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Flex-N-Gate

Sustainability Report

2024

European scope



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Flex-N-Gate Europe - European Footprint



2 988
Employees



15
Production Plants



4
R&D Centers

Plastics



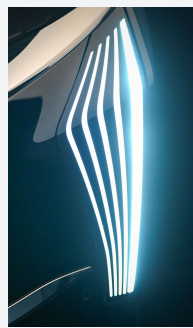
Metals



Mechanical Assemblies



Lighting



Electronics



5 ACTIVITIES





Flex-N-Gate Europe

In Europe, the manufacturing sites of Flex-N-Gate are located in France, Spain, Germany and Italy.

Flex-N-Gate France was created in 2017. There are 4 factories in France, specialized in injecting and molding plastics components (mainly to produce the bumpers for cars): Audincourt (headquarters), Burnhaupt, Marines and Marles-les-Mines. Our last site, Maubeuge, is a sequencing plant integrated into the factory of one of our clients.

In Spain, there are 7 Flex-N-Gate legal entities that have historically belonged to the Flex-N-Gate group: Tubsá Automoción (parent company of the Spain group), Flexngate España, DAFE, Flexngate Plásticos, Flexngate Aragón, Flexngate Navarra and one holding entity: Flexngate Automotiva Ibérica. Except for Flexngate Plásticos, which is specialized in plastics injection molding and lighting, the rest of the sites produce metal mechanical assemblies.

An additional plant in Spain, which is not part of the Tubsá Automoción group, is located in Valladolid and produces plastics components for automotive exteriors.

In 2023, in order to be completely autonomous in terms of electronics for our lighting divisions, Flex-N-Gate acquired a factory in Treviso, Italy. The Treviso production site, located in north-east Italy, produces lamps, modules and components for automotive customers.

It has recognized expertise in thermal and mechanical assembly processes for glass, metal and plastics. As of 1 August 2023, Flex-N-Gate is grateful to have been able to integrate such a major world-renowned site and a high-calibre team of people who are leaders in the lighting market!



Plastics: Flex-N-Gate designs, develops, validates and launches a wide range of exterior and interior plastics components and assemblies.

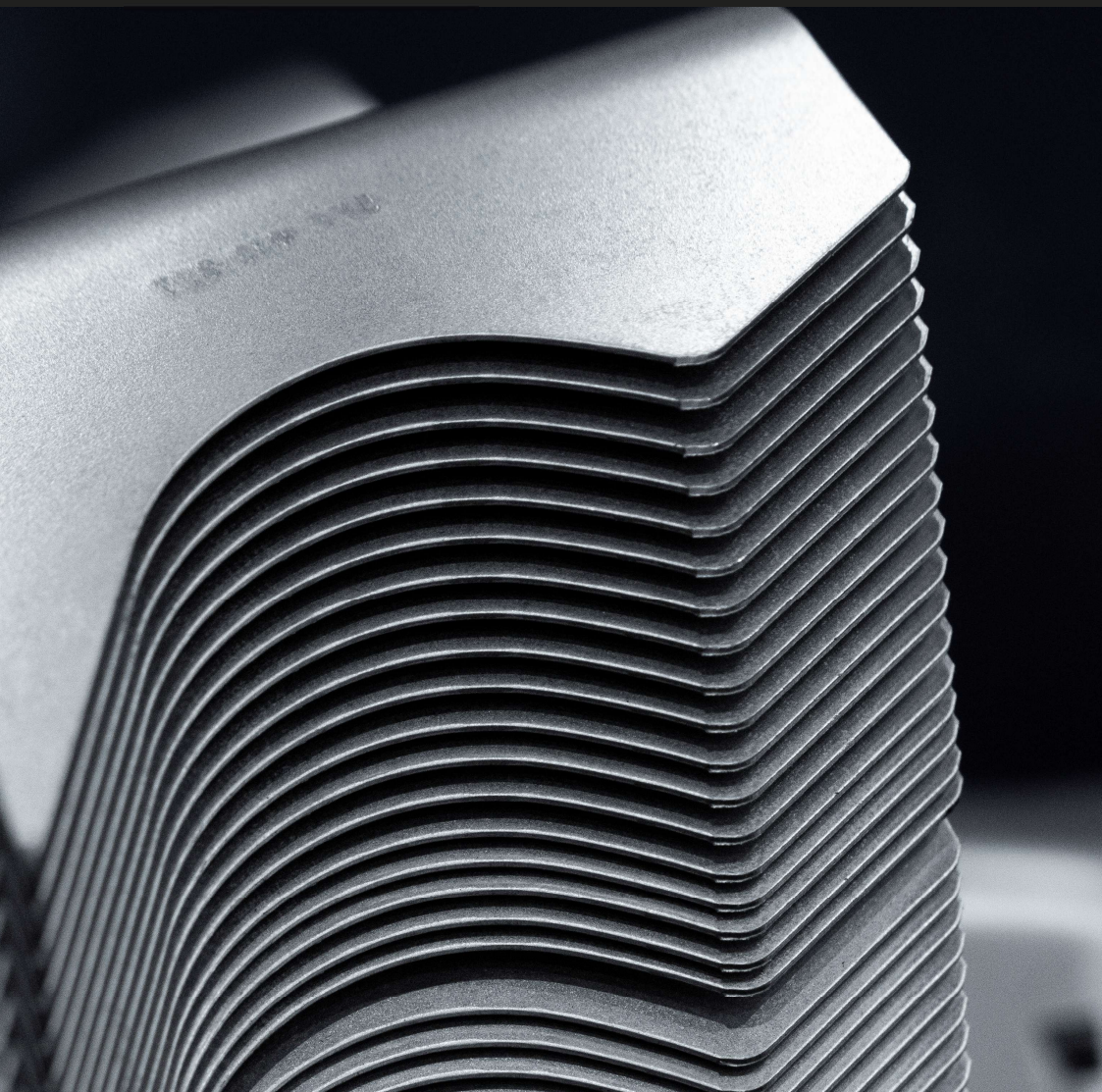
In our Research & Development centers, our technical teams manage feasibility analyses, kinematic studies, dynamic and fluid mechanics simulations for optimized product definition, as well as injection and compression tooling construction and validation.

In combination with our laboratory testing facilities, we provide complete physical and digital development and validation capabilities of our products during their life cycles to meet all customer requirements.

We utilize a wide range of technologies including injection, compression, low pressure, spin stack, and multi-shot molding, various product applications with multiple finishes and process complexities.

Our class A finishing capabilities include paint, chrome, hard-coat, metalizing, hot stamping, pad printing, in-mold decorative films and other technologies to meet customer styling needs.

We offer complete manufacturing and system assembly solutions by leveraging our complete vertical integration capabilities bringing multiple product technologies in a complete module.



Metal : Flex-N-Gate is a leading full-service Tier One designer and manufacturer of high-quality, stamped components and complex assemblies.

We use progressive and transfer stamping processes for steel and aluminum parts, welding operations and in-house e-coating.

Our engineering and production centers in Europe support, design, test, and monitor every aspect of manufacturing for every part we produce. We can offer to our customers our experience and knowledge of the development, optimization and verification of the feasibility of these products.

Flex-N-Gate can build and test prototypes to confirm and validate the design. From initial design and simulation analysis to packaging and delivery, our metal product lines are the industry benchmark.



Mechanical systems : Flex-N-Gate is a key supplier, with global design and manufacturing capabilities.

Stamping, injection, welding and general assembly processes allow Flex-N-Gate to provide a wide range of different mechanical assemblies, along with production, under one roof. In addition, our capacity to paint in-house gives us greater flexibility and makes our products more competitive.

Our expertise in metal and plastics allows us to be material neutral and to offer the best possible solution to the customer.

We utilize synchronous and cell-type assembly systems with various levels of automation where appropriate.

On-line testing verifies that the product is functional and meets customer specifications.

Flex-N-Gate test labs, equipped with environmental chambers and life cycle & strength test benches, are used to verify in the design and product validations that all products meet and exceed customer performance specifications.



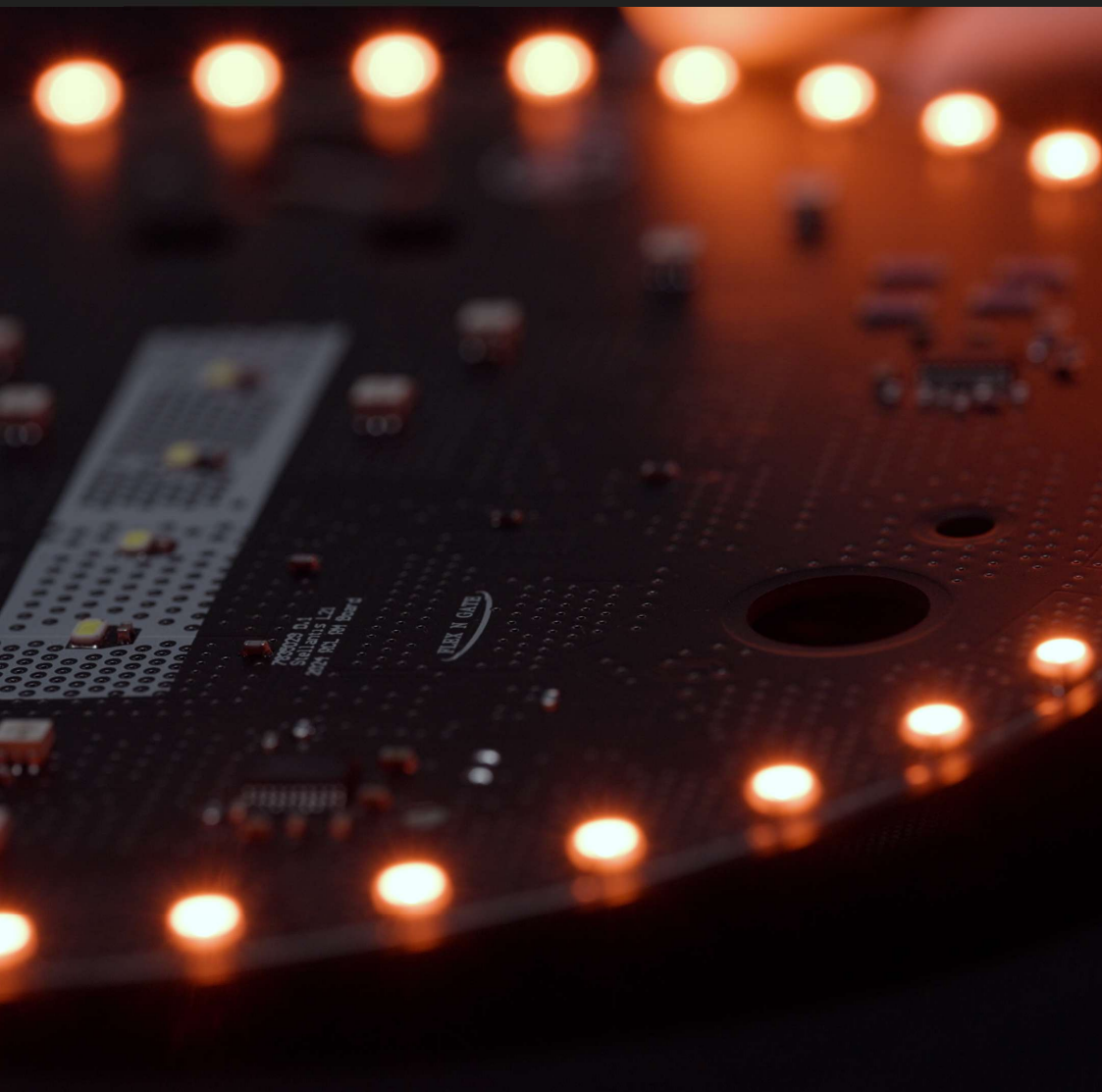
Flex-N-Gate Europe - Lighting Systems



Lighting: With our premium technologies, Flex-N-Gate can support and accompany its customers in their journey towards excellence.

Combined with our extensive engineering skills (plastics, electronics, optics, manufacturing), our products adapt to the need for customization, safety, mobility and the environment.

Our worldwide influence and specific requirements give Flex-N-Gate the agility to innovate, develop and industrialize through applications for light signature, headlamps and signal lamps application.



Electronics: Flex-N-Gate offers advanced solutions for the Future of Lighting

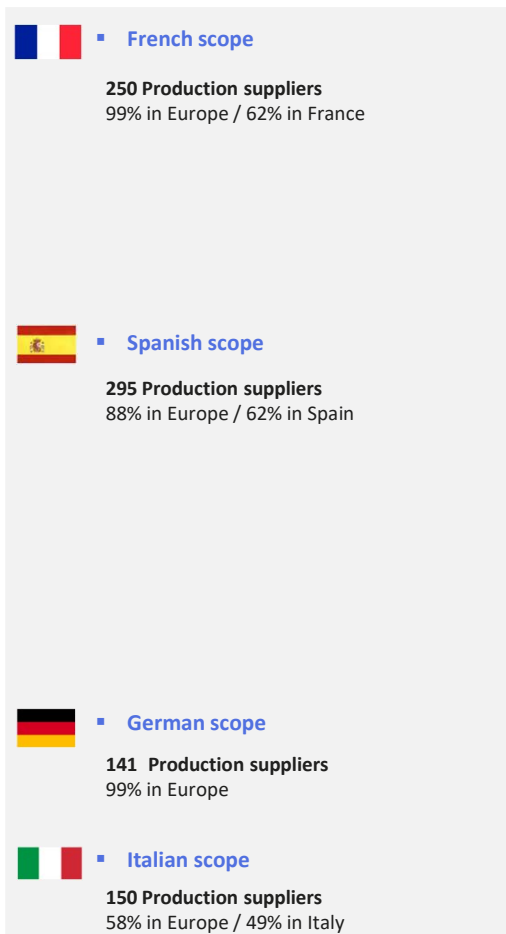
Flex-N-Gate's electronics division plays a key role in the development of advanced solutions for automotive lighting. The electronics division offers a complete range of electronics solutions, from the design of LED technology boards to the manufacture and advanced testing of complex components.

Digitization of headlamp systems and their ever-increasing levels of technical complexity in terms of variable functionality are driving ever-higher demands on lighting electronics.

The Treviso plant is a key asset in ensuring the autonomy of our Flex-N-Gate Lighting and Electronics divisions. Thanks to the expertise of its teams, Treviso is a recognized leader in the manufacture of many intricate and high-precision electronics components. The site, with its 20,000 m² dedicated to production, is a benchmark for lighting components, and also offers excellent production and testing capabilities for electronics components.

