# Climate action roadmap





## **Preserving the climate**

The effects of climate change – and its acceleration – are evident all over the world. We need to act now. The climate crisis threatens people, nature and economies around the world. To avoid the most significant effects of climate breakdown, companies need to halve greenhouse gas emissions before 2030, achieve net-zero emissions before 2050, to limit global temperature rise to 1.5°C per year. Corbion believes that we have a responsibility to preserve the climate, and we play an essential role in the transition to a zero-carbon economy.

We raised our climate ambition in 2022 to align with 1.5°C, the most ambitious goal of the Paris Agreement. This target is what the latest climate science has told us is needed to prevent the most damaging effects of climate change. We committed to reducing our absolute Scope I and II emissions by 38% and our Scope III emissions by 24% per metric ton of product by 2030, compared to 2021. Our new targets have been validated by the Science Based Targets initiative.

Our climate action plan has 3 pillars:

Reduce our own footprint in line with 1.5°C and achieve net zero by 2050.

Transparency with respect to the carbon footprint of our products and our operations.

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Promote climate action by enabling our customers to reduce their footprint.

## Corbion's climate action roadmap: Scope I & II

Business as usual

Starting our journey by implementing renewable electricity and energy efficiency measures (high technical readiness)

Temporary slow down while continuing innovation and permitting

By 2021, we reduced Scope I & II emissions by 14% compared to 2016

CO<sub>2</sub>-eq

2016

Path to our 2030 target

Implementation renewable fuels and heat

By 2030, we will reduce Scope I & II emissions by 38% compared to 2021

## Corbion's climate action roadmap: Scope III

Starting our supplier engagement journey while implementing RSPO certification

Start-up circular lactic acid plant

Continued implementation of renewable energy and regenerative agriculture by suppliers



By 2030, we will reduce Scope III emissions per ton by 24% compared to 2021

#### 2016-2021 achievements

In October 2019, Corbion publicly committed to climate change action, making sciencebased targets part of our standard business practice and tying our incentives program to those goals. We were the second Dutch chemical company with a SBTi-approved target, providing a benchmark and inspiration for our peers and partners to transition to a low-carbon economy. Our targets were approved after a thorough, independent validation process by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) – a partnership between CDP (formerly the Carbon Disclosure Project), the United Nations Global Compact, World Resources Institute, and World Wide Fund for Nature. We committed to reducing our Scope I, II, and III greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions related to energy, key raw materials, and transport by 33% per metric ton of product by 2030 (with 2016 as the base year).

Since 2016, we have reduced our absolute Scope I & II emissions by 2.5% per year and, in 2021, we achieved a 27% reduction of our Scope I, II and III emissions per ton of product compared to 2016.

This reduction is primarily driven by our increased use of renewable electricity, the implementation of energy savings projects, and product mix effects. One of the key initiatives moving us towards our target is the transition to renewable electricity. Today, 9 of our 12 manufacturing sites are fully powered by renewable electricity and we have begun transitioning to renewable electricity in Thailand by sourcing some 25% of our total electricity consumption from solar farms in the country.



## **Renewable energy development**

#### **Renewable electricity**

As a member of <u>RE100</u>, a global initiative to accelerate change toward zero-carbon grids at scale, Corbion is committed to achieving 100% renewable electricity by 2025. We use a variety of sourcing tools, based on regional availability. At our manufacturing sites in Gorinchem (the Netherlands), Montmeló, (Spain), Rayong (Thailand) and Orindiúva (Brazil), we use Green electricity supply contracts. At other locations, we use unbundled Energy Attribute Certificates. We have installed solar panels at several locations, but currently these only cover a fraction of our electricity needs.



13% of Corbion's gas/steam consumption is based on renewable energy. In Gorinchem (the Netherlands), Rayong (Thailand) and Campos (Brazil) we use biogas from our own wastewater treatment installations. In Orindiúva (Brazil), our factory is integrated with a sugar mill which supplies us renewable steam produced from bagasse, a waste stream.





#### Renewable electricity sourcing tools

## **Our climate roadmap considers** our entire value chain







#### End of life

Most of our products are eaten and 98% of the carbon in our products is biobased. End of life emissions are therefore biogenic and do not contribute to climate change.

## **Emissions covered by our 2030 target**

Our 2030 target covers the following emissions (kton CO<sub>2</sub>-eq in 2021)



Following SBTi guidelines, we have excluded the following emissions: capital goods, fuel- and energy-related emissions, business travel, employee commuting, leased assets, processing, use and end- of -life treatment of sold products, franchises, and investments (including joint ventures).



## Our climate action plan



Energy-related emissions and reductions from 2021 to 2030.

Actions to achieve our 2030 ambition:





Install the most efficient equipment available when

Implement renewable electricity at all remaining sites

#### Carbohydrates

Carbohydrate supply chain emissions and reductions from 2021 to 2030.

