# EET GROUP ESG REPORT 2021





# ESG impacts through the value chain

A substantial part of EET's business is to provide spare parts for electronic devices, thereby extending the lifespan of the devices themselves. By doing so, EET contributes to a more sustainable and environmentally friendly approach to the rapid growth in use of technology hardware. EET needs to closely monitor in particular:

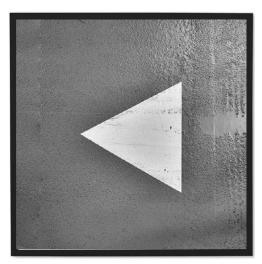
- i. the potential impact of the dual use of products for unethical purposes;
- ii. the conditions under which the products are produced; and
- iii. the potential impacts on end-user safety.

Electronic waste presents an environmental impact through the value chain that must be managed through efficient stock management, clear supplier requirements and strict guidelines and processes for handling and disposing of electronic waste.

The environmental impacts of production and the sourcing of raw materials are also important parts of EET's footprint.

The ESG report is reviewed against level and procedural requirements by our financial auditors as part of the Annual Financial Statement.











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RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY	SUPPLIERS PRODUCTION OF ELECTRONIC PARTS	MARKETING, STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION	CUSTOMERS - RE-SELLERS AND END-USE
<b>1. RESPONSIBLE AND ACTIVE</b>	SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT	2. A TRUSTED AND ETHICAL BUSINESS PARTNER	5. ENSURE SAFE AND SATISFIED CUSTOMERS AND CONSUMERS
		3. A GREAT PLACE TO WORK	
	4. MINIMISE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS THROUGH THE VALUE CHAIN		
<ul> <li>Labour conditions and human rights</li> <li>Conflict minerals</li> <li>Sanctioned countries</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Labour conditions and human rights</li> <li>Sustainable packaging in the supply chain</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Anti-corruption and integrity</li> <li>Employee health and safety</li> <li>Employee satisfaction and development</li> <li>Diversity and anti-discrimination</li> <li>Product offering to enhance electronics' longevity</li> <li>Internal waste management</li> <li>Operational climate impact</li> <li>Sustainable packaging to customers</li> <li>Tax policies and payments</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Product quality and safety (customer satisfaction)</li> <li>Customer privacy</li> <li>Dual use</li> <li>Sanctioned countries</li> <li>Climate impact of transport and shipping</li> <li>Product offering to enhance end-use energy efficiency</li> <li>Electronic waste (WEEE)</li> </ul>

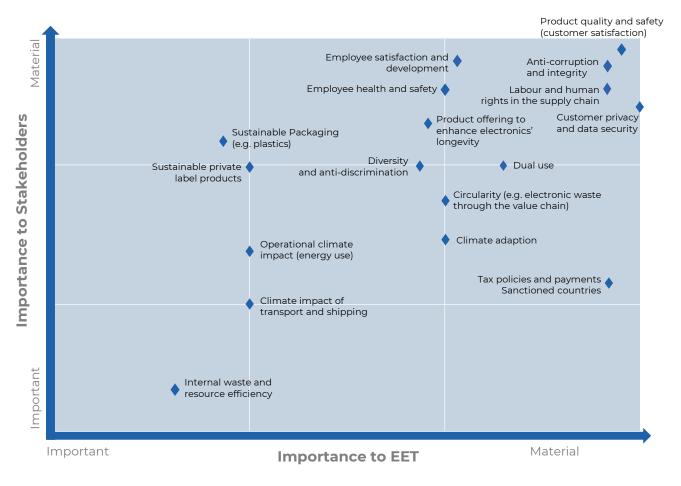


# **ESG risks and opportunities**

Innovation in electronic devices moves quickly and it has become common to replace electronic devices frequently. These practices lead to a high amount of electronic waste that is neither being reused nor recycled.

EET serves a growing need among customers and end-users to maintain and update electronic devices. Positioning the business to meet this growing need is an opportunity at the core of the business model. The supply of spare parts extends the life cycle of the repaired equipment and it reduces waste from an otherwise scrapped piece of equipment.

