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# **SEQENS PRESIDENT INTRODUCTION**



The year 2020 has been marked by this unprecedented sanitary crisis that has impacted all of us individually. This crisis has also affected our operations, our businesses, our relationships with our key stakeholders and all our activities.

Thanks to the implementation, from the very start of this crisis in China in February, of strict rules on hygiene and physical distancing, and thanks to the mobilization of everyone, the SEQENS group has resisted this crisis better than its peers, maintaining all the activities of our sites and adjust our productions around the world to meet the markets that needed it most.

By th way, SEQENS confirms its position of a global leader in pharmaceutical synthesis and specialty ingredients, with 24 industrial sites spread over 10 countries across 3 continents, 3 200 employees and a revenue of more than 1 billion euros.

As a group, we are facing a lot of challenges to consolidate our activities and respect our commitments, and among them, Sustainable Development and Corporate Social Responsibility. That's why we permanently focus on the management of:

- Safety and integrity for all employees, partners and assets;
- Risk Management and Compliance to ensure SEQENS is conducting its business with integrity wherever it operates in the world and in the respect of the fast-changing regulations either social, environmental or financial.
- Reliability, Quality and Performance of our operations, to better serve our clients;
- Minimizing climate change and environmental impacts of our processes and products
- Innovation and sustainable value creation by delivering on time and on budget the projects launched on most of our activities.
- Care and social engagements of our stakeholders favoring personal development, philanthropy and probono actions

Once again, I want to thank all and each of our employees for their own contribution to the SEQENS successes of this particular crisis year, and keep confident our organization will handle its successful future.

PIERRE LUZEAU SEQENS CEO



### SEQENS SUPPORTS UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COMPACT **INITIATIVES**

SEQENS as a signatory of the UN GC since 2008, is committed to do everything possible to develop its business sustainability within the respect of the ten principles of the United Nations Global Compact.



WE SUPPORT

In order to succeed in this approach, to share and convey this vision within its organization, SEQENS deploys its strategy related to sustainable development through enforcing specific governance principles and implementing its roadmap on the fields of social and societal responsibility, environment protection and economic performance.

The aim of this document is to present a large number of the actions carried out within SEQENS, without claiming to be exhaustive. It also aims at demonstrating how SEQENS assumes its societal responsibility and integrates year after year the principles of the global compact and the unavoidable concepts of sustainable development.

### **The Ten Principles of United Nations Global Compact**

#### Human Rights

**Principle 1**: Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights;

**Principle 2:** Businesses should make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses;

#### Labor

**Principle 3**: Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;

Principle 4: Businesses should uphold the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labor; Principle 5: Businesses should uphold the effective abolition of child labor;

Principle 6: Businesses should uphold the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation;

#### **Environment**

**Principle 7**: Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges; **Principle 8**: Businesses should undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; **Principle 9**: Businesses should encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

#### **Anti-corruption**

**Principle 10**: Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery



### ... AND RENEWS ITS ALIGNMENT TO THE 10 PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS GLOBAL COMPACT THROUGH THE VOICE OF ITS PRESIDENT

### SEQENS

To the Secretary General United Nations New York – NY 10017 United States

Lyon, 2021, the 15<sup>th</sup> of July.

#### Statement of support for the principles of the Global Compact

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that Seqens, as an active member of the United Nations Global Compact since 2008, renews its support for the ten founding principles concerning human rights, labor rights, environmental protection and the fight against corruption.

Under the guidance of our Executive Committee and in line with our sustainable development policy and strategy, we are pursuing our roadmap based on four priorities:

- Safety, quality and compliance.
- Climate and environment.
- Social support and engagement.
- Innovation and sustainable value creation.

Through these priorities, I and all my teams seek, within our own spheres of influence and in each of our daily activities, to systematically ensure the implementation of the ten principles of the Global Compact and to work towards the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) applicable to our industry.

As a responsible and transparent player, Seqens is committed to reporting annually on the results of its actions and progress made in line with the ten principles of the Global Compact and to regularly informing its employees and partners, whether they are customers, suppliers, shareholders or members of the public community.

As proof of this commitment, we will submit our annual Communication on Progress (Seqens CoP) on your UNGC Site as soon as possible.

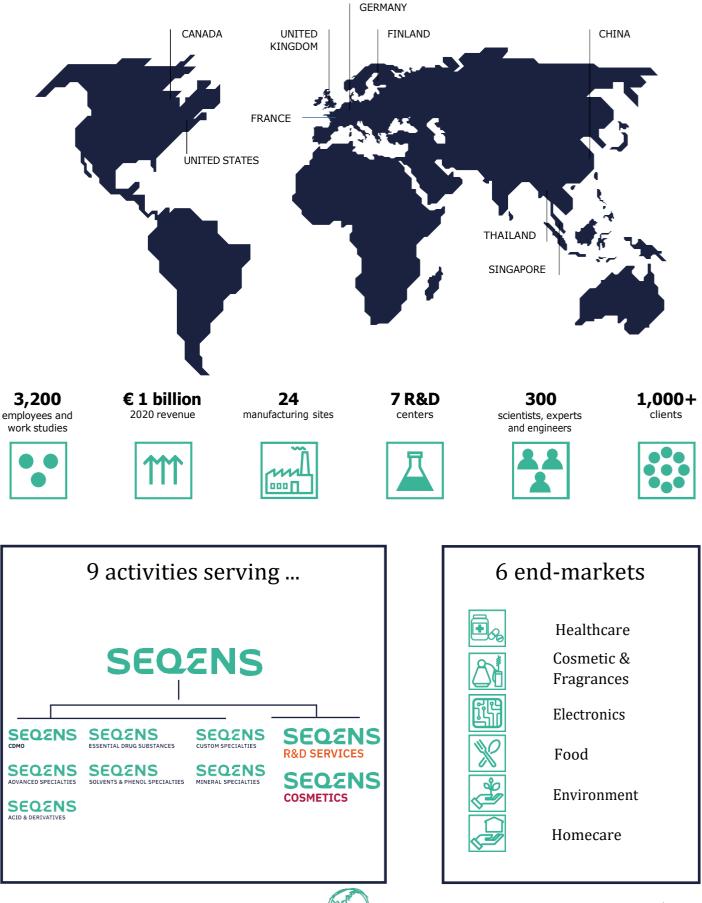
Best regards,

Pierre Luzeau, President of Segens

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## **SEQENS** BUSINESS OVERVIEW



Section 1

# CSR EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## SEQENS STRUCTURED SD-CSR STRATEGY

The SEQENS Group has structured an ambitious CSR and sustainable Development strategy based on the respect of its human resources and aiming decreasing its environmental impacts along the value chain

#### A robust CSR structure relying on Top Management and formalized processes

- Throughout the years, the SEQENS Group has gradually structured its CSR approach and is aligned with the best CSR practices of the leading actors of the chemical industry.
- CSR is considered as an essential growth lever of the Group's corporate strategy and has known acceleration phases following impulses by Mr. Pierre Luzeau and later during Eurazeo's detention phase.
- To date, the Group has fully . integrated CSR within its business strategy and formalized key policies, based on a materiality matrix, a robust management system and key performance indicators. The CSR strategy has namely been recognized and valued by EcoVadis, through ESG assessments of each SEQENS industrial site.
- Looking ahead, the SEQENS Group sets itself clear and ambitious CSR goals, formalized within its 2023 roadmap and based on a rigorous impact assessment of the Group's contribution to the UN SDGs.

#### Health & safety and talents as fundamental pillars of the Company

- Due to the importance of health & safety, the Group has regarded the issue as a top priority within its CSR strategy from its onset. The Group has formalized robust EHS policies and strong commitments which are deployed by a structured decentralized Management system.
- Since 2017, the Group has obtained the "Great Place To Work" label. which reflects its commitments to the well-being of its employees.
- In order to deliver high quality products and stay competitive, the Group has a strong focus on attracting, training and retaining young key talents. Indeed, the Group has a longstanding commitment to favor the recruitment of young talents via internships and work-study contracts.
- SEQENS has endorsed a steering role during the COVID 2019 crisis, thanks to its agility and the robustness of its industrial set up. The crisis also highlighted the perfect alignment of SEQENS' strategic positioning.

#### Decarbonization at the heart of the CSR roadmap

- In light of the growing concern of sustainability for the chemical sector, the Group has taken key commitments and set up tailored action plans in order to drastically minimize its environmental impacts
- The group has set an ambitious target to suppress coal from its occidental production sites by 2023, reducing consequently its global carbon intensity by around 60%.
- In order to attain these targets and become a coal free asset, the Group has deployed major investments to decarbonize its manufacturing sites and reduce its high carbon exposure.
- In addition, the Group has gradually strengthened its procurement standards to ensure that its suppliers comply with the Group's CSR expectations.
- Initiatives implemented to improve its energy efficiency has led to a key competitive advantage for the Group.

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BUSINESS CLIMATE

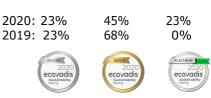
PLEDGE

 $68\%^{of}_{rated}$  "Gold" or "Platinum" by EcoVadis (2020)

#### ecovadis

In 2020, 5 entities became "Platinum"

2020 MAIN FIGURES



- lost time accident rate at end of 4.52020. Positive trend (4,4 in 2019) confirmed by June 2021 results: 3,2
- Jan 2021 GPTW Trust Index (Great 61% Place to Work) \_ above benchmark \_8% progress versus last 2018 survey
- 83/100 French Gender Equality Index average for French sites. Higher than the minimum required by French Government: 75/100
- Jobs & internship opportunities 150 offered to young talents in 2020/\_ multiplied by 2 in 3 years

32%	of reduction of Group carbon production intensity compared to 2008 (Scope 1+2)		
28%	of reduction compared to 2008 (Scope 1+2)		
-15%	of Group energy consumption on 2017 basis		
In the context of the French Business Climate Pledge,SEQENS Group			

has committed to reduce its carbon intensity by 75% by 2025 versus 2008 and aims to be the first mineral chemical manufacturing sites in Europe to be "coal free" before 2025

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### **SEQENS** CONTRIBUTES THROUGH ITS BUSINESS TO THE 17 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGS) OF THE UNITED NATIONS

As part of a continuous improvement process, SEQENS has assessed its contribution to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. This new monitoring will be an essential tool for the Group to improve its impact in the long run. The overall contribution of SEQENS' products exceed 60%.

## THE SHARE OF SEQENS' TOTAL REVENUE CONTRIBUTING DIRECTLY TO THE FOLLOWING SDGS IS:

50%	~0,2%	~1%	2,5%	~1%
3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION	12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION	13 CLIMATE	15 LIFE ON LAND



### METHODOLOGY

The groups stared to analyze the main applications of its products per market segment in order to assess the applicable and relevant SDGs per market.

In a second stage, SEQENS then computed the part of its revenue that contribute to SDGs.

As a whole,  $\in$ M 515 net revenue of SEQENS, that it to say around 55% of its revenues contribute directly to SDGs. In its contributions, the most represented SDG is by far SDG 3 "Good Health and Well- Being".

Market Segment that contributes to SDGs	Applications	Targeted SDGs
Pharma & Healthcare & personal care	Intermediates of active pharmaceutical ingredients for the manufacture of medicines and products for hemodialysis, cosmetics care and serums for diagnostics.	
Solvent recovery & sustainable industry	Collect and reprocessing of used sol- vents and distillery waste to regenerate pure solvents sold on market.	
Other markets : Bio-diesel & insulation & tires	Products used in manufacturing of Fiber glass / double glazing /Biodiesel / green tires	
Waste and Water treatment	Used in sewage and solid waste treat- ment processes (coagulants, PH reduc- ers,Acid-base neutralization)etc.)	
Air treatment	Flue gas treatment of Incinerators and boilers (reduction of sox emission reduction & acid	



- As described in the previous chapter we can add has positive impacts our internal initiatives as
- GPTW to support SDG 3 ,
  - our talent policy and its deployment for Youth supporting the SDG 4
  - several local initiatives in favor of gender equality supporting SDG 5
- the implementation of a global and structured process to fight against corruption and bribery and in favor of a decent work acting in favor of SDGs 8 et 16
- In addition to these positive contributions, the investments done to drastically reduce its Scope1 and 2 and to a lesser extent, scope 3 GHG emissions and to recycle or revalorize its solid wastes or sewage, are also a prove of its willingness to reduce its SDGs negative impacts



Section 2

# SEQENS CSR GOUVERNANCE

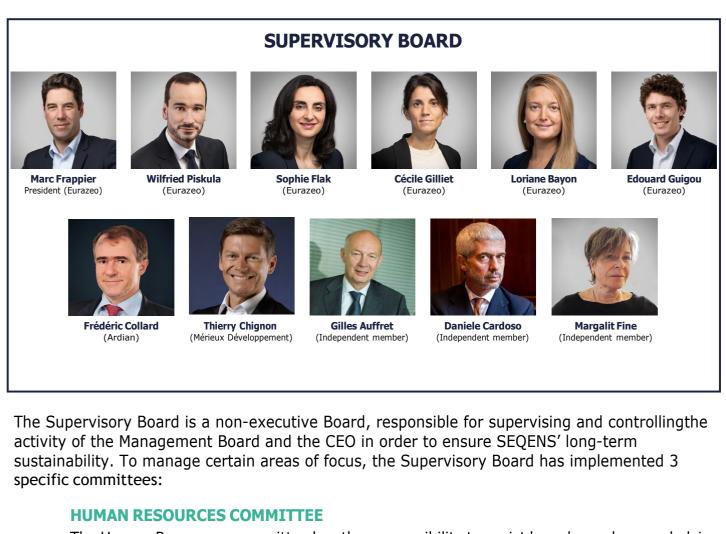
## **SEQENS** SD-CSR VISION & GOVERNANCE OVERVIEW