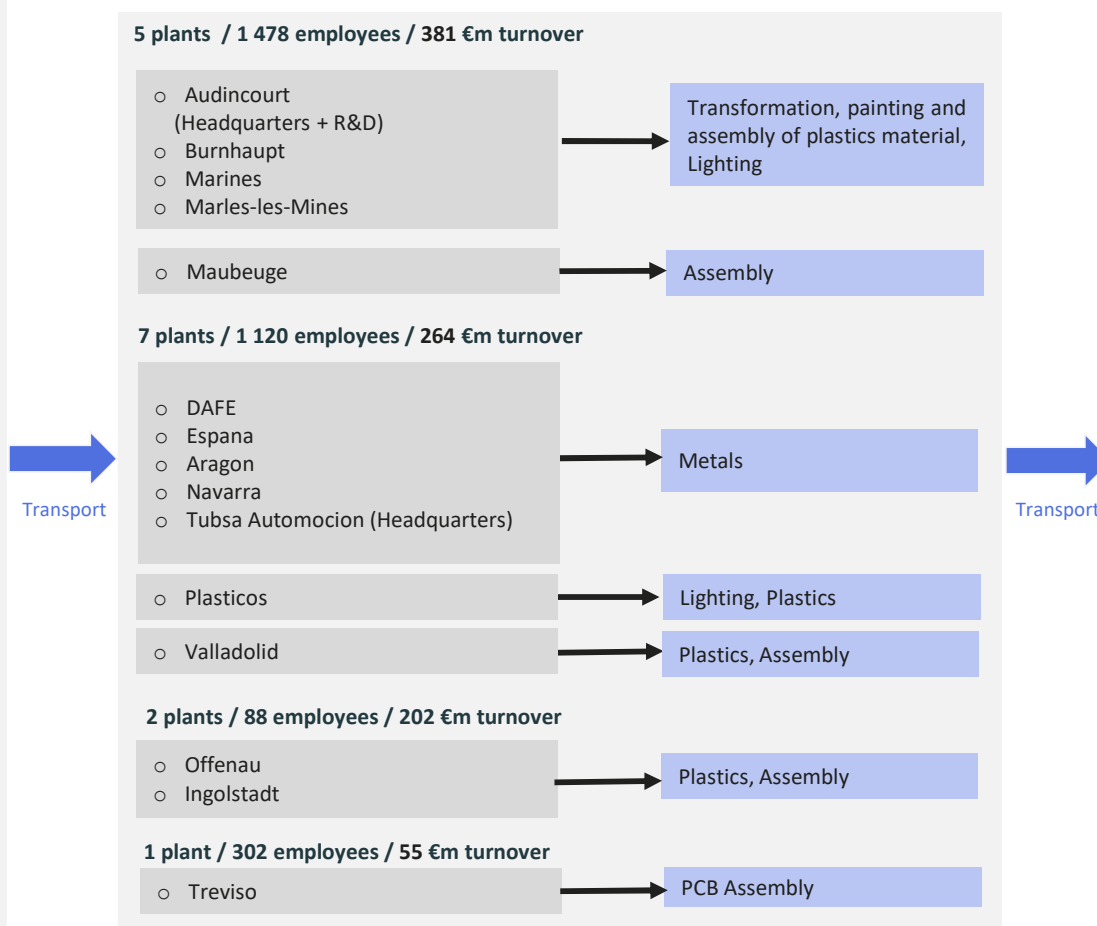
Supply chain

Controlling the impact of suppliers
Business ethics



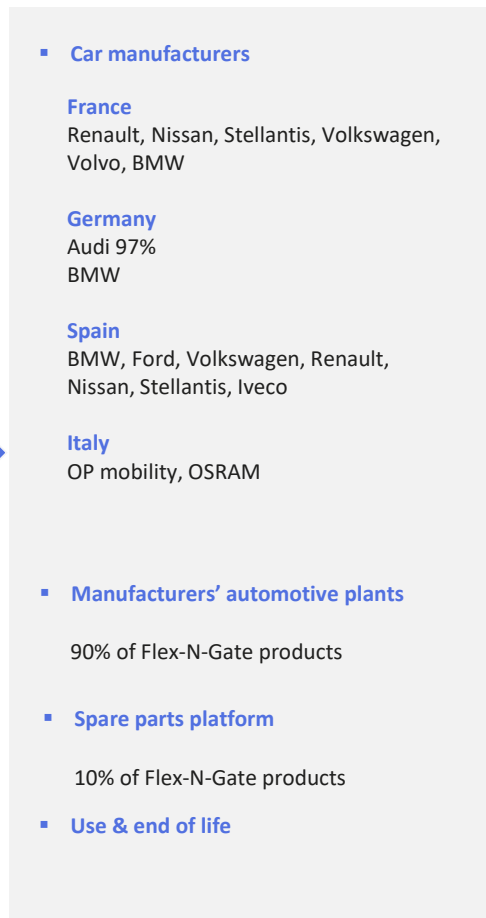
Operations

Environmental impact of activities - Eco-design of products
Talent attraction and retention - Employees' health and safety



Clients, end users

Production and delivery model – Consumer health and safety – Recyclability of products





Flex-N-Gate Europe - Message from our Vice President

Message de

Brad Delorme

Vice-Président des opérations Flex-N-Gate Europe



WE ARE FLEX !

Comme annoncé, 2024 se révèle une année particulièrement exigeante, pour nous comme pour nos concurrents.

Nous vivons une période de défis économiques significatifs caractérisée par un fort ralentissement de notre activité.

Dans ce contexte difficile, notre entreprise doit rester plus que jamais fidèle à son identité et regarder l'avenir avec confiance et ambition.

Vous avez été nombreux l'année dernière à répondre aux différentes enquêtes et questionnaires (tel que Stimulus sur la qualité de vie au travail) organisés en France et en Espagne et à nous faire part de vos attentes, satisfactions, souhaits d'amélioration.

Vos retours vont nous aider à renforcer les plans d'action sur l'ensemble de nos sites, notamment en matière de qualité de vie au travail.

Nous nous sommes fixés également comme objectif de renforcer notre différence, de faire émerger de nouvelles valeurs et de les partager :

- Flexibilité, agilité, autonomie et initiative définissent notre identité Flex-N-Gate. Nous cultivons ces qualités et valorisons nos collaborateurs qui imaginent des solutions technologiques sur mesure, écologiquement responsables, répondant aux défis de demain.
- De cette vision découlent nos valeurs-clés : l'engagement, la coopération, l'amélioration, l'adaptabilité. Celles-ci fédèrent nos équipes pour accompagner nos clients et atteindre nos objectifs grâce à des choix technologiques innovants et audacieux.

Un Comité de Pilotage - « Flex-N-Values » - regroupant une dizaine de collaborateurs de tous les services a été constitué récemment afin de proposer à la Direction Générale une déclinaison de ces valeurs en actions concrètes.

Nous suivrons et vous communiquerons au cours des prochains mois l'évolution de ces travaux qui vont nous aider à construire, ensemble, un Flex-N-Gate toujours plus fort.

Brad Delorme
Vice-Président des opérations



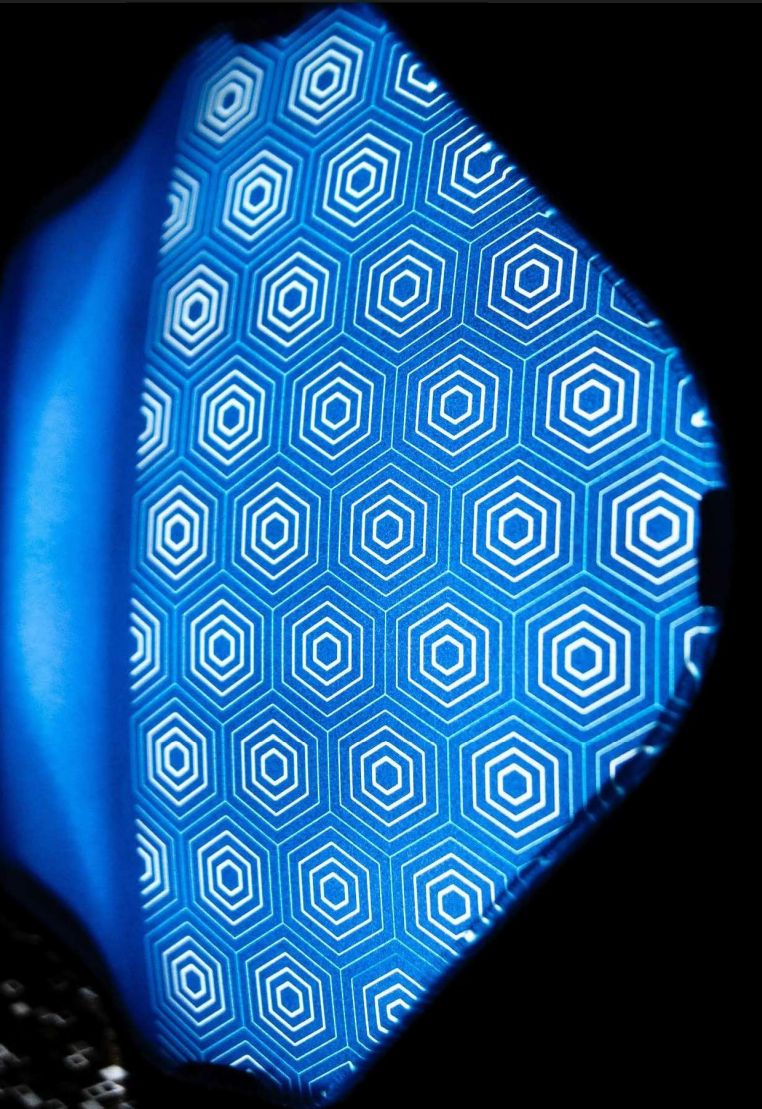
**FLEXN
VALUES****Our vision:**

Flexibility, agility, autonomy and initiative define our Flex-N-Gate identity. We nurture these qualities and value our employees, who devise tailor-made, environmentally responsible technological solutions to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

From this vision flow our key values: commitment, cooperation, improvement and adaptability. These values unite our teams to support our customers and achieve our objectives through bold, innovative technological choices.



We Are Flex!



7 Pillars

After studying the threats to our business model, we established a CSR strategy based on the GRI Standards Core level. Our strategy is built around 7 pillars.



Innovation & Products

Products that contribute to green mobility



Health & Safety

Safe and healthy employees



Environment

Sites with limited environmental impact



Human Resources

Activity that attracts and develops talents in our territories



Sustainable Procurement

Ensuring supplies that limit serious harm to the environment, health and human rights



Business ethics

Healthy commercial relations



Territories

Contributing to the development of our territories



Commitment to SDG

The Flex-N-Gate's sustainability strategy is in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 17 Sustainable Development Objectives.

Flex-N-Gate supports these ambitions and contributes to them through its CSR strategy.

- Flex-N-Gate France Headquarters in Audincourt has taken part in a CSR assessment by the UIMM and has signed up to a "Responsible Commitment" charter.
- The Government of Aragon is collaborating with the Spanish Global Compact Network in disseminating the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In 2025, Flex-N-Gate commits to achieving the SDGs with the Aragon region.





Environmental Social Governance



Flex-N-Gate received 1 Gold Medal for 2024 activities in Spain (top 5% of companies evaluated) and 1 Silver Medal for 2024 activities in France (top 15% of companies evaluated).

Ecovadis' overall score reflects the quality of the company's sustainability management system.



Flex-N-Gate received a rating of B for SAQ 5.0 for activities in Spain and France in 2024 (on a scale from A to D).

SAQ 5.0 manages sustainability issues and implements control mechanisms to verify compliance in the automotive industry supply chain. SAQ 5.0 examines suppliers' performance on a number of key human rights and sustainability themes.



CDP SCORE REPORT - CLIMATE CHANGE

Flex-N-Gate received a grade of C for all plants worldwide in 2024 (on a scale from A to D).

CDP holds the largest environmental database in the world, and rated nearly 23,000 companies on their climate change approach.

CDP's climate change program aims to reduce companies' greenhouse gas emissions and mitigate climate change risk.

Ratings

France



Overall score
Percentile 95th

↗ 74/100

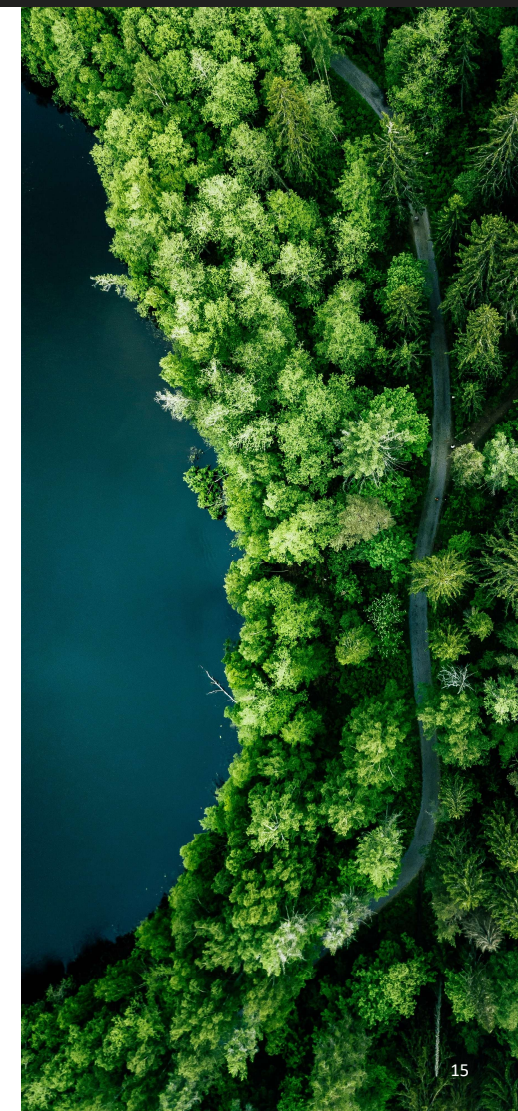
Spain



↗ 80/100

B

C





Flex-N-Gate Europe - Innovative and Sustainable products

4

R&D
Centers



100

Projects



550

Patents





Flex-N-Gate Europe - Awards and Recognitions



Flex-N-Gate Europe

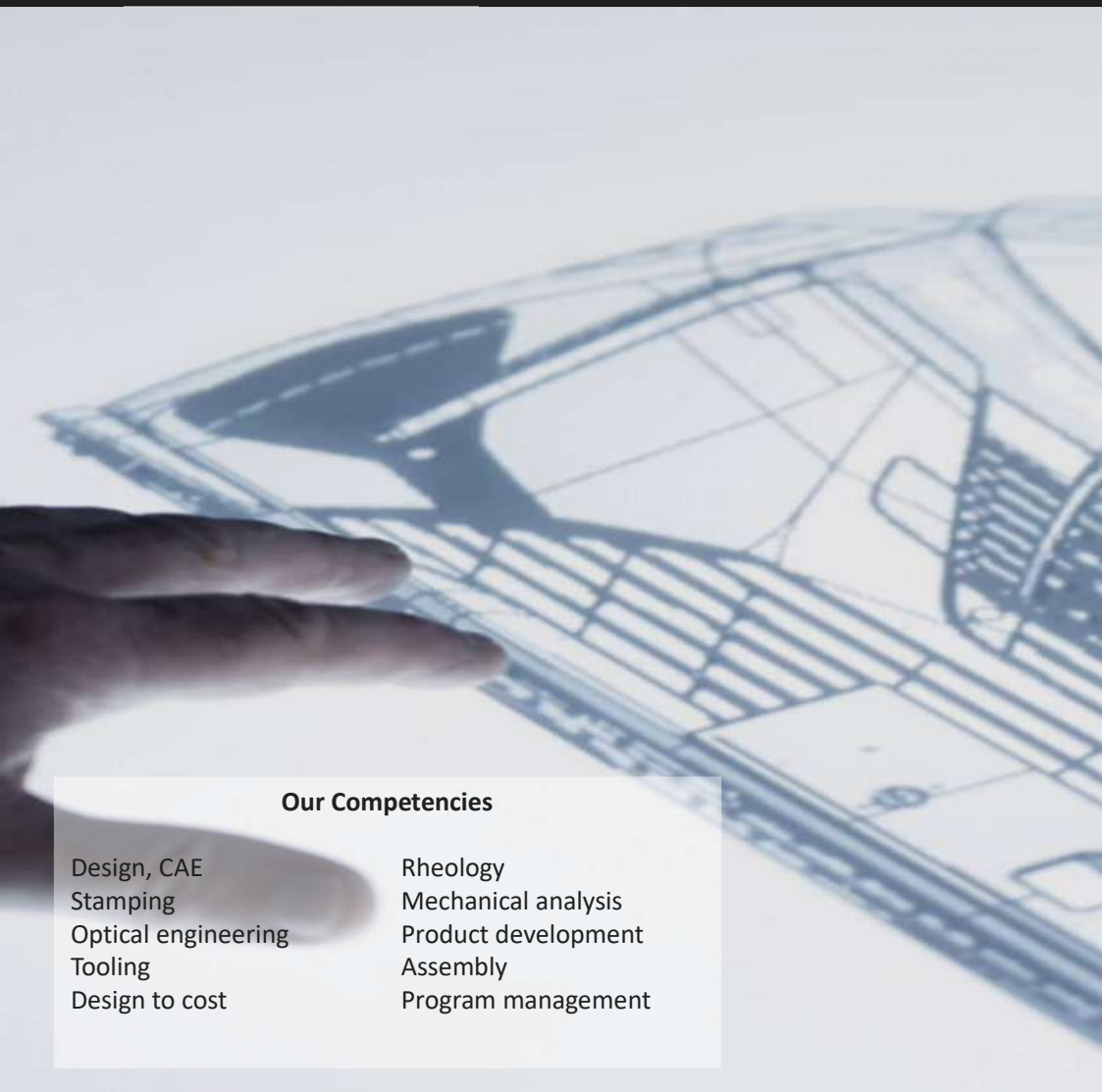


Flex-N-Gate is proud to contribute to the success of our client Renault's Scénic E-Tech Electric, car of the year 2024, with the following equipment:

