

**ARGETA**°

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## Key facts about the Argeta brand













No. of employees as at 31 December 2022

**320** 

# Key data about brand Argeta



- PRESERVATIVES
   ARTIFICIAL FLAVOUR ENHANCERS
   ARTIFICIAL COLOURS
   GLUTEN















### **History** since

















We are guided by the philosophy of the best. Using natural ingredients, with genuine inspiration, we create spreads of high quality and exceptional flavour.

> Our corporate culture within Atlantic Grupa supports and promotes the principles of sustainable development: business efficiency and environmental, social and ethical responsibility. For this very reason our top management sets ambitious targets in this area. At Atlantic Grupa we are passionately dedicated to developing outstanding brands that we offer to our customers and consumers.





### Commitments of Argeta sustainable development till 2030

Our sustainable development vision is linked to a genuine commitment to improving our products, a healthy natural environment and an inspired society. By taking strategic steps, we are ambitiously pursuing our sustainability goals, and thus our 2030 operational guidelines, which we adopted in 2020, By doing so, we are contributing to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 2030.

#### **COMMITMENT TO CUSTOMERS**











We will help 20 million people towards attaining a nutritional balance and a healthier diet.

#### **COMMITMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT**











We will reduce Argeta's environmental footprint by 20%.

#### COMMITTMENT TO SOCIETY















Through education, support for better diets and promotion of sports we will contribute positively to quality of life for 20 million people.



#### **NUTRITIONALLY BALANCED PRODUCTS**

- · All Argeta meat and fish spreads will bear the "free from additives" label.
- We will improve the nutritional profile of the products.
- We will increase the number of products with the "GMO-free" certificate.

#### SUSTAINABLE AND RECYCLABLE PACKAGING

- We will use FSC-labelled packaging.
- We will reduce the use of paper and plastic.
- We will educate consumers about the advantages of aluminium and the correct separation of waste.



#### IMPROVING THE OUALITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S **EVERYDAY LIFE**

- We will improve the quality of educational entertainment (edutainment) content for children.
- · We will increase access to high cuisine.



#### SUSTAINABLE INGREDIENTS AND PRODUCT **QUALITY AND SAFETY**

- At least 60% of our suppliers will have at least one GFSI or environmental standard.
- We will use 100% sustainably produced meat and fish.



#### **REDUCING THE QUANTITY OF FOOD WASTE**

- We will educate consumers on the importance of reducing food waste.
- We will provide consumers with solutions for the reduction of the quantities of food waste.



#### IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SOCIETY

We will allocate at least 1% of our annual profits to sponsorships



#### PLANT-ORIENTED AND BALANCED NUTRITION

We will expand the portfolio suitable for vegans, vegetarians and flexitarians.



#### SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION OF ENERGY AND WATER AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

- We will reduce the quantity of sludge from our own treatment plant by 90%.
- We will seek new waste management solutions.
- We will reduce energy consumption per ton of product by 8%.
- We will apply green energy solutions.

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#### Preface

# Sustainable development requires acting with persistence, responsibility and commitment.

Enzo Smrekar,

Group Vice President for Savoury Spreads, Donat, and International expansion at Atlantic Grupa

We present the new Argeta Sustainability Report. This is the third report in three years, and it allows us to take stock of how well we are delivering on the sustainability commitments we set ourselves in 2020.

Sustainability is essentially a way of thinking and living, representing joy and enthusiasm, a particular kind of activism that connects and broadens the circle of like-minded people. This means that nothing is too difficult and our every action is meant for the good of nature and society.

When we undertook our first sustainability report with genuine passion and compared our performance against certain benchmarks, we often found ourselves blushing – sometimes because we were excited to see how well we were doing in some areas, and sometimes because we realised that our performance was far from exemplary in others. "Next year we will

do even better", we told ourselves then, and again the year afterwards. We made the same promise to ourselves this year. Looking at this year's Sustainability Report, we see that we have made progress in almost all of the target areas. And how could we not? Since we have integrated sustainability into every aspect of our business, from the design of our products to our business processes. However, we need to look at sustainability holistically. Namely, one of Atlantic Grupa's values is growth, which necessarily entails increased consumption of energy, packaging and raw materials, more work, transport, waste, emissions... Yet, at the same time, one of our values is caring. And it is with the greatest care and consideration that we choose our certified suppliers and recyclable packaging, improve the nutritional value of our products, nurture good relationships, raise the level of competence of our employees, and promote healthy lifestyles – in short, we are at the forefront of brands and companies that raise awareness and share best practices in sustainable business.

The year 2030, the year when the United Nations Global Sustainable Development Goals are supposed to be achieved, is not far away. We will do our best to make a meaningful contribution to these global goals by achieving our own ambitious sustainability targets based on ever-better products, a healthy natural environment and an inspired society.



### About the Argeta brand

#### Vision:

To enable the ultimate experience of carefree small meals.

#### Mission:

To create the best light meals in the most honest way.

#### Values:

Argeta thinks progressively, and is honest and inspiring.

#### Competitive advantages:

- the best ingredients,
- the "free from" formula,
- a recognised and popular flavour,
- good spreadability,
- wide selection of spreads.

#### Ownership:

Atlantic Grupa d. d., based in Zagreb, Croatia, is the 100% owner of Atlantic Droga Kolinska d. o. o., based in Ljubljana, Slovenia, and Atlantic Argeta d. o. o., based in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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### **Production of Argeta** products

#### Own production:

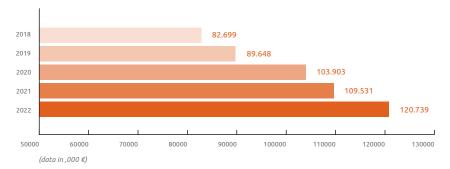
Atlantic Droga Kolinska d. o. o., BU Izola, Slovenia (hereinafter: ADK Izola) and Atlantic Argeta d. o. o. Sarajevo, Bosnia in Herzegovina (hereinafter: AA Sarajevo) Production under licence: Harrisburg, PA, USA External production vegetable spreads: Italy in the first half of the year, internal production in the second half (Igroš).

We are one of the largest producers of meat and fish spreads in the world.

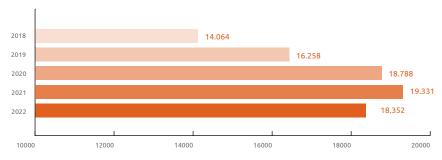
Argeta is No. 1 meat and fish spread in Europe and a favourite in 33 countries around the world.

Argeta's orange pantone 159 C colour is a registered trademark in Slovenia.

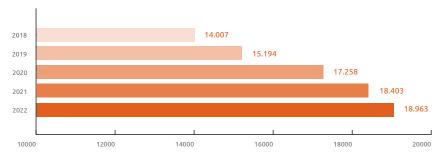
#### Argeta sales revenue, 2018–2022



#### Production of Argeta in tons, 2018–2022



#### Sales of Argeta in tons, 2018–2022





### Main focus of Argeta

We commit to making it easier for 20 million people to achieve a nutritional balance and a healthier diet.