	HOW THE SEQENS GROUP ADDRESSES THIS FOUNDATIONAL THEME
Two-tier corporate organs	<ul> <li>The Group has a two-tiered governance structure with a Supervisory Board (external) and a Management Board (internal) (cf. p. 7 et 8).</li> <li>Its CSR governance is ensured at corporate level with a dedicated CSR Committee of the board and mainstreamed at an operational level by a CSR department with designated contributors per main topics of the CSR strategy (cf.p. 9, 10 et 11)</li> </ul>
Values & corporate culture	The Group has defined the following five corporate values: entrepreneurship, agility, customer orientation, solidarity and perseverance.
Personal engagement of CEO on CSR issues	The Group' CEO, Mr. Pierre Luzeau, is particularly engaged and vocal on CSR issues, as demonstrated by his annual declaration of support to the UN Global Compact Principles (last one on 2021, in July 15th). As such, CSR is a key element of the Group's corporate culture and aligned with its business strategy.
CSR responsibility assigned	Under the responsibility of Jean-Louis Martin, Group VP Industrial & HR, the Group has assigned Marc Labeille as CSR Director, mainly supported by Yann Grevillot, as EHS Director, Alexandra Nowak as HR Director, Gildas Barreyre, as Energy, Communication & Public Affairs Director, Stéphanie Girard, as Quality & Regulatory Affairs Director and Olivier Ladet as Purchase Director.
CSR materiality assessment	To date, the Group has identified the key CSR issues for its activities by identifying the most material CSR topics, and has agreed them with Eurazeo. The SEQENS Group aims at formalizing a materiality matrix for its activities in due time.
CSR policy / strategy	Following the materiality assessment, the Group has formalized its CSR Strategy based on four key pillars: safety, quality & compliance, climate change & environment, innovations & sustainable value creation, well-being & engagement. This strategy, reviewed in 2021, is the result of a former strategy and was reshaped to better address the Group's growing CSR material issues and ambitions.
CSR criteria in the employees performance evaluations	Top managers and operation managers have CSR targets in their variable remuneration (H&S, Environment, HR, Energy, CO2 Emissions)
CSR reporting & KPIs	The Group monitors its CSR performance by following 150 KPIs on different topics: Governance, human resources, H&S, environment and supply chain. The Group also conducts a specific CSR reporting for the account of Eurazeo (NFRD requirements) which is also useful for their external disclosure statements, i.e. The Group's Non- Financial Reporting Directive.
CoP from the Global Compact	As a long-term member of the Global Compact France since 2008, the Group publishes Communications on Progress (CoP) annually. SEQENS is qualified by UNGC at GC "Active" level.
CSR audits & Assessments	Since 2011, the Group's NFRD has been reviewed by an independent third-party audit firm (Exfi Conseil, then PWC). In addition, since 2019, 22 main entities of the group are successfully assessed through EcoVadis.



## **SEQENS** SUPERVISORY BOARD & ITS CSR SUPERVISION

The Supervisory board, formed by 8 shareholders representatives and 3 independent members, integrates CSR supervision through a specific CSR committee.



The Human Resources committee has the responsibility to assist board members and advise them regarding appointment and compensation of SEQENS' key managers.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The Audit committee helps board members fulfill their responsibilities regarding the production and control of financial information, risk management and external audit.

#### **CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE**

The Corporate Social Responsibility committee provides expertise and recommendations on SEQENS CSR strategy and actions.



### **SEQENS MANAGEMENT BOARD & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE INTEGRATE CRS MANAGEMENT**

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#### **MANAGEMENT BOARD**









**Philippe Clavel** 

The management board is responsible for the day-to-day governance of the group and shall implement the appropriate management within the group to ensure the deployment of the policies and decisions approved by the Supervisory Board. In addition, it shall report to the Supervisory Board on the main topics listed above and provide all relevant information needed by the Supervisory board to be able to take the appropriate decisions.



Vanessa Michoud General Consel



**Philippe Clavel** VP Pharmaceutical solutions



**Gildas Barreyre** ExCo General Secretary



Robert Monti Essential Drug Substances DS Managing Director



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** 

**Raymond Sinnah** VP Mineral Specialties & ExCo supervisor Asia



Ludovic Lvonnet SPS Managing Director



Stéphanie Girard Quality and Regulatory Affairs Director



Helen Webster Custom Specialties Managing Director



**Christophe Eychenne-Baron** Group R&D Director



Sébastien Taillemite Advanced Specialties Managing Director

The executive committee (ExCo) is responsible for steering the strategic roadmap defined with the Supervisory Board to meet group improvement and development objectives:

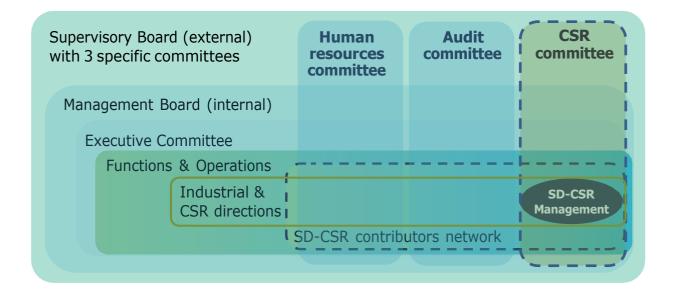
• Shaping and preserving SEQENS' strategy, values and assets: its mission includes formulating and implementing the group's strategic vision and objectives. The ExCo also steers the group's business portfolio and is responsible for fulfilling the group's value creation objectives

• Managing Performance: for each of the ExCo members within his(her) scope, to manage performance of BU or Function leaders, allocating group-wide resources and governing the Functions' activities



### **SEQENS** GOVERNANCE BODIES INTEGRATE CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY MANAGEMENT...

SEQENS activities are managed by various governance bodies having their specific responsibilities and expertises including CSR ones.



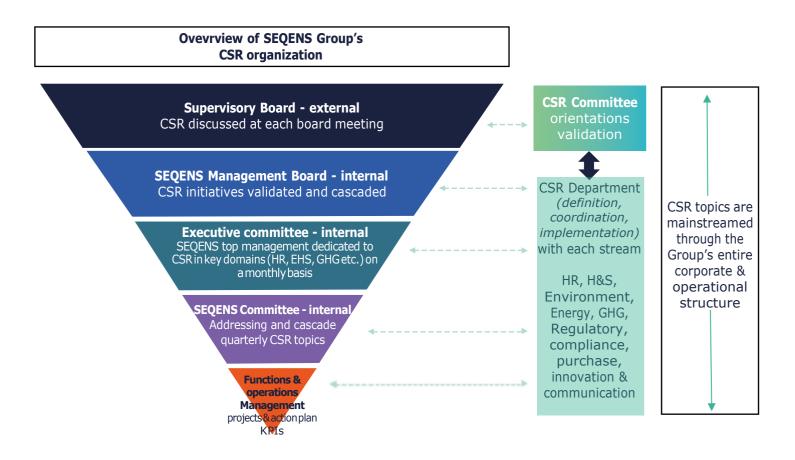
The CSR Committee of the board, chaired by Sophie Flak, Board Member of SEQENS and Eurazeo Managing Partner ESG and Digital, meets twice a year to address the Group's CSR performance and roadmap. In addition, two workshops are organized every year to shed light on material CSR topics. Keystakeholders take part in this Committee

The CSR Committee formed within the Supervisory Board of SEQENS Group Holding has the general mission of assisting the Supervisory Board in monitoring issues relating to the Group's CSR so that SEQENS can best anticipate the associated opportunities, challenges and risks. The CSR Committee conducts discussions in coordination with the SEQENS Management Board, regularly reports to the Supervisory Board on the performance of its duties and makes recommendations on SEQENS' CSR policy and achievements.



### **SEQENS** ... THROUGH A CLEAR PROCESS WITHIN ALL THE ORGANIZATION

SEQENS Group has a structured and mature CSR governance to control and implement its CSR approach through its organization with dedicated bodies and responsibilities



CSR topics are overviewed at an executive level by Jean-Louis Martin (VP Industrial & HR of SEQENS), also in charge of upholding the key CSR issues at stake at the supervisory board and steered at Group-level by Marc Labeille, the Operational Excellence Director and CSR Director.

The operational deployment of the CSR strategy is then overviewed by each director of concerned functions and handled on each manufacturing site directly by the plant manager or delegated to on-site contributors as EHS, HR, Operational Excellence managers.



### **SEQENS** APPOINTED A SPECIFIC AND DEDICATED CSR RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE MAIN FUNCTION OF THE ORGANIZATION

Corporate

Operational

MAIN CSR MISSIONS	NAME AND FUNCTION OF THE CONTRIBUTOR		
<ul> <li>Steer the CSR policy, KPIs, and associated action plans and overview the CSR reporting.</li> </ul>	Marc Labeille	CSR & Op.Exc. Director	
<ul> <li>Support &amp; challenge entities in their action plan management.</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Value the Group's CSR results through Trophies &amp; diffuse CSR awareness.</li> </ul>	Gildas Barreyre	Energy-Public Affairs & Communication Director	
Overview and quantify the Group's energetic Overview that the EHS policies, action plans	Gildas Barreyre	Energy-Public Affairs &	
and reporting are achieved.	Yann Grevillot	EHS Director	
Ensure the Group's innovations comply with CSR objectives.	Frédéric Schab	Innovation Director	
Deploy & uphold CSR standards in the quality processes and requirements.	Stéphanie Girard	Quality & Regulatory Director	
Value and promote CSR throughout the Group's supply chain.	Olivier Ladet	Purchase Director	
Dedicated corporate team in charge of the ethics and compliance aspects.	Eric Moissenot	Audit & Compliance Director	



### **SEQENS** MANAGEMENT SHARES COMMON VISION INCLUDING CSR THROUGH ITS MANAGEMENT BOOK

SEQENS management book (SMB)has been published to share and convey within SEQENS a common vision and a clear framework to ensure its business development and sustainability.



The Executive Committee has designed this Management Book in order to help collaborators in their day-to-day work. It provides the best practices of each site to everyone.

This document highlights:

- Key governance principles
- Value System
- Governance bodies
- Reporting
- Group rules & framework including:
- Compliance
- Golden rules
- Approval matrix



#### *Compliance*

The Compliance Department aims to go beyond our corporate culture to lay the framework for a clear, shared code of ethics reflecting the company's policies and cohesion when it comes to ethics, which plays a determining role in the success of our business and our people.

#### **Golden rules**

More precisely, these Golden Rules help manage behaviors and actions to:

- Mitigate major risks;
- Protect the group's human capital and assets;
- Avoid any action that may be detrimental to the group's image and/or reputation.

#### Approval Matrix

This matrix reflects the Executive Committee's intention to simplify and extend the delegations granted to the businesses and functions in the context of the current organization of SE-QENS.

#### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY GOLDEN RULES (SMB extract):

- 1. Yearly plan by entity and quarterly following up have to be reviewed with Industrial department & BU Managing Director.
- 2. BU Managers, Site managers and relevant function leaders are responsible for collection of Sustainable Development and Corporate Social Responsibility data (indicators, information, etc.) reported to the corporate SD-CSR team and have to ensure their materiality providing all necessary evidence to potential external auditors.
- 3. Each manager is responsible to ensure that every person working for or on behalf of SEQENS received adequate SD-CSR awareness and apply SEQENS SD-CSR policy within his own area of influence and in all his activities.
- 4. All industrial, innovation, M&A, commercial projects or any other ones have to integrate SEQENS SD-CSR commitments and demonstrate positive SD-CSR impacts.



Section3

# SEQENS SD-CSR STRATEGY DEPLOYMENT

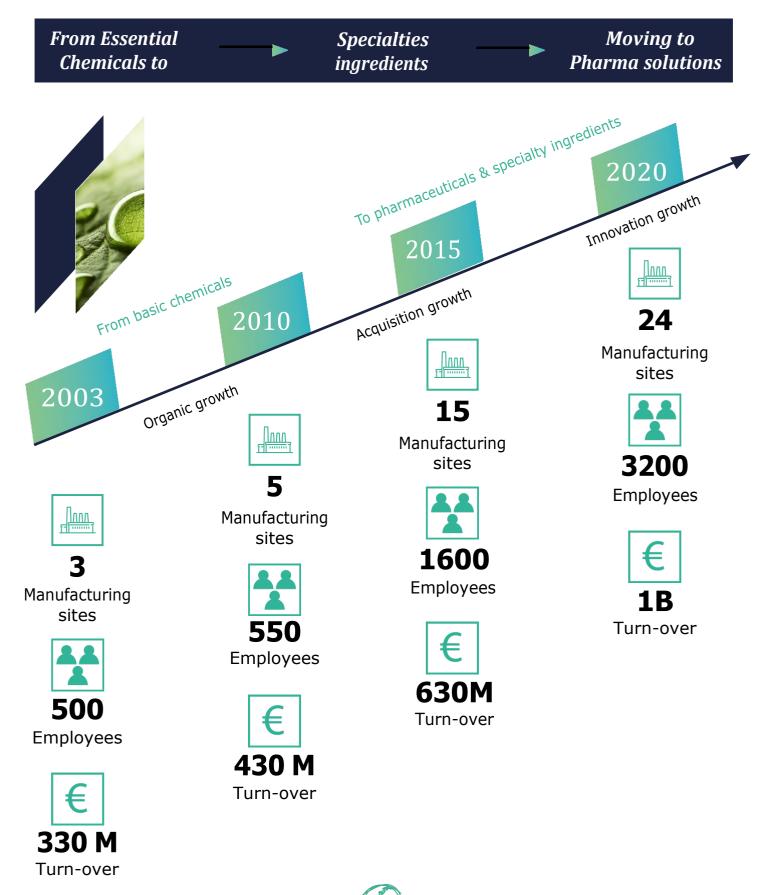
### SEQENS COMMITS ITS RESPONSIBILITY TROUGH ITS CSR POLICY

Sustainable Development Policy in addition to commitments under the Global Compact, Responsible Care Initiative and Climate pledge, as well as its policies related to ESH, Quality & responsible Purchases, underline SEQENS voluntary drive toward alignment and progress on an international scale.

#### SEQENS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT POLICY



## **SEQENS** BUSINESS STORY FROM 2003 TO 2020



Following its business evolution and the end markets the group serves, SEQENS is also facing CSR megatrends. The SEQENS Group addresses multiple resilient and growing end markets, all concerned by CSR issues.

