

BECHTLE SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY 2030.

The Bechtle Sustainability Strategy 2030 collates various economic, environmental and social concerns into a compass for corporate decision-making, correlating strategic objectives with concrete measures in order to provide orientation and transparency.

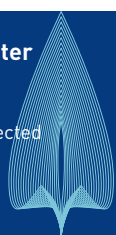
Bechtle began taking a systematic approach to sustainability as early as 2011, placing a premium on authenticity and credibility. This informed the first Bechtle Sustainability Code – a set of principles to guide responsible and forward-thinking corporate management. Eventually, under the impression of evolving norms and expectations – from Bechtle, from our stakeholders, from governments and regulators, and from society as a whole – this code made way for the Bechtle Sustainability Strategy 2030.

Extensive benchmark and status-quo analyses laid the foundation for a collaborative effort that, in 2020/21, saw stakeholders from the Bechtle Group’s own ranks strategise in a number of dedicated workshops. At the heart of the Bechtle Sustainability Strategy 2030 that emerged from this process are four strategic areas of action, each with three focal points and concrete long-term goals attached. In a similar vein, we have developed a Sustainability Programme, defining milestones and operative actions. This enables us to measure progress in a transparent fashion and regain our bearings should we drift off course.

Areas of action in the Bechtle Sustainability Strategy 2030.

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We operate in harmony with our environment to conserve our climate and resources into the future.



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We embody fairness and value our business partners and employees. Our team is diverse, motivated and highly qualified.



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The four strategic areas of action can be mapped to the three pillars of sustainable development identified in the 1987 Brundtland Report – environmental, social, and economic – and directly correlate with our business activities and the specific sustainability factors that are relevant to Bechtle. This means that we are also aiming our attention at the upstream and downstream value chains.

Each area of action has also been linked to the corresponding UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). There’s no hierarchy to them, nor are they isolated from one another. Each area of action is as important as the next, they interconnect and are all part of the whole. Together, they contribute to the sustainable development of our business.

The four strategic fields of action in detail:

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Focal Points	2030 Target
 <p>Supply Chain Sustainability</p>	<p>We are committed to human rights and environmental standards along our supply chain. We promote transparent sourcing processes and are expanding sustainable supplier management.</p>
 <p>Compliance & Anti-corruption</p>	<p>We act with integrity and in compliance with statutory requirements. Compliance and anti-corruption are paramount, which is why we consistently strive to minimise risks and advance prevention.</p>
 <p>Social Commitment</p>	<p>Social commitment is part of our corporate responsibility and we actively support select social projects as a reliable partner.</p>

Environment:

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Climate & Energy 	We will become carbon neutral in those business areas we have influence in through a triad of avoidance, reduction and compensation.
Sustainable Logistics	We design our logistics processes around ecological efficiency criteria, both in terms of transport and packaging.
Circular Economy	We think recycling before disposal, making sustainable use of the resources that exist in our IT hardware.

People:

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Employer Attractiveness 	We are bolstering our position as one of the leading European employers in the IT industry. Our focus is on employee satisfaction, personal development, training, leadership and Bechtle's culture of work.
Diversity & Equal Opportunity	We promote diversity within the group and continually strive for equality among our employees, putting gender diversity in the spotlight.
Health & Safety	We are continually optimising our good work in the field of occupational health and safety, strategically anchoring them within the Bechtle Group.

Digital future:

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Sustainable In-house Digitalisation	Within the scope of our IT strategy, we are pursuing the goal of making our enterprise architecture resource-saving, efficient and user-friendly.
Sustainable Technologies, Solutions & Services	We play an active part in our customers' digital transformation. In order to provide them with the best possible support to fulfil their Corporate Digital Responsibility and achieve their climate targets, we are working closely with our vendor partners to broaden our portfolio of sustainable technologies, solutions and services.
Information Security & Data Protection	We ensure our data and that of our customers and partners are secure. Information security and confidentiality in accordance with statutory regulations are a top priority.

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