

Gaia Rating recognises the ESG achievements at Applus+ with a strong rating

The score of 72/100 is a 10-point improvement over the previous year

The ESG performance at Applus+ has received further external recognition by the rating agency Gaia Rating, that is a subsidiary of Qivalio Group, scoring 72 out of 100, on their evaluation of transparency, the initiatives Applus+ has implemented to improve its Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) indicators and its actual performance in these. This represents a 10-point improvement over the rating obtained in 2019.

Applus+ has now entered the top 20% of companies assessed by Gaia Rating, passing the 70 out of 100 for companies through many good initiatives to boost ESG factors. The company exceeded Gaia's benchmark in all categories, which are: Environment, Social, Governance and External Stakeholders. Noteworthy are the results in the Environment category, in which the company scored above expectations in all the indicators.

The result positions Applus+ as the company:

- 26th out of the 512 analysed by Gaia in Europe
- 9th out of the 203 in the business services sector
- 1st out of the 26 in the technology sector

Within the different categories, Gaia positively deemed the drive for equality and diversity within our workforce; the efforts to reduce emissions, energy consumption and the environmental impact of travel; its 90% local supplier base; and "significant" initiatives, according to Gaia, to increase services that contribute directly to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Fernando Basabe, Chief Executive Officer of the Applus+ Group, commented: "We are proud to be in the leading group of companies striving for excellence in environmental, social and governance areas that are key to achieve a positive impact on our company and our financial results, ones that drive us closer to a sustainable future. A great collective effort by all the teams at Applus+."

The Applus+ Group will continue to invest and contribute to protecting the environment and promoting sustainable business, to optimise the social impact

of its operations, and to develop the best corporate governance, driven by its passion for improvement towards a better world.

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About the Applus+ Group:

Applus+ is a global leader in the testing, inspection and certification (TIC) sector. We are a trusted partner, enhancing the quality and safety of our clients' assets and infrastructures while safeguarding their operations.

Our innovative approach, technical capabilities and highly skilled and motivated workforce of over 23,000 employees assure operational excellence across multiple sectors in 70-plus countries.

The Applus+ Group is committed to improving Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) indicators. The technical services delivered by Applus+ assist clients to reduce their environmental impact and improve the safety and sustainability of their products and assets. The Group has been implementing measures to reduce our own environmental footprint and improve the social and governance measures since 2014, setting specific targets to be reached in 2021.

These actions for the long-term sustainability of our business are confirmed by external recognitions: an above-average score of "AA" from MSCI ESG Ratings, an above-average "B" rating from the CDP, and the inclusion of Applus+ within the FTSE4Good Index Series of Ibex.

For the full year of 2020, Applus+ recorded revenues of €1,558 million and an adjusted operating profit of €118 million. Headquartered in Spain, the Group operates through four global divisions under the Applus+ brand. The company is listed on the Barcelona, Bilbao, Madrid and Valencia stock markets. The total number of shares issued stands at 143,018,430.

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