



CARBON NEUTRALITY

Goal

Climate change is without doubt one of the greatest challenges facing the people of the world. With global warming gathering pace, the quest for carbon neutrality and efforts to safeguard future generations from the impact of CO₂ emissions are the only ways in which Spadel can fully assume its responsibility in this respect. Aware of what is at stake, in 2010 the group stated its goal of being fully CO₂ neutral (scopes 1, 2 and 3) by 2020. And it succeeded.

Actions in 2020

- Spadel attained its objective of being the first mineral group in Europe to be certified carbon neutral for all its entities and all its products.
- All the group's brands are now carbon neutral throughout the life cycle of their products. When a consumer buys a bottle produced by Spadel, its carbon impact is offset.
- In practical terms, this means that many initiatives have been taken since 2010 to reduce carbon emissions. Such as:
 - reducing energy consumption;
 - installing solar panels;
 - optimising transport processes;
 - reducing the weight of bottles;
 - opting for local suppliers in the purchasing policy;
 - using recycled materials for packaging.

- In addition to the efforts made to reduce emissions, Spadel has also put in place major offsetting programmes, in partnership with organisations such as CO₂logic and Water Access Rwanda.

The project in Rwanda combines water purification with the reduction of carbon emissions. Many Rwandans have to boil water to make it drinkable. This impacts on the environment, as the wood fires and deforestation emit large quantities of greenhouse gases. The Water Access Rwanda project intends to rehabilitate 35 obsolete or contaminated wells over a ten-year period, representing a capacity of over 570 million litres of clean, safe water suitable for meeting the needs of around 25,000 people. The system, which combines manual pumps and a network of pipes, makes it possible to preserve three million trees and maintain the local biodiversity. In addition, it avoids the emission of 400,000 tonnes of CO₂. This project is also having a positive impact at other levels: health (less disease spreading), social (time saved and the elimination of some expenses which can be used for education, food, etc.), economic (job creation

in the construction sector, well maintenance and surveillance).

- Other actions are being implemented to reduce CO₂ emissions. Such as:
 - the initiative led by the Science-Based Targets (SBT) which recommends setting targets for the reduction of emissions based on science and the Paris Agreement goals;
 - in this context, Spadel undertakes to reduce its total CO₂ emissions by 42% by 2030 (compared with 2015) and to achieve net zero emissions by 2050.

Performance indicators of the situation in 2020

- Carbon neutrality in scopes 1, 2 and 3.
- The next CO₂ reduction goals have been approved.

The goal was achieved.

This table summarises the initiatives taken by Spadel and indicates whether the goals set have been achieved or not yet. The first three columns can be processed. More in-depth explanations of these pillars can be found in the detailed CRS report.



Platform	Description	KPI 2020	Result 2020
Sustainability in everyone's job	Understanding sustainability	70%	
	Competence sustainability on the job	70%	
One Citizen Day	Participation rate white collars general	50%	
	Participation rate Brussels HQ office	70%	
To be a best workplace	Sites Great place to work certified	100%	Only Spadel France obtained the label. This ambition is again part of the CSR Strategy 2025
80% Sustainable suppliers	Strategic suppliers screened by Ecovadis	80%	
	Strategic suppliers score red (=at risk)	0%	
100% bee-friendly (biodiversity)	Beehives installed (in alle sites)	16	
EWS – replaced by AWS	Production sites 'Gold' certified	5	Due to the merger with AWS the initial ambition was abandoned and replaced
Reduced Water-use ratio	Water-use ratio	1.6 L/L	
Carbon	Carbon neutral	scope 1,2, 3	
	SBTi CO2 reduction targets	SBTi approved targets	
To promote hydration	Strategic partnerships	4 (1/mkt)	
100% natural and low caloric drinks	Avg calorie content of flavoured waters and lemonades (kcal/100ml)	9,7	
	Products according to Spadel naturality framework	100%	