

# Corporate Social Responsibility report, 2019

ACO Nordic Group A/S

#### 1.- MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

At ACO Nordic Group A/S we believe we must live up to our responsibilities and be accountable to the company, to its goals, to its employees and to the communities in which we operate, not only on what respect financial achievements but also in terms of environmental and social contribution. For ACO Nordic Group A/S and our subsidiaries, responsible management and citizenship are embedded on our efforts to create long-term value for our stakeholders at large and the best way to proof that those are not simple words is that our Group CFO and myself have taken personally the commitment to supervise and develop in this area.

This is the best way for us, as leaders of the ACO Nordic Group A/S, to make sure that our success is balanced with the needs of society as a whole and that particular thinking is integrated on the daily decision making mechanisms. Topics as gender parity, employee satisfaction, carbon footprint, supply chain ethics, etc. were implicitly considered before, through generic ethical guidelines. However, we have succeeded, now, to integer them seamlessly on decision making processes as diverse as the choice of our future car fleet, the introduction of IT applications to increase visibility on management style impact, or the prioritization of environmentally and socially certified partners on our supply chain, etc.

Despite having kept, on our hands, the CSR reporting responsibility, we are very proud of seeing that the simple fact of rising the point, last year, has caused many other employees, on the company, to openly support and engage with this way of

thinking and acting. We receive on a recurrent way, proactive proposals of new ideas and projects with the aim of improving ACO Nordic Group A/S contribution to the environment, impact to other stakeholders and, at the same time, making good economic sense for the company.

As you will appreciate in our financial statements, of which, this CSR document makes part, during 2019 our turnover has reached the same level than in 2018, despite the general construction market cooling down trend we have seen on the Scandinavian countries. That, allowed us, to deliver, again a solid result, comparable with 2018 once deducted the result of real estate extraordinary operations. That proofs that enlarging the number of variables considered on our daily decision-making, not only did not compromise our short-term financial performance, but we strongly believe that it will contribute to its sustainability on the long run.

However, as we write those lines, we see how the health challenge of COVID-19 has changed the macro-economic landscape on such a radical way that our ACO Group ONE21 target (reaching €1bn turnover by 2021) might not be attainable in the current context. This is a crisis without comparable precedent; therefore, we will update, at the proper time, our financial performance expectations for next year.

Nevertheless, adapting the organization to keep it functional through this crisis, leveraging IT tools and virtual connectivity instead of the classical physical presence, has brought up solutions and attitudes that are not only compatible cost cutting exercises, but could potentially change the way ACO Nordic Group A/S and other companies interact sustainably in the future with



the environment. Some examples of this could be limiting the daily commuting and increasing the use of home-office; challenging more airplane travelling needs; reinforce our web presence; take customer visits and trainings online when feasible, etc.

Also, we believe that COVID-19 will only accelerate the big trends that were already shaping the future of the construction sector (higher focus on sustainability, labor scarcity, cost pressure, new materials and production methods and higher digitalization). On top of it, this crisis may bring also higher consolidation and a challenge to global supply chains to ensure resilience.

Is in those times of crisis where, more than ever, standing still to our principles marks the path ahead, I would like to restate our commitment with ensuring:

- employees welfare and respect of human rights of any person related direct or indirectly to our business;
- support to the environment and positive contribution to cope with the consequences of climate change thanks to our portfolio of products related to water management;
- Business fair play respecting all applicable laws and regulations as well as driving our business relations and ourselves with the highest ethical standards.

We understand our commitment with those principles as a continuous improvement and learning exercise, for which we welcome very much any comment or suggestion you may have on our CSR mailbox: <a href="mailto:csr-nordic@aco.local">csr-nordic@aco.local</a>.



From right to left: Karsten Bo Due and David Sánchez Méndez, respectively ACO Nordic Group A/S CEO and CFO.



#### 1.1.- About this report

All the affiliates belonging to the ACO Nordic Group A/S, as well as the holding company itself, prepare their yearly statutory reports on a basis of natural years (January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>). The Corporate Social Responsibility report for 2019 carries on with the commitment we started a year ago on being transparent about our vision and strategies in this area.

This sustainability report, has been prepared in accordance with the GRI Standards: Core option, and will be annexed to the financial statements for ACO Nordic Group A/S for the 2019 exercise, covering the requirements of the Danish Financial Statements' Act, in terms of Corporate Social Responsibility reporting (section 99a) and gender equality (section 99b). Based on the work Deloitte performed on the financial statements for ACO Nordic Group A/S for 2019, Deloitte conclude that the management commentary is in accordance with the requirements of the Danish Financial Statements Act. They did not identify any material misstatement of the management commentary. It will be possible to be downloaded from <a href="http://www.aco.dk/om-aco/csr/">http://www.aco.dk/om-aco/csr/</a> and other ACO Nordic websites.

The content of this report, unless specified otherwise in the corresponding section, applies to the ACO Nordic Group A/S and the totality of its affiliates as well.

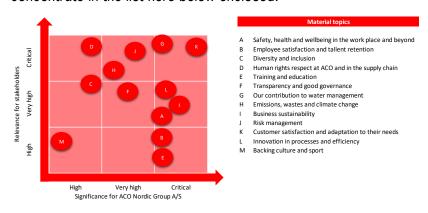
Respecting the reporting principles of the GRI 101 standard we have, first of all, been reflecting about our stakeholder's responsibility, creating the here enclosed map, where shareholders, employees, customers and the extended

beneficiaries of the ACO solutions for surface water management and building drainage are at the core.



The content, structure and scope of this report was determined through a process of internal and external reflection, which made it possible to identify and prioritize matters with a greater impact and importance for the business and/or stakeholders.

From the overall assessment of the critical matters for each stakeholder and the most significant aspects for business activity, the top management at ACO Nordic Group A/S decided to concentrate in the list here below enclosed:





The relation between those material topics and the Danish financial authorities requirements, as well as the corresponding GRI standards can be found in the appendix 1, table 3.

# 2.- ACO Nordic Group A/S organization

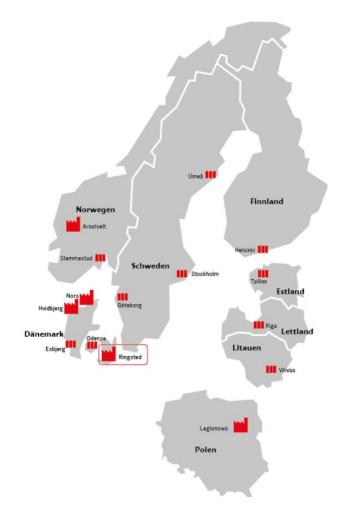
#### 2.1.- ACO Nordic Group A/S background and structure

ACO Nordic Group A/S is part of the ACO Group, which was founded in 1946 by Josef-Severin Ahlmann in Büdelsdorf, in the state of Schleswig-Holstein, northern Germany.

