d. Inclusion & Diversity

The Company is convinced that diversity helps foster innovation, collective performance and engagement. Harnessing everyone’s unique potential while ensuring an inclusive workplace is what it takes to succeed together. At Airbus, we live diversity as a core part of our identity: Airbus is proud of its European roots and passionate about its achievements around the world. More than 135 nationalities are represented and more than 20 languages are spoken within the Company.

The Company’s approach to Inclusion & Diversity (“I&D”) takes different forms including: I&D Advisory Board composed of Airbus executives and facilitated by the Head of I&D, dedicated training and awareness, internal incentives for international mobility, initiatives to attract women, flexible work-life solutions. In fact, the Company strives to ensure I&D is embedded in all it does, serves business purposes and benefits all employees worldwide. With full support of the entire HR function, I&D initiatives are run and coordinated by a dedicated team of experts worldwide. The Company’s efforts are supported by platforms for exchange like “Knowing Me, Knowing You” and “Disability Community”.

The Company’s efforts towards more inclusion and diversity are also supported by Employee Resource Groups (ERGs) through Balance For Business, the federating platform of Airbus ERGs. These are employee-led groups that foster a diverse, inclusive workplace aligned with organisational mission, values, goals, business practices and objectives. To date, this platform brings together over 11,000 volunteers, followers and allies. It is a group-wide business focused platform seeking to harness everyone’s potential in a more responsible, safe, inclusive and balanced Airbus environment.

In line with its aspiration for a more diverse workplace, the Company is working to increase the number of applications from areas that are currently under-represented in its workforce, including but not limited to women, nationalities, age groups, disability and social backgrounds to ensure a broader range of candidates for open positions.

In order to support recruitment of women in all areas, the Company has entered into partnerships to increase the number of women starting a career in the aeronautical industry – for example with Capital Filles, Women in Aviation and IAWA. Internally, an I&D network of over 4,000 employees work on how to attract, develop and retain diverse profiles, especially women, in the Company. In parallel, the Company strives to increase the number of women in leadership positions, including through dedicated coaching and training such as “I Unleash My Potential” as well as by fighting stereotypes in internal conferences or workshops. In terms of internationalisation of profiles, Airbus facilitates the attraction of talents from around the world to Airbus’ traditional home countries (France, Germany, Spain, the UK) through an International Graduate Programme enabling talents from all around the world to come and work on their development over one year at Airbus sites in Europe. In addition, Airbus also put in place several actions to boost mobility from other regions to the home countries. In regards to differently-abled profiles, Airbus has developed several partnerships to increase the number of applications from people with disabilities, like “Atout pour tous”, “Handisup” and “Handi Pro Conseil”. Airbus has created as well the “Club Handilink” in France, a club composed by aeronautical and aerospace companies to federate and foster best practices sharing about disability inclusion.

Although the Company welcomes many forms of diversity, it measures the evolution of the diversity of its workforce with a specific focus on gender diversity, internationalisation and disability with key KPIs such as: proportion of women promoted to a position of senior manager or above, proportion of women among white collar external hires, gender pay gap at all levels between women and men, and the number of moves from the key countries (including India, China, US) to the home country.

The Company has launched several actions to embrace other forms of diversity, including:

- reverse mentoring to connect all generations in the Company;
- accompany the creation of Employee Resource groups like Pride@Airbus (LGBT+ network);
- develop a world-wide strategy together with local initiatives towards disability, with several thousand differently abled employees all around the world, that boosts best practices sharing and awareness towards disability inclusion.

For example, promoting the people-centric approach, a specific focus on the competences of and support to differently-abled candidates to boost their access to employment at Airbus. This process was created at Airbus in France and thanks to it, Airbus has succeeded in doubling its disability recruitment objectives in 2019. Based on its success, Airbus is extending this people-centric approach to other countries like Spain, and business units, such as Airbus Defence & Space and Airbus Helicopters in France.

Another example is the Airbus Ability Weeks campaign, a three weeks world-wide awareness campaign in which Airbus hosts many activities with the objective of challenging the way we think about disability inclusion, promoting an “all concerned” philosophy towards disability inclusion.

As far as the Airbus SE Board of Directors is concerned, the Company is moving in the right direction with 3 women since 2017 compared to not a single woman on the Board in 2013.

For a description of the diversity policy of the Airbus SE Board of Directors, see “— Corporate Governance — 4.1.1 Corporate Governance Arrangements” under the heading “Board of Directors” and “— Corporate Governance — 4.1.2 Dutch Corporate Governance Code, ‘Comply or Explain’” under the heading “Gender Diversity”.

- Additionally, the executives are offered practical training, “Back To The Floor”, to enable hazard-spotting and employee engagement during tours of factory floor. Over 200 executives have attended Back To The Floor since launch in May 2019.
- Managers at all levels attend the new “Airbus Environment and Health and Safety Leadership Certificate”. This intensive course has four modules, which, if completed within a certain period, lead to an externally validated “Environment, Health and Safety Certificate”. Over 300 managers have attended the Environment, Health and Safety Certificate first modules since launch in September 2019.

V. Future Outlook

The reinforcement of the health and safety organisation will be pursued in 2020 to continuously enhance the health and safety management system with the aim to sustainably reduce risk to people, the environment and the business.