### **External examination**

This report is subject to examination by the Boxon Group appointed company Auditor from Mazars Sweden. The corresponding Auditor's report is attached at the end of this document.

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# **Boxon in brief**

established

1932

305 employees

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countries



Sweden
Germany
France
Denmark
Norway
Finland
China

Boxon Group Turnover 1892 193 KSEK

#### **About us**

We are a packaging partner who adds value to our customers through innovative and sustainable solutions.

#### Our offer...

is based on four elements; Packaging Solutions, Labels & Traceability, Machines & Equipment and Services.

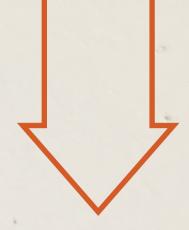
12000 customers

3000 articles

500 deliveries per day

10 distribution centers

245 suppliers



#### **Timeline**

# The history of Boxon

# •1930-1940

Olof Andersson sells his box manufacturing company Ramlösa Lådfabrik to Arvid Jonasson. Ernst Johansson joins as a partner.

# ·1950-1960

Ernst Johansson becomes the sole owner in 1956. At the dawn of the 1960s, Helsingborgs Emballage has a turnover of approximately SEK 1 million. Ten years later the company is making ten times that amount.

### 1965

Corrugated cardboard starts to enter the market and the company starts wholeselling craft paper, paper bags, paper towels and twine.

## 1969

Ernst Johansson hands over the CEO position to his son Ingemar Yllfors.

# 1989-1995

The company moves to new premises at Grustagsgatan in Helsingborg. In 1995, the company introduces a new business area organization and is established in Germany.

### 1997-1998

Ingmar Yllfors retires and his son Anders takes over the CEO position. In 1998 the company gets its new name and identity "Boxon".

# •2000-

Boxon expands in several cities in the Nordics and in 2011 Boxon is established in China. In 2014, the company launches a webshop for more digitally oriented customers.

# 2022

Boxon turns ninety and faces the future stronger than ever.

# Sustainability Highlights 2022

# **Committed to Science Based Targets**

With science-based targets we can accelerate our efforts and contribute to a low carbon economy. Our absolute CO₂e targets for 2030 and net zero target for 2040 has been approved by the Science Based Target Initiative. (page 14)

100% circular and renewable with Eco-fill

One of Boxon's co-workers figured out how to reuse old cardboard packaging material for new packging filling - and Eco-fill was born. Eco-fill, and other type of paper packaging filling, makes it possible to switch from foam packaging chips or bubble plastic. (page 18)

#### **Environmental traceability**

We show share of recycled material, FSC certification, CO₂e per product and if the products fulfils the criteria for more sustainable product. (page 18)

Installation of solar cells

During the autumn, Boxon took the first step towards producing our own renewable energy by installing 2413 square meters solar cells on our warehouse in Helsingborg, which is estimated to reduce CO<sub>2</sub>e from energy with 8-12%. (page 23)

Transition to electric cars

Boxon has taken a decision to switch all company cars to electric- or hybrid cars. At the end of 2022, 36% of all vehicles had been changed. In early spring this rate will reach 60%. (page 23)

# Rated top 5% in sustainability management by EcoVadis

Boxon has been awarded Gold by independent sustainability rating provider EcoVadis. This means we are acknowledged to be among the top 5% companies globally in sustainability management. EcoVadis annually



# More sustainable products (page 17)

At Boxon we have an ambition to make it easy for our customers to choose more sustainable packaging solution. Therefore we have introduced an assortment of more sustainable products,





- Products made of min 80% postconsumers recycled plastics (PCR)
- FSC certified renewable materials
- Easily accessible in our webshop



evaluates 100,000 companies from over 200 industries and 175 countries. (page 29)

# Accelerate Target Gender Equality

Gender equality is a business priority for Boxon and in 2022 we participated in the UN Global Compact accelerator for Target Gender Equality. This has supported us in defining the long-term agenda for gender balance. (page 30)



## Intention agreement for Carbon Capture Storage

Boxon is excited about the signed intention agreement with Öresundskraft for Carbon Capture Storage (CCS), in the planned CCS facility in Helsingborg, Sweden. CCS is considered as complement to other emission-reducing initiatives.

# CEO and CSO Statement

# Steady progress towards our long-term commitments

2022 was a year of both challenges and important actions in meeting our long-term sustainability agenda. We continued to feel the effects of the pandemic, but still made great efforts in supporting our customers with sustainable packaging solutions − all while decreasing our CO₂e with 21%. We would like to thank all colleagues, customers, suppliers and partners for their great support and work. As the year is summarized, Boxon Group sales turnover were up 29 % from 2021, surpassing previous highs.

The year has truly been an eventful one for our company. A new sustainability strategy was developed, with three cornerstones:

Sustainable packaging solutions, Climate
& Circular, and Fair & Equal. Our long-term sustainability agenda will be amplified through these cornerstones, and this will be the foundation for Boxon Group roadmap towards reaching our 2030 targets.

#### **Initiatives and achievements**

2022 has also seen several important sustainability initiatives and achievements. You can read about them throughout this report. The most important one is our decision to act against climate change and commit to setting science-based targets and to reach Net Zero by 2040.

#### **Top 5% in sustainability**

As a testiment to all our efforts during the year, Boxon was rated among the top 5% of global companies in sustainability management by EcoVadis, the world's most trusted provider of business sustainability ratings. But we will not stop here.

We continuously revise our plans and raise our level of ambition where possible. Boxon rely on our culture of entrepreneurship and learn as we go – alone or together with customers and partners. There is no time to waste in waiting for the perfect solution.

The collective effort of all Boxon co-workers and partners have set us up for an interesting 2023 – one that is full of opportunities!





**Pia Jeppsson**Chief Executive Officer
and Chief Financial Officer
Boxon Group

(Emphifmass)

**Ann-Sofie Gunnarsson**Chief Sustainability Offficer
Boxon Group

# Our vision, mission and promise

Our vision is to be the most innovate and sustainable packaging company with the best customer experience. The sustainability strategy is grounded on this vision and sustainability is integrated in all strategic focus areas as growth, customers experience, people and

innovation. Our promise is to be the Protector of things, which is not only about protecting through packaging, but also about how we can do this in the most sustainable way for people and the planet.

#### **Our strategy**

#### **Innovation**

Be at the forefront with solutions that add value to our customers and our organisation.

#### **People**

Keep building on our values to create a dynamic and inclusive culture where people can grow.



#### Sustainability

Become circular, climate neutral and inclusive throughout the value chain.

#### Growth

Expand local and global business with our complete offer with focus on international customers.

#### Customer experience

Offer an optimized packaging solution, through a secure and intelligent supply chain.

Our promise

#### **Protector of things**

#### Our vision

To be the most innovative and sustainable packaging company with the best customer experience.

#### Our mission

We are a packaging partner who adds value to our customers through innovative and sustainable solutions.



# **Trend Section**

#### Trends and challenges in the packaging industry



#### From waste to circular solutions

The packaging industry is facing a serious challenge of waste. During the COVID-19 pandemic - where people had to stay home - packaging from online shopping increased immensely, and the habit seem to be here to stay.

Hence, innovations around circular packaging and systems for closed material loops has accelerated and will be critical for the industry going forward. Within the EU, many companies are preparing for a Plastic Packaging Tax on all plastic packaging that does not contain at least 30% post consumer recycled content. The EU Circular Economy Action Plan sets a binding landfill target to a maximum 10% of municipal waste by 2035, meaning there is a high focus on developing packaging that is reusable and recyclable.

# Demand for smart and sustainable packaging

The packaging industry is adopting to sustainable solutions by making packaging more consumer- brand-, and environmentally

friendly. Packaging also becomes smarter, connected, and interactive through QR-codes and the internet of things (IoT).

This gives sustainability advantages in products and materials. Increasing consumer awareness encourages companies to adopt circular packaging solutions by using biobased, renewable and recyclable materials. At the same time, the deployment of 3D-printing and robotic packaging simplifies packaging processes and reduces costs for the packaging industry. This means that facility locations closely connected to customers, raw material and infrastructure will be even more critical factors for packaging suppliers in the future.

# Traceability throughout the value chain

Another trend within the industry is the increased demand for traceability and responsible sourcing. Raw materials must be produced mindfully with respect for biodiversity, responsible forestry and water management,

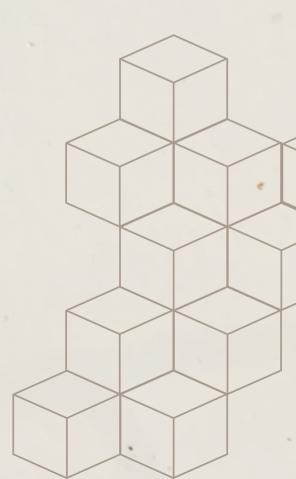


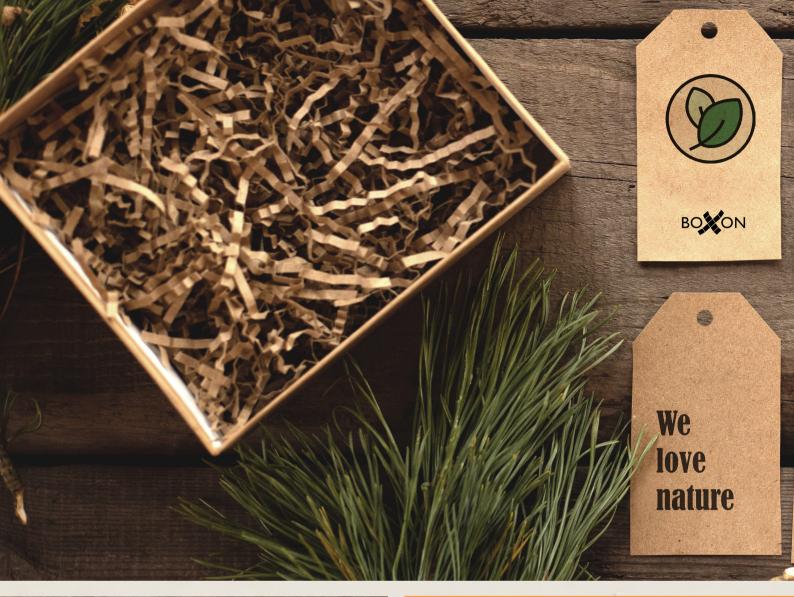


labour practise and employee health and safety. This makes it even more important for the industry to follow established, third-party standards and certifications, such as the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact, the ILO convention and FSC. All to ensure responsible sourcing throughout the value chain.

# Turning challenges into opportunities

At Boxon, we embrace new trends and opportunities, and we always want to be at the forefront within packaging solutions. Reducing material usage and optimizing for logistics is part of our DNA, and we have designed for recyclability for years. We are an industry leader in sustainable, smart, and optimised packaging design. In this report, we present some of the advances we made during 2022 in answering the described shifts in our market. This is how Boxon turns challenges into opportunities.







#### Sustainable packaging solutions

Through more sustainable packing, Boxon inspires and supports our customers in their transformation

#### Circular and climate neutral

Boxon becomes circular and climate neutral by developing more sustainable packaging solutions, applying sustainable material inputs and improve resource recovery – while growing our business.

#### Fair & Equal

Boxon is responsible and inclusive, throughout the value chain.

# Sustainability at Boxon Statement and ambition

Boxon Group is committed to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals outlined in Agenda 2030 and a signatory of the UN Global Compact.

Additionally, we are determined to do our part in reaching the Paris Agreement – limiting global warming to 1.5°C, compared to preindustrial levels.

By integrating these commitments into strategies, policies and procedures, Boxon is not only upholding the basic responsibilities to people and the planet, but also setting the stage for long-term success together with employees, suppliers, partners and customers.

Boxon will be circular, climate neutral and inclusive throughout the value chain.

The Boxon sustainability strategy describes our long-term sustainability agenda, ambition, and commitments for all companies within Boxon Group. The purpose of our strategy is to inspire action and achieve positive changes in the packaging industry. It also enables us in setting strategic goals and targets and guides us in making the right decisions for progress.

The strategy is based on our materiality analysis and the most material topics, that has been identified in this process. These topics are considered the most important sustainability issues in the view of our stakeholders and in terms of the ability for Boxon to have an impact on them.

