

Welcome to your CDP Water Security Questionnaire 2023

W0. Introduction

W0.1

(W0.1) Give a general description of and introduction to your organization.

METRO is a leading international food wholesaler which specialises in serving the needs of hotels, restaurants, and caterers (HoReCa) as well as independent merchants (Traders). Around the world, METRO has approx. 17 million customers who benefit from the wholesale company's unique multichannel mix: customers can purchase their goods in one of the large stores in their area as well as by delivery (Food Service Distribution, FSD) – all digitally supported and connected. In parallel, METRO MARKETS is being developed as an international online marketplace for the needs of professional customers which has been growing and expanding continuously since 2019.

In financial year 2021/22, METRO operated in more than 30 countries, employed over 93,000 people worldwide and generated sales of €29.8 billion.

The group is headed by METRO AG, which acts as the central management holding company. It handles group management tasks and bundles central management and administrative functions for METRO.

Under the brands METRO and MAKRO, the company operates the segments Germany, West, Russia and East. In the area of Food Service Distribution (FSD), METRO maintains a strong presence with its METRO delivery service and the delivery companies. With the acquisition of AGM, METRO is strengthening the store-based wholesale network and the delivery business in Austria.

The store network comprises a total of 661 stores in 22 countries, of which 567 offer out-of-store delivery (OOS), and 64 dedicated depots.

In 9 countries, METRO runs only the delivery business (Food Service Distribution, FSD). FSD includes the METRO delivery service as well as the delivery specialists Classic Fine Foods, Pro à Pro, Rungis Express, Aviludo and Pro a Pro Spain.

The segment Others mainly includes the Hospitality Digital, METRO MARKETS and METRO PROPERTIES business units. Hospitality Digital pools the group's digitalisation efforts for customers from the hospitality sector. It includes the development of customised digital solutions for HoReCa customers under the DISH brand, which included the acquisition of Eijsink, a well-established provider of POS solutions for the hospitality industry. METRO MARKETS is further expanding its digital portfolio for independent restaurateurs with its new B2B online marketplace. Through this distribution channel, METRO offers non-food articles

from its own product range as well as products from third parties. METRO PROPERTIES develops, operates and markets an international real estate portfolio. This segment also includes companies providing services in logistics, IT, advertising and procurement.

W0.2

(W0.2) State the start and end date of the year for which you are reporting data.

	Start date	End date
Reporting year	October 1, 2021	September 30, 2022

W0.3

(W0.3) Select the countries/areas in which you operate.

Austria
Bulgaria
Croatia
Czechia
France
Germany
Hungary
India
Italy
Kazakhstan
Netherlands
Pakistan
Poland
Portugal
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Russian Federation
Serbia
Slovakia
Spain
Turkey
Ukraine

W0.4

(W0.4) Select the currency used for all financial information disclosed throughout your response.

EUR

W0.5

(W0.5) Select the option that best describes the reporting boundary for companies, entities, or groups for which water impacts on your business are being reported.

Companies, entities or groups over which financial control is exercised

W0.6

(W0.6) Within this boundary, are there any geographies, facilities, water aspects, or other exclusions from your disclosure?

No

W0.7

(W0.7) Does your organization have an ISIN code or another unique identifier (e.g., Ticker, CUSIP, etc.)?

Indicate whether you are able to provide a unique identifier for your organization.	Provide your unique identifier
Yes, an ISIN code	DE000BFB0019 DE000BFB0027
Yes, a Ticker symbol	B4B GR B4B3
Yes, another unique identifier, please specify WKN	BFB001 BFB002

W1. Current state

W1.1

(W1.1) Rate the importance (current and future) of water quality and water quantity to the success of your business.

	Direct use importance rating	Indirect use importance rating	Please explain
Sufficient amounts of good quality freshwater available for use	Important	Important	Direct operations: Store operation depends on freshwater availability for cleaning purposes, sanitary facilities, on-site ice production and keeping of live fish (primary use), therefore the importance rating is classified as important. Indirect operations / value chain: Manufacturing of selected own brand products depends on freshwater availability indirectly, e.g. cotton production for textiles (primary use), therefore the importance rating is classified as important.

