

Press release

## Sopra Steria joins the UN Climate Neutral Now initiative and receives One Carbon World certification

Paris, 22 April 2021 – Sopra Steria, a European leader in consulting, digital services and software publishing, has joined the UN Climate Change's Climate Neutral Now programme and has been awarded Carbon Neutral certification by One Carbon World, an official and approved partner of the UN. This certification rewards the Group's action for the benefit of digital responsibility and its commitment to achieving "zero net emissions" by 2028.

Sopra Steria is a major player in the fight against climate change and is recognised as a very advanced company in this field. For many years, the Group has implemented a proactive strategy of protecting the environment in the management of its activities. It actively contributes to international initiatives to mitigate climate risks and supports the transition to a low-carbon economy.

Vincent Paris, CEO of Sopra Steria, declares: "Joining the UN Climate Neutral Now initiative is a major step forward in our efforts to limit climate change and support responsible digital transformation. The upheavals that our societies have been facing since the beginning of 2020 will have a lasting impact on our future. At Sopra Steria, we have been strongly committed for many years to taking into account the challenges posed by these changes in our activities, particularly in terms of the environment, as climate change is one of the greatest challenges we face. All of Sopra Steria's employees and our partners are helping to support our ambition of "zero net emissions" by 2028, and the certification we are receiving today is a token of our commitment, of which we are very proud."

Sopra Steria's contribution to the fight against climate change is based on 3 priority objectives

- Reduction of Greenhous Gas (GHG) emissions linked to direct activities that the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi) has validated as consistent with the limit of 1.5°C in global warming;
- Inclusion of emissions from indirect activities (waste, commuting, and the supply chain) in the carbon neutrality programme initiated in 2014 for emissions from direct activities (business travel, offices and data centres);
- Offsetting unavoided emissions by investing in carbon capture projects.

In 2020 Sopra Steria committed itself to achieving "Net Zero Emissions" by 2028, 22 years earlier than the UN and EU recommendation. The Group based this commitment on the tangible results of the decarbonisation programme that it launched almost ten years ago. By joining the UN's Climate Neutral Now initiative today, the Group is becoming part of a

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programme that encourages organisations to pursue carbon neutrality by 2050, as set out in the Paris Agreement.

The Carbon Neutral certification issued by One Carbon World, a UN partner, supports these objectives and is fully in line with Sopra Steria's "Zero Net Emission" programme.

Andrew Bowen, Chief Executive Officer of One Carbon World, said: "It is fantastic to see Sopra Steria's commitment to sustainability and the fight against climate change, and we are thrilled to see that it has achieved carbon neutrality by measuring, reducing and compensating its carbon footprint. Sopra Steria is not only an official participant in the UN Climate Neutral Now Initiative but also a key player in supporting afforestation projects worldwide".

## About Sopra Steria

Sopra Steria, a European leader in consulting, digital services and software development, helps its clients drive their digital transformation to obtain tangible and sustainable benefits. It provides end-to-end solutions to make large companies and organisations more competitive by combining in-depth knowledge of a wide range of business sectors and innovative technologies with a fully collaborative approach. Sopra Steria places people at the heart of everything it does and is committed to making the most of digital technology to build a positive future for its clients. With 46,000 employees in 25 countries, the Group generated revenue of  $\pounds 4.3$  billion in 2020.

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