## ESG Handbook 2020

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Enabling the Italian sustainability transition





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- 1. Purpose & ESG Strategy
- 2. Engagement & SDGs
- 3. ESG Targets & Ratings
- 4. ESG Identity



# Purpose & ESG Strategy

## Our purpose

## We help the country to protect itself from risk and to grow sustainably

We do it by putting data, technology and talent at the service of people, businesses, banks and institutions

#### **Business Units**



- Credit risk
- Credit & ESG Ratings

As % of 2020

Revenues

56%

12%

32%

- Real estate
- Regulatory

## Marketing Intelligence

- Market & Sales intelligence
- **Digital marketing**
- Advanced analytics

## **Credit Management**

- Banking UTP & NPL
- Corporate receivables
- Legal services

## **Revenue growth**



#### Share price evolution since IPO



#### In a nutshell

- With a **market share of > 40%**, Cerved is the leading information provider in **Italy** and one of the major credit servicer in Europe
- Thanks to a unique wealth of data and **analytics**, it provides corporates and financial institutions with **digital and** artificial intelligence services and **platforms** to manage risk and support data-driven growth
- Through **Cerved Rating Agency**, n.6 Europe's leading rating agency, the Group provides ESG ratings and advisory

## Sustainability strategy combining Cerved's identity & offering

In line with its Purpose, for the Cerved Group, sustainability has a double value: engaging itself (**ESG Identity**) as well as supporting the economic system in achieving its sustainability targets (**ESG offering**)

## **ESG IDENTITY**

## ESG OFFERING



## ESG Roadmap to 2023 for sustainable long-term value creation



- Reporting pursuant to Legislative Decree 254/2016
- **ESG** strategy definition
- UN Global Compact joined
- SDG's identified
- 3-year Sustainability Plan

#### Sustainability Governance set up:

- Sustainability Committee
- ESG manager appointed

- **ESG Rating** and Assessment
- ESG External Reviews
- Supply Chain ESG Platform
- Research
- Advisory

- **ESG quantitative targets** integrated in the 2021-2023 BP
- Top management remuneration (15-20% STI) linked to ESG targets
- Impact Assessment

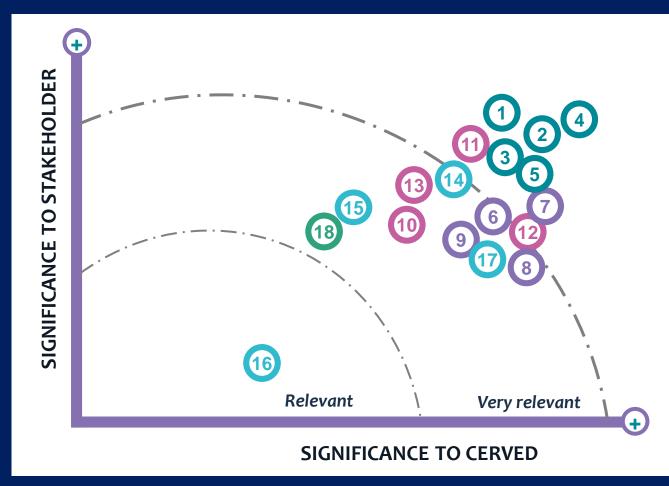
Learn more in the **Sustainability Report 2020** https://company.cerved.com/en/sustainability-esg



## Engagement & SDGs



## Materiality analysis matches the perspective of Cerved and its stakeholders



## **Material topics**

## Governance & Compliance

- **1** Governance as public company
- 2 Ethics and anti-corruption
- **3** Management remuneration in line with ESG targets
- **4** Privacy, security and integrity of information
- **5** Sound and sustainable economic-financial performance

#### People

- **6** Engagement, welfare and worklife balance of employees
- **7** Employee training, development and retention
- 8 Diversity & inclusion
- 9 Workers' health and safety

#### **Business**

- **10** ESG business opportunities
- **11** Reliable, independent and accurate data for the national economic system
- **12** Product innovation, development and quality
- **13** Business continuity

### Value Chain & Community

- 14 Listening and customer satisfaction
- **15** Management of suppliers and relations with strategic partners
- **16** Relations with territorial communities
- **17** Relations with institutions

#### Environment

18 Climate Change

## Cerved's contribution to SDGs and UN committment



#### • From signatory to participant in 2019/2020/2022

Advanced Communication On Progress from 2021



## Social



5 GENDER EQUALITY

- Internal professional growth strategy and talent attraction
- Knowledge sharing with the community
- Development of specific initiatives to reduce the gender gap
- Improve gender equality inside the Company