Sufficient amounts of recycled, brackish and/or produced water available for use	Have not evaluated	Have not evaluated	
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W1.2

(W1.2) Across all your operations, what proportion of the following water aspects are regularly measured and monitored?

	% of sites/facilities/operations	Frequency of measurement	Method of measurement	Please explain
Water withdrawals – total volumes	100%	Quarterly	On group level, we measure and monitor the amount of water which the company draws from the public drinking water supply. The public drinking water supply is the only source from which we draw significant amounts of water.	
Water withdrawals – volumes by source	Not monitored			
Water withdrawals quality	Not monitored			
Water discharges – total volumes	100%	Quarterly	We also measure and monitor the total amount of wastewater we generate at the group level. As our locations do not consume a significant amount of water, our calculations are based on the assumption that the volume of wastewater is the same as the amount of fresh water. All wastewater is fed into public sewers. We do not monitor the quality of the wastewater ourselves as	

			this is not relevant given the usage described above.	
Water discharges – volumes by destination	Not monitored			
Water discharges – volumes by treatment method	Not monitored			
Water discharge quality – by standard effluent parameters	Not monitored			
Water discharge quality – emissions to water (nitrates, phosphates, pesticides, and/or other priority substances)	Not monitored			
Water discharge quality – temperature	Not relevant			
Water consumption – total volume	Not relevant			
Water recycled/reused	Not relevant			
The provision of fully-functioning, safely managed WASH services to all workers	Not relevant			

W1.2b

(W1.2b) What are the total volumes of water withdrawn, discharged, and consumed across all your operations, how do they compare to the previous reporting year, and how are they forecasted to change?

	Volume (megaliters/year)	Comparison with previous	Primary reason for comparison with previous reporting year	Five-year forecast	Primary reason for forecast	Please explain
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		reporting year				
Total withdrawals	3,521.3	Lower	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	
Total discharges	3,521.3	Lower	Increase/decrease in efficiency	Unknown	Unknown	
Total consumption	3,521.3	Lower	Increase/decrease in efficiency	Unknown	Unknown	

W1.2d

(W1.2d) Indicate whether water is withdrawn from areas with water stress, provide the proportion, how it compares with the previous reporting year, and how it is forecasted to change.

	Withdrawals are from areas with water stress	Please explain
Row 1	Unknown	

W1.3

(W1.3) Provide a figure for your organization's total water withdrawal efficiency.

	Revenue	Total water withdrawal volume (megaliters)	Total water withdrawal efficiency	Anticipated forward trend
Row 1	29,754	3,521.3	8.4497202738	Revenue is our Sales in million € (means these are 29 billions)

W1.4

(W1.4) Do any of your products contain substances classified as hazardous by a regulatory authority?

	Products contain hazardous substances	Comment
Row 1	No	

W1.5

(W1.5) Do you engage with your value chain on water-related issues?

	Engagement	Primary reason for no engagement	Please explain
Suppliers	No		
Other value chain partners (e.g., customers)	No		

W2. Business impacts

W2.1

(W2.1) Has your organization experienced any detrimental water-related impacts?

No

W2.2

(W2.2) In the reporting year, was your organization subject to any fines, enforcement orders, and/or other penalties for water-related regulatory violations?

	Water-related regulatory violations	Comment
Row 1	No	Neither centrally nor de-centrally such breaches came to our knowledge

W3. Procedures

W3.1

(W3.1) Does your organization identify and classify potential water pollutants associated with its activities that could have a detrimental impact on water ecosystems or human health?

	Identification and classification of potential water pollutants	Please explain
Row 1	No, we do not identify and classify our potential water pollutants	

W3.3

(W3.3) Does your organization undertake a water-related risk assessment?

Yes, water-related risks are assessed

W3.3a

(W3.3a) Select the options that best describe your procedures for identifying and assessing water-related risks.

Value chain stage

Direct operations

Coverage

Full

Risk assessment procedure

Water risks are assessed as part of an established enterprise risk management framework

Frequency of assessment

Annually

How far into the future are risks considered?