- front bumper, equipped with an innovative front face and a polycarbonate grille combined with an atypical decoration.
- rear bumper with integrated aerodynamic function
- rear panel
- rear spoiler
- technical front panel

These components, developed at the Flex-N-Gate Audincourt R&D center and industrialized on four of our European sites reflect our commitment to Quality, Innovation and Excellence :

- Flex-N-Gate Marles Les Mines,
- Flex-N-Gate Marines,
- Flex-N-Gate España,
- Flex-N-Gate Sabadell.



Our Competencies

Design, CAE	Rheology
Stamping	Mechanical analysis
Optical engineering	Product development
Tooling	Assembly
Design to cost	Program management

Instinctively innovative

Flex-N-Gate is focusing on the mobility of the future: enhanced perceived quality, function integration, lightweight solutions through innovation.

We manage global programs and are able to develop and integrate all components.

Flex-N-Gate is taking into account the needs of our customers, offering personalization and customization, and supporting them with eco-friendly solutions.

- **Eco-friendliness:**

There is consensus on the scale of the climate challenge, and the urgent need for the automotive industry to bring new solutions to face this challenge. Among these, the rise of the Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) has a great impact on design and architecture. Work on vehicle efficiency is a key element in reducing emissions, and the use of green materials will contribute to reducing environmental impact.

- **Personalization & Customization :**

Integrated light signature has become the most striking feature, involving advanced decorative technologies: Light is the new chrome.

- **Mobility of the future:**

Vehicles now integrate many Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS), enabling significant improvement on passenger and pedestrian safety. Most of these systems are acting without any human intervention, such as Advanced Emergency Braking System (AEBS).

All these advanced technologies are profoundly reshaping vehicle architecture.



Instinctively innovative

Flex-N-Gate works on 4 innovation pillars:

- Lighting
- Attractiveness
- Efficiency
- Materials

Lighting:

Flex-N-Gate's modular application of adaptive driving beam technology gives customers the ability to insert this system into any headlamp construction that meets their needs.

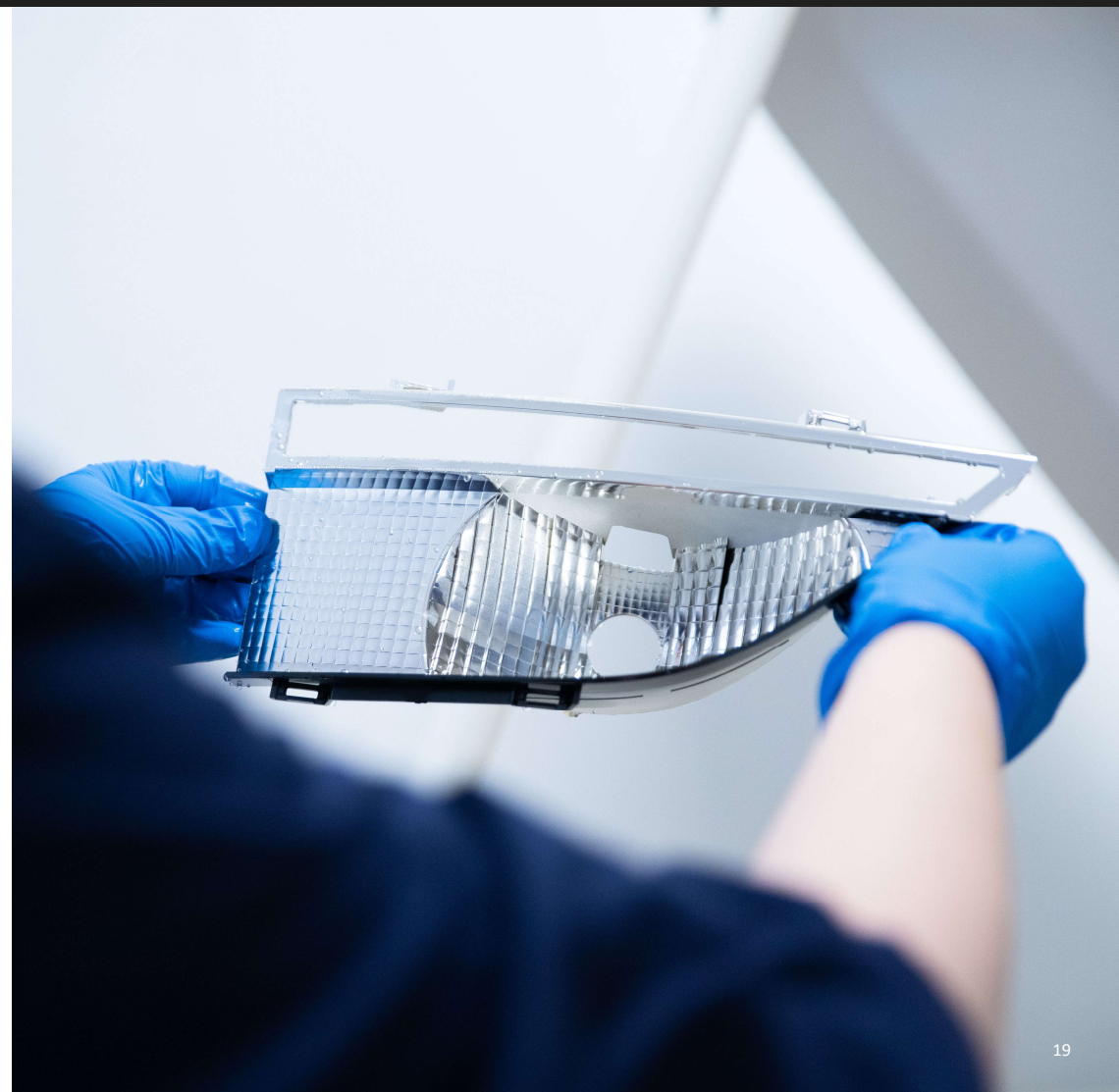
Our patented FLEX F/X technology gives our customers' lamps a one-of-a-kind appearance while providing all necessary rear lamp functions.

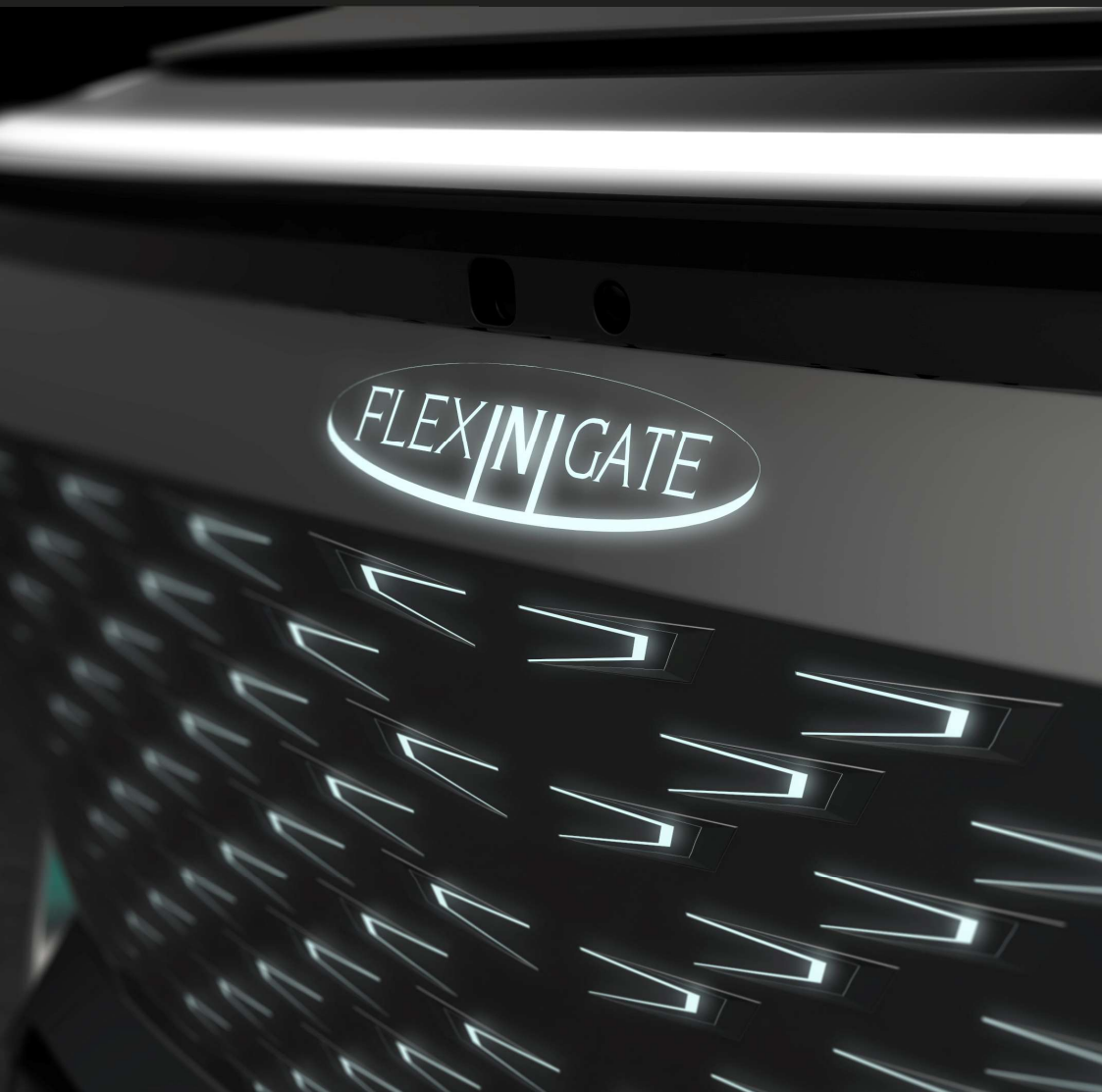
FLEX F/X can achieve everything from a completely homogenous lit appearance to an appearance of "explosions", giving our customers' vehicles a signature look when out on the road.

At Flex-N-Gate, we are always pushing technology forward to find the solutions for the boldest ideas of our customer's design studio.

Attractiveness:

At Flex-N-Gate, we keep looking for alternative decorative techniques, and above all, get them to an industrial maturity level that allows a safe launch and a perfect quality level. Our innovations allow OEM to provide different decorations with no additional tools.





Instinctively innovative

- **Vehicle efficiency and aerodynamics :**

Reducing CO2 emissions is also involves aerodynamic efficiency.

By developing passive (e.g. air ducts) and active (e.g. spoiler) solutions to improve the Cx ratio of the vehicle, Flex-N-Gate contributes to improving the carbon balance of the vehicle, and also extend the range of electric vehicles.

As these are often visible parts, the customer can really see the efforts the car manufacturer is putting into combating climate change: that's why we call this "Premium Aerodynamics".

- **Weight reduction:**

As a supplier of large components, for both metals and plastics, Flex-N-Gate is taking on the challenge, and works on creative solutions to make your vehicles lighter and reduce their CO2 impact.

For example, we launched our first full-thermoplastic tailgate, which allows customers to benefit from a 20-25% reduction compared with a metallic tailgate.

The development of a front end module allows our customers to save 1.2kg / vehicle on a high-volume platform is an other example.

75%

of Electricity
in France is green



21%

Decrease in CO2 with
30% recycled material
and green energy

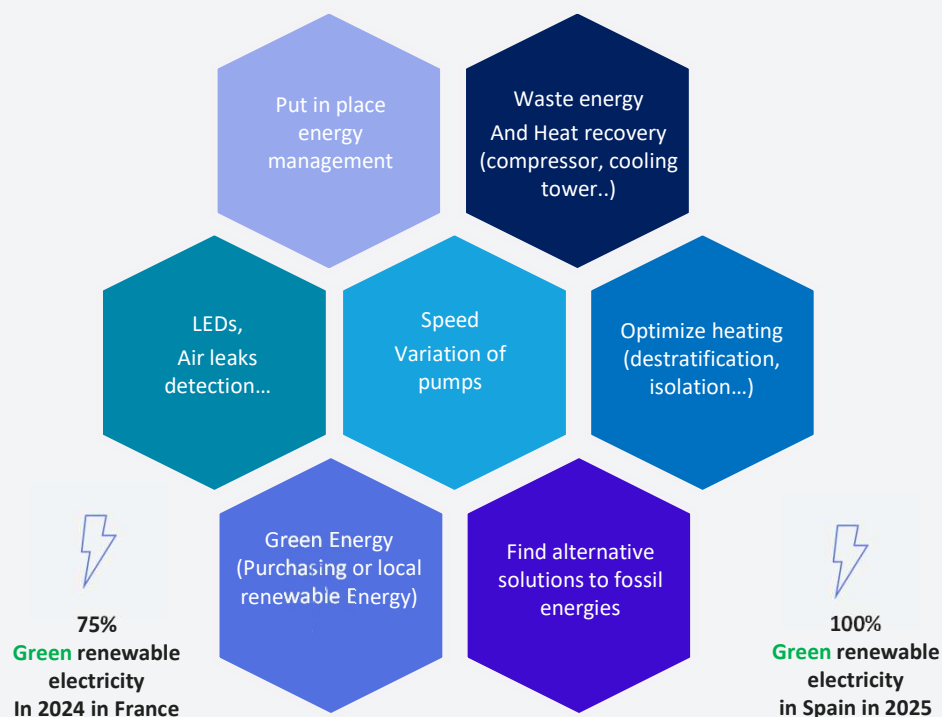


100%

Life Cycle Assessment
during RFQ for Tier 1



Scope 1 and 2 reduction



Main ways to reach Carbon Neutrality

With the threat of global warming, Flex-N-Gate is making significant efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions :

- **Regarding Scope 1 and 2**, all Flex N Gate plants monitor GHG emissions with a specific platform. **Energy audits** are carried out every four years for all plants and an action plan is managed by each plant in order to reduce its energy consumption (LEDs, insulation, detection of compressed air leaks, implementation of cooling units, use of compressor heat, speed variation on pumps, destratification of the air, etc.)

