# Proximus societal impact

ESG webinar - September 27, 2023



### Speakers



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## Societal responsibility is at the heart of our company

93 years of history connecting the Belgian population

Proximus plays a key role in Belgian's society 10,000+ employees (FTE's) in Belgium and many indirect jobs

Serving 2.8 million Belgian residential customers daily

3,800+ direct suppliers

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€1.3 Bn of investments, €387 Mio in dividends and €128 Mio tax contribution in 2022

#### We achieved a series of major milestones over the last 3 years



# **bold** 20**25**

We deliver great value for our stakeholders



Act for an inclusive **society & be sustainable** in everything we do



**Delight customers** with unrivalled experience



Grow profitably locally & globally through strong brands

through **exceptional** strengths



Roll out **#1 gigabit network** for Belgium



Engineer **technology assets** to enable digital ecosystems



Foster an engaging **culture** & empowering **ways of working** 

**bold** 20**25**  Fully engaged for

🖊 Green sustainability

Diversity & inclusion

Responsible business conduct

A unique role in

🧹 Digital infrastructure

🧪 Digital trust

Digital sovereignty

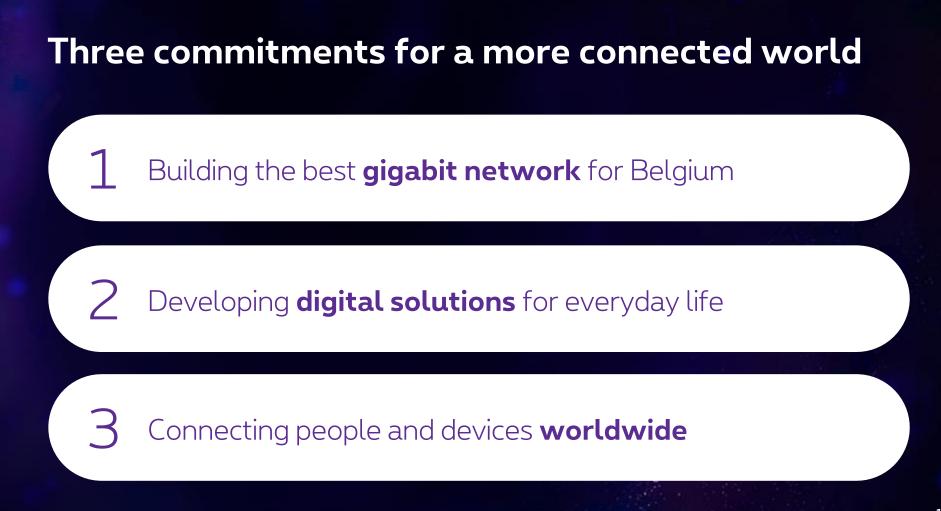
# **bold** 20**25**

"Boldly building a connected world that people trust so society blooms"

### Boldly building...

a <b>connected</b> world	that people <b>trust</b>	so society <b>blooms</b> .
Building the best <b>gigabit network</b> for Belgium	Ensuring <b>cybersecurity</b> for our <b>customers</b>	Going all in in the <b>fight against global warming</b>
Developing <b>digital solutions</b> for everyday life	Supporting Europe in achieving <b>sovereignty</b>	Investing in <b>digital accessibility,</b> inclusiveness and upskilling
Connecting people and devices <b>worldwide</b>	Embedding highest <b>ethics</b> <b>and compliance</b> standards	Stimulating an <b>inspiring and</b> <b>inclusive work environment</b>

## Boldy building **a connected world** that people trust so society blooms



## Fiberklaar

#### Bringing fiber to 25% of Belgian premises

(end June 2023)

Close to **1.5 Mio** Homes Passed

#### 115 cities

and municipalities with fiber works ongoing

unifiber



Proximus Fiberklaar Unifiber

Capital Markets Day 2023



#### Ambition of **100%** gigabit coverage

- Fiber, a more durable technology:
  - lower carbon impact vs copper
  - low production impact
  - -15% overall electricity use vs copper (user equipment included)
  - less truck rolls for maintenance and repair
- Offering high speed & low latency
- **Boosting local economy**: 8,000+ direct jobs for the next 5 years
- Call for a Fiber collaboration & co-investment framework

