

REACHING ZERO

Our ambition is clear:

- Zero accidents
- Zero emissions
- Zero corruption
- Zero discrimination

97 %

Recycled steel in
Ovako's products

95 %

Lower carbon emissions
in steelmaking than the
industry average

57 %

Reduction of relative CO₂e
emissions from operations
since 2015 (based on CY2021)

CARBON
NEUTRAL
NOW

SUSTAINABILITY IN BRIEF

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The steel industry accounts for 8 % of the world's carbon emissions. Ovako makes a difference by supplying steel with low climate impact. We achieve this through continuous and targeted improvements in our production processes, with a special emphasis on circularity and carbon neutrality.



Circularity

Steel is the world's most recyclable material and can be remelted an infinite number of times without affecting its properties. Our production is based on more than 97% recycled steel which makes us one of the largest recyclers in the Nordics. By basing our production on steel scrap, we manufacture high quality steel with a low climate impact. Ovako mills recycle their own steel scrap, as well as scrap from downstream manufacturing industries and end-of-life products. By using recycled steel, the earth's valuable resources are conserved, no virgin material is needed, and we divert useful material from landfill.



Carbon neutrality

Ovako has 95 % lower carbon emissions than the industry average in steelmaking, and as of January 2022 we counterbalance our last remaining emissions with carbon offsets. To continue our journey towards zero carbon emissions, we have set ambitious climate targets. With new technology and by heating steel with fossil-free hydrogen Ovako will reduce carbon emissions in own operations by 90 % and in the value chain with 70 % by 2040. In 2021 we committed to have our long-term climate targets validated by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi).



Hydrogen plant in Hofors

We are building the largest fossil-free hydrogen plant in Sweden. This is an important milestone towards eliminating all carbon emissions from Ovako's production. The facility in Hofors is expected to be completed in early 2023 and will then reduce the carbon emissions in our steelmaking by 50 % from already low levels.

Ovako is a responsible employer and an important community builder. Our employees are the core of our business and we have fostered a culture of openness and inclusiveness. We are guided by our values - skilled, innovative, and responsible - in everything we do

Towards zero accidents



Employee safety is a main priority at Ovako. Our long-term target is a workplace with zero accidents and occupational illnesses. We have a culture built on taking care of each other, with dedicated management and engaged employees. This has resulted in a decrease of accidents with sick leave (LTIFR) with 93 % since 2015 and one of the lowest in the European steel industry.

Community builder



As the largest employer in many of the locations where we operate, it is important that Ovako engages in local community life. Not only does this improve the daily lives of our employees and their families, it is also an investment in the workforce for the future.

Inclusion and diversity



Ovako's ambition is to have people who reflect the societies where we are located, with the right competence in the right place. Everyone has equal opportunities and we have zero tolerance for any form of discrimination or harassment. There are several ongoing initiatives to increase diversity in our operations.

Business Ethics



We have zero tolerance for all forms of corruption, bribery or anti-competitive actions committed by our people or third parties acting on behalf of our company. We had no incidents of corruption or anti-competitive behavior during the year which meets our objective.