French plants have introduced annual **GHG measurements** carried out by an external third party in order to assess our direct and indirect emissions (Scope 1 and 2). An automated energy consumption recording system is deployed in all French plants. By implementing energy management, plants increase energy efficiency.

75% of French plants purchase green energy and have certificate of guarantee of origin (by hydropower). This means that 2.2 ktonnes of CO2 are avoided. Contract of 100% green renewable energy in 2025 is signed for Spain.

Moreover, studies are underway to introduce local renewable energy sources at our sites and find alternative solutions to fossil fuels.

Flex-N-Gate Europe	2022	2023	2024
Scope 1&2 (tCO2e)	12 396	15 181	14 958
Scope 1 (tCO2e)	8 296	8 374	8 208
Scope 2 (tCO2e)	4 100	6 807	6 750

With Italy plant since 2023



Main ways to reach Carbon Neutrality

- Regarding **Scope 1 and 2**, all plants monitor greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions **with the aim of reducing by 25% by 2025 and 42% by 2030**.
- Regarding **Scope 3**, Flex-N-Gate applies eco-design principles to its processes and products, aiming to develop new concepts and materials, reduce material usage, extend product lifespan, and increase the share of sustainable materials in its solutions.
- Flex-N-Gate is also developing a supply chain strategy by:
 - Reorganizing the purchasing of raw materials by introducing 30% recycled or bio-sourced materials by 2025 and 50% by 2030.
 - Reducing transport emissions and waste produced by our activities
 - Improving waste sorting and finding new recovery methods
 - Working with the entire value chain.

Last but not least, compensation for CO2 emissions will be launched by implementing carbon offset projects.

Finally, Flex N Gate aligns with the Paris Agreement for 2050.

Main ways to reach Carbon Neutrality

- Materials / Recycled or bio-sourced materials in products

2 types of plastics are used in our products : Thermoset and Thermoplastic (considered recyclable).

Among the different solutions to reduce the CO2 impact of car manufacturing, the selection of appropriate raw materials has a strong impact.

Flex-N-Gate's R&I team strongly favors green materials, either recycled or bio-sourced, while making sure our products will still be performant and compliant in terms of products specifications. Our ambition is to use 30% green materials (recycled or bio-sourced) for our plastics products launched from 2025.

Recycled plastics are fully integrated into the recycled material supply chain.

For example, using 30% recycled materials with green electricity consumption (100% hydroelectric energy) allows us to reduce our CO2 emissions by more than 21% during the production of bumpers.

Flex-N-Gate Europe (plastics)	2024
% of Recycled materials used	22
% Recovery of production scraps	99

Flex-N-Gate Europe (metals)	2024
% of Recycled production scraps	100



**FICHE REX
éco-conception**

Agence Economique
Régionale de
Bourgogne-Franche-Comté

Flex-N-Gate: Audincourt (25)

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L'Agence Economique Régionale de Bourgogne-Franche-Comté accompagne les entreprises dans leurs projets en éco-conception, démarche qui vise à diminuer les impacts environnementaux d'un produit tout en gardant une qualité d'usage similaire ou supérieure.

PRÉSENTATION DE L'ENTREPRISE

Flex-N-Gate est l'un des principaux équipementiers automobiles mondial fournissant des technologies dans plusieurs domaines d'expertises : Plastiques Extérieurs – Métal – Systèmes d'Eclairage – Assemblages Mécaniques.

Fondée en 1956, Flex-N-Gate emploie aujourd'hui 27 000 personnes dans 76 usines à travers le monde avec un chiffre d'affaires annuel de 7 milliards de dollars US.

« Notre ADN est de fournir des partenariats durables avec nos clients et d'anticiper leurs besoins ainsi que ceux des consommateurs grâce à des technologies innovantes tout en œuvrant pour la protection de l'environnement. »

OBJECTIFS DE LA DÉMARCHE GLOBALE (TE)

Engagé depuis plusieurs années en terme de management environnemental via la certification ISO 14001, FLEX-N-GATE poursuit sa démarche pour diminuer ses impacts environnementaux et son empreinte carbone. Dans ce contexte, FLEX-N-GATE déploie son plan de convergence de réduction des émissions CO₂ au sein de l'entreprise, de sa chaîne de valeur et de ses produits.

LE DÉCLENCHEMENT

Flex-N-Gate a souhaité se lancer dans une démarche d'éco-conception pour plusieurs raisons :

- Le lien avec sa démarche RSE
- L'anticipation des demandes clients sur la réduction de l'impact des véhicules au kilomètre « zéro ».

LE PRODUIT CONCERNÉ

La première démarche d'éco-conception de l'entreprise a été réalisée sur l'un des produits les plus complexes de la société, un pare-choc avant d'un SUV haut de gamme.

L'objectif était d'être accompagné sur un projet difficile afin de dupliquer le plus facilement possible nos connaissances acquises sur l'ensemble des produits Flex-N-Gate.

TÉMOIGNAGE

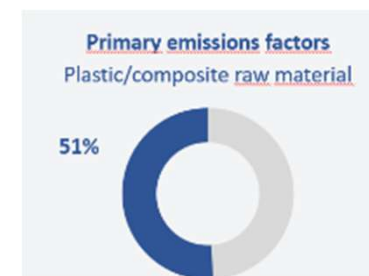
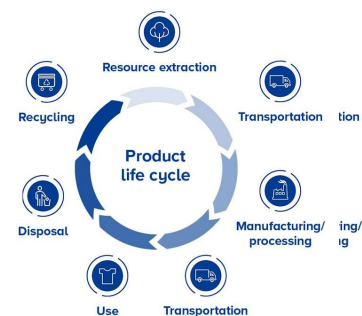
Michael VERMOT, Directeur Ingénierie Europe

« L'ACV (Analyse de cycle de vie) est aujourd'hui un incontournable dans les réponses aux appels d'offre. Nos différents clients nous fournissent par ailleurs des objectifs à atteindre en phase d'appels d'offre. Afin d'obtenir des marchés, cette phase d'analyse des impacts environnementaux est obligatoire. »

Main ways to reach Carbon Neutrality

- Flex-N-Gate applies eco-conception to the processes and products to :
 - Reduce CO2 footprint and quantities of materials,
 - Increase green materials and the lifespan of products (reuse, reparability, recycling).
 - Find new concepts and materials.
- Life Cycle Analysis methodology in accordance with ISO 14040 is a part of the Flex-N-Gate team's expertise. The environmental impact of our products is assessed using emission factors from Gabi database and primary data.
- Eco-conception training has been deployed for all development and purchasing staff. 158 people in France and 8 in Spain were made aware of:
 - climate issues
 - Flex-N-Gate's decarbonization objectives
 - the levers for action in terms of eco-design

Life cycle Assessment





RSE Flex Our Future

Flex-N-Gate mobilisé autour de la Fresque du Climat

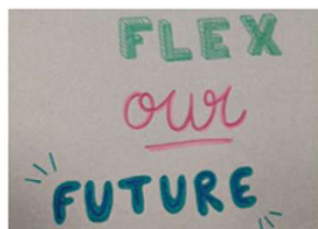
Récemment, Flex-N-Gate a organisé deux Fresques du Climat réunissant une trentaine de collaborateurs issus de tous horizons. Cet atelier collaboratif, conçu pour sensibiliser aux enjeux du changement climatique, s'est déroulé dans une atmosphère conviviale et stimulante.

Guidés par Laura, animatrice de la fresque, les participants ont travaillé en petits groupes pour reconstituer les liens entre les causes et les conséquences du réchauffement climatique à l'aide de cartes explicatives. L'exercice a permis de mettre en lumière les interactions complexes entre les activités humaines, les émissions de gaz à effet de serre et les bouleversements écologiques.

L'événement a été l'occasion pour les collaborateurs de mieux comprendre l'urgence d'agir et de réfléchir à des solutions concrètes, applicables aussi bien dans leur vie professionnelle que personnelle.

Plusieurs discussions ont émergé sur les actions possibles dans son quotidien par exemple avec la réduction des déplacements, ou au sein de l'entreprise avec l'optimisation des consommations énergétiques et une approche plus durable dans les procédés industriels.

En plus d'être un outil pédagogique puissant, la Fresque du Climat a renforcé la cohésion d'équipe en mobilisant les participants autour d'une cause commune. Cet atelier s'inscrit dans une démarche globale de l'entreprise pour promouvoir la transition écologique et sensibiliser à la responsabilité collective face au défi climatique.



Main ways to reach Carbon Neutrality

In 2024 Flex-N-Gate organized several Climate Frescoes, bringing together around fifty employees from all walks of life.

This collaborative workshop, designed to raise awareness of the challenges of climate change, took place in a friendly and stimulating atmosphere.

The event was an opportunity for employees to gain a better understanding of the urgent need to take action and to think about practical solutions that can be applied in both professional and personal lives.

This workshop is part of the company's overall approach to promoting the ecological transition and raising awareness of collective responsibility in the face of the climate challenge.



Quality is in our DNA

Customer satisfaction is a core value of Flex-N-Gate's strategy.

Flex-N-Gate designs, develops, validates and launches a wide range of exterior and interior plastics and metal components and assemblies, and various product applications with multiple finishes and process complexities.

- Group companies have established dedicated organizations and processes to ensure product and process quality.

These organizations and processes are designed to prevent, detect and correct quality problems as soon as they occur.

The robustness and effectiveness of these organizations and processes are verified by internal audits.

- They are also subject to ISO 9001 and **IATF 16949 certifications** for all of the technical centers and factories.
- The **Quality Policy** governs the teams throughout the whole value chain: from the design of our products and our services, to the support of each of our customers, everywhere in the world.
- Through this policy, Flex-N-Gate is committed to continuous improvement of our quality management systems.

Flex-N-Gate has set quality targets consistent with its ambition in customer satisfaction.



100%
Production Plants
Certified ISO 9001



100%
Production Plants
Certified IATF 16 949



Reliability
Availability
Maintainability
Safety Analysis



Each Plant
Has a Quality
Improvement plan





Quality is in our DNA

- **Consumer Safety :**

Customer satisfaction is a core value of Flex-N-Gate's strategy. Flex-N-Gate ensures that every part produced at every checkpoint complies with safety standards. Successive records are kept, from supplier to customer.

Flex-N-Gate integrates end-user security into its processes throughout its value chain:

- Safety of components and materials: work with suppliers via the Supplier Quality Requirements.
- Safety in design: realization of preventive analysis of failure modes and their effects
- Safety checks during production and in the laboratory: application of systematic control points and different conditions of use are tested (temperature on the road/in storage, humidity, salinity, dust, mud, snow, frost, vibration, etc.)
- Continuous improvement: implementing assessment and audit programs.
- Traceability: Recording each part produced in safety compliance, in the FNG plant, from the supplier to the customer, to analyze any problems.
- Alert and problem resolution system: reporting a non-conformity and creating a corrective action plan.



LABORATORIES



Coating

- Appearance characterization
- Coating resistance
- Climatic ageing tests
- UV ageing tests
- Humidity resistance



LABORATORIES



Materials

- Chemical and mechanical characterization
- Surface characterization & aspect tests
- Climatic ageing tests
- Sun tests
- UV ageing tests
- Corrosion resistance tests



LABORATORIES



Mechanical

- Static mechanical tests
- Endurance tests
- Crash tests
- Leak tests



LABORATORIES



Advanced technologies

- Electronic tests
- Optical tests
- Climatic tests

Quality is in our DNA

- Consumer Safety :

Different analyses of our products are carried out in the Flex-N-Gate laboratory like quality durability.

A multitude of conditions of use are included in customer specifications:

- Country of sale
- Temperature on the road/storage -40° C/+95° C
- 0%-99% humidity
- Salinity, Dust, Mud, Snow, Frost
- Electrical discharges
- Vibration
- Electromagnetic environment
- Number of activations
- Duration of activation.

Reliability

Availability

Maintainability

Safety Analysis



Our quality teams carry out Reliability, Availability, Maintainability Safety Analyses (in accordance with ISO 26262) on our products to guarantee the safety of end users. This involves analyzing failures, their causes, effects and criticality (FMEA).

It enables to protect road users, drivers and pedestrians, against injuries caused by vehicle defects and control warranty returns;

Our products are therefore subject to requirements relating to EE components, as well as mechanical functions (Retention of harnesses, AAS sensors, bumpers, retention of the bonnet lock and safety hook on technical front panel, Transparency to RADAR waves on Bumper, guarantee the operation of the DRL light, control development and production costs.)

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Production Plants
in Europe



2 988

Workforce in
Europe



43%

Operations
Manpower in
Europe



30%

Women



2,385

Employees Trained



Social policy and fundamental rights

Flex-N-Gate social policy is deployed in the group and embraces universally applicable social principles, with support and guidance from international organizations of the highest reputation. Through our social policy, we

:

- Express our support for universal human rights,
- Promote equal opportunity for our employees at all levels,
- Respect our employees' voluntary freedom of association, and collective bargaining that protects and promotes fundamental labor rights,
- Remunerate our employees to enable them to meet at least their basic needs,
- Provide a safe and healthy workplace,
- Promote fair competition.

Fighting against discrimination and promoting diversity

Diversity and inclusion are an integral part of Flex-N-Gate's commitment to equal opportunities. Flex-N-Gate fosters an environment in which we respect the different characteristics of our employees, including but not limited to gender, age, ethnicity, nationality, religion, sexual orientation and disability.

The Code of Conduct expresses Flex-N-Gate's commitment to maintaining a fair and inclusive workplace, free from favoritism, violence, sexual and non-sexual harassment, or any form of discrimination, including, but not limited to, discrimination against women. 100% of employees are trained in the Ethics Code.

Flex-N-Gate Europe Workforce	2022	2023	2024
France	1 636	1 518	1 478
Spain	1 028	1 046	1 120
Germany	184	169	88
Italy	-	335	302
TOTAL	2 848	3 068	2 988



Flex-N-Gate Europe	Proportion of Women		
	2022	2023	2024
France	21%	25%	26%
Spain	33%	35%	37%
Italy	-	-	28%
Germany	21%	23%	20%



For the Women's Day, all our sites will celebrate pairs or teams of employees.
Why is this? Because the strength of Flex-N-Gate Europe is not woman, but women, men, diversity...
Stay tuned to discover our portraits, jobs and expertise !

Fighting against discrimination and promoting diversity

- Flex-N-Gate promotes **equal employment** opportunities and diversity, in which everyone is valued for their contribution to the company.
- A **policy of non-discrimination** in hiring has been implemented and prohibits discrimination and favoritism. Selection processes guarantee equal opportunities and the absence of discrimination based on age, gender, ideology or nationality.
- Flex-N-Gate considers the **balance between men and women** in its core activities and key positions to be a fundamental objective of its responsible and sustainable development, and of its employees' quality of working life.