However, the production of electronic parts and devices may involve negative environmental impacts or poor labour conditions, both of which must be avoided. Some products might also be used for unethical purposes or by people in countries that are under sanctions. Corruption and unethical conduct may be present in parts of the value chain, as EET deals with many suppliers and customers across the globe. EET has an opportunity to contribute to SDG 12, sustainable consumption and production patterns; in particular with the management of natural resources, waste, increasing recycling and increasing transparency in supply chains.



### **UN Sustainable Development Goals**

Based on our business strategy and priorities in the years to come, we have carefully analysed the priorities of our stakeholders, the risks and opportunities presented by e.g. market/demand changes, regulations, climate, and we have assessed where amongst the we can make the biggest impact.

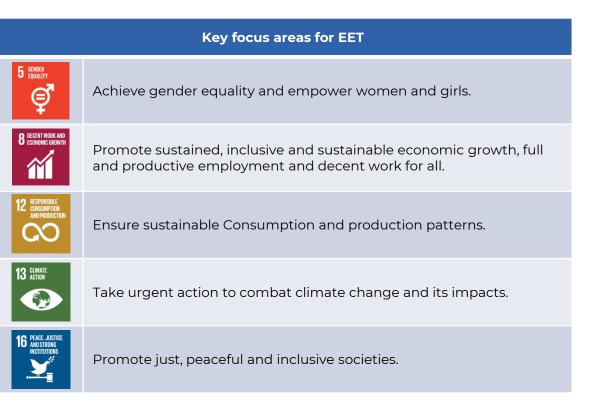
We are impacted by the world around us, but the world is also impacted by us and by what we do.

Ultimately we have a business run, but there are many ways to run it.

We have chosen put our efforts into the context of the UN Sustainable Development Goals of which we have chosen to focus on five:

- No. 5: Gender equality
- No. 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth
- No. 12: Responsible Consumption and production
- No. 13: Climate Action
- No. 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

On the following pages you will see how we work with each of these.



KEY ESG GOALS	AMBITIONS 2020	EFFORTS AND PERFORMANCE 2020	AMBITIONS AND KPI'S 2021
I.         Responsible and         Active Supply         Chain         Management	<ol> <li>We will continue our work on <u>quality assurance</u> and vendor qualification. We aim to reach 95% of our overall top80 vendors both regarding roll out of new contracts as well as self-assessments</li> <li>We will actively ask our Private Label vendors to <u>provide</u> <u>climate friendly alternatives</u> to standard products</li> <li>20 of our Private Label suppliers are scheduled to be audited</li> <li>Keep internal list of <u>sanctioned countries</u> updated according to global developments</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>We have achieved an <u>adoption rate</u> (of either contracts or self- assessment questionnaires) of more than 95% of our spend (in total 680 vendors out of 1459). These vendors are either publicly listed (=approved ESG policy), have an approved ESG policy, or have completed the EET Self-Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ) within 2019 or 2020. This applies to 58 of 292 Private Label suppliers.</li> <li>We continue to work with our Private Label vendors to provide climate friendly alternatives to standard products.</li> <li>We have performed 20 <u>audits of our Private Label suppliers</u> in the far East and even though no findings have resulted in sanctions of any kind some of the most frequent observations have been around:         <ul> <li>a) <u>Fire safety</u>: locked fire exits, missing signage or emergency light, lack of evacuation plans and fire drills.</li> <li>b) <u>Certifications</u>: visibility/display of certificates in rooms where toxic chemicals are used and airing of such rooms.</li> <li>c) <u>Overtime</u>: quite a few of our suppliers in China struggle to establish agreements with employees about overtime payment and maximum levels of overtime.</li> <li>All observations (even minor) are conveyed to our suppliers.</li> <li>Audits are prioritized based on largest spend.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	<ul> <li>We will ensure that ALL new vendors sign our terms &amp; conditions (as opposed to us signing theirs) or the SAQ as well as an ESG agreement. We expect this to apply to about 40 new vendors (hereof 25-30 in Private Label).</li> <li>We will thus ensure to maintain that vendors covering 98% or more of EET spend are either publicly listed (=approved ESG policy), have an approved ESG policy, or have completed the EET SAQ. This also applies to ALL Private Label vendors.</li> <li>For vendors that refuse the above we will consider discontinuing cooperation.</li> <li>We will also work with the remaining about 770 vendors (covering only 5% spend) but on a more selective basis.</li> <li>We will perform 20 audits (or reaudits) and gradually increase audit capacity over the next 3 years. Audits are repeated every 3 years.</li> </ul>