These material topics have formed the

basis of Boxons three sustainability focus

**Material Topics** identified as most important for Boxon and our business operations are:

- Sustainability performance of products and solutions
- Product design and life cycle management
- Greenhouse gas emissions
- Sustainable supply chain
- Workforce diversity & inclusion

| areas: | ,                               |
|--------|---------------------------------|
|        | Sustainable packaging solutions |
|        | Circular and climate neutral    |
|        | Fair & Equal                    |

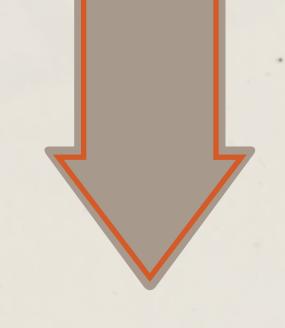
# Sustainability Objectives

#### **REACH Net-Zero**

Boxon Group is committed to Science
Based Targets and to reach net zero emissions of greenhouse gases by 2040 with absolute CO₂e reduction with 50% in 2030, and with 30% in 2025, compared to 2019 years level. \*



packaging solutions based on recycled material with 30% by 2025. \*\*

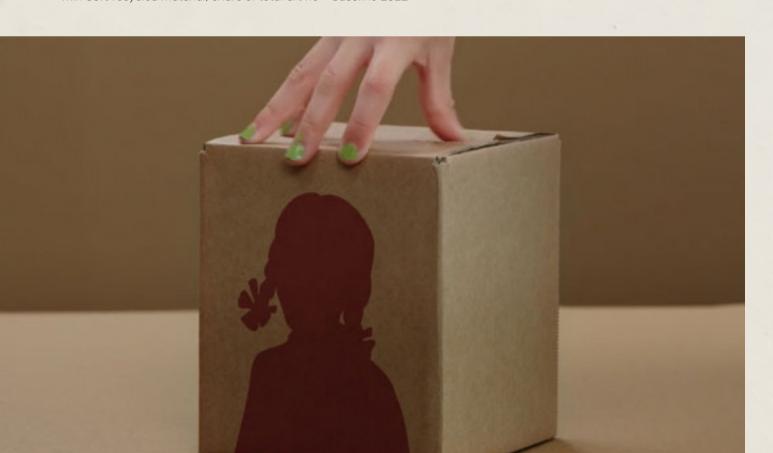


#### **STAY**

innovative by continuing to introduce new packaging solutions with a climate neutral footprint.

\*2040 – scope 1, 2 and 3, 2030 - scope 1, 2 and scope 3 connected to business operations (carbon footprint mapping by My Climate)

\*\*min 30% recycled material, share of total art no - baseline 2022



# Commitment to Agenda 2030 and chosen SDGs

Boxon is committed to the 17 SDG's and Agenda 2030. During the materiality analysis, it became clear that Boxon has a significant impact on numerous goals. We have chosen to focus on the SDG's that are important for our business as well as where Boxon can have a significant impact.



**SDG 13 Climate action:** Boxon will decrease our CO₂e and become climate neutral in accordance with our Science Based Targets. Our industry is material and logistic intense, with significant emissions throughout the value chain. The strategic focus area "Circular and Climate neutral" emphasise in the importance of circular systems for products and raw material, renewable energy at Boxon and suppliers' operations, and climate neutral logistics.

KPI's: CO₂e scope 1,2 and 3, CO₂e/product, Reduction Waste



**SDG 12 Responsible consumption and production:** Boxon wants to offer packaging solutions that are recyclable, reusable and renewable. We collaborate with suppliers with the same ambition. This is a major focus of the strategic area "Sustainable packaging solutions". We also have a responsibility to ensure that human rights and good business ethics are fulfilled throughout our value chain. This is covered in the strategic area "Fair & Equal".

KPI's: Share art based on recycled material, Share sustainable articles, Share suppliers signed Supplier Code of Conduct. Reported no of incidents



**SDG 15 Life on Land:** The majority of our products are made of fibre-based, wooden material. Boxons ambition is to mobilize around sustainable forest management along with our suppliers and customers. This is covered in the strategic area "Fair & Equal".

KPI's: Share & Sales art based on FSC, Share FSC certified suppliers



**SDG 5 Gender Equality:** Boxon wants to ensure gender balance and diversity at all levels of the company. This is a pre-requisite for sustainable growth and business development, and to attract new talents to join us. We work proactively and the whole Equality, Inclusin and Diversity (EDI) agendan in our own operations, and in our supply chain. This is covered in the strategic area "Fair & Equal"

KPI's: Gender balance among co-workers and managers



#### **KEY TARGETS**

- INCREASE packaging solutions based on recycled material with 30% by 2025 \*\*
- Only FSC certified material for fiberbased packaging material

|   | Key Progress   |  | Outcome 2022 |             |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION | SDG 12 Responsible consumption and production  | More sustainable products                                  |              | 5000        |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | KPI's: Share & Sales art based on recycled material, Share & Sales sustainable articles, | Articles based on post consumer recycled (PCR) material*** |              | <b>35</b> % |  |  |  |  |  |
| 15 LIFE ON LAND                           | SDG 15 Life on Land KPI's: Share & Sales art based on FSC                                | FSC certified articles                                     |              | 42%         |  |  |  |  |  |

<sup>\*\*</sup>total no of articles, 30%-100% recycled material
\*\*\*30%-100% recycled material

# Sustainable packaging solutions

A crucial aspect of delivering any product is packaging. Our business is to protect our customers products through sustainable packaging solutions, designed to meet their needs. At the same time, our packaging solutions must answer current and future demands for sustainable use of the limited resources available on our planet.

Our view is that sustainable packaging should be renewable, reusable or recyclable - to ensure that packaging materials are recovered at end of life.

#### Main activities in 2022

#### More sustainable products

During the year, Boxon progressed with our work to define a common sustainability criteria on a product level, to map our existing assortment and to launch new articles fulfilling this criteria. We have defined the criteria based on external benchmarking and high sustainability standards.

# Criteria for more sustainable products

- Corrugated & paper FSC certified
- Plastic minimum 80% recycled material and/or bio-based raw material
- Wood FSC or PEFC certified
- Labels paper FSC certified, plastics from bio-based raw material, textile from recycled polyester.

In 2022, we launched several sustainable products. We would like to highlight a few as these products support our longterm sustainability ambition.

#### **REBORN stretch film**

Stretch film, 100% CO₂e neutral and made from tall oil, that effectively protect products from moisture and dust, securing the goods during transport and storage.



#### **BUBBLE PAPER & ECO-FILL**

Filling material that is 100% renewable and recyclable. Both Bubble paper and Eco-fill are more sustainable alternatives for small and medium sized products. Eco-fill has additional sustainability benefits as old cardboard boxes are reused and produced locally with a shredder from Boxon.

#### **BIG BAGS from recycled PET**

Made of 100% post-consumer recycled PET. Boxon is Europe's only supplier of BigBags made of 100% recycled material, where we convert PET bottles from Indonesia into new BigBags. In 2022, we also launched BigBag/FIBC rPP made by 30% post-consumer recycled plastics, available in our web shop beginning of 2023.



Award winning LM-box

#### LM-Box

Our award-winning e-commerce box, LM-box, is made of 100% recyclable material. It can easily be reused for returns and is optimized for transports with correct size to be delivered directly to your customer's mail box.

# Sustainability measurements on product level

This year, major efforts have been done to define and collect input to sustainability measurements on a product level, such as share of recycled material, FSC certification and CO₂e.

#### **Packing materials**

During the year, Boxon has focused on reducing and improving basic materials in our packaging solutions. From a sustainability point of view, it is critical that we design for recycling and that we adapt packaging material to the Nordic and European recycling system.

We have introduced new materials, such as grass paper and bio-based

# Packaging material overview 2022

Paper/Corrugated 38,22 %

Wood **11,30** %

Plastics 42,16 % (incl. post consumer recycled)

Other 11,30 %

polyethylene, produced from renewable raw material. Due to upcoming legal requirements on plastics, we also focused on securing minimum of 30% PCR (post-consumer recycled) in all products, a shift that will continue in 2023. One major change was Boxon banning PVC in all our products, such as tapes and labels.

#### FSC certification for Boxon Nordics and China

Boxon Sweden, Denmark, Norway and China became FSC certified in the early 2022. As a first step we secured FSC certification towards our 23 main suppliers. Today, 42% of our fiberbased articles are FSC certified and our ambition is to have more than 70% articles FSC certified by the end of 2023.

We expect Boxon Germany and France to be certified in March 2023.

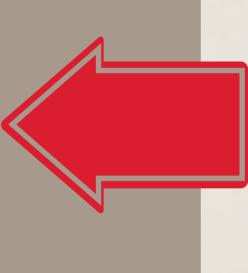


# Resonate

# E-commerce bag in paper or in 100% recycled plastics?

E-commerce bag in paper or in 100% recycled plastics? In 2022, we launched a new e-commerce offer and our customers have now two good options: E-commerce bag made of FSC-certified paper or E-commerce bag made of 100% post-consumer recycled plastics.

But which is better? Both have their pros and cons. Paper is renewable and plastic is lightweight. Therefore, we need to start from the packaging need. Will the packaging be kept in a dry or moist environment? Possibilities for recycling? Is there a risk that the bag ends up in nature? Boxon can guide to the best packaging solution.







#### **Customer case**

# Less plastic and waste for String Furniture

The String shelf is an example of classic Swedish design, dating back to 1949. The product is a true example of sustainability – it's durable, has timeless design and materials that will last for generations.

As sustainability runs as a red thread within String Furniture, they wanted to investigate how to reduce plastics and waste. String Furniture decided to switch to lightweighting REUSE stretch film, based on post-consumer recycled plastics, which led to 53% less virgin plastics and 52% reduced cost. They also wanted to produce their filling material locally, by reusing old cardboard packaging. String Furniture went for a shredder from Boxon, which has reduced their paper waste so far with approximate 60%. Simply, a WIN-WIN solution.

#### STRING FURNITURE

"In 2022 we aimed to reduce plastics and waste in our warehouses. Together with Boxon, who have been awesome in their efforts to present alternatives, we found out that we could reduce the usage of plastics with a huge amount. And still save money!

Boxon also supplied us with a shredder that cut and make cushioning out of waste cardboard. This led to a significant decrease of waste, and we save money from not having to buy new cardboard cushioning. Five stars to Boxon!"

Erik Eriksson Teamleader Warehouse String Furniture

#### **Customer case**

# Smart packaging reduced CO₂e with 40%

A new smart packaging solution from Boxon, helped a global customer within the automotive industry to increase the filling rate in a container with 93%. It also reduced costs for the company with 10 MSEK (app 1 MEURO) per year.

Let's visualise this with an example. With this new packaging solution the customer can reduce from 5 containers to 3 containers between Shanghai to Antwerp.

Due to less containers, the customer can decrease CO₂e for logistics with 40%.



Steven Jiang Packaging engineer, Boxon Group

"The customer wanted to increase logistics efficiency and reduce costs, which was both challenging and exciting. By optimizing the filling rate throughout the supply chain, I developed this new packaging solution for link arm which is one of my favourite designs in my career. This is also a great example of how smart design can have a positive impact with decreased CO2",

Steven Jiang, Packaging engineer at Boxon.



Packaging solution



#### **KEY TARGETS**

Reach Net Zero:

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Key Progress Outcome 2022



SDG 12 Responsible consumption and production

**Plastics closed material loop** 



4200 t



SDG 13 Climate action

KPI's: KPI's:  $CO_2e$  scope 1,2 and 3,  $CO_2e$ /product,

CO₂e reduction scope 1,2 and 3, compared to 2019



-21%

\* 2040 – scope 1, 2 and 3, 2030 – scope 1, 2 and scope 3 connected to business operations (carbon footprint mapping by My Climate)

# **Climate & Circular**

Combating climate change is a key focus area for Boxon and we are committed to the Paris Agreement with the goal to limit global warming to 1.5°C, compared to pre-industrial levels. In 2022, Boxon signed the Science Based Target initiative (STBi).

The SBTi's Corporate Net-Zero Standard is the world's first framework for corporate net-zero target setting in line with climate science. This enables us to set targets and use methods that are validated by a 3rd party. We believe it's crucial to apply established methods to enable better transparency and collaboration with our stakeholders.

Another focus area is circularity, where the ambition is to keep materials, products, and services in circulation for as long as possible. In our operations and packaging solutions, we focus on three areas within circularity – Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

#### Main activities in 2022

#### GHG emissions/CO2e

In 2022 Boxon has focused on how we can continue to decrease our CO₂e while coming back to a more normal, post-pandemic business. We have decreased total CO₂e due to more renewable energy, conscious business through a hybride workplace with less commuting and by travelling with electric cars and train.

#### **Energy management**

Being conscious about our energy use is vital. In 2022, CO₂e from energy decreased with 33% vs 2021 due to renewable energy and an overall awareness about energy usage. We already now see results from energy audits and programs in our warehouses Helsingborg and Kjula, which will continue during 2023. We also signed a contract to install 2413 m2 solar cells at our site in Helsingborg, which will be installed beginning of 2023. The estimated reduction of CO₂e is 8-12% and the solar cells will generate approximately 446 880 kWh per year.

#### **Waste management**

We want to minimize waste in our operations and during 2022 we reduced CO₂e from waste with 27% vs 2021. One main contributor is the recycling facilities in our Swedish warehouses and offices, along with waste management training for co-workers. Our long term ambition is to have zero waste from our operations and we will continue to implement recycling facilities for all sites within Boxon.

#### CO₂e product calculator

A CO<sub>2</sub>e product calculator has been developed and verified by 3rd party MyClimate, which is one of the main tools in mapping emissions connected to our products. We have implemented the CO<sub>2</sub>e calculation on selected products and we will cover 85% of our turnover in the beginning of 2023.



#### **Recovery service for Big Bags**

Our recovery service for collecting and recycling BigBags is an appreciated service. 21% of sold Big Bags are turned back into the recovery and recycling

system, and our ambition is to scale this type of services to more products and customers.