We are constantly modifying and improving our products in line with food trends and our concern for the welfare of consumers. These products are of good nutritional quality, healthy, safe and affordable for all tastes and generations. We link healthy eating patterns with everyday, relaxed and carefree moments thanks to the convenience and ease of use of our products. In doing so, we are contributing to healthier lifestyles among the population through transparent, responsible and creative communication.



#### Global challenges:

- 1. low nutritional value of food, which opens the door to poor health and numerous diseases;
- 2. unhealthy dietary patterns.





#### Focus 1:

### **Nutritionally balanced products**

Activities	Indicators	Status 2020	Status 2021	Status 2022
Products with a "clean label"	<ul> <li>Number of products free from additives</li> <li>Number of "GMO-free" certi-</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>90% of products without additives.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>92% of products without additives.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>97% of of products free from additives.</li> <li>10,5% of products with the</li> </ul>
	<b>fied products</b> (no genetically modified organisms)	<ul> <li>The portfolio contains no products with the "GMO-free" certificate.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>7,7% of products with the "GMO-free" certificate.</li> </ul>	"GMO-free" certificate.
Improving the nutritional profile of the product	<ul> <li>Nutritional profile of products in line with the dietary traffic light system.</li> </ul>	•	<ul> <li>18% of products with a favourable nutrition profile.</li> </ul>	NUTRISCORE:** A – 2,6% B – 10,5%
	<ul> <li>Number of products suitable for people with allergies and intolerance to certain foods.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>5% of products without dairy protein.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>2,5% of products without dairy protein.*</li> </ul>	C – <b>47,4%</b> D – <b>39,5%</b> E – <b>0% 2,6%</b> of products without dairy protein
Improving the nutritional profile of the product	<ul> <li>Number of products with indicators of nutritional balance (e.g. vitamins, mine- rals).</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>23% of products feature added indicators of nutrition balance.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>15% of products feature added indicators of nutrition balance.*</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>15,8% of products with added indicators of nutritional balance.</li> </ul>

All percentages have been calculated on the basis of various flavours (e.g. four flavours out of 40 flavours – 10%).

<sup>\*</sup>Lower percentage because certain products have been withdrawn.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Transition to the Nutriscore methodology.



#### Focus 2:

### Sustainable ingredients and product quality and safety

Activities	Indicators	Status 2020	Status 2021	Status 2022
Maintaining the <b>highest standards</b> of compliance with health and safety.	<ul> <li>GFSI (Global Food Safety Initiative) and environmental standards in our production.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>FSSC 22000, ISO 14001, ISO 50001: ADK Izola, AA Sara- jevo.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>FSSC 22000, ISO 14001, ISO 50001: ADK Izola, AA Sara- jevo.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>FSSC 22000, ISO 14001, ISO</li> <li>50001: ADK Izola, AA Sarajevo</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Proportion of suppliers with GFSI standards*.</li> </ul>	• External production: IFS (International Food Standards) Production under licence: SQF	• External production: IFS (International Food Standards) Production under licence: SQF	<ul> <li>Production under licence: SQI (Safe Quality Food).</li> <li>85% of suppliers of ADK Izola,</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Proportion of suppliers with environmental standards**.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>(Safe Quality Food).</li><li>35% of suppliers of ADK Izola,</li></ul>	<ul><li>(Safe Quality Food).</li><li>52% of suppliers of ADK Izola,</li></ul>	AA Sarajevo meet at least one <b>GFSI</b> standard.*
		AA Sarajevo have at least one <b>GFSI</b> standard*.	AA Sarajevo have at least one GFSI standard*.	<ul> <li>41% of suppliers of ADK Izola, AA Sarajevo meet at least one</li> </ul>
	AA Sarajevo hav	<ul> <li>17% of suppliers of ADK Izola, AA Sarajevo have at least one environmental standard**.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>26% of suppliers of ADK Izola, AA Sarajevo have at least one environmental standard**.</li> </ul>	environmental standard.**
Increased use of ingredients from sustainable sources.	<ul> <li>Proportion of ingredients from sustainable sources.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Chicken meat:         Assessment:         75% conventional (battery)         farming, 25% barn or ground farming.     </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Chicken meat:         Assessment:         31% conventional (battery)         farming, 62% barn or ground         farming and 1% organic farming.     </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Chicken meat:         Assessment:         20% conventional (battery)         farming, 74% barn or ground         farming, 5% free range farming, and 1% organic farming     </li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Internal assesment: 36% of supplied fish ingredients cau- ght sustainably.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>WWF Adria assessment: 49% of supplied fish ingredients caught sustainably.</li> </ul>	• WWF Adria assessment: 46% of supplied fish ingredients
		<ul> <li>MSC: 3,5% quantity share in the fish spread segment.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>MSC: 3,6% quantity share in Argeta's fish spread segment.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>caught sustainably.</li><li>MSC: 4,5% quantity share in</li></ul>
		<ul> <li>No product has an ASC certificate.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No product has an ASC certificate.</li> </ul>	the fish spread segment.
				<ul> <li>No product has an ASC certi- ficate.</li> </ul>

<sup>\*</sup>FSSC, IFS, BRC

<sup>\*\*</sup>ISO 14001, ISO 50001, Emas, FSC.



#### Focus 2:

### Sustainable ingredients and product quality and safety

Activities	Indicators	Status 2020	Status 2021	Status 2022
Increased use of <b>BPA-NI packaging.</b>	<ul> <li>Proportion of BPA-NI packa- ging.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All products not made by external producers or producers under licence are packed in BPA-NI packaging.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All products not made by external producers or producers under licence are packed in BPA-NI packaging.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All products not made by external producers or producers under licence are packed in BPA-NI packaging.</li> </ul>



Activities	Indicators	Status 2020	Status 2021	Status 2022
Increasing <b>alternatives</b> for	• Number of <b>plant-based</b>	• 6 plant spreads based on	• 3 plant spreads based on	• 4 plant spreads based on
consumers eating <b>less or no meat</b> .	products.	chickpeas.	chickpeas.	chickpeas.

In 2022, we achieved positive shifts in comparison with the previous year with almost all indicators.

### Argeta Veggie spreads, the fantastic taste of vegetables

We at Argeta are proud to have been awarded a special prize for innovation in sustainability by the Nutrition Institute in Ljubljana. In addition to our efforts to improve the recipes of existing Argeta products, the Nutrition Institute made a special mention of our newest range of Argeta Veggie spreads, a delicious alternative to traditional meat pâtés. This is a great credit to our development department which, after years of research, has brought delight to so many lovers of good spreads.

