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Dear employees and partners,

It is with great pride that I present to you our 2024 CSR Report, demonstrating our ongoing commitment to a more sustainable and responsible future.

Since the publication of our first report, we have passed significant milestones. We have put in place a truly structured CSR policy, defining clear and ambitious objectives. Thanks to

the unstinting commitment of our teams, these objectives have been achieved, reflecting our commitment to progress and excellence. But beyond the figures, a whole corporate culture has developed, anchoring corporate social responsibility at the heart of our organisation.

Our progress is the fruit of a collective commitment. Every employee and every partner plays a key role in this dynamic. Together, we have reduced our environmental foot-

print, improved well-being in the workplace and strengthened our links with local communities. We have succeeded in combining economic performance with a positive impact, demonstrating that innovation and responsibility go hand in hand.

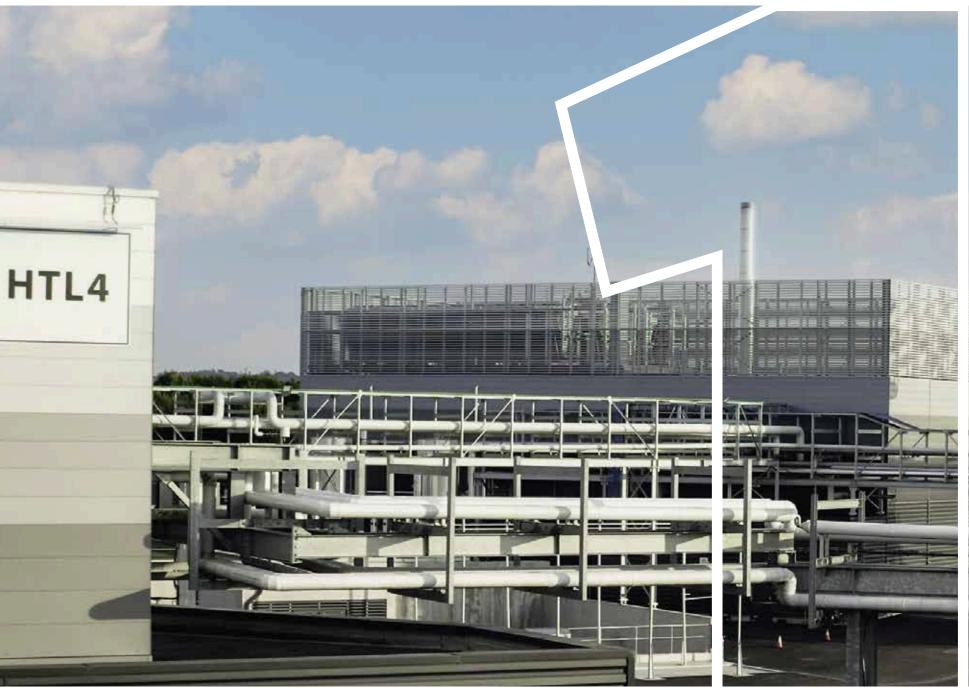
But we're not stopping there. There are still challenges to be met, areas for improvement to be explored and new ambitions to be achieved. The ecological and social transition is a demanding path, but we are convinced that our commitment will enable us to go even further.

As CEO, I reiterate my commitment to ensuring that CSR remains a priority for HTL Biotechnology. It will continue to guide our decisions, inspire our actions and shape our common future.

Thank you all for your commitment and your contribution to this wonderful adventure.

François Fournier,

CEO - HTL Biotechnology







STRONG LOCAL ROOTS...

HTL Biotechnology is an international biotech company and world leader in the development and responsible production of pharmaceutical-grade biopolymers.





More 36 than 3 countries

40 + years' 85%

experience in polynucleotides exported to...









64,000 m²

8 Buildings new production units

Production units at our historic site in Javené (Brittany), a production unit in the United States

2024
Acquisition of a recombinant protein platform in the United States

... AND INTERNATIONAL EXPANSION











ONGOING DEVELOPMENT...









2021



1992

2007

2009

2017

2018

2020 Opening

of the Paris

offices

Inauguration of the new production unit, HTL4

Subsidiaries opened in the United States and Asia

Construction of a production unit in the USA

ISO 14001 standard

Joining the UN global compact

2022

charters Donations and sponsorship policy

2023

Launch of CSR

and Diversity

and Inclusion

policy
Code of ethics
Whistleblowing
procedure and
charter

Construction of two new DNA & HA production units

2024

Acquisition of a recombinant human protein platform

HTL Biotechnology founded HTL
Biotechnology
produces
injectable
Hyaluronic Acid
in the form of
an API (Active
Pharmaceutical
Ingredient)

Inspection of the site by the French and American health authorities 1st Ecovadis medal Inauguration of HTL3, the R&D laboratory at the Javené site

OVER 30 YEARS OF INNOVATION



Our VISION

HTL Biotechnology, products that make a difference.

We offer the whole world a platform of pharmaceuticalgrade solutions built around biopolymers.

Moving forward together, we strive for excellence to improve patients' health and well-being.



Our MISSION

To unleash the potential of hyaluronic acid and biopolymers to serve stakeholders who want to transform the health and wellbeing of patients around the world.



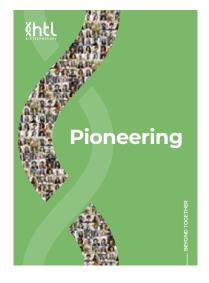
AMBITION

Let's go further together and aim for excellence in patient care.

By 2030, our innovative biopolymer platform will be serving more than 500 million patients worldwide suffering from eye diseases, rheumatology and ageing.

OUR VALUES

Values are one of the fundamental pillars of our corporate culture, guiding our actions and creating cohesion and commitment.













