



# Sustainability at ViskoTeepak: Navigating New Legislation & Initiatives

ViskoTeepak was the first in the industry to publish a Sustainability report based on the GRI standard, 11 years ago. Today, we continue to lead in the field of sustainability as we work to improve our processes and products. Below are some of the latest developments in the ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) area.

## New Legislation and Reporting Standards

One important change is the European Union's Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD). This directive will raise the bar for sustainability reporting, requiring larger companies to be more transparent about their environmental and social impacts, as well as their general compliance. While ViskoTeepak has been publishing a Sustainability report for over 11 years, the new CSRD rules will require a more detailed assessment of how our business affects people, society, and the environment. The report, based on a comprehensive evaluation called the Double Materiality Assessment (DMA), helps us structure our sustainability efforts and defines the actions we need to take and report.

## Connecting to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Our sustainability efforts are aligned with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These 17 goals aim to address global challenges like poverty, inequality, climate change, and environmental damage. In our Sustainability report, we focus on five SDGs that are most relevant to us:



### SDG 3: Good health and well-being



### SDG 8: Decent work and economic growth



### SDG 12: Responsible consumption and production



### SDG 15: Life on land



### SDG 17: Partnerships for the goals

These SDGs guide our actions and key achievements in these areas.



## **Environmental Permits and Compliance**

In addition to reporting, we are actively working on renewing environmental permits for our plants in Lommel, Hanko, and Nuevo Laredo. The new BAT-BREF (Best Available Techniques Reference Document) regulation in Europe aims to control industrial emissions and set high environmental standards. These documents describe the best available techniques for various industrial sectors and are used to set permit conditions under the EU's Industrial Emissions Directive.

## **Investing in Energy Efficiency**

Over the years, ViskoTeepak has invested in more energy-efficient equipment, such as heat recovery systems at our Hanko plant and other initiatives. We also plan to build a solar panel park next to our Lommel plant, further demonstrating our commitment to sustainability.

A lot is happening, and it's natural to ask: Are these efforts benefiting our partners and customers, and how? The answer lies in transparency. As the CSRD requires companies to report on their ESG practices, it increases transparency, which helps build trust. This allows customers to make more informed decisions and encourages companies to adopt sustainable practices. In the end, it means higher quality and safer products, and customers who care about sustainability can support companies that share their values, promoting ethical consumption.



**Some say sustainability takes forever,  
but isn't that the point?**

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