



# eccos<sup>22</sup>® Management Assessment

International certificate as proof of sustainable corporate management and evaluation of innovative strength and sustainability of companies



## MOTIVATION AND BENEFITS

The eccos<sup>22</sup>® Management Assessment has been developed in an international stakeholder dialogue based on a combination of the international standards and regulations ISO 26000, ISO 14001, ONR 192500 ("ONR" = Rule of the Austrian Standards Institute), SA 8000® (Social Accountability), SR 10 (Social Responsibility), GRI 4 (Global Reporting Initiative), AA 1000 (AccountAbility), OECD Guidelines for Multinationals, UN Global Compact and the EFQM Excellence Model. This means that an internationally renowned tool for assessing ecological and social responsibility of companies has been created, independent of sector and company size.

**eccos<sup>22</sup>® provides a management assessment based on international standards and regulations relating to the evidence of sustainable economy and the assessment of the company's fitness for innovation and future by third parties.**

The aim is, on the one hand, to establish the organization's positioning on the sustainability-based business management system CSR. On the other hand, a common language to support the networking of systems and applications of the value network of companies is the key factor for productivity and effectivity in the age of Industry 4.0.

These current developments can be seen as follows:

- changed international procurement guidelines and directives for international requests for quotation; these guidelines and directives require a relief of the environment and added social value
- new rules for the financial and investment sectors (e.g. EU taxonomy regulation) as well as reporting requirements (CSRD, ESRS)
- circular economy, environmental relief and a holistic approach of the supply chain are of substantial relevance (e.g. supply chain sourcing obligations, waste law issues, etc.)
- orientation according to the guidelines of the new Austrian government programme and/or the continuously adapted national legislation

## OBJECTIVES

- Sustainability as a competitive advantage of the company through strategic differentiation
- increasing the acceptance and trust of authorities, investors,

banks and public financial donors

- cost and competitive advantage due to the reduction of shadow costs
- Increased resilience of business model and strategy through comprehensive focus on sustainability requirements and aspects

### The eccos<sup>22</sup>® certificate certifies...

- the compliance and respectively the orientation of the corporate management along international principles, guidelines and norms of the worldwide applicable Corporate Social Responsibility Standard ISO 26000
- the continuous advancement of the core strategy, core processes and communication with stakeholders in combination with the sustainability strategy of the organization
- the degree of maturity of the system performance and value added by the system under consideration of the international eco.soc Standards
- the impact orientation on the main stakeholders and focus on environmental relief and social value added





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## CERTIFICATE

As a result, the company receives the **qualityaustria eccos<sup>22</sup>** Certificate and furthermore an award with the first international **eccos<sup>22</sup>** Seal of Excellence in Sustainability and Corporate Social Responsibility from the CSR Dialogforum. Following the assessment, the jury of the CSR Dialogforum, consisting of experts from science and business (advisory board), decides on the receipt of the seal of approval resp. on the maturity level of the company regarding sustainable management and corporate social responsibility.

The company can also expect a professional feedback by experts regarding the extent to which quality standards are met in the context of the company's overall future sustainability. In addition, there is the possibility of certification according to ONR 192500.

## TARGET GROUP

The introduction of the **eccos<sup>22</sup>** Management Assessment is especially intended for internationally operating companies that pursue a targeted, coherent, credible strategy of the topic sustainability and corporate responsibility towards the stakeholders (employees, customers, suppliers, lenders, international partners and NGOs).

Winners of the Austrian Excellence Award and companies that have already dealt with ways to professionalize their system performance will, at the assessment, be credited the degree of development by being granted points.

## QUALITY AUSTRIA – WHO WE ARE

We are the leading Austrian contact for the Integrated Management System, based on quality, environmental and OH&S (occupational health and safety) management, and the topic of business excellence. Our main focuses are system and product certification, training and personal certification. We are accredited by Accreditation Austria for system, product as well as personal certification and have many international registrations and accreditations. Furthermore, we present the Austrian Excellence Award together with the BMWA (Federal Ministry for Economy and Work) and award the Austria Quality Seal.

Additionally, we organize several forums and conferences and have issued numerous publications. We participate actively in standardization bodies and international networks such as EOQ, IQNET and EFQM. We cooperate with some 50 partner and member organizations worldwide and thus ensure the facilitation of global know-how.

Having more than 1.000 auditors, trainers, assessors and technical experts all over the world, we ensure the successful implementation of standards and regulations within the organizations and provide sector and product specific knowledge with a very high focus on practical relevance. More than 10.000 customers in approx. 30 countries and over 6.000 annual participants in our trainings benefit from the long-standing expertise of our organization. We adapt our offer according to our clients' needs and support them in achieving their long-term goals!



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