"Our values are at the heart of our identity. They guide our actions, strengthen our collective commitment and enable us to build an environment where innovation, collaboration and responsibility are the drivers of our success."

Emmanuel Lefevre Human Resources Director



WHO WE ARE

THERAPEUTIC AREAS



KNEE OSTEOARTHRITIS

Use of HA as viscosupplementation

CATARACT SURGERY

Use of hyaluronic acid (HA) in ophthalmic visco-surgical devices (OVDs)





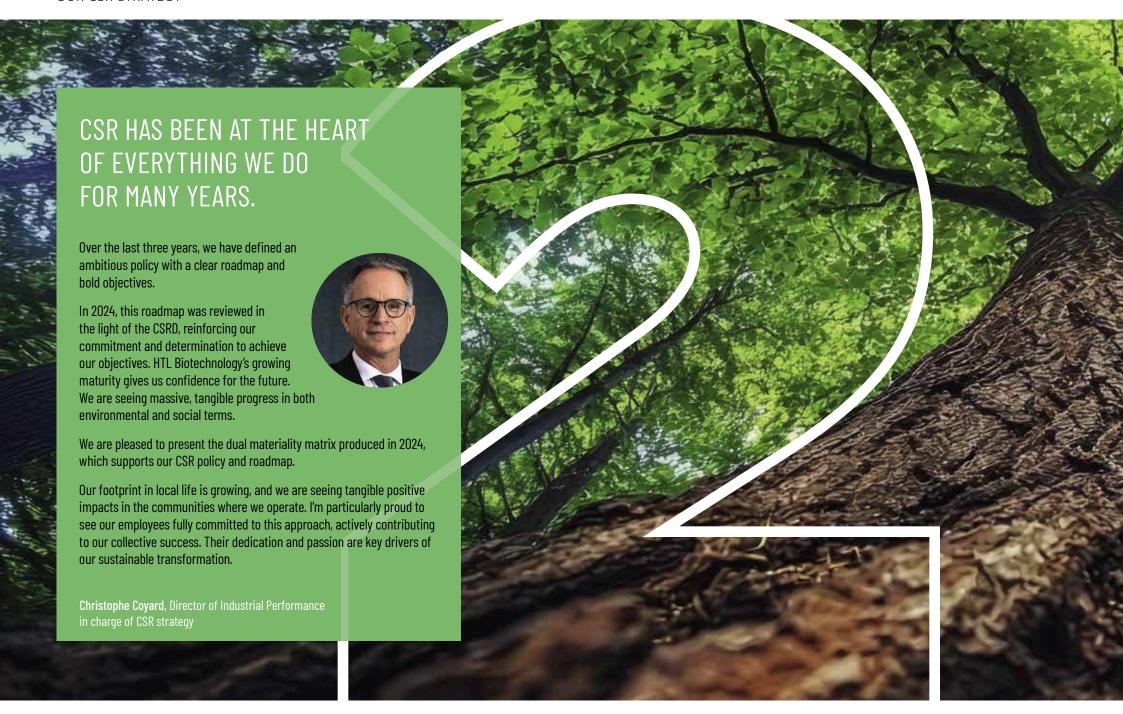
DRY EYE SYNDROME

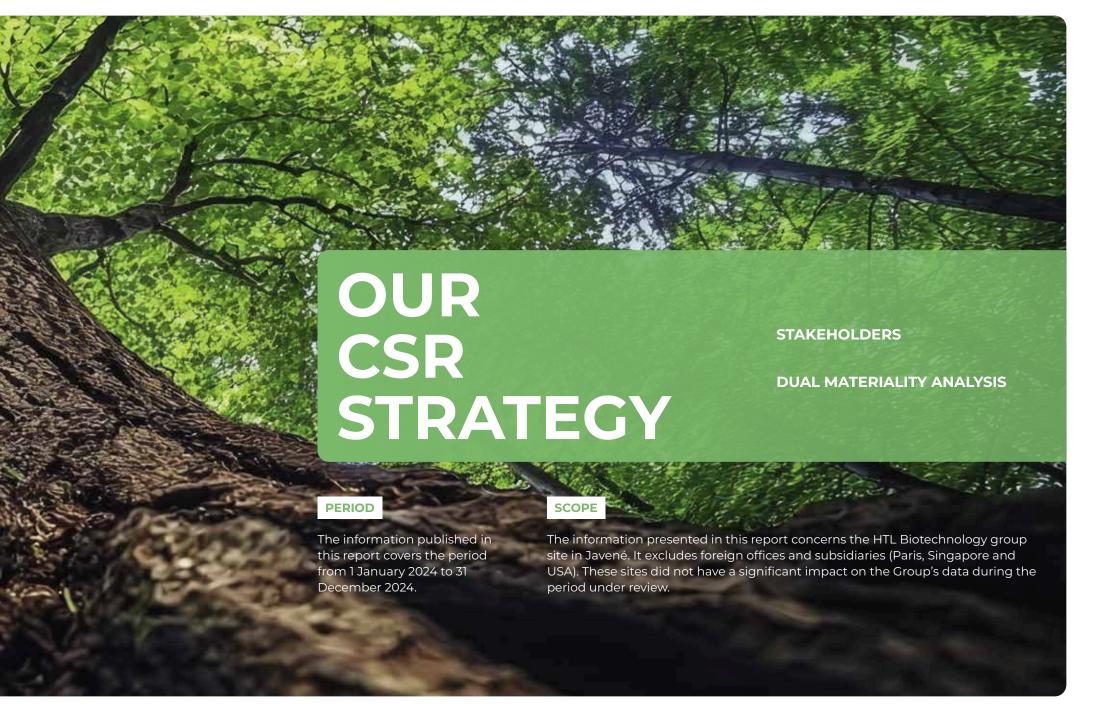
Use of HA in eye hydration

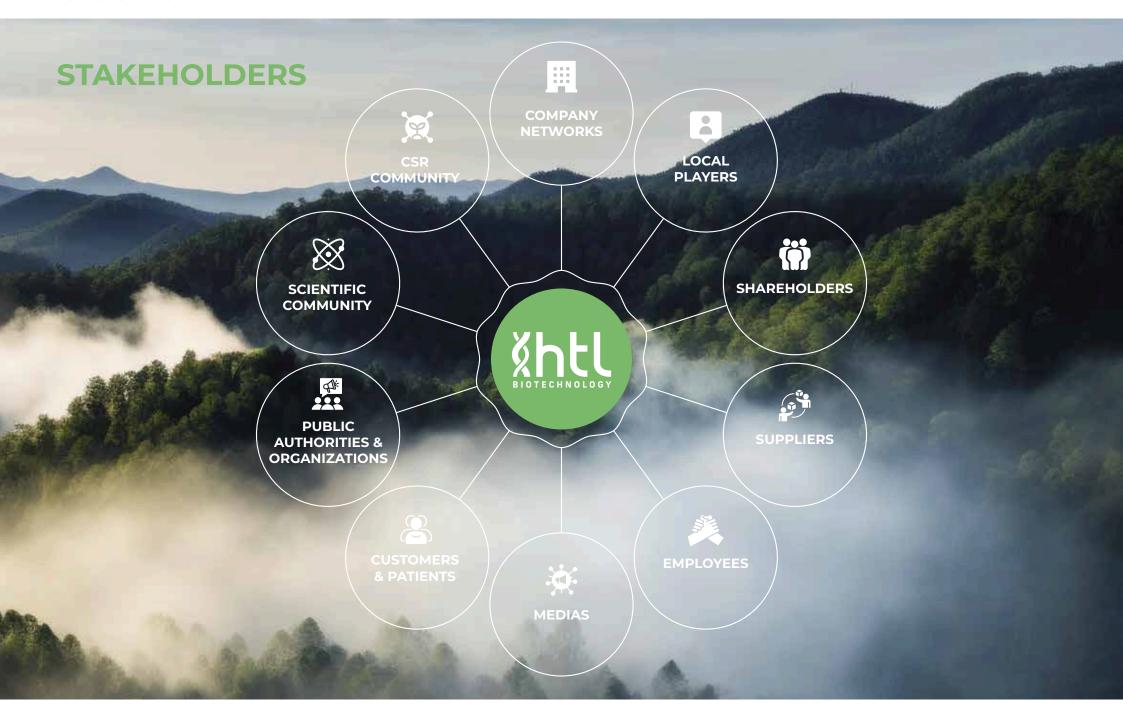
SKIN AGEING

Use of HA in dermal filling products



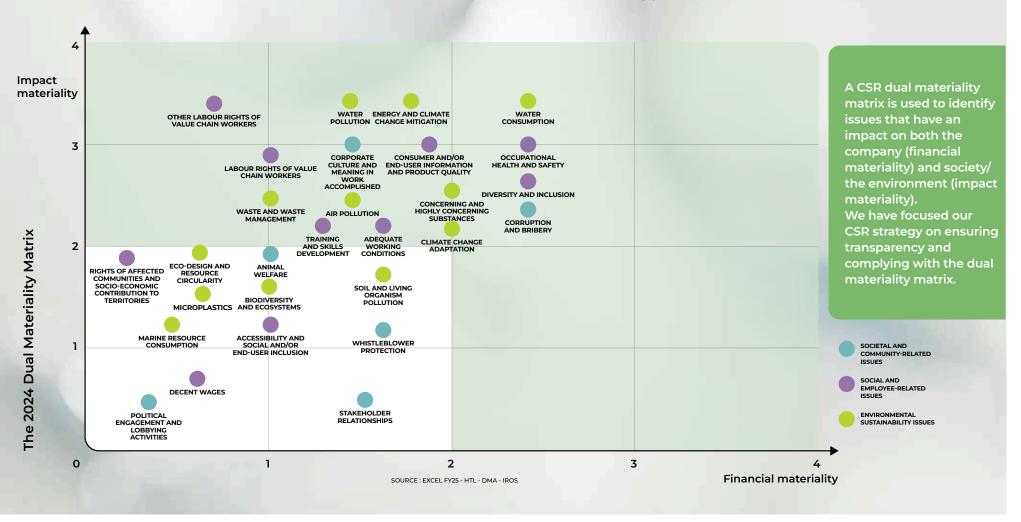






DUAL MATERIALITY ANALYSIS

Results: 57% of the issues are material for HTL Biotechnology







OUR CSR CHARTER

Our ambition for excellence and exemplarity is based on a pioneering spirit that respects our human values and our our desire to generate a knock-on effect.

Beyond, together, sustainably

As the global market leader in pharmaceutical grade biopolymers for medical use, HTL Biotechnology strives every day to provide its clients with products of impeccable quality, to guarantee the health, safety and well-being of its employees, to control the environmental impact of its activities and to innovate ethically and responsibly with its clients, suppliers and other partners.

This corporate project is inseparable from the deployment of a genuine and demanding corporate social responsibility policy, which incorporates a three-pronged strategy at the heart of its business model:

WORKING RESPONSIBLY
WITH OUR CLIENTS AND
PARTNERS TO PROTECT OUR
ENVIRONMENT

SETTING AN EXAMPLE WITH OUR EMPLOYEES

ACTING AS RESPONSIBLE CORPORATE CITIZENS IN OUR ECOSYSTEM

We are convinced that the CSR, as an approach to ongoing improvement, constitutes a wonderful lever for performance, operational excellence, attractiveness and motivation for talent.

HTL Biotechnology develops ambitious, proactive programmes thanks to an engaging action plan and robust governance. We assess and control our risks, and transparently measure and report our nonfinancial performance in accordance with the most demanding standards and certifications.

