

Sustainability strategy

Sustainable business practices are an integral part of HHLA's business model. As one of Europe's leading logistics companies, HHLA links port terminals with hinterland networks to create climate-friendly logistics chains. These links facilitate the environmentally beneficial transportation of significant freight volumes while achieving economic added value for HHLA as a company. By implementing its **Balanced Logistics** sustainability strategy, HHLA is highlighting its commitment to reconciling ecological, social and economic responsibility. [Group overview, business activities](#)

Responsible corporate governance forms the basis for implementing our areas for action. The sustainability strategy is applied to nine fields of activity. In addition to climate-friendly logistics chains, the main focus is on area optimisation, climate protection and energy efficiency – all reflected in the company's targets. HHLA wants to halve its absolute CO₂ emissions by 2030 and achieve climate neutrality by 2040. The base year is 2018.

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Sustainability organisation and dialogue

At Group level, the sustainability team reports directly to the Chairwoman of the Executive Board. Persons are appointed to be responsible for the individual topics. These are coordinated across all departments by the sustainability team. Prof. Schaltegger from the Leuphana University of Lüneburg supports HHLA in an advisory capacity. Various working groups provide a forum for discussing and approving sustainability issues and measures across the Group, as well as for regularly evaluating and updating the existing stakeholder structure.

HHLA engages in regular dialogue with its stakeholders, including customers (e.g. shipping companies), customers' customers (e.g. forwarders), employees, suppliers, potential and existing shareholders and investors, associations and institutions, research institutes, political decision makers, NGOs, local residents close to the terminals and interested members of the public. The Annual Report is an established medium that supplements this regular dialogue and takes the stakeholder groups' interests into account. [Materiality analysis](#)

“Balanced Logistics” sustainability strategy

	Fields of activity	Guidelines
Ecology	Climate-friendly logistics chains	We create climate- and environmentally friendly logistics chains.
	Area optimisation	We use the port and logistics areas as efficiently as possible.
	Climate protection and energy efficiency	We reduce our CO ₂ emissions through energy efficiency and innovation.
	Environmental and resource protection	We reduce our environmental impact and conserve natural resources.
Society	Working world	We invest in vocational education and training with tailored staff development programmes.
	Health and occupational safety	We ensure safe and fair working conditions and promote health-conscious behaviour.
	Social commitment	We engage in dialogue with society to discuss and provide information on topics related to port logistics.
Economy	Added value and innovation	We make an ongoing and significant contribution to added value and thus raise prosperity at all locations.
	Business partners	We offer tailor-made solutions and work responsibly with our suppliers.
Governance	A company can only achieve sustainable success if it behaves in a responsible and legally compliant manner. Compliance, data privacy, respecting human rights, and combating corruption and bribery are seen as the fundamental requirements for sustainable corporate governance.	