The SEQENS Group's main activities	Main CSR end markets megatrends	SEQENS Group's offering	Main customers
PHARMACEUTICALS INGREDIENTS	The healthcare industry is regarded as essential, especially in light of changing demographics, uneven access to medical aid and current regionalization and on shoring trend across pharma markets. The importance of healthcare and pharmaceutical sector was recently reaffirmed in the context of the current COVID 19 pandemic.	Custom and APIs Custom and IntermediatesR&D Services In-vitro Diagnosis Aspirin chain Paracetamol chain Pharma solvents Hygiene &	Correction Control Con
<b>SPECIALTY</b> INGREDIENTS	Within the specialty ingredients activities segment, the Group serves multiple sub-sectors such as for example : - The electronics industry, which is increasingly encouraged to improve its CSR performance especially on water and waste management as well as the safety of their products. - The cosmetic industry, which is characterized by increasing stakeholder expectations especially on the selection of ingredients for both preserving biodiversity and guarantying quality. - The agrifood industry, which is majorly impacted by CSR considerations, namely due to the impact of mass agriculture on biodiversity and the decrease of raw natural resources.	Phenol & specialties Acetone ,HCL & derivatives Lubricants additives Solvents Custom & Specialties: Cosmetics (end market: Natural ingredients, Non traditional conservatives, Custom actives) Electronics (end market: Microelectronics, photoresists, organic electronic)	
MINERAL SPECIALTIES	In the light of more sustainable packaging needed, as well as double the glass industry is striving to improve its environmental performance through circular economy and GHG emissions reduction. The detergent industry is more and more encouraged to improve its CSR performance especially on water and waste management as well as safety product. The environmental industry is highly concerned about the air, soil, and water pollution, due to the disposal and waste treatment of chemicals	Sodium Carbonates Sodimu Bicarbonates Sodium Silcates Nabion	AGC SOLVARY SOLVARY CEALIDO Verdí LAXXESS MERYS IMERYS CEALIDO CONST MERYS CONST CON
			Private label companies



2013-2010

The SEQENS Group, has gradually structured its CSR approach, in line with the growth of the business

2011-2015

2016-2020

Business evolutions	<ul> <li>o Novacap (currently "the SEQENS Group") is a French Company created in 2003 and initially specialized in the production of basic chemicals.</li> <li>o The Company gradually grew to produce calcium chloride, sodium bicarbonate, and isopropanol.</li> <li>o In 2007, Pierre Luzeau joined the Company as CEO.</li> </ul>	o In 2011, 96% of the Group was acquired by Ardian. o Up to 2016, the Group grew considerably, with acquisitions abroad mainly focused on the pharmaceutical activities (Taixing, Uetikon). o From Essential Chemicals the Group gradually moves to specialty ingredients.	o In 2016, Eurazeo became the main shareholder, besides Mérieux Equity Partners, Ardian and the Group's Management. o In 2017, Novacap pursued acquisitions (ID Bio, PCAS, Chemoxy, PCI etc.) and repositioned itself in the pharmaceutical and specialized ingredients markets, and grew to become officially the "SEQENS Group" in December 2018.
CSR evolutions	o To reduce risks and seize opportunities associated with and seize the manufacturing of chemical products, the Group has always regarded Health and Safety (H&S) topics as a priority, as rooted in the Company's corporate culture. o Upon his arrival in 2008, Pierre Luzeau initiated the Group's CSR strategy, by adhering to the Responsible Care Initiative and to the UN Global Compact.	<ul> <li>o In line with its considerable growth, the Company expressed the need to structure its CSR strategy, and created in 2014 a new position dedicated to CSR issues. Mr. Marc Labeille was therefore appointed as CSR Director.</li> <li>o 2016 marked the year of the first EcoVadis rating on three of the Group's manufacturing sites which were ranked as silver.</li> </ul>	o Eurazeo's detention phase enabled to foster the Group's CSR approach and ambitions as well as driving them forward (see next page for more information). o To date, the Group is aligned with the markets' best CSR practices. It has formalized its CSR policy and strategy and monitors its performance to attain ambitious CSR goals.

Organic Growth fostered by continuous investments and new units, extending the Group's capabilities

11 acquisitions since 2011, with a strong focus on pharmaceutical synthesis.

The SEQENS Group made considerable progress on CSR during the last period.



SEQENS reinforces its CSR with the support of its main shareholders



- Based on a shared vision of CSR with Eurazeo, SEQENS Groups' accelerated the structuring of its CSR strategy, as Eurazeo became a trusted advisor and partner on sustainability issues.
- While the Group had already named a CSR Director (see previous page), following Eurazeo's arrival a CSR committee of the board was appointed, meeting twice a year overseen by Eurazeo's CSR Managing Partner Sophie Flak. Since 2016, CSR issues were also placed on top of the agenda of Board meetings.
- The Group has tracked its CSR performance by introducing a systematic CSR reporting based on NFRD requirements. This has enabled it to monitor KPIs and improve data reliability through regular audits.

- To reduce its environment impacts, SEQENS has made major investments to decarbonize its manufacturing sites and reduce its high carbon exposure.
- To maintain its high H&S standards, the Group has strengthened its safety processes.
- To ensure the Group upholds the highest CSR standards in its supply chain, it has deployed a responsible purchasing policy.
- The Group has also implemented a regulatory watch, namely, to ensure compliance with legislation such as REACH.



The Group has implemented innovative CSR initiatives

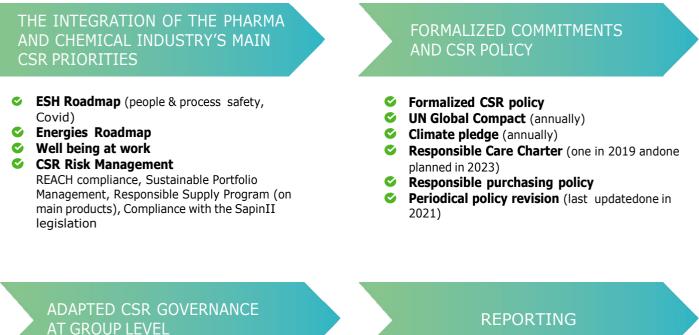
- Since 2017, the SEQENS Group, encouraged by Eurazeo, has adhered to the GPTW program, which has become a key tool to monitor employee well-being and engagement.
- To continue reducing environmental impacts, the SEQENS Group has widened the scope of its carbon footprint analysis to scope 3, which has led the Group to launch ecocircularity initiatives.
- In 2020, with Eurazeo's support, the Group has started to perform a Sustainable Portfolio Management (SPM) assessment on its main products and systematized the EcoVadis evaluation for its suppliers and overall CSR performance.

Between 2016 and 2021, the SEQENS Group has refined, structured and implemented CSR initiatives, to meet its ambitious CSR strategy, with the support of Eurazeo.



Progress over the past years translated into the development of a robust CSR approach and roadmap towards 2023.

Key elements of the SEQENS Group CSR approach and roadmap (2019 – 2023) based on a detailed materiality matrix



- Site & BU & Group CSR review (quarterly follow-up)
- CSR Committees of the board with shareholders (semi annual)
- Additional CSR workshops with Eurazeo
   (semi annual)
- Participation to France Chimie's CSR Committee

- SEQENS CSR KPIs & progress plan
- (quarterly follow-up)
- Eurazeo CSR Reporting (NFRD requirements) (annually)
- UNGC CoP (annually)
- EcoVadis / CDP (annually)

#### DISCLOSURE

- Internal and external communication on CSR issues (periodical)
- Annual Sustainable Development CSR Trophies (every year, canceled in 2020 due to COVID)



### **SEQENS** RELIES ON THE UNGC FRAMEWORK

The Group's CSR strategy has evolved through the years, in a spirit of continuous improvement, thus being considerably reviewed in 2020/21. A reinforced CSR strategy based on 4 pillars tackle 11 of the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals...

### 4 PILLARS OF SEQENS CSR STRATEGY & UN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



### **SEQENS** RELIES ON THE UNGC FRAMEWORK

... and its 4 CSR pilars are aligned with the 10 UNGC Principles

### 4 PILLARS OF SEQENS CSR STRATEGY & UN 10 PRINCIPLES:

Safety, Quality & Compliance	Climate Change & Environment	Innovation & Sustainable ValueCreation	Care & Engagement
Principle 1 Principle 2 Principle 3 Principle 4 Principle 5 Principle 6 Principle 10	Principle 7 Principle 8	WE SUPPORT	Principle 9

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By the very nature of our business we are at the heart of global CSR opportunities, offering health products to the service of everyone. We are fully committed to accelerating our transition towards a sustainable future.

Pierre Luzeau, SEQENS Group CEO





# SEQENS

### **CSR BEST PRACTICES & MAJOR COMMITMENTS**

The Group is recognized for its longstanding CSR commitments and is committed to continue reducing its environmental footprint

AN EMPLOYER COMMITTED TO DEVELOPING EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT, TALENT & SKILLS

THE FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF HEALTH & SAFETY

A GROUP RECOGNIZING

Since 2017, the Group has obtained the Great Place to Work label. In 2021, the Group was rated at 61 (+10% since 2018). Following the ratings, the Group implements tailored action plans to continuously improve its performance.



The Group has always been committed to employ young talents via work-study contracts or internships. In 2017, the SEQENS Group committed to double the number of work-study contacts by 2021. The French president Emmanuel Macron congratulated SEQENS for this commitment.



150 work study contracts and internship opportunities were given in 2020 by the SEQENS Group Due to the paramount importance of H&S topics for its activities, the Group has formalized key policies and has a good performance on these topics compared to the sector.



**4,5** positive trend (5,4 in 2018, 4,4 in 2019)confirmed by June 2021 results : 3,2. Under the industry average (9,1)

The Group is committed to the responsible Care Charter and was awarded the European Responsible Care Award for itsactive contribution during the pandemic.





**70,000** were manufactured per dayin several production sites AN AMBITIOUS AND DRIVEN GROUP STRIVING TO REDUCE ITS IMPACTS ON THE ENVIRONMENT

In line with the growing interest of investors for "coal free" assets, and for long term economic competitivity, the Group has implemented initiatives 60% reduce by its to Production carbon intensity in 2025 compared to 2008. Energy efficiency and low carbon energy projects have been deployed at site-level and in particular on the Roussillon platform & La Madeleine\_Nancy plant, getting out of coal before respectively 2023 & 2025, and avoiding



close to **300kt** per year CO2 emissions in 2025 versus 2020.

In order to meet stakeholders expectations as to circular economy, the Group has developed the "Salty project", on the site of Taixing. This project reuses salt contained in the site's wastewater as a raw material for NaOH production.



# SEQENS

### THE COVID-19 FURTHER SHED LIGHT ON THE GROUP'S SOCIETAL INVOLVMENT AND AGILITY IN THE SANITARY CRISIS CONTEXT...

An unprecedent display of solidarity from production sites at Group-level allowed SEQENS to contribute actively in the fight against the Covid-19 pandemic, by helping worldwide, namely by producing hydro-alcoholic solutions and masks, but also by helping local peoplein need.

#### SEQENS HAS ENDORSED A STEERING ROLE DURING THE HEALTH CRISIS THANKS TO ITS AGILITY AND THE ROBUSTNESS OF ITS INDUSTRIAL SET UP.

#### BY PRODUCING HYDROALCOHOLIC SOLUTIONS...



More than 70,000 Liters of hydro-alcoholic solutions were manufactured per day in several productions site of the SEQENS Group and donated to hospitals, care homes, pharmacies, fire brigades etc.

#### **PROVIDING MASKS...**



From the beginning of the crisis, the sites of Wuxi and Taixing have purchased and supplied more than 86,000 masks for the SEQENS sites and other Eurazeo subsidiaries.



*In less than a few weeks the Group, usually specialized in the delivery of B2B* 

chemical products, created a new product range "NAAHA" to supply direct final customers.

#### AND HELPING LOCAL POPULATIONS...

In the context of the health crisis, the site of Turku (Finland), donated funds, furniture and decorations to the SOS Children's Villages Association. The organization provides host families to children in need.



### ... AND UNDERLINES THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF **SEQENS GROUP'S CORE PRODUCTS**

The recent pandemic has confirmed the crucial role of chemical companies such as the SEQENS Group, as fundamental providers of essential chemicals for multiple key industries...

#### **OVERVIEW OF THE GROWING IMPORTANCE OF FRANCE BASED CHEMICALS**

THE CHEMICAL INDUSTRY IN FRANCE REPRESENTS<sup>1</sup>... ... THE SECOND LARGEST EXPORTING INDUSTRY<sup>1</sup> 3,300 companies N°1 17 platforms Aeronautical N°2 industry N°3 Chemical 218,000 employees industry Automotive industrv 1. "La Chimie en France". France Chimie et Insee 2020 ...SERVING MAJOR KEY INDUSTRIES<sup>1</sup> <sup>6%</sup> 5% Energy



#### FOCUS ON SEQENS GROUP'S KEY ECONOMIC ROLE IN FRANCE

#### ...SERVING KEY INDUSTRIES :



#### Pharmaceuticals



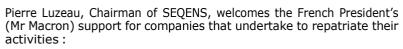
Cosmetics



The health crisis has highlighted that France has to gain industrial and health independence, both in terms of the supply of medicines

and medical devices. SEQENS' strategic positioning is perfectly aligned with its findinas.

The French Government has set up funding to support French industrial and research projects involved in the fight against the COVID-19. The Group successfully participated to several projects of the call for projects (Appel à Manifestation d'Intérêts - AMI).



Electronics

These projects will revitalize the production of active ingredients on our territories and will create no less than 200 jobs in the project phase and 80 to 100 irect jobs in the operational phase on the sites concerned. "





SEQENS Site of Villeneuve-la-Garenne, France 2020, August 28th



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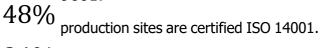
### IS RECOGNISED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS CSR POLICY AND PRACTICES IN LINE WITH ITS COMMITMENTS

SEQENS' active adherence to the "United Nations Global Compact" and "Responsible Care" and "Business climate Pledge" initiatives underline its willingness to engage in progress onan international scale.





67% of SEQENS Group's sites are certified ISO 9001.



24% production sites are certified ISO 45001, and three are certified 50001, which represent 80% of the Group's energy consumptions.



The SEQENS Group was awarded the "Pierre Potier Prize: Protéus" for the Green Estolides project.



The SEQENS Group been rated since 2017 by the Great Place to Work label, and obtained the score of

61% on the GPTW Trust Index (2021) (+8% since 2018)

### SEQENS ACCELERATES ITS SUSTAINABILITY AMBITION AND...

# In the years to come, the Group plans on pursuing and reinforcing its sustainability efforts.

In 2020, the SEQENS Group's CSR maturity has been rated as "Gold" by the CSR ranking internal mechanism of Eurazeo, its major shareholder, leading Private Equity actor on ESG issues. In the coming years, the group plans to pursue and reinforce its sustainability efforts with the impulse of Eurazeo program.