- Promotion of **social inclusion** in the company
- Enhancement of the initiative "Cara Cerved ti scrivo"

## Governance



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Increasing stakeholder engagement

transparency by providing data

Improving financial integrity and market

 Development of collaborations and parterships in order to Increase the offering of ESG services

Support for the legislative and economic decisions

## **Business**

- Data infrastructure to provide **equal access to information**
- Development of ESG services
- SMEs support for sustainable development
- Increase of scientific research in the field of sustainability



**9** INDUSTRY, INNOVAL AND INFRASTRUCT

- Promotion of **development and innovation** (observatories, partnership with universities)
- Occupational health and safety

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## **Operations & Environmental**



13 CLIMATE ACTION

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- ESG assessment criteria in the supply chain
- Business continuity certification
- Renewable energy management
- Plastic free policy
  - Creation of a CO2 emissions monitoring system



## ESG Targets & Ratings

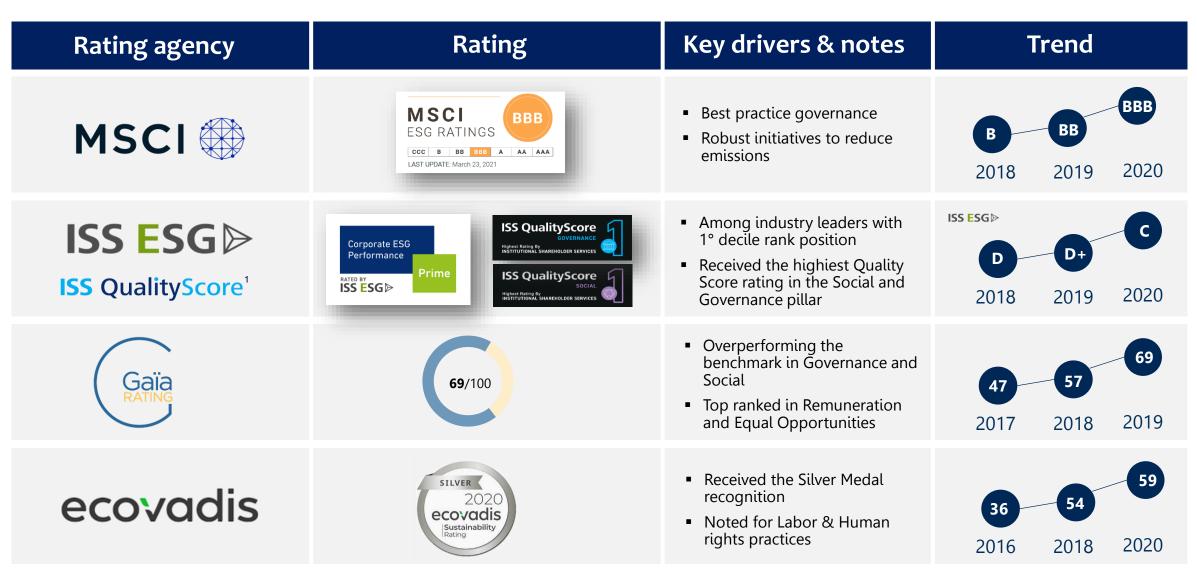


## 15-20% of Top Management Short Term Incentives based on ESG targets

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SDGs	Target	2020 Baseline	2021 Target	2023 Target
9 MOLETY INVALUM AMPRESIMENTIAL	Carry out the Cerved Group Impact Assessment	-	Completed	Implementation
	<b>Renew the car fleet</b> through purchases with reduced environmental impact ( $CO_2$ Scope I)	-	<140 gr CO <sub>2</sub> /km	<130 gr CO <sub>2</sub> /km
13 const actor	Increase the percentage of direct purchases of electricity from <b>renewable sources</b> in Italy ( $CO_2$ Scope II)	97.8%	>95%	100%
5 (1948) (10) HEALING (10) H	Increase the number of women in managerial positions	Managers: 40.1% Executives: 13.6%	At least 50% new female managers and 30% new female executives	Managers: ~41-43% Executives: ~15-18%
8 всект или силоти	Increase the average number of training hours per employee	16.5 hours	18 hours	24 hours
8 MORT BAR AN	Obtain ISO 45001 health and safety certification	-	Certification process management for Cerved Group SpA	Extension of the certification to other Legal Entities
	Obtain ISO 37001 anti-corruption certification	-	Certification for Cerved Group SpA	KPIs Monitoring
12 REPUBLIER ADMINISTRATION	Increase the percentage of suppliers evaluated according to ESG criteria	-	100% suppliers (> 500k Euros)	100% suppliers (> 100k Euros)
12 ICSPINIEL CONSIMITION AD PRODUCTION	Maintain high customer satisfaction	91.3%	91.3%	91.3%