The development was led and carried out by a Slovenia-based development team, following the company's sustainable vision of delivering nutritionally balanced products made from the highest quality ingredients. We believe in the philosophy of the best and that is why the "free from" formula is the foundation on which our products are developed. This ensures that our products are free from preservatives, artificial colours, flavour enhancers, palm oil and gluten. Argeta Veggie spreads are based on chickpeas and sesame seeds, with the addition of natural spices and other delicious plants such as olives, red peppers, chilli and lemon.

But before we brought these veggie spreads to the shelves, we carried out extensive recipe testing, quality improvement and interviews with consumers all over Europe. That is why today we are very proud that Argeta Veggie spreads are the first product in the Argeta family that is suitable for everyone – vegans, vegetarians and meat eaters.

Here at Argeta, we understand sustainable development as continuous progress and improvements that benefit both people and all aspects of society. At the same time, we know that sustainability is not only desirable and good for the company's image, but is at the heart of our current and future business success.





### Main focus of Argeta

#### We commit to reducing Argeta's environmental footprint by 20%.

Through the selection of ingredients, materials, technology and services that are *environmentally acceptable*, through responsible management of environmental risks, rational and circular use of resources and the promotion of a sustainable attitude to the environment in participants of the value chain, we positively impact the environment.

In this way we contribute to **reducing the carbon footprint** of our entire chain and **preserving ecosystems.** 



#### Global challenges:

- 1. impoverishment of ecosystems and sources of raw materials,
- the major impact of the food supply chain in terms of greenhouse gas emissions and climate change,
- 40% of food is thrown out and there are large quantities of waste packaging





#### Focus 1:

### Sustainable and recyclable packaging

Activities	Indicators	Status 2020	Status 2021	Status 2022
Packaging that <b>replaces</b> the use of <b>virgin natural resources.</b>	<ul><li>Proportion of FSC paper.</li><li>Proportion of recycled plastic</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Packaging for multiple packs         <ul> <li>(3 x 95 g, 4 x 95 g) with</li> </ul> </li> <li>FSC certificate: 100%.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Packaging for multiple packs         <ul> <li>(3 x 95 g, 4 x 95 g) with</li> </ul> </li> <li>FSC certificate: 100%.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Packaging for multiple packs         (3 x 95 g, 4 x 95 g) with the FSC certificate: 100%.     </li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Secondary transport packaging with FSC certificate: 0%.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Secondary transport pac- kaging with FSC certificate: 100%.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Secondary transport packaging with the FSC certificate:</li> <li>100%.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Transportation packaging</li> </ul>		
		from recycled plastic: 0%.	<ul> <li>Transportation packaging from recycled plastic: 0%.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Transportation packaging from recycled plastic: 0%.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Transportation packaging at production under licence in the USA with the SFI certificate: 100%.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Transportation packaging at production under licence in the USA with the SFI certificate: 100%.</li> </ul>	• Transportation packaging at production under licence in the USA with the SFI certificate: 100%.
Reduction in the use of <b>paper and plastic.</b>	<ul> <li>Proportion of reduced paper use.</li> <li>Proportion of reduced plastic use.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In 2019, we printed around 329,700 labels, which means 6,594 m² of waste stickers, waste waxed paper and waste ribbon.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In 2021, we printed around 611,574 labels, which means 10,946 m² of waste stickers, waste waxed paper and waste ribbon.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In 2022, we printed 118,949 labels, which means 2,128.95 m² of waste stickers, waste waxed paper and waste ribbon.</li> </ul>
Increase in the <b>level of primary</b> packaging waste separation.	<ul> <li>Number of projects to raise awareness/guide the behaviou of consumers.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>There were no projects in</li> <li>2020.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>There were no projects in 2021.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Veggie spreads in aluminium packaging.</li> </ul>

<sup>\*</sup>Quantities are lower due to the relocation of the 27 g/45 g line.



#### Focus 2:

### Reducing the quantity of food waste

Activities	Indicators	Status 2020	Status 2021	Status 2022
Encouraging consumers to reduce food waste.	<ul> <li>Number of packaging with optimal use of product.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reusable lid (humus-twist off)</li> <li>– six products.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reusable lid (humus-twist off)</li> <li>– three products.</li> </ul>	There were no activities.
	<ul> <li>Number of projects/partici- pants in 'zero food waste' campaigns.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>There were no projects in 2020 to raise awareness about redu- cing food waste.</li> </ul>	. 3	<ul> <li>We continue to raise consumer awareness on social media about how to reduce food waste (recipes to use up stale bread, etc.).</li> </ul>



#### Focus 3:

### Sustainable consumption of energy and water and waste management

Activities	Indicators	Status 2020	Status 2021	Status 2022
Reducing water consumption.	<ul> <li>Proportion of reduced water</li> </ul>	Water consumption (2019):	Water consumption (2021):	Water consumption (2022):
	use, <b>ISO 14001.</b>	<ul> <li>ADK Izola: 4.21 m³ of water per ton of product.</li> </ul>	• ADK Izola: 4.55 m³ of water per ton of product.	• ADK Izola: 4.56 m³ of water per ton of product.
		<ul> <li>AA Sarajevo: 5.99 m³ of water per ton of product.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>AA Sarajevo: 5.10 m³ of water per ton of product.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>AA Sarajevo: 4.5m³ of water per ton of product.</li> </ul>
Responsible use of chemicals.	<ul> <li>Proportion of reduced chem cal use.</li> </ul>	ni- Consumption of chemicals (for cleaning basins): • ADK Izola: 23,000 kg.	Consumption of <b>chemicals</b> (for cleaning basins):  ADK Izola: 18,480 kg.	Consumption of chemicals (total; for cleaning basins):  ADK Izola: 49,388 kg; 29,112.
		• AA Sarajevo: 11,432 kg.	• AA Sarajevo: 9,774 kg.	<ul> <li>AA Sarajevo: 30,332 kg;</li> <li>12,220 kg.</li> </ul>
Responsible waste management.	<ul> <li>Proportion of sludge from of treatment plant.</li> </ul>	own Sludge from own treatment plant:	Sludge from own treatment plant:	Sludge from own treatment plant:
	·	• ADK Izola: <b>460 t.</b>	• ADK Izola: 509.5 t.	• ADK Izola: 444.77 t.
		• AA Sarajevo: 173 t.	• AA Sarajevo: 110.5 t.	• AA Sarajevo: 120.5 t.



