

Digital Day 4, 19 March 2021, Porto, Portugal

DECLARATION of the European Green Digital Coalition Members

“In support of the Green and Digital Transformation of the EU”

We, the executive leaders of the undersigned companies, are deeply concerned about the challenges posed by climate change, the depletion of natural resources, pollution and biodiversity loss. We recognise that urgent actions must be taken and believe that solutions exist for a sustainable future. We are ready to be part of these solutions and to lead by example.

We welcome the EU’s commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, and to be climate neutral by 2050. We commit to contributing to these EU targets by actively supporting the synergy between the green transition and digitalisation that leads to environmental, societal and economic benefits – the green and digital transformation.

We welcome today’s Declaration, “*A Green and Digital Transformation of the EU*”, signed by EU Member States and the EU Council Conclusions of December 2020¹. They both recognise that an appropriate environment-friendly use of digital networks, technologies and applications (green digital solutions) can deliver tremendous environmental and climate benefits and transform the European Union into an innovative, sustainable and resilient society and economy.

We, the executive leaders of the undersigned companies, commit to contributing to the success of the green digital transformation of the EU and beyond with the following actions:

- To invest in the development and deployment of green digital solutions with significant energy and material efficiency that achieve a net positive impact in a wide range of sectors.
- To engage with relevant organisations to develop standardised, credible and comparable assessment methodologies for the net impact of green digital solutions on the environment and climate in priority sectors such as energy, transport, manufacturing, agriculture and the building sector. First available results will be presented in 2022 at a dedicated event.
- To promote cross-sectoral dialogue and to contribute to the development of guidelines and recommendations for the deployment of green digital solutions in different sectors, and to encourage workforce upskilling. Progress reports will be presented in 2022.

The signatories to this Declaration will become Members of the **European Green Digital Coalition** (EGDC), provided that the companies they represent commit² to establishing science-based targets for reducing GHG emissions by 2030³ and to become climate neutral⁴ or net-zero⁵ no later than 2040.

The members of the EGDC will work closely with the European Commission and other stakeholders relevant to the actions above to deliver on these commitments and to report regularly on progress via established sustainability reporting frameworks.

¹ <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2020/12/17/digitalisation-for-the-benefit-of-the-environment-council-approves-conclusions/>

² The company has submitted or will submit shortly a sustainability pledge that is monitored by an independent organisation and publicly reported.

³ Such as the Science-Based Targets Initiative (SBTI) Guidance for ICT sector companies to set targets aligned with 1.5°C climate science <https://sciencebasedtargets.org/sectors/ict>

⁴ E.g. by joining the Climate Neutral Data Centre Pact <https://www.climateneutraldatacentre.net/>

⁵ Such as <https://sciencebasedtargets.org/net-zero>

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