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## Measuring sustainability for greater credibility

**RadiciGroup presents its 2018 Sustainability Report:  
All products are recyclable, all companies ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certified.  
Group value added increases, yet the amount of resources used and  
emissions generated decreases.**

The [RadiciGroup 2018 Sustainability Report](#), prepared according to the **Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) Standards: Core Option**, was presented by **RadiciGroup President Angelo Radici** at Confindustria Bergamo (Bergamo Manufacturers' Association) headquarters. The data collected and provided in the [Report](#) confirmed once again the positive trend in the Group's economic, environmental and social performance.

*"I am very proud of the positive and tangible results achieved again in 2018,"* remarked **Angelo Radici**. *"They are a concrete response to the issues concerning our children, grandchildren and the communities where we all live. Our commitment to sustainability goes way back and our objective today is to continue along the same path we have been following: the company as a leader for change, promoting competitive sustainability that generates growing virtuous demand for reduced environmental impact products all along the value chain, while engaging all its stakeholders in the strategy."*

RadiciGroup products are its visiting card. **All products are designed for total end-of-life recyclability**, many of them are obtained from **recycled secondary raw materials** and still others are obtained from **bio-source materials**. All materials are manufactured in



production **plants certified to ISO standards**, which provide reliable guidelines for setting up, managing and monitoring projects and laying out improvement plans. Furthermore, in 2018, all Group sites completed the transition to **ISO 9001:2015** and **ISO 14001:2015**, the new editions of the standards for quality management systems and environmental management systems, respectively.

*“In the last few years,” Angelo Radici added, “we have worked hard on innovation, consistent measurement of product impact and staff training. Moreover, sizeable investments have been made in our plants not only to improve their performance but also to make them part of the community. Our objective is always business continuity; we want to remain a reliable partner for all our customers and stakeholders in the long term.”*

The RadiciGroup sustainability strategy is based on “**participation and sharing**” and requires the constant engagement of all its stakeholders, the objective being to keep working together in a **dynamic equilibrium** of ever changing challenges and scenarios, which now include ambitious Group targets regarding the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**.

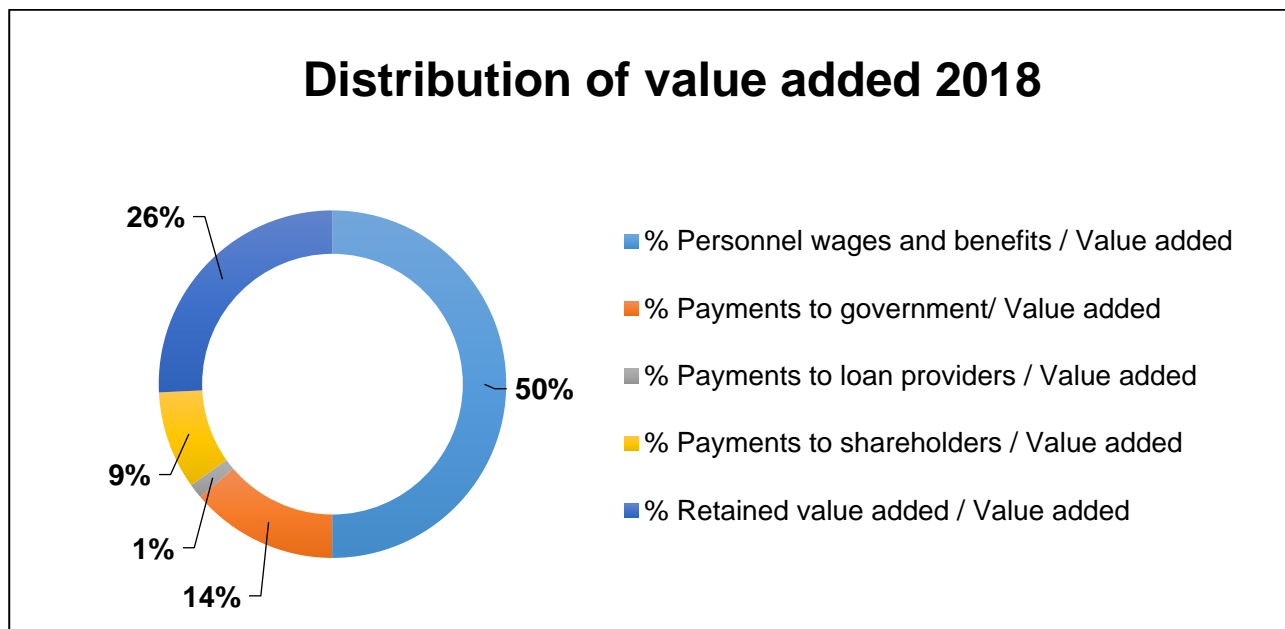
The 2018 Sustainability Report was drawn up using the data on over **20 indicators** collected from **22 manufacturing sites** and the parent company, with the involvement of about **70 employees** from the various Group companies.

Regarding the resources used, in 2018 RadiciGroup **saved 69% of the water used** by reusing it several times and, in some plants, up to 60 times.

As concerns the consumption of resources per unit produced, during the **2016-2018 three-year period** there was a **7% reduction in water usage**, a **3.5% reduction in the use of energy** from primary fossil sources and a **10% drop in overall CO<sub>2</sub>eq emissions**. Over the longer **2011-2018** time span, the Group **reduced its overall CO<sub>2</sub>eq emissions per unit produced by 56%**.

Another significant figure from the 2018 Sustainability Report is the electricity mix, with **green energy greater than 43% of the total**, most of which generated by hydroelectric plants.

This positive environmental performance goes hand in hand with economic performance: **2018 net global value added** (the wealth that a company is able to create for all its stakeholders – see graph) was still on the rise, reaching EUR 280 million (EUR 258 million in 2017). Noteworthy is the fact that this increase in value added was accompanied by a decrease in resources used, such as energy and water, and a drop in emissions.



*“I would like to stress our continuous attention to our collaborators,” Angelo Radici concluded. “They are our true ambassadors for sustainability inside and outside our Group. We continue to invest in them, also through training programmes to improve their professional and personal skills, with a special focus on issues concerning health and safety.”*

[Click here to view the 2018 Sustainability Report](#)

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**RADICIGROUP** – With approximately 3,100 employees, sales revenue of EUR 1,211 million in 2018 and a network of production and sales sites located throughout Europe, North America, South America and Asia, RadiciGroup is one of the world’s leading producers of a wide range of chemical intermediates, polyamide polymers, engineering plastics, synthetic fibres and nonwovens. These products – the result of the Group’s outstanding chemical expertise and vertically integrated polyamide production chain – have been developed for use in a variety of industrial sectors, such as: AUTOMOTIVE – ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS – CONSUMER GOODS – APPAREL – FURNISHINGS – CONSTRUCTION – HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES – SPORTS. The basis of the Group’s strategy is a strong focus on innovation, quality, customer satisfaction and social and environmental sustainability. With its business areas - **Specialty Chemicals, High Performance Polymers** and **Synthetic Fibres & Nonwovens** (Performance Yarn, Comfort Fibres and Extrusion Yarn), RadiciGroup is part of a larger industrial group that also includes textile machinery (ITEMA), energy (GEOGREEN) and hotel (SAN MARCO) businesses.

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