#### Focus 3:

### Sustainable consumption of energy and water and waste management

Activities	Indicators	Status 2020	Status 2021	Status 2022
Increase in the level of circular handling of waste.	<ul> <li>Proportion of waste or by-pro- ducts in the circular loop.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>100% of our organic waste from production is part of the circular loop.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>100% of our organic waste from production is part of the circular loop.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>100% of our organic waste from production is part of the circular loop.</li> </ul>
Responsible <b>use of energy.</b>	<ul> <li>Proportion of reduced energy consumption.</li> </ul>	<b>Total energy consumption</b> per unit of production (2019):	<b>Total energy consumption</b> per unit of production (2021):	<b>Total energy consumption</b> per unit of production (2022):
	<ul> <li>Proportion of energy from renewable sources.</li> </ul>	• ADK Izola 1,046 kWh/t and	ADK Izola 1,063 kWh/t and	• ADK Izola 1,005 kWh/t and
		<ul> <li>AA Sarajevo 1,362 kWh/t.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>AA Sarajevo 954 kWh/t.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>AA Sarajevo 1,055 kWh/t.</li> </ul>
		<b>Electricity consumption</b> per unit of production:	<b>Electricity consumption</b> per unit of production:	<b>Electricity consumption</b> per unit of production:
		ADK Izola 311.15 kWh/t and	ADK Izola 299 kWh/t and	ADK Izola 278 kWh/t and
		• AA Sarajevo 381 kWh/t.	• AA Sarajevo 313 kWh/t.	• AA Sarajevo 362 kWh/t.
		<b>Electricity from renewable sources</b> (solar panels on production facility roofs):	<b>Electricity from renewable sources</b> (solar panels on production facility roofs):	Electricity from renewable sources (solar panels on production facility roofs):
		• ADK Izola 7.75% and	• ADK Izola 100% and	<ul> <li>ADK Izola 6.6% (remaining electricity from leased external</li> </ul>
		• AA Sarajevo <mark>0%.</mark>	• AA Sarajevo <mark>0%.</mark>	renewable sources).

### **Environmental footprint**

We manage all significant environmental impacts comprehensively, on a site by site basis, using our own management model. For quantitative indicators, we have set up baseline values specifically for each location. Over the years, the value of an indicator can be positive or negative in relation to the baseline value. This way, we monitor the overall progress (or potential worsening) of the environmental footprint of a brand or all production sites together on an annual basis, while transparently assessing each site and area separately. Below we present a summary of assessments by individual areas.

#### Areas of management:

#### 1. systemic management of sustainable development in the company (in the area of the Argeta brand):

- environmental certificates
- number of hours of environmental training for employees.

#### 2. investments with major environmental effects in the LCA of Argeta products:

- value up to EUR 10,000
- value from EUR 10,000 to EUR 50,000
- value above EUR 50,000

#### 3. management of drinking water:

- consumption of water per ton of product (m3/t)
- litre of chemicals used per ton of product (kg/t).

#### 4. management of waste water:

formation of sludge in own treatment plants (1 kg/t of product).

#### 5. management of energy and emissions:

- electricity consumption per ton of product
- thermal energy consumption per ton of product
- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per ton of product
- % of green energy in total energy consumption
- % of green energy produced in total energy consumption.

#### 6. management of effluents and waste:

- % of organic waste from production per ton of products
- % of secondary raw materials in a new product
- % of waste per ton of product
- % of reused waste per ton of product
- % of recycled waste per ton of product
- % of heat-treated waste per ton of product
- % of waste disposed per ton of product.

#### 7. environmental management of suppliers:

- number of suppliers with GFSI certificates
- number of suppliers with other environmental certificates.

#### 8. investments in the natural environment of the wider society:

- management of socially responsible environmental projects
  - value up to EUR 1999
  - value from EUR 2000 to EUR 4999
  - value above FUR 5000



#### Results of managing the environmental area, 2019-2022

	Area	2019	2020	2021	2022
1.	System management	6	8	6	9
2.	Investments with major environmental and energy-related effects	2	3	7	4
3.	Management of water, chemicals	2.5	3	9.5	5,6
4.	Formation of sludge in own treatment plant	-3	-3.1	-0.2	-0,3
5.	Management of energy and emissions	6	7.9	21.7	24
6.	Management of effluents and waste	15.7	26.8	7.1	-2,8
7.	Management of suppliers	2.2	5.8	8.8	10,5
8.	Investments in the natural environment of the wider society	0	0	0	0
	Total	31.4	51.4	59.9	50

**Environmental footprint** | Sustainability Report for the brand Argeta

Our model assumes that Argeta's total environmental footprint amounts to 1,000 points, which means that we should reach 1,000 points by 2030 in order to neutralise the environmental impact.

Argeta committed to reducing its footprint by 20% by 2030, which means it will gather 200 points by then through various activities in the defined areas.

Argeta is also committed to continuously improving its environmental footprint, which is why we manage it strategically. In 2022, we achieved 50 points, an improvement of almost 60% from our 2019 baseline of 31.4 points. However, this score was down 16% compared to 2021. Our environmental footprint model allows us to specifically monitor results by sector. We are pleased with our energy and emissions management and the environmental management practices of our suppliers, where we are improving our performance, confirming our commitment to decarbonisation.

We are facing challenges particularly in the management of materials and waste due to the inadequate state infrastructure in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which does not allow for the further processing of separately collected waste, resulting in its disposal to landfill, so we are looking for new solutions. We will also seek solutions in other areas where our performance has deteriorated to improve our environmental footprint in the long term.

### Waste management

We see waste as a raw material, so we want to manage it strategically and in line with the hierarchy of waste management. We collect it separately in production facilities, warehouses and offices. At each location we have a waste collection point with containers of various sizes set up, since we wish to separate waste accurately at the source. The forklifts are equipped with scales to weigh the waste. As we want to recycle as much waste as possible in keeping with the model of the circular economy, we are constantly looking for new solutions to recycle or reuse waste.

One of our priorities is to systematically reduce the volume of mixed municipal waste each year. Waste that cannot be materially recovered and which is suitable as an energy source is used to obtain energy. For the moment we have this possibility at ADK Izola. We have contracts with registered waste collection and recycling organisations for these services. Our aim is to send as little urban waste as possible to the landfill.

#### Waste at the ADK Izola facility, 2018–2022 in kilograms

	Waste	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
	Metal packaging (Al)	5.812,0	1.710,0	2.330,0	4.500,0	3.724
	Paper	71.631,0	104.644,5	114.226,5	89.430,0	127.863,4
	Plastic packaging	15.691,0	16.787,0	20.353,5	10.660,0	19.838,0
	Metal dust and particles					1.610,0
	Waste toners	115,0	182,5	175,0	95,5	77,5
	Ferrous metal dust and particles					982
	Mixed packaging	1.970,0	1.878,5	1.859,7	2.014,5	1.579,05
	Fluorescent tubes	30,0	30,0	30,0	45,0	42,5
Recycling	Wooden packaging					
	Bulky waste	820,0		3.020,0	7.340,0	6202,35
	Discarded electric and electronic equipment other than that mentioned in 20 01 21	70,0	290,0	500,0	630,0	505,0
	Glass packaging			450,0		0
	Textiles	100,0				
	Plastic fractions/plastic waste	5.330,0	80,0	17,0	800,0	1.260,0
	Iron, steel			370,0	2.460,0	1.740,0
	High-quality paper		90,0			
	Sludge from the treatment plant	252.548,0	459.212,0	639.538,0	509.508,0	444.772,0
Biogas plant - energy	Materials unsuitable for use for Saubermacher/Koto	33.742,0	41.580,0	3.020,0 7.340,0 500,0 630,0 450,0 17,0 800,0 370,0 2.460,0  2,0 639.538,0 509.508,0 0 56.210,0 59.105,0 0 16.430,0 61.800,0 637 0,0 590.028,0 532.823,0	50.320,0	
ee. 3 <i>y</i>	Organic waste other than that mentioned in 16 03 05 36.140,0 42.690,0	42.690,0	16.430,0	61.800,0	24.648	
Re-use - ani-	Mixture waste (from pâté) – SAPI	1.505,0			637	4.332,0
mal feed	Chicken bones	482.149,0	642.970,0		441.808	
Composting	Biodegradable waste	305,5	389,5	544,5	1.728,0	1.548,0