### **SEQENS** ... USES ECOVADIS TO BOOST ITS CSR DEPLOYEMENT

The EcoVadis certification is more and more requested and becomes a prerequisite to contract with our customers. Companies such as L'Oréal or GSK have established minimum Ecovadis rating values as a prerequisite to be part of their Supplier Panel. Similarly, we are asking to our suppliers to be more transparent which pushes each actor to improve their performance and promotes the implementation of a virtuous circle at all levels of the supply chain.

The EcoVadis assessment method is based on 21 criteria divided into 4 themes:

- Environment,
- Social and Human Rights,
- Ethics,
- Responsible Purchasing

This new annual CSR assessment forces each SEQENS entities to structure its CSR communication:

- to identify best practices
- to highlight areas for improvement in the four themes mentioned above
- to standardize our practices
- to improve internal and external communication, both to employees and externally, about the actions carried out and, in particular, to facilitate and streamline the management of CSR information requests from our customers, whose number is growing exponentially.

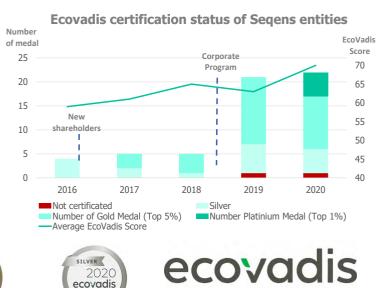
All our operational entities are annually assessed by Ecovadis experts since 2019 through 22 questionnaires and a 360° watch adapted to each of our subsidiaries' target sectors.

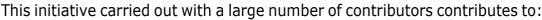
The 2020 certification status is more than satisfactory for SEQENS and confirms the CSR good practices are embedded within its organization with and average score of 70 :

- 7 sites with Platinum certification
- 9 sites with Gold certification
- 5 sites with Silver certification
- The last remaining site has no certification

PLATINUM

ecovadis





GOLD

ecovadis

- Increase and secure SEQENS internal and external image;
- Improve the value of SEQENS group by using CSR as a lever for value creation and/or differentiation.

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**Business Sustainability Ratings** 

Details of SEQENS 4 SD-CSR pillars

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# Section 3 SAFETY, QUALITY & COMPLIANCE

# **SAFETY, QUALITY & COMPLIANCE**

#### Safety, quality & compliance are strongly embedded in Seqens culture.

At seqens, no priority can be exercised to the detriment of people and process safety, customers quality requirements and regulatory compliance. We consider these are the foundations of a sustainable and responsible development of our business within the social and ethical respect of our shareholders and our planet preservation.

Seqens is committed to conducting its business:

- making health and occupational safety of our employees and partners one of our key priorities;
- ensuring products are consistently delivered safely and reliably to customers and patients

- in conformity with laws and regulations, with integrity everywhere it operates in the world, in strict compliance with its fundamental beliefs in the respect of values and people, earning our partners' trust, and protecting and properly using company assets.

Our goal is to lay out the guiding principles and requirements for daily responsible and ethical conduct, through Group policies (\*) and the Code of Ethics both easy to understand and practical to ensure its enforceability.

Everyone who works for or on behalf of Seqens must adhere to this common foundation of ethical principles and agree to adopt and promote exemplary conduct in line with these principles.

"Maintaining the highest standard of ethical conduct is absolutely essential to achieving the steady, ambitious growth of our company."

Pierre Luzeau





SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

**C1: Implement best practices for safety,** health and well-being of our employees

C2: Ensure excellence in the quality and safety of our products and processes

C3: Secure regulatory compliance and meeting the best international standards



**SDG 3:** Good health & wellbeing



**SDG 8:** Decent work & economic growth



**SDG 16:** Peace and Justice Strong Institutions



### SEQENS SAFETY

### C1: Implement best practices for safety, health and well-being of our employees



#### SDG 8

8.8 Protect labor rights and promote safe and secure working environments for all workers, including migrant workers, in particular women migrants, and those in precarious employment

Seqens protects the health and safety of all of its employees and sub-contractors so that none of them falls victim to an accident, either in its factories or when in transit.

To do so, Seqens takes the necessary and essential steps to provide training and verify compliance with guidelines and procedures. Line management safety inspections are regularly conducted at each of our industrial facilities.

Particular attention is paid to preventing workplace accidents by carefully identifying risks in order to prevent them from occurring and, when they do occur, to prevent them from recurring.

#### A dedicated people to manage EHS:

Around 90 people are dedicated on EHS, all over the world including a corporate ESH team of 7 people with specific expertise's or perimeter responsibilities, and plants ESH teams whose a process safety correspondent by site with clear missions and responsibilities.

#### A structured H&S governance....

As Health & Safety is of a paramount importance for the pharma and chemical sector, the Group has deployed a robust governance in order to manage this key priority.



#### ... upheld by important investments...

 $\in 10 \ M$  are invested each year on EHS projects

#### ... and automatized processes

H&S policies and guidelines are formalized and regularly updated at Group level Roadmaps and actions plan on H&S levers are agreed upon by the Management and deployed by the Group



#### Key objectives and targets...

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Occupational Safety :

- Aim to have no fatal accident
- Reduce the Category 1 accident rate
- Apply Safe work practices in every site
- Improve the handling of high HPAPIs (High potent active pharmaceutical ingredients) and hazardous substances

Process Safety :

- Pursue the automation of the H&S control measures and processes
- Identify and treat unacceptable risks (FR-I) through the process hazard analyses for high potential severity process according to the 5-years PHA program

Thanks to its robust H&S management system, the Seqens Group has built a strong safety culture and safety procedures

### Key performance indicators

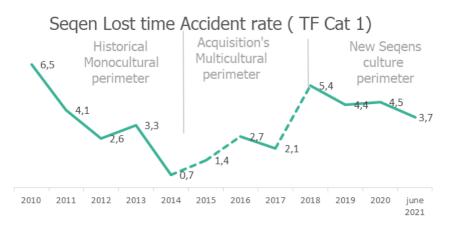
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Cat 1 Accident Frequency Rate (Last 12 rolling months)

As the consequence of the deployment of our ESH roadmap and after leveraging on best internal practices on the specific entities, we have been succeeding since 2019 to decrease our Category 1 accident rate, after several years of increasing due to numerous acquisitions with different safety cultures. The beginning of 2021 confirmed the good trend.

Note this level is clearly below the French chemical industry's sectorial frequency rate which is at 9,1(\*). (\*) : France Chimie data

Process Hazard Analysis program completion rate
ESH action plan average completion rate of Seqens operational sites
production sites are certified ISO 14001;



In the continuity of the previous years, Seqens teams performed ESH annual action plans, on each of its sites with a completion rate average of 91%. Among numerous actions and projects performed in 2020, we could notice some transversal mains actions piloted by ESH Network:

#### At Operational safety level:

- Publication of a Seqens manual handling guide with the support of external ergonomist with training of
  operational people (CDMO and AS Business Units) with first tasks/workstations analysis and several
  improvements implemented;
- LOTO and Line Breaking processes audited by Jean Michel BERAL \_ ESH expert consulting\_ on 5 sites in France with strong improvements noticed;
- 2 sessions of 2 days trainings delivered by the IFP to the work supervisors;
- SOP relating to OEB classification and minimum EHS requirements published with first training delivered to the industrial hygiene correspondents. It has been completed with a guidelines for powder handling (unitary operations);
- A project started to improve the handling of POTENT products within CDMO plants and the active participation of Michel Mugnier , newly named as the first Industrial Hygiene Manager of Seqens;
- 50 people trained on accidents and incidents investigations;
- Increase of Corporate communication: quarterly news, Return of Experience, Technical letters.

#### At process safety level:

- Insurer recommendations implemented with 9 sites visited in 2020.
- 16 unacceptable risks sheets established with corrective action ongoing
- 52 HAZOP studies completed in 2020 despite by COVID
- 10 multipurpose reactors upgraded in 2020 within our targeted Business Units ,CDMO and AS
- Reduction of the inventory of hazardous materials (CMDO and AS) following the storage of hazardous products post Lubrizol program and audit
- Fire protection improvements at Couterne (1st trench), Bourgoin (1st trench) and Lahr (fire detection)

#### Coming years engagements:

Pursue our ESH roadmap and recover a recognized safety level in the 5 coming years with an effective and well anchored safety culture achieving before 2025 a Category 1 accident rate less than 1 and "0"/year process safety Category 1 event.

#### Short term focus on:

- line breaking and LOTO processes improvements
- monitoring program improvement to control exposure to hazardous chemical agents (CMR, Potent)
- tasks analyses reinforcement and manual handling improvements mainly on CDMO and AS sites
- process hazard analyses for high potential severity process according to the 5-years PHA program
- identification and treatment of unacceptable risks (FR-I)
- Upgrade identified multi-purpose reactors according to the EHS standard (CDMO and AS) within the scope of French AMI projects



### SEQENS QUALITY

### C2: Ensure excellence in the quality and safety of our products and processes

Seqens is convinced customers satisfaction passes necessarily through the following activities:

- Manage activities through a comprehensive Quality Management System (QMS) in compliance
- with international standards (cGMP / ISO) and applicable regulations and guidelines;
- Meet all their expectations;
- Perform operations in a manner which ensures product quality and safety;
- Continuously improve reliability and efficiency of operations;
- Develop qualification, skills, behaviors and effectiveness of our personnel through training
- programs designed to develop individual potential of each person.

Most of our operational entities have implemented an effective management system and are so far, in adequation with their business requirements, certified regarding relevant standards as ISO 9001, ISO 14001, ISO 18001, ISO 50001, cGMP, HACCP, COSMOS, ...

By the way, we act on daily basis to be recognized for our strong customer focus and our respect of regulation and quality standards.

### Key performance indicators

- 100% of our cGMP performed with success their authorities Inspections (Last 12 rolling months);
- 100% of our sites performed with success their ISO certification renewal ;
  - 50 customers audits performed with success on our manufacturing sites despite COVID period ;
- 67% of Seqens Group's sites are certified ISO 9001;

>85% of average completion rate of sites Quality action plan

Some 2020 realizations among many others transversal actions performed by Qualtity Network with support of other networks (Operational Excellence, HR, EsH...):

- Seqens implemented in 2020 a standardized balance score card to monitor and pilot Quality performance of each of its manufacturing sites. It's more than 20 KPIs which are reported site by site to the Quality corporate team who performs periodical reviews with Site management teams challenging results and improvement actions aimingKPIs targets achievement.
- Pursue of the integration of our Digital Quality Management system
- Optimization of Quality training Process
- Continuation of remediation programs at relevant sites to ensure the application of good practice in terms of the quality and safety of products



### SEQENS COMPLIANCE

### **C3: Secure regulatory compliance and meeting the best international standards**



### SDG 16

16.5 Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms

Very concerned to be a recognized partner for its ethics and compliance practices, throughout its business, Seqens created 3 years ago a compliance committee to supervise activities of our Compliance Department. Its goals aim to go beyond our corporate culture to lay the framework for a clear, shared code of ethics reflecting the company's policies and cohesion when it comes to ethics, which plays a determining role in the success of our business and our people.

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Our goal is to lay out the guiding principles and requirements for daily responsible and ethical conduct, through group Policies and the Code of Conduct both easy to understand and practical to ensure their enforceability. New policies have been issued during the second semester of 2018 following identification and mapping of risks to which the group is exposed.

Our shareholders and I expect our Head of activities to deploy these tools to all employees of the Group. Everyone who works for or on behalf of SEQENS must adhere to this common foundation of ethical principles and agree to adopt and promote exemplary conduct in line with these principles.

### Pierre Luzeau,

### **SEQENS** Group CEO

### Key performance indicators

- 100% of our managers signed our code of conduct
- 100% of newcomers signed our code of ethics
  - corruption event related within Segens perimeter
- $\begin{array}{c} 250 \\ \text{concerned products assessed with positive conclusion regarding Nitrosamines} \\ \text{contents} \end{array}$

According to its code of ethics, Seqens declare as every year since its creation no child has been, is and will be employed within Seqens perimeter.

As a good practice, Seqens includes, in its newcomer's integration process, training sessions of its Code of Ethics and its Management Book containing Seqens Golden Rules, securing, by the way, their diffusion and application.



- Review of Seqens Management Book published on January 2021 and its compliance Chapter relative to:
  - Respecting values & people
  - (human rights; Equality & diversity; Health, safety & environment; Protection of personal information
     Earning our partner's trust to create sustainable relationships
  - (Prevention of all forms of corruption & conflicts of interest; Regulations on free competition; Sponsorships & donations; Money laundering & embargoes)
  - Protecting company assets & using them properly (Respect of the confidentiality of information & protecting sensitive information; Integrity of financial information; Insider trading; Communicating with banks & investors)
  - Compliance System (Preventing violation; Detecting violation)
- **Management of Seqens project on SAPIN 2 provision** integrating the AFA recommendations (FrenchAnti-corruption Agency) and covering the 8 following pillars:
  - Risks mapping
  - 3rd parties due diligence procedure
  - Accounting controls procedures
  - Whistleblowing
  - Code of conduct Disciplinary
  - sanctions Training (On going
  - in 2021)
  - Monitoring and assessment system (To be initiated in 2021).

To guaranty the effectiveness in its implementation, this project has been conducted with the support of the audit and consultancy firm, KPMG, as a third party.

• Creation of Seqens Code of Ethics in place of our previous code of conduct addressed to all Seqenscollaborators and Partners.

This Code of Ethics, consisting of its two parts — Code of Conduct and Ethics Charter — has been designed as a tool available to all Group Employees. The implementation of a Code of Conduct, relating to Corruption and Influence Peddling applicable to all Employees is a requirement of the law of December 09, 2016 relating to transparency, the fight against Corruption and the modernization ofeconomic life, known as the Sapin II law. SEQENS goes further by adding an Ethics Charter to its Code of Conduct. In this second part, we find the rules that the Group has set for itself to ensure that itsactivities are always conducted in accordance with business ethics and are related to:

- Fight against capital laundering and the financing of terrorism
- International business practices
- Health and safety
- Labor policy
- Respect for the environment
- Respect for free competition
- Protection of personal data
- Respect and protection of the Group's assets



#### • Quick mobilization of a multidisciplinary team in response to regulatory changes for Nitrosamines with positive conclusions for all concerned products:

Sequens, a major player in pharmaceutical synthesis and committed to the compliance of its processes and products, and is always mobilized to meet, and better, anticipate regulatory requirement.