Initially focused on building materials, since the 1960s the backbone of the company's growth turned to be designing, manufacturing and developing drainage products and systems. The wide range of ACO Group products' portfolio has enabled us to deliver services and solutions in accordance with our customer's needs.

ACO Nordic group A/S has 100% shareholdings on several companies in Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, the Baltic republics and Poland and Its own shares are 100% ownership of the Ahlmann family through the ACO group holding (see table 1 in the appendix area for full legal structure). All of them have the

legal form of limited liability companies. In the map here besides, the location of the different offices and factories is indicated.





The headquarters of the "Nordic subgroup" are placed in Ringsted, Denmark, which holds the managerial responsibility over all the companies owned by the ACO Nordic Group A/S, except the 2 factories in the north of Denmark (Hvidbjerg and Nors). On the other hand, it has managerial responsibilities in ACO Elementy Budowlane Sp. z o.o. the ACO affiliate in Poland despite not being its shareholder.

## 2.2.- The activities carried by the ACO Nordic Group A/S and business model

There are approximately 360 employees working for the ACO Nordic Group A/S and its affiliates. While Hvidbjerg and Plastmo have their own production sites and they both produce and commercialized their goods in the Nordic subgroup markets, the ACO affiliates are limited to marketing and commercialization activities of goods produced by the ACO Group in other sites outside the Nordic Subgroup. The ACO affiliates in the Nordic subgroup, commercialize products manufactured mainly on ACO factories based in Germany, Czech Republic and Poland.

Exports outside the Nordic markets are limited and mostly linked to the Plastmo affiliate in Poland, serving Russian and Ukrainian customers. Exports to other markets are possible but seldom, following the ACO philosophy of letting the local affiliates take care of the local market needs.

The ACO Nordic Group, provides, with the mentioned resources, not only products and services, but focuses on provide integrated solutions for the problems presented by water and the need of its

adequate management in different circumstances. In most of the cases, our value chain goes through our business partners: the wholesalers, the builders' merchants and the "do-it-yourself" shops or chains of shops. Our own consultants will support the projects requiring a higher profile of knowhow, helping on the design of the solution, training on the use and management of the products and following up from the inception to the building phase the construction project.

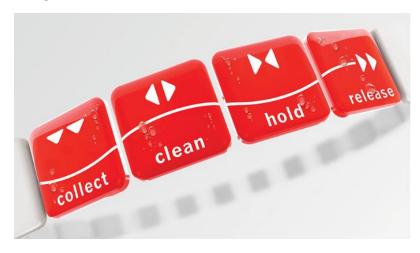


During the construction project management where we participate, we may be interfacing with construction companies, installers, engineers, architects or even the sponsoring actors as part of the decision making process on the project. However, is our policy to prioritize physical and financial flows through the mentioned business partners (re. section 2.5 on risk management).



#### 2.3.- The ACO Nordic group A/S offer portfolio

The product portfolio is structured around the system chain to manage the water.



In outdoors environments from the moment in which the rain reaches the ground, where is collected with our extensive range of drainage products until its release into the sewage system with our pump stations or water flow regulation solutions. Our portfolio contain also products and services to help on the cleaning of the water from oil, grease, heavy metals and other pollutants before reaching the sewage system as well as customized solutions to prevent water floods, especially in urban areas, where the scarcity of green areas limit the natural absorption of the rainwater.

Indoors, we apply the same philosophy and still have in our portfolio products and services to cover the needs of the

collection, cleaning and releasing of water in environments as exigent as the food processing industry or commercial kitchens, where hygiene is prioritized in order to protect final consumers' health.

Our product range is commercialized in the Nordic subgroup under the brands ACO, Plastmo and Hvidbjerg. ACO products are mostly dedicated to the Surface Water Management and to the Building Drainage segments; Plastmo products are mostly focused to manage the rain from the sky to the ground around the house (rain gutters, roofing materials, water infiltration solutions, rain flow regulation for the garden, rain water storage and recycling, etc); while Hvidbjerg is mainly focused into windows.

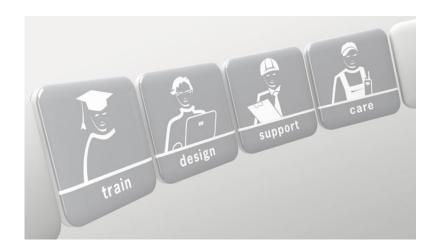
In order to ensure a responsible life cycle management on the products using PVC in our Plastmo portfolio, the ACO Nordic Group A/S owns as well 20% shares on Wuppi A/S, a Danish company which business model is recover and recycle PVC.

More details on our offered portfolio can be found in our local websites or on the ACO group one:

https://www.aco.com/en/products-and-services/

In our cooperation with our business partners and customers, we also provide useful services that help the process of managing complex construction projects where multiple parts have to be coordinated (wholesalers, entrepreneurs, constructors, installers, engineers, architects, etc).





The extensive portfolio of products and services offered, allow us to be present in the construction of residential and non-residential buildings as well as in civil engineering projects, both new and renovating constructions.

## 2.4.- Major structural changes during 2019 for the ACO Nordic Group A/S

During 2019, there were no changes on the scope of this document in terms of Mergers or Acquisitions. However, the management took the decision of halting operations in Plastmo Polska Sp. z o.o. as despite the reorganization carried in 2018, manufacturing and commercial operations did not proof profitable.

The liquidation process was started in 2019, although is not expected to be concluded before mid-2020.

#### 2.5.- Risk management and business sustainability

The ACO Nordic Group, as one of the actors in the construction market, has identified and reacted in different ways to the risks here below mentioned. We understand risk is inherent to business; therefore, our approach is that risk avoidance is not always the optimal answer and to ensure the business sustainability on a long run requires a deep understanding of the nature of the risk, its probability and the potential impacts in terms of economic performance, social repercussions and environmental consequences. From that point of view, we have reached the following different conclusions:

Credit risk: as part of the economic cycles, the construction sector suffers during its valley periods of recurrent bankruptcies of construction companies, which put in danger the profitability and business continuity of all other upstream supply chain contributors (wholesalers and producers). In that sense, ACO Nordic Group has adopted a policy of ensuring the credit risk, despite a rather positive history and a business environment in most of the markets in which we operate which are both, healthy in the levels of indebtedness and have good records on debt repayment.

Currency exchange risk: The ACO Nordic Group A/S consolidates' its financial statements in Danish Kroner and is



therefore exposed to the fluctuations of any other currencies bringing cash inflows (Swedish and Norwegian Kroner and Polish Zloty) or outflows (mainly Eurozone suppliers). In that sense, the ACO Nordic Group A/S has a centralized policy to hedge the currency exchange risk against fluctuations in SEK, NOK and PLN. The DKK remains pegged to the EUR with fluctuation bands of +/-2.25% around a central exchange of 7.46038 DKK/EUR, for which we have decided not to hedge the risk on EUR currency.