We are therefore committed to incorporating the principles of social responsibility at the highest level of decisionmaking and at the heart of all our activities.

STRATEGIC PILLARS

WORKING RESPONSIBLY WITH OUR CLIENTS AND PARTNERS TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

Reduce and control our water consumption.

Control aqueous discharges and atmospheric emissions and prevent the risks of air, water and soil pollution.

Reduce our consumption of fossil fuels (decarbonisation) and our greenhouse gas emissions.

Set up a management system to reduce our environmental footprint.

Optimise our supply chain with our suppliers and service providers.

SETTING AN EXAMPLE WITH OUR EMPLOYEES

Improve health and quality of life at work.

Guarantee safety.

Ensure a high-quality social climate through open, respectful and ethical dialogue.

Develop diversity and inclusion and combat all forms of discrimination.

Strengthen the skills management policy.

ACTING AS RESPONSIBLE CORPORATE CITIZENS IN OUR ECOSYSTEM

Continue to make ethics a priority and an asset in terms of reputation in society as a whole.

Give meaning to our corporate citizenship ambition by establishing local and national partnerships.

Contribute to local development, the economy and employment.

Report on our commitments and initiatives through transparent communication.

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Pillar 1

WORKING
RESPONSIBLY
WITH OUR CLIENTS
AND PARTNERS
TO PROTECT OUR
ENVIRONMENT



Our commitment to a sustainable future

At HTL Biotechnology, we are firmly committed to tackling the environmental challenges facing our society.

Climate change, the loss of biodiversity, the depletion of natural resources and the risks of pollution are all major challenges we have to face up to.

We are determined to be proactive.

Becoming a model of excellence

Our ambition is to become a benchmark in the preservation of resources and ecosystems.

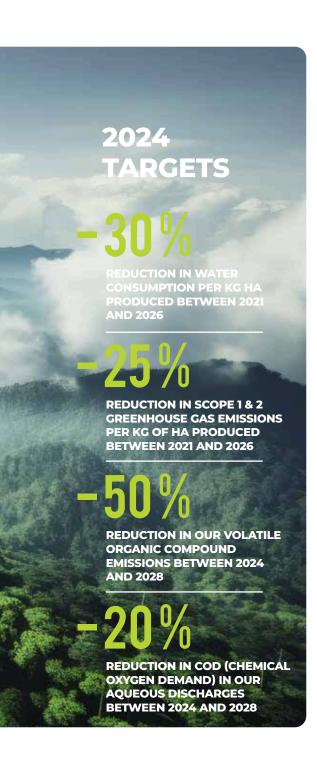
We want to set an example for local, national and global authorities, and we strive to earn our clients' recognition of us as a responsible company.

Transparency and accountability

We take responsibility for our actions.

This is why we are committed to reporting our environmental impacts to all our stakeholders.

Our commitments are backed up by acknowledged certifications.



OUR ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

HTL Biotechnology is committed to working with its clients and stakeholders to reduce its environmental footprint in order to combat climate change and preserve resources.

1

Reduce and control our water consumption.

2

Control aqueous and atmospheric emissions and prevent the risks of air, water and soil pollution.

3

Reduce our consumption of fossil fuels (decarbonisation) and our greenhouse gas emissions.

4

Set up a management system to reduce our environmental footprint. 5

Optimise our supply chain with our suppliers and service providers.



TO REDUCE AND CONTROL OUR WATER CONSUMPTION

Water is one of the most widely used resources in our business. We use it mainly in our manufacturing and equipment cleaning processes, in order to comply with pharmaceutical manufacturing standards (GMP), and to a lesser extent in our cooling processes. As water is a common good and a limited resource, its use must be controlled. We are committed to reducing our water consumption.

The actions we have implemented

The water reduction programme began in 2019, saving over 25,000 m³ of water in 4 years. Up to 2022 it focused on 'eliminating waste and optimising our processes through three initiatives':

- Setting up a closed-circuit cooling system;
- Optimising the pharmaceutical water production process to improve efficiency;
- Setting up a closed-circuit cooling loop for our fermenters.

ELIMINATING WASTE

OPTIMISING
OUR PROCESSES

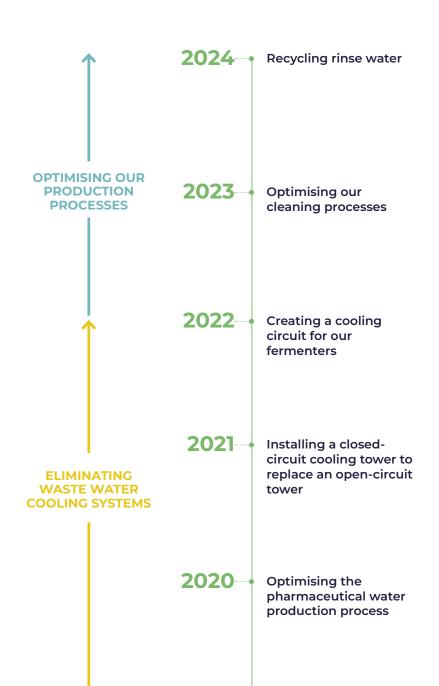
RECYCLING
OUR WATER

Alongside these investments, a diagnostic study was carried out to help us understand the consumption of our manufacturing and cleaning processes and to define a 5-year plan to reduce our consumption.

Since 2023, our actions have focused on optimising the cleaning parameters of our production lines and carrying out a feasibility study to recycle our production water.

IN 2024:

• Optimising cleaning parameters for the HTL4 production unit.