In June 2018, European authorities were informed by a pharmaceutical asset manufacturer of the presence of a **nitrosamine** in the active ingredient valsartan (Sartan chemical family). Subsequently, other types of nitrosamines were detected by other manufacturers of sartans. These nitrosamines were already known to be probable carcinogenic compounds, but their presence in sartans was not identified at the time. In September 2019, the **European Medicines Agency** (EMA), followed quickly by other authorities (Canada, United States ...), asked, as a precautionary measure, all manufacturers of medicines for human use containing a synthetic active ingredient to check the potential contamination of their products by these nitrosamines.

These registrants were required to ensure that they had the necessary information to fully assess the potential presence of nitrosamines, including from their suppliers of active ingredients or raw materials.

Within a few weeks, Seqens set up a **multidisciplinary task force** (R&D, processes, Quality Assurance, purchasing, maintenance, etc.) at its 16 chemical and pharmaceutical production sites and at the Seqens' Lab in Porcheville to check the potential contamination of their products by nitrosamines.

This taskforce has set up a **common strategy** to assess **the risk of nitrosamines in all the group's products** by evaluating the raw materials, the process and all the potential risk factors and by carrying out the necessary analyses on the products.

Nearly **250 products** were reviewed by the teams. Clients were regularly informed of the progress of the study and the conclusions concerning the products related to them, so that they could meet their obligations. This work has been audited by the clients and inspected by the health authorities and has been satisfactory. To date, no risk of the presence of nitrosamine has been identified in the products of the Seqens Group.

Seqens remains committed to continuously assessing regulatory changes and mobilizing its network of experts to meet the needs of its customers

#### *Coming years engagements :*

- Pursue rigorous management of Safety and acchive , Quality Compliance
- regulatory affairs and, in particular, our 750 REACH dossiers update program (2019-2026)
- Implement and finalize Code of Ethics and Sapin II provision training sessions for collaborators and secure partners are totally aligned with our practices.
- Monitor the associated processes and assess their effectiveness.

For more details, please read our Code of Ethics https://www.seqens.com/fr/gouvernance-compliance/



### Section 4 Section 2 CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENT

### **CLIMATE CHANGE & ENVIRONMENT**

### Seqens is committed to respect the environment by limiting its environmental footprint and focus on decarbonation of its activities.

At Group level, environmental management is under the responsibility of the ESH director, who is under supervision of group industrial director. At local level, subsidiary directors and facilities directors are in charge of the implementation of the policies and management process:

- Environmental Management System (EMS) have been set up in each subsidiary.
- Environmental KPIs objectives with associated action plans are set up each year within each subsidiary and quarterly monitored at upper level.
- Environmental issues are monitored and overseen by HSE managers with the support of Corporate ESHteam expertise.

Seqens conducts crisis management exercises on a regular basis in partnership with local authorities. Some specific trainings are periodical performed for newcomers and in case of necessary recycling. The main EHS priorities are:

- To avoid any loss of containment or release of hazardous substances or/and stored energy being able to create environmental impacts
- То monitor and reduce: energy consumptions & GHG emissions, water consumption, wastewater effluents, air emissions .... through implementation of action plans and key performance indicators. Some initiatives are ongoing based on recommendations of several assessments performed since 2015 by external technical experts or insurers.

On this purpose, specific initiatives supported by the executive are launched locally, when relevant, regardingraw materials, energy and water consumptions as well asCO2, air emission, effluents and solid wastes reduction



### C4: Continue decarbonizing our activities



**SDG 7** 7.3 By 2030, double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency **SDG 13** 13.1 Strengthen resilience and adaptive capacity to climate-related hazards and natural disasters in all countries

#### **SDG 12**

-15 %

*12.2. Achieve the sustainable management and efficient use of natural resources* 

As a major player in pharmaceutical synthesis and specialty ingredients, Seqens is committed to making actions against Climate change a priority. An energy management system has been so implemented to secure:

- First, Seqens compliance with French regulation, transcribing the European legislation 2012/27/UE on Energy efficiency,
- Secondly the implementation of the actions detailed in the commitments made within the French Business Climate Pledge, since 2017, renewed in July 2020and focusing on:
  - The analysis of its carbon footprint through its balance of greenhouse gas emission\_Scope 1+2+3
  - The transition to low carbon energies of our production units by the activation of the 3 following pillars:

1.DEPLOY ECO-EFFICIENCY	FAVOR LOW CARBON	DEVELOP ECO-
PROJECTS	ENERGY	CONCEIVED MATERIALS
<ul> <li>Increase processes and supply chains energy efficiency:</li> <li>through concrete effectiveness energy performance plans completion (as ISO 50001)</li> <li>by developing new state of the art workshops which required lower energy consumption (energy recovery, process intensification)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Perform projects aiming gradual reduction in the use of coal up to its total stoppage, with an emphasis on the use of:</li> <li>renewable energy sources as biomass, photovoltaic or green electricity (green contract),</li> <li>solids recovered fuels,</li> <li>fatal energy recovery or chemical wastes with high calorific value.</li> </ul>	Build breakthrough solutions for sustainable low emissions by developing product based on raw BioSourced or recycled feedstock and developing low energy consumption production processes.

### Key performance indicators

-70 kt of CO2 equivalent emitted compared to 2019 due to

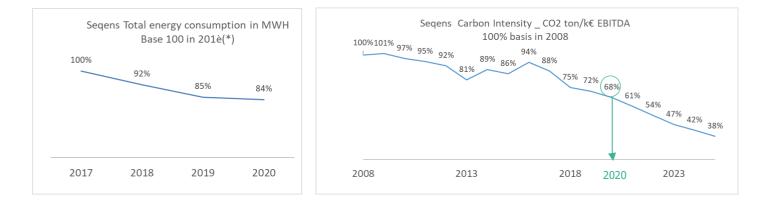
-32% of group carbon production intensity compared to 2008 (Scope 1+2)

of group energy consumption on a 2017 year basis (after integration of its news subsidiaries)



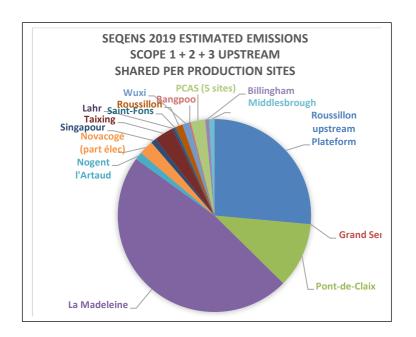
24% production sites are certified ISO 45001;

-15 % of group energy consumption on a 2017 year basis (after integration of its news subsidiaries)



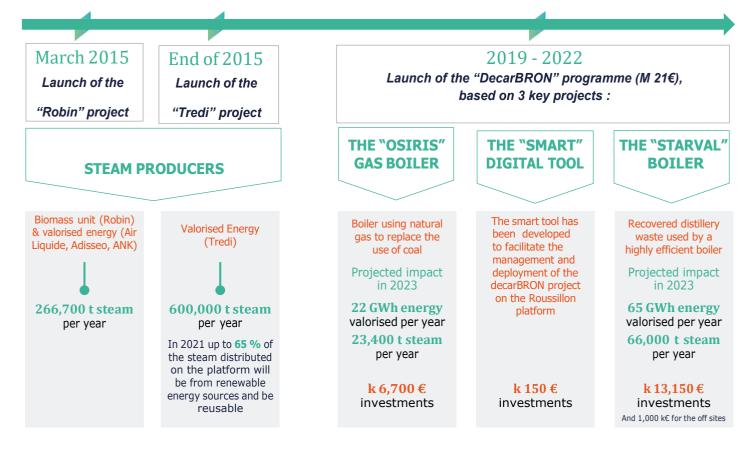
The SEQENS Group has implemented all the actions detailed in the commitments made in the French Climate Business Pledge in 2017 and renewed in 2020.

In 12 years, the group has reduced the carbon intensity of its activities by more than 32%. In order to meet its ambitious GHG reduction goals, the Group has deployed its roadmap with various projects on its manufacturing sites to diminish its overall GHG emissions.



Focus on Roussillon Upstream Platform CO<sub>2</sub> emissions reduction projects

Roussillon's Osiris platform has been implementing several initiatives to favour a transition to low carbon, leading to the reduction of its CO2 emissions by 55% while the production increased by 17% with stoppage of coal consumption.



SEQENS as a key stakeholder of the platform impulsed and supported theses major projects from the very beginning. The Osiris platform is now in charge of financing and implementing theses investments with the objective to accelerate the transition to a low carbon platform while maintaining the steam cost competitiveness over the long run.

The ambitious projects ongoing will lead to significant changes in the Roussillon Upstream Platform's energy mix.

By 2023, the platform will be able to eliminate its coal consumption. In addition, in 2023, the largest share in the energy mix will be by far from renewable energy. Thus, the site will perform a complete energy transition in less than 10 years.

According to prospected data, these significant changes in energy generation mix will induce a substantial reduction of the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.



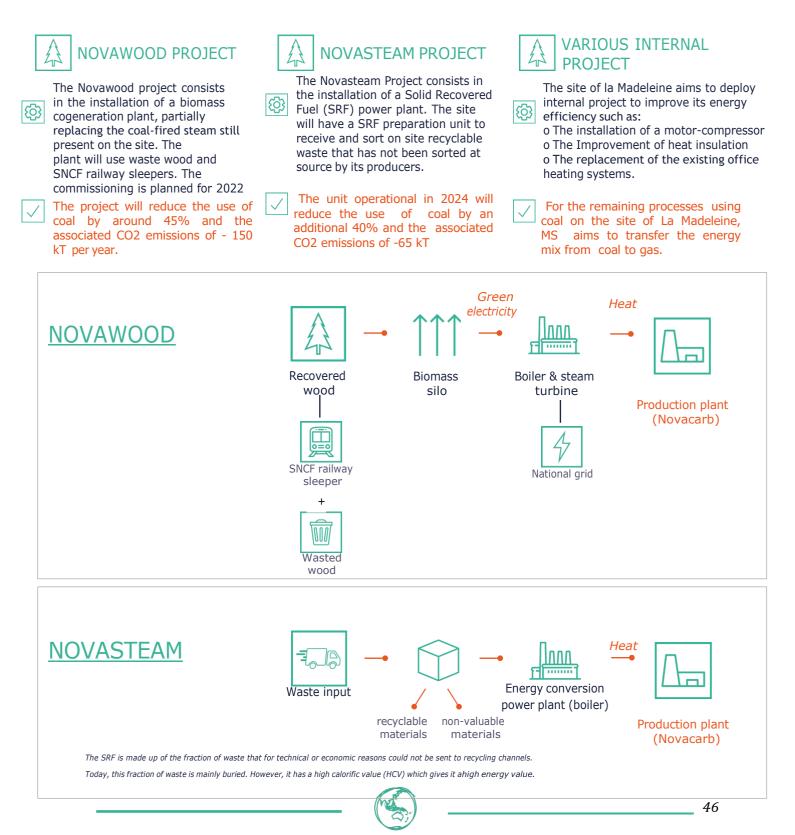
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After total completion of all the projects, Roussillon Upstream CO2 emissions will be reduced by ~90kt/ year vs 2017, in line with the Group commitment through the French Business climate pledge.



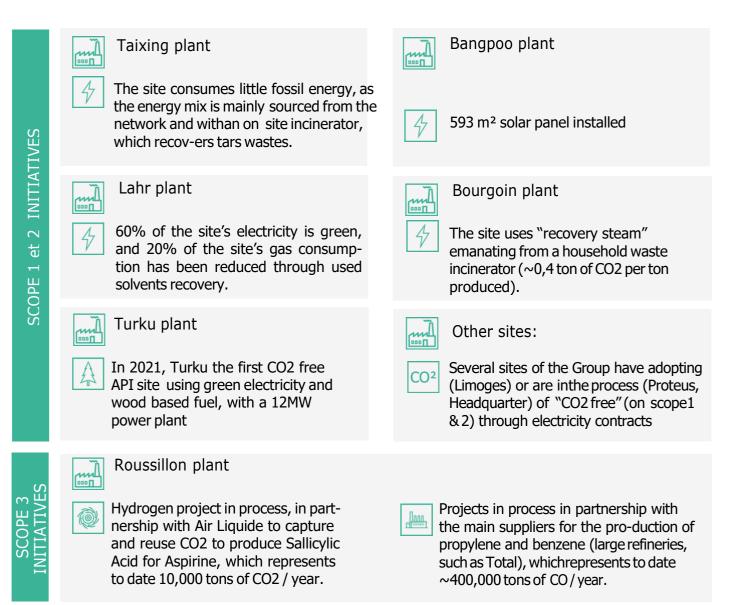
#### Focus on La Madeleine - Nancy Site CO2 emissions reduction projects

The increase of CO2 prices highlights the need for La Madeleine to reduce its GHG emissions and diversify its energy mix. Mineral Specialties has therefore defined an action plan with 3 main projects that are fully in line with France's most recent Roadmap for a low carbon recovery ("Feuille de Route pour une Relance Bas Carbone"). These projects will reinforce MS's competitive advantage compared to its peers, increasing its resilience to CO2 prices and environmental performance.



### Examples of other key initiatives deployed by the Group's sites:

In addition to the major projects of its 2 highest contributor sites, La Madeleine\_Nancy andRoussillon Upstream platform (France) \_ representing around 75 % of Group Seqens Emission \_ several specific projects are performed on relevant manufacturing sites to complete this roadmap. All these projects will reinforce the Group environmental performance, a competitive advantage compared to its peers, and its contribution to reduce its negative contribution to Climate change.



#### Coming years engagements:

- Secure energy efficiency action plans on relevant sites ((Roussillon, Yanzy, Nancy, Larh, Couterne...);
- Use on Roussillon upstream platform the full capacity of Tredi Unit;
- Realize concrete projects undertaken recently to replace fossil energy from the energy mix (Novawood, Novasteam, Decarbron) aiming a coal exit on La Madeleine site and Roussilon Upstream platform;
- Study the possibility of energy recovery with Couterne incinerator;
- The Seqens group, with the support of its shareholders, is more than ever engaged in this essential approach for the sustainable maintenance of its efficient, innovative and job-cre- ating activities in our territories.