Liquidity risk: ACO Nordic Group has a consolidated equity ratio of 63% which is considered very healthy and count currently with credit facilities granted mainly through our Nordic banking partners: Danske Bank and Nordea. Our operations in Poland are also supported through Mbank, affiliate of Commerzbank.

Market risk: As mentioned before, the construction market has very pro-cyclical characteristics, with profound impacts on the activity level, forcing all the competitors to be reactive in terms of pricing, organizational structure and having always to ensure maximal operational efficiency. In this sense, the ACO Nordic Group has been working during the recent, positive market conjuncture, years to modernize our IT systems and be as close as possible to our customer needs, in order to sense, as soon as possible, changes on market trends.

Operational risks: We know that human intervention is prone to mistakes, so during 2019 we reviewed, together with our auditors, the implementation of the internal controls' software "Impero", intended to balance the efficiency on the operations with the limitation of the risk of misstatements and fraud. The target is not only linked to the financial statements, but, more generally to the execution of the operations carried in by the ACO Nordic

Group A/S and its affiliates. The strengthening recommendations from that review were set in place at the beginning of 2020, although we keep continuously working on its improvement as a way to grant the safest and most agile possible business environment.

Business sustainability: In order to create and maintain a sustainable business we have adapted a careful policy in which we focus our business development and expansion strategy on our core business – defined in our International ONE-21 business plan.



Ringsted, main street and square renovation (Denmark)

Our core business is defined with our three business legs: Surface Water Management SWM, Building Drainage BD and Building Material BM. We are often presented with business opportunities, enquiries and projects, which deviate, from our core business,



and if we cannot see a match with our ONE-21 business plan, we will not enter into these areas.

Further, a large portfolio of our products has to do with the areas "HOLD" and "RELEASE", those product groups are among others meant to be collecting rainwater, storing it for later usage in other areas, which is indeed a sustainable approach to collecting rainwater.

ACO Nordic Group A/S as part of the ACO Group, contributes this way to a better environment with its portfolio focused on water management and proudly can say that has not face any complain of any kind about our environmental non-compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.

During 2019 we have developed, together with all the senior management in the different affiliates of ACO Nordic Group A/S, a new approach to risk management, built over what we had already formerly, although in the direction of making it more formalized and assigning specific responsibilities for its management. The risk management has been restructured, in this new framework, in five areas: Strategic, Financial, Operational, Compliance and Public Relations. The full implementation of this new approach has been completed during 2020.

#### 2.6.- Governing bodies

The ACO Nordic Group A/S has a very flat managerial structure, where the executive committee is composed by the CEO and the CFO of the group.

The activity performed by the executive committee is supervised by the supervisory board, composed by:

- Soren Walter Olsen; Chairman and CEO of ACO Severin Ahlmann GmbH and Co. KG.
- Hans Julius Ahlmann; Shareholder.
- Hans Peter Meyer; Member of the ACO Severin Ahlmann GmbH and Co. KG advisory board.
- Jens Uwe Paasch; CFO of the ACO Severin Ahlmann GmbH and Co. KG.

The supervisory board calls the executive committee between 2 and 4 times per year on business reviews to treat the most significant topics and they do not perceive any remuneration for this work.

It is the function of the supervisory board to provide strategic guidance and validate the goals settled for the short, middle and long terms. Further guidance on the company values, mission and vision is also provided by the supervisory board, being the highest governance body the ACO Nordic Group A/S.

Respectively, it is the function of the executive board to communicate the supervisory board the current status of the business, its performance, the outlook on its future evolution and of course, any concern they might understand as critical.

In the same way, the members of the executive committee in ACO Nordic Group A/S act as supervisory board for all the affiliate companies, where the local management present on their turn between 2 and 4 times a year their activities and outlooks on the business performance. As well, no remuneration is provided in this case.



On a daily basis the decisions are taken by the ACO Nordic Group A/S affiliates' local management following the delegation of authority documents' shared with each of them on a formalized basis since 2016, limiting their power in terms of investments, onboarding and laying off employees, customers and suppliers' negotiations, banking relations and other topics. It is the prerogative of the local management to extend the application of the delegation of authority procedure to their employees.

# 3.- Transparency and good governance

## 3.1.- Management approach and actions undertaken during 2019

It is the responsibility of the ACO Nordic Group A/S to provide a clear guidance to all its affiliates and employees on how to make business on a lawful and ethical way, as well as create and operate a governance structure that supports the mentioned guidance.

Following the Transparency International assessment by country on the corruption perception index 2019 (last available up to the date of publication of this report), we know that in the Nordic markets, we operate on, are a relatively safe environment, which historically has allowed us to keep the ethical topic on the level of top management exemplarity.



Plastmo A/S former colleagues, paying us a visit (Denmark)

However, we are conscious that there is always a certain risk linked to individual behavior and the best protection against its consequences is to have a strong company culture and processing structure that guides individuals on the right path. In order to limit that individual behavior risk, during 2018 and in line with the ONE21 objective to adopt global approaches in several areas, we implemented at the ACO Nordic Group A/S and its affiliates a Code of Ethics aligned with the ACO Group. The target being, to formalize and document guidelines in subjects as diverse as general business behavior, anti-corruption, conflict of interests' management, data protection, working health and safety, protection of the environment, etc.



Each and every manager and employee of the Nordic subgroup and its affiliates has been requested to read and subscribe the code of ethics. In order to ensure full understanding, we have been granting translation to local languages where it was required.

During 2019, we succeeded to implement our supplier code of conduct upon the totality of our supplying sister companies. This code will ensure that the values we demand to ourselves in the ACO Nordic Group A/S are also respected upstream in the supply chain, to let us guarantee to our customers and any other stakeholder, that we conduct business on the most respectful and transparent way.

The values of the company, remain, represented in the following three sentences, which we know as our ACO DNA:

ACO. creating the future of drainage

ACO. committed to excellence with passion

ACO. a strong family you can build on

The mentioned implementation of the internal controls' software "Impero" in 2018 and reviewed in 2019 together with our auditors, had also a major function on enabling, the managers of the company, to have a balanced approach between business flexibility and processes safety, limiting both: mistakes and potential fraud.

#### 3.2.- Conflict of interests

The Code of Ethics, underwritten by each and every employee of the ACO Nordic Group A/S, and its affiliates, includes a specific appendix on the subject of conflict of interest. The company requests from every employee to communicate, without having to issue any additional request, to their local board of directors, any kind of conflict of interest they might be facing, either at their recruitment or supervening subsequently.

The local management board should take a decision respect the reported conflict of interest and communicate their decision to the ACO Nordic Group A/S executive committee.

#### 3.3.- Transparency hotline and results during 2019

The grievance mechanism for any concern on the business ethics' topic is contemplated in our Code of Ethics itself. The ACO Nordic Group A/S top management will receive through the e-mail address <a href="mailto:ethics.nordic-line@aco.com">ethics.nordic-line@aco.com</a> the details about the mentioned concern, with the firm commitment to analyze each and every communication received in that address, granting the anonymity of the whistle blower and refraining from any retaliation when acted in good faith.

