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1.1 Organisation

Accountor specialises in software and services for financial and human resources (HR) management. Our mission is to help customers use the possibilities of modern technology, digitalisation and outsourcing services in their everyday work. We primarily serve small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and smaller corporates across the Nordics.

Our headquarters is in Espoo, Finland. In the end of 2022 we have over 2500 employees across Finland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Netherlands, and Ukraine with the largest presence in Finland.

Our strategic priorities are based on our values and mission as well as where we see the greatest risks and opportunities for our business.

Finland Norway Sweden Denmark **Netherlands** Ukraine





Accountor's mission

Accountor Group's mission is to help its clients benefit from the new world of financial management, human resources management and development.

Accountor's values



Respect is a principal attitude towards other people. Trust means professional attitude, long-term delivery, skills, and personal commitment (going the extra mile). Courage is something we want to foster in the company, to stretch out the comfort zone. Future is the place where we will live for the rest of our lives. Sustainable governance

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"Our strategic priorities are based on our values and mission"



Products and Services

Accountor operates as three clusters: Outsourcing (OS) services, Financial Management Software (FMS) and Human Resources (HR) software.

Our financial and human resources related services and solutions support companies and their employees to thrive. Thus, we contribute to creating truly sustainable prosperity within our regions. Our biggest purchases are linked to our people, as well as in the development of our services and software solutions (IT).

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Payroll and Accounting Outsourcing services

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Outsourcing

Provides accounting and HR services (e.g. payroll, training and coaching, HR management development), legal and tax advisory as well as financial consulting



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- + MaraPlan Pro

- + Ecom
- +Isolta
- + Apix





Value chain

We create value in a sustainable way for our customers, our employees and the society in which we operate. As a company, we may cause impacts either through our own activities and operations, or through our business relationships.

Especially information security, privacy, business ethics, anti-corruption, and human rights are crucial topics throughout our value chain. We continuously work to develop and improve our software and services to best serve our customers and maintain competitive advantage in our field. Our investment in research and development for opportunities in technology and innovation is integrated in our operational budgets and are not a standalone line item.

In addition to our core business, we partner with several companies in different areas to complement our service and solution offering. Such areas are, for example, research and digital ecosystem collaboration.

	Suppliers & Partners	Accountor	Customers
Diversity, equality & inclusion		\bigcirc	
Competence development		\bigcirc	
Health, safety and wellbeing	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Business ethics and anticorruption	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Information security and data privacy	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Financial responsibility and tax contribution	\bigcirc		
Sustainable sourcing	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	
Digitalization of financial and HR related services	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
Technological innovation, automation and artificial intelligence	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	\bigcirc





Sustainability at Accountor

BRONZE 2022 ecovadis Sustainability Rating

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Strengthening sustainability management and governance

To ensure that our suppliers follow high level of sustainability and ethical principles Environmental, Social, and Governance in their operations, we developed a Code of (ESG) Committee was established to Conduct for Suppliers that includes sustainlead and manage Accountor sustainability topics. We also added sustainability ability activities and monitor progress and risk. Accountor Leaderment team content to our current supplier audit process members committed in their bonus plans to meet the relevant sustainability topics and to a common sustainability target alongside requirements. with financial targets.

We engaged our customers, employees, In line with our People First principle, we owners, and other stakeholders in a materiality assessment to identify the showed support and solidarity with the most impactful sustainability topics for Ukrainians. We provided accommodation Accountor. Based on the assessment, we and financial support to our employees were able to set our sustainability priorities and their families who were impacted by and targets with confidence. the war in Ukraine and continued to help them throughout the year in various ways. We published our first sustainability report In addition, we made several donations to and committed to annual reporting process. support families in Ukraine via UNICEF. We conducted external Ecovadis sustain-

ability assessment and were awarded a Bronze EcoVadis Medal.

1.2 Sustainability year 2022

Working for sustainability with supply chain

Coping with Ukraine war effects

addition to company effort, our In employees in other countries contributed in many ways. We offered a multi-channel Accountor Cares space to all Accountorians. Through the channels, we could share their concerns and sentiments about the situation and interact with our Ukrainian colleagues.

As a result of the war, we divested our operations in Russia in the beginning of April 2022 and ensured prompt implementation of compliance with sanctions in our own operations. We helped our customers to comply with sanctions and mitigate challenges caused by the inflation resulting from the war.





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Sustainability at Accountor

100%

of energy at Accountor Tower is renewable

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Successfully developing inclusion and enhancing equality

We implemented company-wide training program for managers and their teams in all our operating countries to increase inclusion and mitigate impacts of biased thinking. We succeeded in closing the gap between engagement of employees belonging to minority and all employees with over 30%.

In addition, we focused managing unexplained gender gap during salary reviews. The total gender gap decreased from 29% to 23%.

Reducing carbon emissions

We continued implementation of our new office strategy and a+ hybrid working model giving up almost 10% of our office space. We also worked with our office landlords to reduce the heating in the offices and implement other energy saving activities. Our biggest office, Accountor Tower, uses 100% renewable electricity.

To be able to verify and follow our carbon emissions better and reduce our carbon footprint further, we conducted a commuting survey for employees in November 2022.





Niklas Sonkin

President and CEO of Accountor Group

1.3 President and CEO's forewords

At Accountor, our values – respect, trust, courage safe and trustworthy services to our customers, who and future – guide our growth strategy. As the turbutrust us to handle a significant amount of sensitive lence in our surrounding world is growing, it has data. increased the importance of conducting our business Another reason for proudness is that we achieved in a sustainable way. Based on our customers, employees and other stakeholders' input, we were EcoVadis Bronze rating during 2022. It is a result able to set our sustainability targets and priorities of several years of systematic work by number of with confidence, concentrating on areas where we experts in Accountor. The recognition gave us confidence and inspiration to keep on improving consistcan make the biggest positive impact. This report not only lists those priorities but describes actual results ently within our newly defined priorities. that happen in our operation every day.

At the same time, we continue to care for our people in all our country organisations. For example, we provide opportunities for our employees to develop their competences during our journey to more digitalized and automated financial and HR administration. We also keep our commitment in putting people first and providing best managerial support



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to their growth and wellbeing at work. As one way to do that is organising regular Leaderment trainings for all our managers.

In line with our People First principle, we also took care of our employees and their families who were impacted by the war in Ukraine. Furthermore, we created Group-wide Accountor Cares channels for all Accountorians to share their feelings, concerns and sentiments about the restless world situation and interact with our Ukrainian colleagues and rest of the organization.

Accountor Leaderment team had the honour to participate the bias mitigation and inclusion training last year. Based on it, we planned diversity, equality and inclusion (DE&I) conscious ways of working as a forerunner in Accountor.

In this era of increasing cyber risks, protecting and securing data and privacy stays as one of our focus areas. We expect our suppliers to follow our requirements not only in information security and data protection but also other ethical governance and sustainability matters.

Sustainable governance







Environment

We are pleased to learn that our carbon footprint has now more accurate measurement. We remain committed to continuously minimizing our negative impact on environment through ongoing efforts.

Despite the turbulent world situation, I am content that we continued to grow in 2022. In general, we have worked constantly towards our goals by growing both organically as well as with our strategic acquisitions in Finland, Sweden and Denmark.

With pride, we present this report on our systematic work in developing our business in ways that have a positive impact on the world around us. At the time of writing this report, we are proud to have already taken further steps along our path of progress.

Niklas Sonkin President and CEO of Accountor Group



1.4 Stakeholders

At Accountor we work closely with each of our key stakeholders: putting people first, actively communicating with customers, meeting with our most significant investors regularly, and fostering strong relationships with our key suppliers.

People

At Accountor we operate a People First strategy recognising that our people are our most significant asset. Therefore, we consistently strive to put people first. In addition to Accountorians, we encourage the same values for our customers, partners and suppliers.

All employees and leaders at Accountor are asked to give their evaluation and feedback annually in our People First survey. The survey results are handled at team level, and each team creates a development action plan based on the feedback. At the group level, results that indicate a need for development are transferred to a general development plan. In general, both our employee engagement index and eNPS are at a good level. The *People First* section in this report describes how we develop our people's competencies, handle our labour management, and promote equality, inclusion, diversity, and wellbeing.

We engage our people inclusively in all our regions by communicating actively in the local language in intranet, organising quarterly information sharing events and providing both open and anonymous feedback channels and surveys. Accountor employees are engaged to sustainability work through our intranet page, minimum monthly news articles as well as sustainability-themed quarterly review about our ESG plans and targets at least once a year.



Owners and investors

Accountor's most significant investors include Vitruvian Partners LLP with a majority shareholding, Sponsor Capital, and private shareholders. Accountor Group holds general board meetings at least six times a year. Accountor's Board of Directors discusses sustainability targets and reporting at least twice a year. The discussions are used as the basis for Accountor's sustainability work.

In addition, we complete Vitruvian Partners LLP's and Sponsor Capital's sustainability questionnaires annually. These questionnaires require disclosing over the Group's sustainability performance in response to the investor's key sustainability focus areas and key performance indicators (KPIs).