All employees in Spanish plants were trained regarding harassment, and an equality plan for 2022-2024 was concluded after negotiation with unions. An agreement is in place for French plants regarding gender diversity. In all plants a special women's rights day was organized with workshops to raise awareness among employees about diversity and inclusion as well as equality.

- The topic of **end-of-career** planning is addressed in French plants in employment and competencies action plans and in the agreement on jobs and career paths .
- Employees of Flex-N-Gate can anonymously report any **situation of discrimination** or harassment via the "Lighthouse" hotline that is externally managed by a third-party.
- **Harassment** advisors have been appointed in each French plant and the Group has launched initiatives on respect and issues relating to sexual, moral and racial harassment. A dedicated confidential hotline has been deployed and communicated to all employees (listening and support platform for employees).



Disability

- Flex-N-Gate's **policy on the social and professional integration of disabled people** has been implemented worldwide through various collective agreements, with the aim of keeping disabled workers in employment, acting preventively and promoting their integration into the workplace. Adopting this approach makes it possible to:
 - Offer employment opportunities to disabled people
 - Encourage the integration of disabled employees by raising awareness among employees throughout the year and reinforcing the company's policy on integrating disabled people.
 - Take measures to support and retain disabled employees by providing them with adapted work solutions or specially adapted workstations.
 - Improve knowledge of collective agreements and measures to assist the employees concerned and implement preventive measures.
- Flex-N-Gate in France **has made a 3-year commitment to Agefiph** (Association de Gestion du Fonds pour l'Insertion des Personnes Handicapées) by signing an agreement dedicated to disability. The agreement aims to:
 - Promote the integration of people with disabilities.
 - Develop disability awareness initiatives.
 - Establish a climate of trust to encourage the declaration of a disability.
- We are also partners of ESATs, establishments providing work and professional support for people with disabilities

Flex-N-Gate Europe	France	Spain	Italy	Germany
Disability rate	6%	3,5%	7%	1%



Flex-N-Gate participates to the European Week for the Employment of People with Disabilities.



Disability

In partnership with the AMIPI Foundation, training sessions were offered for managers and HR in our production sites , promoting an engaging and educational approach.

Awareness sessions on disability issues were organized for all employees, supported by a network of disability advisors.

Throughout the year, Flex-N-Gate has had a number of disability-related initiatives:

- Engagement events, such as the Giant Barbecue at the Audincourt plant, to recruit volunteers and present the Joelette race project.
- Employee participation in the Course du Lion, carrying a disabled child in a Joelette.
- Disability Week in November, dedicated to strengthening awareness and sharing best practices.
- International Day of Persons with Disabilities, highlighting progress and reviewing the awareness program launched during Disability Week.



Each plant has a disability advisor

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Gwendoline MATOS
Joueuse de GoalBall

Michael HERTER
Para Triathlète

**N'hésitez pas à soutenir nos champions
en les suivant sur les réseaux sociaux !**



Gwendoline MATOS
Joueuse de GoalBall

Michaël HERTER
Para Triathlète

Ce soir, Paris 2024 s'illumine pour les Jeux Paralympiques !

Disability

In the spirit of our commitment to Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion, Flex-N-Gate has supported two remarkable Paralympic athletes in their selection process for the upcoming Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, to support their determination, excellence, and courage—values that resonate deeply with our corporate identity :

- **Gwendoline MATOS:**

GoalBall competitor whose perseverance inspires respect and admiration.

The objective of GoalBall is to score goals and defend your goal using a ball equipped with bells.

- **Michael HERTER:**

Para Triathlon competitor (cycling, swimming, running), a model of determination and excellence.

Flex-N-Gate shared unforgettable moments, especially during the trip of the Olympic flame in Franche-Comté by Gwendoline and Michael.

Michaël Herter, a high-level Para triathlete, who, having just returned from the Paralympic Games, generously took the time to join the Flex-N-Gate runners for a share training session, before heading back to the Championships. European



Recruitment and Talent Attraction

- **Recruitment follows a formalized policy** deployed by the human resources department with:
 - No discrimination or favoritism.
 - A guarantee that the selection process is completely objective and impartial.
 - Respect and humility towards each candidate.
 - Verification of age.
 - A guarantee at all times of absolute confidentiality and correct treatment of candidates' personal data in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679.
 - Transparency in providing information about the company, the plant and the job.
- **Internal and external communication is provided on job opportunities.**
- Flex-N-Gate participates in some “speed recruitment” events organized in different cities, and works with headhunters for positions that face a shortage of recruits (maintenance, tooling, etc..).

In Spanish plants a program to attract the over 30s who have been unemployed for a long time was put in place and resulted in the hiring of several people.

Flex-N-Gate Europe	2024
Number hired	206
Women hire rate	38%



FLEX N YOU?

- Vous souhaitez intégrer un groupe innovant et en pleine expansion ?
Flex-N-Gate est une entreprise leader :
- qui conçoit et industrialise des produits et des systèmes de la plus haute qualité
 - qui fournit des solutions complètes en utilisant les ressources collectives d'ingénierie de produits, de gestion de projets, d'essais, d'outillage, de soudage, de peinture, de placage, d'assemblage et d'expédition pour les principaux constructeurs automobiles
 - avec le soutien d'une équipe passionnée, flexible et responsable





Flex-N-Gate organized a site visit to the students at Bernard Chochoy Middle School in Marles les Mines.



This visit was an opportunity to introduce them to the workshop's various professions, the role of women at Flex, and to have them participate in 5S training.



Visit to the IES Diego de Praves school at the Flex-N-Gate site in Valladolid.

Recruitment and Talent **Attraction**

• Partnerships with schools

Flex-N-Gate's ambition is to create a widespread culture of continuous learning that leverages in-house experts and enhances learning in the flow of work and continuous development.

Each site has created partnerships with various schools (technical and engineering schools, high schools etc.) This leads to participation in recruitment forums and presentations at conferences on innovation.

Targeted recruitment processes have been deployed within the Company worldwide to support the onboarding and integration of new talent. Flex-N-Gate aims to recruit diverse talents, based on a recruitment policy attracting talent and providing equal treatment.



Because training and transmission of knowledge are essential values for our teams, it was with great pleasure that we participated in Crunch Time in UTBM (University of Technology Belfort-Montbéliard.) A group of students worked hard on a challenge launched by our Innovation team!

Flex-N-Gate Europe	2022	2023	2024
Partnerships with French schools	2	3	2
Partnerships with Spanish schools	2	4	11

Development of Competencies

• Skills development

Flex-N-Gate has continued to be a magnet for talents, developing skills and employability, and promoting diversity and equal opportunities.

All employees are assigned to a profession and a job family, allowing a job and skills-driven mapping, cross-functionally throughout the organization.

Anticipation and development of skills helps Flex-N-Gate to identify the best match between future needs and current resources. This new transformation needs the support of all employees and employee representatives to overcome challenges together and deliver economic and social performance for a sustainable future.

• Training plans

All sites develop their training plans each year and some training courses can lead to obtaining a certificate of professional (CQP in France).

As quality certification is compulsory in France for all providers of skills development initiatives wishing to access public and mutualized funds, the Qualiopi mark covers all providers, including independent trainers, delivering initiatives in the following areas:

- Training;
- Skills assessments;
- Validation of acquired experience;
- Apprenticeship training.

Marles-Les-Mines plant training is QUALIOPi certified and this plant has participated in HR labels.

Flex-N-Gate Europe	2022	2023	2024
Employees trained	2 740	3 241	2 385
Number of hours training/employees	12	12	19




Development of Competencies

• Career management

At Flex-N-Gate, we set up a career management procedure which is enhanced by a personnel review with the management, to discuss the situation of managers and employees.

Annual interviews are conducted to assess employees' performance, give them feedback and allow them to share their expectations and needs regarding training.

At the end of their career, proposals are made to employees to enable them to benefit adapted timetables, progressive retirement and tutoring for the transmission of skills.

Agreements have been reached for working from home, the right to disconnect (French plants) and wage increases. After each long period of work stoppage (maternity leave, paternity leave, sick leave, work stoppage, etc.) a meeting is held with the employee.

• Talent management

As part of Flex-N-Gate's activities and practices, we seek to attract and retain diverse talent. Our approach to talent management aims to attract people with diverse backgrounds and experiences. I

In 2024, Flex-N-Gate partnered with the Automotive Talent Show as a sponsor in Spain, which provided an opportunity to showcase the career paths of some of our employees.

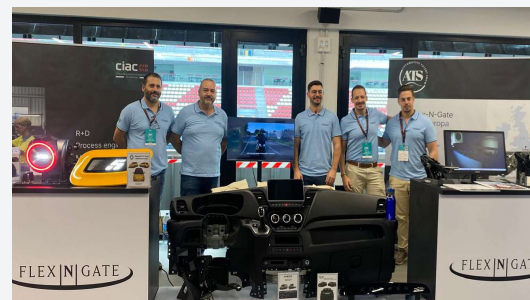
• International mobility

A job system informs all employees of open offers on a platform.

The internal mobility process is divided into different phases:

- Assessment of internal skills and potential
- Communication and transparency
- Training and development
- Recognition and reward system
- Monitoring and evaluation

Hirings of young people, engineers, technicians, operators and other competences for the transformation of the Company.



Flex-N-Gate participation in the Automotive Talent Show



Compensation and Benefits

Employee wages and benefits are provided in accordance with applicable regulations, prevailing industry practices, and applicable labor contracts. Wages and benefits are designed **to be fair and sufficient to cover basic needs and enable a decent standard of living for workers.**

Extra-hours are paid and there are possibilities for bonuses depending on the employee performance.

2024 is characterized by a period of partial activity. Training sessions were organized during the day of partial unemployment to maintain employees' remuneration as close to 100% as possible.

An economic supplement was provided for employees to compensate for their partial activity.

Flexible remuneration is offered to Spanish workers each year. They can choose to dedicate a part of their annual wages to healthcare services, transport or a childcare service, with no taxation on the chosen amount.

Sites follow a **flexible working hours policy**, allowing employees to manage their working hours with the approval of their manager.

Employees representatives propose social and cultural benefits to all employers, with payment of sport licenses, participation in cultural activities and leisure activities (cinema, theme parks, etc.).

Flex-N-Gate **travel standard** is deployed in French plants to ensure safe and comfortable work travel, and explain rules for business trips and invitations.

Flex-N-Gate France	Number of medical visits	Number of employees affected by medical visits
2023	788	1 009
2024	622	868



	Number of people who answered the survey Quality of Life
Spain	836
France	774
Italy	270

Talent retention

- **Health and care**

All employees are covered by mandatory healthcare system and mutual health insurance. Employees have medical health checks regularly.

A health system is accessible to employees through the daily presence of a nurse on several sites and a doctor from time to time.

A social assistance service is offered on all sites, with physical or telephone support from social workers. A listening and support platform is also available to provide employees with psychological support.

- **A work-life balance policy** has been launched .

In Spain, employees can finish earlier on Fridays by working a little more Monday to Thursday, and a working home policy has also been implemented for suitable positions.

A climate survey, "Flex-N-Opinion", was launched in Spanish plants. The response rate was 81% and an action plan was deployed in 2023. Another initiative was deployed regarding mental health with the program "Flex-N-Health", which permits employees to take part in health activities in their free time.

In France, a working home agreement was signed.

- **A work-life balance program** was launched in all French plants.

A French Steering Committee, made up of employees, staff representatives and members of the management, was formed to support the implementation and monitoring of this approach. With the support of an external firm, Stimulus, which specializes in psychological health at work, a Quality of Life at Work survey was launched in 2023 in France to identify actions that would improve well-being at work.

Talent retention

Retirements

Flex-N-Gate implemented an additional retirement plan for some of its employees (engineers and executives).

Organization of working hours

In every European country, working hours are equal to or less than the legal working week or industry practices. Every year, working hours are negotiated with unions.

Employee savings plan

Employee savings plans allow employees to invest in diversified instruments (shares, bonds, monetary) with a varied yield / risk ratio.

Involvement of employees

Flex-N-Gate undertakes to:

- communicate regularly to all employees on the status of the company.
- distribute regular internal news publications highlighting concrete actions implemented.
- provide information about the strategies on town halls and team meetings.
- respond to the questions raised related to the strategic plan.

The approach for managing HR topics aims at becoming more participative by asking employees their opinions on human resources topics (inclusion in working groups, survey, etc..).



Team Building Managers in Spain

Flex-N-Gate	2022	2023	2024
Turnover rate in Spain	7,2	4,9	5,1
Turnover rate in France	3,2	4,9	5,8
Turnover rate in Italy	-	-	1,6
Turnover rate Target	<10%	<10%	<10%

Involvement in local life

- **Local Suppliers**

The different plants' commercial relations are mainly oriented towards local suppliers in the country of operation.

- **Local schools**

Partnerships with schools and universities help to attract local talent and maintain links with the education system, through visits, work placements, apprenticeships, etc.

- **Local activities**

Each Flex-N-Gate entity participates, through sponsorship, in local sporting and cultural events, and sponsors local sporting activities such as trails and races.

Flex-N-Gate joined forces with the Lion half-marathon between Belfort and Montbéliard.

In Flex-N-Gate entities, a number of events are held throughout the year to fight cancer.

- **Partnerships with “Pole du Futur / Etupes”**

Flex-N-Gate Europe is joining forces with regional representative of the PFA Automobile to respond to the major challenges of the development of mobility.

Flex-N-Gate subscribes to GPA (Automotive Plastic Group).

- **Partnership with association dedicated to disability**

Flex-N-Gate purchased a joëlette (adapted sport and leisure wheelchair) for an association dedicated to disability.

- **Working with local schools**

A visit to the Audincourt plant was organized for young people who had dropped out of schools.



The Lion Race where employees carried a young disabled child in a "joëlette".

“Les Mulhousiennes”, a race against cancer which in 2023 enabled the acquisition of a new echo-endoscope for the Mulhouse Sud-Alsace Regional Hospital (GHRMSA).

This race is celebrating its 10th anniversary! A weekend of solidarity, festivities and unforgettable moments in 2023 for this special occasion. Large participation of Flex-N-Gate employees.



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SITE D'AUDINCOURT

Co-Voiturage Une application pour le site d'Audincourt

Dans le cadre de nos actions RSE, le service HSE de Flex-N-Gate vous propose de découvrir Karos. Karos est l'appli n°1 de covoiturage pour les trajets domicile-travail. Créée en 2014, c'est **déjà 4 millions de trajets réalisés**, l'équivalent de plus de 4 000 tonnes d'émissions de CO2 évitées.

Pas de contraintes, ni d'engagement ! La communauté de covoiturage Karos a plus de 600 000 utilisateurs en France.

Conducteurs : économisez vos frais de carburant (+ 97€ / mois en moyenne)
Passagers : covoiturez gratuitement et gagnez du temps !