To date, no ethical concern was reported through the mentioned e-mail address or any other mean to the ACO Nordic Group A/S executive committee.



At the same time, no legal action has been undertaken against ACO Nordic Group A/S or any of its affiliates or employees concerning anti-competitive behavior, anti-trust or monopolistic practices or non-compliance with laws and regulations in the social and economic area.

#### 4.- Social and employee matters

## 4.1.- Management approach and actions undertaken during 2019

The management, at all levels in the organization, has, from the implementation of the Code of Ethics, a written reference of behavior on what respects employees and other colleague's treatment. The Nordic culture, where the management empowers the employees through trust, has been the inspiration of our Code of Ethics, as opposed to cultures where the employee has to earn the trust. We believe this model provides open channels for communication and mutual beneficial relations from the first day of professional cooperation.

Furthermore, the Nordic subgroup is settled on a macroeconomic environment with low unemployment rates in most of the markets where we operate. Therefore, we understand that attracting and retaining the talent that we need to achieve our objectives is not only about contractual economic conditions, but also about a good fit into our culture and a management style that fosters creativity, controlled risk assumption and high levels of

satisfaction linked to both, personal, team and at a larger extent, Nordic performance.

In that sense, our approach goes beyond the classic administrative Human Resources department responsibilities and we intend to have a more formalized approach to culture and to attraction, management and retention of key talent. In that sense, during 2019 we have run a test on a new application in our Swedish affiliate, which follows up on the employee satisfaction and its relation with the management. The application is provided by the company Winningtemp AB and the Artificial Intelligence powering it, proposes to each employee, on a weekly basis, different questions depending the former week answers. So far the application has been very well accepted by the employees and shows a good leadership of ACO Nordic AB management. Based on this experience, is our intention to extend its use to all other affiliates of the ACO Nordic Group A/S during 2020.

The risks detected by the management in this area are covered in the following subsections 4.2 to 4.5.

## 4.2.- Safety, health and wellbeing in the workplace and beyond

The ACO Nordic Group A/S and its affiliates comply with all applicable legislations and regulations in this matter. There are four production sites on the scope: a) 2 belonging to Hvidbjerg Vinduet A/S, both in Hvidbjerg itself and Nors (Denmark) and b) 2 belonging to Plastmo A/S, one based in Ringsted (Denmark) and another in Legionowo (Poland). Each of those sites have their own



safety program. More details about their particular programs, risk management and others, are made available in each affiliate.



The yearly statistics on occupational accidents, show a situation that is not worrying, however our approach to mitigation of risks and hazards for the wellbeing of our employees and any other business partner working with our products is to anticipate and prevent, going beyond the applicable standards. As part of our approach, we also analyze the events that have happened in the past and adapt our internal policies to avoid that anything similar happens again.

Also, to be highlighted as a sign of good governance in this area is that the Danish affiliates, both ACO, Plastmo and Hvidbjerg, have been awarded with the "green smile" certification during the last inspections carried by "Arbejds Tilsynet".

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	Light	Severe	In the job Illness (days)		
ACO Denmark	-	_	120		
ACO Sweden	-	_	245		
ACO Finland	-	-	-		
ACO Norway	-	-	-		
Division ACO	-	-	365		
Plastmo Denmark	1	_	525		
Plastmo Norway	-	-	23		
Plastmo Poland	-	-			
Plastmo Railing	-	-	57		
Divison Plastmo	1	-	605		
ACO Lithuania	_	_	-		
ACO Latvia	-	-	-		
ACO Estonia	-	-	7		
Division Baltic	-	-	7		
Nordic Group	_	_	_		
ACO Servicepartner	-	_	_		
TOTAL NORDIC SUBGROUP	1	-	977		
Hvidbjerg	-	-	7		
TOTAL "ACO NORDIC GROUP A/S"	1	-	984		

#### 4.3.- Employee satisfaction and talent retention

Employee satisfaction surveys are a regular practice, especially in Plastmo, where the industrial environment including logistic and production employees, require dedicated attention. Also some centralized services like the IT Nordic department run "internal customer" satisfaction surveys to monitor the level of their service.



Where implemented, the levels of satisfaction have been historically high and also reflected that way on the surveys run during 2019.

Expansion to the entire Nordic subgroup scope and harmonization of how the employee satisfaction is measured and improved are points where our organization intend to become stronger and the already mentioned application from Winningtemp AB has good chances to be the support chosen and implemented during 2020, as explained before.

In that sense, we understand that a transparent communication with the employees is a big component of their satisfaction, moreover, when it comes to communication with their hierarchical responsible. That is why, in the ACO Nordic Group A/S, we try to share information, on a regular basis, so all the employees are aware of the latest news on the organization, performance compared to budgets and forecasts, etc. Some examples, in that line, are the monthly meetings that Plastmo has in the canteen with all their employees, the Nordic finance and IT meetings where all the employees of those departments get to know all the last developments on what regards IT projects, finance performance and organizational changes, etc.

There is no standard policy on what regards how much anticipation we should give to the employees on big restructuring operations. During 2019, as mentioned, we have started the liquidation process for our affiliate Plastmo Polska Sp. z o.o. and communication and all other details followed local legal requirements. No court disputes have been derived from this liquidation process and we expect to conclude the last bureaucratic steps during 2020.

Finally, on what regards rights of association, all the entities on the scope of this report, respects, of course, the legislation about employees' right of association and collective bargaining. Also, during the implementation of the suppliers' code of conduct we are requiring to our upstream business partners to be also respectful in this area and grant to their employees this right, according to their corresponding local regulations.

#### 4.4.- Diversity and inclusion

ACO Nordic Group A/S, as mentioned already, is aware of the high level of competition for highly qualified talent needed to achieve our common targets. Therefore, it has a fringe benefits policy (health insurance, regular health checks, pension plan, disability insurance, variable remuneration, etc) that is not just according to the applicable legislation, but, on the competitive side of the market habits.

We offer the same opportunities, treatment, remuneration and benefits to all our employees and we give equal chances to candidates that wish to join forces with us, prioritizing intellectual skills and emotional capabilities over gender, age, race, nationality or any other characteristic that could limit us from getting always the best candidate to fit in our requirements.

We understand diversity as a way to ensure richness of points of view when it comes to decision making, therefore we also understand that on what concerns the governing bodies the female gender is underrepresented.



The highest governing body

- The target for the supervisory board is to get 1/3 of female representation by 2021.
- During the year 2019 the structure of the board was not reviewed and the only change occurred did not involve any new hiring, but just a change of roles, bringing Soren Olsen, our former Managing Director to the Chairman position.
- The Board is therefore still composed by 4 males.