Government, organisations and associations

Accountor is a member of local chambers of commerce to promote the development of small and medium-sized companies in our operating areas. We also support sustainable governance and healthy development of local business by participating in financial administration associations in the countries we operate.

Accountor's Board of Directors monitors all memberships regularly from competition law and antitrust perspective. In Finland, we collaborate with Finnish authorities to create an overview of the financial situation of small and medium-sized enterprises and to enable forecasting during financially instable times. To ensure our service and solution compliance, we collaborate with our operating countries' tax administration and continuously monitor EU-wide legislation.

Customers and end-users

Accountor exists for its customers to help them and their employees through our products and services. We value our customers' opinions and actively seek their feedback through regular customer surveys. Moreover, we believe in maintaining an ongoing dialogue with our customers through convenient online services and active customer communication.

Furthermore, during the winter holidays we engage our customers to select a suitable annual charity cause together with our personnel. In the *Customers' wellbeing* chapter of this report, we describe further steps we take to support economic growth and decent work for all our customers and their employees.





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2.1 Summary about sustainability at Accountor

Working in a sustainable manner is the core of our business. At Accountor, sustainability primarily means confidentiality, secure handling of information, ethical operations, and putting our people first.

We conduct and develop our business, serve our customers, invest and give back to the communities in which we and our customers live and work in a sustainable way. We encourage our employees, customers and other stakeholders to share our commitment.

Accountor consistently increases contribution to sustainability as stated in our Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) Policy. We continue

to develop our sustainability towards our sustainability targets according an annual Accountor Environmental, Social and Governance (sustainability) Action Plan with which we have defined our annual sustainability targets since 2018.

The digital business that Accountor conducts and develops is one way to improve sustainability: it increases efficiency and is a path to a paperless world. In addition, our people work towards our sustainability targets in their daily work by, for example, handling our customers' information in a secure way, encouraging companies to use the digital services in our product portfolio, and selecting suppliers and partners that work in a sustainable way.

Digitalisation

Accountor's products and services fast-track our customers' digitalisation of processes. By doing so, together we are able to minimise the negative impact on the environment that the paper-based systems of the past have, such as emissions. This is achieved through three key processes:



Digitising invoices in purchasing and revenue cycles



Digitising HR processes



Digitising archive processes

Effiency

Accountor's products and services make our customers more efficient, reducing the resources required for the same job.



Efficient processes and solutions





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2.2 Our sustainability focus areas

2.2.1 Materiality assessment

In 2022, we conducted our materiality assessment by engaging stakeholders. This was to ensure that we are identifying and responding to the sustainability issues, risks and opportunities that are most material to our stakeholders.

In the materiality assessment process, we considered industry best practices, global trends, employee and ESG ambassador team insights, ESG Committee, Accountor's Board of Directors as well as customer and supplier input. We used an anonymous online survey, phone interviews and themed discussions in ESG governance bodies to collect the input. Over 70 stakeholder responses from six countries were reflected in the process.

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Materiality Matrix





Based on the materiality analysis we recognised eleven key topics that are most relevant and impactful when considering Accountor's sustainability. To recognise the most impactful themes we reviewed over 30 general and actual sustainability topics and trends. We updated Accountor Sustainability Policy accordingly and set strategic priorities and targets for our sustainability work.



Accountor's sustainability priorities:



Governance

- Protect and secure data and privacy of financial and people management administration
- Promote good governance and transparent collaboration with authorities
- Make sustainable positive impact on economic welfare and society



Environmental

- Innovate and develop low-carbon financial and human resources management services and systems
- Use all resources mindfully and avoid waste in digitalized hybrid way of working



- Grow employee wellbeing and people management capability • Develop competences to ensure benefit and inclusion of digitali-
- zation and automation
- Provide sustainable employment and equal career opportunities for diversed workforce
- Drive personnel responsibility and protect human rights

2.2.2 Our sustainability priorities and targets

2022 onwards Accountor From develops sustainability based on priorities and targets collected from the materiality assessment. Our focus is on employee wellbeing and digital competence development, developing safe and compliant governance and developing low carbon services and products.

Sustainability targets:

- Employee engagement total index above 4/5 1.
- 2. Average training /employee 7 hours/year
- Renew 50% of our 2021 software code of 3. primary solutions; Procountor and Mepco by end of 2026 according to sustainable Accountor way product development principles.
- 0 material* breaches or lawsuits regarding privacy
- Top quartile ESG governance (Ecovadis silver rating) 5.
- CO₂ emissions/FTE -10% annually from 2020 2026 6.

* the Sustainability Account Standards Board's ("SASB") definition of materiality states, "[ESG] issues that are reasonably likely to impact the financial condition or operating performance of a company and therefore are most important to investors"



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Based on these priorities and targets, we work towards the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) where we believe we can make the most impact.

We tell about our sustainability work in more detail in the following sections dedicated to these themes and goals. In addition, we report our carbon footprint and the topics that we have identified as our biggest impacts on emissions in the *Environment* section. 4 QUALITY EDUCATION

SDG 4 - Quality education

Chapter Competence development

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

SDG 8 Decent work and economic growth *Chapter Labour management*



DECENT WORK AND

Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.



SDG 16 Peace, justice and strong institutions

Chapter Business ethics and policies

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

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2017

- Accountor ESG policy approved
- ESG reporting practise to board established
- Accountor Code of Conduct published

Accountor Health and safety policy published

2018

- Accountor Diversity policy published
- Accountor data protection policy published
- Data breach information practise established
- GDPR training roll-out
- Code of Conduct training roll-out

Establishing risk and compliance committee

2019

- Environmental standards for new offices set
- Information security policy published
- Information security training roll-out

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2021

Accountor ESG activities 2017-2022

2020

- Implementation of Whistle-blowing practise
- Responsibility site published in intranet and public Accountor site
 - Money laundering training roll-out
 - Induction path covering mandatory ethics and governance trainings implemented
 - Accountor procurement practice including code of Conduct compliance implemented

- Diversity and inclusion integrated to employee engagement survey
- A+Hybrid working established
- CSR video and brochure for internal and external stakeholder groups
- External assessment of ESG status
- GHG emission calculation conducted
- 24/7 protection practice against cyber attacks established
- Antitrust and competition law policy, instructions and training implemented

2022

- Diversity and inclusion training continued throughout organisation
- Code of Conduct for Suppliers and consequent supplier audit improvements
- Materiality assessment with stakeholders to define sustainability priorities and targets that meet stakeholders' views
- Bronze EcoVadis Medal achieved for conducting business in sustainable way
- Commuting survey to calculate emissions



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2.3 Introduction of frameworks and commitments

Accountor's sustainability work is guided by our Code of Conduct, the principles of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the United Nations' Global Compact.

<u>Our Environmental, Social and Governance</u> (sustainability) Policy is our guide to business operations and decision-making. It expresses the extent to which the policy commitments mentioned above apply to our activities and to our business relationships.

Our ESG Policy and practices provide a framework for other Accountor policies

and practices, such as our Code of Conduct, Health and Safety Policy, Diversity Policy and environmental standards. We promote them as part of our Code of Conduct wherever we operate. In addition, we ensure that all Accountor personnel will receive information about these policies and practices with appropriate training and communication.

The ESG Policy ensures that Accountorians, our customers, and the communities in which we operate can trust Accountor in the long term.

As our sustainability context we use:

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- Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- United Nations' Global Compact and selected Sustainable Development Goals
- Legal requirements and the development of new sustainability legislation
- Benchmarking with industry peers and best practises

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2.4 Managing our sustainability

As part of the 2022 ESG Action Plan, Accountor's Board of Directors nominated a formal ESG Committee that is comprised of the Accountor's Leaderment Team (ALT) members. Its objective is to improve Accountor's sustainability, increase our understanding about how Accountor value is impacted by environmental, social and governance issues, and lead the implementation of Accountor's ESG strategy and annual ESG Action Plan. The ESG Committee is also responsible for reviewing and approving all matters related to our sustainability work, including Accountor's material topics and the sustainability report.

Day-to-day sustainability management of governance is led by the Chief Competence and Sustainability Officer (CCSO), supported by other

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members of the ALT. Accountor Group's ESG committee function is responsible for updating the ESG Policy and setting annual sustainability targets.

The ESG Committee has reviewed and approved this 2022 report and will deliver it to Accountor's Board of Directors as part of annual ESG action plan reporting. Accountor's Board of Directors oversees Accountor's impact on economy, people and environment by monitoring ESG Action Plan execution and Accountor quarterly risk review. The ESG Policy and ESG Action Plan are approved by Accountor's Board of Directors.





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2.5 Reporting conventions

The status presented in this Accountor Sustainability Report covers annual data for 1.1.-31.12.2022, unless stated otherwise. We update this report annually since 2021.

In this report, we have used Global Reporting Initiative contents and reporting conventions as an inspiration, to provide our results in a global common language within sustainability reporting. As the terminology, we use the terms ESG and sustainability interchangeably in this report.