In 2022, the volume of waste (mainly floating layers and waste bones) decreased compared to 2021 due to longer delays (three weeks more due to outages/maintenance). In 2022, we equipped forklifts with scales to better differentiate between the waste volumes of SBU Savoury Spreads and Coffee SBU – thus determining that 70% of waste with classification number 15 01 02 Paper and cardboard packaging and waste with classification number 15 01 02 Plastic packaging is generated by SBU Savoury Spreads, and 30% by Coffee SBU. Previously, paper (15 01 01) and plastics (15 01 02) were divided in half between the two SBUs – therefore the amount of these two types of waste is higher compared to previous years. The volume of waste destined for use in the biogas plant to generate energy (mainly 16 03 06 Waste pâté, other raw material) was lower in 2022 than in 2021 (in that year more than 30 tonnes of hummus were disposed of because it contained ethylene oxide).

Due to a spillage of edible oil during the transfer from the truck to the tanks, there were new types of waste that had not occurred in previous years (grease and oil mixtures, oil-contaminated water, etc.).

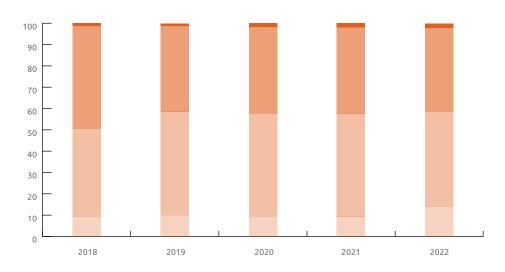
#### Waste at the ADK Izola facility, 2018–2022 in kilograms

	Waste	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
	Non-chlorinated engine, machining oils	313,5		7,5	90,0	0
	Hazardous substance packaging	16,0	249,0	35,0	433,0	368,2
	Adsorbents, filter materials	792,5	1.150,0	1.292,0	1.010,0	195,0
	Discarded inorganic chemicals consisting of or containing dangerous substances	5,0	2,5	14,5	2,0	173,0
	Adsorbents, filter materials, wiping cloths, etc.				233,5	
Incineration, co-incineration	Chemicals consisting of or containing hazardous substances					14,0
	Other solvents (laboratory waste )	20,0	70,5	72,5	58,0	111,5
	Oil filters	27,0		9,5		
	Chromates	1,0 0,5	1			
	Waste paint and varnish containing organic solvents or other hazardous substances (ecol.)			17,5	0,5	
	Chlorofluorocarbons			2,5		
	Grease and oil mixture from oil/water separation containing only edible oil and fats					880,0
	Wastes containing other hazardous substances (16 07 09)					800,0
	Oil-contaminated water					800,0
	Batteries and accumulators not specified elsewhere					20,0
Landfill	Mixed municipal waste	14.549,5	15.968,9	16.407,4	20.174,6	21.420,02
	Total	923.682,0	1.329.975,9	1.463.940,6	1.305.577,8	1.157.634,5

#### Waste management at the ADK Izola facility, 2018–2022

	Recycling	Biogas plant – energy	Re-use – animal feed	Composting	Incineration/ co-incineration	Landfill	Total
2018	101.569,0	322.430,0	483.654,0	305,5	1.174,0	14.549,5	923.682,0
2018	11,0%	34,9%	52,4%	0,0%	0,1%	1,6%	100,0%
2019	125.692,5	543.482,0	642.970,0	389,5	1.473,0	15.968,9	1.329.975,9
2019	9,5%	40,9%	48,3%	0,0%	0,1%	1,2%	100,0%
2020	143.331,7	712.178,0	590.028,0	544,5	1.451,0	16.407,4	1.463.940,6
2020	9,8%	48,6%	40,3%	0,0%	0,1%	1,1%	100,0%
2021	117.975,0	630.413,0	524.460,0	1.728,0	1.737,0	20.174,6	1.296.487,6
2021	9,1%	48,6%	40,5%	0,1%	0,1%	1,6%	100,0%
2022	165.424	519.740	446.140	1.548	4917,0	21.420,0	1.157.634,5
2022	14,3%	44,9%	38,5%	0,1%	0,4%	1,8%	100,0%

#### Proportion of waste in relation to the processing in the 2018–2022 period at ADK Izola



- Landfill
- Incineration/co-incineration\*
- Biogas plant energy
- Recycling
- Re-use animal feed
- Composting\*

<sup>\*</sup> value is less than 1%

#### Waste at the AA Sarajevo facility, 2018–2022 in kilograms

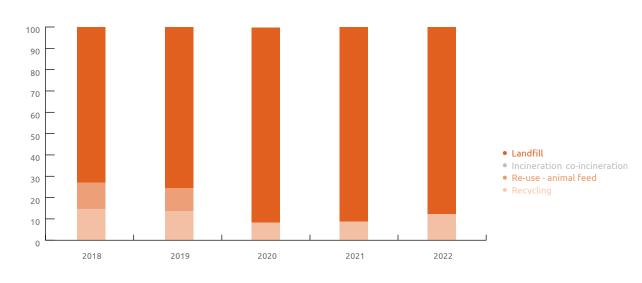
Waste type	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Cardboard, paper, nylon	155.070,0	128.500,0	84.140,0	104.380,0	124.380,0
Cardboard, paper, nyton	155.070,0	1.200,0	9.600,0	4.000,0	2.420,0
Liquid organic waste (floating layers)	152.607,0	173.000,0	128.500,0	110.500,0	120.500,0
Mixture waste (pâté)	2.373,0	0,0	1.209,2	2.799,0	1.265,0
Solid organic bone waste – animal feed	525.240,0	457.120,0	796.770,0	912.840,0	723.700
Solid organic bone waste – animat reed	124.520,0	102.300,0	0,0	0,0	1
Mixed bulky waste	65.520,0	77.845,0	103.355,0	97.570,0	91.910,0
Metal waste	/	/	3.220,0	2.110,0	4.480,0
Ion-exchange resins	130,0	130,0	120,0	/	/
Slag and powder from boilers	2,8	2,5	2,8	/	1
Laboratory chemicals	/	30,0	20,0	18,0	35,0
Non-chlorinated lubricating oils	500,0	230,0	1	120,0	415,0
Fluorescent tubes	60,0	35,0	15,0	80,0	10,0
Electrical waste	/	15,0	1	/	100,0
Absorbents, oily cloths	/	15,0	1	80,0	10,0
Waste toner	/	70,0	120,0	5,0	50,0
Waste printing toner containing dangerous substances	/	/	/	30,0	16,0
Hazardous substance packaging	/	/	1	30,0	40,0
Total	1.026.022,8	940.492,5	1.127.072,0	1.234.532,0	1.069.331,0