#### Fiber coverage ambition

homes & businesses passed, cumulative (Proximus & partners)





#### High speed internet coverage in rural areas

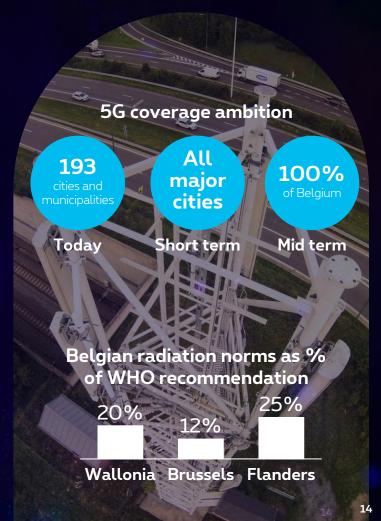
- End 2022, 95.3% of inhabitants of "white zones" had access to high-speed connectivity (>30 Mbit/s), compared to 93.5% in 2020
- Deploying innovative technologies to achieve 100%:
  - Aerial fiber installation on electricity poles
  - Combination of fiber and radio link
  - Micro-trenching
  - ✓ Fixed Wireless Access
- € 40M subsidies granted to GoFiber for white zones in German speaking region





#### Ambition of **100%** 5G coverage

- Differential spectrum package secured for best indoor and outdoor experience over next 20 years
- To a more durable mobile network:
  - ✓ 5G energy efficient: -80% kWh/GB vs 4G, mitigating impact of data volume growth
  - Mobile active network sharing, -40% mobile sites needed (from 3800 standalone to 2300)
- European partners Nokia (RAN) and Ericsson (Core)
- Top mobile quality, also for rural areas
- Well below World Health Organization emission norms





**1.** Building the best gigabit network for Belgium

#### Unlocking innovation in all sectors

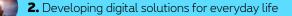
5G Innovation labs in partnership with the A6K Advanced Engineering Center in Charleroi, Howest in Kortrijk and POM Fabriek Logistiek in Ghent



#### Smart solutions for mobility

- Safer traffic with Be-Mobile traffic management solutions and real-time traffic information
- Easier parking with 4411 app
  - ✓ 4 million registered users
  - ✓ In 170+ cities & municipalities in BE and NL
- Reduced risks from crowd movements
- Pilot project to convert network street cabinets into EV charging stations





#### Smart solutions for the environmental and climate challenges

- Digital workplace, online conferencing
- Insights on carbon impact with MyFootprint
- Precision agriculture up to 80% less pesticides<sup>1</sup>
- Smart buildings solutions for better energy management – up to 20% savings on the energy bill<sup>2</sup>

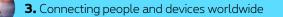




#### Smart solutions for healthcare

- And secured medical video consultations
- More effective emergency communication with augmented reality (AR) glasses
- Better training for emergency personnel using virtual reality





#### Breaking down barriers of international communication



bics

Leading global communications platform Headquartered in Brussels Connecting 180+ countries **5-billion** mobile subscribers connected worldwide



# Mobile coverage everywhere with satellite direct-to-mobile phone service

- Agreement between BICS and Lynk Global
- Connecting people in **underserved areas** in the world
- Using cell tower in space technology
- "Plug & play" coverage expansion into remote areas for mobile operators



## Boldy building a connected world that people trust so society blooms

# Three commitments for more trust in society Ensuring cybersecurity for our customers 2 Supporting Europe in achieving **sovereignty** Embedding highest **ethics and compliance** standards



#### Deep-rooted local cybersecurity expertise



invested in Corporate Cyber Security Program (2020-2022)



CSIRT



customers prevented of accessing fraudulent websites in 2022 (+60%)

