

Sustainability Statement

van Esch bv

Discover how we contribute to a better world with a focus on people, the environment and society.





TIMELESS DESIGN

For the next generation

As a family firm, we have a vested interest in looking after the next generation. A long-term approach is second nature to us. And this lays solid foundations for sustainable enterprise. From our vision regarding design to the way in which we treat people: every decision we take in business considers the next generation. With attention for people, the environment and society.



In-house production

We prefer to work locally. This keeps us very flexible and is better for the environment. We are extremely proud that we manufacture half of our products in-house. A close-knit team of enthusiastic craftspeople work in our own factory in Goirle, making coat racks and entrance hall accessories. Above all, they can repair damaged products and give them a second life. Our suppliers are located near to us too: 80% are within a 100km radius.



100 km



WE WORK LOCAL



Materials & certificates

Since our family firm was established in 1972 we have had a preference for honest, sustainable materials. We have a soft spot for powder-coated steel and aluminium. Robust materials that last a long time and are simple to recycle. In addition to this, we are an FSC certified company.

We have also bundled our strengths with Circular IQ in our contribution towards the transition to a circular economy. Thanks to the Circular IQ product passports, everyone can see where our products are manufactured. This allows us to stimulate the use of recyclable and renewable materials.

Ask about our FSC certified products.



The mark of
responsible forestry

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Sustainable design

For the design of our coat racks and entrance hall accessories we join forces with top designers from around Europe. Designers who love making things, just as we do. The result: functional, well-thought out and sustainable products. Always reduced to the essence and almost indestructible. Many of the coat racks and coat hangers that we sold decades ago, are still in service. Over the last 49 years we have manufactured more than 7.5 million coat racks and 7 million coat hangers.

That means that more than 800 million people have at one time or another hung their coat on a van Esch coat rack. And are still doing so. Pretty impressive, hey?



We do not follow fleeting trends, but strive for timeless designs that last a lifetime. This is the reason why products are carried in our collection for years. A number of designs have even been awarded illustrious prizes like the iF Product Design Award and a German Design Award. And with one of our latest products - the waste sorting bin Ditch - we help offices and public spaces throughout Europe to separate refuse. Above all, Ditch is completely recyclable and equipped with internal bins made from recycled plastic.





Packaging & transport

We manage the transport of most of our products ourselves. That means that we can plan our routes as efficiently as possible and, in doing so, save a lot of unnecessary kilometres.

Our trucks always leave fully laden and return – if possible – fully laden with materials from our suppliers. In packaging for our products, we are always looking for the balance between maximum protection and as little use of materials as possible. Where possible, we give packaging materials a second life. Increasingly often, we take the packaging materials away with us after delivery of products to clients. Great for the client, better for the environment.

Diversity & inclusivity

That we are a family firm, is noticeable on the work floor. We cherish our relationships with our employees and believe it is important that everyone feels at home at van Esch. So we pay a lot of attention to a healthy, inclusive and inspiring working environment. A working environment that contributes to the welfare and personal development of our people. And where there is space for all sorts of backgrounds and talents. For example, as an SBB recognized training company, we offer space to young talent and we work together with Het WerkgeversServicepunt Midden-Brabant to give people with a distance to the labor market a chance.



People stay with us for a long time, many of our employees have been part of the van Esch family for more than 12.5 years. And sustainable relationships with our employees naturally demand good employment conditions. These agreements in the areas of an honest wage, personal education plans and safe and hygienic working conditions have been set down in the Collective Wage Agreement for Metal Working Companies that van Esch subscribes to.



Culturally involved

We want to be a good neighbour for our immediate environment and are glad to be involved at a cultural level too. Which is why we sponsor local architecture & the arts. The Centrum voor Architectuur en Stedenbouw Tilburg (CAST) has been able to count on our support for more than a decade. We also have a good relationship with the Textile Museum in Tilburg, a small part of our collection is even produced there. We also look for inspiring culturally oriented events for colleagues, suppliers and customers in the form of a visit to a museum.

Green commercial premises

Our premises in Goirle comply with the energy-saving measures set out by the RVO (Netherlands Enterprise Agency). The entire property has LED lighting. The building is also surrounded with planting. The wisteria to the rear of the building does not just embellish the surroundings, but it also provides shelter for a diversity of birds.

It is our ambition to take even more steps to save energy. Which is why we are working with a government approved HIT Energy Planner. We can actively register and plan energy savings with this planner. Keeping us sharp and revealing where still more savings can be made. Since 2017 we have saved more than 38% in electricity consumption, 30% on gas and 32% on CO2 emissions.



The future

Sustainable enterprise is a continual process. We are already well on track, but things can always be better. Which is why we follow all the latest developments. We continue to look for new ways to make our processes and products even more sustainable and our commercial properties even greener.



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