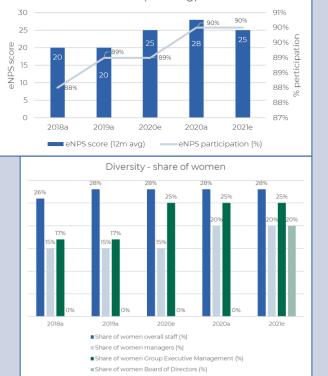


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<section-header></section-header>		EFFORTS 2020 Our internal policies (Code of Conduct, Anticorruption and Whistleblower) have been updated where applicable. In 2020 one whistleblower case was raised and processed. Our TCFD report has been updated, and new policies for Quality, ESG and Conflict minerals have been issued (all available on our website).	<ul> <li>We will ensure that our policies and other documents describing our preferred culture are continuously updated to keep up with changes in "mood", focus and trends the societies where we operate.</li> <li>We will ensure that these documents "live" with our employees and thus define our culture. We will look into the possibility of offering e-learning on these topics and we will focus our follow-up discussions on e.g. employee engagement survey to reflect new or enhanced areas of priority.</li> <li>We will introduce a more elaborate stand on behaviour and wellbeing as well as ways to work with this in a both preventive and curative manner.</li> <li>Particularly for the Whistleblower policy we will introduce a possibility to report anonymously in line with changing regulation in the area.</li> <li>In order to further sharpen our people analytics basis we will implement a human resource management system.</li> </ul>

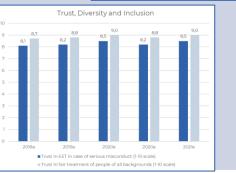
**KEY ESG AMBITIONS 2020 EFFORTS AND PERFORMANCE 2020 AMBITIONS AND KPI'S 2021** GOALS 3. **EFFORTS 2020:** A great place to We wish to further promote a culture of work 2020 was a special year due to the COVID19 pandemic. Leadership was put to a test and focused intensely on communication, remote management, health & safety in the workplace, close dialogues with each individual about the respect and wellbeing and we will work with (see next page) needs and fears, and a nearly day-by-day interpretation of business developments and changing customer needs. Other specific initiatives to create awareness of how elements of the originally planned activities such as face-to-face training, recruitment/onboarding, face-to-face dialogue to prevent disrespectful behaviour. meetings about satisfaction survey findings and actions etc. have however been transformed to online interfaces at adjusted ambition levels. We will work with employee Growth through A few weeks before borders closing down and travel being discouraged throughout Europe CEO and CCO conducted a our continued focus on manager/employee "Strategy road trip" to ALL our locations across Europe in order to meet all employees, share strategy for 2020 and dialogues (performance review, development forward and get their guestions and input directly. We are guite convinced that this exercise can also be seen in the conversations and ItoI touch ins). Also we will employee satisfaction survey results around strategy. continue to expand offering of training of our Our close follow-up on business developments, the firm control of costs via selective use of country support measures as sales staff via the app Sales on the GO. well as our business model set-up, allowed us to maintain the workforce in terms of head count more or less unchanged during all of 2020. Non-Covid related decisions to streamline the number of locations within certain country entities have We will work with Reward in that we in our led to minor change of staff in these areas. biggest entities in Denmark will implement a structured process for review, including Our work with Diversity and Inclusion is imbedded in our policies, processes and (we believe) our culture. Apart from manager training in both review mechanisms gender diversity our size, combined with the respect for what is personal sensitive data, prevents us from registering and and communication. The aligned incentive analysing more widely on diversity parameters. models/programmes for senior directors are We have changed the frequency and detail level of reporting on absenteeism from monthly overall numbers to weekly being finetuned and further rolled out where reporting with full details, allowing us to do better follow-up as well as suggest preventive actions. appropriate to create transparency, clear No workplace survey was conducted in Denmark in 2020 (only done every 3 years) but considerable efforts have been governance and to motivate performance. made across our entities due to Covid<sup>19</sup>. Cleaning scope and frequency were expanded in many locations. Social distancing was put in place through reduction of staff in offices, reminder messages, forced distance and introduction of We will aim to introduce a KPI for employee shifts in canteens, etc. Hand hygiene was emphasized through reminder messages and more widely available hand attrition. sanitisation installations. Also we have shared recommendations on how to keep both spirits and physical wellbeing up during periods of work-from-home. Targets for the KPI's in this section will be to We highly value close cooperation with employee committees where applicable (where size of entity makes it relevant) remain at the current high level. For actual KPI measures see graphics below. Though circumstances did limit hiring for part of 2020 we did not experience any overall issues neither retaining our key employees nor attracting new talent. Judging by what candidates say about us during job interviews and what current and past staff share about us in relevant platforms, we are fortunate to have a good employer branding.