### C5: Reduce our environmental footprint, especially air emissions, water effluents and solid wastes



#### SDG 6

*6.4 By 2030, substantially increase water-use efficiency across all sectors and ensure sustainable withdrawals and supply of freshwater to address water scarcity and substantially reduce the number of people suffering from water scarcity* **SDG 7** 

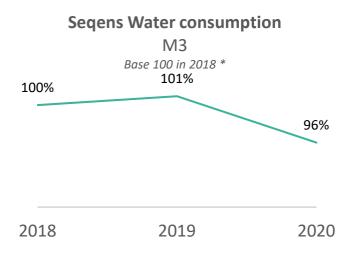
7.3 By 2030, double the global rate of improvement in energy efficiency **SDG 12** 

12.5 By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse

By this commitment, every entity of Seqens works for reducing its activity environmental impact. It's well integrated in Seqens culture through its ESH management system and the strong willingness to permanently improve processes performance.

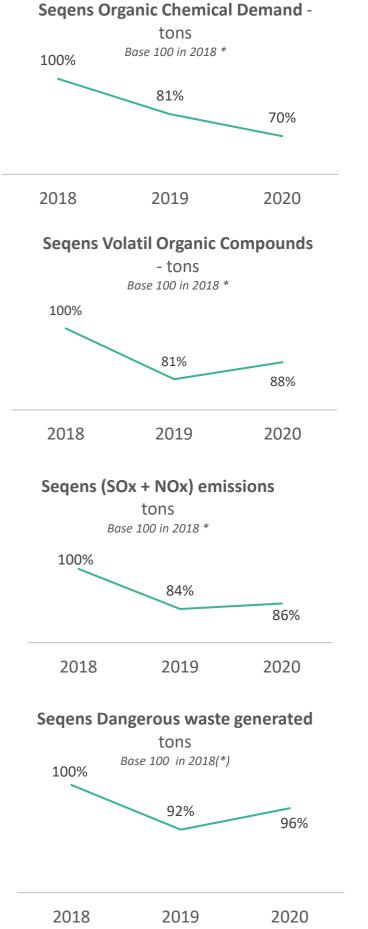
Seqens monitors main environmental KPIs to secure our compliance with regulatory requirements and improve as far as possible our production costs by reducing or better eliminating all wastes. All our sites are monitoring air emissions through CO2 emissions, volatile organic compounds (VOC), NOx and SOx measurements when relevant, solid wastes and effluents measurements through MES and OCD or equivalents. The graphs below and next pages represent the evolution of some of these standard indicators.

### Key performance indicators



Due to its chemical plants, Seqens consumes a huge amount of water , mainly used in cooling system (pumped and discharged without any contamination). In 2020, we succeed to reverse the trend. It's a good result knowing the production of the previous year was similar. It results from a better use of this resource combined to a better Energy efficiency, representing more than 1,5 millions of M3 not used in the year.





Seqens confirmed the good trend initiated in 2018 after the implementation of our global measurement system. This result is mainly due to a mix optimization of our products CDMO Business Unit as well the implementation of a new treatment process on Roussillon EDS Site.

2020 VOC emission have been impacted by the CDMO Business and its several products development which needs still huges quantities of solvents. Nevertheless, the projects performed on different French sites of CDMO (Villeneuve-La-Garenne, Bourgoin,...) as well as at Taixing-China confirmed thier positive impacts.

Novacarb site is the main contributor (>90%) of Seqens NOx + SOx emissions and confirmed the good improvement performed in 2019, by replacing a part of its Coal consumption, source of Sox by Gas. Note this improvement completes the one obtained in 2016 with the implementation of a new process to treat gas emissions of its coal boilers (DeSox).

Even if better than 2018 baseline, 2020 did not confirmed the good result obtain last year. It's mainly due to :

- Custom Specialties in England which suffered during Covid period (+5kt of Waste), knowing nevertheless one of the mission of this entities is to recycle used solvents (> 30kt/year)
- CDMO BU , our major contributor with 45% ofwaste generation(+1kt)

Other contributors performed well with a global reduction of 4kt/year of waste (-10%) compared to 2019 generation, in line with the trend of 2019.

In addition to all local initiatives to reduce Environmental impacts piloted through each site ESH action plans, some transversal actions have been performed through the ESH Network (Corporate sites teams) as among others:

- Selection of a software solution for regulatory watch (Red-On-Line) implementation ongoing
- Assessment of monitoring of soil and groundwater pollution completed for the French sites
- Selection of a software for regulatory watch
- Umbrella contract for waste treatment with purchasing department done
- Liquid flammable wastes oriented and incinerated at Couterne
- Corporate Environmental Management procedure published

#### *Coming years engagements:*

- Master as much as possible the just needed water consumption
- Perform VOC optimization project at Couterne ans at Bourgoin (RTO)
- Optimize waste water treatment at Wuxi
- Secure salt recovery process from waste water at Taixing
- Secure the process of the new biological waste water treatment plant at Couterne



**C6: Focus on responsible purchasing channels and on natural resources preservation** 



#### **SDG 12**

12.2 By 2030, achieve the sustainable management and efficient use of natural Resources 12.5 By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse

#### **SDG 16**

16.5. Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms

Sustainable purchasing – environmental and social impacts of the supply chain \_ is crucial to support Segens CSR practices in each of its activities.

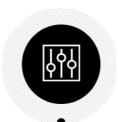


POLICY The Group has formalized a Sustainable Purchasing Policy and a Code of Conduct which all suppliers have to sign. Furthermore each supplier has to abide by the General terms and conditions of purchase included in the suppliers contracts. Any breach of these documents could lead to a termination of the contract.

IDENTIFICATION & PRIORISATION The Group has assessed and performed a supplier materiality matrix intended to identify its critical suppliers and key supply chain issues to be addressed (manufacturing process, business impact, business continuity, CSR issues)



**TRACKING &** IMPROVEMENT The Group has formalized a selection process of its suppliers: 1.Requirements of CSR certifications 2.Response to CSR questionnaires 3. Supplier CSR site visits. Furthermore, regular CSR site audits of critical suppliers



PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT Internal reporting: The Group follows its suppliers performance via KPIs in the Reporting 21. External reporting: As of 2021, the Group uses the EcoVadis rating tool to monitor its suppliers and set key recommendations per material issue identified.

Ensure all suppliers have signed and comply with the Group's Procurement standards Identify material issues in order to highlight the critical suppliers and main CSR issues to be addressed Assess that the new and existing suppliers abide by the Group's CSR priorities Monitor and improve the performance of the suppliers

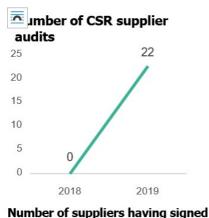


To better pilot its relatively new process, the responsible Supply team started to monitor its performance both internally and externally

### The historical methods used by the Group to monitor the integration of CSR in its supply chain ...

### INTERNAL MONITORING

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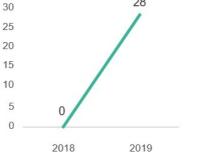


These KPIs illustrate that the Group's policies and initiatives tomanage the integration of CSR inits supply chain are robust and efficient.

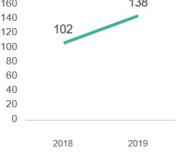
#### Number of suppliers that responded to a CSR questionnaire

2019

2018







EXTERNAL MONITORING

In 2020, the Group started a partnership with EcoVadis to rate its suppliers and align them with its commitments

## ecovadis

EcoVadis is a provider of business sustainability ratings, intelligence and collaborative performance improvement tools for global supply chains. Backed by a powerful technology platform and a global teamof domain experts, EcoVadis' scorecards provide detailed insight into environmental, social and ethical risks across the purchasing categories.

This partnership was signed after the deployment of a pilot project which focused exclusively on the Group's critical suppliers. This tool will enable the Group to monitor and continuously improve the CSRperformance of its supply chain.



The Group's supply chain performance is in line with its peers and ahead of the benchmark in its ambitions to monitor the CSR impacts of its products and suppliers due to the implementation of:

- Formalized Supplier Procurement Policy
- CSR supplier audits
- Supplier materiality analysis
- EcoVadis methodology used to rate the suppliers
- Initiatives on product innovation and recycling of raw materials
- Pilot project with the Solvay methodology tool to identify the "eco profiles" of each product
- Key SDGs identified on supply chain priorities for the largest volumes of products produced

#### *Coming years engagements:*

- Deploy RS roadmap targeting audits of critical suppliers/products and focus on "derisking" procurement:
- Sourcing & suppliers/products qualification in case of immediate risks
- •Make or Buy (Mainly Couterne, Bourgoin & Lahr CDMO sites)
- Partnership strategy with targeted European suppliers



### Section 6

## INNOVATION & SUSTAINABLE VALUE CREATION

Seqens is very engaged in process improvements to reduce their environmental impacts reducing energy consumption, developing circular economy, performing process intensification and innovating through clear, green and sustainable chemistry.

SEQENS operates 7 R&D excellence centers in Europe and North America. 300 scientists, engineers and experts work on tailor made solutions with our internal or external customers and ensure their production at the manufacturing stage.

SEQENS offers complete and fully integrated R&D services to support its customers' projects from early stages to commercial manufacturing in total compliance with the highest quality, safety and environmental standards. The key to success in value creation is our commitment to delivering best-in-class services.

Additionally, the Innovation department supports and supervises and coordinates the transversal innovation activities for the Group. Its main missions are to promote cross-fertilization, foster ideas, challenge and support Group development projects, optimize SEQENS portfolio of products, R&D services, and technologies and participate to the greater scientific reputation of the Group

Finally, our technical engineering and operational excellence functions provide expertise, challenge and support these projects to, firstly, industrialize them and, secondly, continuously improve them.



C7: Invest in technologies with a low environmental footprint

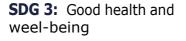
C8: Favor eco-design and circular economy

C:ç Accelerate sustainable manufacturing and supply of essential molecules for ourhealth and economy



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS





**SDG 9:** Industriy, Innovation & Infrastructure



**SDG 12:** Responsible consumption & production

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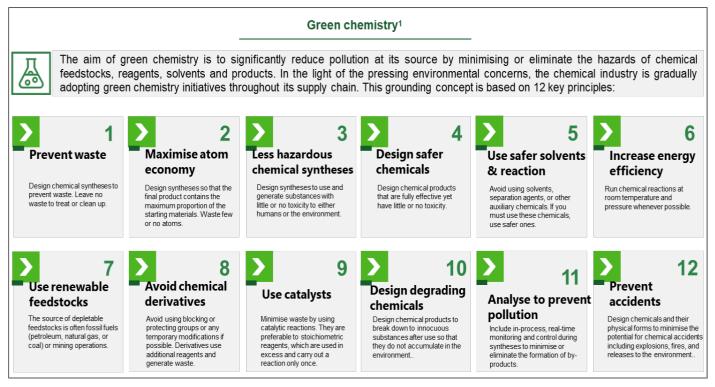


### SDG 9

9.4 Enhance scientific research, upgrade the technological capabilities of industrial sectors in all countries...

In responding to the SDG 9, Seqens promotes the rise of green chemistry by developing and investing in specific technologies which are adapted to its pharmaceuticals and specialties ingredients business as, among severals, flow chemistry and biocatalytic process.

These technologies, in addition to the permanent optimization of its existing processes done by its teams of process engineers and operational excellence, allow Seqens to invest in new capacities with the "best in class" process in term of safety, quality and environmental footprint and productivity.



1. "Green Chemistry", The United States Environmental Protection Agency



Based in these concept, In order to significantly reduce pollution at its source by minimising or eliminate the hazards of chemical feedstocks, reagents, solvents and products, the Seqens Group has developed green chemistry initiatives.

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Seqens Group's realizations in terms of Green Chemistry



The Flow Chem project



The Green Estolides Project : use of biodegradable catalyst

The project consists of a key R&D and industrial asset for optimal process design and chemistry "reshoring".

The Flow Chem englobes three main pillars :

- **1. Continuous reactions** Nitration Halogenation Fluoration Hydrogenation
- 2. Continuous work-up (Downstream process)
- 3. Process Analytical Technologies& Chemometrics



### ESH and Quality impact

- ✓ Safe handling of exothermic chemistry
- ✓ Lower solvents consumption
- Higher selectivity & optimal product quality
- ✓ Technology promoted by FDA)



### Economic impacts:

- ✓ Reduce scale-up steps and risks
- ✓ Scale up from lab to pilot & multi- tons industrial scales within Seqens EU based CDMO facilities for GMP APIs, intermediates and pre-GMP RSM

Pilot R&D : mid 2021 (GMP only) – Capa 2 kg/h Production unit : S1 2023 (Non GMP) – **Capa 100 T/y**  The project, initiated in 2019, concerns the development of a solvent-free, high-yield enzymatic process for the synthesis of estolides, which are biodegradable compounds used as lubricants, plasticisers, emulsifiers or moisturisers. The estolides are polyesters derived from fatty acids. This innovation was jointly undertaken by the subsidiary Protéus by Seqens and the Specialty Ingredients Division of the Seqens Group (additives for lubricants and active ingredients for cosmetics). It was awarded the Pierre Potier Sustainable Development Prize in 2020.



### Environmental impacts:

- ✓ Uses of biodegradable Catalist
- Improvement of the naturalness index (vs petrochemical process)



### Economic impacts:

 Less energy and waste generation process



### Social impacts:

 ✓ Biocatalist are less toxic for the health & safety of plant operators

Over the next 5 years the project expects 1000 mt of estolides with 70% enzymes sale (2,1Me revenues), and 30% estoldies production (3M€ revenues).

