

## SOFIDEL - THIS YEAR ONCE AGAIN AMONG CDP LEADERS TO FIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE AND DEFORESTATION

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**Porcari (LU), Italy, January 19, 2023** - Sofidel, one of the world's leaders in the production of paper for hygienic and domestic use, best known for its Regina brand, **sees its commitment to fight climate change and deforestation once again confirmed by CDP** - one of the leading independent organizations measuring and reporting on environmental performance on a global level.

**The Group ranked in the Leadership band of the Climate Change 2022 rating and in the Leadership band of CDP's Forests 2022 rating.**

When it comes to fighting **climate change**, Sofidel achieved an **A- rating, ranking above the European (B) and industry (B) average.**

**The same A- rating** again places the Group above the European (B-) and industry average (B) **for its commitment to fight deforestation.**

*"It is important for us to see the quality of our commitment confirmed by CDP once again. Sofidel believes in sustainability ratings and is investing increasing resources in ESG reporting. We consider timely data verification of our commitment to sustainability as a key transparency and sharing tool to facilitate the transition to a low-carbon economy and a reduced use of natural capital," commented Riccardo Balducci, Sofidel Energy & Environment Director.*

**Sofidel's 2030 emission reduction targets have been approved by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi)** as consistent with the reduction standards required by the Paris Agreement to limit global warming to well below 2°C. The Group, as part of its green transition journey, **is committed to the self-generation and increasing purchase of renewable energy** generated by newly-built plants set up through long-term supply agreements. In Italy, thanks to a 10-year supply agreement (PPA) for **wind power** from the Alcamo II wind farm in Sicily signed with RWE Renewables, the Group produced the

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equivalent of about 150 million of “Rotoloni Regina” toilet paper rolls using green energy in one year. In Sweden, it is building a bio-syngas production plant with Meva Energy that will use **woody biomass** from waste from the local supply chain. This is the world's first such plant in the paper industry.

On the anti-deforestation side, **100% of the sourcing of forest-based raw material used by the Group comes from suppliers certified to strict environmental, social and economic standards guaranteed by independent third parties (FSC®, FSC® Controlled Wood, PEFC™).**

Sofidel is also among the first companies to **take part in the multi-stakeholder "Forests Forward" initiative launched by WWF internationally** to consolidate forestry procurement policy, strengthening the supplier engagement program to help combat deforestation, conserve ecosystems and protect the rights of local communities.

### The Sofidel Group

The Sofidel Group is one of the leading manufacturers of paper for hygienic and domestic use worldwide. Established in 1966, the Group has subsidiaries in 13 countries – Italy, Spain, the UK, Ireland, France, Belgium, Germany, Sweden, Poland, Hungary, Greece, Romania, and the USA – with more than 6,000 employees, net sales of 2,095 million Euros (2021) and a production capacity of over one million tonnes per year (1,440,000 tonnes in 2021). “Regina,” its most well-known brand, is present on almost all the reference markets. Other brands include: Softis, Le Trèfle, Sopalín, KittenSoft, Nalys, Cosynel, Lycke, Nicky, Papernet. A member of the UN Global Compact and the international WWF Climate Savers programme, the Sofidel Group considers sustainability a strategic factor with regards to growth and is committed to reducing its impact on natural capital and maximising social benefits, setting as objective the creation of shared added value for all stakeholders. Sofidel’s greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets to 2030 have been approved by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) as consistent with reductions required to keep warming to well-below 2°C, in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement.

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