We are engaging with suppliers and supply chain partners to achieve our 2030 ambition through the following actions:







Improve energy efficiency and switch to renewable fuels

Increase generation of renewable electricity from bagasse

Implement regenerative agriculture practices such as

Increase crop yield through improved varieties and new

#### Oils

Oils supply chain emissions and reductions from 2021 to 2030.

We are engaging with suppliers and supply chain partners to achieve our 2030 ambition through the following actions:







Increase crop yield through improved varieties and new

Improve waste treatment at palm oil mills and implement

## Chemicals

Chemicals supply chain emissions and reductions from 2021 to 2030.

We are innovating at Corbion and engaging with our suppliers and supply chain partners to achieve our 2030 ambition through the following actions:





Implement next-generation lactic acid technology, eliminating use of lime and sulfuric acid at Corbion

Improve energy efficiency and switch to renewable fuels

#### Transport

Transport supply chain emissions and reductions from 2021 to 2030.

We are engaging with supply chain partners to achieve our 2030 ambition through the following actions:





Deploy electric and hydrogen-powered vehicles

Adjust truck size to fit load and optimize use of vehicle space

Optimize diesel systems and use of alternative fuels (biofuels)

#### Waste

Waste-related supply chain emissions and reductions from 2021 to 2030.

Actions to achieve our 2030 ambition:





#### By 2030 reduce emissions to



Eliminate landfill waste through waste reduction and improved segregation and recycling

#### Radical process development

In 2018, Corbion assembled a cross-functional team to identify and develop  $CO_2$  reduction opportunities for existing and future manufacturing facilities. A core team of process development and design specialists is assessing all Corbion manufacturing sites to propose Capex projects for inclusion in the SBT Capex roadmap. For future plants, we will implement our new circular technology for lactic acid production and continue to innovate, to develop the lowest carbon footprint technology for lactic acid. The program also includes process innovation projects focussed on  $CO_2$  reduction for strategic products in Corbion's portfolio.

The program is supported by digitalization and participation in various external research programs aimed at developing low-carbon technologies. Corbion is member of the Institute for Sustainable Process Technology, the ELECTRIFIED consortium and participates in VoltaChem.

Capex investments over the strategy period (2023-25) add up to 160 million euro average per annum. This includes investments to reduce our  $CO_2$  emissions, which are integrated in the expansions of several of our existing lactic acid facilities. Also the construction of the new circular lactic acid plan in Thailand (Capex of approximately US\$ 190 million) contributes significantly to our Scope III  $CO_2$  reduction target due to the elimination of the use of lime and sulfuric acid. Compared to conventional technology, the cradle-to-gate  $CO_2$  emissions per metric ton of lactic acid by are reduced by 19%.

We use internal carbon pricing to manage and understand the financial impact of GHG emissions on our business. Considering the EU ETS forecast scenarios of  $\notin$  90,  $\notin$  125, and  $\notin$  150 per metric ton by 2030, Corbion has introduced a global internal carbon price of  $\notin$  100 per metric ton for Scope I and II emissions to be included in all investment decisions.





#### Digitalization

External research programs

## Supplier engagement & raw material certification

Partnerships with our key raw material suppliers are essential to achieving targeted Scope III reductions. In 2018, we began reaching out to key suppliers to raise climate change awareness, to share our CO<sub>2</sub> reduction ambitions and to start collecting data. We tailor our approach based on the maturity level of our suppliers and the regional context. Our goal is to assess the footprints of these raw materials and identify GHG reduction opportunities. Opportunities identified so far include: implementation of energy efficiency measures, renewable electricity and renewable fuels.

In addition to engaging our suppliers, we have also implemented third-party sourcing certifications, through organizations such as the Roundtable for Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) and Bonsucro, which promote GHG emissions reductions through compliance with stringent environmental standards.

Specifically in Brazil, cane sugar suppliers also produce biofuels and voluntarily have their production process audited under the RenovaBio program (National Biofuels Policy). This program provides a framework for certifying a mill's efficiency in reducing GHG emissions, which is of strategic importance to the achievement of national decarbonization targets.



#### **Regenerative agriculture**



## Promoting climate action by enabling our customers to reduce their footprint





# Transparency: The carbon footprint of our products and operations

You can't manage what you don't measure, and high-quality information is the fundamental basis for action.

Corbion uses Life Cycle Assessments (LCA) to understand the environmental impacts of a product, from the extraction of resources to their use and end of life.

To support carbon footprint labeling for our customers, 100% of our products will be covered by an LCA by 2025.

Environmental transparency and accountability are vital for tracking progress towards a sustainable net-zero, deforestation-free and water secure future. Corbion reports its environmental data through CDP, to provide transparency to investors, customers and other stakeholders. CDP is the gold standard for corporate environmental reporting and is fully aligned with the TCFD recommendations.

#### CDP

- ✓ Climate change A- score
- ✓ Water B score
- ✓ Forests B score





The projections and actions included in this document have been defined based on available data and research in December 2022. Projected emissions and emission reductions may be subject to change over time.

See Corbion's website for the latest <u>Climate action information</u>.