The total volume of waste at the Sarajevo facility increased in 2020 and 2021 due to increased production (greater number of shifts and occasional Saturday work) and decreased in 2022 due to increased production of fish and chicken breast products compared to previous years (fewer bones, which constitute the bulk of the waste).

#### Waste management at the AA Sarajevo facility, 2018–2022

	Recycling	Re-use – animal feed	Incineration/ co-incineration	Landfill	Total
2018	155.130,0	124.520,0	630,0	745.742,8	1.026.022,8
2018	15,1%	12,1%	0,1%	72,7%	100,0%
2019	129.820,0	102.300,0	405,0	707.967,5	940.492,5
2019	13,8%	10,9%	0,0%	75,3%	100,0%
2020	97.095,0	0,0	140,0	1.029.837,0	1.127.072,0
2020	8,6%	0,0%	0,0%	91,4%	100,0%
2021	110.575,0		248,0	1.123.709,0	1.234.532,0
2021	9,0%	0,0%	0,0%	91,0%	100,0%
2022	131.440,0		516,0	937.375,0	1.069.331
2022	12,29%		0,05%	87,66%	100,0%

#### Proportion of waste in relation to the processing in the 2018–2022 period at AA Sarajevo



A special factor in our production process is chicken bones and treatment plant sludge. The formation of waste is closely connected with the scope of production. Through consistent separate waste collection we will reduce the quantities of urban waste and increase the proportion of separately collected waste that is suitable for further processing or recycling. At ADK Izola we invested in two new waste balers and bought a new larger ecology station for storing treatment plant chemicals.

It should be noted that separate waste collection is also practiced at Argeta Sarajevo. Major differences in the proportions of waste separation arise mainly due to the incomparable state infrastructure for waste management, which does not allow for further processing of separately collected waste. For waste that, due to objective reasons, is placed in landfill, new solutions are constantly being sought for further processing or solutions that might contribute to improving the environmental impact of our operations.

### **Energy** consumption and carbon footprint

Our approach to managing climate change and energy is comprehensive, as we work to mitigate the impacts of climate change while reducing the cost of energy. We manage energy in accordance with ISO 50001 and regularly update our energy policy.

Energy management comprises:

- promoting activities aimed at increasing effective use of all energy sources;
- promoting the use of renewable energy sources;
- seeking optimal solutions in designing products in the development stage, which indirectly impacts energy consumption;
- procurement of energy-efficient technologies or BAT (best available technologies);
- transfer of best internal practices to improve the energy efficiency among companies within AG;
- meeting statutory requirements relating to energy consumption.

Effective energy management at a production site is one of the key activities of technical services. We carry out a variety of activities through which we can optimally monitor energy consumption. For this purpose, we install additional meters every year in order to precisely determine the target use of energy in specific processes, machines or devices.

#### Energy consumption in 2018–2022

Electricity kWh 2.288.631 2.755.405 2.784.697 2.603.835 2.336.	504
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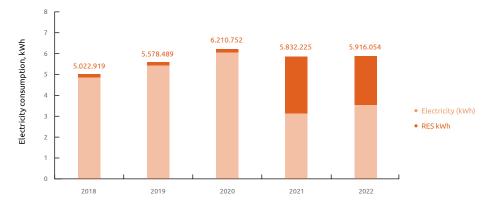
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Electricity	kWh	2.734.288	2.823.084	3.426.055	3.228.390	3.579.550
Heating oil	kWh	279.792				
Gas	kWh	6.507.615	7.261.646	6.803.043	6.903.818	6.841.560

#### Total

Electricity	kWh	5.022.919	5.578.489	6.210.752	5.832.225	5.916.054	
Thermal energy	kWh	12.405.116	13.766.716	13.461.758	13.562.533	12.955.358	
Total (E + TE)	kWh	17.428.035	19.345.205	19.672.510	19.394.758	18.871.412	

#### Electricity consumption (and proportion of RES), 2018–2022



In 2021 and 2022, all electricity at the Izola facility came from renewable energy sources (RES), which resulted in a great improvement in terms of using RES in comparison with the previous years. By doing so, we are fulfilling our strategic commitment to reduce our carbon footprint.

#### Energy consumption per ton of products in 2018–2022

Izola		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Electricity	kWh/t	318	311	313	299	278
Gas	MJ/t	2.766	2.604	2.765	2.751	2.619

Sarajevo		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Electricity	kWh/t	398	381	346	313	362
Gas	MJ/t	2.675	2.718	2.476	2.341	2.480

We are achieving a positive trend of reducing energy consumption per ton of products at the Izola production site, while the Sarajevo site shows a slight increase in 2022. In 2022, there was a modification concerning the split meter at the Sarajevo site; the energy consumption of the warehouse, which previously had a different tenant, has thus been added to the production. For this reason, there was an increase in consumption, but not due to an increase in production.

#### Calculation of carbon footprint based on energy sources consumed for production at ADK Izola and Atlantic Argeta Sarajevo production facilities 2018–2022

ADK Izola	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Emissions of CO <sub>2</sub> , total (t)	2.076	2.441	3.016	1.513	1.389
Emissions of CO <sub>2</sub> , scope 1 (t)	1.275	1.477	1.552	0	1.389
Emissions of CO <sub>2</sub> , scope 2 (t)	801	964	1.465	1.513	0
AA Sarajevo	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022

AA Sarajevo	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Emissions of CO <sub>2</sub> , total (t)	3.574	3.757	4.015	3.849	4.106
Emissions of CO <sub>2</sub> , scope 1 (t)	1.379	1.445	1.375	1.396	1.386
Emissions of CO <sub>2</sub> , scope 2 (t)	2.195	2.311	2.641	2.453	2.720

CO, emission depends on the emission factor given for a specific energy product in a specific year, which is why these values fluctuate highly from one year to another.