1 to 3 years

Type of tools and methods used

Tools on the market

Tools and methods used

WRI Aqueduct

Contextual issues considered

Water availability at a basin/catchment level

Stakeholders considered

Customers
Employees

Comment

Water related risks of METRO sites are covered by our Risk Management (1 to 3 years perspective) e.g. we assessed the overall water risk of our entire site portfolio applying the WRI Aqueduct Water Risk tool.

W3.3b

(W3.3b) Describe your organization’s process for identifying, assessing, and responding to water-related risks within your direct operations and other stages of your value chain.

	Rationale for approach to risk assessment	Explanation of contextual issues considered	Explanation of stakeholders considered	Decision-making process for risk response
Row 1	Water related risks are covered by our Risk Management	Water related risks can be stated bottom-up from country operations to corporate level, they are amongst the standard risks covered by the risk inventory	As water related risks are linked to the different locations we operate in, stakeholders are own employees (water saving objective) as well as location-based communities and regulation bodies	managing any water related risks is the responsibility of the entity concerned

W4. Risks and opportunities

W4.1

(W4.1) Have you identified any inherent water-related risks with the potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact on your business?

No

W4.1a

(W4.1a) How does your organization define substantive financial or strategic impact on your business?

Definition of 'substantive financial impact':

All identified risks are classified based on uniform standards and quantitative and qualitative indicators with regard to the loss potential and probability of occurrence. For the risk matrix the significance levels are calculated based on EBITDA and updated prior to the annual Risk Inventory for each Governance Unit.

We assess the risks using a 4x4 matrix with the following thresholds:

Loss potential (group level)

- Significant > €300 million
- Major > €100–300 million
- Moderate > €50–100 million
- Minor ≤ €50 million

Probability and frequency of occurrence

- Probable > 50%
- Possible > 25–50%
- Low ≥ 10–25%
- Unlikely < 10%

Frequency is not disclosed separately. A „substantive financial impact” would be related to risks assessed as follows: either the effect on EBITDA is more than €100 million, or the effect on EBITDA is €50-100 million and the probability of occurrence is above 25%, or the probability of occurrence is above 50%. The risk assessments on the highest aggregation level are reported in the Opportunities and Risk Report of the Annual Report.

W4.2b

(W4.2b) Why does your organization not consider itself exposed to water risks in its direct operations with the potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact?

	Primary reason	Please explain
Row 1	Risks exist, but no substantive impact anticipated	Possible risks are identified through applying WRI Aqueduct Tool. Criteria for determining, whether an identified risk is related to substantive change, is its extent of loss potential and the probability of occurrence. METRO applies a risk matrix with defined thresholds . Based on the prioritized risk

		<p>portfolio, on corporate level Risk Coordinators prioritize risks which are most material and relevant threats for objectives. Finally, the Governance, Risk and Compliance (GRC) Committee selects top risks and chances for METRO, considering also results of internal control system and compliance management system, opportunity management system and internal auditing. This provides an enhanced overview of our company's risk and opportunity situation.</p> <p>Currently, the risk assessment does not show substantial threats for METRO from water related risks in direct operations. The risk assessment applying WRI Aqueduct Tool identified sites at water related risk in some countries. For example, a few stores in Ukraine are located in regions with risk from water stress due to limited availability and/or insufficient water quality. The results were cross checked with local business units. Finally, the risk does not meet the threshold to be seen as a risk that could result in substantive impact to our business.</p> <p>The risk assessment is reviewed once a year.</p>
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W4.2c

(W4.2c) Why does your organization not consider itself exposed to water risks in its value chain (beyond direct operations) with the potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact?