Our ESG ambition is fully integrated into our Industrial Plan 2021-2023

## **Continuous ESG ratings improvement**





## ESG Identity



## Best in class corporate governance with increasing commitment on ESG

Being a public company since 2015 allowed Cerved to set the highiest standards of governance practices

## **BoD composition**



## **10 ESG policies**

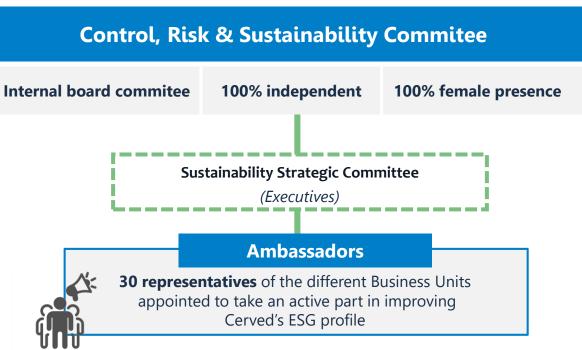
Governance		Social	<i>2</i> <b>2</b> 3
Sustainability	Anti-money laundering	Human Rights	Community Support
Corporate bodies diversity	Privacy	Diversity & Inclusion	Responsible Marketing
Fiscal Transpa	rency	Environment	
		Environme	ental Policy



### **External recognition**



## Sustainability Governance



## **1 ESG target on anti-corruption**

SDGs	Commitment area	Target	Baseline 2020	Target 2021	Target 2023
16 PARE, AURBOCI AND STRONG METHVINOUS	Ethics and integrity	Obtain ISO 37001 anti- corruption certification	-	Certification for Cerved Group S.p.A.	KPIs Monitoring

## The central role of the Cerved's people

Cerved Group strives to build a diverse and inclusive culture where everyone can fully express their potential

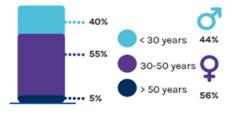




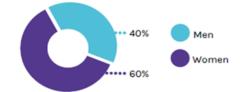
#### **Diversity Snapshot**

Age diversity •• 21% < 30 years 30-50 years > 50 years .... 68%

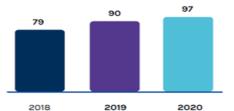
#### 262 new hires 10% of total staff







Staff hired from protected categories



## **3 ESG targets**

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5 man <b>5</b> max <b>10</b> max	Diversity	Increase the number of women in managerial positions	Managers: 40.1% Executives: 13.6%	At least 50% new female managers and 30% new female executives	Managers: ~41-43% Executives: ~15-18%
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8 KCOTIVER AN Ideald carry	Health and safety	Obtain ISO 45001 health and safety certification*	-	Certification process management for Cerved Group SpA	Extension of certification to other Legal Entities

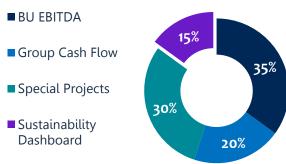
## **ESG integrated in the Top Management remuneration**

A qualitative evaluation of the sustainability KPIs have been formally included in the new 2021 **Short-Term Incentive (STI) Plan** for the Group's Chief Executive Officer, Top Management and other Key Players

## CEO



EVP BU leaders (no. 3)



EVP = Executive Vice President

#### SUSTAINABILITY DASHBOARD

Impact assessment

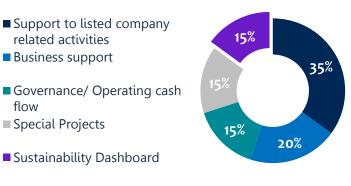
Customer satisfaction

Reduce the average  $Co_2$  emissions of the car fleet

Increase % of electricity from renewable sources

Increase the number of women in management positions

#### General Counsel & CFO (no. 2)



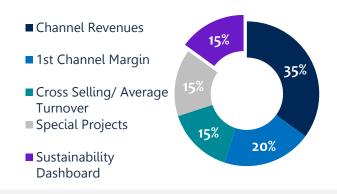
Increase the average number of training hours per employee

Obtain ISO 37001 anti-corruption certification

Obtain ISO 45001 certification for Cerved S.p.A.

