



## Audi close-up

# Volkswagen Sustainability Council and Management Board discuss focal points of Audi's sustainability strategy

Ingolstadt, October 13, 2021 – Decarbonization, the circular economy, and diversity were the three megatrends that stood on the agenda during the visit to Audi by the renowned experts from the Volkswagen Group's Sustainability Council. From October 11 to 13, Magdalena Gerger, Rebecca Harms, Connie Hedegaard, Georg Kell, Margo T. Oge, and Michael Sommer were guests at Audi, where they met members of the group's executive team. The Sustainability Council was established in 2016 and acts as a critical, independent advisory body for the company. It discusses the strategic priorities of the group's sustainability agenda and offers its assessment of the group's current initiatives and their implementation.

“The Sustainability Council is an important source of input for our corporate strategy and how we prioritize the challenges of the future. At Audi and across the Volkswagen Group, we have made a firm decision and are embracing e-mobility. This is an important step in reducing our dependence on fossil fuels and accelerating decarbonization,” commented Markus Duesmann, Audi CEO and Member of the Board of Management of Volkswagen AG. Together with Herbert Diess, Murat Aksel, Arno Antlitz, Oliver Blume, and Thomas Schmall, Markus Duesmann discussed possible initiatives with the advisory board on Tuesday (October 12).

The [Sustainability Council](#), which consists of members from around the world, supports the Volkswagen Group in its strategic focus on issues relating to sustainable mobility and environmental protection, social responsibility and integrity, as well as the future of work and digitalization. The experts from the worlds of business, politics, academia, and civil society meet regularly with the Volkswagen Group's Board of Management and employee representatives.

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**Gunnar Kilian**, Member of the Board of Management Volkswagen AG, Human Resources and Brand Group 'Truck & Bus'

**Murat Aksel**, Member of the Board of Management Volkswagen AG, Procurement

**Michael Sommer**, Volkswagen Sustainability Council, Deputy Chairman of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and former Chairman of the Confederation of German Trade Unions (DGB).

**Magdalena Gerger**, Volkswagen Sustainability Council, CEO & President, Systembolaget AB

**Rebecca Harms**, Volkswagen Sustainability Council, Former President of the European Green faction in the European Parliament

**Margo T. Oge**, Volkswagen Sustainability Council, former Director of Transportation Air Quality, US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

**Connie Hedegaard**, Volkswagen Sustainability Council, former EU Commissioner for Climate Action

**Georg Kell**, Volkswagen Sustainability Council, Founding Director UN Global Compact

**Arno Antlitz**, Member of the Board of Management Volkswagen AG, Finance and IT

**Herbert Diess**, Chairman of the Board of Management of Volkswagen AG

**Oliver Blume**, Member of the Board of Management Volkswagen AG, Brand Group 'Sport & Luxury'

**Nicole Mommsen**, Volkswagen AG, Director Global Group Communications

**Thomas Schmall**, Member of the Board of Management Volkswagen AG, Technology

**Ralf Pfitzner**, Volkswagen AG, Head of Volkswagen Group Sustainability

**Gernot Döllner**, Volkswagen AG, Head of Volkswagen Group Strategy

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**Markus Duesmann**, Member of the Board of Management Volkswagen AG, Brand Group 'Premium' and CEO AUDI AG

**Hiltrud Dorothea Werner**, Member of the Board of Management Volkswagen AG, Integrity and Legal Affairs

**Elhadj As Sy**, Volkswagen Sustainability Council, Chair of the Kofi Annan Foundation Board, Co-chair of the WHO/World Bank Global Pandemic Preparedness Monitoring Board (GPMB)

**Ye Qi**, Volkswagen Sustainability Council, Director of Institute of Public Policy at Hong Kong University Science and Technology

**Ottmar Edenhofer**, Volkswagen Sustainability Council, Co-Director of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research