	Primary reason	Please explain
Row 1	Risks exist, but no substantive impact anticipated	<p>Possible risks are identified through our contact to suppliers. Entities facing water risks related with their suppliers would bring the risk up through the normal risk management process. . Criteria for determining, whether an identified risk is related to substantive change, is its extent of loss potential and the probability of occurrence. METRO applies a risk matrix with defined thresholds. Based on the prioritized risk portfolio, on corporate level Risk Coordinators prioritize risks which are most material and relevant threats for objectives. Finally, the Governance, Risk and Compliance (GRC) Committee selects top risks and chances for METRO, considering also results of internal control system and compliance management system, opportunity management system and internal auditing. This provides an enhanced overview of our company's risk and opportunity situation.</p> <p>Currently, the risk assessment does not show substantial threats for METRO from water related risks in supply chain. As wholesaler/retailer, METRO depends on external providers of goods and services. We choose suppliers very carefully, especially in the own-brand area.</p> <p>The risk assessment is reviewed once a year.</p>

W4.3

(W4.3) Have you identified any water-related opportunities with the potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact on your business?

No

W4.3b

(W4.3b) Why does your organization not consider itself to have water-related opportunities?

	Primary reason	Please explain
Row 1	Opportunities exist, but none with potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact on business	<p>We analyse relevant global and national trends and make decisions aimed at systematically seizing future opportunities and to carve out competitive advantages. The overall aim to save water and with that realise cost savings is also implemented by means of our internal water guideline "Water Consumption at METRO - Good practices for using water more efficient and for saving water But the identified and realized opportunities are below the threshold to have substantive impact on our business.</p> <p>Opportunities with a potential sustained EBIT effect of \geq €50 million we would assess as potential moderate benefit to our business and we would report publicly about.</p> <p>The assessment is updated regularly once a year.</p>

W6. Governance

W6.1

(W6.1) Does your organization have a water policy?

Yes, we have a documented water policy that is publicly available

W6.1a

(W6.1a) Select the options that best describe the scope and content of your water policy.

	Scope	Content	Please explain
Row 1	Company-wide	Description of the scope (including value chain stages) covered by the policy	Based on the Environmental Policy METRO has adopted a dedicated policy for Water. The goal of this water policy is to reduce water consumption and manage waste water across the entire value chain, through partnering with suppliers, considering water-related requirements in

		<p>Commitment to reduce water withdrawal and/or consumption volumes in direct operations</p> <p>Commitment to safely managed Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) in the workplace</p> <p>Reference to company water-related targets</p> <p>Recognition of environmental linkages, for example, due to climate change</p>	<p>product and supplier selection, improving water efficiency in own operations, offering customers products and solutions with less impact on water, and raising awareness among employees, suppliers and customers. METRO's objective is to reduce water use in its own operations as well as in its supply chain, contributing to the goal of water conservation and preservation, by responsibly using water as well as supporting the use of water security innovations (eg. for recycled water). The policy is publicly available on the corporate website. METRO's Environmental Policy serves as a framework for all sales lines regarding protection of the environment, e.g. with respect to water or climate. Specific measures and programmes will be implemented by the METRO entities independently according to their business relevance. METRO expects other companies METRO has a stake in and also partners and suppliers to act in accordance with this policy, too.</p> <p>With this policy METRO contributes to further improving the conditions within its water value chain by a) actively managing its own water resources b) requiring certification of products hence providing more transparency and c) promoting water stewardship by establishing strong partnerships to collaborate actively on the challenges of water supply and safety. Details on these measures are included in the METRO Water Action Plan. We will require our suppliers to act in the same spirit of this policy and provide data and proof of water reduction in their supply chain. We will also work in a collaborative approach on water projects together with our suppliers as well as other stakeholders in the supply chain. The METRO Water Action Plan will provide more detail on this.</p>
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W6.2

(W6.2) Is there board level oversight of water-related issues within your organization?

Yes

W6.2a

(W6.2a) Identify the position(s) (do not include any names) of the individual(s) on the board with responsibility for water-related issues.

Position of individual or committee	Responsibilities for water-related issues
Chief Executive Officer (CEO)	The CEO as Board member responsible for Sustainability is chairman of the Sustainability Committee. The status of water consumption and related initiatives is a regularly scheduled agenda item for Committee meetings and is reported to him and the other Committee members. The Board is therefore regularly informed about water-related issues.