# Life Cycle Management - from cradle to grave

Boxon is developing a new model for Life Cycle Management, where we review a product from raw material to end of life. It is an integrated part in work done by different functions, i.e., Construction & Design, Procurement. Logistics etc. For more information, see the Appendix.

## Smart design reduced CO<sub>2</sub> with 38%

Boxon's core competence is to reduce material and increase filling rate in logistics through smart design. With the new packaging mentioned below, we have as an approximation reduced material with 35%, decreased CO₂e with 38%, while the costs have decreased with 40%.



Old and new packaging solution

# **Total emission**

| *                         | 2019 t CO₂e | 2022 t CO₂e | Developmemt  |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Total t CO₂e              | 1889        | 1492        | <b>-21%</b>  |
| Purchased electricity     | 246         | 127         | -48%         |
| Heating and cooling       | 203         | 143         | -30%         |
| Employee commuting        | 319         | 330         | <b>3</b> %   |
| Business travel and stays | 892         | 749         | <b>-16%</b>  |
| Waste and recycling       | 129         | 73          | <b>-43</b> % |

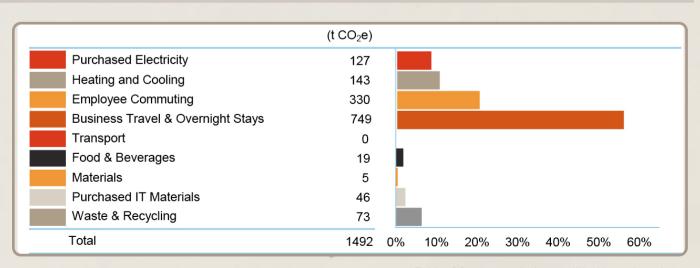


Table: CO₂e gas emissions splitted by categories

#### **Customer case**

#### **Boxon Tech**

#### 4200 000 kg in a closed loop

The FrameTray system is one of Boxon's most successful and innovative packaging solution. Boxon Tech has used it for more than 10 years for various automotive brands in their global supply chains. This solution has not only opened for financial, logistical, and environmental efficiencies but also developed a closed loop of material recovery, ensuring 100% plastic re-use throughout the entire supply chain. The FrameTray is an optimized injection moulded tray system designed specifically for each component, enabling the delivery of a leaner packaging solution.

Today there is a fast switch towards developing trays for the many electrification- and vehicle parts. One example is our new recycling hub in Türkiye, where various automotive parts will be shipped in our trays. In 2022, Boxon Tech in total reused approximately 4000 tonnes of plastic material into new frame trays.



Tobias Rasmusson

"We have a very exiting journey ahead of us with an increased demand from our global customers. The uniqueness with this concept is that we support our customers to reuse all packaging material in a closed loop, at the same time as we reduce transportation cost significant. Of course, this also reduce CO₂e, both due to efficient transport utilisation and reusage of material."

Tobias Rasmusson, General Manager at Boxon Tech AB.



#### The closed material loop

#### 1. FrameTray™ Manufacture

Production of customized trays to meet sub-suppliers ongoing demand

#### 2. Automotive sub-supplier

The sub-supplier loads the trays with automotive spareparts with an average 40-50% better pack density



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4200 000 kg plastic material was reused in a closed loop during 2022





#### 4. FrameTray Recycling Hubs

Trays are shred down to plastic chips close to plants, and transported back to FrameTray manufacture with 90% better volume utilization

#### 3. Vehicle & Engine Plants OEM

Components are used in automotive assembling line and empty packaging is sent to local tray recycling centre



#### **KEY TARGETS**

- Leverage a top 1-5 % in EcoVadis sustainability management rating
- All our suppliers have signed Boxon Group Supplier Code of Conduct & Requirements
- All suppliers of fibre-based packaging are FSC certified

#### Outcome 2022 **Key Progress SDG 12 Responsible Suppliers signed Boxon Code** 100% consumption and proof Conduct & Requirements duction FSC certified suppliers -SDG 15 Life on Land 15 LIFE ON LAND KPI's: Share FSC suppliers Boxon chain of custody Gender balance co-workers **Gender balance managers** SDG 5 Gender equality KPI's: Gender balance among co-wor-**Boxon Group Boxon Group** kers/managers **34**% 27% women women 73% men 66% men

# Fair and Equal

To take responsibility, be inclusive and do ethical business is of strategic importance for Boxon. This includes efforts to secure responsible recruitment practices, stable and predictable work, and creating safe, secure, and empowering workplaces.

We are committed to the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact as well as the International Labour Organisation. Our ambition is to play our full part in contributing to fair and equal business in our own operations and in our value chain by respecting and promoting human rights. Fair & Equal is the focus area within sustainability where Boxon actively work with labour- and human rights, ethics, sustainable supply chain and to set up a sustainability framework and policies. All to manage risks and opportunities around sustainability issues within and close to our business operations.

GOLD

Rating

ecovadis

Sustainability

# Main activities in 2022

#### **External validation**

For the second year, Boxon Group has been evaluated in sustainability by EcoVadis, a global sustainability ratings provider. Boxon was evaluated in labour and human rights, environment and sustainable supply chain.

We received Gold, placing us in the top 5% of 100 000 evaluated companies from over 200 industries and 175 countries.

#### **Ethical business**

ted.

During the year, the new Boxon Group Code of Conduct, was implemented. We provided training for

co-workers and suppliers in Code of Conduct including anti-corruption and antibribery. It's mandatory for all suppliers to commit to and sign our Supplier Code of Conduct & Requirements and all suppliers are evalua-

In 2022, zero incidents of corruption have been registered.

Boxon also implemented a whistleblower procedure, provided by a 3rd party. This ensures that co-workers, suppliers, suppliers' employees, customers and other stakeholders can pass on information anonymously, enabling Boxon to detect compliance violations.

#### **Human Rights & Labour practice**

Across our value chain, we support and act to secure freedom of association and collective bargaining. All Boxon companies in Sweden and Finland have signed collective agreements, which includes 73% of all co-workers. All other Boxon companies follow the collective agreements in their countries. Freedom of association is also a requirement for our suppliers, followed up on a yearly basis.

#### **Training and education**

98% of Boxon co-workers had development talks with their manager in 2022. This is documented in our HR system Heartpace, which ensures privacy and consistency. In the development talk, the need for training and education connected to the individual development plan is identified, and the manager is responsibilite that the

training takes place. In 2022, Boxon has continued to develop our online learning platform, Boxon Academy, which is accessible to all co-workers within the Group.

# Target gender equality, diversity and inclusion

During the year we have had focus on gender equality, inclusion, and diversity. We will continue to work for gender balance at all levels and we are actively working on a diversity and inclusion plan. Our ambition is that Boxon as a workplace shall mirror society as a whole. In 2022, we participate in UN Global Compact Accelerator for Target Gender Equality which was a great support when defining the long-term agenda for gender balance and to set short term goals.



# Social engagement and community activities

55000
EUROS donated

7000
children reached

Boxon makes yearly contributions to organizations working on some of the world's many sustainability challenges.

**UNICEF** - 5000 euro in donations to children in need of humanitarian assistance.

Gold sponsor of the non-profit organisation **Team Rynkeby**. The project raise money for children with cancer and their families through a yearly bicycle event across Europe.

**OV Helsingborg and Helsingborg IF** arrange sport camps every year, with the purpose to encourage children from different local communities and with different abilities, to come together through sport. They have together reached out to more than 7000 children.

#### Statement on war in Ukraine

We wanted to do something to support the people in Ukraine. In March 2022, we were able to donate more than 10 000 € to the International Red Cross foundation.







#### Coworkers

# Tina -

#### A job with a larger purpose



Boxon China

"I have worked at Boxon in China since 2017. I like the job as it provides a sense of enjoyment and satisfaction, such as working as a team, learning new skills, especially working on challenging projects.

At the same time, it allows for work that is meaningful and contributes to a larger purpose, such as we help each other and we are making a difference. Also, the job provides flexibility in terms of work hours or location, which allows for a better work-life balance."

# Johan -

# Important to follow up gender balance

"I represented Boxon in the UN Global Compact accelerator program – Target Gender Equality. My biggest learning is that the most important step is to set targets and start measuring. It's crucial to follow our progress and to be able to change direction if the result is not in line with our ambition. This is something we immediately started to discuss internally and we are right now defining our long-term targets for gender balance within Boxon Group".



Johan Johnsson Sales Manager Sweden North

#### **Supply Chain**

The objective of our Supplier Code of Conduct & Requirements is to protect labour- and human rights, promote a positive impact on the environment, secure children's rights, and ensure sound business practices.

Through yearly compliance processes and audits, we secure responsibly sourced products, services, materials and components. It is a working method that includes suppliers throughout our value chain.

During 2022, we placed more emphasis on strengthening the dialogue with our suppliers in connection to the reduction of carbon emissions, by identifying more sustainable material inputs and responsible sourcing of raw materials. We have worked closely with the suppliers establishing reporting of CO<sub>2</sub>e from production, share of recycled material per product and to secure an FSC chain of custody to Boxon for our main suppliers of paper and cardboard. This work has provided critical input to our newly developed CO<sub>2</sub>e product calculator.

# Suppliers screened using environmental and social criteria

As an integrated part in our compliance process, all new suppliers are screened on environmental and social criteria, and they sign our Supplier Code of Conduct & Requirements. Our existing suppliers are screened on environmental and social criteria every second year – either through physical audits or through online self-assessment. In 2022, 121 of 245 active suppliers were followed up through an online assessment. 84% of these suppliers have established environmental & labour practices and a policy for human rights.

# **Suppliers**

In 2022, 121 suppliers were followed up through a yearly assessment, with the result below.

| Suppliers audited by 3rd party                       | 41%        |
|--|------------|
| Suppliers that have a Labour and Human Rights policy | <b>84%</b> |
| Suppliers that have an<br>Environmental policy       | <b>84%</b> |
| Suppliers that have ISO 14001                        | <b>38%</b> |
| Suppliers that have EMAS                             | <b>2</b> % |
| FSC certified suppliers                              | 60%        |
| Suppliers compliant with REACH                       | <b>86%</b> |
| Suppliers compliant with ROHS                        | 80%        |

"We believe sustainable sourcing is a competitive advantage for our company. Through a close collaboration with our material and logistic partners, we can together accelerate the transition towards a climate neutral offer and more sustainable solutions", says Patrick Fernandes, VP Procurement & Supply

#### mazars

## To the General Meeting of the shareholders of Boxon Group AB Corporate identity number 556166-5000

#### Engagement and responsibility

It is the Board of Directors who is responsible for the statutory sustainability report for the year 2022 and that it has been prepared in accordance with the Annual Accounts Act.

#### The scope of the audit

Our examination has been conducted in accordance with FAR's auditing standard RevR 12 The auditor's opinion regarding the statutory sustainability report. This means that our examination of the statutory sustainability report is different and substantially less than an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing and generally accepted auditing standards in Sweden. We believe that examination has provided us with sufficient basis for our opinion.

#### Opinion

A statutory sustainability report has been prepared.

Helsingborg on March 23, 2023 Mazars AB

Annika Larsson

duluter

Authorized Public Accountant



# **Facts & Figures**

Boxon Group in December 2022 (GRI 2, 2-30, 404-1, 405-1, 406, 407-1)