#### Emissions of CO2 per ton of product for production at ADK Izola and Atlantic Argeta Sarajevo 2018–2022

ADK Izola	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	
Production in tons	7.198	8.856	8.895	8.715	8.406	
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions in t	2.076	2.441	3.016	1.513	1.389	
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions in kg per ton of product	288,4	275,6	339	174	165	

AA Sarajevo	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Production in tons	6.866	7.402	9.892	10.616	9.878
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions in t	3.574	3.757	4.015	3.849	4.106
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions in kg per ton of product	520,5	507,5	405	362	416

We achieved significantly lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at the Izola production facility, which is due to the 100% transition to electricity from RES. Other emissions include emissions from cooling gases in our cooling devices, for which we regularly carry out mandatory annual check-ups and detection of gas leakages. By doing so, we make sure to minimise the amount of such gases leaking into the environment. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at AA Sarajevo increased due to an increase in energy consumption per ton of product (reason: modified split meter).



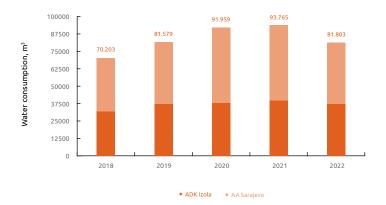
### Water consumption

We draw public mains water for production at both locations. At ADK Izola we draw water from the public mains supply of the Rižanski vodovod Koper utility company. In 2015, the Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning issued us with a permit for direct use of water from facilities and plants for the supply of drinking water for technological purposes in the amount of up to 4 l/s or 180 m<sup>3</sup> per day, with a yearly maximum of 35,000 m<sup>3</sup>. The water permit is valid until 30 July 2041. In 2018, at our request the Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning issued us with a decision amending the water permit, thereby allowing us to draw up to 44,000 m<sup>3</sup> of drinking water annually, which we needed for the increase in our production capacities.

At Atlantic Argeta Sarajevo, city mains water from the Garovci reservoir is supplied by the utility company Komunalac. The Ministry of the Economy in the Canton of Sarajevo issued a water permit on 20 June 2017 for the supply of water for five years.

For the purposes of efficient water management, our facilities are equipped with a large number of meters, which we use to monitor water consumption. Reduction in water consumption, especially for the purposes of washing, is our priority, which is why we are actively seeking new optimisation opportunities.

#### Water consumption from the mains in 2018-2022

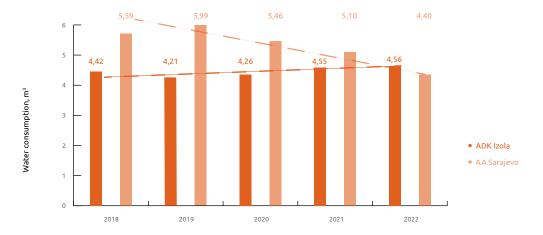


The rising volume of water used is closely connected with the increase in production. In 2021, the sterilisation technology at the Izola facility changed (replacement of autoclaves that use up more water), which is why more water was used per unit of product 2021 and 2022 compared to previous years.

#### Water consumption, 2018–2022

Izola		2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
From the mains	$m^3$	31.797	37.253	37.921	39.616	38.364
Per ton of product	m³/t	4,42	4,21	4,26	4,55	4,56
Sarajevo						
From the mains	$m^3$	38.406	44.326	54.038	54.149	43.439
Per ton of product	m³/t	5,59	5,99	5,46	5,10	4,40
Total consumption per ton	m³/t	5,0	5,0	4,9	4,9	4,5

#### Water efficiency water consumption relative to production (m³/t), 2018 - 2022





### **Waste water** treatment

Industrial waste water in the Argeta production facilities is generated as technological water in cooking and separating meat, rinsing tins, cleaning machinery and the production section, as cooling water for cooling the autoclaves, air conditioning and cooling on the production line, and as boiler water. Industrial waste water at the production site is treated in a treatment plant. At the ADK Izola production facility a treatment plant performs mechanical and physical/chemical pre-treatment of industrial waste water before it is discharged into the public sewer system of the town of Izola, and from there to the Koper treatment plant. The capacity for treating industrial waste water is 10 m<sup>3</sup>/h, which ensures 90–95% removal of fats and 70–80% reduction of the organic burden measured using the parameters of COD and BOD<sub>c</sub>.

The Argeta production location in Sarajevo has separate sewer systems for sanitary waste water, rainwater containing fats, clean rainwater and industrial waste water, Industrial waste water from the meat processing section is received by a system for pre-treatment of industrial waste water before it is discharged into the public sewer system, and from there to the public treatment plant. Waste generated in the process of pre-treating industrial waste water is collected in containers that are removed by an authorised company. Precipitation water is treated in two oil and fat separators. Treated waste water from the separator is discharged into a test collector for the industrial zone, with outflow into the River Zujevina.

We conduct regular monitoring of both industrial treatment plants and report our findings to the competent institutions.

#### Waste air

Waste air which is generated in the cooking of meat in boilers and contains steam is collected in a central hood and discharged into the outside air through a single exhaust vent.

#### Compliance with environmental legislation

Each year we perform monitoring at both locations. In 2022, the environmental inspectors found no irregularities at our production facilities.



Monitoring waste water from cooling facilities and steam and

Year	Waste water monitoring (treatment plant outflow)	Monitoring oil separators (administrative building, car park, guard booth)	hot water generating facilities, from ionic exchangers and after reverse osmosis*
2019	3 – all in accordance with the legislation	3 – all in accordance with the legislation	once yearly
2020	3 – all in accordance with the legislation	3 – all in accordance with the legislation	once yearly
2021	3 – all in accordance with the legislation	3 – all in accordance with the legislation	once yearly
2022	3 – all in accordance with the legislation	3 – all in accordance with the legislation	once yearly

\*We conduct monitoring of waste water from cooling facilities and steam and hot water generating facilities, from ionic exchangers and after reverse osmosis for our own purposes, not due to any legislative requirements.



### Argeta's main focus

Through education, support for better diets and promotion of sports we will positively contribute to quality of life for 20 million people.

Through our values, mission, products and social relations we are *committed to the good* of society in general, since we believe in the democratisation of the good and the opportunity for prosperity for everyone. We believe in transparent and dignified business operations, and support and wish for sincere and high-quality partnerships in all areas.



#### Global challenges:

- 1. major economic and social inequality, which leads to po-
- 2. lack of access to opportunities and prosperity for all;
- 3. stressful lives with a lack of interpersonal values;
- 4. lack of integrity, transparency and cooperation for the common good.