W6.2b

(W6.2b) Provide further details on the board’s oversight of water-related issues.

	Frequency that water-related issues are a scheduled agenda item	Governance mechanisms into which water-related issues are integrated	Please explain
Row 1	Scheduled - all meetings	Monitoring implementation and performance Monitoring progress towards corporate targets Overseeing the setting of corporate targets Reviewing and guiding annual budgets Reviewing and guiding business plans Reviewing and guiding corporate responsibility strategy Reviewing and guiding major plans of action Reviewing and guiding risk management policies Reviewing and guiding strategy Reviewing innovation/R&D priorities	The CEO as Board member responsible for Sustainability is chairman of the Sustainability Committee. The status of water consumption and related initiatives is a scheduled agenda item in each Committee meeting and is reported to him and the other Committee members. The Board is therefore regularly informed about water-related issues.

		Setting performance objectives	
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W6.2d

(W6.2d) Does your organization have at least one board member with competence on water-related issues?

	Board member(s) have competence on water-related issues	Criteria used to assess competence of board member(s) on water-related issues
Row 1	Yes	Criteria relate to direct experience working with water-related topics. The COO and member of the Sustainability Committee initiated in this function the water saving program of METRO, in many countries he has been part of the Management Board.

W6.3

(W6.3) Provide the highest management-level position(s) or committee(s) with responsibility for water-related issues (do not include the names of individuals).

Name of the position(s) and/or committee(s)

Sustainability committee

Water-related responsibilities of this position

Setting water-related corporate targets
Monitoring progress against water-related corporate targets

Frequency of reporting to the board on water-related issues

Quarterly

Please explain

As the highest sustainability body in the company, the Sustainability Committee provides the strategic framework and group-wide goals and facilitates the exchange of information on sustainability issues at the highest management level. It is chaired by 2 representatives from the top management other participants are people in charge of corporate responsibility at METRO AG, representatives of the core functions procurement, quality assurance, communication as well as energy management/real estate sustainability, as well as representatives of the METRO national subsidiaries.

The Sustainability Committee meets four times per year and provides the board with an overview of commitments. Special topics will be presented to the Management Board directly.

W6.4

(W6.4) Do you provide incentives to C-suite employees or board members for the management of water-related issues?

	Provide incentives for management of water-related issues	Comment
Row 1	Yes	As METRO has a group-wide water saving target there implicitly is an OPEX-related incentivization for the CEOs of the entities to reach this target. Water savings mean cost savings.

W6.4a

(W6.4a) What incentives are provided to C-suite employees or board members for the management of water-related issues (do not include the names of individuals)?

	Role(s) entitled to incentive	Performance indicator	Contribution of incentives to the achievement of your organization's water commitments	Please explain
Monetary reward	Corporate executive team Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Chief Operating Officer (COO)	Reduction of water withdrawals – direct operations Reduction in water consumption volumes – direct operations Improvements in water efficiency – direct operations	Indirect incentive: saving water means saving costs	
Non-monetary reward				

W6.5

(W6.5) Do you engage in activities that could either directly or indirectly influence public policy on water through any of the following?

- Yes, direct engagement with policy makers
- Yes, trade associations
- Yes, other

W6.5a

(W6.5a) What processes do you have in place to ensure that all of your direct and indirect activities seeking to influence policy are consistent with your water policy/water commitments?

We ensure that activities to influence policy are consistent with our water saving target because of close cooperation between the departments Corporate Responsibility and Public Policy (responsible for strategy and reporting of water engagement as well as responsible lobbying) and Corporate Energy Management (responsible for implementing water reduction measures). In the department of Corporate Responsibility and Public Policy, the department Corporate Responsibility is monitoring and assessing CR related issues. The results are considered in the development/adjustment of the water strategy. Public Policy is in charge of engagement with policy makers and trade associations. The Energy Management is responsible for water procurement and efficient water management of the properties. Experts in the field screen possibilities for eg. recycling waste water.