| Companies  | Region  | Tur-<br>nover<br>(MSEK) | Emp-<br>loyee<br>full time<br>equi-<br>valent. | Male/<br>female rep               | Male/<br>female<br>mgrs.              | Male/<br>female<br>Executive/<br>Boxon Global<br>mgr. (GMT) | Male/<br>female rep<br>Boad    | IS0<br>9001 &<br>14001       | FSC                             | EcoVa-<br>dis                              | Col-<br>lective<br>agree-<br>ments                           | De-<br>velop-<br>ment<br>talk                                     | Co-<br>worker<br>survey<br>parti-<br>cipation             | Inclu-<br>ded in<br>sustai-<br>nability<br>report-<br>ing                      |
|--|---------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|
| Boxon Group<br>AB                                    | Sweden  | - 7/6                   | 5  | 3/2                               | 3/2                                   | 2/2 - GMT   | 5/2                            | Yes                          | Yes                             | Gold                                       | Yes  | 98%<br>avarage  | 88%<br>avarage  | Yes  |
| Boxon AB   | Sweden  | 784000                  | 114  | 69/45                             | 10/4                                  | 3/1 - GMT   | N/A Boxon<br>Board             | Yes                          | Yes                             | Gold                                       | Yes  | 98%<br>avarage  | 88%<br>avarage  | Yes  |
| Boxon AS   | Norway  | 121000                  | 12   | 7/5                               | 1/0                                   | GMT rep Nordics<br>from Boxon AB                            | N/A Boxon<br>Board             | Yes                          | Yes                             | Gold                                       | No   | 98%<br>avarage  | 88%<br>avarage  | Yes  |
| Boxon A/S  | Denmark | 120000                  | 10   | 7/3                               | 1/0                                   | GMT rep Nordics<br>from Boxon AB                            | N/A Boxon<br>Board             | Yes                          | Yes                             | Gold                                       | No   | 98%<br>avarage  | 88%<br>avarage  | Yes  |
| Boxon OY   | Finland | 103 000                 | 32   | 24/9                              | 5/0                                   | GMT rep Nordics<br>from Boxon<br>Group                      | 5/0<br>Male 100%<br>Female 0%  | No (ISO<br>in June -<br>23)  | No                              | Not<br>included                            | Yes  | Not<br>included   | Not<br>included   | Yes, with<br>excep-<br>tion GRI<br>300.<br>Acqui-<br>sitioned<br>June<br>2022. |
| Boxon GmbH   | Germany | 242 000                 | 24   | 13/11                             | 4/0                                   | 1/0 - GMT   | N/A Boxon<br>Board             | Yes                          | No (FSC<br>in<br>March -<br>23) | Gold                                       | No   | 98%<br>avarage  | 88%<br>avarage  | Yes  |
| Boxon SARL   | France  | 50 000                  | 3  | 2/1                               | 0/1                                   | GMT rep EMEA<br>from Boxon<br>GmbH                          | N/A<br>Boxon Board             | Yes                          | No (FSC<br>in<br>March -<br>23) | Gold                                       | No   | 98%<br>avarage  | 88%<br>avarage  | Yes  |
| Boxon<br>Shanghai                                    | China   | 166 000                 | 32   | 18/14                             | 4/3                                   | 1/0 - GMT   | N/A<br>Boxon Board             | Yes                          | Yes                             | Gold                                       | No   | 98%<br>average  | 88%<br>avarage  | Yes  |
| Båfi Pac AB  | Sweden  | 101 000                 | 6  | 5/1                               | 1/0                                   | 1(CEO)/0  | 4/1                            | No                           | No                              | Not<br>included                            | Yes  | Not<br>included   | Not<br>included   | Yes<br>Boxon<br>owns<br>61,5%  |
| Boxon Tech AB<br>(Alpy Group<br>20230101)            | Sweden  | 160 000                 | 5  | 2/3                               | 1/0                                   | 1(CEO)/0  | 2/0                            | No                           | No                              | Gold                                       | Yes  | 98%<br>average  | 88%<br>avarage  | Yes. Included in Boxon AB for GRI 300, as they share same facilities           |
| Boxes & Labels<br>Int AB<br>(Alpy Group<br>20230101) | Sweden  | 44 000                  | 62   | 51/11                             | 3/2                                   | 1 (CEO)/0   | 5/0                            | Yes                          | Yes                             | Not<br>included                            | Yes  | Not<br>included   | Not<br>included   | Yes<br>Boxon<br>owns<br>49,5%  |
| Boxon Group  | Sweden  | 1892 000                | 305  | 201/105<br>Male 66%<br>Female 34% | 33/12<br>Male<br>73%<br>Female<br>27% | 10/3<br>Male 77%<br>Female 23%                              | 21/3<br>Male 88%<br>Female 12% | Yes 73%<br>No 27%<br>of comp | Yes 54%<br>No 45%<br>of comp    | Gold 73%<br>of comp<br>27% not<br>included | 73%<br>coworkers<br>incl in<br>collective<br>agree-<br>ments | 98%<br>cowor-<br>kers<br>3 com-<br>panies<br>not<br>inclu-<br>ded | 88%<br>cowor-<br>kers<br>3 compa-<br>nies not<br>included | All - with some excep- tions   |
| Boxon Group<br>excl Boxon<br>Tech Boxes &<br>Labels  | Sweden  | 1687 000                | 238  | 148/91<br>Male 61%<br>Female 39%  | 29/10<br>Male<br>74%<br>Female<br>26% | 7/3<br>Male 70%<br>Female 30%                               | 2/5<br>Male 71%<br>Female 29%  | Yes 78%<br>No 22%<br>of comp | Yes 55%<br>No 45%<br>of comp    | Gold 78%<br>of comp<br>22% not<br>included | 66% coworkers inclin collective agreements                   | 98%<br>cowor-<br>kers<br>2 com-<br>panies<br>not incl             | 88%<br>cowor-<br>kers<br>2 compa-<br>nies not<br>included | All - with some excep- tions   |

#### Boxon Group

Zero work-related accidents and/or diseases recorded. Zero reported work-related injuries Zero reported incidents of discrimination Zero reported violations of human rights Zero reported incidents of anticorruption

- neither internally, nor in the context of any of our supplier relationships.

Most of the work performed at Boxon is performed by employed employees. During holidays and/or when vacancies arise, its employees normally stand in for the missing employee. Consequently, temporary workers are not normally employed. Reporting period January 20220101

# UN Global Compact & Communication on Progress

Organisations that have endorsed the Global Compact must produce an annual COP (Communication On Progress), detailing how they meet the ten principles. In the index below you find the page references to all relevant information.

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| 4               | Businesses should work to eliminate all forms of forced and compulsory labour.   |  |
| 5               | Businesses should work to abolish child labour.  |  |
| 6               | Businesses should work to eliminate discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.                              |  |
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# **Definitions**

#### **Circular economy**

The core of a circular economy is to re-think the traditional, linear way of production-use-waste, so a drastic reduction on the environment and the climate can take place. The aim is to create a material loop where ultimately "waste" is eliminated with a mindset to design, reduce, reuse and recycle as much as possible.

#### **Circularity**

The practice of encouraging reuse and recycling to ensure that products and services contribute to a circular economy.

#### CO,

Carbon dioxide, a gas formed during all carbon combustion processes, such as fossil fuel combustion.

#### CO<sub>2</sub>e (-eq)

Carbon dioxide equivalent, a measure used to compare the emissions from various greenhouse gases on the basis of their global warming potential, by converting amounts of other gases to the equivalent amount of carbon dioxide with the same global warming potential. For example, methane is a greenhouse gas with 25 times the global warming potential than carbon dioxide. Hence, 1 kg methane has the

same climate impact as 25 kg of CO, meaning 1 kg methane equals 25 kg CO -eq.

#### **Carbon footprint**

A carbon footprint is the total greenhouse gas emissions caused by an individual, event, organization, service, place or product, expressed as carbon dioxide equivalent ( $CO_2$ -eq.).

#### **EcoVadis**

EcoVadis is an organization that performs assessments of a company's sustainability performance in the areas of environment, ethics, labour and human rights and sustainable procurement. Currently, over 75 000 companies are being assessed by EcoVadis, and the top 1% are rewarded with platinum status.

#### PCR

Post-Consumer Recycles, meaning recycled after it has been used for its intended purpose by the customer. When it has completed its purpose, these plastics are recycled through traditional curbside or collection recycling.

#### PE

Polyethylene, a polymer primarily used for packaging such as plastic bags, plastic films, and containers including bottles.

#### SDG

Seventeen Sustainable Development Goals to abolish extreme poverty, fight inequality and injustice and protect our planet, adopted by UN in 2015 under the umbrella of Agenda 2030.

#### **Global Compact and CoP**

A UN initiative in the area of corporate social responsibility. Participating organizations agree to adhere to ten principles in the areas of human rights, labor conditions, the environment and anti-corruption. Companies applying the Global Compact framework must report an annual Communication on Progress (CoP) on the ten principles. Boxon interpretation of the Global Compact is reflected in Code of Conduct. You can find Boxon CoP on page 37.

# Greenhouse gas emissions (scope 1, 2 and 3)

Greenhouse gas emissions are all those emissions from hu-man or natural activities that affect the greenhouse effect of the Earth's atmosphere. High levels of greenhouse gases present in our atmosphere are causing global warming. Green-house gas emissions

from companies are divided into three scopes. Scope 1 accounts for direct emissions generated by the organization, e.g., fuels combusted at production sites, emissions from company-controlled vehicles and emissions from ozone-depleting substances. Scope 2 includes the indirect emissions from purchased energy, including electricity, steam and district heating. Scope 3 contains the results of activities from assets not owned or controlled by the reporting organisation, but that the organisation indirectly impact in its value chain.

#### GRI

The Global Reporting Initiative's sustainability reporting standards (GRI Standards) are the first and most widely adopted global standards for sustainability reporting.

#### IS<sub>0</sub>

International Organization of Standardization, developing and publishing many international standards, e.g., quality management standard (ISO 9001) and environmental management standard (ISO 14001).

#### **KPI**

Key Performance Indicator, a term describing the measures taken to follow up on progress on company targets.





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**Boxon Group Sustainability Report 2022** 

### **GRI Appendix**

# **About the GRI Appendix**

This is Boxon Group Sustainability Report, written in reference to GRI Standards. Boxon Group Sustainability Report is issued on a yearly basis. The statutory Sustainability Report 2022 covers our operations and sustainability work for the calendar year 2022. The report fulfills Swedish law and with an external examination by third party Marzars Sweden. Omissions or incomplete data are commented on directly in the GRI index.

#### **Reporting principles**

The report focuses on performance 2022, but some historical data may be included for the purpose of comparison. To ensure correct reference to Global Reporting Initiative (GRI), additional data not reported in the main text can be found in the appendix. Boxon use the ESG platform MyClimate to collect data, which is also verified and summarized by 3rd party MyClimate. The carbon footprint is based on the internationally recognised standard ,The GHG Protocol: A Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard' and includes the climate-relevant greenhouse gases that are calculated according to the equity share approach.

#### **Changes in reporting**

The business impact has been measured through a materiality analysis and the GRI Standards have been used as a framework for planning, structuring, and presenting the results. During 2022, the materiality analysis was reviewed and for which material topics, targets and KPIs were adjusted accordingly.

Boxon has selected and reports on the disclosure(s) that most adequately reflect our impacts on the material topics and for which group targets have been made. The material topics are connected to:

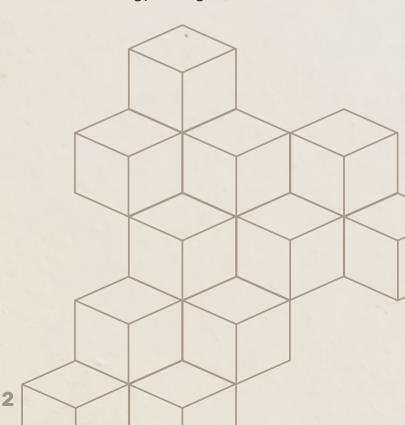
GRI 403 - Human Rights & Labour practices

GRI 404 - Workforce diversity and inclusion

GRI 405 - Training and education

GRI 305 - GHG Emissions

GRI 302 - Energy Management



GRI 302 - Materials

GRI 306 - Waste

GRI 303 - Water

GRI 205 - Anti corruption & anti bribery

GRI 417 - Product labelling and instructions

GRI 416 - Customer health and safety

GRI 413 - Local communities and social engagement

GRI 308 - Supply chain Environmental

GRI 414 - Supply chain Social

Boxon has also included its own disclosure "Sustainability performance of products and solutions", "Product Design and Life Cycle Management", "Carbon emission BigBags" and "Supplier evaluation 2022" to allow for reporting on our Group target to increase the amount of offered products with a lower climate impact and responsible sourcing.

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# **GRI - facts in following topics**

In this GRI appendix, we give detailed information about Management approach, Materiality incl stakeholder- and risks analysis, Labour & Human Rights, Environment, Ethics and Supply chain

#### Management approach incl governance, policy and memberships

| GRI             | Organisation & Governance  |
|-----------------|--|
| 2-8, 2-11, 2-14 | Boxon Group is established in seven countries with legal entities which includes Sweden (Boxon AB, Boxon Tech AB, Boxes & Labels Int. AB), Germany (Boxon GmbH), France (Boxon SARL), Denmark (Boxon A/S), Norway (Boxon AS), Finland (Boxon OY) and China (Boxon Shanghai). In 2021, together with a partner, Boxon has established a new sub-group called Boxes & Labels International AB. The entire Group operates 10 distribution centres with a total warehouse space of almost 40 000 square meters with a permanent stock of 3 000 articles to 12 000 active customers. Boxon serves the seven markets with legal entities, but also other markets such as, central Europe, Benelux, the US, India, and others. The total group turnover in 2022 was 1892 MSEK. Boxon Group AB has the headoffice in Helsingborg, Sweden.  The main assortment range offered includes: Corrugated packaging Plastic packaging Wood packaging Labelling Machines for packaging and printing Wide range of services  |
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|                 | Boxon Group legal structure – country domicile   |

#### **Management Structure**

The Boxon Group is organised by markets - Nordics, EMEA and Asia.

Each market has full responsibility for their own market as well as selling the complete offer. The management is organised into one management group for the total operation and each function have a global responsibility, except for Sales that is organised per market.

#### **Board of Directors (BoD)**

- Financial follow-up
- · Decision about the Strategy and follow-up
- · Decisions about investments, acquisitions
- · Major organisational changes
- · Follow-up on management

#### **Sales Council**

- · Sales Strategy follow up
- · Business and Sales development
- · Knowledge sharing

#### **Group Management Team (GMT)**

- · Leading the Boxon group
- · Strategy execution and follow up
- Operations
- · Organisational questions and changes
- · Preparing for Board of Directors decisions
- General follow-ups

#### **Pricing Board (PB)**

- · Decisions on price changes
- · Decisions on price structure
- PB per market (Nordics, EMEA, Asia)

Management structure Nordics, EMEA and Asia

For projects that requires cross-functional resources and funding, our organisation is supplemented with a project organisation, in case of major changes or projects. Decisions on the use of available funds to meet the company's business concept, policies and objectives, are made by the management team and documented in the budget process. Decisions on the start of a strategic project are made by the management team. Decisions on the project launch for limited changes are made by sales manager/function manager. Changes that concern only one region or function are considered an activity and a part of the normal workflow, so it is not defined as a project.