2024 RESULTS

REDUCTION IN CONSUMPTION PER KG OF HA PRODUCED BETWEEN 2023 AND 2024:

-4%

REDUCTION IN CONSUMPTION PER KG OF HA PRODUCED SINCE 2020:

-34%

REPROCESSING AND REUSING



TO CONTROL WATER DISCHARGES AND AIR EMISSIONS AND PREVENT THE RISKS OF AIR, WATER AND SOIL POLLUTION

Our manufacturing, storage and transport activities can generate various types of pollution, mainly aqueous and atmospheric.

The actions we have implemented

A neutralisation and filtration plant for our effluent was installed in 2021. It allows us to regulate our water discharges.

We have defined an emergency procedure for collecting water from the retention basin in the event of heavy rain, adapted the containment basin and drawn up a plan to reduce the use of detergents (CIP process).

IN 2024

- Our aim is to reduce our VOC emissions into the atmosphere by a factor of 2 between 2024 and 2028;
- Detailed measurement programme for VOC (volatile organic compound) emissions into the atmosphere;
- Detailed measurement programme for our aqueous discharges.



TO REDUCE OUR CONSUMPTION OF FOSSIL FUELS AND OUR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

We use natural gas to produce steam, which is used mainly to power our distillation columns and produce hot water.

The actions we have implemented

ELIMINATING WASTE

OPTIMISING OUR PROCESSES

CHANGING OUR ENERGY SOURCES

Start-up of a new distillation column 40% more energy-efficient than the old one.

IN 2024

• Using white paint made from oyster shells on our roofs to reduce electricity consumption.



"Our innovative, 100% Made in France, eco-designed, bio-sourced solution based on oyster shells significantly reduces energy consumption and carbon impact, while controlling temperatures and extending the lifespan of roofs. This project, which complies with the Tertiary Eco-Energy Decree, guarantees a sustainable improvement in the energy performance of our buildings without any interruption to our business."

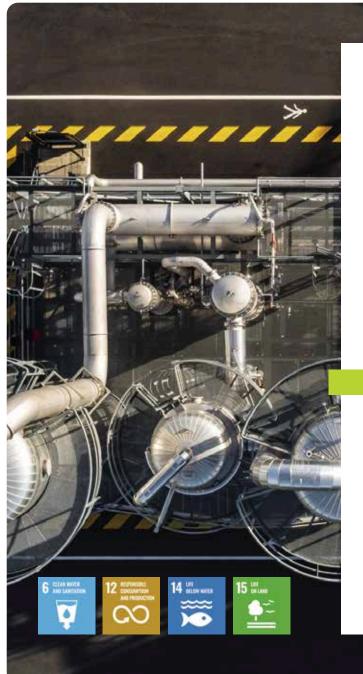
Samuel Thebault, General Services Manager



2024 RESULT

SCOPE 1 & 2
GREENHOUSE GAS
EMISSION REDUCTION
PER KG OF HA
PRODUCED BETWEEN
2021 AND 2024:

-270/0



TO SET UP AN EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO REDUCE OUR ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT

By adopting the ISO 14001 standard, we are committed not only to complying with the regulations, but also to continuously improving our impact on the environment.

The actions we have implemented

In 2021, HTL Biotechnology obtained ISO 14001 certification.

- Training all employees in the environmental management system;
- Implementation of a Responsible Purchasing Policy.

IN 2024

Renewal of certification.



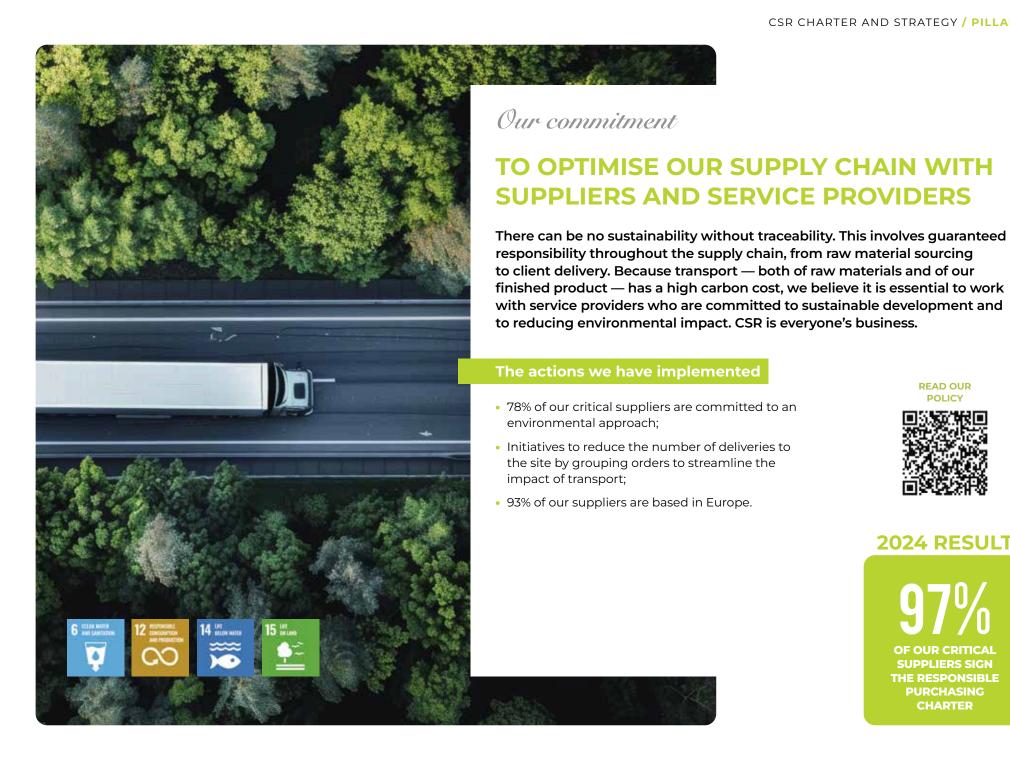


"The IS014001 standard sets out a framework for managing environmental risks. It is based on the principle of continuous improvement. Based on these standards, all our teams are putting in place performance indicators and improvement actions to increase our environmental performance and prevent any risk of pollution."