Rattachez-vous à l'espace personnalisé de notre entreprise pour retrouver tous les bénéfices (covoiturages gratuits, machine à cadeaux, etc...):

- Téléchargez Karos : <https://www.karos.fr/phone/>
- Créez votre compte
- Enregistrez l'adresse de travail : 18bis rue de Verdun 25400 Audincourt
- Renseignez notre entreprise : **Flex N Gate**

La Direction



II Valladolid Bike Contra el Cáncer

SÚBETE A TU BICI DEL 7 AL 9 DE JUNIO

INSCRIPCIONES ABIERTAS DEL 11 DE MARZO AL 14 DE ABRIL EN valladolidmarchacontraelcancer.org
Atención al cliente del Centro Comercial Vallsur (NOTA: sólo pago con tarjeta)

RECÓGELAS TU MAILLOT DEL 27 DE MAYO AL 7 DE JUNIO EN:
Matovelo DT de Zorniza, 167
Samarbike Estradales, 139
Carril Bici (San Quixote, 139)
CDO Covaresa (Felipe Sánchez Román s/n)

IMPORTANTE:
La actividad se realizará del 7 al 9 de junio de manera libre en distancia y lugar.
Te invitamos a compartir tu experiencia en redes sociales con el hashtag #valladolidmarchacontraelcancer y etiquetar a @valladolidmarchacontraelcancer y @valladolidmarchacontraelcancer en IG y FB.



900 500 036
Claudio Moyano, 26-bajo
@TalleresContraElCancer

asociación española
contra el cáncer
en Valladolid

III Valladolid Bike contra el cáncer

Inscripciones (35 €)
hasta el 4 de abril en:

• valladolidmarchacontraelcancer.org

• Claudio Moyano, 26-bajo

• Atención al cliente del CC Vallsur (sólo pago con tarjeta)

Recogida del maillot y/o cortavientos conmemorativo a partir del 19 de mayo en:

- Matovelo
- Samarbike
- Carril Bici
- CDO Covaresa

La actividad se realizará a partir del 31 de mayo de manera libre en distancia y lugar.

Comparte tu experiencia en redes sociales con el hashtag #valladolidmarchacontraelcancer y etiquetar a @valladolidmarchacontraelcancer y @valladolidmarchacontraelcancer en IG y FB.



Mobility plan / Involvement in local life

In 2023, actions regarding the Mobility plan were deployed at the headquarters in Audincourt, France.

- **Carpooling** was offered to employees in association with different platforms.

Employees could benefit from a bonus of €100 and drive or have someone drive them to work.

The results since 2023-03-28 showed shared savings of €4 200 for all participants.

Flex-N-Gate Audincourt	2023-2024
Number of registered employees in Karos carpooling platform	1 211
Employees users	9%
Number of CO2 avoided (kg)	1 976

In spring 2023, tests of electric bicycles were organized with Evolity (a public transport company) to offer bicycle rentals at extremely attractive prices in conjunction with the local authority.





Flex-N-Gate Europe - Ethical Culture

100%

Employees GDPR
training in Europe



100%

Cybersecurity and
Ethics Training in
Europe



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Incident reported
via the
Grievance Hotline



0 Claims

Regarding labor child,
forced labor,
human trafficking
Personal data,
Conduct Violation



Social Policy and Fundamental Rights

Flex-N-Gate monitors stakeholder awareness of human rights risks or violations and establishes processes to prevent, mitigate and report potential and actual negative human rights impacts. Various due diligence processes are designed to alert us to potential abuses by our suppliers or other companies.

Flex-N-Gate reinforces its commitment to global principles by emphasizing compliance with relevant local legislation.

- **All policies and commitments** have been publicized to employees.

A code of ethics is sent to all employees, who must sign it on arrival at the premises.

An HR policy was rolled out in Spanish factories covering: child labour, wages and benefits, working hours, modern slavery, freedom of association and health & safety at work. Flex-N-Gate monitors social indicators and communicates them globally in a transparent manner.

- **Flex-N-Gate takes environmental and social impacts** into account in its decision-making.

Flex-N-Gate shares its values and requirements with its suppliers, subcontractors and industrial partners and is committed to acting in a socially responsible manner when sourcing its products.

Flex-N-Gate aligns itself with the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and strives to select all suppliers based on the quality and competitiveness of their products and their social, ethical and environmental principles : Flex-N-Gate's general terms and conditions of purchase incorporate requirements in terms of fundamental human rights and the environment.

Procedures are in place to mitigate risks related to health and safety in the supply chain workforce, the prohibition of human rights abuses such as child and forced labor, and to act for environmental protection.



Conflict Minerals

“Conflict minerals” is the term used to describe the following minerals: gold, wolframite, cassiterite, coltan and their derived metals, which include tin, tungsten and tantalum.

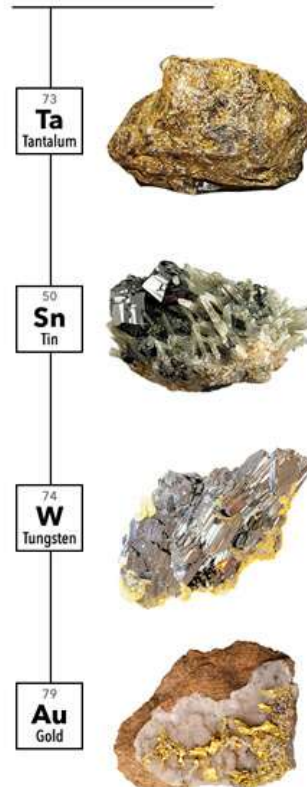
Flex-N-Gate is committed to ensuring that our supply base is not mining minerals that fund armed groups in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and adjoining countries.

Flex-N-Gate also includes the supply chains related to these minerals as part of our due diligence efforts.

- Flex-N-Gate has a **policy** addressing issues related to "conflict minerals". As part of this effort, we expect our suppliers to have a policy in place and implement a system to trace the origin of any of these minerals that might be supplied in products shipped to Flex-N-Gate. We expect our suppliers to conduct a "reasonable country of origin inquiry".
- We use the **Conflict Minerals Reporting Template (CMRT)** to identify refiners and smelters in our supply chain.
- In conjunction with the Responsible Minerals Initiative (RMI), we encourage suppliers to **undergo an audit** via the RMI's Responsible Minerals Assurance Process (RMAP).
- We have a **cross-functional team** in place to evaluate supply chain risks and to implement risk mitigation measures for identified supply chain risks.

Flex-N-Gate has a confidential reporting hotline available on our external website which can be used by employees or suppliers. The calls are kept confidential and go through the third party reporting provider of Lighthouse Corporation.

THE 4 CONFLICT MINERALS



**Conflict
Minerals**



Flex-N-Gate Europe - Ethical Culture

Flex-N-Gate Europe	2022	2023	2024
Claim regarding Personal Data	0	0	0
Claim regarding child labor, forced labor	0	0	0
Code of conduct violation	0	2	0
Incident reported via the alert procedure	1	0	1
Incident reported from suppliers	0	0	0

Ethical Culture

Several procedures and certain ERP systems, such as SAP, enable validation controls to be put in place for actions carried out by the sales, purchasing and management control departments.

- The purchasing department monitors the financial reliability of suppliers. To ensure regulatory compliance prior to the establishment of new business relationships and for existing suppliers (including temporary employment agencies), an electronic attestation platform is used for French suppliers, allowing third-party verification of all legal and administrative documents.
- In addition, each of the Flex-N-Gate plants around the world operates with a varying level of autonomy, which needs to be reviewed on a regular basis. In order to effectively review and analyse plant operations, a detailed internal audit program has been developed. A risk-based approach is applied to the audit program, so that not all areas will be examined to the same degree as others, depending on the results of the preliminary steps carried out during each audit.

Every year, the company's accounts are audited by the statutory auditors to ensure that they are true and fair and comply with current standards.

Flex-N-Gate provides its suppliers and employees with a helpline to report problems of misconduct or fraud in the course of their work with the company.

- Stakeholders can report any breaches of **the code of ethics** (corruption, harassment, discrimination, etc.) through the website www.lighthouse-services.com/flex-n-gate. This anonymous hotline is managed by an external company mandated to receive and process alerts on ethical issues. **The alert system** is communicated to employees in the code of ethics when they arrive, through posters or on specific days.
- The existence of a reporting and case management system means that behaviour or processes that contravene the code can be detected quickly, thereby limiting any potential negative impact on the company and its stakeholders.





Protection of data privacy

Flex-N-Gate is committed to protecting the privacy of the data that employees share with us.

- **A Policy** describes how Flex-N-Gate may collect, use and share information, particularly in connection with the operation of our website, and the options available to employees to update, manage, export and delete their data. It represents a commitment to transparency with our customers and employees regarding our data collection, use, retention and sharing practices.
- **GDPR rules** are presented to all employees during their onboarding and a data collection form is offered for signature. If employees want to exercise their rights they may contact a data controller for the Flex-N-Gate Digital Services by email at privacyofficer@flexngate.com.

Security of Information

The Security Operation Center team is responsible for monitoring the company's information systems in order to protect against cyber-attacks and ensure the IT security of all installed infrastructures.

- Using dedicated IT security software, our team monitors the network layer on a daily basis, right down to the software on each of the company's workstations, in order to detect potential anomalies and make immediate corrections in collaboration with the local teams at each site.
- Based on an Information Security Management System (ISMS) close to the ISO 27001 standard, Flex-N-Gate's IT system is adapted to the requirements of the automotive industry and the exchanges between the various players in the sector.

The information management system consists of setting up an information risk assessment, implementing actions to reduce the risks and auditing the actions implemented.

The backup system (data and equipment configuration), network availability, window survey updates and sequenced architecture KPIs are monitored as critical KPIs.

Flex-N-Gate Europe	French Employees	Spanish Employees	Italian Employees
	Rate	Rate	Rate
Employees trained in cybersecurity	100%	100%	100%
Employees trained in GDPR	100%	100%	30%
Employees trained in ethics code	100%	100%	100%



Anti-Corruption Policy

The Group is committed to fighting corruption by adopting a zero-tolerance policy. No behaviour that constitutes a corruption offence and that is discovered or brought to our attention will go unchallenged.

- The members of the Management Committee pass on and clarify the anti-corruption policy to the various levels of the organisation. They participate actively and with conviction in its promotion, both internally and externally.
- Several ERP procedures and limitations are in place to control the main risks identified.
- To ensure compliance with regulations, the company's accounts are audited annually by statutory auditors to ensure that they are true and fair and comply with current standards on corruption.
- Stakeholders can report any corruption violations through the 'Lighthouse' alert system.

Flex-N-Gate Europe	2022	2023	2024
Claims regarding Corruption	0	0	0

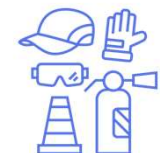
75 %

Plants certified
ISO 45001
in Europe



100 %

New
employees
trained in H&S
and
ergonomics
during
induction



100 %

Ergonomics
station
assessments



5 SAFETY FOUNDATIONS



Always Lock Out Tag Out.



Always wear approved PPE.



Be diligent with lifting, rigging and cranes.



Expect the unexpected with a forklift.



Use approved harnesses when working at heights.

ZERO IN On Safety



Certifications

3 French manufacturing plants are certified ISO 45 001.

All plants in Spain and Italy are certified ISO 45 001.

Health and Safety

• Health & Safety policy

Flex-N-Gate has formalized a Health & Safety policy, which is revised regularly and applies to all Group facilities worldwide.

Each plant follows a Health & Safety roadmap with specific quantitative and operational targets. These objectives are monitored during management reviews or monthly plant reporting.

• Program

Flex-N-Gate identifies safety as a priority with a program called “ZERO In On SAFETY” that focusses on 5 main foundations :

- Lock out/Tag out (of equipment & equipment lock identification)
- PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)
- Safety with regard to cranes
- Cohabitation between forklifts and pedestrians
- Working at Height

• Regulatory Watch

Flex-N-Gate plants work with an external consultancy engaged in a process of Social and Environmental Responsibility which provides information on the requirements and legislation applicable to our factories.

Health and Safety

Flex-N-Gate acts to:

- Prevent injury, illness and death by identifying and assessing all risks affecting the health and safety of all employees, temporary staff or subcontractors, and by managing and monitoring all accidents, incidents or near misses
- Promote health and safety to support and improve employee health and commitment
- Empower everyone to contribute to workplace improvement
- Deploy an effective management system to set solid standards, measure our results and impact, and support continuous improvement.

• Communication

Each plant communicates on different health and safety topics, such as prevention, benefits of sport, etc.

Different pocket guides (forklift, chemical risks) have been deployed.

Flex-N-EHS flash is communicated to employees by their managers.

Each month, a standardized document called “safety talk” is available to share information on a subject related to safety or ergonomics.

At Spanish locations, financial assistance for sports club membership was introduced in 2023.

• Training

Each new employee and temporary worker follows a mandatory onboarding program which includes health, safety and ergonomics modules. This training is renewed regularly with a knowledge questionnaire at the end of training.

Employees can also access specific training depending on their workstations: CACES training, electrical clearance training, ATEX, etc.

FLEX N HSE

HEALTH, SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENT CULTURE BY FLEX|N|GATE



Safety indicators

OHS - Occupational Health and Safety

LTIR, RIR, ERIR: you have probably already heard about these HSE indicators, but do you know what they correspond to in practice?

• LTIR: Lost Time Incident Rate

Number of lost time work accidents reported	
Number of hours worked	X 200,000

• RIR: Recordable Incident Rate

Number of reported work accidents with and without lost time	
Number of hours worked	X 200,000

• ERIR: Ergonomic Reportable Incident Rate

Number of reported ERGO work accidents with and without lost time	
Number of hours worked	X 200,000

To recap: If you are the victim of a work-related accident, you must inform your employer of your work-related accident by any available means. **This must be done on the day the accident occurred or within 24 hours at the latest.**

The employer must then report each accident to the CPAM (primary health insurance fund) within 48 hours. In this way, each incident is recorded and logged.



Monthly monitoring of indicators allows us to:

- ◊ know the current situation,
- ◊ draw conclusions about our occupational safety management system,
- ◊ identify our areas for improvement.

Our goal is to improve health and safety in the company



Focusing on safety as a priority

Air pollution

Environment



Many gases, materials and products can contribute to air pollution from the moment they are volatile or fine enough to remain temporarily or permanently in the air.

These are the main air pollutants.

• Greenhouse gases

◊ carbon monoxide, sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide, ozone

Greenhouse gases are undoubtedly the most well-known pollutants, especially for their role in global warming.

Generally, combustion generated by human activities generates too much release of these gases and has a detrimental influence on the climate.



• Heavy metals

◊ mercury, zinc, copper, lead, etc.

Heavy metals are found in the air mainly through human actions, especially combustion in industry or energy generation.

Some of these heavy metals are in gaseous form such as mercury, but most of them are in the form of fine particles.

• Particulate matter

Pollutant particles are chemical compounds that can be released by human activities in several ways.

Transport, wood heating and industry are therefore significant emitters of particles that pollute the air.

Health and Safety

• Provision of PPE

All employees and temporary workers are provided with PPE by the company. They have access to PPE (noise-cancelling plugs, gloves, etc.). PPE audits are carried out and refresher campaigns are launched when needed.

• Chemicals Management

All products on the production site are subject to a safety data sheet, which is used to assess the chemical risk in terms of exposure, fire and explosivity, as well as the associated environmental risk.

Depending on changes in regulations, certain products or chemical compounds in a product's composition may be banned from use on site, in which case substitution research is carried out. This was the case for certain chemical compounds in our supplies, such as PFAS and, more recently, cumene.

Any introduction of a new product is subject to a chemical risk analysis, which may result in:

- Banning it from the site
- Introduction with employee exposure measurement
- Introduction with measures for specific use
- Searching for less dangerous substitutes
- Acceptance

ÉQUIPEMENTS
Équipements adaptés lors de l'utilisation de produits. (Voir la Fiche de Données de Sécurité spécifique aux produits utilisés).