This report covers all Accountor Group companies (see Appendix 2. Accountor structure for a comprehensive list of companies). Any possible exceptions are defined in Appendix 1. GRI Content Index.

Our sustainability data consists both externally assured data and partly it has not been assured. We have used external audits in areas of privacy, information security and financial data. Also our carbon emission calculation is generated in collaboration with Climate Partner and is it based on the guidelines of the Greenhouse Gas Protocol. ESG data and processes are audited and confirmed according to Ecovadis methodology in September 2022.





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Sustainable governance is one of the main themes for our sustainability work. Due to the nature of our business, information security and data protection are at the core of our sustainability work.

We take the secure processing of our own and our customers' financial and personnel data very seriously. With our solutions and services, we also help our customers to implement formalised and sustainable governance methods in their companies.

For several years already, we have defined and follow a set of policies and principles about business ethics, information security and data protection, and risk management.



3.1 Business ethics and policies

Along our focus on the Sustainability Development Goal (SDG) 16.5 *Substantially reduce corruption and bribery in all their forms*, Accountor has established a Code of Conduct that states guidelines on corruption and bribery as well as other business ethics.

All Accountorians, managers and officers are responsible for compliance with the principles and standards set out in our Code of Conduct. Similarly, all employees must avoid any practices or circumstances that may lead to non-compliance with the Code of Conduct.

Our Code of Conduct is an important tool for risk management, and it sets out the general principles and guidelines our business partners and we need to comply with.

In addition, Accountor has a full suite of policies

and procedures to ensure that sustainability aspects and ethical principles are embedded into our everyday activities. This suite of regulatory compliance policies is comprehensive and includes a purpose statement and scope (including applicable regulations that relate to the policy). Policies are reviewed at minimum every five years and are in line with changes to either the Group's operations or regulatory requirements. They all are approved by Accountor's Board of Directors or Accountor Leaderment Team. Leaderment teams in our operating countries are responsible for ensuring that the relevant legislation and regulations are captured within the policies and that the policies are made available in the local language.

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3.1.1. Code of Conduct

Accountor Code of Conduct is a statement of our ambitions to be trustworthy, responsible and ethical towards customers, partners, employees, management and other stakeholders. The Code of Conduct has been accepted by Accountor's Board of Directors and it is binding for all business lines in all our operating countries. Leadership and managers are responsible for adopting the principles of Accountor's Code of Conduct and ensuring that their team members are aware of the Code of Conduct and understand its purpose and meaning.

At present, anti-bribery and corruption, and fraud topics are covered in Accountor's Code of Conduct and related training materials. Any violation of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary actions, including termination of employment or service.

We have strict rules and a company culture which enable and encourage us to cease operations with any existing customer known to be violating the principles of Accountor's Code of Conduct or local legislation relating to business ethics. We operate with high ethical standards and expect the same from our customers, partners and vendors.



Read our Code of Conduct:

Accountor Code of Conduct





In order to support our ambition:

- Code of Conduct includes topics such as acting against bribery, corruption and money laundering.
- We provide training during on-boarding to all employees in all the countries we operate in. In addition, we publish bulletins on our intranet.
- Leadership and managers are required to observe their business or team and business activities and anticipate the business compliance risks. They also are responsible for ensuring their team members feel comfortable in reporting possible areas of concern.
- Leadership and management participate actively in the compliance progress and follow governance at Accountor, reporting incidents or highlighting concerns to the Accountor Leaderment Team.

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3.1.2 Corporate governance at Accountor Group

Corporate Governance of Accountor Group is a statement concerning the Group structure, general meeting of shareholders, Accountor's Board of Directors, Board committees, CEO, Leaderment Team and other executives, decision-making authorities and the right to represent the company, recruitment and remuneration and internal controls.

According to the Corporate Governance statement, the parent company of the Accountor group companies is Accountor Group Oy, which is a limited liability company registered in Finland. Accountor Holding Oy is, however, directly or through intermediated companies, the main operating parent company for companies established in Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, the

Netherlands, Russia (until 3/2022), and Ukraine. Appendix 2 Accountor Structure provides the detailed Group legal structure.

Pursuant to the Articles of Association of the Company, Accountor Group Oy's Board of Directors shall consist of no less than five and no more than eight members and, if elected, personal deputy members. The term of the board members is indefinite, and the board members elect a Chair to the Board amongst its members.

The members of Accountor Group Oy's Board of Directors represent all shareholders and safeguard their common interests impartially. A person that is elected to the Board shall have the qualifications required by the duties and the possi-

bility to devote a sufficient amount of time to the work. The Board appoints the CEO, who is not a member of the Board, and the executives to the Accountor Leaderment Team (ALT).

Accountor's major owners disclose significant memberships or conflicts of interests of the members of the Board.

In 2022, Accountor Group Oy's Board of Directors had not deemed necessary to establish committees, because, taking into account the scope and nature of the company's operations as well as the Boards' working methods, the Board is able to handle matters effectively without such committees. Committees may however be established going forward if such a decision is made by the Board.









Anti-trust and fair competition

Accountor has a Competition Compliance Policy which was approved in 2020 by Accountor Leaderment Team. This policy is applicable throughout Accountor Group and no distinction has been drawn between the local laws of the EU Member States or the EU Competition laws and the competition laws outside the EU.

We have also established a competition law compliance training, obligatory for those who hold relevant sales positions or management and business decision-making powers or influence.

The Accountor Group Ethics Committee or another specified body within each country organisation handles confidentially all suspicions of misconduct that need to be addressed either via the whistleblowing channel or other reporting routes. In 2022, one case was resolved as a result of Whistleblowing process.

Whistleblowing

Accountor strives to achieve transparency and a high level of business ethics. Therefore, Accountor has established an independent and anonymous whistleblowing channel already in 2020 based on the EU Whistleblowing Directive. All employees have access to their country-specific whistleblowing channel via intranet.









Anti-money laundering

Anti-money laundering legislation applies to Accountor's Outsourcing business where we are providing accounting, payroll, tax or legal services. We follow the AML legislation and in 2022 we continued to strengthen our compliance in this regard. Among others, in 2022 we updated our risk assessments, held trainings, updated our processes, and took electronic tools in use to perform our customers' AML/KYC checks reliably and more efficiently.

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Sanctions

We comply with the sanction regulation. As part of Accountor's procedures for engaging with new customers and vendors, we perform sanction screening towards KRP, EU, UN and OFAC sanctions lists. We refuse all business transactions with persons and entities on the sanctions list. We also determine the ultimate beneficiaries when acquiring or divesting businesses. In 2022 we tightened our sanction screening processes, added sanction terms to our General Terms of Contracts, and took electronic tools in use to support sanction screening in business operations.



3.1.3 Tax principles

We are committed to operating in a responsible way and with high ethics in all our activities. We comply with all local tax legislation and other regulations in all jurisdictions. This means that we fulfil all our reporting requirements and pay all legally imposed direct, indirect and other taxes in countries where Accountor has operations. We operate in labour-intensive business and pay all pension, social security and other personnel expenses as well as value-added taxes (VAT) appropriately. In 2022, the following taxes were borne and collected by Accountor Group. Most of the taxes were paid in Finland, where majority of Accountor's business also operates.



*Does not include pension taxes

22	m€
ncome tax	2,5
/AT	44,8
ng taxes	33,3
taxes*	3,6
al	84,1

We always cooperate fully with the authorities and disclose all information that is needed to determine tax consequences.

Group Financial Control under the Chief Financial Office function is responsible for tax compliance and management of Group-level tax reporting requirements such as Transfer Pricing documentation. The head of finance in each operating country is responsible for compliance with local tax laws including reporting and filing requirements (income tax, VAT, payroll tax).



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Group Financial Control has regular cooperation with the country organisations' finance heads and external tax advisors to identify and manage possible tax risk areas. Group Financial Control actively monitors and evaluates tax impacts of changes in operations and tax regulations, guides business units and initiates needed changes required by new tax regulations. Tax topics are reported to Accountor Risk and Compliance Committee (RCC) according to Group's Risk Management Policy.

Furthermore, Accountor has been participating in a real-time economics program together with the Finnish Tax Authorities and other industry operators. The program aims to promote transparent and smooth financial data flow within our society while providing support to small and micro-enterprises to be able to comply with the requirements of financial information's digitalisation.

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3.2 Information security and data protection

Information security and data protection is one Accountor's sustainability focus areas under our sust able governance theme. As a professional service software provider, we are responsible for complying applicable laws as well as authorities' decisions. We also committed to following industry best practice ensuring the security of processing information.

Due to nature of Accountor business, we extense ly process personal data and important financial of in our systems and by our personnel. Therefore, have developed highly professional and comprehen

ne of	information security and data protection measures and
stain-	ensured that our personnel is trained regularly on infor-
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e are	During 2022, we continued to strengthen our informa-
es in	tion security and data protection practices to ensure that
	we meet our stakeholders increased expectations. In the
	beginning of 2022 we introduced our new Information
nsive-	security strategy with emphasis on Zero Trust architec-
data	ture. In order to move towards Zero Trust, we identified
e, we	the need to protect our identities even better than before
ensive	and implemented new features.