**98.3%** Cyber Security Resilience index 2022, up from 96.81% in 2021



SOC

based in Belgium

4 ISO27001 certifications\* and Trusted Introducer Certification

**350+** experts across the Group

Close collaboration with



CENTRE FOR CYBER SECURITY BELGIUM Founding partner of



#### Ready for Quantum cryptography

- Quantum cryptography, leveraging quantum physics and the physical properties of fiber, has the potential to make encryption unbreakable
- Successfully tested Quantum Key Distribution technology in our Proximus Fiber Quantum lab and on our network
- Industrial partners and academic experts ecosystem





# First Belgian AI & cybersecurity expertise center

Growing from 50 experts at launch in 2022 to 100+ by 2024 50+ AI projects running 14,000 security alerts handled in 2022

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#### An increasingly important role in global fraud prevention

# bics

- 29.5 billion calls benefited from BICS fraud protection in 2022
- **690 million** fraudulent call attempts were blocked in 2022
- Al for multi-channel fraud prevention
- Active in pan-industry fraud prevention (i3forum Board, GSMA, BEREC, MEF...)





#### Leading in global digital identity



Headquartered in the US and active in **230+** countries and territories Serving **9 out of 10** largest brands in the world



#### Pioneering sovereign cloud solutions

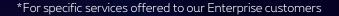
- Proximus is one of the first operators in the world selected by Microsoft to co-develop a sovereign cloud solution based on confidential computing
- Proximus and Google Cloud are joining forces to provide a disconnected cloud platform to benefit from advanced cloud features in Belgium and Luxembourg, a first in Europe





# Protecting and securing customer's personal data

- Thorough **governance** and processes for privacy compliance, e.g. internal privacy by design process
- 18 internal dedicated privacy resources and community of ~100 Privacy Ambassadors
- 4 ISO27001 certifications\*





#### A strong governance model

- Guided by the 1991 Law reforming certain public economic enterprises, the Belgian Companies Code and the 2020 Corporate Governance Code
- 2022 **Relationship Agreement** with Belgian State and Public Affairs policy for clear rules of engagement
- Board members
  - assessed by the Nomination & Remuneration committee and appointed by General shareholders' meeting
  - appointed for 4 years, with a maximum of 12 years
  - diversity in gender, nationalities, skills, backgrounds, etc.
  - evaluation at least every 3 years

50% independent Board members out of 14

93% Board attendance rate in 2022 (100% for committees)

**50%** 



# Compliance and sustainability at the heart of our governance and management remuneration system

#### Board of Directors

Follow up on ESG delivery through the CEO activity report

Key ESG decision files

Sustainable Finance decision files

#### Audit & Compliance Committee

Annual and quarterly ESG reporting

Sustainability and compliancerelated risks & controls



#### Nomination & Remuneration Committee

ESG in Management remuneration system

STI: 40% 20% gigabit networks 20% employee engagement, circular economy, NPS

LTI: 50% 25% corporate reputation, 25% CO2 emissions

#### Transformation & Innovation Committee

Deep-dives on key ESG themes for information and guidance

(e.g. the Net Zero challenge)



#### Embedding ethical behaviors

- Proximus Code of Conduct
- Mandatory training for all Proximus Group employees
- Policies and Compliance controls
- Whistleblowing system

Completion rates mandatory e-learning (% of Group employees) 92% Code of conduct training

> 93% Anti-corruption & conflicts of interest

> > 93%



# Ethics and compliance in our supply-chain

- **Supplier Code of Conduct** (based on Responsible Business Alliance standards and UN Global Compact principles)
- EcoVadis assessments for suppliers representing 68% of our external spend
- Member of the Joint Audit Cooperation (JAC)
- Extra initiatives to reinforce compliance e.g. societal responsibility charter for fiber roll-out, human rights risk assessment in the supply-chain