The Chief Sustainability Officer is the management's representative in quality and environmental matters. She should ensure that the environmental system is respected and continuously valued. Internal environmental audits account for the operational quality of the system. The Quality manager should ensure that quality and environmental systems comply with the requirements of ISO 9001: 2015 and 14001: 2015, and those quality- and environmental audits are carried out on a regular basis.

#### 2-23 Policy commitments

Boxon is committed to the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact as well as the International Labour Organisation (ILO).

In 2022, Boxon Group implemented a new Code of Conduct, which is based on our core values V.E.T.A - Win together, Simplicity, Transparency, Responsibility. This is an overall policy that sets the principles, standards, and the moral and ethical expectations for us all as employees and for our business partners. The Code of Conduct provides with a clear outline of expected behaviour, and instructions on what is and isn't considered good practices by the company.

The Code of Conduct is a policy that shall be used internal as well as external, and it's summarized in four areas: Environment, Human and Labour Rights, Ethics and Supply chain. We have one document covering the essentials in how we as a company takes responsibility for people, planet, and society and this is integrated in everything we do.

#### 2-28 Membership associations

We interact with and support external business associations, to get access to the latest developments within sustainability but also to formally commit to common standards. The association plays a major role in the public dialogue between industry representatives, politics and society. They take a proactive position on sustainability topics within the packaging sector in Germany.

- Nordic Bioplastic Association The goal of the Nordic Bioplastic Association is to be a Nordic collaborative platform that represents companies in the Nordic region in activities related to the development of bioplastics
- FKG the Scandinavian Automotive Supplier Association FKG represents their members interests towards politicians, industry organizations and media in Sweden and globally.
- 3. European Flexible Intermediate Bulk Container Association Boxon is committed to the EFIBCA Code of Conduct and the EFIBCA-Q Quality Pro¬mise. EFIBCA has a special focus on the FIBC industry, implementing ethical principles and fair competitive behavior.
- 4. Gesamtverband Kunststoffverarbeitende Industrie e.V.



#### Materiality incl stakeholder & risk analysis

| GRI  | Process to determine material topics & matrix  |
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| RI 3-1, 3-2, 3-3<br>Material topics,<br>Material<br>matrix | Central tools for our sustainability work are the stakeholder- and materiality analyses. They help us map and identify the most important focus areas within sustainability for our business. In 2022, a review of the stakeholder analysis led to an adjustment as we saw an increased interest in active work on sustainability issues related to climate, circularity and recyclability.  The materiality analysis for Boxon is performed by the Global Management Team (GMT) based on stakeholder input. In the process of identifying material topics, benchmark criteria from SSAB Materiality finder and EcoVadis have been especially useful sources. We selected two industries "Packaging and Containers" respective "Manufacturer of Corrugated and Paper board" and we prioritised relevant benchmark criteria. Out of 27 identified relevant sustainability topics, 10 topics was of importance for stakeholders and Boxon level of impact, and thereby material for our organization and for our stakeholders.  In the matrix below, our material sustainability topics are mapped out in accordance with the analysis performed by the GMT. The materiality analysis is the foundation for our group sustainability targets and needed KPIs. Our material sustainability topics are also the ones we choose to report on in accordance with the GRI. A full report of the selected GRIs can be found in the GRI Index.  |
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| ,  | GHG/C02 Emissions     GHG Scope 1-3, covering both direct and indirect emissions   |
|  | Sustainable performance of products     Including use of raw material, recyclability, and reusability  |
|  | 3. Product design and Life cycle   |
|  | Re-view of a product from raw material to end of life.  4. Sustainable supply chain  |
|  | Responsible sourcing, human rights- and environmental performance  |
|  | 5. Ethic business Anti-corruption and anti-bribery   |
|  | 6. Workforce Diversity & Inclusion   |
|  | Gender equality, inclusion, and diversity 7. Waste management  |
|  | Minimize waste in our operations   |
|  | 8. Energy management Energy efficiency and renewable energy  |
|  | 9. Labour practices  |
|  | Practices that affect employment  10. Training & education   |
|  | Individual development for co-workers, meeting organizational need   |
|  | 11. Social & community engagement  Contribution to children and youths in vulnerable situations  |
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| GRI  | Stakeholder analysis   |
|------|--|
| 2-29 | Boxon annually reviews and updates our stakeholder analysis. Selected functions at Boxon that cover different aspects and interests of the company, are invited to a workshop to share their experience, knowl-edge and understanding about the stakeholders included in Boxon's stakeholder analysis. Interviews with different stakeholders have been performed during 2022, who also provided to additional valuable expectations and requirements. Boxon Group has identified the stakeholders below that have a significant interest or impact. |

| GRI | Direct Stakeholders | Dialogue form   | Questions & focus  |
|-----|---------------------|---|--|
| 3-1 | Our Employees       | Workplace meetings, management meetings, monthly group meetings, internal training, Boxipedia info, employee surveys, incident follow-up, performance reviews, materiality analysis | Sustainable business & products, Code of Conduct, business ethics questions, performance, work environment & safety, cooperation, diversity.   |
| 3-1 | Our Customers       | Meetings, workshops, daily contact, semi-<br>nars, customer surveys, trustpilot, external<br>interaction platforms, performance follow<br>up, materiality analysis                  | Sustainable business & sustainable products, Code of Conduct, economy, environmental issues (e.g. carbon dioxide emissions, life cycle analyses, products                              |
| 3-1 | Our Suppliers       | Procurement, supplier evaluations, materiality analysis, discussion meetings.   | Code of Conduct, requirements responsible sourcing /sustainable raw material/recycled raw material/labor & human rights, costs, reduced environmental impact, safety in the workplace. |
| 3-1 | Our Owners          | Annual Report including Annual Review and<br>Sustainability Report, questionnaires from<br>analysts & ratings, website, materiality<br>analysis                                     | Sustainable economic value development, strategies, challenges, risk management, climate change, environmental impact, labor practices, , ethics, human rights.                        |
| 3-1 | The Labour Union    | Labour meetings & negotiations  | Labour rights, Equality and Inclusion,<br>Health & safety  |
| 3-1 | Our Lenders         | Personal meetings, financial communication.   | Economic value development sustainable in the long term  |

| GRI | Direct Stakeholders                             | Dialogue form   | Questions & focus   |
|-----|---|---|---|
| 3-1 | The media                                       | Ongoing contacts with CEO, marketing officer and sustainability officer, interviews/ questionnaires for network, social media | Strategies, industry & customer requirements focus on sustainability, environmental impact, energy, ethics, sustainable products, innovation & trends     |
| 3-1 | Universities and other type of higher education | Ongoing contacts with colleges and universities, study  | Sustainable business & sustainable products, Code of Conduct, economy, environmental issues (e.g. carbon dioxide emissions, life cycle analyses, products |
| 3-1 | External auditors and<br>Certification bodies   | Audits, social issues in working groups for standard audits.  | Legislation and criteria of the standard in question.   |
| 3-1 | Industry organizations                          | Working groups, inquiries, information meetings, development work, policy issues.   | Legislation, energy and climate, standardization, circular economy, waste directive, industry targets, policies and strategies.                           |
| 3-1 | NGO's   | Network, forums, interactive platforms, reporting tools, workshops/accelerators   | Official Commitments, Environment & Human rights issues, transparency & sharing knowledge   |

| GRI | Risk analysis   | Risk management  |
|-----|---|--|
| 3-1 | Climate change  None of Boxon's operations have been identified to be in the risk of extreme weather conditions. There is a risk that suppliers operate in areas with risk of extreme weather conditions, or that such conditions will affect the transportation of materials. Another risk for Boxon regarding extreme weather conditions is the change of need and use of Boxon products and specific material. | Ongoing contacts with CEO, marketing officer and sustainability officer, interviews/questionnaires for network, social media   |
| 3-1 | In the field of sustainability there is a risk of greenwashing to convince partners of better performance and results. This can be hard to see through for customers and partners.  As Boxon is working hard to be honest and give facts, there is a risk of losing business to competitors with lower ethical standards in the field of sustainability.  | Boxon works hard to use facts in sustainability, and as far as possible to be able to prove the facts given. Therefore, Boxon often use certificates to prove raw material origin, or to use third party review of carbon footprint assessment. Boxon supports training of customers/partners in the field of sustainability, so they will be able to compare in a correct manner the sustainability performance of Boxon. |
| 3-1 | Safety and labour  The process in the warehouses can be dangerous for warehouse employees if instructions and procedures are not complied with.  Also, work-related risks exist for all employees, for example related to travel, well-being, etc.  | Boxon works hard to use facts in sustainability, and as far as possible to be able to prove the facts given. Therefore, Boxon often use certificates to prove raw material origin, or to use third party review of carbon footprint assessment. Boxon supports training of customers/partners in the field of sustainability, so they will be able to compare in a correct manner the sustainability performance of Boxon. |

| GRI | Risk analysis   | Risk management  |
|-----|---|--|
| 3-1 | Safe and labour  The process in the warehouses can be dangerous for warehouse employees if instructions and procedures are not complied with.  Also, work-related risks exist for all employees, for example related to travel, well-being, etc.  | Health and safety are top priority for Boxon. Action to improve the working environment is ongoing at all sites and knowledge is shared within Boxon group. Boxon's concern for its employees to improve their well-being is described in this Sustainability Report, under the chapter Fair & Equal   |
| 3-1 | Increasing environmental/regulatory demands  Due to the on-going discussions in society about single use plastics and waste for packaging there is a risk that regulatory requirements will increase in the future. Changes in regulatory and/or legal demands in different countries may cause an unfavorable market situation for Boxon compared with competitors and/orc competing products. | Boxon closely monitors changes and updates in legislation at an early stage and responds accordingly. In addition, Boxon has increased capacity on regulatory knowledge through external expertise over the years, to stay well informed about upcoming changes and to participate in selected associations. Boxon also proactively adapts its products, for example removing PVC in the products. |
| 3-1 | Dependency to transportation  All our products are bening transported to the users and there is a risk that we are not optimising the way of transport enough, and by that inncreasing the Co2 emisnsions   | By increasing the optimization of logistic flows, we can minimize the risks. In the future, chang-es in the logistic sec-tor for more environ-mental-friendly power sources will improve the impact dramatically   |
| 3-1 | Price increase - raw material  Increasing prices of the raw material has an impact on Boxon profitability. The price of the raw material depends on world market prices and supply, which can vary greatly.   | Boxon has created a sourcing and business model that follows and acts on market price variations.  |
| 3-1 | Supply  Boxon depends on timely and correct delivery of packaging solutions from customers. Delays in production causes limitations in delivery to customers.   | Group sourcing has a group-wide strategy for sourcing and close cooperation with the supplier has kept the supply chain stable. Sourcing support and supply planners s continuously monitor the supply chain. Boxon works with dual sourcing when needed, limiting the dependency of a single supplier.  |
| 3-1 | Unethical business behavior  In business, there is a risk of unethical, unfair or even corrupt situations arising. This would harm the reputation of Boxon and have a financial impact.   | The Core Values, Code of Conduct incl the Ethics policy all work to avoid any unethical behavior in Boxon business.  A Whistleblowing function was implemented in 2022 to enable anonymous reporting of unethical behavior.  |

#### **Labour & Human rights**

In this section we present how Boxon Group is working with topics connected to Labour & Human rights, that has been selected based on our Materiality analysis. This is topics that are important for Boxon stakeholders and where Boxon can have an impact.