The two departments are working closely together to ensure policy influence directions are in line with the overall water strategy. One dedicated colleague per team is nominated as sparring partner for the other two departments. In general, the departments work together in two ways:

1. Corporate Responsibility and Energy department align on overall water strategy, screen internal developments and implement initiatives and actions to meet the water target.
2. Corporate Public Policy department screens and observes policy developments regarding water issues, eg. upcoming regulations.

W6.6

(W6.6) Did your organization include information about its response to water-related risks in its most recent mainstream financial report?

No, and we have no plans to do so

W7. Business strategy

W7.1

(W7.1) Are water-related issues integrated into any aspects of your long-term strategic business plan, and if so how?

	Are water-related issues integrated?	Long-term time horizon (years)	Please explain
Long-term business objectives	Yes, water-related issues are integrated	5-10	At METRO we have integrated water-related issues. We defined METRO's water strategy and a longterm target

			for water reduction: 10% savings until 2030, base year FY2020/21.
Strategy for achieving long-term objectives	Yes, water-related issues are integrated	5-10	At METRO we have integrated water-related issues. We defined METRO's water strategy and a longterm target for water reduction until 2030. Furthermore country-specific water reduction targets have been defined.
Financial planning	No, water-related issues were reviewed but not considered as strategically relevant/significant	5-10	Water is no material topic right now

W7.2

(W7.2) What is the trend in your organization's water-related capital expenditure (CAPEX) and operating expenditure (OPEX) for the reporting year, and the anticipated trend for the next reporting year?

Row 1

Water-related CAPEX (+/- % change)

8,400,000

Anticipated forward trend for CAPEX (+/- % change)

Water-related OPEX (+/- % change)

Anticipated forward trend for OPEX (+/- % change)

Please explain

We have water costs of about 8.4m€ in FY22 (that's 2€ per m2 Net Operating Area). Trend increasing in the wake of increasing water scarcity and general inflation.

W7.3

(W7.3) Does your organization use scenario analysis to inform its business strategy?

	Use of scenario analysis	Comment
Row 1	Yes	METRO identified risks in initial scenario analyses – as recommended by TCFD – in our business operations as well as in our supply chain:

	<p>Physical risks resulting from extreme weather events and water stress (scarcity or flooding)</p> <p>Risks of resource scarcity and associated price increases (for example, for agricultural products in the next 5 to 10 years)</p> <p>We incorporate these risks in our medium-term risk management and assess risks for sales and costs, particularly those based on rising prices and decreasing availability of resources, taking social concerns into account.</p>
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W7.3a

(W7.3a) Provide details of the scenario analysis, what water-related outcomes were identified, and how they have influenced your organization’s business strategy.

	Type of scenario analysis used	Parameters, assumptions, analytical choices	Description of possible water-related outcomes	Influence on business strategy
Row 1	Climate-related	2DS	<p>In METRO's climate-related scenario analysis we identified drought as one water-related outcome. Drought has severe implications on our direct operations to use water in stores as well as in our supply chain for agricultural food products.</p> <p>Based on the 2DS scenario METRO defined a science based target, which was approved by the SBTi. "METRO AG commits to reduce Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions 60 % per sqm selling and delivery space by 2030 from a 2011 base-year. METRO AG further commits to reduce absolute Scope 3 GHG emissions 15 % by 2030 from a 2018 base-year."</p> <p>Physical risks deriving from extreme weather events and water stress as well as transition risks such as rising prices from resource scarcity (with impact on prices for products) or upfront investments in new Technologies (water recycling / reuse equipment) have been identified as the main climate-related risks in our supply chain and our own operations. Disruption due to</p>	<p>To respond to climate-related risks such as drought we for example established direct sourcing via METRO's International Trading Officers, especially for fruit and vegetables. Our Policies for raw material such as soy, palm oil or paper & pulp also cover drought-related aspects in the supply chain.</p> <p>We consider the risk included in the scenario analysis of our SBT in our risk management and estimate sales and costs related risks taking into account rising prices and shrinking availability of resources.</p> <p>Process: 1 Climate-related risks are part of risk management and thus</p>

			<p>extreme weather and shrinking economic prosperity could cause risks for our customers and thus for our sales.</p>	<p>part of our governance. They are already integrated in risk management process in both a qualitative and quantitative way</p> <p>2 We assess materiality of climate-related risks (focused both on physical and transitional risks). Significant impacts are identified</p> <p>3 We evaluate business impacts. 4 We identify possible responses e.g. Water Saving Measures</p> <p>We report on this analysis in our public available CDP Response.</p>
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W7.4

(W7.4) Does your company use an internal price on water?