#### Proximus' Supplier Code of Conduct



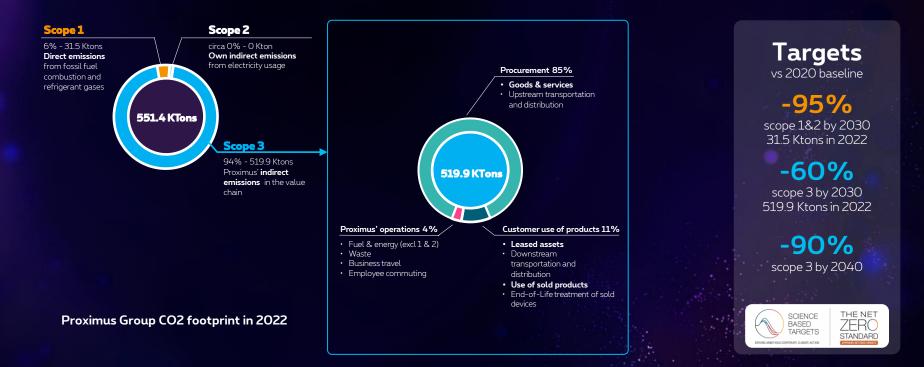
#### Human rights

Diversity & non-discrimination Health & safety Freedom of association Wages & benefits Working hours Forced labor Child labor **Business Integrity** Environmental considerations Privacy & Confidentiality (non exhaustive)

## Boldy building a connected world that people trust SO SOCIETY BLOOMS



#### Acting with an SBTi approved Net Zero target for 2040



### Scope 1 & 2: energy consumption control and shift to renewable



Keep electricity consumption under control

Efficiencies on fixed networks and buildings to compensate for expected 35% year over year data growth



Move away from fossil fuel in our operations

€17 Mio for fossil free heating in buildings Electrification of management fleet (only EV orders and green mobility plan) Proof of concept for electrical technical fleet Challenge of alternative for heavy duty vehicles



Maintain a strong green electricity sourcing strategy

Maximized **self-production** (solar panels) **PPA** sign-offs (preferably with additionality) Member of the **RE100** initiative

# Engaging with suppliers on Scope 3

- **Select suppliers** according to emission intensity and long-term partnership towards 2030
- **Cluster suppliers** according to maturity level in terms of SBTi target setting and negotiation leverage which determines intensity of engagement
- **Engage with suppliers** to disclose their emissions, validate their targets and set up reduction plans

Supplier Engagement Program

> **150** Top suppliers representing 85% of 2022 scope 3 Category 1&2 emissions

**35%** of scope 3 C.1&2 emissions represented by suppliers with validated targets by 2025

# Source less/right to be truly circular by 2030

- Zero waste by 2030: up to 90% reused, composted or recycled by 2025, vs 87% in 2022
- Network equipment shared, recycled or reused
- Circularity by design for devices
  - New Internet Box: CO2 footprint -30%
  - Product-as-a-service (e.g. lease devices)
  - Modems, decoders,... refurbishment: 683,000+ in 2022
  - ✓ Mobile phones collection: 121,000+ in 2022
- Environmental criteria in requirements and in supplier evaluations



2022; **>22%** return rate on 535k devices sold, aligned with GSMA commitment

73

2020

18

2018

2022



### Lowering barriers for access to digital in Belgium

### Affordability

Social tariffs for 150,000+ low-income persons

Scarlet Poco at €23/month Proximus Internet Essential at €25/month (reduced price)

Targeted initiatives in times of crisis (Covid 19, floods in Wallonia, war in Ukraine, earthquake in Turkey, Syria, Morocco)

### Equipment

Support organizations that provide a second life to electronic equipment for the disadvantaged



Help connect 1,000+ sick children with their school



### Skills

Partnering to support digitally excluded groups



Boosting the digital maturity of 62,000+ entrepreneurs



### Inclusiveness

Accessible devices: 12 of the 23 devices tested in 2022 accessible for at least five disability categories

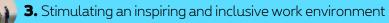


Proximus websites and digital platforms are accessible to people with hearing or visual impairments