Information Security

Our information security framework is aligned with industry best practices and applicable laws. ISO27001, an international, formally certified management system for information security, has been the guiding framework for our information security policy, guidelines and practices. Based on it, we have an Information Security Policy that is reviewed and updated annually and approved by Accountor's Leaderment Team or the Risk and Compliance Committee. The policy details our scope, objectives, compliance, implementation, roles and responsibilities, information policy framework, and disciplinary actions.

Our information security operations include performing risk assessments and audits, creating work plans to reduce risks, and implementing those work plans. Implementation of security activities is documented and regularly reviewed.

To further enhance our information security, we increased our information security resources. In addition to in-house personnel and outsourced Security Operations Center service, we have a 24/7 on-call practice within Accountor to protect our critical services and infrastructure.

Data protection

We are fully transparent on the processing of personal data in connection of our operations towards our customers, employees, and other stakeholders. Our privacy statements are easily available for relevant individuals. For example, we have published statements for customers Environment

"Our Information Security Policy is reviewed and updated annually."

and business stakeholders, website visitors and job applicants on our website.

When we process personal data on behalf of our customers, we provide service specific descriptions wherein necessary details are provided to customer companies how their personal data is being processed in our processes and IT environments.

We have developed methods to monitor and ensure our compliance with privacy requirements. For example, we conduct an annual comprehensive self-assessment covering all relevant privacy domains and requirements arising thereof. Based on the results, we plan our activities and prioritise those to continuously improve our compliance level further. During 2022, we also verified that our company policies on data retention have been complied within selected processes.


Information security and data protection governance

Accountor has a governance framework to ensure compliance with privacy laws, internal policies, and industry best practices. We have established dedicated information security and privacy roles across the organisation. In the Group's governance model, the Risk and Compliance Committee, consisting of selected Leaderment Team members, governs and monitors information security, privacy compliance, and related risks at the Group level with the help of the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) and the Data Protection Officer (DPO). The CISO and DPO both report to Chief Information Officer (CIO), who is a member of Accountor Leaderment Team and reports to the CEO.

Each business Cluster is responsible for the implementation of information security controls and data protec-

tion requirements in their operations. Information Security Managers and Data Protection Managers provide operational support for the units within their area of responsibility. Information Security Managers are part of the Group Information Security team led by the CISO. The Data Protection Managers are part of Group Privacy Team led by the DPO.

We have introduced an authority request process in some of Accountor's Finnish operations. From timeto-time authorities, e.g., police or tax authorities, request us to disclose data we are processing on behalf of our customers. Such requests, which are common in our industry, must always be based on laws or court decisions. Therefore, we have implemented a centralised process to review lawfulness of the requests and document relevant facts of the disclosures, when applicable. During the first whole year 2022, we documented 35 requests. We will continue the implementation during 2023 to cover all relevant Finnish units.



Read our Privacy Statement:

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Security incidents and personal data breaches

We have documented the number of incidents and breaches relating to information security and data protection since 2018. In this time, we have identified a number of near misses, however, have never experienced a significant security incident or personal data breach regarding the information that we process or that is processed by our third-party vendors (e.g., cloud-based).

During 2022 Accountor didn't receive any substantiated complaints or sanctions from regulatory bodies concerning personal data breaches. In total, we logged 73 personal data breaches in different units.

Of those, 57 breaches were related to personal data we process on behalf of our customers. In those cases, we have notified our customers,

who in turn consider whether the breach must be reported to the authorities and/or individuals who have been affected.

Regarding information that is owned and processed for Accountor's own purposes (Accountor as controller), there were 16 personal data breaches in 2022. Only one of them caused some risks to the individuals and were reported to the authorities. None of the breaches were material, and all were remedied according to applicable requirements. The events leading up to breaches have been assessed, documented, and followed up with a root cause analysis. To the extent necessary, lessons learned sessions have been held to ensure that appropriate actions are taken to prevent similar breaches from occurring again.

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3.3 Risk management

Our Code of Conduct is an important tool for risk management and sets out Accountor's principles and guidelines.

Sustainability risks identified as critical are integrated within existing risk management processes and included in regular monitoring by the Risk and Compliance Committee.

According to the Accountor Group Risk Management Policy (approved by Accountor's Board of Directors), Accountor's Board of Directors and especially the Risk and Compliance Committee assesses regularly Accountor Group's financial, operational and strategic risks while monitoring the effectiveness of the risk management systems. Accountor's CEO and Accountor Leaderment Team (ALT) are

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responsible for the operational management of the company and implementation of the Risk Policy. This is supported by the Risk and Compliance Committee (RCC). Management deficiencies are reported to the ALT, the Risk and Compliance Committee and Accountor's Board of Directors.

The RCC is responsible for coordinating all risk related activities, management control information sharing and monitoring. The RCC adds value by supporting and sharing information of risk management issues across organisation. The RCC promotes the Accountor's culture of risk awareness by establishing the Risk Management Framework as a concrete, everyday guideline for everyone at Accountor.





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3.4 Supply chain management

In 2022, we defined a Code of Conduct for Suppliers that follows Accountor's Code of Conduct, but sets more specific requirements for suppliers, including sustainability topics. We require all new suppliers to approve it as a prerequisite of our collaboration. We started implementation of Code of Conduct for Suppliers among new and main suppliers starting from September 2022. Simultaneously, we expanded our procurement practices to include sustainability topics such as environmental protection and human rights, in addition to the existing coverage of information security, data processing, and privacy.

Our procurement practice aims to comply with the Accountor Code of Conduct for Suppliers. We manage a significant amount of data together with

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our suppliers. Therefore, in addition to meeting the requirements of the Code of Conduct for Suppliers, Accountor procurement process sets additional requirements for suppliers regarding information security, data processing and privacy. We assess suppliers using a specific Third Party Audit Framework which includes i.e. information security and data protection sections, to the extent appropriate prior to entering into agreement. In addition, in case a supplier's service involves handling, assigning, transferring, or providing access to personal data, we require Accountor Supplier Data Processing agreement (DPA).









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4.1 People first principle in short

Accountor is committed to offering sustainable and motivating employment and ensuring the continuous development of our people. Our culture and employee experience are described by the term "People First". We believe that our primary focus on people will attract, engage and retain talent as well as improve their wellbeing and competencies. Our consistent focus on people, managerial work and intrinsic motivation enables us to create an innovative and sustainable platform for our customers and society to conserve environmental resources.

Considering our impact on people is a guiding principle in our decision-making and it is integral part of all our processes. We believe that sustainable business is built on consistent competence development, high standards in people management, and the ethical use and development of human capabilities.

We put emphasis on human rights, dignity and respect as well as diversity and inclusion. We offer solid and motivating employment, continuous growth of capabilities and enhanced physical and mental wellbeing. Our approach to motivation is built on three pillars: autonomy, competence and relatedness.

At Accountor we follow the realisation of People First principles every day with our on-line motivation reflection tool. The motivation KPI is an essential part of every business review at Accountor. Our annual People First survey gives us plenty of data to make Accountor an even better workplace.

Motivation metric

% of Accountor employees feel energized and inspiration at minimum several times a week









4.2 Competence development

Systematic and business-driven competence and people development is a critical factor for sustainable success in transforming and digitalising financial administration with increasing compliance requirements. Consistent investment in competence development enables us to attract and retain talent and ensure the development of sustainable and innovative service portfolio. Accountor's competence development target is that the average training hours per employee remains above 7 hours annually. In 2022, the recorded training hours were 14 hours per employee per year (2021: 10h).

We make an effort to maximise employee motivation because we believe it supports better performance, continuous learning and wellbeing of employees. Our leadership and management philosophy called "Leaderment" is executed by each manager.

The Leaderment training path for managers consists of four modules and every manager that has either been promoted or has joined the company recently participates in the trainings. In 2022, Accountor managers participated actively in the Leaderment trainings and their annual training hours were 18,5 hours per manager.

In 2022, our key areas of competence development were:

- Leadership and Management (Leaderment)
- Inclusion and diversity
- Automation, robotics and AI
- Certification of payroll and accounting specialists

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Our investment in Leaderment training and focus is apparent in the high employee satisfaction to managerial work at Accountor; the employee satisfaction score about managerial work is 4,25/5 according to our People First survey.

Leaderment trainings organised 2022



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Compliance trainings and meeting high ethical standards

Governance capabilities are at the core of the Accountor business. We are committed to providing compliant services and following high ethical standards. Every employee joining Accountor must become familiar and engage with our high ethical standards.

Accountor aims that, in addition to 100% training coverage of previous employees, the new employees are trained on ethical matters within two months of their starting date. The mandatory ethical trainings include training on the Code of Conduct, information security,

privacy, GDPR and a general introduction to Accountor. The mandatory trainings are available in every operating country in the local language on our virtual learning platform. 770 new employees completed the induction training path during 2022.