Row 1

Does your company use an internal price on water?

No, and we do not anticipate doing so within the next two years

Please explain

At METRO we have not yet decided to use an internal price on water due to low significance of business impact. Water-related issues were reviewed and we are currently in the process to decide on measures to integrate into our business strategy.

W7.5

(W7.5) Do you classify any of your current products and/or services as low water impact?

	Products and/or services classified as low water impact	Definition used to classify low water impact	Please explain
Row 1	Yes	As part of our Scope 3.1 impact analysis, we are using an input-output model (estell) to calculate	As a result of the definition, our 2 lowest

	environmental impacts of certain product categories. Such impacts include water impacts (our overall products' impact on water is accounted to 2,595.3 million € including blue water - i.e. surface and ground water). Therefore, we have identified product categories that are in the low spectrum on water impact.	water impact categories are Fishing and furniture & manufacturing products
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W8. Targets

W8.1

(W8.1) Do you have any water-related targets?

Yes

W8.1a

(W8.1a) Indicate whether you have targets relating to water pollution, water withdrawals, WASH, or other water-related categories.

	Target set in this category	Please explain
Water pollution	No, and we do not plan to within the next two years	
Water withdrawals	Yes	
Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) services	No, and we do not plan to within the next two years	
Other	No, and we do not plan to within the next two years	

W8.1b

(W8.1b) Provide details of your water-related targets and the progress made.

Target reference number

Target 1

Category of target

Water withdrawals

Target coverage

Company-wide (direct operations only)

Quantitative metric

Other, please specify
 reduction of water consumption measured as liter of water per squaremeter net operating area

Year target was set

2022

Base year

2021

Base year figure

693

Target year

2030

Target year figure

621

Reporting year figure

685

% of target achieved relative to base year

11.1111111111

Target status in reporting year

Underway

Please explain

10% water savings until FY30, base year FY21
 Overall target broken down in country specific targets

W9. Verification

W9.1

(W9.1) Do you verify any other water information reported in your CDP disclosure (not already covered by W5.1a)?

Yes

W9.1a

(W9.1a) Which data points within your CDP disclosure have been verified, and which standards were used?

Disclosure module	Data verified	Verification standard	Please explain
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W1 Current state	water intensity indicator for own operations: Water withdrawal and wastewater generated in l per m2 of selling and delivery space	ISAE 3000	Third party verification undertaken on all sustainability key performance indicators as published in the CR Report 2021/22. + ISAE 3410
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W10. Plastics

W10.1

(W10.1) Have you mapped where in your value chain plastics are used and/or produced?

	Plastics mapping	Value chain stage	Please explain
Row 1	Yes	Supply chain	We did a plastics mapping in own brand packaging by means of an inhouse data base referring to suppliers and how much plastic they use and what type of plastic they use.

W10.2

(W10.2) Across your value chain, have you assessed the potential environmental and human health impacts of your use and/or production of plastics?

	Impact assessment	Value chain stage	Please explain
Row 1	Yes	Supply chain	In the category "Near food" we have disposable plastic articles that are fully compliant to Regulation (EC) No 1935/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 October 2004 on materials and articles intended to come into contact with food and to Commission Regulation (EU) No 10/2011 of 14 January 2011 on plastic materials and articles intended to come into contact with food Our articles are compliant to all legal regulations for articles including critical plastics, e.g. PFAS and REACH regulation. We abide all legal regulations in countries of sale.

W10.3

(W10.3) Across your value chain, are you exposed to plastics-related risks with the potential to have a substantive financial or strategic impact on your business? If so, provide details.