Isabelle François, HSE Manager

2024 RESULT

OF OUR EMPLOYEES
TRAINED ON OUR
ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
(EMS)

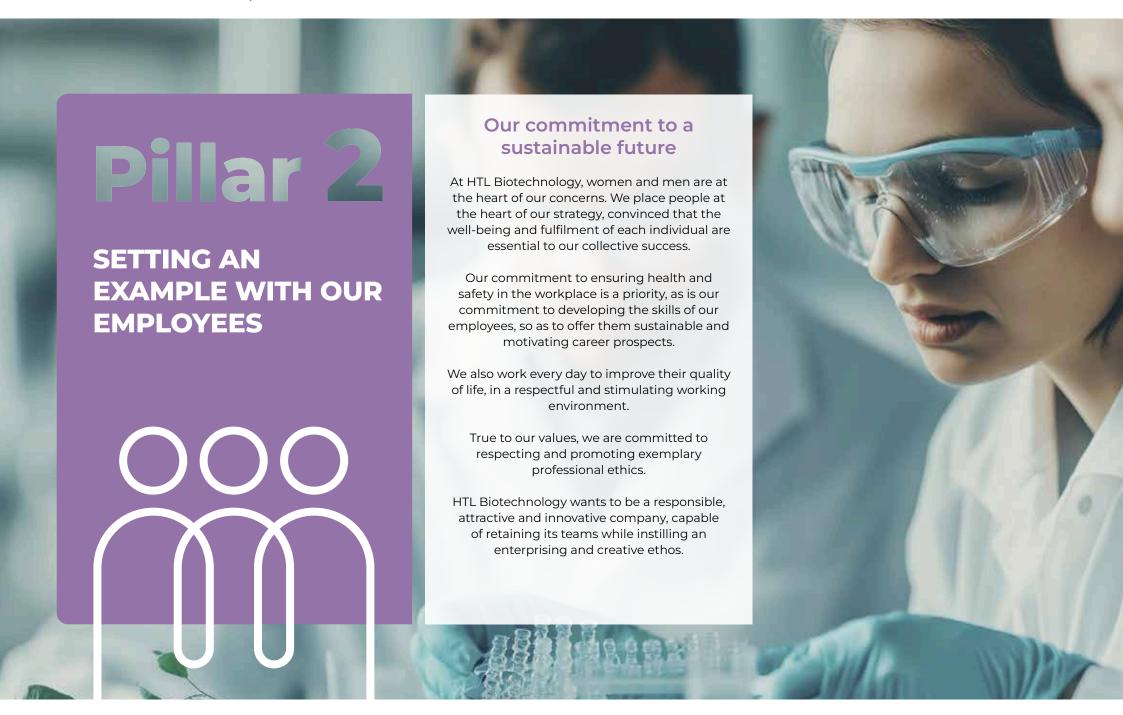


READ OUR



2024 RESULT

SUPPLIERS SIGN THE RESPONSIBLE **PURCHASING** CHARTER





OUR SOCIAL POLICY HTL Biotechnology is committed to making the health, quality of life and well-being of its teams a priority by supporting skills development and sharing values of respect, inclusion and transparency. Improve health and Guarantee safety. Ensure a high-quality quality of life at work. social climate through open, respectful and ethical dialogue. Develop diversity Strengthen the skills and inclusion and management policy. combat all forms of discrimination.



TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE AT WORK

Our company's success is based on our employees' know-how and expertise. To retain its talent, HTL Biotechnology is committed to improving the working environment and quality of life for its employees.

The actions we have implemented

- Two employee surveys conducted;
- Implementation of 20 improvement actions following surveys on recognition, workload, communication and career development;
- Organisation of a well-being at work day at the HTL Biotechnology site (workshops, awarenessraising, discussions, etc.).





2024 RESULT

2024 ABSENTEEISM RATE

4.90/0



TO GUARANTEE SAFETY

In a world where employee health and safety are paramount, HTL Biotechnology is committed to making them a priority by adopting safe practices, providing regular training and implementing preventive actions.

The actions we have implemented

IN 2024

- Launch of a plan to reduce chemical risks;
- Deployment of a safety culture improvement plan;
- Training for production managers;
- Workplace safety training.





2024 RESULT

FREQUENCY RATE
OF ACCIDENTS PER
MILLION HOURS
WORKED

28



TO GUARANTEE A HIGH-QUALITY SOCIAL CLIMATE THROUGH OPEN, RESPECTFUL AND ETHICAL DIALOGUE

Social dialogue is important at HTL Biotechnology, which is why the management, managers and staff representatives meet regularly to discuss the company's affairs. HTL Biotechnology is therefore committed to ensuring a good social climate for everyone.



IN 2024

- Two company agreements signed;
- Launch of a charter for trainees and work-study students;
- Introduction of a new health insurance scheme for all USA employees;
- Development of a new health insurance system in France.

READ OUR





"Social dialogue is a fundamental pillar of our corporate values. Through open, respectful and responsible dialogue with staff representatives and employees, we are supporting the transformation and development of HTL Biotechnology."

