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Future generations and the climate

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We have defined environmental responsibility as one of our focus areas, because we recognise more than ever that we have to reduce our negative impact on the environment, while increasing our positive impact on the climate.

We are also working constantly to reduce our ecological footprint and hence also our negative impact.

We reduce our own ecological footprint through continuous efforts and innovative projects. Our environmental policy is an extension of our mission statement and applies to all our business units and entities, which are free at the same time to pursue their own initiatives too.

We take a large number of measures, including ones to make our existing and new buildings as energy-efficient as possible. We are also optimising our energy consumption, working to reduce paper and water consumption, and reducing the amount of waste we generate.

The results of our environmental efforts in 2015:

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ISO 14001 certification in Belgium and Slovakia

On 21 December 2009, we qualified for the ISO 14001 certificate in Belgium for our environmental management system. The key focuses are monitoring compliance with regulations, constantly improving environmental performance and increasing the involvement of all employees. KBC also constantly evaluates its



environmental policy. Based on previous voluntary audits, we already received the Ecodynamic Business Label for our buildings on the Havenlaan in Brussels and the West Flanders Environment Charter for our offices in that province. The ISO 14001 certificate applies to all KBC's support services in Belgium and was extended for another three-year period at the end of October 2015. ČSOB Slovakia, too, was awarded ISO 14001 certification, which was extended for three years at the beginning of 2015.

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We have set ourselves the goal of implementing an environmental management system (ISO 14001 certification) at all our entities by 2017. This will enable us to map and evaluate the environmental performance of the entire KBC group, and to set clear targets for greenhouse gas emissions.

We were the first Belgian financial institution to be awarded EMAS certification

On 31 January 2013, KBC Belgium gained EMAS certification for its support services, making KBC the first Belgian financial institution allowed to register for this European Eco-Management and Audit Scheme. KBC has been fully EMAS registered since 1 April 2013.

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