Charlotte de protection
Lunettes de sécurité étanches
Masque adapté
Gants de sécurité
Combinaison blanche antistatique
Couvre-chaussures
Chaussures montantes de sécurité antidérapantes

UTILISATION

Avant tout, je m'équipe pour me protéger !

Avant de commencer à manipuler, je m'informe des instructions de travail et des fiches utilisateur de produits. Je vérifie que les moyens de prévention des risques sont respectés et je mets mes équipements de protection individuels.

PRÉVENTION DU RISQUE CHIMIQUE
Règles essentielles pour les produits chimiques.

BESOIN D'UN NOUVEAU PRODUIT

Un produit chimique doit toujours être validé par le service HSE avant sa mise utilisation !

ÉTAPE 1
Je fournis la fiche de demande d'un nouveau produit et sa FDS (Fiche de données Sécurité) au service HSE* du site.

ÉTAPE 2
Le service HSE et le médecin du travail évaluent les risques d'exposition à ce produit dans les conditions d'utilisation décrites dans la fiche de demande. Si le produit est approuvé, on passe à l'étape 3, sinon il faut trouver un autre produit : retour à l'étape 1 !...

ÉTAPE 3
Le produit est approuvé pour utilisation sur site. J'aide la fonction HSE et l'infirmerie dans (le cas échéant) à élaborer la fiche utilisateur, parce que c'est moi qui connaît le mieux les conditions d'utilisation.

ÉTAPE 4
La fiche utilisateur et l'instruction de travail sont affichées au poste de travail. J'en ai pris connaissance et j'ai été formé aux risques du produit. Je peux commencer à travailler en toute sécurité avec le nouveau produit.

*HSE : Health Safety Environment (Santé Sécurité et Environnement)

SIGNIFICATION DES PICTOGRAMMES

JE S'EXPLODE !
JE FLAMBE !
JE FAIS FLAMBER !
JE ROMBE !
JE TUE !
JE SUIS SANS PRESSION !
JE POLLUE !
JE NUIS GRAVEMENT À LA SANTÉ !
J'ALÈRE LA SANTÉ OU LA COUCHE D'OZONE !

ATMOSPHÈRE EXPLOSIVE

Il faut me relier à la terre pour prévenir les étincelles !

STOP ! Zone ATEX... Respectez les consignes !

Une zone ATEX est une zone à risque d'explosion. Des précautions spécifiques s'imposent pour éviter une explosion : mise à la terre, ventilation, matériel électrique adapté. Seules les personnes autorisées peuvent pénétrer dans ces zones.

Flex-N-Gate Europe	2022	2023	2024
Annual Hours Worked	4,987,894	5,603,273	5,924,283
Number of recordable accidents (with or without lost days)	114	113	103
Number of recordable accidents with lost days	84	95	92
Ergonomics Recordable Incident Rate	26	19	14

Country	Lost Time Incident Rate / Recordable Incident Rate	2022	2023	2024
France	LTIR	3.41	3.24	2.41
	RIR	4.04	3.89	2.95
Spain	LTIR	3.71	5.14	5.32
	RIR	5.81	5.37	5.53
Germany	LTIR	0	0	0
	RIR	0	0	0
Italy	LTIR	-	0	0
	RIR	-	0	0
Europe	LTIR	3.35	3.39	3.11
	RIR	4.55	4.03	3.48

Health and Safety

• Risk analysis

All plants conduct occupational risk assessments formalized in dedicated documents which are updated for every change. Analyses are made regarding different topics (cuts, shock, circulation, mental risks, ergonomics, chemicals, ATEX, air exposure, etc.).

• Incident management and follow-up

Each accident is declared on the internal platform, Velocity EHS, to which all EHS managers have access in order to share best practices and areas of improvement across countries and plants.

This alert is distributed to the entire EHS network and all staff are informed.

An analysis of the accident is carried out to initially identify immediate protective measures, and then to define the root causes. A document (LSS) is shared as best practice in each plant which informs the employees concerned.

At country level, EHS teams in all plants meet weekly to share information about accidents within the plants.

• Psycho-social risks

An assessment of psycho-social risks in Spain plants was carried out in 2022. An action plan was deployed.

In France, a psycho-social risks survey was launched with an outside company in 2023.

The results show a lower level of stress than at national level.

FLEX N HSE

CULTURE SANTÉ SÉCURITÉ ET ENVIRONNEMENT PAR FLEX|N|GATE

Chasse aux risques

Depuis le début de l'année, grâce à votre implication et aux outils qui ont été déployés pour vous permettre de signaler des situations dangereuses, ce sont **215 risques qui ont été supprimés et ainsi autant d'accidents évités.**



Nos résultats sécurité s'en ressentent avec une réduction de nos taux de fréquence des accidents de **20%** par rapport à 2024 et **34%** par rapport à 2023*. **Ces résultats sont le reflet de votre engagement.**

Continuons à travailler ensemble pour faire de la sécurité une priorité partagée !

Tableaux chasse aux risques



Application mobile Alert Santé Sécurité

FLEX-N-GATE encourage chacun à s'impliquer activement pour réduire les risques et garantir un environnement de travail plus sûr pour tous.

* Taux de fréquence des accidents déclarés à fin Avril VS Taux de fréquence années 2023 et 2024 sur le périmètre FNG Plastics Europe



Health and Safety

• Risk hunting

Flex-N-Gate follows risk hunting at operational level for the health and safety of employees and contractors working on our production sites.

In each building, there are tables where each employee can post a risk. The heads of the production units and the HSE department take up the issues in order to find a solution. Flex-N-Gate set up an application to improve responsiveness in French plants.

• Medical resources

Each Flex-N-Gate production unit is staffed by trained first-aiders. Their role is to provide first aid to any victim of a work-related accident or illness, as well as to participate in the company's prevention efforts.

Flex-N-Gate believes that health must be considered a holistic matter and that achieving occupational health goals requires improvement of the comprehensive health of the employees.

Prevention covers the activities dedicated to occupational risks and exposure assessment related to any health consequence from work activities. Occupational follow up includes monitoring, examinations to check for consequences of exposure, assessment of fitness to work and any potential limitations. It includes individual follow up by physicians, nurses, physiotherapists, and/or psychologists to consider early symptoms, either physical or psychological, before requiring long or complex treatment, and fosters sustainable employability.

The medical check-up is carried out for newcomers and when the employee has been on sick leave or maternity leave, or absent due to non-occupational or occupational accident or illness.

Fulfilling the requirements of local regulations, that differ from country to country, nurses focus on prevention, occupational follow up, emergency care and health education.

Ergonomics

The ergonomics team works to improve the working conditions of employees with the aim of anticipating risks associated with future work activities, and proposing measures to:

- Prevent ergonomically-related workplace accidents such as repetitive strain injuries
- Identify and assess all ergonomic risks affecting the health and safety of all staff
- Manage and monitor all ergonomics-related accidents, incidents and near-misses.

This team is divided into sub-teams.

The central team is responsible for developing standards and deploying company guidelines and tools. It works with manufacturing engineering to ensure that ergonomic standards are met when purchasing and installing new equipment and programs.

The team of site ergonomists analyzes and improves ergonomics in their respective facilities.

- **Ergonomics policy**

Ergonomics is fully integrated into the health and safety policy and applies to all facilities.

- **Program**

An ergonomics memorandum standard is updated regularly and is deployed in each factory. Regarding development projects, all relevant operations must be validated by HSE/Ergonomics and employees from the sector of activity.

- **Training**

As with health and safety training, each new employee and temporary worker follows a mandatory onboarding program which includes ergonomics modules. This training is renewed regularly.

- **Ergonomic Assessment**

A tool enables us to carry out ergonomic assessment of workstations, leading to the construction of improvement due to actions plan followed monthly.



Flex-N-Gate Europe	French plants			Spanish plants		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Workstation analyzed (%) with new tool*	82%*	95%*	100%	80%	54%*	100%
Target	-	100%	100%	-	100%	100%
Flex-N-Gate Europe			2022	2023	2024	Target
Ergonomics in Program Average of Humantech score at SOP (French & Spanish Plants)			9.7%	10.3%	9.9%	<10%
Employee having Ergonomics Training (French Plants)			16.3%	10.2%	10.6%	>10%

86%

Plants certified ISO
14001
in Europe



100%

Employees trained
regarding
Environment



75%

Green Energy in
Scope 2 in France



21%

Green Energy in
Scope 2 in Spain



Environment

• Environmental policy

Flex-N-Gate group has formalized an environmental policy, that sets up qualitative objectives for waste reduction, environmental protection, pollution prevention, sustainable use of resources and compliance with national or local regulations.

Each plant has adapted its environmental roadmap with specific quantitative and operational targets, mainly on waste, pollution and carbon footprint. These objectives are monitored during management reviews or monthly plant reporting.

• Environmental Risk Analysis

In accordance with ISO 14001 certification, a risk analysis is carried out on each site locally to assess their criticality, and mitigation actions are implemented. In 2023, a conformity assessment was established with regard to the best available techniques for paint treatment with solvents in all plants concerned.

• Regulatory Watch

Flex-N-Gate plants work with an external consultancy engaged in a process of Social and Environmental Responsibility which provides information on the requirements and regulations applicable in our factories

• Training

Each new manufacturing employee and temporary worker follows a mandatory onboarding program which includes environment modules such as waste sorting, fire intervention, energy consumption, etc.



Certifications

- All 4 French manufacturing plants (Audincourt, Burnhaupt, Marines & Marles-les-Mines) are certified ISO 14001.
- All 7 Spanish plants (Aragon, Dafe, Espana, Navarra, Plasticos, Tubsa and Valladolid) are certified ISO 14001.
- The Italian plant (Treviso) is certified ISO 14001.

Environment

• Water consumption and treatment

Closed loop production processes have enabled water consumption to be reduced, and very strict monitoring of water consumption, including on the paint line, helps to eliminate potential leaks. Certain paint lines are equipped with tower in a closed loop and some plants are equipped with recovered heating on the cooling tower.

Technical departments conduct regular inspections to identify potential water leaks.

Flex-N-Gate does not discharge wastewater directly into groundwater, seas or oceans. All discharges are connected to municipal wastewater treatment plants.

Several inspections or audits are carried out internally and by third parties to ensure the compliance of discharges.

• Soil management

Flex-N-Gate assesses the environmental risks of its industrial projects by systematically conducting audits and assessing the environmental impact.

If necessary, onsite investigations may include the analysis of soil, surface water or groundwater, or gas in soil samples in order to determine the presence of any potential impact.

Depending on the results, measures such as monitoring, containment or remediation actions are implemented.

Our environmental experts liaise closely with the authorities involved in order to comply with local regulations.

Flex-N-Gate Europe	2022	2023	2024	2024
	Water consumption (m ³)			Water intensity ratio (m ³ /k€)
France	35 707	34 817	35 896	0.09
Spain	35 396	33 304	33 939	0.14
Italy	-	-	6 666	0.10
Germany	1 540	1 868	2 582	0.13
TOTAL	72 643	69 989	78 691	0.09



Environment

Waste Management

Flex-N-Gate has appointed certified subcontractors to manage hazardous and non-hazardous waste, with the aim of recovering waste.

Additionally, sites are filtering and reusing oil in their production processes for as many life cycles as possible.

Several compactors were put in place in plants to avoid collection truck journeys.

Circular economy, materials

In France, each plant is equipped with a shredder to reduce plastics production waste to granules and avoid stockpiling or incineration. The shredded granules are reintroduced into the supplier's value chain.

Solvent used is returned to the supplier so that it can be regenerated and reused. Of the 3 plants with painting lines in France, two of them are using directly regenerated solvent.

New waste treatment channels are constantly being sought. In addition, a waste contract in France was reviewed in 2022 with recovery objectives of 85%.

All sites are equipped with specific waste collection centers for wood, paper, plastics and for all other waste generated on site. Waste is either recovered or recycled.

As part of our efforts to improve waste sorting, a collection system for food waste (bio-waste) from our company restaurant was set up in Audincourt. The collected bio-waste is used to produce electricity and heat via a heating co-generation unit and as a base for spreading as fertilizers.

Flex-N-Gate Europe	Non Hazardous waste (t)		
	2022	2023	2024
France	2 963	3 036	3 078
Spain	14 682	15 684	15 065
Italy	-	-	688
Germany	115	221	198
TOTAL	17 760	18 941	18 349

Flex-N-Gate Europe	Hazardous waste (t)		
	2022	2023	2024
France	2 200	2 028	2 251
Spain	191	166	276
Italy	-	-	32
Germany	5	5	1
TOTAL	2 396	2 199	2 560

Flex-N-Gate Europe	Recovery rate		
	2022	2023	2024
France	77%	79%	81%
Spain	98%	98%	99%
Italy	-	-	93%
Germany	80%	81%	55%
TOTAL	92.4%	93.3%	94.2%



Environment

- **VOC monitoring**

Solvents used in paint lines are reprocessed and reused.

A diagnosis of paint booths was carried out by a third party regarding “Best Available Techniques”.

VOC (volatile organic compounds) emissions are monitored and thermal oxydators are in place on paint lines to eliminate VOCs.

- **Pollution risk analysis**

100% of manufacturing plants have carried out an environmental risk analysis and review it annually. Actions plans have been implemented.

Procedures are in place for accidental oil leakage and specific plans have been implemented to avoid and reduce it, such as a retention tank.

- **Improvement plan**

In line with ISO 14001, environmental analysis are carried out in all plants concerning their activities. Plants follow a roadmap based on the main critical impacts identified.

A survey plan exists for each plant which measures:

- Discharges into the air, soil and water
- Noise
- Waste
- Other potential environmental impacts.

Maintenance plans are monitored monthly to reduce these impacts with quantitative targets, for example regarding waste, GHG, oil, etc.

Environment

- **Energy consumption management and GHG emissions**

A platform for monitoring greenhouse gas emissions allows the collection of data (Scope 1 & 2) for each plant (electricity, natural gas, petrol)

Energy audits are conducted and actions plans followed.

In addition plants in France have greenhouse gas measurements carried out by a third party in order to control our direct emissions (Scope 1) and our indirect emissions (Scope 2) . GHG emission are analyzed with actions plans.

Green energy contracts have been signed for the French plants for 75% of their electrical consumption in France.

An action plan is managed by each plant in order to reduce its energy consumption and best practices are shared between plants (LED, destratification, etc.). Several studies are ongoing regarding the installation of photovoltaic panels in France and in Spain .

Plants in France set up remote reading to reduce it and an action plan regarding the tertiary decree was initiated to reduce office space consumption in Audincourt.

