

# **Sustainability**

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### **Vion facts & figures**





Production locations The Netherlands -Germany



12,000 employees



#### **Chain concepts**

Good Farming Star Good Farming Balance De Groene Weg

#### 3 business divisions







Pork

Beef

Food Service

Per year: **2,2m tons of meat** 

16m pigs & 0,9m cattle processed

100 million consumers every day

#### **Brands**

Salomon FoodWorld FVZ Convenience Food Family Goldbeef Hackplus Weylander

**16** sales support offices worldwide



#### Societal debate about meat

• Animal welfare (in animal husbandry & processing)

Product integrity (« do I get what I buy ? »)

Sustainability (environmental footprint of meat chain production)

- Impact of meat consumption on human health
- Respect for people, consumers and animals: food democracy



#### Vion's initiatives

- Take leadership in the industry by putting the theme of transparency on the agenda
- Create and publish a comprehensive CSR report, that includes all the important topics of the meat industry
- Create new dedicated supply chains (connect the farm to the market)
  - Organic
  - Welfare
  - Global markets



# Transparency is a megatrend

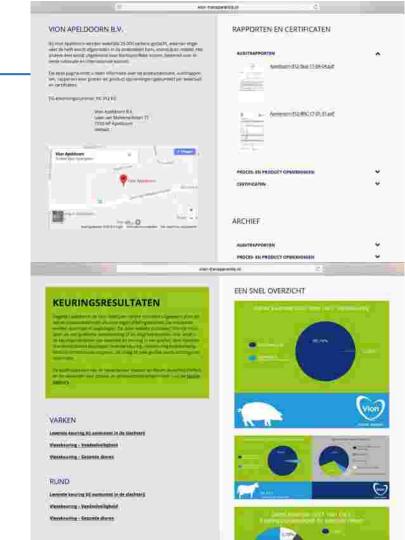
Consumers, retailers, governments are increasingly interested in background information and transparency on food.

Particularly in focus: the meat industry!

#### Response:

# To publish on our website a series of facts and figures:

- Results of audits and certifications
- Fines of authorities
  - Positive reactions: more fact-based discussion, less "scandalisation"



# **Launch of transparency websites**

#### www.vion-transparenz.de

Live: 3 November 2016



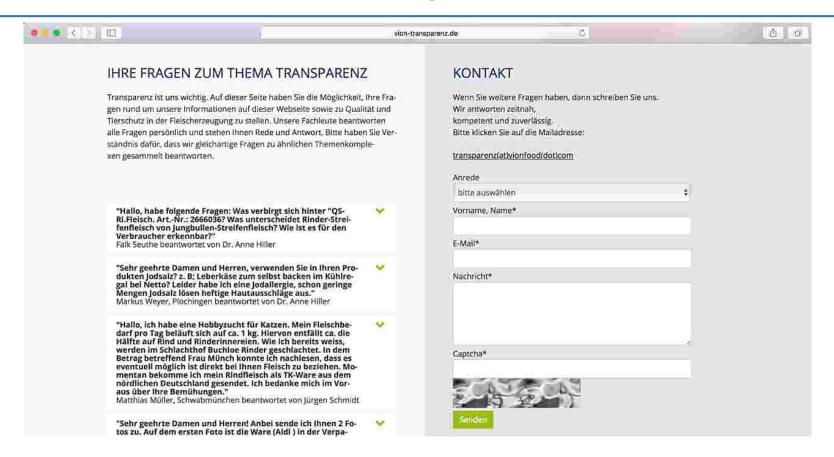
#### www.vion-transparantie.nl

Live: 11 December 2017



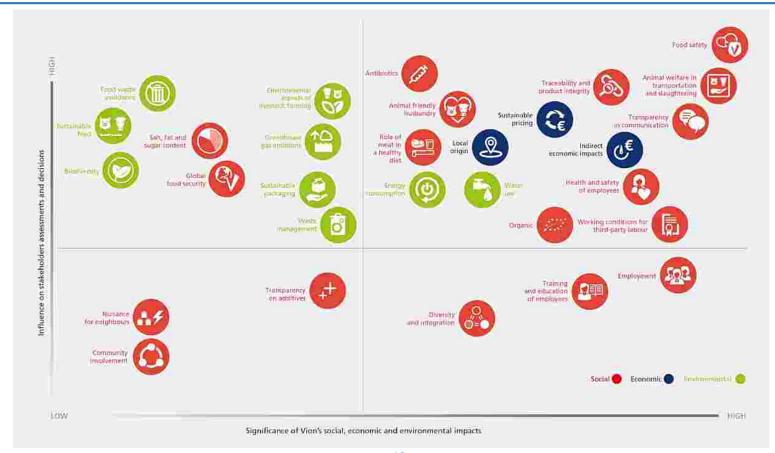


## A vehicle for a stakeholder dialogue





# **CSR Materiality matrix: rank sustainability**





## The top 3

In our CSR strategy, we focus on 3 themes that are critical for the meat sector and where Vion wants to play a leading role. **All 3 are essential to create trust** (from customers, consumers, civil society)!



# Food safety Animal welf

- Each day, 100 million consumers eat a meal with some «Vion inside»
- It is therefor our primary responsibility to guarantee the safety of this product
- For this reason, Vion invests continuously in its infrastructure and quality systems



- Each day, we handle thousands of animals. It is our task and duty to deal with these animals respectfully
- To guarantee animal welfare, we invest in the needed infrastructure, we train our employees and we install the necessary supervision, such as CCTV



- Modern society wants more transparency; the meat industry has not been a leader in this trend
- Vion is and wants to be a leader on the theme of transparency in our industry and has/will take initiatives



# **Short supply chains**

- Dedicated supply chains for dedicated markets
- Create trust:
  - consumers
  - Customers
  - NGOs
  - Authorities
  - Citizens
- The way forward to a food democracy