In addition to mandatory governance trainings for every Accountor employee, we have supplementary mandatory governance trainings, covering subjects such as competition law and money laundering, for employees working in relevant roles.

a+ Introduction Path completions during 2022









Digitalisation and automation capability development

Accountor seeks to be a forerunner in digitalisation and automation of financial, payroll and HR fields. During 2022 we developed our employees' capabilities to succeed in the modern world by investing in automation and competence development through our DigiOS program. Our advanced working model offers increased variety of career and training opportunities for our employees.

In sorftware product development function the focus for trainings during 2022 has been in increasing azure and AI capability.

Professional certification for accountants, payroll specialists, and software developers

Accountor supports the professional development of our employees. Gaining authorised certification in accounting or payroll improves an employee's career opportunities in the labour market. Our product development employees are provided free access to certification programs in their field like ITIL and ISTQB testing certificates. Certification has positive impact on the base salary of the employee.

Retaining certification requires a defined amount of advanced annual training. Accountor sponsors the fees and tuition of certification programs for our employees. All accounting and payroll employees have unlimited access to an accounting and payroll specialised training platform. The trainings are provided by leading training providers in each operating country.

Participating in developing competencies across society

In addition to our own people, we participate in improving competencies that are needed in our modern society. For example, we arrange trainings ("Academies") in payroll, accounting and robotics for people with basic or no skills on the topics. The aim of these Academies is to foster future talent and offer them work at Accountor without, however, restricting their career ambitions outside of Accountor. In addition, we provide our software as a training platform to 21 higher education institutions around Finland without licence fee to support educating future talents in the field.



4.3 Labour management



SDG 8 Decent work and economic growth

Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

Accountor provides permanent employment for 94% and full-time employment for 86% of our 2468 employments. Accountor also provides internship opportunities for students. In the end of the period 45 students were on non-paid internship period in Accountor offices.

During 2022, Accountor headcount decreased with 50 mainly as a result of Russia operations divestment. In other operating countries, the number of employees increased moderately or remained the same level.

Headcount development 2022

Country	12/2021	12/2022	Increase (%)
Finland	1570	1731	10,3 %
Denmark	76	80	5,3 %
Netherlands	43	46	7,0 %
Norway	275	276	0,4 %
Sweden	349	353	1,1 %
Ukraine	23	25	8,7 %
Total	2518*	2511	-0,3 %

*Russia included, Russian operations divested 1.4.2022





4.3.1 External workforce

Accountor also uses external workforce providers to complement our own workforce. The amount of average external work in 2022 was 142 full-time equivalents (FTEs) on monthly average. In 2021, the average amount of external workers was 100 FTEs.

Our external workforce is mainly working in areas where the availability of capable workforce is limited, such as product development (60 FTEs), highly skilled specialists in financial management, automation and robotization, and human resources development roles. The monthly amount of external work varies depending on the product development roadmap and the cyclical variation of accounting and financial management work. We also need external resources to balance our workload during peak times, such as year-end closing.

Our units have long-term collaborations with local external workforce service providers in all our operating countries. In addition, we have a long-term group-level collaboration with a software development company located in Poland.





4.3.2 Collective agreements

Our compensation policy aims to provide above-market compensation level. In Finland 71%, in Sweden 100% and in Norway 22% of our employments are governed by collective agreements, which define a minimum monthly salary in each job grade.

In all our operating countries, our base salary average is high compared to the minimum salary detailed either in the collective agreements or in legislation. In addition to base salary, Accountor employees belong to a bonus plan.

Employees' freedom of association is a norm in our operating area in Northern Europe. In line with our values, we respect our personnel's freedom of association. In our operating countries, employers are not legally allowed to collect data about the labour union membership. We collaborate and have an active dialogue with labour unions. In Finland, Accountor has our own general collective agreement for accountant and payroll specialists which, in terms of benefits, exceeds the common general agreement in the field.

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4.3.3 Length of service and employee turnover

In 2022, Accountor recruited 727 employees. The average length of service at Accountor is 5,5 years for both women and men.

Our voluntary employee turnover % meaning resignations from permanent employments increased slightly from 17% in 2021 to 18,3% in 2022. Employee turnover was the highest in the areas of the scarce competence availability, such as software development and capital areas of our operating countries. Accountor units have retention programs aiming to improve commitment and wellbeing to minimise employee turnover.

Our total employee engagement index is 4,0 and our eNPS (how likely our employees are to recommend Accountor as an employer) is 4. Typically, all numbers above zero are good. According to People First survey 69% of Accountor employees want to keep working for Accountor in the future.



Rate of employee turnover by gender age group (%)









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4.4 Inclusion and equality

At Accountor we value equality, inclusion and diversity. They enhance motivation and accelerate innovation. We want to develop our business by embracing the ideas, skills and perspectives of all our people. Diversity and inclusion enable us to meet the expectations of our diverse customers and provide excellent customer service. By driving inclusion and equality we can amplify our positive impact on society.

We took actions to increase inclusion and equality with positive outcomes. We launched two company wide training programs to mitigate impacts of bias and to develop inclusion in teams. 285 managers participated during 2022 to training programs with their teams.

We followed our progress in inclusion and equality through our annual People First survey. Starting in 2021, we compare the results of people identifying as belonging to a minority with all Accountorians'

answers. The engagement survey result of employees belonging to minority improved from 3,74/5 to 3,82/5. Biggest improvements were experienced in feeling appreciated by colleague from 3,78/5 to 4,09/5.

The majority (73%) of Accountor employees are women. In the financial management service units, the number of women is higher than in units providing software solutions. The gender ratio in Accountor has remained the same in employee positions. The voluntary employee turnover of female employees was 19% and for male employees 17% during 2022.

We are proud that in our software Clusters, FMS and HR, the share of women is above software business market level. Accountor focuses to decrease the gender segregation by participating to Mimmit koodaa (women code program) activities and encouraging equal career development. We are also



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providing internal career paths from female dominated customer service tasks to technology and automation development related roles.

The share of women in managerial positions is 64% and in executive positions 33%. We aim to increase the number of women in managerial and executive positions. Accountor's Board of Directors did not have any female members in 2022. The average age of Accountorians is 42. Three percent of our employees are younger than 25 and 17% are over 55 years old. We provide employment opportunities, either full or part-time, to more than thirty employees who have passed the regulatory retirement age.

Accountor has a program to offer career opportunities and competence development of disabled employees with neuropsychiatric disorders. In Denmark and Norway we have tailored working conditions for employees with autism. People first

Total number of new hires by gender and age group 2022





Age	Men	Women
Under 25	28	39
25-35	90	196
36-45	42	168
46-55	16	82
Over 55	16	47
Total	192	535



Accountor focuses on increasing diversity in recruitments. Especially new employees in older and younger age groups are well-represented. Accountor's employees in executive position (N60) and Board of Directors belong to diversed age groups.



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Executives by gender and age group (end of period)



Age	Men	Women
Under 25	0	0
25-35	1	0
36-45	12	3
46-55	15	11
Over 55	12	6
Total	40	20



Supporting families

We operate in countries where the regulatory length of parental leaves varies from 11 months to 18 months. In addition to parental leave, Accountor offers additional benefits that vary by country. For example, all Accountor units in Finland offer a full salary for the first three months of parental leave for birth giving parent and 1 month full salary for other parent. 124 Accountor employees took parental leave during 2022 and 71 of them was women.

We support our employees' return from parental leave by offering opportunities for part-time work. The retention of employees returning from parental leave after 12 months is 75% which is aligned to general Accountor retention rate.



Number of employees who returned to work after parental leave



Number of employees retained for 12 months after parental leave





4.4.1 Motivating and equal compensation

Our compensation policy aims for an above-market compensation level. Our pay-for-performance policy requires that all Accountor employees have an opportunity to earn more.

Our compensation policy, bonus plans, and executive salary increase budgets are approved by Accountor's Board of Directors annually. All individual remuneration decisions require, at a minimum, a second-level manager's approval even if the remuneration is within budget frame.

The base salary of our employees is mainly determined by their role and responsibility area. Furthermore, competence, experience and performance have an impact on an individual's salary level. Our bonus plan covers all employees and aims to bring higher than market average earnings to all employee groups. Sixty-six percent of our employments globally are

Average salaries by country and gender (2022)

Base salary euro's / month

Country	Male	Female
Finland	4733	3513
Sweden	3944	3544
Norway	5647	4715
Denmark	4356	2835
Netherlands	5623	5294
Ukraine*	N/A	N/A
Total	47612	3677

*Only one men employed in Ukraine, data not reported for data protection reasons



governed by collective agreements, which detail a minimum monthly salary. The salaries specified in the collective agreement are applied to jobs covered by the agreement, such as accountants and payroll specialists.

In all our operating countries, Accountor's base salaries are higher than the minimum collective agreement minimum salary requirements. The salaries of employees not covered by collective agreements exceed the minimum salaries of collective agreements because these employees typically work in positions with managerial responsibility.

As we operate in a variety of fields, average salary is not a good indicator of salary level or structure. Moreover, salaries are influenced by years of experience as well as the cost-of-living category of the operating country.

