



# Environmental Charta

**Swissgrid's role as Switzerland's national grid company is to guarantee secure, reliable and cost-effective operation, maintenance and expansion of the country's transmission grid. This in turn means that Swissgrid makes a significant contribution to the economic and social development of Switzerland. Acting responsibly towards human and nature is a key component of Swissgrid's corporate culture.**

## **Acting responsibly**

Swissgrid places a great deal of importance on protecting the environment. In order to maintain a high quality of life for future generations, Swissgrid works in compliance with recognised environmental standards, utilises the latest technologies and supports their on-going development. Compliance with laws and ordinances on environmental protection is a matter of course for Swissgrid.

## **Environmental management**

Swissgrid is developing a holistic approach to environmental management in order to enable environmental issues to be considered systematically and to avoid, or at least to minimise, damaging effects on the environment wherever possible. This means that environmental protection is integrated into all relevant corporate processes, risk analyses and decisions.

## **Saving resources and reducing emissions**

Swissgrid is committed to acting responsibly when it comes to using natural resources and maintaining biodiversity. Also, Swissgrid is constantly looking for ways to increase energy efficiency while optimising the utilisation of raw materials. What's more, Swissgrid strives to reduce greenhouse gases, waste, sewage, noise and other types of emissions on an on-going basis. Swissgrid also focuses on minimising dangers and risks during the planning, procurement, operation and maintenance of facilities. When selecting business partners, Swissgrid reviews their environmental performance as part of the overall assessment.

## **Dialog and cooperation**

Official authorities, affected parties and environmental associations are important partners of Swissgrid when it comes to minimising adverse effects on people, the environment and landscapes. Thanks to a constructive dialogue and transparent communication with all stakeholders, Swissgrid is creating the prerequisites for a sustainable, secure and economical extra high voltage grid in Switzerland.

## **Corporate culture and behaviour**

Swissgrid motivates employees to act in an environmentally conscious manner, helping them to increase their appreciation of such issues. Regular information, training sessions and further education serve to increase employees' awareness and capabilities in the sphere of environmental protection in all areas of the company.

## **Monitoring and implementation**

Swissgrid ensures through facility, construction site and management system audits that environmental concerns are taken into consideration both internally as well as by external partners. Relevant environmental aspects and key figures are collected, evaluated and then published. The Management Board reviews adherence to and implementation of the Environmental Charta in the annual Management Review.