The other management levels

To ensure that we make the right steps towards a fair female gender representation, on the other management levels, to achieve as well at least 1/3 of female representation, we make sure that in our recruitment processes:

- The job advertisements for opened positions are gender neutral.
- Our headhunting partners try to bring relevant female candidates to the last phases of the recruitments.
- We offer compensation packages that are competitive for the corresponding labor market conditions, regardless gender.

Up to 2017 that highest level of decision making (below the Board) was limited to the CEO and the CFO of the group, both of male gender, therefore not having achieved the mentioned target. In 2018, we incorporated to the group an HR Director in Poland, with Nordic responsibilities, to reinforce the areas of top talent recruitment, motivation and retention.

We are glad to mention that Bogumila Gelbach (of female gender) is contributing already very positively to reinforce adequate set and implementation of HR policies.

It is also company's policy to ensure at least 1/3 of female presence at the other management levels of the ACO Nordic Group A/S and its affiliates (understood as the MD and the next level of mid-management, in case of existing or for small affiliates the Managing Director and the Finance Manager).

In 2019 10 out of the 12 affiliates had a satisfactory balance (between 1/3 and 1/2 of female presence and we will keep working to reach this proportion in all of them.

The ACO Nordic Group A/S can say proudly that we have never faced any complain in any of our affiliates on what concerns respect to diversity and equal level of opportunities and we ensure through our Code of Ethics that all employees understand how important is for us this subject.

Furthermore, it is also our understanding that good financial performance is a basic requirement to catch the attention of candidates who are looking not only for an interesting place to deploy their skills and knowhow, but also to belong to a winning team.

Therefore, we foster cooperation inside the ACO Nordic subgroup, but also healthy levels of competition, ensuring that we celebrate the successes we get, never mind the size. As an example, one of our smallest affiliates, the one in Lithuania, succeeds to have the biggest market share, year after year





Lithuanian ACO team on their Vilnius premises

For statistics in the subject, please refer to the Table 4 at the end of this document.

#### 4.5.- Training and education

Investing in our employees to perform better their duties is a must if we want to supply them with the necessary tools to achieve their targets inside the organization. We have done a heavy organizational effort during the last 4 years to get the entire team onboard of the implementation of our new ERP. Other investments into employees' skills have been traditionally analyzed and approved by the hierarchy in the absence of human resources interlocutors. The incorporation during the last quarter of 2018 of a new Human Resources business partner for Nordics, should

bring changes in this area in terms of harmonization, analysis of needs, allocation of resources, etc. during 2019.

Currently only the employees having assigned a variable remuneration, follow a regular interview with their hierarchical responsible about performance achieved, targets for the next financial exercises and career development opportunities. That comprises not only sales representatives and top management, but also a part of the back office employees. We have been working during 2019 on a proposal on how to support the local managers on their appraisal interviews and it will be deployed during 2020.

# 5. Human rights respect at ACO and our supply chain

## 5.1.- Management approach and actions undertaken during 2019

Working in a Nordic environment, and after what it has been exposed in the section 4 of this document, human rights respect might seem out of question. Reviewing the supply chain we have, which mainly brings up goods from EU countries and from intercompany transactions, we might think as well that risks in this area are very limited.

Those risks could be the potential use of forced or child workforce, and despite the low level of risk perceived, during 2018 we have taken specific steps in order to document our



commitment with a total respect of human rights, both, in the Nordic subgroup, and in our supply chain. First through our own code of ethics, to ensure compliance not just with the basic Universal Declaration of Human Rights proclaimed by the UN in its assembly in Paris on the  $10^{\text{th}}$  of December 1948, but going beyond on ensuring respect and equal level of chances for every colleague (more details in the article 2 of our Code of Ethics). Then through our suppliers' code of conduct to ensure that our final products offered to the market are absolutely respecting the mentioned human rights' principles.

The suppliers' code of conduct was agreed internally during the exercise 2018 and is being distributed to our intercompany supplying partners during 2019. For most of the ACO affiliates that means a cover of 100% of their supplies. The objective for 2020 is to include also the third party partners.

#### 5.2.- Child and forced or compulsory labor risk

We have been analyzing the structure by country of our supply chain and we believe that there's little or no chance of either child or forced labor in any of our supply partners.

Here below enclosed the structure of our purchases by country and split between group or 3<sup>rd</sup> party purchases, but in percentage and value:

figures in m€

figures in %

	Group	3rd Part		Group	3rd Part
Germany	14,7	2,0	Germany	55,0%	8,7%
Denmark	3,5	9,4	Denmark	13,1%	40,9%
Czech Republic	5,0	-	Czech Republic	18,7%	0,0%
Poland	1,3	3,0	Poland	4,7%	13,2%
UK	0,1	3,3	UK	0,5%	14,3%
Israel	-	0,2	Israel	0,0%	1,1%
Others	2,2	5,0	Others	8,1%	22,0%
TOTAL	26,8	23,0	TOTAL	100,0%	100,0%

At the same time, we are on the process of making those supply partners, both in the ACO Group and outside of it, to commit to our suppliers' code of conduct. We want to ensure that they are, not only fully committed with those 2 critical human rights' challenges, but also that their upstream partners in the supply chain share the same view and take serious steps to ensure our products are free from any issue in this topic.



## 6. Environmental protection including climate

## <u>6.1.- Management approach and actions undertaken</u> during 2019

Our business model is directly focused on one of the 17 Global Goals identified by the United Nations in 2015 to ensure a better world by 2030.



Named the goal 6, "Clean water and sanitation", it has different meanings in the developed and the developing countries (for more details on this goal, please read <a href="https://www.globalgoals.org/6-clean-water-and-sanitation">https://www.globalgoals.org/6-clean-water-and-sanitation</a>).

The general risks associated to this topic, also applicable to us, are:

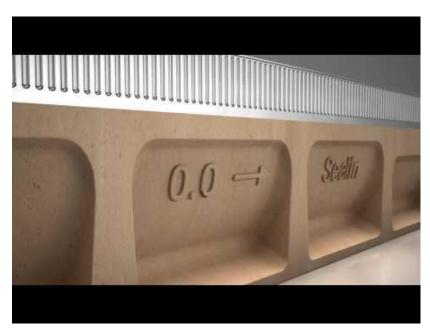
- The excessive consumption of limited resources, including, but not limited to, energy and clean water (analyzed later in the section 6.3).
- The contribution to green-house effect emissions.
- The wrongful management of wastes, and lack of planning on the product lifecycle which could damage the natural ecosystem (see section 2.3. on our contribution to Wuppy shareholding to manage PVC recycling)

#### **6.2.- Our contribution to water managemen**t

#### 6.2.1.- Collecting water with Seal-In technology

However, the ACO portfolio, as detailed in the section 2.3 of this document, counts with an extensive set of products to ensure the collection of water in different environments, both outdoors and indoors. It can clean the water from oil, grease, heavy metals and other pollutants, and therefore contribute to the effort to manage efficiently a scarce resource as it is clean water.