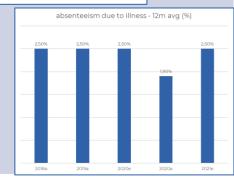
#### **KEY ESG** AMBITIONS **EFFORTS AND PERFORMANCE 2020 AMBITIONS AND KPI'S 2021** GOALS 2020 1. As a **EFFORTS 2020** 3. supplement A great place to the focus 1. The particular work on the 2019 lowest scoring satisfaction drivers, Growth and Reward, will be 30 to work carried into 2021. on 25 engagement scores (which 2. The employee satisfaction survey was sent out in the middle of March i.e. in the middle of virus ₽ 20 we aim to chaos, sudden work-from-home, employee anxiety both related to health but also to job situation and a highly increased need for leadership and guidance in a new and unpredictable keep at situation. The management team decided to go ahead with the survey as planned and results current level 10 or higher) we were both surprising and encouraging. The results can be seen below. will follow the development In addition, we have worked more focused with absenteeism, both measuring more frequently and of the performing tighter follow-up. (continued) <u>bottom</u> drivers To actively impact gender diversity, we have increased the share of women leaders (starting from the top) which we believe will lead to more gender diversity throughout the organisation. (below our own average of 7.5 and **KPI'S 2020** below • The overall engagement score increased from 7.5 to 7.8 (eNPS increased from 20 to 30!). On a 12external month average basis this meant that 2020 eNPS rose to 28. Participation increased from 89% to benchmark) 90%. 3 out of nearly 40 questions in the annual employee satisfaction survey are compiled into an of engagement: engagement score. Employees submit their answers to all guestions in an anonymized cloudbased tool. personal Growth and • The top drivers of overall engagement (those above our own average of 7.8) were Goal setting. Reward Organisational fit, Peer relationship, Management support, Meaningful work, Autonomy, Strategy, 2. We will Accomplishment, Environment and Freedom of Opinions. conduct the Growth and Reward are still the drivers scoring the lowest even if they are scored 4-6% higher than engagement suggested by external benchmark. <u>survey</u>only once a year (as opposed Absenteeism due to illness (defined as number of days absent from work due to own illness) dropped from 2.5% to 1.9% (12m avg) mainly due to 2 things - the workplace efforts mentioned to previously have undoubtedly reduced the level of illness. On top of that the more widespread work-fromtwo) and thus provide home has reduced the number of days called in sick. We compile weekly input by country into an more time to absenteeism share: number of days absent / (number of employees \* number of workdays in work period) thoroughly with the The measured score on the anonymous employee satisfaction survey question Trust in EET taking findings in action in case of serious misconduct is unchanged at 8.2 since 2019. each team. The measured score on the anonymous employee satisfaction survey question Trust in fair treatment of people of all backgrounds is also unchanged at 8.8 since 2019. Share of women in total workforce remain at 28% and share of women in leadership roles are up by 5pp to 20% compared to 2019. In the top management team, the share of women is up 8pp to 25% compared to 2019. For BoD and C-level the number is counted. For managers and employees across the entire company this is reported based on the employee master data reporting