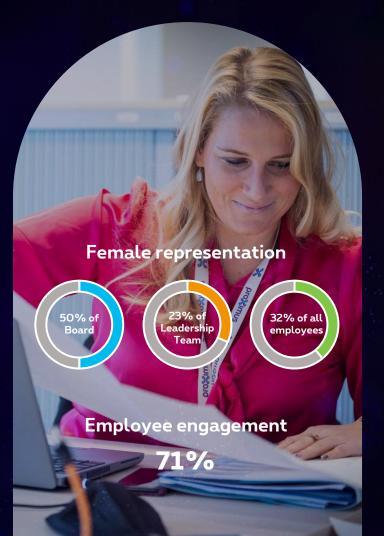
### Supporting the education system in all its forms

#### Universities Schools **Up/re-skilling** STEM equity Telesign career advice Supporting new pedagogy Safe Internet use training: 5G innovation labs for youth and coding schools open to 200+ Proximus volunteers, Women in Tech group 10.000 children. 200+ schools evervone VIVES **A-6K** howest ADVANCED ENGINEERING CENTER MOLEN 19 TNTERNET 💙 AFE 🔒 FUN Child Focus (C) telesign Connectivity solutions Al & cybersecurity Supporting ICT courses collaborations for job seekers for schools **Q** proximus Sechnobel academic connect ada



# Promoting diversity and inclusion

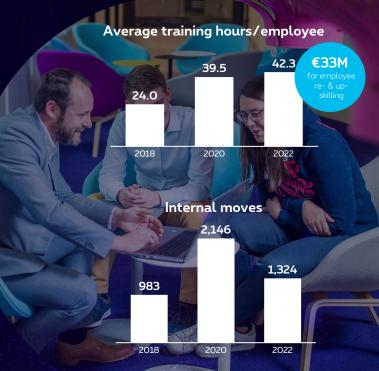
- **62** nationalities in the Group
- Equal pay principle
- Focus on unconscious bias and inclusive hiring practices
- Member of "Open@Work" in Belgium and advocating for LGBTQIA+ rights
- Zero tolerance against discrimination





# Investing in learning & development

- Proximus Academy
- Continuous upskilling of field and customer-facing
  employees
- Specific support offered to 50+ staff
- 4,000+ employees working in "Agile Tribes" and 500+ in "Agile Circles"
- Agile mindset cultural change program for all



# Contributing to SDGs by Boldly building...

### ...a **connected** world...

### ...that people trust...

### ...so society **blooms**.

#### Building the best gigabit network for Belgium



# Developing **digital solutions** for everyday life



# Connecting people and devices **worldwide**



# Ensuring **cybersecurity** for our **customers**



# Supporting Europe in achieving **sovereignty**



# Embedding highest **ethics and compliance** standards



# Going all in in the **fight against global warming**



### Investing in digital accessibility, inclusiveness and upskilling



#### Stimulating an **inspiring and inclusive work environment**



# Implementing our ESG strategy is value accretive



# Our 2022 ESG ratings





### S&P Global

ESG Score Result		dustry lean
69	Proximus 78   Industry Mean 33   Industry Best 93 Social	1
	Proximus 68   Industry Mean 32   Industry Best 98 Governance & Economic	
	Proximus 65   Industry Mean 33   Industry Best 91	

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ESG Risk Rating COMPREHENSIVE					
18	3.1		ow isk		
Negligible	Low	Medium	High	Severe	
0-10	10-20	20-30	30-40	40+	

# Alliances, initiatives and awards



# Proximus reports according to current standards and prepares for CSRD

Proximus already reports against the following frameworks and regulations



 Ongoing double materiality assessment, gap analysis and implementation roadmap vs CSRD

# We issued a first Green Bond in 2021

- First Green Bond issued in November 2021
- Under a Sustainable Finance framework
  reviewed by Sustainalytics
- Compliant with the Green and Social Principles of the LMA (Loan Market Association) and ICMA (International Capital Market Association)
- 15-year tenor
- Fixed rate coupon 0.75% per annum



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- CMD 2023
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