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## Sustainability Report provides orientation

Corporate Responsibility Newsletter

**Dear Sir or Madam,**

Commerzbank has published its Sustainability Report 2019, which – as in previous years – consists of two parts: the annual online report, which represents sustainability performance in accordance with GRI standards, and the biennial Corporate Responsibility Magazine.

In this magazine, Commerzbank, together with external initiators, tackles the question of how a bank can provide orientation in times of upheaval. The answers are varied: export business requires expertise in dealing with trade barriers. Digital transformation requires innovative role models. And the transformation into a sustainable economy will only succeed through joint action (keyword Sustainable Finance). Orientation is also in demand on the topics of integrity and solidarity. This requires an attitude that is rooted in basic values, has an eye on the common good and lives credibly. You will find the magazine with concrete examples from the implementation as a barrier-free PDF at [commerzbank.com/magazine2019](https://commerzbank.com/magazine2019).

The second part of the sustainability report is the balance sheet of the Commerzbank sustainability performance in the financial year 2018. It follows the globally recognized standards of the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI). At the same time, the GRI report represents Commerzbank's communication on progress on the UN Global Compact. For more information, visit [commerzbank.com/gri-report2018](https://commerzbank.com/gri-report2018). ► **more**

### **Social responsibility even more firmly embedded in the future business model**

The foundation for the economic success of Commerzbank is and always will be the social acceptance of its approach to business. This is emphasized by the bank as part of the new "Commerzbank 5.0" strategy, which plans to expand the green product range. As a responsible bank, Commerzbank has a longstanding position on controversial topics such as weapons, environmentally damaging energy sources and basic food speculation. Acting responsibly also includes careful handling of customer data and high data security. ► **more**

## Commerzbank signs Principles for Responsible Banking

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Commerzbank is Founding Signatory of the Principles for Responsible Banking, which have been developed by the United Nations Environment Programme Finance Initiative (UNEP FI) together with international financial institutes. The Principles for Responsible Banking are supposed to lead to more sustainability in the financial sector and herewith contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Climate Agreement. Thereby Commerzbank commits itself to its responsibility to support companies in transforming their economic activities towards more sustainability. ► [more](#)

## Commerzbank is a constituent of the FTSE4Good Index

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Commerzbank is now part of the recognized FTSE4Good Index Series which makes the bank even more interesting for sustainably oriented investors. Launched in 2001, the FTSE4Good Index Series is designed to measure the performance of companies demonstrating strong Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) practices. In four out of seven criteria, Commerzbank achieved the highest possible score and is thus above the sector and national average, according to FTSE Russell. ► [more](#)

## Employees involved in the Malteser Social Day

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In 2019, for the eighth time in a row, Commerzbank participated in the nationwide Malteser Social Day, which attracted more than 320 employees this year. In cooperation with the Malteser Hilfsdienst e.V., they supported a total of 28 social projects in 9 cities throughout Germany from 16 to 20 September 2019. Since 2012, more than 3,000 employees have participated in Commerzbank. ► [more](#)

## Commerzbank stands up for diversity

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Since Commerzbank has been working for a fair and unprejudiced working environment for many years, it again participates in this year's Christopher Street Day (CSD). Not only did we color our logo, for the first time ever we also illuminate our Frankfurt skyscraper in rainbow colors from 18 to 28 July. As done in Berlin, Hamburg, Bremen, Munich and Stuttgart, the bank also sets up rainbow flags at various locations in Frankfurt. With this, Commerzbank sets a visible sign for diversity and acceptance. ► [more](#)

## Annual General Meeting's CO2-emissions compensated

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The carbon dioxide emissions of the Commerzbank 2019 General Meeting in the amount of 152 tonnes (previous year: 217) were balanced by the purchase of certificates of climate protection projects. With its climate strategy Commerzbank has set an ambitious goal for the reduction of CO2 emissions. Unavoidable emissions are compensated for through the acquisition of high-quality CO2 certificates. ► [more](#)

## CEOs show their colours

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Commerzbank supports the "Pro Recyclingpapier (IPR)" initiative and its "CEOs bekennen Farbe" campaign. The initiative was launched by a business alliance of 24 companies. Partners include the Federal Ministry for the Environment and NABU Germany. It aims to encourage enterprises to use recycling paper with the blue angel for their printed material. "Printer and copy paper is only available at Commerzbank in the recycling version with the 'Blue Angel'.[...] Only if we consistently pay attention to sustainable action, we can help realising the implementation of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change", says our CEO Martin Zielke in his statement. ► [more \(German only\)](#)

## Commerzbank Foundation supports project "Go on Azubi!"

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The goal of Perspektiva gGmbH is to enable young people with disabilities to gain a professional perspective in the primary employment market. Their new project "Go on Azubi!" goes a step further and supports the participants in problems during the education. Members of the Perspektiva team give individual advice and look for possible causes of professional difficulties together with those affected. Both employers and adolescents are cared for until the occupational situation has demonstrably stabilized. The project is funded by the Commerzbank Foundation, which has also worked with the non-profit partner in the past.

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