(currently in a Citrix environment employee app).



eNPS (12m avg)





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Minimise <u>environmental</u> <u>impacts</u> through the value chain 2. We vour the value our the value chain 1000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 00	will do work with our OEM dors to e.g. reuse end-of- e products – results will be ted however in 2020. will continuously work with transportation partners on <u>climate impact</u> of transport shipping. We expect them rovide carbon footprint data ted to our activities.	<ol> <li>EFFORTS 2020         <ol> <li>As we see demand of <u>refurbished</u> products continue to decline, other initiatives such as winning contracts on <u>"right to repair</u>" for several of our major supply partners will strengthen our circularity contribution.             The "right to repair" concept operates under EU legislation and ensures consumers a right to have electronic devises repaired for up to 10 years.             We have also reviewed several solutions to ensure core partners an <u>offset of the CO2</u> generated by their orders.         </li> </ol></li> <li>We have obtained <u>carbon footprint data</u> from the vast majority of our transportation partners even though their reporting is often 1-2 quarters delayed.</li> <li>In addition to our ongoing dialogue with suppliers to reduce packaging or replace high</li> </ol>	EET aims to provide <u>CO2 neutral outbound deliveries</u> for the majority of shipments across all markets by 2H2021, this will be done by investing in <u>carbon offsetting projects</u> that will compensate our emissions. We will work with 1-2 providers and the details and benefits of the projects will be communicated to our business partners on relevant delivery notes, as well as on digital and social media. EET invests to win more projects under the EU " <u>right to repair</u> " obligation for manufacturers of white goods appliances and displays. The EU law comes into effect by Nov 2021. One of the core skills of EET, logistics, can thus help reduce e-waste and increase
pack will num pick a yea tran	will introduce new kaging compressors, which significantly reduce the hber of annual waste sups from 40-50 to 6-8 times ar. This will reduce isportation and thereby	<ul> <li>climate impact packaging types with more climate friendly alternatives our work on packaging compression is ongoing and implemented.</li> <li>We have also implemented plastic waste compressor and work on optimising the efficiency of this.</li> <li>Covid19 have delayed our work with local warehouses to 2021</li> </ul>	product lifetime. Winning more agreements will remain a strategic priority throughout 2021. We aim to be able to more precisely <u>measure</u> our efforts in areas like RMA, Waste segregation and waste reduction.
4. We wast	oon emissions. will introduce a plastic te compressor to <u>improve</u> <u>cclability</u> of this type of te.	<ul> <li>KPI's 2020</li> <li>Definitions of GHG emissions are based on the GHG Protocol corporate standard and they are measured based on various input from each country i.e. invoiced electricity/heating, freight, travel, company cars, etc.). we register it all in a cloud-based conversion software, CemaSys, that translates invoiced units to tCO2.</li> </ul>	CO2 footprint (2019 only DK, 2020 all major units) 8000,0 7000,0 6000,0 3000,0 150,
follo distr relat <u>ener</u> tran optin	will extend the procedures owed in our main ribution centre in Denmark ted to <u>reduction of waste,</u> <u>rgy consumption,</u> <u>isportation and packaging</u> <u>misation</u> to our warehouses K, Spain and France	<ul> <li>In the second year of measuring, we have expanded our <u>GHG emissions tracking</u> to cover not only Denmark but all major entities (Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, UK, France, Spain and Poland):</li> <li><u>Scope 1 emissions</u> (company cars): 96 tCO2 (down from 121) (company cars).</li> <li><u>Scope 2 emissions</u> (electricity and district heating): 81 tCO2 (down from 351).</li> <li><u>Scope 3 emissions</u> (goods transportation, waste and air travel): 6763 tCO2 down from 6938). These numbers in order to be comparable include guestimates for emissions outside Denmark in 2019 and for Q4 of 2020 as these numbers are not available at the time of issuing this report. Air travel alone dropped to 0 tCO2 in 2020 due to Covid19.</li> <li>As the by far largest source of GHG emissions in EET is outbound transportation, it makes sense to look at t<u>CO2 per 1000 shipments</u> as a measure of whether we improve our emissions</li> </ul>	5000,0 11,2 5000,0 4410,0 5439,9 10,0 10,0 10,0 10,0 10,0 10,0 10,0 10,0 10,0 10,0 10,0 10,0 10,0 10,5 00 9,5 00 9,5 00 9,5 00 9,0 10,0 10,5 00 9,5 00 9,5 00 9,0 9,5 00 9,0 10,0 10,5 00 9,5 00 9,0 9,0 10,0 10,5 00 9,5 00 9,0 9,0 10,0 10,0 10,5 00 9,5 00 9,0 9,0 10
10		or not. With the reservation of the many guestimates, it seems that we are reducing this from 11.2 in 2019 to 9.9 tCO2 per 1000 units in 2020.	Total GHG emissions (tCO2) per 1000 shipment