	Risk exposure	Value chain stage	Type of risk	Please explain
Row 1	Yes	Direct operations	Regulatory	<p>Regulation related to the amount of recycled content as the availability is very limited, which will affect the price.</p> <p>Fees if we cannot meet regulatory requirements in terms of the volume of recycled content because of limited availability</p>

W10.4

(W10.4) Do you have plastics-related targets, and if so what type?

	Targets in place	Target type	Target metric	Please explain
Row 1	Yes	Plastic packaging Plastic goods Waste management	Reduce the total weight of plastic packaging used and/or produced Eliminate problematic and unnecessary plastic packaging Reduce the total weight of virgin content in plastic packaging Increase the proportion of post-consumer recycled content in plastic packaging Eliminate single-use plastic goods Reduce the total weight of plastics in our goods Eliminate problematic and unnecessary plastics within our goods Reduce the total weight of virgin content in plastic goods Increase the proportion of post-consumer recycled content in plastic goods Increase the proportion of renewable content from responsibly managed sources in plastic goods	<p>BY 30 SEPTEMBER 2023 IN OWN BRAND PACKAGING THROUGH ALL PACKAGING LEVELS ;</p> <p>-2,000 t of Plastic Reduction, baseline 2018.</p> <p>-PVC Phase-out, baseline 2014.</p> <p>-EPS Phase-out, baseline 2014.</p> <p>Plastic goods target: By the end of FY 2025, we will empower our customers' businesses to move into a 100% future without any conventional single-use plastics and constantly increase resource efficiency.</p> <p>We achieve this by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing reusable, recyclable, and compostable alternatives only ▪ Supporting our customers in this phase-out ▪ Advocating the movement towards a circular economy regarding plastic

			Increase the proportion of our goods that are recyclable in practice and at scale Increase the proportion of our goods that are compostable	
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W10.5

(W10.5) Indicate whether your organization engages in the following activities.

	Activity applies	Comment
Production of plastic polymers	No	
Production of durable plastic components	No	
Production / commercialization of durable plastic goods (including mixed materials)	Yes	This is just a very small sample (<5%) out of METRO's own brand near-food assortment (e.g., garbage bags, freezer bags, cling film, packaging cups)
Production / commercialization of plastic packaging	No	
Production of goods packaged in plastics	No	
Provision / commercialization of services or goods that use plastic packaging (e.g., retail and food services)	Yes	As a wholesaler we trade products that may use plastic packaging

W10.7

(W10.7) Provide the total weight of plastic durable goods/components sold and indicate the raw material content.

Row 1

Total weight of plastic durable goods/components sold during the reporting year (Metric tonnes)

12,675.43

Raw material content percentages available to report

% virgin fossil-based content

% post-industrial recycled content

% post-consumer recycled content

% virgin fossil-based content

9

% post-industrial recycled content

74

% post-consumer recycled content

17

Please explain

This is just a very small sample (<5%) out of METRO's own brand near-food assortment (e.g., garbage bags, freezer bags, cling film, packaging cups)

W10.8

(W10.8) Provide the total weight of plastic packaging sold and/or used, and indicate the raw material content.

	Total weight of plastic packaging sold / used during the reporting year (Metric tonnes)	Raw material content percentages available to report	Please explain
Plastic packaging used	0		we can not disclose this information as we had some discrepancy in the data collection in comparison to last years.

W10.8a

(W10.8a) Indicate the circularity potential of the plastic packaging you sold and/or used.

	Percentages available to report for circularity potential	% of plastic packaging that is technically recyclable	Please explain
Plastic packaging used	% technically recyclable	0	we can not disclose this information as we had some discrepancy in the data collection in comparison to last years. Normally we collect data for recyclable but we do not split them into 'technically' and 'in practice'

W11. Sign off

W-FI

(W-FI) Use this field to provide any additional information or context that you feel is relevant to your organization's response. Please note that this field is optional and is not scored.

W11.1

(W11.1) Provide details for the person that has signed off (approved) your CDP water response.

	Job title	Corresponding job category
Row 1	Senior Vice President Corporate Responsibility & Public Policy	President

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