| GRI   | Human Rights & Labour practices   |   |  |  |  |
|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| General<br>403-8, 403-9,<br>403-10  | Boxon has a global HR-organization where we have common systems and tools. Therefore, our data connected to this area, is compiled from our systems. Topics, issues and incidents within Health and Safety are handled and documented in our HR council, where HR managers meets every quarter. Root causes analysis is done for all reported incidents.  Regarding employee contracts, more than 98% has permanent positions. We have very few temporary contracts and external consultants/staff. |   |  |  |  |
| 402-1<br>Minimum notice<br>periods regar-<br>ding operational<br>changes                      | Minimum number of weeks' notice typically provided to employees is according to national laws and collective agreements.  For our offices and countries with collective bargaining agreements the notice period is defined in collective agreements. We define it in the same way for the offices and countries that does not have collective agreements.   | For employees with permanent and temporary contract.  Workers who are not employees but whose work and/or workplace is controlled by the organization, have their agreement with their employer, which needs to follow Boxon Code of Conduct. |  |  |  |
| 403-1   | An occupational health and safety system is implemented in all Boxon companies, according to each countries laws, regulations, and legal requirements. The systems are not certified by 3rd party, i.e no certified management systems  | The health and safety systems<br>(see above) are valid for all<br>employees, permanent and tem-<br>porary in Boxon Group.   |  |  |  |
| 403-2<br>Hazard iden-<br>tification, risk<br>assessment, and<br>incident investi-<br>gation   | All companies/units within Boxon Group facilitate yearly risk assessments according to the national laws and regulations.   | All employees, permanent and temporary in Boxon Group, are included in risk assessments.  |  |  |  |
| 403-3<br>Occupational<br>health services  | In Germany, France, China and Sweden we have voluntary health checkups made by occupational health services. In Denmark and Norway, we don't have this.   |   |  |  |  |
| 403-4 Worker participation, consultation, and communication on occupational health and safety | Local Boxon representatives for occupational health and safety, proactively identifies topics and involves co-workers. They report according to national laws and regulations. On sites where we have more than 50 employees, we have a Health & Safety committee. They meet every quarter and are handling topics as above. The representatives are elected by the co-workers, however Boxon welcome every co-worker who wants to participate in this committee.                                   |   |  |  |  |

| GRI   | Human Rights & Labour practices  |                       |
|---|--|-----------------------|
| 403-5<br>Worker training<br>on occupational<br>health and safety  | CPR, physical trainings sessions using defibrillator and manage airway obstruction.  Nordics; Helsingborg 2022-06-01-02, Kjula 2022-10-26, Bromma 2022-11-25 ASIA; Shanghai 2022-11-10  First Aider = First Aid training valid for 2 years EMEA; Bremen 2022-06-02, Krefeld 2021-11-18  Annual safety instruction in the area of office workplaces and home offices EMEA; Teams meeting 2022-06-24  Fire training; both theoretical and physically using fire extinguisher Nordics; Helsingborg2022-05-12+2022-05-17, Kjula 2022-11-10 EMEA; for "Brandschutzhelfer" in Bremen and Krefeld 2022-07-27  Fire training; both theoretical and using fire extinguisher incl. emergency |                       |
| 403-6<br>Promotion of<br>worker<br>health   | rescue drill and fire drill ASIA; Shanghai 2022-11-10  Boxon promotes worker health in different ways depending on countries. This is set according to national tax laws and regulations. Also depending on common customs, where we take input from co-workers wishes and practices specific for the different countries where we act.  |                       |
| 403-7 Prevention and mitigation of occupational health and safety impacts directly linked by business relationships | We work actively with our customers in providing equipment's, services, training within packaging and how they can mitigate health & safety risks and impact. We offer, for example, packaging machines that enables more automated packaging which prevents customers co-workers' health, we analyze customers distribution flows and provides with equipment that are safe and efficient for customers co-workers. We also offer detailed instructions for how to handle our products, both customers and other stakeholder in our value chain.  |                       |
| 403-8<br>Workers covered<br>by an occupa-<br>tional health and<br>safety manage-<br>ment system                     | 305 employees and 100% of all employees and workers who are not employees but whose work and/or workplace is controlled by the organization, who are covered by such a system.  External workers is not measured   | 100%<br>305 employees |
| 403-8   | Boxon has not been audited or certified by an external party.  | 0 employees, 0%       |
| 403-9, 403-10<br>Work-related<br>injuries   | Boxon treats all employees in the same way, no matter if an employee has a permanent or temporary position. All have the same working conditions and rights.   |                       |
| 403-9, 403-10<br>All employees<br>Workers that are<br>not employees -<br>work is controlled<br>by Boxon             | Zero number and rate of <b>fatalities as a result of work-related injury</b> ;   | 0%                    |

| GRI   | Human Rights & Labour practices   |   |  |  |
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| 403-9, 403-10<br>All employees<br>Workers that are<br>not employees -<br>work is controlled<br>by Boxon | Zero number and rate of <b>high-consequence work-related injuries</b> (excluding fatalities);   | 0%  |  |  |
| 403-9, 403-10<br>All employees<br>Workers that are<br>not employees -<br>work is controlled<br>by Boxon | Zero number and rate of recordable work-related injuries  | 0%  |  |  |
| 403-9, 403-10<br>All employees<br>Workers that are<br>not employees -<br>work is controlled<br>by Boxon | Zero main types of work-related injury  | N/A as zero injuries                            |  |  |
| 403-9, 403-10<br>All employees<br>Workers that are<br>not employees -<br>work is controlled<br>by Boxon | The number of <b>hours worked</b> The number of hours worked for workers that are not employees is less than 1% of no of total hours.   | 510.122 hours                                   |  |  |
| 403-9   | Boxon do not have a working environment with work-related hazards that pose a risk of high-consequence injuries. The highest risk area are the warehouses, and here detailed procedures for handling goods have been implemented. Boxon has also implemented a Health & Safety plan, with trainings and controls. |   |  |  |
| 403-10<br>Work-related<br>hazards   | Work-related hazards that pose a risk of ill health   | 0%<br>(As zero cases of<br>work related health) |  |  |
| 406-1<br>Incidents of dis-<br>crimination   | Employees can report to manager, managers manager, HR managers or local Health and Safety representative.  We have also implemented a Whistle blower procedure where the incidents are handled by a 3rd party.  Root causes analysis is done for all reported incidents.  |   |  |  |
| 406-1<br>Incidents of dis-<br>crimination   | Total number of incidents of discrimination during the reporting period.  | 0%  |  |  |

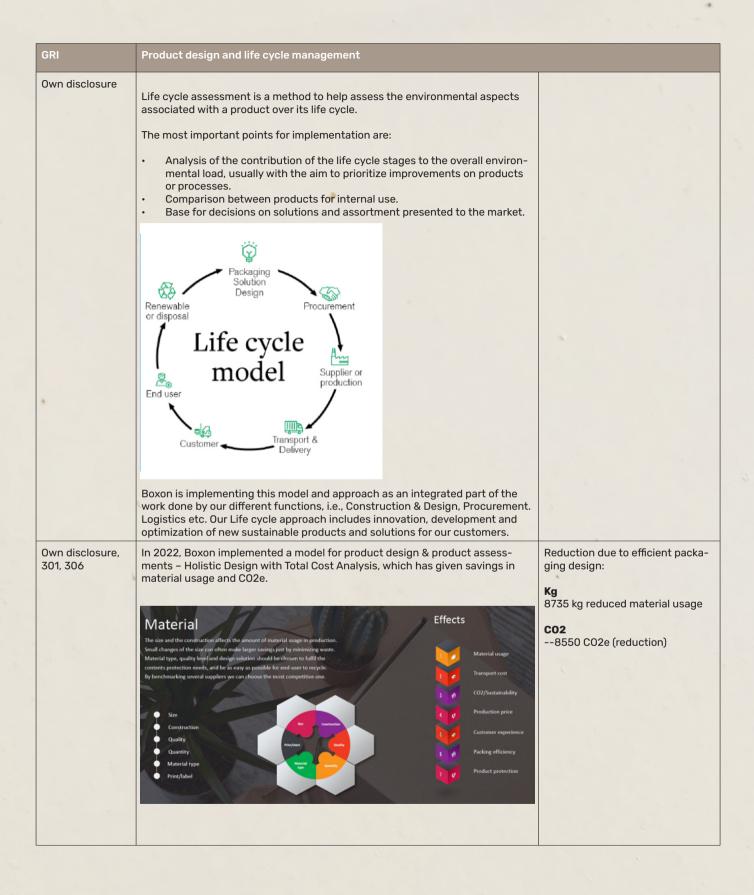
| GRI  | Freedom of association, child labour, forced labour   |   |
|--|---|---|
| 407-1 Operations and suppliers in which the right to freedom of association and collective bargaining may be at risk | No risk in Boxon operations or with the supply chain. Freedom of association and collective bargaining is a prerequisite in Boxon Code of Conduct, for employees and supplier. 73% of total employees in Boxon Group are covered by a collective agreement. When there is no collective agreement, we are following local laws and regulations in each country except for China where we apply Scandinavian standard. And even if we don't have a written collective agreement we always follow the collective agreements in each country.  All suppliers need to formally commit by signing our Code of Conduct. Every year, all suppliers are assessed and audited in this topic, among others. | 73 % of employees are covered by a collective agreement                     |
| 408-1<br>Operations and<br>suppliers at<br>significant risk for<br>incidents of child<br>labour                      | We have zero tolerance to child labour which is written in Boxon Code of Conduct, for employees and suppliers. Boxon operations and offices are not situated in risk areas or in a business with this risk. Boxon has employee contract for all and can thereby monitor this topic.  All suppliers needs to formally commit by signing our Code of Conduct. Every year, all suppliers are assessed and audited in this topic, among others.  Moderate risk in India, China and Bangladesh where we do a limited share of our sourcing <10%. To reduce the risk we perform physical audits by our procurement and quality teams on a regular basis (at least every second year).                   | Zero tolerance  |
| 409-1<br>Operations and<br>suppliers at<br>significant risk<br>for incidents of<br>forced or compul-<br>sory labour  | We have zero tolerance to forced/compulsory labour which is written in Boxon Code of Conduct, for employees and suppliers. Boxon operations and offices are not situated in risk areas or in a business with this risk. Boxon has employee contract for all and can thereby monitor this topic.  All suppliers need to formally commit by signing our Code of Conduct. Every year, all suppliers are assessed and audited in this topic, among others. Moderate risk India, China and Bangladesh where we do a limited share of our sourcing <10%. To reduce the risk we perform physical audits by our procurement and quality teams on a regular basis (at least every second year).            | Zero tolerance  |
| GRI  | Critical Incident Risk Management – specific Accident & Safety Management   |   |
| 403<br>Critical Incident<br>Risk Manage-<br>ment - specific<br>Accident & Safety<br>Management                       | All companies/units within Boxon Group facilitate yearly risk assessments according to the national laws and regulations. No specific Accident & Safety management in addition to that.   |   |
| GRI  | Workforce diversity and inclusion   |   |
| 404-1<br>Average hours of<br>training  | Boxon do not measure average hours of training that the organization's employees have undertaken during the reporting period, by gender and employment category. Each employee has development talks with their manager, which was 98% coverage in 2022. In the development talk it is decided what type of development that is needed for each employee. It might be a need of a mentor, job switching, workshops, trainings etc. Therefore it is difficult to define the hours that can be considered as "training".  | Not measured  |
| GRI  | Training and education  |   |
| 405-1<br>Diversity of go-<br>vernance bodies<br>and employees  | Detailed gender overview per company – see Boxon Facts and Figures page 36 in Sustainability report   | Total employees =male 66%/<br>Female 34%, Management=male<br>73%/female 27% |

| GRI   | Workforce diversity and inclusion   |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|
| 405-1<br>Age groups                                     | Age group: under 30 years old, 30-50 years old, over 50 years old   | Male under 30 = 5%, Male 30-50 = 31%, Male over 50 = 24%<br>Female under 30 = 5%, Female 30-50 |  |
| 405-1<br>Diversity                                      | We do not measure other indicators of diversity (such as minority or Vulnerable groups) due to legal restrictions.                              | Not measured due to legal restrictions   |  |
| 405-2<br>Ratio of basic<br>salary and remu-<br>neration | We measure yearly ratio of the basic salary and remuneration of women to men for each employee category, by significant locations of operation. | Measured every year –<br>not public information  |  |

#### **Environment**

In this section we present how Boxon Group is working with topics connected to Environment, that has been selected based on our Materiality analysis. This is topics that are important for Boxon stakeholders and where Boxon can have an impact.