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5. Ensure safe and satisfied Customers and Consumers	<ol> <li>Maintain or increase the <u>customer</u> <u>satisfaction</u> (cNPS) score and again consider whether we want to increase participation rate. This will be achieved through working with customer segmentation and differentiated processes and/or offering.</li> <li>Increase level of product related data in our product information Management system (PIM) and upgrade data presentation on customer facing IT platforms incl. web, email and data integrations.</li> <li>Update our IT Policy, IT Security Policy and our IT Disaster &amp; Recovery Policy.</li> </ol>	EFFORTS 2020 As mentioned in the previous chapter we see demand of <u>refurbished</u> products continue to decline. However, other initiatives that will contribute to circularity and extended lifetime are our commitments on the "right to repair" programme and also the efforts aimed at optimisation/reduction of packaging and other waste. Our advanced level of digitalisation of both internal work tools, processes and customer interfaces proved to be both well functioning and a necessity to conduct business during times of social distancing and work-from-home introduced by countermeasures to the Covid-19 pandemic. KPI's 2020 1. The overall <u>cNPS</u> score is 1 up from last year to 29 (12 month average for all customers). 2. In 2020 we have launched a <u>new online shop</u> aiming to give our customers access to very enhanced product information. 3. We have not updated our <u>policies</u> on IT, IT security, IT disaster and recovery, however we solicited an external audit of our security landscape the findings of which will be translated into a roadmap of actions to work with in 2021.	<ul> <li>The Satisfaction program will be analysed and changed in order to <u>increase the participation rate</u>. This will be achieved through working with <u>customer</u> segmentation and differentiated processes and/or offerings.</li> <li>In addition to <u>segmentation of our direct customers</u> (B2B resellers, installers, retail and e-tail) we will also work on our customers' customers in <u>industry "verticals</u>" i.e. pharmaceuticals, hospitality (hotels, airports, etc.), transportation, education etc.</li> <li>We will continue our targeted efforts of <u>enhancing customer interfaces</u> both with</li> <li>EET sales representatives</li> <li>EET customer service representatives</li> <li>EET technical service representatives</li> <li>Website buying solution</li> <li>Individual EDI/xml customer solutions</li> <li>We work with all of these "channels" to improve skills, processes, systems, service and communication to ensure a world class customer experience.</li> <li>We will look into possibilities to get a deeper understanding of which ESC related priorities our customers have and thus introduce ways to measure and work with these.</li> </ul>