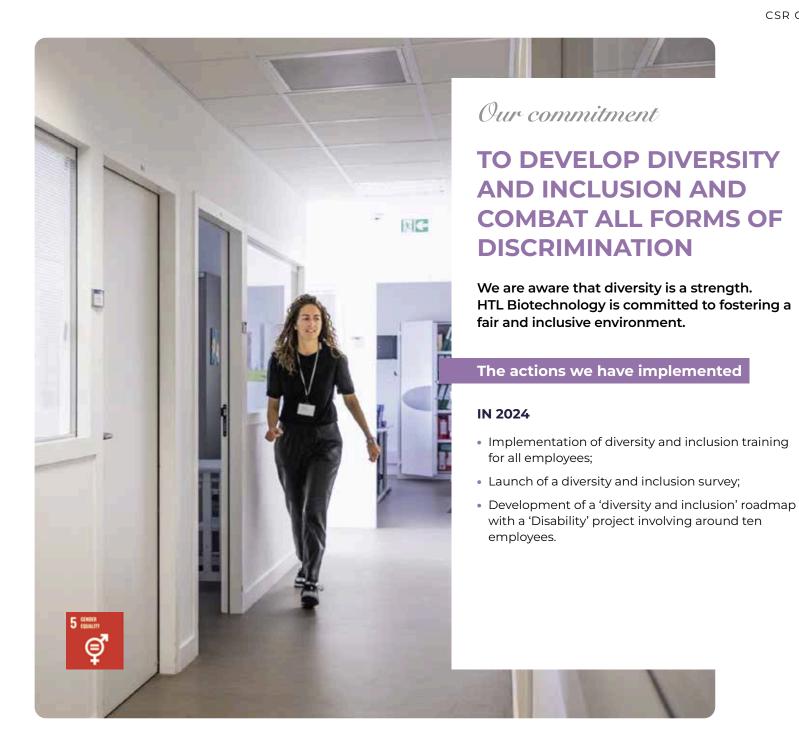
Katia Remond Head of Human Resources France



2024 RESULT

RATE OF RESPONDENTS TO THE SURVEY

81%



Diversity and **Inclusion** policy













2024 RESULT

PROFESSIONAL EQUALITY INDEX

97/100





"Skills development is a fundamental pillar of our commitment to our employees. Through a dynamic and accessible training policy, we support everyone in their professional development and contribute to their growth. By encouraging learning and the sharing of knowledge, we give everyone the means to grow and develop in their profession."

Margot Cochennec,

HR Training and Development Manager



2024 RESULT

HOURS OF TRAINING PER EMPLOYEE

19.76

2023-2026 SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PLAN



MAJOR AREAS OF FOCUS

Managerial skills

Project management
Trek management

Tools and methodologies

Digitalisation

Health and Safety

TO GET THERE

Professionalisation of training

Launch of skills management
Training support

Digitalisation of training

Acceleration of e-learning
Efficient use of the classroom

Key role of the manager

Skills development
Building training pathways

A SHARED CHALLENGE



HR: Supports and coordinates Manager: Guides and enables

Employee:Managers and contributors

WITH AGILITY

70 % Experience & Practices

"On the job"

20 % Interactions

Informal learning
Sharing skills between

10 % Formal training

Structured learning for traditional ongoing training

Strengthening the ability of our teams to work in versatile way within a changing environment.

Horizontal



Career development



New duties



Vertical







HTL Biotechnology is committed to meeting society's expectations and aims to fully embody the model of a socially responsible company that is transparent, supportive and open to its ecosystem.

1

Continue to make ethics a priority and an asset in terms of our reputation in society as a whole. 2

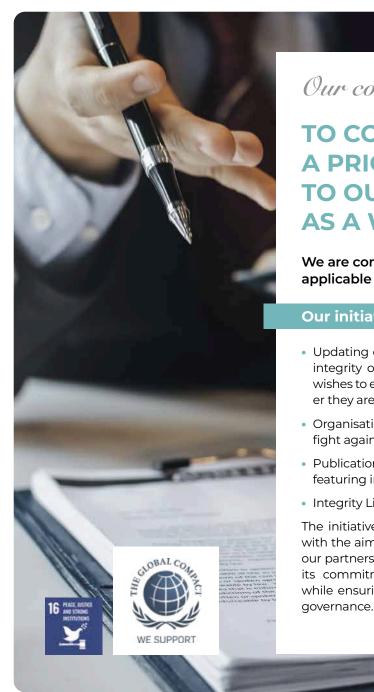
Give meaning to our corporate citizenship ambition by establishing local and national partnerships.

3

Contribute to local economic development and employment.

4

Report on our commitments and initiatives through transparent communication.



TO CONTINUE TO MAKE ETHICS A PRIORITY AND AN ASSET TO OUR REPUTATION IN SOCIETY **AS A WHOLE**

We are committed to conducting our business in compliance with all the applicable laws and regulations.

Our initiatives implemented this year

- Updating of the third party assessment procedure, aimed at verifying/assessing the integrity of third parties with whom the HTL Biotechnology Group already has or wishes to enter into business relations, ensuring the absence of sanctions, and whether they are subject to economic sanctions;
- Organisation of a Compliance Day to raise awareness among all employees of the fight against corruption;
- Publication of a two-part podcast entitled "Compliance instructions for use", featuring interviews with our Chairman and CFO;
- Integrity Line, a new reporting platform for whistleblowers.

The initiatives put in place this year promote ethical and responsible management, with the aim of building a climate of trust, transparency and lasting relationships with our partners and employees. HTL Biotechnology is thus confirming its commitment to making a positive contribution to society, **READ OUR** while ensuring the long-term future of its business through solid





"Ethics are the cornerstone of our reputation. They guide our decisions and actions, ensuring that we operate with integrity and transparency. Without them, the trust of our partners, clients and employees collapses, jeopardising our long-term success. By adhering to high ethical standards, we strengthen our credibility and market position, while contributing to a healthy and respectful working environment."

Nicolas Préfol,

Administrative and Financial Director



2024 RESULT

TRAINED ON THE ANTI-BRIBERY CODE



TO GIVE MEANING TO OUR AMBITION OF CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP BY ESTABLISHING LOCAL AND NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

We are a good corporate citizen and we are committed to being a stakeholder in our community through donations and partnerships with local and national associations.