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### **INNOVATION & SUSTAINABLE VALUE CREATION**

### C8: Favor eco-design and circular economy

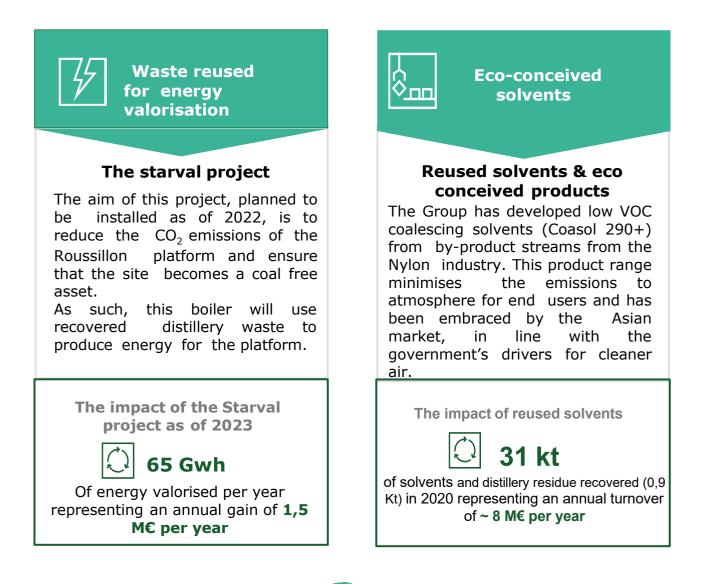


SDG 12

12.2.By 2030, ensure access for all to adequate, safe and affordable housing and basic services and upgrade slums 12.5 By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse

The Group has developed a series of circular projects which promote the reuse of certain types of waste (for example: solvents, fusel oil, distillery wastes, alcohols and acids), and favours eco-conceived product lines.

### **Examples of Seqens' Group's circular projects**

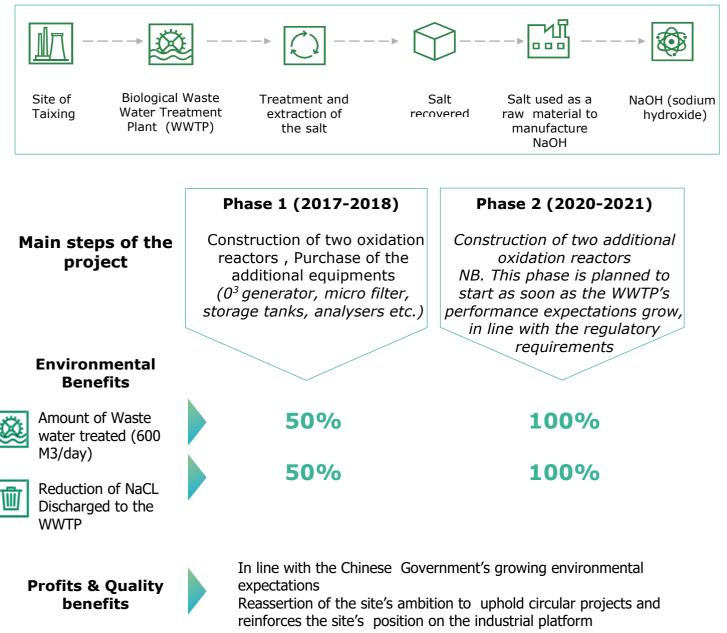


### **C8:** Favor eco-design and circular economy

### FOCUS ON THE SALTY PROJECT – Site of Taixing

The aim of the salty project was to reuse the salt contained in the site of Taixing's waste water in order to reuse the salt as a raw material for the NaOH production.

#### **Overrview of the project :**



The Salty project regarded as one of the most stringent project developed to date by the Seqens Group in terms of circular economy, has had multiple positive environmental, human and business impact, and was awarded the environmental prize of the Seqens Sustainability Awards Ceremony, in September 2019, for its first step.



### **C8:** Favor eco-design and circular economy

These noticeable examples on Circular economy complete the list of numerous other projects performed:

- Revalorization of downgraded acetic acid produced on Aspirin plant at Saint Fons as a sub product in the production of Isopropyl acetate on Roussillon Upstream Platform
- Revalorization of CO2 atmospheric emissions of a chemical plant at Singapore to produce Sodium Bicarbonate in our Singapore plant
- Energetic revalorization of vapor at lower pressure in many production units of Seqens
- Many energy recycling & water closed loop to avoid natural resources consumption.
- Use of consumed N2 as cryogenic source to collect COV and significantly reduce COV emissions
- Energetic revalorization of waste or solvents as combustive for incinerator generating vapor (UET/YAN...)



### C9: Accelerate sustainable manufacturing and supply of essential molecules for our health and economy

#### SDG 9



9.2 Promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and, by 2030, significantly raise industry's share of employment and gross domestic product, in line with national circumstances...

9.5 Enhance scientific research, upgrade the technological capabilities of industrial sectors in all countries, in particular developing countries, including, by 2030, encouraging innovation and substantially increasing the number of research and development workers per 1 million people and public and private research and development spending

The unprecedented health crisis of 2020 has raised awareness among public authorities about the health independence of states. In each region where SEQENS is present, SEQENS has mobilized its industrial resources in order to provide an immediate response to the crisis, with a focus on the increase of the production of essential active ingredients and intermediates and in addition the production of hydro-alcoholic solution and gel as well as essential products (solvents, etc.).

As an integrated player in the drug production chain, from the production of intermediates to the production of active ingredients and from research and development to industrialization, SEQENS has the technical and industrial capacities to relocate and increase the production capacity of essential and critical molecules for the health independence of France and Europe.

SEQENS will invest on the 3 coming years in new technologies and is committed to producing essential molecules to secure the supply chain of critical essential drugs substances at 5 of its industrial facilities. As an integrated player in the drug production chain, from the production of intermediates to the production of active ingredients and from research and development to industrialization, SEQENS decided to accelerate the development and production on its industrial facilities of critical molecules along the value chain of essential drugs.

For SEQENS, revitalizing our industrial footprint to secure the supply of our products, is based on 3 pillars:

- Skills development. SEQENS has committed to doubling the number of work-study students and apprentices, particularly in technical professions, by early 2020. In 2020 and 2021, more than 150 young people will be welcomed on our sites to learn our businesses. Similarly, SEQENS has implemented a training program to offer a qualifying career path and radical career changes to people who want to discover the world on industry.
- Innovation and R&D. SEQENS has been able to withstand the waves of reshoring by relying on its knowhowand its ability to innovate. 10% of the group's employees work on the development of new products and innovative processes, always more efficient and respectful of the environment. The SEQENS' Lab in Porcheville (78), inaugurated in June 2019 by Mrs. Agnès Pannier-Runacher, Minister of Industry, is a worldclass R&D campus that supports our customers in the development of their molecules from the pre-clinical phases through to industrialization.
- The quality and performance of our productions. SEQENS is above all an industrial group that relies on the high skills of its employees throughout its 24 production sites. It is an industrial culture of performance, rigor and continuous improvement that allows us to continue to offer to our customers quality products in compliance with highly strict quality, environmental and safety standards.



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C9: Accelerate sustainable manufacturing and supply of essential molecules for our health and economy

Some key realizations 2020 :

 The launch of our UPP30 workshop for a new HPAPI production on our Villeneuve-la-Garenne site.

The inauguration in August 2020, in the presence of Mr. Emmanuel Macron, President of the French Republic and Mr. Bruno Le Maire, Minister of Economy, Finance and Recovery, demonstrates the critical necessity to guarantee the maintenance and development in France of value chains that are essential for the health safety of our country.



#### The Group successfully participated to several projects of the call for projects (Appel à Manifestation d'Intérêts – AMI).

Several SEQENS projects have been selected in the field of pharmaceutical synthesis: they will accelerate the development and production in France of essential molecules and thus secure the supply chain of critical drugs and products in short supply during the health crisis of spring 2020.



On 19 November 2020, Mr Bruno Le Maire, Minister of the Economy, Finance and Recovery and Mrs Agnès Pannier-Runacher, Minister Delegate to the Minister of the Economy, Finance and Recovery, in charge of Industry announced the list of the first industrial projects selected in the framework of the "Capacity Building" Call for Expression of Interest launched on 18 June 2020.

These projects will revitalize the production of active ingredients and pharmaceutical intermediates in our territories and will create no less than 200 jobs in the project phase and 80 to 100 direct jobs in the operational phase at the industrial sites concerned.



### C9: Accelerate sustainable manufacturing and supply of essential molecules for our health and economy

To carry out these projects, which are critical to our customers and stakeholders, SEQENS relies on the SEQENS'Lab, its R&D center to develop new processes and technologies and on four of its APIs and pharmaceutical intermediates production sites. It represents a total investment of  $\in$ 65 million, for the comings years, in capacity increase and implementation of new technologies.

Based on disruptive technologies that guarantee a high level of performance, particularly in terms of safety end environment, the new units will enable competitive and sustainable production of these essential molecules in France.

#### Launch of the construction of a new production capacity of IPA at the Roussillon Upstream Platform (France)

This new unit, as one of the responses to the call for projects of the French Government, will increased by 45,000 tons per year, which will guarantee the production in France even in times of health crisis of one of the main solvents used in the production of intermediates and active pharmaceutical ingredients and in hygiene and disinfection products such as hydroalcoholic solution and gel.

This new unit will set a new benchmark for energy efficiency with a two-thirds reduction in energy consumption compared to the best international references and standards. In addition, the production process used results in a clean chemistry with no environmental discharge.

A team dedicated to this project is already in place and the start-up of this new unit is planned for the beginning of 2022.

This project will be a useful addition to Seqens' current industrial facilities and will contribute to the dynamism of the Roussillon platform, a leading French industrial platform fully committed to the energy transition and sustainable development.





"The Seqens Group is proud to participate in the development in France of value chains that are essential for the European health security and the health of our fellow citizens.

The future of our industry will depend on the ability of our pharmaceutical solutions companies to innovate and boost productive investments. SEQENS is ready to take up the challenge while relying on innovation, R&D and the skills of our teams on our production sites! "

says Pierre Luzeau, SEQENS' President



Also, SEQENS intends to:

- strengthen and energize its industrial sites and improve the performance and competitiveness of its units;
- accelerate the reduction of its carbon footprint as regards most energy-intensive activities, particularly at La Madeleine for Mineral Specialties and at Roussillon for Solvent and Phenol Specialties.

Governments around the world are becoming aware of the essential role played by our industry in the production, even in times of crisis, of products that are essential for health, food and hygiene.

The exceptional mobilization of all Seqens employees during the health crisis has once again demonstrated the SEQENS Group's ability to provide its customers with essential products while guaranteeing compliance with the strictest requirements in terms of safety, quality and respect for the environment.





### Section 5

## CARE & SOCIAL COMMITMENT

SEQENS Sustainable Business passes necessarily through best practices implementation to care and engage all its collaborators.

Respecting and protecting human rights is a fundamental value for SEQENS everywhere in the world where the company operates and does business.

At SEQENS, no form of harassment, intimidation or discrimination, whether sexual, physical, psychological, or otherwise is tolerated. As an adherent to the founding principles of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Labor Organization and the United Nations Global Compact since 2008, SEQENS is committed to promoting and ensuring compliance with all of these rules by all of its stakeholders, including its suppliers and subcontractors.

SEQENS ensures that everyone has access to equal opportunities in terms of recruitment, training, pay, social protection, internal mobility and professional development, regardless of their origin.

SEQENS puts the necessary structures and processes in place to allow constructive social dialogue, both with trade unions and employee representatives.



### C10: Commit to the diversity and development of our employees

#### SDG 4



4.4. Increase the number of youth and adults who have relevant skills, including technical and vocational skills

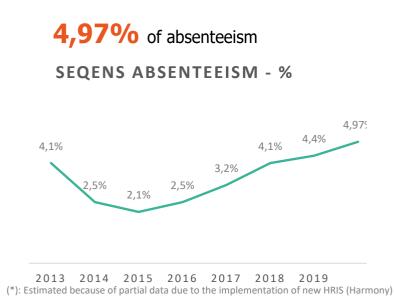
#### SDG 5

5.5. Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making

The group offers its employees a stimulating, creative and non-discriminatory work environment that encourages their personal and professional development and allows them to meet their goals. SEQENS takes the necessary steps to promote and develop teamwork and cultural diversity within its organization and encourages cross-functional dialogue among those working in different professions.

In 2020, The Group has adopted a new HRIS tool to collect reliable data on which the sites can base pragmatic action plans to progress.

### Key Social performance indicators



After mastering absenteeism around 2,5% within а context of on acquisitions, Segens worked integration of one "newcomer" higher having absenteeism rate This 2017 acquisition (6,5%). partially impacted 2017 results and fully 2018. In 2019, Segens started to revert the trend and, within the context of COVID-19 ( increase of absenteeism for illness), 2020 absenteeism rate can be considered as stable compared to previous year. Note SEQENS implemented a new Human Resources Information System in 2020 to better manage all HR processes and associated data.

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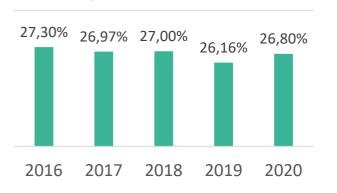
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### 27% of Women

**SEQENS WOMEN RATIO** 



Management is aware that gender equality is a necessity.

The global female ratio is stable around 27% in accordance with and sometimes better than the ones observed at our peers in Chemicals and pharmaceutical industries. the female ratio for manager is equal to 35,5% (\*)

To increase its gender ratio, Seqens gives a particular attention to its hiring process. In 2019, 46% of hired managers were women and, in 2020, 36% of the global hired people were women. These ratios are positively impacted the gender equality

### 83/100 of French gender equality index

Seqens complies also with French laws regarding equal opportunities between women and menthrough several agreements signed with French unions.

All concerned French subsidiaries have published their gender equality index. The average weighted value for French entities is equal to 83/100 in 2020 which is clearly higher than the French government minimum threshold of 75/100.



After the last acquisition performed in 2018, Seqens succeed to stabilized its population in number as well as in term of age pyramid.



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Social dialogue and Well being are considered at Seqens as an essential contributing to maintain a positive social climate which contributes to the efficiency of its personel and by the way to the global performance of the company.

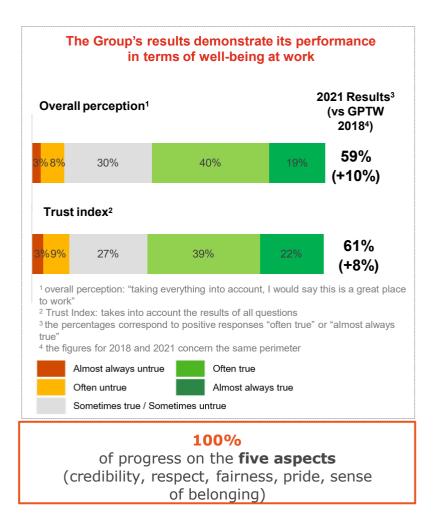
This axis is particularly developed in connection with local legal regulations, with social dialogues bodies in place in every site.



