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Mission statement "Sustainability at the Helmholtz Centre for Infection Research" in simple language

At the Helmholtz Centre for Infection Research (HZI), our scientists are investigating why and how infectious diseases develop. They are also investigating the ways in which they spread and the mechanisms behind them. The aim is to make a contribution to global health through good research. The HZI develops new active substances for better medicines. These are intended to help prevent and treat infectious diseases. In this way, methods are created to protect health in the face of future challenges such as climate change and pandemics.

The HZI has the following sustainability goals:

- It supports the sustainability goals of the United Nations, the German sustainability strategy and the goals of the Helmholtz Association (HGF) and aims to implement them.
- It aims to strengthen sustainability in research by investigating the causes and consequences of climate change from the perspective of infection research.
- It promotes ethical and sustainable research in laboratories and field research. This also applies to collaborations of the HZI and to the handling of scientific results.
- It is developing a climate strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to zero by 2035. The HZI wants to replace unavoidable emissions with renewable energies or, in exceptional cases, compensate for them.
- It wants to reduce its environmental impact. For example, the HZI wants to reduce waste by 50 percent and water consumption by 15 percent by 2035.

The HZI also wants to...:

- ...promote biodiversity at its sites and implement corresponding measures by 2027.
- ... develop guidelines for action that help all employees in their diversity to become part of an inclusive and diverse culture at the center.
- ... include important people and groups in the HZI's sustainability work.
- ... take up and support ideas from employees on sustainability.
- ... integrate the topic of sustainability into training and further education.
- ...communicate internally and externally on sustainability issues.
- ...measure and report on progress towards sustainability goals.
- ...provide the necessary resources for these goals and secure them in the long term.