In addition to their base salary, all Accountor employees are eligible for a bonus plan. Bonus payments are based

Salary rations by gender and organizational position (%)



As a % of male gross earning





on both our common financial- and team-level or individual targets, and the payments are linked to the monthly salary of the employee. Our plan provides an opportunity to earn bonus of 0,5 to 10 months' salary depending on the employee group.

At least 40% of the bonus is based on common financial targets. Individual and team-level targets are based on strategic KPIs. We promote autonomy and opportunity for all Accountorians to have an impact on their bonus. This is achieved by allowing autonomy for team leaders and members to select the most relevant bonus targets in dialogue with each other. Denmark
Netherlands
Sweden
Norway
Finland
Total*

Salary ratios by country at Accountor in 2022 (%)

As a % of male gross earning

60 %	70 %	80 %	90 %	100 %	110 %



4.4.2 Executive and board remuneration

The remuneration structure of Accountor's executives consists of a base salary and a bonus opportunity equal to 1,5-10 months' salary, depending on the executives role in governance bodies.

Some executives have an agreement of termination payments if the employment is ended by the employer. The amount of termination compensation does not exceed six months' salary and shall not be paid in case the executive is in breach of duties, or Accountor policies, or does not comply with local legislation. Accountor does not provide additional retirement benefits to executives.

Members of Accountor's Board of Directors are compensated according to Accountor General Annual Meeting decision. The Board members are paid a monthly board member fee; the fee of the chairman is 1500 euros per month and 1000 euros per month for Accountor's Board of Directors.

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Accountor's Board of Directors develops compensation structures and review them annually, to best align them with the strategic and operational opportunities and challenges of the company, and to ensure appropriate incentives for management. When reviewing and approving annual remuneration guideline, the Board takes into consideration input from internal remuneration specialists, external labour market data and employees' satisfaction to compensation.

The executive remuneration is governed by Corporate Governance of Accountor Group. Annual remuneration guidelines about executive salary review, executive bonusplan and employee bonusplans are approved by

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the other members. Additionally, a meeting fee of 200 euros per meeting is paid and travel expenses are All individual salary decisions require at minimum the line manager's line manager approval and they must be compliant with the general frame approved by Accountor's Board of Directors.

When comparing Accountor's highest paid employee to the average employee in Accountor, highest paid individual earns 7,91 times the median earning.

The share of women in our executive positions is 33%. Executive positions are defined as positions in the Leaderment Teams of our business Clusters and country Leaderment Teams. The gender pay gap in executive positions is 18%. The gap is due to the male dominance in positions with profit and loss responsibility, which are higher paid, and female dominance in director roles in support functions.









4.5 a+ Hybrid and wellbeing

Besides competence development and enhancing intrinsic motivation, occupational health and wellbeing are key factors in employee satisfaction. The special focus 2022 of occupational health remained same after pandemic: mitigating health risks of increased hybrid working by ensuring wellbeing in remote working and providing psychological support.

In addition to extensive occupational health care services, Accountor provides online break exercises and a mental wellbeing hotline for all employees to ensure wellbeing. After pandemic also recreational benefits were increased in Sweden and Finland to support return to social recreational activities.



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4.5.1 General wellbeing and development of occupational health and safety

Our offices and occupational health and safety

Our employees are also protected when working remotely: they have additional accident insurance that We at Accountor believe that wellbeing increases when covers accidents at remote workplaces and during their a person has enough autonomy, psychological safety, free time. The quality and access to occupational and competences. Our offices aim to provide a safe health care services are followed by local health and working environment psychologically and physically. safety committees consisting of employer and employee representatives. Accountor management in Accountor has a policy and practice to provide above each Accountor company is responsible for compliance mandatory occupational health and wellbeing services with Accountor health and safety policy.

to all employees. This is achieved in close collaboration with local occupational health care service providers.

Accountor's health and safety committee members and employees working in managerial or human resources The access to services is not dependent whether the positions have access to health and safety training. health care support need is based on occupational or personal life. In Finland, our most significant operating Access to online psychology consultant and worry country, all employees despite their working time or hotline service is offered in our operating countries in length or type of employment are entitled to same collaboration with occupational health care service above mandatory specialist doctor services, psychologiproviders.

support, and physiotherapy. The external cal employees working for Accountor have access to occupational health care via their own employer.





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The sick leave percentage at Accountor increased after pandemic to 3,81% from from 2021 level 2,56% due to increased number of sick-leaves caused by different types of infection.

The number of accidents also increased to 9 from 1 during pandemic. Most of the accidents are related to commuting to work. As a result of remote working opportunity Accountor did not lose any working time due to accidents. We have never experienced fatal accident.

The safety of each office is monitored by local occupational Health and Safety Councils. The hazard risk is evaluated in our risk management process quarterly. Accountor has continued to be active in centralizing operations in new offices according to office strategy. Accountor safety requirements are considered and

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implemented according to common process when taking a new office to use. The headquarter office in Espoo, Accountor Tower, puts a special effort into fire safety due to the exceptional height of the building. Regular fire drills and rescue trainings are organised in addition to safety instructions in the site handbook.



Read our Rescue Plan: Accountor Rescue Plan





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Security Services

• Security services are available at Accountor Tower and the security guard will come to the scene in case of emergency.

• Always keep your ID card visible so that the security guard can identify you.



• You can find the Accountor Tower rescue plan at:

Accountor Tower rescue plan

Surveillance cameras

• The cameras are a part of security services and help keep us and Accountor's property safe.

• There are cameras on every elevator lobby and on the 2nd and 3rd floors.



- You can find first aid kits at the recycling point of the copy room in each office floor as well as at the lobby service.
- If necessary, you can defibrillator at the lobby service.



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Psychological safety at Accountor

We aim to offer an equal and psychologically safe working environment to all employees. Managers are trained on creating an inclusive habits and atmosphere in our Leaderment trainings.

In the 2021 People First survey, we launched the inclusion theme and gained information about the differences in employee satisfaction between all employees and those employees who identified themselves as belonging to a minority. We succeeded in increasing the inclusion index of People First survey from 4,01 to 4,05.

We have established bullying and harassment prevention and resolution practice to avoid escalation of cases and minimizing the negative impact. Every suspected case is followed up and resolved according to early intervention practice as soon raised to the attention of HR, manager or employee representative.

According to the anonymous People First survey, the early intervention is efficient. In the 2022 survey, 41 cases were mentioned to happen within a year and in the end of 2022, almost all 37 of them and in the end of 2022 almost all, 37 of them were resolved. The remaining cases could not be solved due to anonymity. Five sexual harassment cases were reported as resolved and none was still ongoing when People First Survey was conducted.

The consistent and disciplined effort for psychological safety and prompt resolution of cases is visible in low experience of bullying. Total rate of bullying and harassment is 2,1% at Accountor while generally in Finland's labour market 15-28% employees report being bullied or harassed during the previous 12 months. The number of the cases and the status of the open cases were followed up on and reported to the Accountor's Board of Directors as part of the annual ESG reporting.





4.5.2 The a+ hybrid working model

Our a+ hybrid working model enhances wellbeing and at the same time decreases our total carbon emissions due to less commute by our employees. We believe that providing our employees with the autonomy of choosing between our high-quality office environment or their home office provides employees the best opportunities to balance their life and increase their wellbeing.

Our a+ hybrid model gives teams and team members autonomy to balance remote and office work. It also provides a solid basis to create a sense of belonging and community by defining minimum amount of in person presence.

All our employees have a dedicated local office where they can choose to work within the a+ hybrid model in a safe and functional manner and benefit from occupational health services and other support. In 2022, satisfaction in remote work was rated at 4,49/5, a 0,12 increase from 2021.

Accountor's managers and teams meet in the office every second month, at minimum. The teams have the autonomy to define the interaction and meeting practices according to requirements of the jobs and team member preferences. For example, during the induction process every employee spends at least half of their working hours in the office with another employee.

In the end of 2022 Accountor had 43 000 m² of office space in six countries. In 2022, we continued renewing our offices to provide diverse zones in the office to match the nature of tasks and ensure a sustainable use of space to restrict our greenhouse gas emissions. Almost 10% decrease in office space was reached by implementing our a+ hybrid office concept to three new locations and by altering and combining offices. The a+hybrid office strategy requires new premises to be accessible by public transportation and to meet our waste management and recycling requirements.

The satisfaction concerning the functionality of our physical premises *in 2022 was 3,89/5 which is 0,21 higher than the generic benchmark for white collar work.

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4.6 Customers' wellbeing

Our customers and their business are our top priority. In accordance with the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goal number 8, our products and services support economic growth and decent work for all our customers and their employees. We offer services and solutions that enable legal compliance and support information security, data protection, HR management and development. In short, we help our customers to implement formalised and sustainable governance methods.

At the same time, our software solutions and services help our customers to be included in the ever-increasing digital development in our society.

We focus on our customer work in several ways. We have defined customer promises that guide our own work. We also engage our customers in open dialogue in our annual customer survey, low-threshold online services and active customer communication.