| GRI            | Sustainability performance of products and solutions  |  |
|----------------|---|--|
| Own disclosure | Articles fitting our criteria for "More sustainable products" (FSC, biobased or min 80% recycled post-consumer plastic as material inputs)     Share of total articles (standard + customised) with FSC certification     Share of total articles (standard + customised) based on 30%-100% post-consumer recycled (PCR) material   |  |
|                | During the year Boxon have focused on our basic materials, such as corrugated, paper, recycled plastic, wood and labels in paper and plastic. In 2002 we introduced new materials as grass paper.   |  |
|                | In the offer of machines, we have a various range that contribute to sustainability, e.g., machines that stretch film to minimize use and at the same time maintain load stability, machines that adapt size of paper void fill to a minimum and machines that bundle instead of using shrink film, which means less material and usage of plastic. Machine service is another way of working with sustainability, by service the machines we save a the world's assets and add value to customer in terms of costs |  |
|                | Boxon Label Cloud is a cloud solution where users can perform their printing wherever they are in the world. With this service, companies that are located in several locations in the world, or have subcontractors in another location, can easily use the same system for printing. This ensures that all users have access to the same layouts, which enables local production and decreased logistics.   |  |



| GRI   | GHG Emission  |   |  |  |                                       |   |
|---|---|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| General overview  |   | 777   |  |  |                                       |   |
| GHG<br>Boxon Group  | Indicator   | Boxon Group   | Boxon AB/AS,<br>A/S, GmbH,   | Bāfi<br>61,5%                              | Boxes & Labels<br>49,9%               | <b>CO2e Boxon Group 2022</b> 1491,8 t CO2e  |
|   | Surfaced Startists  |   | SARL, CH, Tech   |  | ownershares                           |   |
|   | Purchaised Electricity  | 127,07 t CO <sub>2</sub> e  | 103,87 t CO₂e  |  | ,                                     |   |
|   | Heating and Cooling Employee Commuting  | 142,74 t CO <sub>2</sub> e<br>330,41 t CO <sub>2</sub> e                    | 129,64 t CO₂e<br>251,91 t CO₂e                                       | 3,40 t CO₂e<br>1,40 t CO₂e                 |                                       |   |
|   | Business Travel & Overnight Stays (incl fuel comp   | any   |  |  |                                       |   |
|   | owned vehicles) Transport   | 748,69 t CO <sub>2</sub> e  | 693,19 t CO₂e  | 23,60 t CO₂e                               |                                       |   |
|   | Food and Beverages  | 0,17 t CO₂e<br>19,03 t CO₂e   | 0,17 t CO₂e<br>17,43 t CO₂e  | 0,00 t CO₂e<br>0,50 t CO₂e                 |                                       |   |
|   | Materials   | 5,09 t CO <sub>2</sub> e  | 4,09 t CO₂e  | 0,10 t CO₂e                                |                                       |   |
|   | Purchaised IT Materials   | 45,70 t CO <sub>2</sub> e   | 29,00 t CO <sub>2</sub> e  | 1,50 t CO₂e                                |                                       |   |
|   | Waste and Recycling   | 73,16 t CO <sub>2</sub> e   | 12,56 t CO <sub>2</sub> e  | 0,10 t CO <sub>2</sub> e                   |                                       | 65,010  |
|   | Total t Co  | O2e 1 491,80 t CO <sub>2</sub> e  | 1 241,70 t CO₂e  | 30,70 t CO₂e                               | 219,40 t CO₂e                         | > 100   |
|   | The carbon footprint is bas<br>GHG Protocol: A Corporate<br>the climate-relevant green<br>equity share approach.  | Accounting and  | d Reporting St   | andard' and                                | d includes                            |   |
| 305-1, 305-2,<br>305-3<br>Direct (scope 1),<br>indirect (scope 2)<br>and other indirect<br>(scope 3)<br>GHG emissions | Scope 1, 3 and 3: Greenhou<br>cording to the GHG Protoco<br>equivalent. Scope 2 is base<br>3 we have included all othe<br>of raw materials, products<br>travels in vehicles not own | ol Standard. GH<br>ed on Gross loca<br>er indirect emiss<br>or services use | G emissions ir<br>ation-based er<br>sions resulting<br>d by the comp | n metric ton<br>nergy indire<br>from the p | s of CO2<br>ct. In scope<br>roduction | CO2e/Boxon Group<br>Scope 1: 274,80 t CO2e<br>Scope 2: 125,80 t CO2 e<br>Scope 3: 1091,20 t CO2e        |
|   |   | Boxon Group   | Boxon AB/AS, A/S,<br>GmbH, SARL, CH,                                 | Bafi                                       | Boxes & Labels                        |   |
|   |   |   | Tech   |  |                                       |   |
|   | Scope 1 t CO2e<br>Scope 2 t CO2   | 274,80 t C  |  |  |                                       |   |
|   | Scope 3 t CO2e Total t CO2e   | 1 091,20 t C0   | O <sub>2</sub> e 891,20 t CO <sub>2</sub> e                          | 15,40 t CO₂e                               | 184,60 t CO₂e                         |   |
|   | Total CO2E  | 1431,0000   | 57e 1241,70 ( CO7e   | 30,70 ( CO)6                               | 213,40 ( 60,6                         |   |
|   | All gases are included in th<br>standard. The emission val<br>gases (CH4, N20, HFCs, PF<br>of CO2.  | ues are stated i  | n [CO2e], which  | h means th                                 | at the                                | All greenhouse gases are include in CO2e  Biogenic CO2 emissions in metric tons of CO2 is not measured. |
|   | Baseyear 2019<br>Boxon Group<br>Standard<br>Total emissions   | Year 2021<br>Boxon Group<br>Standard  | Year 2022 Re<br>Boxon Group<br>Standard                              | duction<br>2002e CO:<br>2019 2022 vs       | <b>2e CO2e</b><br>; 2019 2022 vs 2021 |   |
|   | t CO2e total 1 889,21 t CO2   | 1 250,55 t CO <sub>2</sub> e  | 1 491,80 t CO2e  | 397,42                                     | -21% 19%                              |   |
|   |   |   |  |  |                                       |   |
|   |   |   |  |  |                                       |   |

| GRI   | GHG Emission  |   |   |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|
|   | Boxon choose 2019 as th<br>mapped and measured fo   | when CO2e was   | Base year <b>2019</b> :<br>1889,2 t C02e                          |  |  |
|   | Stope 1, 2 and 3 baseyear 2013  |   |   | Scope 1: 339,6 t CO2e  |  |
|   |   |   |   | Ecoinvent 3.6 PCC 2013 methodology (GWP 100a) Carbon accounting platform MyClimate |  |
|   | Scope 1 t CO2e  | 339,60 t CO₂e   |   |  |  |
|   | Scope 2 t CO2   | 238,10 t CO₂e   |   |  |  |
|   | Scope 3 t CO2e  | 1 311,50 t CO₂e   |   |  |  |
|   | Total t CO2e  | 1 889,20 t CO₂e   |   |  |  |
|   |   |   |   |  |  |
| *   | the climate-relevant gree<br>equity share approach. To<br>3.6 and the IPCC 2013 me<br>The consolidation approa<br>Boxon is reporting through  | ased on the standard 'The GHG Fenhouse gases that are calculate he data for the calculations is ta ethodology (GWP 100a). In the is equity share, ghe the 3rd party carbon account parising our carbon footprint reparations. | ed according to the<br>ken from ecoinvent<br>ing platform My Cli- | IPCC 2013 methodology (GWP 100a) Carbon accounting platform MyClimate              |  |
| Disclosure 305-4<br>GHG emissions<br>ntensity | GHG emissions intensity   | ratio for the organization.   |   | Not measured   |  |
| Disclosure 305-5<br>Reduction of GHG          | Baseyear 20<br>Boxon Gro<br>Standare  | 019 Year 2021 Year 2022 Red<br>up Boxon Group Boxon Group t 0<br>1 Standard Standard 2  | uction<br>CO2e CO2e CO2e<br>019 2022 vs 2019 2022 vs 2021         | 2022 vs base year<br>2019  |  |
| emissions                                     | Total emissions   |   | 97,42 -21% 19%  | 397,42 t CO2e (or 21%) in reduction  |  |
|   | direct result of reduction  | O2e) are reduced between base initiatives.  | year 2019 to 2022 as a  |  |  |
|   |   | tivities that has been implement<br>d party energy audits   | ted in our Swedish  |  |  |
|   | Overall changes in b     to always consider c  Scope 2  |   |   |  |  |
|   | <ul> <li>Switch to renewable energy in Sweden</li> <li>Scope 3</li> <li>Decreased business travel with flights and less overnights stays due to new travel policy where we emphasis conscious travel</li> </ul> |   |   |  |  |
|   | All Gases are included in SF6, NF3, or all.   | the calculation; whether CO2, Cl  | H4 , N20, HFCs, PFCs,   |  |  |
|   | The data for the calculati<br>methodology (GWP 100a)  | ons is taken from ecoinvent 3.6   | and the IPCC 2013   |  |  |
| Own disclosure<br>305                         | Bag's carbon footprint. The where they can compens  | p again with myclimate for comple result is a service offered to Easte for the entire emissions caustection project in Tanzania.  | Boxon customers,  | CO2 Offset in kg<br>475670 kg  |  |

| GRI   | Energy management  |   |
|---|--|---|
| 302-1, 302-2<br>Energy consump-<br>tion within the<br>organization                | Electricity share according to Boxon Group owner shares     Electricity share according to Boxon Group owner shares   Electricity conventional &\( \)  | Fuel consumption:<br>0 (zero)  <br>Electricity consumption:   |
|   | Heating share according to Boxon Group owner shares  | 2116454 kwh Heating consumption: 525434 kwh Total energy consumption Boxo Group: 2641887 kwh  |
| 302-3<br>Energy intensity   | Energy intensity ratios define energy consumption in the context of an organization-specific metric. We define energy according to 39195 m2 (2651887 kwh/39195 m2)  Boxon does not have any sites or operations outside the organisation that contributes significantly to the organization's total anticipated energy consumption.  | Energy intensity/m2<br>67,4/m2  |
| 302-4<br>Reduction of<br>energy consump-<br>tion                                  | Energy reduction 2021 vs 2022 according to owner shares    Total energy lowh   Total energy lowh   Energy lown Group 2011   Energy lown Group 2012   Energy lown Group 2012   Energy lown Group 2013   Energy lown Group 2014   Energy lown Group 2014   Energy lown Group 2015   Energy lown G | Energy reduction 2022 vs 2021<br>-225756 kwh<br>(2641887-2867644)<br>Energy intensity reduction 2022<br>vs 2021<br>-7/m2<br>(67-74) |
| 302-5<br>Reductions in<br>energy requi-<br>rements of<br>products and<br>services | Boxon is not measuring reductions in energy requirements of sold products and services achieved during the reporting period.   | Not measured  |

| GRI  | Waste material management  |  |
|--|--|--|
| General – data<br>collection                                       | The data has been collected from Boxon systems, where we check contracts and invoices to control the input. We also get continuously reports our 3rd party companies we hire to collect waste and recycling, who in turn are controlled by country laws and regulations.  The data is reported through the 3rd party carbon accounting platform My Climate, which is also summarising the data for Boxon Group and per company.  |  |
| 301-1<br>Materials used by<br>weight                               | Non-renewable material Plastics Other  Renewable material Paper/corrugated Wood  | Non-renewable<br>22071 t<br>1400 t<br>Renewable<br>24169 t<br>13524 t          |
| 301-2<br>Recycled input<br>materials used                          | Boxon are working with closed loop of plastic material input Frame Tray system is an innovative packaging solution used within the automotive sector, which not only opens financial, logistical and environmental efficiencies but also falls into a 'controlled packaging recycle system' ensuring 100% plastic re-use through a closed loop throughout the entire supply chain. The Frame tray is an optimized injection molded tray system designed specifically for each component giving the potential to deliver a leaner packaging solution. In 2022, 4200 t plastic material was reused.  FrameTray <sup>TM</sup> – Sustainable Transport Packages The controlled "Closed Material Loop"  Supplement Transport Packages The controlled "Closed Material Loop"   | Recycled materials used:<br>4200 t   |
| 704.7  | Prarea Tray Recycling Nucle  1 Trays as broad down to statell  1 Trays as a broad down to statell  2 Trays as a broad down to statell  1 Trays as a broad down to statell  2 Trays as a broad down to statell  3 Trays as a broad down to statell  5 Trays as a broad down to statell  6 Trays as a broad down to statell  7 Trays as a broad down to statell  8 Trays as a broad down to statell  9 Trays as a broad down to statell  9 Trays as a broad down to statell  1 Trays as a broad down to statell  2 Trays as a broad down to statell  3 Trays as a broad down to statell  4 Trays as a broad down to statell  5 Trays as a broad down to statell  5 Trays as a broad down to statell  6 Trays as a broad down to statell  7 Trays as a broad down to statell  8 Trays as a broad down to statell  9 Trays as a broad down to statell  9 Trays as a broad down to statell  1 Trays as a broad down to statell  2 Trays as a broad down to statell  3 Trays as a broad down to statell  4 Trays as a broad down to statell  5 Trays as a broad down to statell  5 Trays as a broad down to statell  6 Trays as a broad down to statell  7 T | Patrum agraiga   |
| 301-3<br>Reclaimed<br>products and<br>their packaging<br>materials | Boxon has a return service for the product category BigBag. This mean the Boxon has agreement with a service provider that collects the BigBags we have sold on the market and ensures that these are returned into the system again. 20% of sold kg are returned and recycled through this service. The returning company RIGK in Germany provides us with the information of returned BigBags in kg.   | Return service BigBag (bulk) 20% reclaimed of total sold kg 15291 reclaimed kg |