Click to play the video on the "Seal In" technology (Swedish)

The "Seal in" technology in our channels, is exclusive in the drainage market, and ensures the collection of rainwater without any leakage, which is so important for the protection of our environment from the pollutants carried by it.

#### 6.2.2.- Cleaning rain water

Our wide range of separators, ensure that once the rainwater is properly collected from a diverse and challenging scope of situations (pedestrian areas, highways, parking lots, petrol stations, etc) is then treated in the adequate way before being released in the sewage system:



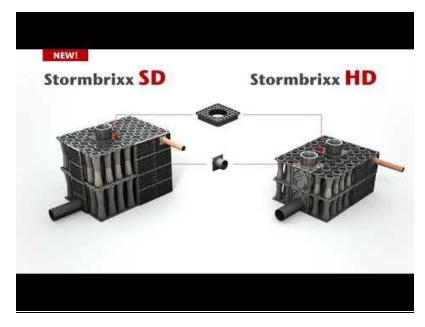
Click to play the video on rain water cleaning (English)

#### 6.2.3.- Holding rain water

Rainwater management is not only about how to get it clean into the sewage system. Unfortunately, global warming and climate change is increasing the frequency of heavily flooding rain events, especially in intensively urbanized areas where the water, does not have a natural way to be absorbed by the water table.



In the video here below enclosed the entire chain of water management, included "Stormbrixx" is explained. We can also see on it explained the release side of the chain, where we count with products helping the flow control or the lifting of water depending the requirements of each application:



Click to play the video on Storm water management with Stormbrixx (English)

ACO has included in its portfolio "Stormbrixx", a product that helps on the infiltration, attenuation and retention of the rainwater with 2 versions SD (designed for car traffic) and HD (able to afford any kind of traffic, including the heavy one).

## <u>6.3.- Protecting natural habitats from human interaction</u>

In our extensive portfolio we count with products as diverse as ACO Wildlife, a system composed by a barrier to avoid that amphibians and small animals do not get into the highways and a tunnel allowing them to cross safely from one side to another.

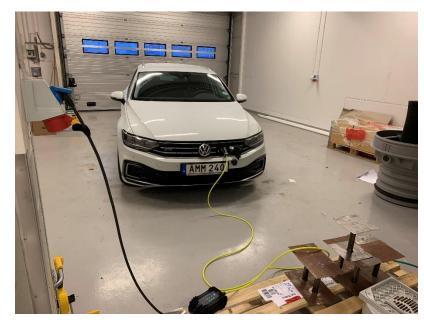


1,3km project in Nacka municipality, Sweden



#### 6.4.- Emissions, wastes and climate change

During 2019, we introduced for the first time a hybrid plug-in car in our car fleet in Sweden. Since then we have started to analyze the options in the automotive market, in the different countries under our scope, to make sure we offer our employees a working tool that supports, both, them to make business, but also the environment and its sustainability. We expect that on the 3 years lifecycle renovation of our leased car fleet we will see a significant progress towards cars more environmentally friendly.



First plug-in hybrid car in our Swedish car fleet

The production facilities in ACO Nordic Group A/S are very limited. As mentioned already in the introductory section 2. PVC productions are set up for the Plastmo Group in Denmark and Poland and, as also mentioned, in Denmark, we cooperate through a 20% ownership with Wuppy, a company which recycles this material at the end of the life of our products.

Also in Denmark, the ACO Nordic Group A/S count with production facilities elaborating windows mainly in PVC, aluminum and a combination of wood and aluminum.

Our suppliers' base is very stable and we have not had any change on it during the year 2019. No environmental issue has come to our attention from any of them, however, once agreed with them the suppliers' code of conduct, we will evaluate the possibility of stablishing a due diligence program to scrutinize not only the candidates to become new suppliers, but also the existing ones.

As a group, ACO is continually challenging its own portfolio and reengineering it to make it more environmentally friendly. An example is the recently developed <u>Q-max neo</u> a slot drainage solution specially indicated for heavy-duty projects as airports. The current solution is made of several partial bodies, which can be packed and transported on a more efficient way, saving, therefore, costs and greenhouse gasses' emissions.

We have collected data around water and electricity consumption, as exposed here below, although we need, both, to make it comparable with similar production sites and to establish targets of efficiency on its use.



		Resource consumption									
	Water co	Water consumption in m3 / year									
	Withdraw	Consumed	Discharged								
ACO Denmark	98			4.000							
ACO Sweden	0	0	0	37.944							
ACO Finland											
ACO Norway											
Division ACO											
Plastmo Denmark	411			932.363							
Plastmo Norway				20.500							
Plastmo Poland	-	-	-	-							
Plastmo Railing											
Divison Plastmo											
ACO Lithuania	73			7.000							
ACO Latvia	114			42.480							
ACO Estonia	-	-	-	-							
Division Baltic											
Nordic Group	589			45.975							
ACO Servicepartner											
TOTAL NORDIC SUBGROUP											
Hvidbjerg	459			1.144.000							
TOTAL "ACO NORDIC GROUP A/S"											

7.- Customer satisfaction and adaptation to their needs

## 7.1.- Management approach and actions undertaken during 2019

The ACO Nordic subgroup has a continuous and open dialog with its direct customers, in most of the cases the wholesalers of the sector, but also with all the actors involved in the construction sector, where contractors, subcontractors, architects, engineers, installers, designers, owners and other partners participate in the process.

We believe that being present and advising all of them, grant us a position of respectable partner with deep knowhow on water management, both for civil engineering projects, but also, on the building construction. In line with our DNA statement, it is our target to build an image of reliable long-term partner, committed to deliver excellence with passion.

We use each and every opportunity to approach our partners to request feedback and to get closer to their needs, which at the end help us developing a business model that continuously adapts to the market requirements. One of the best examples of our exposure to customers are fairs and exhibitions linked to the construction sector and more concretely with the responsible management of water, where we usually are present with our own stand and open to discuss, share knowhow and receive feedback from customers, future customers, competitors and public in general.





ACO Stand at last Finnbuild fair in Helsinki

#### 7.2.- Customer health and safety

Our products are designed not only to fit with the needs of the construction sector in terms of water management and other applications for our extensive portfolio. We design our products, not only for the best functionality, cost effectiveness and visually appealing finishing, but we take care also that the people involved on its handling during the transport, installation, maintenance and daily usage, can do it without risk for their health and safety.

Also people not related directly with our business, are exposed, on a daily basis, maybe without noticing it, to our products. We are present with our large range of external line drainage products in airports, harbors, commercial streets, stadiums and others. The ACO employees grant that for each application we get the right product installed in the correct way, so when supporting different level of pressures and forces the product resist the pass

of time without being deteriorated and putting at stake the safety of those exposed to them.

During the year 2019 the Nordic subgroup has not faced any claim in this regard and we keep working on ensuring not only the quality of our products, but also its right application for a long lasting performance.