#### Focus 1:

### Improving the quality of the individual's everyday life

Activities	Indicators	Status 2020	Status 2021	Status 2022
Improving the quality of educational entertainment (edutainment)	• Number of <b>content items.</b>	<ul> <li>6 edutainment e-books for children.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>9 edutainment e-books for children.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>12 edutainment e-books for children.</li> </ul>
content for children.	<ul> <li>Number of edutainment projects.</li> </ul>			
Increasing access to high cuisine.	<ul><li>Number of projects.</li><li>Number of participants.</li></ul>	<ul> <li>3 products that enable greater access to high cuisine.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>3 products that enable greater access to high cuisine.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>3 products that enable greater access to high cuisine.</li> </ul>
			<ul> <li>European Food Summit &amp; Wine Art sponsorships.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Sponsorships: Wine Art,         Portorož Business Conference,         Diners Club golf tournament,         Grajsko martinovanje (Ljubljana Castle)     </li> </ul>



#### Focus 2:

### Improving the quality of life in society

Activities	Indicators	Status 2020	Status 2021	Status 2022
Financial support for sports, education and culture.	<ul> <li>Amount of funds for sponsorship and donations at least 1% of profits to be spent on sports, education and culture.</li> </ul>	• 2.1% of EBIT.	<ul> <li>3% of EBIT, of which 93% in sports, 5% in education and training, and 2% in culture.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>7.2% of EBIT, of which 89% in sports, 4% in education and training, and 7% in culture.</li> </ul>

### Social responsibility

#### Social responsibility, sponsorship and donations

In line with its strategic orientations in the area of sponsorship and donations, Argeta practices social responsibility in the following three key areas.

#### Sport

Argeta has been supporting the development of Slovenian sport for several decades. It has supported sports associations, clubs and individual athletes, including the Croatian Alpine skier Filip Zubčić, promising young Slovenian BMX-rider Jaka Remec, German biathletes Vanessa Hinz and Sophia Schneider, and Austrian snowboarder Benjamin Karl.

It has also supported local and international sports events such as the 2021/22 Women's Ski Jumping World Cup Silvester Tour in Ljubno, the 2021 World Cup ski flying competition in Planica, the Ruhpolding 2022 Summer Biathlon World Championships, the Loka Cup youth alpine skiing competition, and Highlander Slovenia 2022.

#### Culture and education

Argeta supports the Saraievo Film Festival, as well as professional conferences and associations such as the Slovenian Marketing Conference, Effie Slovenia, Sporto, the Slovenian Marketing Association and the Slovenian Advertising Chamber.

#### Caring for vulnerable social groups

Recognising its social responsibility and the importance of caring for vulnerable social groups, Argeta also supports the sponsorship programme "Botrstvo".

#### Sports sponsorship

The strategic approach to sports sponsorship is based on three key pillars. All sponsorships and activities are aligned with the brand strategy and values, as well as business objectives, allowing for the consistent and effective delivery of sponsorship activities.

#### Supporting top-level sport and involving fans

As Europe's leading producer of meat and fish spreads, Argeta supports those who dare to step out of their comfort zone. Those who like taking on new challenges, always looking for new ways to become the best version of themselves.

Argeta has taken a step further with the #AlwaysBetter sponsorship activation programme, changing the landscape of sports sponsorship. Launched in 2020, the programme promotes sport, motivates athletes and fans and brings them together. In this way, sponsorship activation goes beyond the mere display of a logo – by actively involving sports fans, it encourages the broader population to always strive to be better.

#### Promoting the development of top-level sport among children and young people

Argeta has been actively supporting the development of toplevel winter sports in Slovenia for years. By supporting the Argeta Junior Cup series competitions in Nordic disciplines such as ski jumping, cross-country skiing, and Nordic combined, as well as Alpine skiing competitions, Argeta enables talented young athletes to gain their first competitive experience, while promoting a sporting lifestyle.

#### Supporting local sporting events and major international winter sports competitions

Argeta supports local and international sports events, enabling competitions to be held at the highest level. In addition to promoting Argeta's brand, these efforts also contribute to the visibility of the event in international markets and build Argeta's reputation and profile as a reliable partner in sports sponsorship.





#### Junior adventures – when learning meets fun

Children deserve the best, whether it be during lunch, learning or browsing the internet. This is something that is especially difficult to ensure online, where there is endless content aimed at children, but usually this is designed to distract rather than to educate or improve. Under the Argeta Junior sub-brand, which prepares well-known spreads for children, Argeta has marked the fifth year of a special online platform, Junior Adventure, where children can learn about a lot of things in a fun way and develop their cognitive skills in the process.

This completely carefree and safe corner of the internet is intended for both children and their parents and is entirely free. The regional online platform offers numerous games, challenges, tasks and online books developed together with experts from a number of fields and created for children of various age groups. The quality and appropriateness of the content that stimulates the cognitive development of children in a fun way was confirmed by renowned development psychologists who took part in its creation.

The content thematically covers five areas that are of the greatest interest to children, including science, environmental protection, and exploration, and it is interactive so as to deepen the children's knowledge and cognitive abilities.

We are aware of the growing importance of developing children's cognitive abilities and, in this context, of learning to think in a linear and especially creative way, as this is often overlooked in school curricula. Over the past year, we have therefore used the platform to introduce children to the world of creative thinking. In collaboration with Nastja Mulej, the only licensed De Bono thinking tools trainer in Slovenia, we created new books, games and challenges to help children develop their imaginations.

Argeta takes particular pride in its digital library as it is aware of the importance of reading and, above all, of cultivating children's imaginations, through both books as well as various interactive tasks that pull children into a story and help them actively experience it, while empowering them to make their own decisions about how to continue the narrative.



With all the (new) content on offer, Duckling Junior has become an even better friend to children and a great helper to parents across the region. And the figures prove it: so far, more than one million budding adventurers and their parents have visited the Junior Adventure platform, where Duckling Junior helps them build skills for the future.

### **About the Sustainability Report**

#### **Atlantic Grupa**

Since 2013, Atlantic Grupa, which includes Atlantic Droga Kolinska d.o.o., has disclosed its progress towards sustainability in a Sustainability Report compiled under the GRI standards.

All Sustainability Reports are available at the following address: <a href="https://www.atlanticgrupa.com/hr/mediji/publikacije/gri-report.">https://www.atlanticgrupa.com/hr/mediji/publikacije/gri-report.</a>

#### The Argeta brand

The Argeta brand has previously reported on its sustainable development according to GRI standards in 2020 and 2021. These reports on the sustainability aspects of our operations were published on our website and as part of the overall Atlantic Grupa Sustainability Report. While the 2022 report has not been carried out according to GRI standards, it does provide an overview and a measurement of progress in that year.

Independent sustainable disclosure at the brand level is part of our comprehensive philosophy of excellence, by means of which we also set high standards for the brand in the area of sustainable development. Through our own example – with achievements and challenges – we address the entire value chain, including consumers.

The process of drawing up this Sustainability Report involved the active participation of all sectors of the Argeta brand, including the management. Our reporting is transparent and includes data that is currently available to Atlantic Grupa, while at the same time we are presenting our annual steps towards fulfilling sustainability commitments up to 2030. When choosing the content, the following elements are of key importance: materiality, stakeholder involvement and the sustainability context. In presenting the content we endeavoured to set out the data in a balanced, comparable, accurate, clear and reliable way. We will continue to carry out annual sustainability reporting in the future.

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