Flex-N-Gate Europe	2022		2023		2024	
	Scope 1 (tCO2)	Scope 2 (tCO2)	Scope 1 (tCO2)	Scope 2 (tCO2)	Scope 1 (tCO2)	Scope 2 (tCO2)
France	7 236	670	6 382	572	6 312	690
Spain	604	2 625	878	2 717	759	2 981
Italy	-	-	711	2 539	708	2 227
Germany	457	806	403	979	427	852
TOTAL	8 217	4 101	8 374	6 807	8 207	6 750

Flex-N-Gate Europe	Electricity (MWh)		
	2022	2023	2024
France	62 316	62 076	63 360
Spain	17 120	17 724	19 408
Italy	-	-	6 810
Germany	2 134	2 594	2 255
TOTAL	81 570	82 394	90 416

Flex-N-Gate Europe	Green Electricity (%)		
	2022	2023	2024
France	75%	75%	73%
Spain	21%	21%	21%
Italy	-	-	7%
Germany	30%	30%	30%
TOTAL	62%	62%	57%

Flex-N-Gate Europe	Natural Gas (MWh)		
	2022	2023	2024
France	39 603	34 888	34 491
Spain	3 182	4 623	4 167
Italy	-	-	3 881
Germany	1 716	1 513	1 606
TOTAL	44 501	41 024	40 264



Environment

Flex-N-Gate is committed to acting for the preservation of the environment, forests, rivers, seas and oceans. The preservation of biodiversity also represents an essential environmental protection issue for the Group.

- **Plastic granule loss prevention**

As part of the AGECE (anti-waste and circular economy) law, Decree No. 2021-461 requires sites involved with the production, handling and transport of industrial plastics pellets (GPI) to have their provisions for the prevention of losses and discharges into the environment audited.

Audits took place at the beginning of 2023, in the French plants, for industrial plastic granule loss prevention. All plants were certified regarding plastic granule loss prevention.



Environment

- **Product use and end of life**

The end-of-life of Flex-N-Gate products complies with the end-of-life vehicles (ELV) directive.

This directive lays down measures to prevent and limit waste from end-of-life vehicles and their components, by ensuring their reuse, recycling and recovery. It also aims to improve the environmental performance of all economic operators involved in the vehicle life cycle.

When a vehicle reaches the end of its useful life, it can be sent to an approved ELV (end-of-life vehicle) center. These centers dismantle the vehicles, recover the reusable parts and recycle the materials. This helps to reduce the environmental impact.

Flex-N-Gate follows REACH regulation that forbids the inclusion of dangerous material in its products.

IMDS reports are carried out to ensure the absence of substances ranked "very high concern" in relation to the REACH regulation.

For suppliers, a follow-up of the due diligence is integrated into a specific section of the newly developed suppliers' questionnaire.

- **Product carbon footprint**

During the engineering phase of the automotive program, Flex-N-Gate assesses the life cycle of each product and ensures that consumption is reduced as much as possible by offering recycled materials or green energy.





Biodiversity

Biodiversity Risk Identification

3 sites have been identified as being close to protected areas such as Natura 2000, ZNIEFF, etc.

Several initiatives are in place to contribute to the preservation and enrichment of biodiversity:

- Installation of Beehives 🐝

We received two beehives managed by a local beekeeper in Burnhaupt-Le-Haut plant. These hives can house up to 80,000 bees each, and play a key role in pollination. The honey was collected and produced will be harvested and distributed to employees.

- Eco-pasturing 🐑,

Our eco-pasturing initiative began with 17 sheep and 4 lambs, which are now tending our green spaces naturally. This sustainable method helps control vegetation while preserving our local environment.

- Prohibition of the use of herbicides for the maintenance of sites is in place in all plants.

These initiatives reflect Flex-N-Gate's commitment to integrating sustainable, environmentally-friendly practices into our daily lives.





Les adhérents à eCO₂ soutiennent un projet de boisement, assurant une captation du carbone à travers une triple approche : environnementale, économique et sociale.



CERTIFICAT DE COMPENSATION CARBONE



2024

FLEX N GATE

a compensé 10,06 T d'équivalence CO₂ sur le projet « LE BOIS DES AMBRES » en France.

En 2024, la totalité du programme eCO₂ a permis de compenser 531 tonnes d'éq. CO₂.



Credits carbon Compensation

Thanks to our contributions in 2024, this has made it possible to support the 'Le Bois des Ambres' afforestation project, located in the commune of Moulainville, in the Meuse department in the Grand Est region of France. The project will cover an area of 7 hectares and will involve diversified planting to ensure the resilience of the future forest. The main objectives of the reforestation are to

- Carbon capture project, certified by the French Ministry for Ecological Transition, will enable the collection of carbon credits to offset the emissions linked to the transport of our waste.
- Enhancing biodiversity A mix of tree species will be planted, including Douglas Fir, Holm Oak and Sessile Oak. These species have been selected for their resilience to climate change and their ability to enrich the soil.
- Preserving local ecosystems By restoring a degraded forest, this project is helping to create sustainable habitats for local flora and fauna.



Flex-N-Gate Europe - Sustainable Supply Chain

250

French
Production
Suppliers



295

Spanish
Production
Suppliers



100%

of buyers trained
in CSR



100% Suppliers
signed
Flex-N-Gate
policies



0

Claim regarding
corruption



Sustainable Supply Chain

Flex-N-Gate is committed to managing the key elements of a **sustainable and responsible supply chain**:

- Supplier business relationship
- Social and environmental impacts of suppliers
- Supplier-specific risk management.

Flex-N-Gate acts in a socially responsible manner and in accordance with sustainable practices at all levels of the supply base and encourages suppliers to adopt similar practices.

Supplier location is an important strategy : Having suppliers close to Flex-N-Gate manufacturing sites supports the local community and reduces the risk of supply disruption.

Flex-N-Gate's aim is to sell equipment that meets customer expectations, in compliance with social, environmental and ethical standards and in accordance with human rights.

• Purchasing policy and fundamental rights

Flex-N-Gate Europe has formalized a new supply chain policy which applies to all facilities.

Flex-N-Gate Europe's responsible supply chain approach is one of the key elements of its social and environmental responsibilities.

Before selecting a supplier and committing to a contract, Flex-N-Gate Europe pays attention to three criteria (among others):

- Performance,
- Quality,
- Corporate Social Responsibility.



Sustainable Supply Chain

• Innovation

Flex-N-Gate involves its core and strategic suppliers in a collaborative innovation process, which is essential in order to meet commitments on reducing CO2 emissions, improving air quality and finding more sustainable materials e.g., increased recycled content for use in our products.

• Conflict minerals

The risk of conflict minerals use by our direct suppliers is very limited. However, given that some conflict minerals can be included in our products, there is a investigation in to the presence and origin of gold, tungsten, tin and tantalum minerals. This due diligence is integrated into a specific section of the questionnaire sent to our suppliers.

Building strong responsible supply chains is an important focus.

• Host territories

It is essential to stimulate local economy close to end markets. Flex-N-Gate implements optimization measures such as identifying local suppliers, helping them acquire the necessary skills and encouraging current suppliers to relocate close to end markets. Having local suppliers benefits the environment by reducing CO2 emissions.

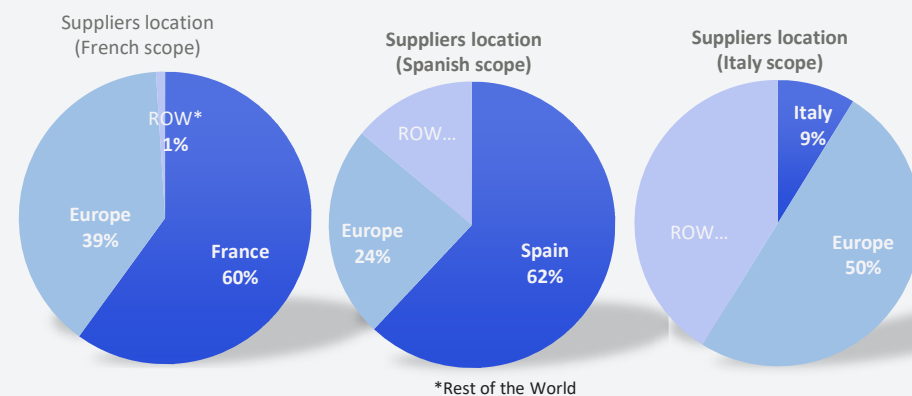
• Complaints procedure

Flex-N-Gate provides a reporting hotline to suppliers and employees who wish to report misconduct or fraud issues while working with the company. The calls are kept confidential and go through the third party reporting provider, the Lighthouse Corporation. Employees will not be subject to reprisals for reporting or supplying information about potential violations, except in cases where those employees are responsible for the violation.

Flex-N-Gate France	2022	2023	2024
Production Suppliers	246	259	250
Spend (k€)	104 241	108 060	163 561
Molds & Equipment Suppliers	59	183	100
Spend(k€)	69 640	66 568	45 926
Indirect Suppliers	401	1197	1 197
Spend (k€)	41 446	43 911	43 811

Flex-N-Gate Spain	2022	2023	2024
Production Suppliers	246	295	297
Spend (k€)	117	119	104

Flex-N-Gate Italy	2022	2023	2024
Production Suppliers	-	176	150
Spend (k€)	-	30 750	32 020



Sustainable Supply Chain

- **Buyers' training**

100% of buyers were trained in CSR topics including anti-corruption rules and sustainability issues.

A purchasing manager has attended a training course on Sustainable Supply Chain Management. This module was cascaded to all buyers.

- **Business review with suppliers**

Performance reviews are carried out with suppliers, at least once a year for the main ones, and include CSR topics. Topics discussed include the main items of the questionnaire to which specific attention needs to be paid (specific for each supplier and considering the process criticality), as well as certifications. Action plans for the key points are then defined and monitored between the two reviews.

- **Flex-N-Gate Europe Purchasing General Terms & Conditions**

These are distributed to suppliers with each purchase order and includes social aspects on working conditions, salary, labor practices, minimum age of employees, forced labor and environment requirements. These are accepted by suppliers.

- Suppliers are informed of best practices and regulatory changes and can benchmark themselves by comparing their CSR performance against the industry average,

- The suppliers are expected to communicate, each year, their own CSR commitment and performance and their EcoVadis score.

Flex-N-Gate France	2023	2024	Target
Total number of suppliers	1 639	1 547	
Suppliers who received the CSR survey	193	190	
% of suppliers who responded	60%	60%	80%
% of spend of suppliers covered by CSR survey or EcoVadis (k€)	65%	49%	50%
Overall Average CSR Score	50/100	50/100	
Overall Average EcoVadis	65/100	65/100	

Flex-N-Gate Spain	2023	2024	Target
Total number of suppliers	295	295	
Suppliers who received the CSR survey	295	147	
% of suppliers who responded	20%	46%	80%
% of spend of suppliers covered by CSR survey or EcoVadis (k€)	18%	49%	50%
Overall Average CSR Score	48/100	43/100	
Overall Average EcoVadis	60/100	67/100	



Flex-N-Gate France	2022	2023	2024	Target 2025
% of Production Suppliers certified ISO 14 001 (French perimeter)	54%	56%	56%	58%
% of Production Suppliers certified ISO 45 001 (French perimeter)	22%	22%	22%	24%
% of Molds & Equipment Suppliers certified ISO 14 001 (French perimeter)	10%	11%	29%	30%
% of Indirect Suppliers certified ISO 14 001 (French perimeter)	5%	5%	5%	7%

Flex-N-Gate Spain	2023	2024	Target 2025
% of Production Suppliers certified ISO 14 001 (Spanish perimeter)	42%	42%	50%

Flex-N-Gate Italy	2023	2024	Target 2025
% of Production Suppliers certified ISO 14 001 (Italian perimeter)	-	46%	50%



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- **Supplier CSR questionnaire**

Since 2021, a Corporate Social Responsibility questionnaire has been in use. Its purpose is to ask suppliers about their practices on the topics of health & safety, the environment, social issues, human rights and conflict minerals.

This questionnaire is deployed to the whole base of existing suppliers and is a requirement for every new vendor, except if they have an Ecovadis assessment or equivalent.

The purchasing team evaluates and monitors suppliers' CSR performance through a rating based on the questionnaire completed by the supplier. A supplier reassessment is conducted at least every 3 years to monitor performance improvement.

- **Addition of CSR criteria in the evaluation of offers**

CSR and carbon criteria have been added to the supplier nomination committee template. It now includes data on ISO 14001/45001 certification and the distance between Flex-N-Gate's factories and the supplier.

CO2 emissions have also been added in order to assess the supplier's carbon cost in freight offers.

- **Audits**

Supplier audits include specifications covering the topics of the environment, health & safety and ergonomics. A file with the panel of suppliers is regularly updated and monitored for certifications such as ISO 14001, ISO 45001.

Some vendors may leave the panel because of poor operational performances in general, or in the event of issues related to any CSR topic, as long as the purchasing organization is aware.

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• Risk Matrix

A supplier risk analysis process is in place and covers the whole production portfolio.

5 items are analyzed and rated between low risk and critical risk :

- Social,
- Environment,
- Safety,
- Ethics,
- Conflict minerals.

Two risk dimensions are analyzed: commodity and country.

For country-related risks, a ranking has been drawn up based on information from databases such as human rights index, harassment index, gender equality, political stability, country's labor security, corruption index, energy consumption, recycled materials, etc.

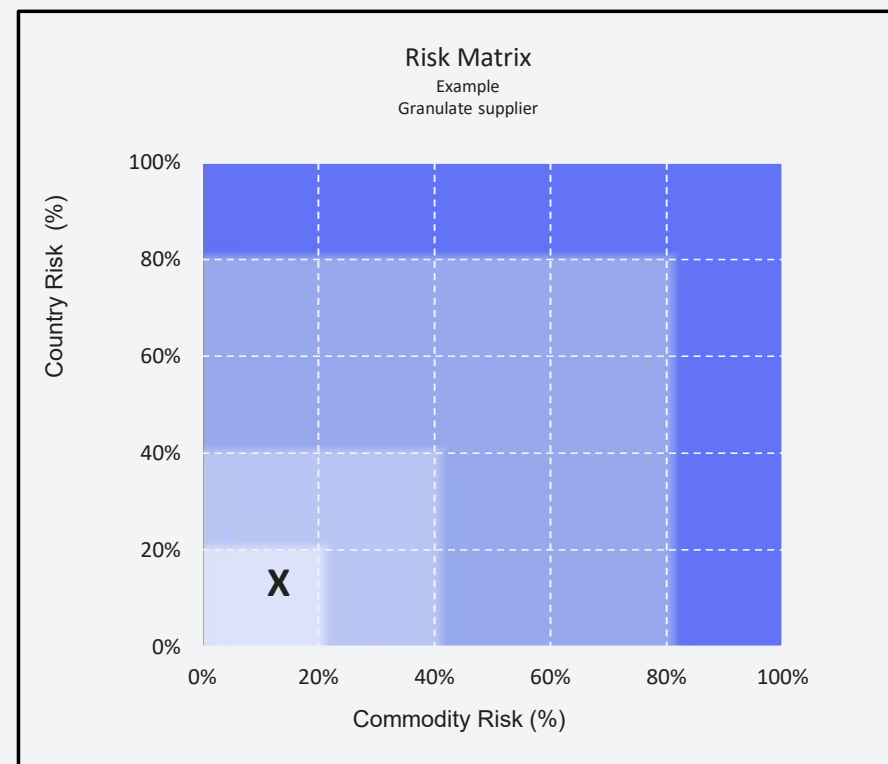
• Action plan

All production suppliers are classified, taking into account the commodity and country risk.

An action plan is implemented when the supplier is classified "medium, high risk, critical risk" for country or commodity.

• Disability

Flex-N-Gate plants also partner with ESATs, (establishments that provide work and professional support for people with disabilities), for example for wire harness assembly, maintenance of green spaces etc. For each activity, Flex-N-Gate makes an assessment of the possibility of working with disability associations.



	Number of suppliers concerned
Low risk	154
Medium risk	146
High risk	24
Critical risk	0



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