There are particular areas of our industry, where we are proud to contribute with innovative solutions to challenges that were putting at risk human lives. The next two chapters are dedicated to two of those challenges we have solved.

#### 7.2.1.- Hygiene First

The food processing industry and the commercial kitchens have been facing several cases of listeria infections, which is one of the most virulent foodborne pathogenic bacteria, getting on 20 to 30% of the cases fatal for the humans infected. Following the data gathered by the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control on its last available report, the average rate of human listeriosis was 0.5 cases for 100.000 inhabitants, being more than tripled (1.6 cases) among children under 1 year old and elderly above 65 years old.





Click to play the video: Soren Ølsen on Hygiene First

As our Nordic Managing Director until August 2018, Soren Olsen, and current Chairman of the Board, was mentioning in the here above video, this issue is affecting not just underdeveloped countries, but is something we have unfortunately seen also in the Nordic environment.

ACO drainage and grease separation systems are designed around the three most important topics for the food service industry: food safety, cost management and health & safety. We design our products to drain processed wastewater hygienically and economically, exceeding the high standards established by the European Hygienic Engineering and Design Group (EHEDG).



Click to play the video on Hygiene First (English)

#### 7.2.2.- Tunnels

Another situation where ACO products have succeeded to excel and make a competitive advantage out of a circumstantial challenge is our solutions for tunnels. There, the danger of having vehicles carrying inflammable substances and having an accident can be minimized using our solution as explained in the video here below, designed specifically for the Norwegian market, where many tunnels are currently under construction to cope with the difficult geography of the country, especially in the west coast.





Click to play the video explaining ACO tunnel functioning (Norwegian)

#### 7.3.- Customer privacy

As part of our policy to focus on customer care, we put their privacy first. Enjoying the enforcement of the European Regulation 2016/679 on personal data protection at the end of May 2018, we have strengthen our internal processes around the subject to ensure that not only we have not gotten any claim or complain so far, but that no question rises in the future about our commitment in this topic.

# 8.- Innovation in processes and efficiency to ensure competitiveness

## 8.1.- Management approach and actions undertaken during 2019

It is ACO Nordic subgroup's management understanding that improving our own internal processes help us to free resources to focus on what is our core competences around water management and support our business partners in the construction sector.

During the last 4 years' we have enrolled ourselves on a progressive migration of our ERPs (enterprise resource management) all around Nordics to adopt first in class platforms which help us streamline as important as the offers to our customers and the full process end to end of ordering and delivering goods.

During the year 2019, as expected, we updated our ERP in the ACO affiliate in Poland and that was the last step on harmonizing this pivotal tool on the entire managerial scope of the Nordic subgroup. Further endeavors will be taken during 2020 and beyond to keep improving the level of information for decision making available for our managers. CRM (customer relation's management) and BI (business intelligence) are two projects on which we are currently working, although due to the COVID irruption the projects have been temporarily inactive during the first months of 2020.



Other efforts to promote balanced processes between efficiency and safety are also mentioned in the section 2.5 about Risk Management.

#### 9.- Supporting culture and sport

## 9.1.- Management approach and actions undertaken during 2019

Is at the heart of the ACO Group to contribute and support culture and sport. The ACO Group organizes events like the NordArt (the largest Art exhibition in northern Europe), the Schleswig-Holstein Music Festival and sports events like the imland-Lauf in Rendsburg, and the Musto Skiff sailing competitions around the world. More information about this subject is available in our website:

https://www.aco.com/en/about-the-aco-group/commitment/

The Nordic subgroup participates and gives the chance to the interested employees to join some of those events, as the mentioned Imland-Lauf and the NordArt exhibition.





NordArt exhibition in Rendsburg in ACO premises



Imland Lauf race supporting the Multiple Sclerosis facilities in Rendsburg





Plastmo team during the Ringsted music festival

We also have our own sports events, where on a country by country basis the company supports the employees willing to participate on sports events. Danish entities use to participate in the relay running organized by DHL in the last week of August; we sponsor the Ringsted floorball tournament and other events are organized also in Poland, Sweden, Lithuania, etc. The company support usually consists on branded sports material to participate in the event, transportation and food and beverages.

On the cultural side, the Nordic subgroup is also very active with the hosting and sponsoring of the Ringsted music festival, every year.

We believe those contributions to the society help us expressing our own company culture and make individual employees to be proud of belonging to the ACO family.



#### **Appendix 1.- Data annexes and tables**

In this section, as well as in some other parts of this document, the reader will find some data we have collected about the ACO Nordic Group A/S activity, putting it in perspective, when possible, with comparable data in the market. However, as this is our first CSR reporting, some data might be missing for different reasons. Would you be particularly interested in some additional disclosure, please contact us at <a href="mailto:csr-nordic@aco.local">csr-nordic@aco.local</a>.