Accountor customer promises



Delivered one time, on time.

We seek one-time delivery and keep our timetables. Our customers can feel safe and secure, knowing that we deliver as promised, at the right time and correctly.

2.

Expertise close to you.

We ensure our customers easy access to the right expertise. We work closely with them, offering them just the right expertise and help. We are easy to reach through all channels and provide the full range of skills, near our customers.

3.

Committed to active and clear communication.

We contact our customers if any issues or questions come up, or just to check that everything is okay. We make sure that they are always up to date about the state of their business and actively show that we care.



4.7 Giving back to the society

As a considerable employer, especially in Finland where we have approximately 1500 employees, we support United Nation's Sustainability Development Goal number 8 of decent work and economic growth for our employees. In addition, our business affects the same topics for SDG 8 by providing economic growth and decent work to our customers and their employees.

In 2022, we focused our support to the people in Ukraine. In addition to helping our Ukrainian colleagues in many ways, we donated via UNICEF about 60 000 euros to help children that are affected by the war in Ukraine and to provide humanitarian assistance to those most in need. Our employees and customers selected UNICEF's Ukraine support also as our annual winter holiday season charity cause.

Accountor Impact Day

We feel obliged to support and give back to society in various ways. In 2022, we offered Accountorians a possibility to use working time for voluntary charity work. We called all the activities Accountorians did as Accountor Impact Day.

During Accountor Impact Day, Accountorians carried out different good deeds that benefit people, companies, the society, or the world we live in. Teams and individuals used nearly 100 hours in different ways, including teaching school children to act in case of emergencies as part of Finnish Red Cross's activity, creating and sending holiday greetings to elderly people with TampereMissio in Central Finland, picking up garbage from the local environment, and many more.

In addition, we have offered the data in our systems – in a secure and anonymised way – to help Finnish government and society in the unstable financial situation with regular financial state analyses.

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5.1 Our environment in brief

According to our sustainability priorities, we innovate and develop low-carbon financial and human resources management services and systems. We aim to use all resources mindfully and avoid waste in digitalized hybrid way of working.

Our mission is to help our customers benefit from the
new digital world of financial management, and human
resources management and development. Together
with our customers, we reduce our environmental foot-
prints by using the full scale of digital solutions and
services in efficient combination.We have identified and looked into the negative effects of digitali-
sation's and identified most material emissions sources in our
digital operations. Accountor aims to minimize digital footprint
with two focus areas: increasing the usage of renewable energy
sources in our data service centers and recycling digital devices.
Recycling devices reduced our emissions with 150,7 tCO2 during
2022.

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We are committed to reduce our carbon emissions consistently and comply fully with applicable environmental regulation, contractual requirements and recognised good practice in our activities. We pride in maintaining zero environmental penalties.

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Sustainability at Accountor



"We aim to use all resources mindfully and avoid waste in digitalized hybrid way of working."

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We seek to minimise our environmental impact of our daily operations. Our a + hybrid working model helps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the need to commute as well as reducing our need for office space. We work with our customers to increase further the degree of fully digital customers and launch new services to help our customers operate more sustainably.

At our offices, we recycle waste, observe our energy consumption and control printing of paper to reduce ecological footprint. In 2022 we collected more specific information about our energy consumption in our biggest offices in Finland. However, we did not yet get comprehensive applicable information about all of our offices' energy consumption, or the amount of waste generated in our offices, because we do not own or manage our premises as single tenants.





5.2 Carbon footprint

In 2022, we improved understanding and monitoring our carbon emissions. We moved from spend based calculation methodology to action based annual carbon footprint calculation practice to reach higher accuracy and enable focused reducing activities. We increased transparency of our carbon inventory by applying Global Greenhouse Gas (GHG) protocol in collaboration with global vendor, Climate Partner.

We collected activity based data in several ways to build foundation for further reduction of our carbon footprint: We executed commuting survey for all employees. We set up collaboration with landlords of our biggest offices in Finland and the Netherlands to get actual heating and cooling data to replace country default values. We increased collaboration with our electricity service providers to increase accuracy of reporting and accelerate transformation towards renewable energy. Business travelling activity reporting was developed further.

We continued our focus on most material waste: electronic devices. We are recycling IT devices according to ISO 14000 standard with our centralized service provider 3StepIT.

We calculated our Scope 1,2 and 3 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions which confirmed that our carbon reduction activities on office space efficiency and developing hybrid ways of working provide biggest opportunities to cut our carbon emissions further.

Accountor employees are key contributors in carbon footprint reduction. Our emissions are biggest in Finland. To reach the biggest impact Environment



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our low-carbon practice development and implementation has started from Finland and we continue implementing best practices for monitoring and reducing carbon footprint to our other operating countries 2023. We have set a target to cut carbon emissions/FTE every year with 10% between 2020 and 2026. During 2022 our carbon footprint was 2,52 tCO₂ /FTE based on average FTE 2192 during 2022. 2,52 tCO₂ corresponds to 30% of average European person carbon footprint $8,7 \text{ tCO}_2$.

The 2022 carbon emission report provides solid baseline for comparison and defines key contributors of carbon emissions to be our office space, commuting, business travelling and our data centers. We will continue to decrease the carbon emissions further by developing our of hybrid working, business travelling options and working on data center and electronic device carbon footprint further.

33,7 % 1870 t



Employee Commuting







Upstream

emissions

cooling

Heat (purchased)

14,5 %

802 t

Electronic devices

Home

office

Remaining emission sources



Emission sources	tCO ₂
Scope 1	25,26
Direct emissions from company vehicles	25,26
Vehicle fleet	25,26
Direct emissions from company facilities	0,00
Heat (self-generated)	0,00
Scope 2	1016,71
Purchased heating, steam, and cooling for own use	847,41
Heat (purchased)	801,91
Purchased cooling	45,50
Purchased electricity for own use	169,30
Electricity (stationary)	169,30
Electricity (vehicle fleet)	0,00

5.3 Avoided emissions

Our business is focused on digitalisation. Our approach of applying technology has transformed traditional services.

Our products and services fast-track the digitalisation of our customers' processes, reducing emissions associated with the paper-based systems of the past. This is achieved through three key processes (with estimated avoided emissions in 2020):

Digitising invoices in purchasing and revenue cycles:

297 tCO₂e



Digitising HR processes: 139 tCO₂e



Digitising archive processes: $348 \text{ tCO}_2 \text{e}$

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0,5
0,5
0,5
0,0
0,0
18,3
15,3
14,5
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Emission sources	tCO ₂
Scope 3	4449,40
Employee commuting	2616,48
Employee commuting	1869,85
Home office	746,63
Fuel- and energy-related activities	903,17
Upstream emissions cooling	467,64
Upstream emissions heat	370,41
Upstream emissions electricity	49,38
Upstream emissions vehicle fleet	15,74
Purchased goods and services	498,80
Electronic devices	485,70
External data centre	12,95
Office paper	0,13
Water	0,02
Business travel	480,95
Rental and private vehicles	273,83
Flights	133,44
Rail	42,11
Hotel nights	31,56
Overall results	5541,36





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GRI Standard	Code	Indicator	Location	SDG	Comments
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-1	Organizational details	1.1 Organisation1.4 Stakeholders (Owners and investors)3.1 Business ethics and policies (Corporate Governance of Accountor Group)Appendix 2: Accountor Structure		
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-2	Entities included in the organization's sustainability reporting	2.5 Reporting conventions Appendix 2: Accountor structure		Accountor does not to specify the difference between the entities included in our fina- cial reporting and the entities included in sustainability report, because it is not pu- information.
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-3	Reporting period, frequency and contact point	2.5 Reporting conventions		
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-5	External assurance	2.5 Reporting conventions		
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-6	Activities, value chain and other business relationships	1.1 Organisation 1.4 Stakeholders	4 COLUMITY COUCATION 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH ECONOMIC GROWTH ECONOMIC ECONOMIC CONOMIC ECONOMIC ECONOMIC ECONOMIC ECONOMIC	
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-7	Employees	4.3 Labour management	8 ECCHT HIBBR AND ECCHANGE GROWTH ECCHANGE GROWTH	Employees are reported as headcount: no ber of employees on the last day of repor- ing period 31.12.2022. If reported as FTH means full time equivalent calculated acc ing to 7,5 hour working day and 220 work days annually.
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-8	Workers who are not employees	4.3.1 External workforce	8 RECENT WIRK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	

We have reported the information cited in this GRI content index for the period FY 2022 with reference to the GRI Standards and UN SDGs.