The actions we have implemented

IN 2024

 The company has strengthened its donations and sponsorship policy by supporting more local initiatives in line with our values and our donations and sponsorship policy, which was implemented in 2022.

HEALTH

 À pas de chenille: The aim of this association is to provide rehabilitation and support solutions for disabled children aged 0 to 18. This transdisciplinary rehabilitation centre is based in Fougères.

SPORT

- Pays de Fougères Basketball: The slogan "Growing Together" expresses Pays de Fougères Basketball's desire to be a real contributor to social cohesion and a standard-bearer at national level for the town of Fougères.
- The Fougères urban trail with a team of committed employees;
- HTL Tennis Open;
- The Rugby Club.

CULTURE

Support for the Fougères music festival.















2024 RESULT

SUPPORT FROM

6

ASSOCIATIONS



TO CONTRIBUTE TO LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT

In a world where businesses play a crucial role in the economic and social fabric, it is essential that we make an active commitment to supporting local development and promoting employment in the Fougères area, thereby contributing to a sustainable future.



The actions we have implemented

IN 2024

- Attendance at school forums to present the company;
- Encouraging the recruitment of work-study trainees;
- Introduction of an interns & work-study trainees charter;
- Recruitment of 17 employees in 2024 (excluding interns/ consultants/international recruitment).

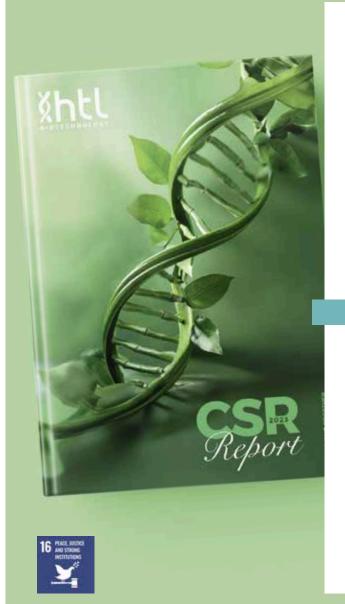


Discover our new work-study students

Our target for 2024 was > 9

2024 RESULT

WORK-STUDY TRAINEES RECRUITED



TO REPORT ON OUR CSR COMMITMENTS AND ACTIONS THROUGH TRANSPARENT COMMUNICATION

In a context where stakeholder trust is paramount, we want to be accountable for our CSR commitments and actions, thereby guaranteeing an authentic and responsible relationship with our communities.



As part of our transparent and open external communications policy, we regularly publish information about our progress in CSR on our LinkedIn account and on our website.

IN 2024

- Publication of the company's first CSR report;
- Organisation of a quality of life and well-being at work event attended by over 100 employees;
- Publication of the 10 principles of well-being at work;
- Organisation of a compliance event;
- Recording of a series of podcasts and interviews on ethics and compliance.















OUR ENVIRONMENTAL performance

WORKING RESPONSIBLY
WITH OUR CLIENTS
AND PARTNERS
TO PROTECT OUR
ENVIRONMENT

REDUCE AND CONTROL OUR WATER CONSUMPTION



- $4\frac{0}{0}$ (PER KG OF HA PRODUCED) BETWEEN 2023 AND 2024

CONTROL AQUEOUS DISCHARGES AND ATMOSPHERIC EMISSIONS AND PREVENT THE RISKS OF AIR, WATER AND SOIL POLLUTION



STUDIES LAUNCHED
IN 2024

REDUCE OUR FOSSIL FUEL CONSUMPTION



-27%
REDUCTION IN SCOPE 1
AND 2 GREENHOUSE GASES
BETWEEN 2021 AND 2024

PUT IN PLACE AN EFFICIENT
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO REDUCE OUR
ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT



100%
OF OUR EMPLOYEES
TRAINED ON OUR
ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM
(EMS) BY 2024

OPTIMISE OUR SUPPLY CHAIN WITH SUPPLIERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS



97%
OF OUR CRITICAL
SUPPLIERS HAVE SIGNED
THE EN 2024 RESPONSIBLE
PURCHASING CHARTER



SETTING AN
EXAMPLE WITH OUR
EMPLOYEES

IMPROVE HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE AT WORK



4.9% ABSENTEEISM RATE IN 2024

GUARANTEE SAFETY



28
FREQUENCY RATE
NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS
PER MILLION HOURS
WORKED IN 2024

ENSURE A HIGH-QUALITY SOCIAL CLIMATE THROUGH OPEN, RESPECTFUL AND ETHICAL DIALOGUE



81% OF RESPONDENTS TO THE SURVEY IN 2024

DEVELOP DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AND COMBAT ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION



97/100 GENDER EQUALITY INDEX IN 2024

STRENGTHEN THE SKILLS MANAGEMENT POLICY (DEVELOPMENT AND ONGOING TRAINING)



19.76 HOURS
OF TRAINING
PER EMPLOYEE
IN 2024



ACTING AS RESPONSIBLE CORPORATE CITIZENS IN OUR ECOSYSTEM

CONTINUE TO MAKE ETHICS A PRIORITY AND AN ASSET IN TERMS OF OUR REPUTATION IN SOCIETY AS A WHOLE



89%
OF OUR EMPLOYEES
TRAINED ON THE ANTIBRIBERY CODE BY 2024

GIVE MEANING TO OUR AMBITION OF CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP BY ESTABLISHING LOCAL AND NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

6
ASSOCIATIONS
SUPPORTED IN 2024

CONTRIBUTE TO LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND EMPLOYMENT



WORK-STUDY TRAINEES RECRUITED IN 2024

REPORT ON OUR COMMITMENTS AND ACTIONS THROUGH TRANSPARENT COMMUNICATION



POSTS ON SOCIAL MEDIA
IN 2024









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