Table 1.- Legal ownership chart

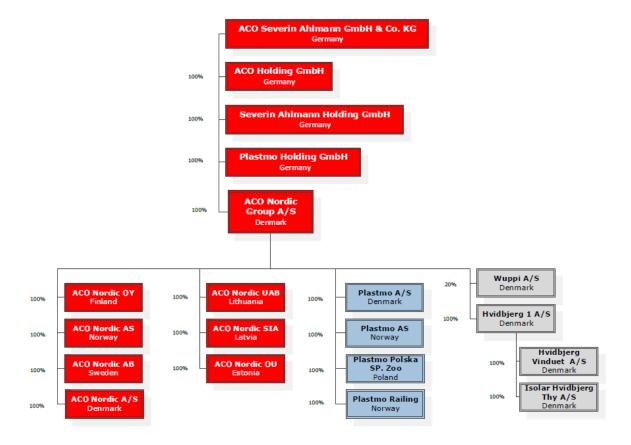


Table 2.- Data on organizational scale and location

figures in t€	Third Party Gross Sales	Employees	Equity	Assets	Equity / Assets	Operations	Location				
ACO Denmark	7.168	17	1.951	3.532	55,2%	ACO Nordic A/S (sales office)	Thorsvej 9; Ringsted 4100 (Denmark)				
ACO Sweden	14.193	30	1.736	3.800	45,7%	ACO Nordic AB (sales office)	Industrivägen 4; Sävedalen 43361				
ACO Finland	4.920	8	784	1.659	47,2%	ACO Nordic OY (sales office)	Metsänneidonkuja 6; Espoo 02130				
ACO Norway	2.717	8	391	1.187	32,9%	ACO Nordic AS (sales office)	Eternitveien 30; Slemmestad 3470				
Division ACO	28.997	63	4.862	10.177	47,8%						
Plastmo Denmark	22.442	58	6.563	9.910	66,2%	Plastmo A/S (Production, logistics and sales site)	Odinsvej 9-11; Ringsted 4100				
Plastmo Norway	7.142	9	144	1.235	11,6%	Plastmo AS (Sales office)	Eternitveien 30; Slemmestad 3470				
Plastmo Poland	414	0	165	198	83,4%	Plastmo Polska Sp. Z o.o. (Production, logistics and sales site)	Fabryczna 5; Legionowo 05-119				
Plastmo Railing	1.214	9	284	1.280	22,2%	Plastmo Railing AS (Production, logistics and sales site)	Arnatveitvegen 137; Arnatveit 5262				
Divison Plastmo	31.212	76	7.156	12.622	56,7%						
ACO Lithuania	5.367	9	1.337	1.495	89,4%	ACO Nordic UAB (sales office)	Lukiškių g. 5; Vilnius 01108				
ACO Latvia	2.578	9	1.401	1.590	88,1%	ACO Nordic SIA (sales office and logistic center)	Dzelzavas iela 120, Vidzemes priekšpilsēta; Rīga, LV-1021				
ACO Estonia	1.509	4	652	854	76,4%	ACO Nordic OU (sales office)	Akadeemia tee 39; Tallinn 12618				
Division Baltic	9.454	22	3.389	3.938	86,1%						
TOTAL NORDIC SUBGROUP	69.663	172	39.600	62.888	63,0%						
Hvidbjerg	25.295	150	9.220	14.492	63,6%	Hvidbjerg 1 A/S (Production, logistics and sales site)	Industrivej 18; 7600 Struer				
TOTAL "ACO NORDIC GROUP A/S"	94.958	322	48.820	77.380	63,1%						

#### Table 3.- Material topics and GRI standards' mapping

	Material topics	Danish requirements alignment	GRI standards alignment
Α	Safety, health and wellbeing in the work place and beyond	Social and employee matters	403
В	Employee satisfaction and tallent retention	Social and employee matters	401, 402, 407
С	Diversity and inclusion	Social and employee matters	405, 406
D	Human rights respect at ACO and in the supply chain	Human Rights	408, 409
Ε	Training and education	Social and employee matters	404
F	Transparency and good governance	Anti-corruption and bribery	205, 206, 418, 419
G	Our contribution to water management	Environmental protection, including climate	303
Н	Emissions, wastes and climate change	Environmental protection, including climate	306, 308
1	Business sustainability	Other impacts.	307
J	Risk management	Other impacts.	
K	Customer satisfaction and adaptation to their needs	Other impacts.	416, 418
L	Innovation in processes and efficiency	Other impacts.	
М	Backing culture and sport	Other impacts.	



**Tables 4.- Employees' statistics** 

		Total employees												
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ACO Sweden	1	12	7	7	2	2			1		1		27	If union
ACO Finland	1	1	4	,		2	1						9	If union
ACO Norway	-	6	-		2	-	-						8	If union
Division ACO	2	29	12	7	4	4	1	_	1	_	1	_	61	ii uiiioii
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Plastmo Denmark	4	16	21	2	5	4		2	1	2	1	2	60	If union
Plastmo Norway		4	2		3						1		10	If union
Plastmo Poland													-	If union
Plastmo Railing		6	1		2		2		1				12	If union
Divison Plastmo	4	26	24	2	10	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	82	
ACO Lithuania		4			4								8	If union
ACO Latvia	1	3	1	1	1			1					8	If union
ACO Estonia	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	If union
Division Baltic	1	9	1	3	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	20	
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Nordic Group		9			2						1		12	If union
ACO Servicepartner	_			- 15									-	N/A
TOTAL NORDIC SUBGROUP	7	73	37	12	21	8	3	3	3	2	4	2	175	
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TOTAL "ACO NORDIC GROUP A/S"	19	118	89	15	33	27	5	3	7	2	6	3	327	

<sup>\*</sup> age groups are 3: a) under 30; b) between 30 and 50; c) above 50



	Changes during 2019																							
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<sup>\*</sup> age groups are 3: a) under 30; b) between 30 and 50; c) above 50



	Career development									
	traini	ours of ng per oyee	# of employees under bonus scheme	%	# additional employees under regular performance and career development reviews					
ACO Denmark				0,0%	_					
ACO Sweden		14	27	100,0%	-					
ACO Finland			8	88,9%						
ACO Norway		75	7	87,5%						
Division ACO				0,0%						
				0,0%						
Plastmo Denmark		3	30	50,0%	all 1 to 4 times a year					
Plastmo Norway		1	9	90,0%						
Plastmo Poland	N/A		N/A	N/A	N/A					
Plastmo Railing				0,0%						
Divison Plastmo				0,0%						
ACO Lithuania		3	4	50,0%						
ACO Latvia		-	4	50,0%	_					
ACO Estonia		8	4	100,0%						
Division Baltic				0,0%						
Nordic Group				0,0%						
ACO Servicepartner				0,0%						
TOTAL NORDIC SUBGROUP				0,0%						
Hvidbjerg		-	-	0,0%	-					
TOTAL "ACO NORDIC GROUP A/S"				0,0%						



#### <u>Table 5.- External initiatives and memberships</u>

	Total employees	
	External initiatives	Membership associations
ACO Denmark	Hospitals klovne - THN Basket	Dansk Industri
ACO Sweden	The West Sweden Chamber of Commerce venskt Näringsliv (Swedish employer organization)	Yes
ACO Finland		
ACO Norway	No	No
Division ACO		
Plastmo Denmark	Kværkeby IF, Ringsted Idrætsforening, Benløse Floorball Club	Dansk Industri, Wuppi
Plastmo Norway	No	No
Plastmo Poland		110
Plastmo Railing	No	GF Norge
Divison Plastmo		
ACO Lithuania		
ACO Latvia	No	No
ACO Estonia	No	No
Division Baltic		
Nordic Group		
ACO Servicepartner	N/A	N/A
TOTAL NORDIC SUBGROUP	N/A	NA
Hvidbjerg	N/A	Dansk Industri
TOTAL "ACO NORDIC GROUP A/S"		



#### **Appendix 2.- GRI content index**

#### 1.- General disclosures

#### 1.1.- Organizational profile

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Disclosure 102-2 Activities, brands, products, and services [section 2.3].

Disclosure 102-3 Location of headquarters [section 2.1].

Disclosure 102-4 Location of operations [section 2.1].

Disclosure 102-5 Ownership and legal form [section 2.1 and appendix 1, table 1].

Disclosure 102-6 Markets served [section 2.1 and 2.3].

Disclosure 102-7 Scale of the organization [appendix 1, table 2].

Disclosure 102-8 Information on employees and other workers [appendix 1, tables 4].

Disclosure 102-9 Supply chain [section 2.2].

Disclosure 102-10 Significant changes to the organization and its supply chain [section 2.4].

Disclosure 102-11 Precautionary Principle or approach [section 2.2].

Disclosure 102-12 External initiatives [appendix 1, table 5].

Disclosure 102-13 Membership of associations [appendix 1, table 5].

#### 1.2.- Strategy

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