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GRI Standard	Code	Indicator	Lc
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-9	Governance structure and composition	3.1. Acc 4.4.
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-10	Nomination and selection of the highest governance body	3.1. Acc
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-11	Chair of the highest governance body	3.1. Acc
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-12	Role of the highest governance body in overseeing the management of impacts	2.4.
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-13	Delegation of responsibility for managing impacts	2.4.
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-14	Role of the highest governance body in sustainability reporting	2.4.
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-15	Conflicts of interest	3.1.1 3.1.2 Acc
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-16	Communication of critical concerns	3.3
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-17	Collective knowledge of the highest governance body	



ocation	SDG	Comments
.2 Corporate Governance of countor group I. Inclusion and equality		
1.2 Corporate governance of ecountor group		Accountor board members are selected annual general meeting
.2 Corporate governance of ecountor group		
. Managing our sustainability		
. Managing our sustainability		
. Managing our sustainability		
.1 Code of Conduct .2 Corporate Governance of countor group		
Risk Management		
		Accountor does not train the members

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GRI Standard	Code	Indicator	Location	SDG	Comments
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-19	Remuneration policies	4.4.2 Executive and board remuneration		
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-20	Process to determine remuneration	4.4.2 Executive and board remuneration	16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG DESTITUTIONS	Evli Alexander executive compensation su vey is considered in annual remuneration
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-21	Annual total compensation ratio	4.4.2 Executive and board remuneration		
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-22	Statement on sustainable development strategy	2.2.2 Our sustainability priorities and targets		
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-23	Policy commitments	3.1 Business ethics and policies		No attention to any specific stakeholder group
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-24	Embedding policy commitments	3.1.1 Code of Conduct		
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-25	Processes to remediate negative impacts	5.1 Our environment in brief		
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-26	Mechanisms for seeking advice and raising concerns	3.1.2 Corporate governance ofAccountor group4.5.1 General wellbeing and development ofoccupational health and safety		
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-27	Compliance with laws and regulations			No fines or significant instances of noncor pliance with laws and regulations
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-28	Membership associations	1.4 Stakeholders		
GRI 2: General disclosures	2-29	Approach to stakeholder engagement	1.4 Stakeholders 2.2.1 Materiality assessment		





GRI Standard	Code	Indicator	Location	SDG	Comments
GRI 3: Material topics	3-1	Process to determine material topics	2.2.1 Materiality assessment		
GRI 3: Material topics	3-2	List of material topics	2.2.1 Materiality assessment		
GRI 3: Material topics	3-3	Management of material topics	2.2.1 Materiality assessment		
GRI 201: Economic performance	201-1	Direct economic value generated and distributed			Accountor's financial information is not publicly shared information
GRI 201: Economic performance	201-4	Financial assistance received from government			No other material subsidies or grants re- ceived than 23,7 k€ in grants and 2,0 k€ in other benefits.
GRI 202: Market Presence	202-1	Ratios of standard entry level wage by gender compared to local minimum wage			Not a significant proportion of employees are compensated based on wages subject t minimum wage rules
GRI 205: Anti-corruption	205-2	Communication and training about an- ti-corruption policies and procedures	3.1.1 Code of Conduct3.4. Supply chain management4.2. Competence Development	16 PEACE AUSTREE AND STITUTIONS BESTITUTIONS	Accountor does not train the members of the Board of Directors
GRI 205: Anti-corruption	205-3	Confirmed incidents of corruption and actions taken		16 PEACE, INSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS	No corruption incidents
GRI 206: Anti-competitive Behavior	206-1	Legal actions for anti-competitive behav- ior, anti-trust, and monopoly practices		16 PEACE, NISTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS	No legal actions
GRI 207: Tax	207-1	Approach to tax	3.1.3 Tax principles	16 PEACE, MISTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS	







GRI Standard	Code	Indicator	Location	SDG	Comments
GRI 207: Tax	207-2	Tax governance, control and risk management	3.1.3 Tax principles	16 PEACE, NISTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS	
GRI 302: Energy	302-1	Energy consumption within the organisation	5.2 Carbon footprint		Reported in Climate Partner calculation. Accountor premises electricity consumpti 2022 is 1 171 328 kWh, of which 227 401 is tified as renewable or CO ₂ free in Finland
GRI 305: Emissions	305-1	Direct (Scope 1) GHG emissions	5.2 Carbon footprint		
GRI 305: Emissions	305-2	Energy indirect (Scope 2) GHG emissions	5.2 Carbon footprint		
GRI 305: Emissions	305-3	Other indirect (Scope 3) GHG emissions	5.2 Carbon footprint		
GRI 305: Emissions	305-4	GHG emissions intensity	5.2 Carbon footprint		
GRI 305: Emissions	305-5	Reduction of GHG emissions	5.2 Carbon footprint		
GRI 308: Supplier Environmental Assessment	308-2	Negative environmental impacts in the supply chain and actions taken	3.4 Supply chain management		Assessment procedure started in 2022, ter completed, no negative impacts detected
GRI 401: Employment	401-1	New employee hires and employee turnover	4.3.3. Employee turnover4.4. Inclusion	8 сесент илек ана сосновные силонтик	
GRI 401: Employment	401-2	Benefits provided to full-time employees that are not provided to temporary or part-time employees		8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTHE	Employment type or duration does not ha impact on benefits offered, as required by law
GRI 401: Employment	401-3	Parental leave	4.4. Inclusion and equality	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	















GRI Standard	Code	Indicator	Location	SDG	Comments
GRI 402: Labor/Management Relations	402-1	Minimum notice periods regarding operational changes		8 ECENT WERK AND ECENTRAL CROWTH	Accountor countries comply with local legis lation requiring minimum 3 weeks consulta- tion with employee before change decisions can be made
GRI403: Occupational health and safety	403-1	Occupational health and safety management system	4.5.1. General wellbeing and development of occupational health and safety	4 GUALITY BUCATION 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTHE	
GRI403: Occupational health and safety	403-2	Hazard identification, risk assessment and incident investigation	3.3. Risk Management	16 PEACE, NISTICE AND STRUMOS INSTITUTIONS	Accountor risk management process covers hazard risk
GRI403: Occupational health and safety	403-3	Occupational health services	4.5.1 General well being and development of occupational health and safety	8 DECENT WORK AND ICCONDUC GROWTHN	
GRI403: Occupational health and safety	403-4	Worker participation, consultation, and communication on occupational health and safety	4.5. a+ Hybrid and wellbeing	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTHN	
GRI403: Occupational health and safety	403-5	Worker training on occupational health and safety	4.5.1 General well being and development of occupational health and safety	8 сесент иняк анд Ссономис сазонтин	
GRI403: Occupational health and safety	403-6	Promotion of worker health	4.5.1 General wellbeing and development of occupational health and safety	8 DECENT WORK AND ICCONDUC GROWTHN	
GRI403: Occupational health and safety	403-8	Workers covered by an occupational health and safety management system	4.5. a+Hybrid and wellbeing	8 ECENT WIRK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	Accountor employees are covered by health and safety services. External workers not employed by Accountor have access to their employers occupational health care service
GRI403: Occupational health and safety	403-9	Work-related injuries	4.5.1 General well being and development of occupational health and safety		Accident frequency rate 2,09 and severi- ty rate 0 is based on calculations 1 000 000 hours worked







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GRI Standard	Code	Indicator	Location	SDG	Comments
GRI403: Occupational health and safety	403-10	Work-related ill health			No work-related ill health
GRI404: Training and Education	404-1	Average hours of training per year per employee	4.2 Competence Development	4 CULITY EDUCATION	
GRI404: Training and Education	404-2	Programs for upgrading employee skills and transition assistance programs	4.2. Competence development4.4. Inclusion and equality	4 CUALITY EDUCATION	
GRI404: Training and Education	404-3	Percentage of employees receiving regular performance and career development reviews		4 QUALITY EDUCATION	100% employee are offered career and performance development discussions minimonic a year
GRI 405: Diversity and equal opportunity	405-1	Diversity of governance bodies and employees	4.4. Inclusion and equality		
GRI 405: Diversity and equal opportunity	405-2	Ratio of basic salary and remuneration of women to men	4.4.1. Motivating and equal compensation	8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	
GRI 406: Non-discrimination	406-1	Incidents of discrimination and corrective actions taken	4.5.1 General wellbeing and development of occupational health and safety		
GRI 414: Supplier Social Assessment	414-2	Negative social impacts in the supply chain and actions taken	3.4 Supply Chain Management		Assessment procedure started in 2022, ter completed, no negative impacts detected
GRI 415: Public policy	415-1	Political contributions		16 PAGE AUSTREE AND STRONG BESTURIORS	Accountor has not any monetary contribution to in-kind political activity
GRI 418: Customer Privacy	418-1	Substantiated complaints concerning breaches of customer privacy and losses of customer data	3.2 Information security and data protection	16 PEACE HISTIGE AND STRONG BISTITUTIONS	





Appendix 2 **Accountor structure**

At the end of the year 2022, Accountor Group consists of 34 companies. In this report we cannot specify the differences between the list of entities included in our financial reporting and the list included in this sustainability report, because it is not public information.





• Accountor Credit As

Group Companies Total:	34
Netherlands:	1
Ukraine:	1
Denmark:	3
Norway:	5
Finland:	18
Sweden:	5
Estonia:	1

*Accountor Holding Oy's ownership: Accountor Oy 85,36%, Accountor Group Oy 14,26% and Accountor Services Oy 0,38%