The group has always had a heart to promote social dialogue via the "Great Place To Work" (GPTW) survey. Since the first GPTW survey in 2017, the Group has improved workplace well-being by deploying action plans at Group and site level.

The first social dialogue survey was performed with the support of Great Place To Work (GPTW) label in 2017/2018.

Since then, the program has allowed the Group, and especially the Segens Group to define a concrete action plan to improve its well-being at work at Group and site level. To ensure and encourage the deployment of the action plans, the Group has monitored the achievement rate of the defined actions. As a result, various initiatives emerged (Segens Committee. breakfast' news, TOP 100 Covid meetings, etc.) including creation of a Manager charter whose role is central improve communication to with teams in particular or improvement of working conditions either by redesigning part of the premises, or by promoting moments of discussion for the teams. The results of the latest GPTW survey highlighted the overall progression of the Group on well-being at work (see on the right).



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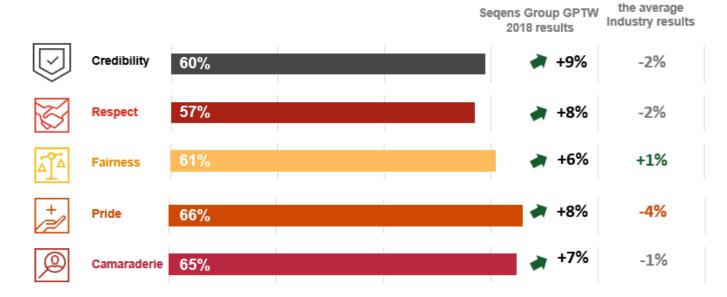
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According to the GPTW results the Seqens Group have significantly progressed in all categories since 2018 and are in line with the average industry level for most of the criteria assessed in the study. The ambition for the next years is to reach the best in class level.



#### Some other relevant KPIs relative to people development.

The Group has set up an appraisal process through the H@Rmony platform (HRIS) facilitating the employees' annual individual performance review, the assessment of he/she's end of year objectives, and he/she's yearly professional interview and development plan.



C11: Support local communities and commit with young people to create the talent of tomorrow



#### SDG 4

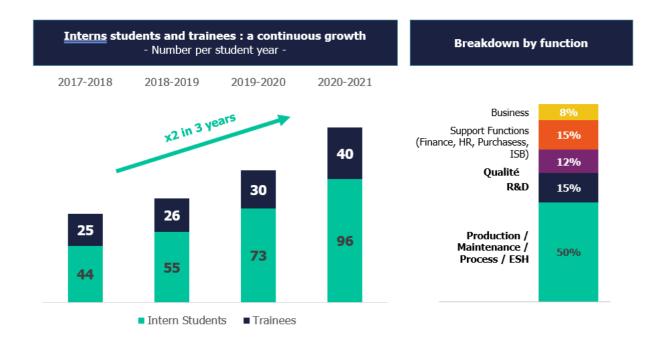
4.4 By 2030, substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevantskills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship

the Seqens group confirms its commitment to double the number of work-study students and trainees. This is not only absolutely essential at a time when our young people are suffering from difficulties in finding an internship or a work-study programme, but also important for a group like Seqens, a leader in pharmaceutical synthesis, in order to maintain skills and knowhow on a long-term basis.

### **150** Intern students or trainees

In 2020, Seqens strengthens its commitment to youth and increases drastically their presence welcomed during the crisis within its organization.

This year, more than 50% of the work-study positions offered were in the fields of production, maintenance, processes and HSE. The aim is to meet the growing demand for training in our industrial trades.



#### C11: Support local communities and commit with young people to create the talent of tomorrow



#### SDG 4

4.4 By 2030, substantially increase the number of youth and adults who have relevantskills, including technical and vocational skills, for employment, decent jobs and entrepreneurship

Segens achieve this results by first, deploying its policy of Apprenticeship & Internship, which claims to :

- Support Segens' growth •
- Promote intergenerational solidarity •
- Participate in training, technical and scientific •
- Expand the Employer Brand to increase the • attractiveness of Segens and its business
- Generate pools to fill key skills and trades in tension •
- Expand tutoring process •



Secondly, HR teams uses efficient tools and means of communication with success  $\geq$ 

### Some examples of actions in favour of intern students and apprentices:

#### Partnerships with Schools

- School Partnerships, Events/Forum
- Site visit: https://www.segens.com/fr/le-site-de-roussillonrecoit-lecole-cpe/
- Promotional sponsorship: ESCOM, Chimie Paris
- Awards ceremony and Jury: "undertake" Project of CPE Lvon
- Interventions with students: CPE Lyon, IPIL...



Students' testimonials after their site visit





### Communication / Employer Brand

- 2020 Apprenticeship & Internship Campaign on Linkedin on April 10
- Testimonials <a href="https://www.seqens.com/fr/temoignages-">https://www.seqens.com/fr/temoignages-</a> alternants-chez-segens/
- Articles on interns: https://www.seqens.com/fr/5-bonnesraisons-de-choisir-lalternance-chez-segens/
- Apprentices or intern students & tutors videos



Intern students & tutors Videos



Photo of all students in France shared on Linkedin

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This commitment has been recognized by Youth which appreciate to get tutoring from expert people during real professional experiences but also by our French Government and specially within the context of COVID-19 crisis.

In 2020, The "Engagement Jeunes" award recognises SEQENS for its commitment to its trainees and alternates. The company was rated very positively by the young people it trains. This evaluation and the commitment of SEQENS, which is increasingly important, have enabled the company to be labelled "Employer of Choice."



"Engagement Jeunes" is a platform that allows interns and work-study students from partner companies to benefit from professional assistance in their integration. Young people are given priority over a large number of job offers, internships and work-study programs, targeted according to their profiles and expectations. The platform also offers them the possibility of being recommended by SEQENS to a unique ecosystem of companies. Finally, interns and alternates are invited to give feedback on their experience in the company and rate it. The reciprocal evaluation of work-study students, interns and companies contributes to the creation of a professional network of trust.

During his visit, the President was keen to praise the transmission and maintenance of our know-how and the relevance of the training program, which enables us to offer radical career changes to people who wish to discover the world of industry and become involved in our projects alongside us.





### C12: C12: Dialogue and building trust with all of our stakeholders



### **SDG 16**

16.7 Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making atall levels

Chemical companies must work on their reputation and act transparently in order to improve current perception by civil society regarding social, environmental and economic impacts. Chemical activities may harm the quality of life of its direct neighbors (people, enterprises, community...).

### Some relevant results demonstrating relationship with stakeholders

### With Internal Unions and collaborators:

**44** agreements were signed all over the Group:

Social dialogue is important within Seqens in order to maintain a positive social climate which contributes to the final performance of the company. This axis is particularly developed in connection with local legal regulations, with social dialogues bodies in place in every site. In 2020, 44 agreements, similar level than 2019, were signed all over the Group- a significant number which reflects the quality of social dialogue within the various Group entities. The subjects treated, are among many others, gender equality treatment, employees benefits (eg profit sharing / participation) - working conditions of employees (eg working time...).

### With external professional organization:

**32** executive managers of Seqens are either active member, or president or administrator of several regional, national or international associations such as France Chimie, SICOS, FEFIS, UNIDEN, MEDEF, Franco-Chinese Institut (France); BPTF (Germany); CEFIC, EFCG (Europe); CPCIF-MNC (China)...

The group is committed with the French Business climate pledge The Group is member of Responsible Care, an initiative developed by chemical actors and stands for the development of responsible practices in the sector. Seqens is involved in the European Chemical industry Council (CEFIC) and, at local scale, in several committees of the "Union of Chemical Organization" (UIC).



### With neighbors and local stakeholders and associations:

Seqens also develops a direct dialogue with its neighbors and local stakeholders through :

- Sites open days or visits performed for schools at most of the sites;
- Participation to Univerties or schools forums;
- Support of different propbono initiatives in line with Seqens' value of solidarity, and encouraging each of our employees to act as a citizen by promotion and sponsorship coordination on selected themes in line with Seqens' value of solidarity and aiming to support civil society in a sustainable way:
  - Help for the poor, sick and disabled;
  - Training, education and professional integration of young people;
  - Supporting local public health initiatives;
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Contributing to actions for the climate and biodiversity.

It's more than 30 organization which are supported or help either by Seqens or by one or several of its collaborators. These numerous actions performed on most of Seqens sites represent substantial donations (personal time; nature \_Mask, Gels, Blod donation; Financial). Once consolidated, the volume of donation represents more than 300 k€/year.



#### **Coming years engagements**

- Develop philanthropic sponsoring promoting individual initiatives and donations
- Develop external communication and social support outside Segens



# Annexes



### SEQENS COMMITMENT TO THE RESPONSIBLE CARE

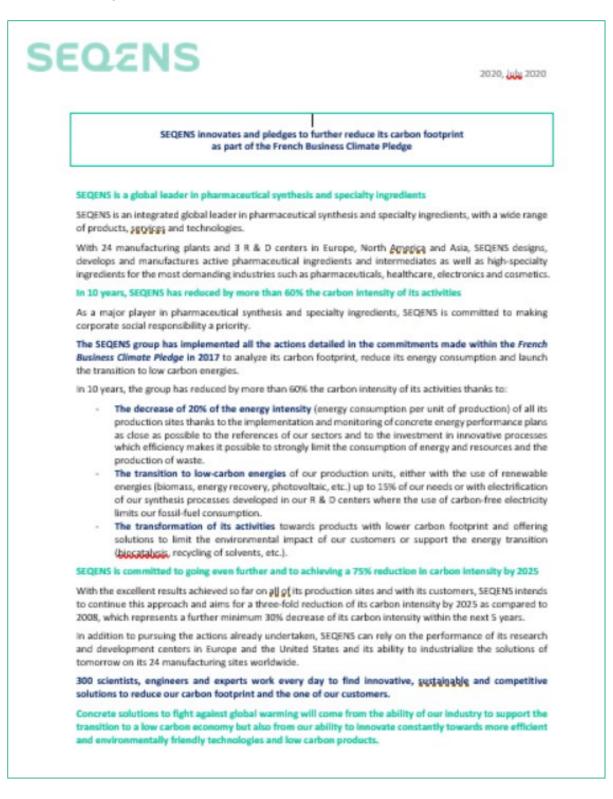
**Responsible Care** is an initiative of the International Council of Chemical Associations (CICA) and the global chemical industry in which the companies of this sector, with the support of their national associations, continually strive to improve the protection of health & safety of people and respecting environment, according to all their stakeholders needs. Focused improvements are, among other things, relative to process safety, energy consumption, aqueous or atmospheric discharges, waste production, etc., but also to the social and economic dimensions of the chemical industry. SEQENS rewed its commitment in 2019.



### SEQENS COMMITMENT TO THE FRENCH BUSINESS CLIMATE PLEDGE

**The Climate Pledge** is an initiative started in 2015 in anticipation of the COP21 in Paris in which French companies of all sizes and sectors announced the signing of a joint commitment to the climate: the French Business Climate Pledge.

After its first signing in 2017, SEQENS renewed it in 2019 confirming its structured action plan is on track with a reduction of 50% of its carbon intensity in the last 10 years and fixing a new objective of 70% up to 2025.



### SAFETY FIRST, AS A PILLAR OF SEQENS SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

### SEQENS considers nothing can be done to the detriment of occupational and process safety.

### **SEQENS EHS POLICY**

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Sustainable Development (SD) and Corporate with our Sustainable Development policy, healt	acceutical industry, <b>Seqens is committed to make</b> <b>Social Responsibility (CSR) a priority</b> . In accordance h and safety of our employees, contractors, partners rotection of the environment are core values for the
The company has adhered to the Responsible Ca committed to:	are and Global Compact initiatives and we are
Make health and occupational safety of a safety of	our employees and partners one of our key priorities
Minimize process and product environm	ental impact at every stage
Reduce greenhouse gas emissions within	planet boundaries
Master process safety and product trans	portation
Reinforce sustainable sourcing and prese	erve natural resources.
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To meet our goals and achieve best in class perfo	
	sive and efficient EHS management system Id contractors through adequate training, networking
and mentoring.	
Develop a strong EHS culture throughout	t the organization.
Apply the 12 EHS management golden rule	ales as described in the Segens Management Book.
	of this policy among our employees and partners. All on behalf of Seqens are accountable to operate in
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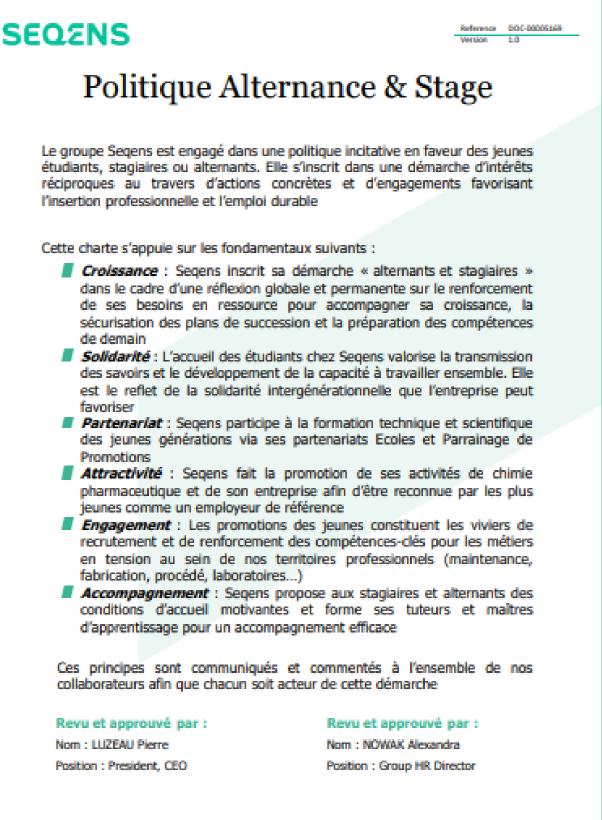
**SEQENS SAFETY CHARTER** 



Each SEQENS employee has to apply SEQENS ESH policy as well as respecting SEQENS Safety charter



### **APPRENTICESHIP & INTERNSHIP POLICY (FRENCH VERSION)**



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