#### Waste material management 306-1, 306-2 We have the ambition to reach zero waste, meaning 100% recycling or recovery. Waste generation To manage waste and circular system is done through clear routines for waste and significant & recycling management, for each office and warehouse. We have agreements waste-related with different local 3rd partners that collects and reports. In this way we can impacts measure and follow up waste to disposal and recycled material. We have KPI's Waste managefor waste, which is followed up quarterly in Boxon management reviews. ment Below process map indicates the way to handle the produced waste in the organisation. Aim and goal is to reuse as much as possible during operations. As mentioned above, always indentify if there is a possibility to use products before its handled as waste. Yes possible 306-3, 306-4, Total waste generated 306-5 312 tonnes Waste generated Waste diverted (Reuse, recycling) Waste directed to 0,2 disposal Hazardous waste is 0,3% of total waste Total waste diverted from disposal (including hazardous): 173 t Recycling electronics: 0,4 t Recycling general recycling material: 171,9 t Hazardous waste diverted from disposal (recycled R4+R9): 0,7 t Total waste directed to disposal (incl hazardous R1)): 139,1 t Non-hazardous waste to disposal (incineration with energy recovery): 138,7 Hazardous waste to disposal (R1 with energy recovery): 0,4 t

|   | Water management  |           |           |                               |  |
|---|---|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------|--|
| 303-1<br>Interactions with<br>water as a shared<br>resource | Boxon has no significant water implies for domestic use only. Our main of as where water is not a sacred resord the tiers, especially when the pulp solutions, which is Boxon's main but to influence water usage in our suprequirements towards suppliers, when a suppliers to down - Supply chain/supplier evalurisk, we preferable order packaging inputs. | r         |           |                               |  |
| 303-1, 303-2,<br>303-3, 303-4                               | An overview of water use across the organization's value chain; A description of any minimum standards set for the quality of effluent discharge, and how these minimum standards were determined, including:   |           |           | Not measured - not relevant   |  |
| 303-5   | Water share according to Boxon Group owner shares   |           |           | Total water consumption 2022: |  |
| Water consump-<br>tion                                      |   | Water m3  |           | 607 m3                        |  |
| tion  | Companies   | Year 2021 | Year 2022 |                               |  |
|   | Boxon AB, AS, A/S, GmbH, SARL, CH, Tech   | 786       | 420       |                               |  |
| 4   | Båfi, Tech  | n/a       | 23        |                               |  |
|   | Boxes & Labels  | 89        | 164       |                               |  |
|   | Total Boxon Group 875 607   |           |           |                               |  |

#### **Ethics**

In this section we present how Boxon Group is working with topics connected to ethics, that has been selected based on our Materiality analysis. This is topics that are important for Boxon stakeholders and where Boxon can have an impact

| GRI   | Anti-corruption & anti-bribery   |   |  |  |  |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| 205-1<br>Operations<br>assessed for<br>risks related to<br>corruption           | Every year, total number and percentage of operations are assessed for risks related to corruption. Significant risks related to corruption are identified through the risk assessment.  |   |  |  |  |
| 205-2<br>Communication<br>about anti-cor-<br>ruption policies<br>and procedures | All employees, managers and board members within Boxon Group has got the communication about Boxon anticorruption policies and procedures. It has been communicated directly in person teams meetings 15th August 2022 to each company CEO and country director/manager, it has been communicated in August 2022 Group info which also was recorded and published on our intranet Boxipedia and online on-demand training is available for all co-workers on Boxon Academy/Boxipedia | Employees 100%<br>Managers 100%<br>Executive managers 100%<br>Board 100%  |  |  |  |
| 205-2<br>Communication<br>about anti-cor-<br>ruption policies<br>and procedures | All suppliers have signed our Supplier Code of Conduct & Requirements, where ethics, anticorruption & antibribery are central parts. Boxon communicates anti-corruption, and anti-bribery policy/procedures before our suppliers sign with Boxon. All suppliers are yearly assessed on anti-corruption and anti-bribery.   | Suppliers 100%  |  |  |  |
| 205-2<br>Training about<br>anti-corruption<br>policies and pro-<br>cedures      | Training for all Boxon Board members was performed in 2021. Next training is planned to quarter 2 in 2023.   | Board members in 2022: 0%<br>Board members in 2021: 100% in<br>2021 – Sweden (all board mem-<br>bers are active in Sweden)                        |  |  |  |
| 205-2<br>Training about<br>anti-corruption<br>policies and pro-<br>cedures      | Training for all employees incl managers was performed in 2021. Next training is planned to quarter 2 in 2023.   | All employees incl managers in<br>2022: 0%<br>All employees incl managers in<br>2021: 82% in 2021 – Nordic (SE,<br>DK, NO) EMEA (DE+FR), Asia (CH |  |  |  |
| 205-3<br>Confirmed incidents of corruption & actions taken                      | <ul> <li>Zero incidents of confirmed incidents of corruption</li> <li>Zero incidents where employees were dismissed or disciplined.</li> <li>Zero incidents where business partners terminated or not renewed due to violations related to corruption.</li> <li>Zero incidents of Public legal cases</li> </ul>  | 0%  |  |  |  |

| GRI Product labelling and instructions  |   |                                   |
|---|---|-----------------------------------|
| 417-1<br>Requirements for<br>product and ser-<br>vice information<br>and labelling                            | The sourcing of the product components and content are specified on every customer unique offer and on standard products (offer specifications and product sheets). A 16-point datasheet is provided by the manufacturer and shared with customers for all materials requiring it by law.  Product information and products data sheets are available on demand for all our customized products and in our web shop for all standard products. On these pages specification about recyclability and disposal are specified and we mark products with labeling about how to recycle the product. We also provide with safety instruction for customers in how to handle the products, e.g., safety instructions for BigBags.  Sourcing of services from Boxon is not producing a risk environmental or social impact. They consist of installation and service for packaging machines with clear procedures and safety instructions. | 100% packaging categories covered |
| 417-2<br>Incidents of<br>non-compliance<br>concerning pro-<br>duct and service<br>information and<br>labeling | Boxon Group has zero incidents of non-compliance with regulations and/or voluntary codes concerning product and service information and labeling  | 0%                                |
| Disclosure 417-3<br>Incidents of<br>non-compliance<br>concerning mar-<br>keting communi-<br>cations           | Boxon Group had zero incidents of non-compliance marketing communication reported.  | 0%                                |

| GRI  | Customer health & safety management   |                                      |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| 416-1<br>Assessment of<br>the health and<br>safety impacts of<br>product and ser-<br>vice categories                       | Boxon Group customer health & safety management is part of our requirements for our suppliers of packaging products and it is part of our own requirements and procedures for services. | 100%<br>packaging categories covered |
| 416-2<br>Incidents of<br>non-complian-<br>ce concerning<br>the health and<br>safety impacts of<br>products<br>and services | Boxon Group had zero incidents of non-compliance with regulations and/or voluntary codes concerning the health and safety impacts of products and services within the reporting period. | 0%                                   |

| GRI   | Local communities and social engagement   |  |
|---|---|--|
| 413-1<br>Operations with<br>local community<br>engagement,<br>impact assess-<br>ments, and<br>development | Boxon social engagement is grounded in Boxon Group Code of Conduct. We have clearly defined that our main target group is children and youths in vulnerable situations or from vulnerable communities. The community activities that we support, are connected to inclusion and wellbeing for children and youths. We also donate to humanitarian support in areas that face extreme and challenging situations.  Social impact assessments and reach are performed by the organisations we support. The reach of children has been assessed by OV Helsingborg and HIF Helsingborg. | Reach community engagement 8 inclusion: 7700 children  Donation: 610 000 SEK |
|   | International Red Cross Foundation  We at Boxon wanted to do something to support the people in Ukraine and we challenged our employees to make a donation. Regardless of the donated amount, all funds collected were doubled by the Boxon Group. In March 2022, we donated 10 000 € to, which will put these funds directly in Ukraine.   |  |
|   | UNICEF In December 2022, Boxon donated 5000 Euros to UNICEF's important work for children in need of humanitarian assistance.   |  |
|   | Team Rynkeby Boxon is a Gold sponsor of the Non-profit organisation Team Rynkeby, a European charity project raising money for children with cancer and their families. This year, Team Rynkeby gathered 2026 bikers from 9 countries, and together they raised more than 100 million euro.   |  |
|   | <b>OV Helsingborg</b> We are a proud contributor to "Handball school for all" in Helsingborg, and their active work to arrange handball sport camps with the purpose to encourage children from different local areas and with different abilities, to interact and to make new friends. They have reached out to more than 4000 children.  |  |
|   | HIF Helsingborg Boxon is also contributing to HIF Sustainability network (Helsingborg's IF). The purpose with this network is to encourage children to play football – especially children from areas where the civil society is less strong. HIF Sustainability network has reached out to 3700 children, they have a mentorship program for young adults, and activities with the purpose to increase interaction and to fight against involuntary loneliness.  |  |
| 413-2 Operations with significant actual and potential negative impacts on local communities              | Boxon operations has no significant actual and potential negative impact on local communities.  |  |

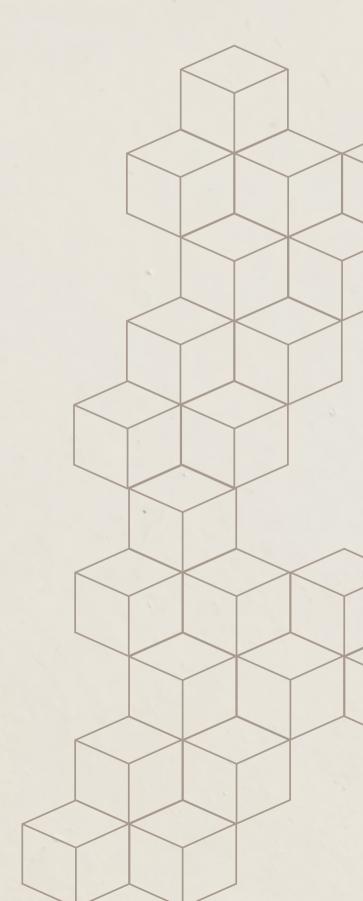
#### **Supply chain**

In this section we present how Boxon Group is working with topics connected to Supply chain, that has been selected based on our Materiality analysis. This is topics that are important for Boxon stakeholders and where Boxon can have an impact.

| GRI  | Supply chain Environmental  |                                 |
|--|---|---------------------------------|
| 308-1 New supp-<br>liers that were<br>screened using<br>environmental<br>criteria      | According to our Procurement Policy and we screen all our new suppliers using environmental Criteria and all new suppliers needs to sign our Supplier Code of Conduct & Requirements, where we have specific requirements and criteria for environment                              | 100%                            |
| 308-2 Negative<br>environmental<br>impacts in the<br>supply chain and<br>actions taken | All 245 active suppliers are evaluated min every second year. We have a staggered revision program, where we measure all suppliers every second year. In 2022, 121 active suppliers were evaluated through an online assessment for environmental impacts.                          | 121 suppliers evaluated in 2022 |
| 308-2 Negative<br>environmental<br>impacts in the<br>supply chain and<br>actions taken | None of our suppliers are identified as having significant actual and potential negative environmental impacts. As a result, we have no suppliers improvement actions, or we did not terminate any relationships due to this topic.   | 0%                              |
| 308-2 Negative<br>environmental<br>impacts in the<br>supply chain and<br>actions taken | Risks defined in our supply chain for materials such as PVC or PE or PP plastics, as risks for pollution on land and water when not recycled. There we work actively to find other alternatives to substitute, to reduce recycle or reuse these materials.                          |                                 |
| GRI  | Supply chain Social   |                                 |
| 414-1 New supp-<br>liers that were<br>screened using<br>social criteria                | According to our Procurement Policy and we screen all our new suppliers using social criteria and all new suppliers needs to sign our Supplier Code of Conduct & Requirements, where we have specific requirements and criteria for social criteria – human and labour rights.      | 100%                            |
| 414-2 Negative<br>social impacts in<br>the supply chain<br>and actions taken           | All 245 active suppliers are evaluated min every second year. We have a staggered revision program In 2022, 121 active suppliers were evaluated through an online assessment for social impacts.  | 121 suppliers evaluated in 2022 |
| 414-2 Negative<br>social impacts in<br>the supply chain<br>and actions taken           | None of our suppliers are identified as having significant actual and potential negative environmental impacts.  As a result, we did not give any suppliers improvement actions, or we did not terminate any relationships due to this topic.                                       | 0%                              |
| 414-2 Negative<br>social impacts in<br>the supply chain<br>and actions taken           | Risk child labor, see GRI 408-1. This is a moderate risk in India, China and Bangladesh where we do have a limited share of our sourcing <10%. To reduce the risk, we perform physical audits by our procurement and quality teams on a regular basis (at least every second year). |                                 |

| GRI            | Supplier evolution   |   |
|----------------|--|---|
| Own disclosure | Suppliers are made aware of Boxon's expectations in the screening process and through the Supplier Code of Conduct.  The level of compliance with Boxon's sustainability expectations is being evaluated during the normally on-site audits and in the annual Sustainability Questionnaire, and measures are taken if needed.  Online self-assessment – 121 audited suppliers  1. External audited  2. Suppliers that have a Labour and Human Rights policy  3. Share supplier that have an environmental policy  4. Share supplier that have ISO 14001  5. Share supplier that have Other  6. Share supplier that have EMAS  7. Share FSC certified suppliers (suppliers FSC out of total no of suppliers that 8. Share FSC certified suppliers BOXON COC  9. Share suppliers compliant with REACH  10. Share suppliers compliant with ROHS   | - 41%<br>- 84%<br>- 84%<br>- 38%<br>- 17%<br>- 2%<br>- 60%<br>- 21%<br>- 86%<br>- 80% |
| Own Disclosure | Supplier evaluation 2022   |   |
|                | F4: * What aspects does your environmental policy cover? (Multiple selection possible)  Beantwortet: 112 Obersprungen: 83  |   |
| *              | Energy consumption  Water  Air pollution  Materiale, chemicale, Sustainable procurement  We do not have an  GHG emissions  Other (please specify)  Other 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%  |   |
|                | F7: In your company, are there means implemented to reduce the usage / occurence / consumption of (multiple selection possible):   |   |
|                | Principal Research States    Committee   C |   |
|                |  |   |









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