Increase the percentage of suppliers evaluated according to ESG criteria

#### **EVP Corporate Sales and Financial Institutions (no. 2)**



#### Learn more in the **Remuneration Report 2020:**

https://company.cerved.com/sites/company.cerved.dev/files/Cerved Report%20on%20Remuneration%202020 1.pdf

## **Promoting responsible business practices**

Cerved is committed in integrating social and environmental concerns within core business operations

### **Customer centrality**

91.3%

- High level of **cutomer satisfaction** both in the Bank and Corporate client segments
- Most positive feeback received on Cerved's service quality, reliability, and customer care & client's support

## Introduction of a structured **ESG assessment criteria** in the

supply chain by 2021 Aligning suppliers and strategic partners to ESG issues **encouraging local suppliers** (90% of total supplier base)



Sustainable supply chain

**1 ESG target** 

SDGs	Commitment area	Target	Baseline 2020	Target 2021	Target 2023
12 menter Minister CO	Customer satisfaction	Maintain high cus satisfaction <sup></sup>	91.3%	91.3%	91.3%

## **Being responsible citizens**

The crisis highlighted Cerved's involvement in restarting the country and support the community even more clearly

#### **Institutions & Organizations**

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During the lock-down period, Cerved played a proactive role in different areas:

- free sharing of reports and position papers for analysing the impacts of Covid-19 on the economic-financial prospects
- 2 **launch of new products** for the protection from risks connected with Covid-19
- 3 support for companies through Subsidised Finance services
- donations to hospital facilities on the front line during the emergency for the instruments needed to tackle Covid-19





## Community

Support for **third-sector associations** with the charity committee "**Cara Cerved ti scrivo**"

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Somaschi Onlus Foundation Purchase of school supplies for children aged 3 to 18 living in reception facilities

Imparole Association
 Support for the children's centre for the
 diagnosis and treatment of learning and
 language

Diego's story Provision of a PC to help Diego, a child with severe cognitive and learning impairment

La casa di l'Abilità Support for the residential community that welcomes children with complex disabilities

**S** APRO RETT Research Onlus Association Support for stem cell implantation research for children with neurological disorders

Casa sollievo Bimbi Association Contribution to the cost of paediatric care at home

**2** Amici di Cometa Association Support for the day centre open to 136 children and teenagers

La Band degli Orsi Genoa
Provision of computer tools for distance
learning for children at Gaslini Paediatric
Hospital

9 Dynamo Camp

Improvement of facilities and services of the Recreational Therapy camp for sick children and youth and their families

Derive Pit HopKins Syndrome Association Contribution towards the costs of a course for parents of children

Livia Dumontet Onlus Association Support for the project that helps children from run-down areas of Naples learn to read

2 Soleterre Foundation Contribution for psychological support to the families of the oncology-haematology

> La Casa di Paolo Provision of PCs and tablets to train disadvantaged children and teenagers in the province of

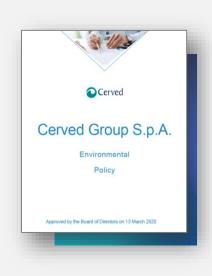
> > Nicolas's story Support with meal vouchers for Nicolas, with relapsed leukaemia, and for his mother

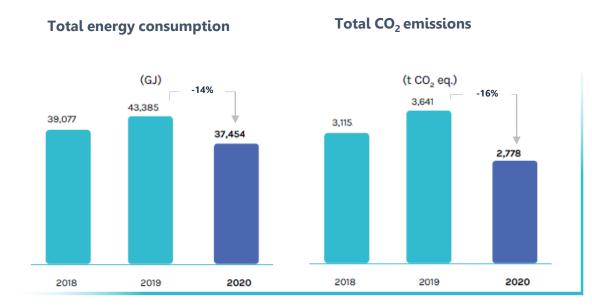
## The Group's contribution to reducing climate change

Although the Group operates in sectors that have a limited environmental impact, Cerved is committed to reducing its environmental impact and spreading positive and proactive behaviours to all its stakeholders

### **Environmental policy**

- achieving increasing energy savings
- reducing emissions from transport
- efficient use of the resources necessary to carry out business activities
- promoting a culture of respect for the environment among
- ensuring support for suppliers to improve their environmental performance





### 2 ESG targets

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SDGs	Commitment area	Target	Baseline 2020	Target 2021	Target 2023
13 cinet	Emission reduction	Renew the car fleet through purchases with reduced environmental impact (CO <sub>2</sub> Scope 1)	-	<140 gCO <sub>2</sub> /km	<130 gCO <sub>2</sub> /km
13 dimit Admin	Use of renewable sources	Increase the percentage of direct purchases of electricity from renewable sources in Italy (CO <sub>2</sub> Scope 2)	97.8%	>95%	100%



Calculated as Total energy consumption/ Total employees + external workforce;

Calculated as Total CO2 emissions/ Total employees + external workforce. Emissions calculated by adding direct (Scope I) and indirect (Scope II) emission, Location Based.

97.8%

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## Thank you



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