with a double objective: to support scientific research projects and to reinforce the help given to associations working with the most vulnerable people to covid-19. In an emergency context, the Foundation has already approved support to 10 scientific projects and 21 social emergency aid projects on all continents.

C12.3

(C12.3) Do you engage in activities that could either directly or indirectly influence public policy on climate-related issues through any of the following?
Direct engagement with policy makers
Trade associations
Funding research organizations
Other

C12.3a

(C12.3a) On what issues have you been engaging directly with policy makers?

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<td>Cap and trade</td>
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<td>Air Liquide is an active member of the European Roundtable (ERT). ERT strives for a strong, open and competitive Europe, with the EU, including its Single Market, as a driver for inclusive growth and sustainable prosperity. Companies of ERT Members are widely situated across Europe, with combined revenues exceeding €2,250 billion, sustaining around 6.8 million jobs in the region. They invest more than €50 billion annually in R&amp;D, largely in Europe. The European Commission's &quot;Clean Energy for All Package&quot; is a welcomed and key step forward in ensuring the transition towards a more secure, clean and competitive energy market in the European Union. ERT supports the package's three main goals: 1/ putting energy efficiency first; 2/ achieving global leadership in renewable energies; and 3/ providing a fair deal for consumers. The ERT's position on energy and climate change is presented in the organization's Position paper on Energy and Climate change, available online at <a href="http://www.ert.eu/sites/default/files/ERT%20Position%20Papers%20on%20Energy%20and%20Climate%20Change.pdf">http://www.ert.eu/sites/default/files/ERT%20Position%20Papers%20on%20Energy%20and%20Climate%20Change.pdf</a> The 2030 energy and climate package is a major opportunity for Europe to balance and monitor global competitiveness, security of supply and climate objectives more successfully than in the past. European companies accept their responsibility and under the right conditions they will continue investing and bringing to the market technological solutions for climate change. At the moment the excessively high energy prices (compared to some competitors, especially the USA) hampers the international competitiveness of European business. Unilateral EU regulatory costs add to the burden. The EU needs to facilitate innovation and technology development while ensuring that the value chain for providing and producing the solutions for &quot;climate change&quot; and &quot;energy&quot; remains in Europe, so as to foster growth and employment.</td>
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C12.3b

(C12.3b) Are you on the board of any trade associations or do you provide funding beyond membership?
Yes

C12.3c

(C12.3c) Enter the details of those trade associations that are likely to take a position on climate change legislation.

Trade association
European Round Table of Industrialists (ERT)

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Please explain the trade association’s position
The European Round Table of Industrialists (ERT) is a forum bringing together around 55 Chief Executives and Chairmen of major multinational companies of European parentage covering a wide range of industrial and technological sectors. ERT strives for a strong, open, and competitive Europe, with the EU, including its Single Market, as a driver for in-
Europe. ERT supports a holistic approach that integrates security of supply, sustainability, and competitiveness. ERT main points: - Ensure the predictability and stability of the long-term policy framework. - Safeguard the package's consistency throughout the legislative process. - Bolster the EU industry's readiness for new opportunities and new operating environments triggered by the energy and climate transition. - The proposed energy policy framework should acknowledge that only a globally competitive industry has the capacity to deploy and invest in low-carbon innovation. - ERT supports market-based and technology-neutral solutions from a holistic system perspective for promoting the uptake of energy efficiency and for better integrating renewables in the electricity market. - Proportionate measures for customers https://www.cdp.net/en empowerment are supported. - Set targets for energy efficiency in a smart way to allow for growth and development. - Increased energy efficiency is particularly relevant for the building sector.

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
Air Liquide's Chairman and CEO, Mr. Benoît Potier, was Chairman of the ERT from May 2014 to May 2018. Therefore, our company is a highly active contributor to the work of the round table, which reflects our position on the subject.

Trade association
Association Française des Entreprises Privées (AFEP)

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent

Please explain the trade association's position
AFEP is an association that currently represents more than 90 of the top private sector companies operating in France. French companies share with their employees, customers, supply chain and shareholders the will to build a more sustainable development model. In this framework, these companies have been implementing policies to reduce their impact on the environment while preserving competitiveness, and identify and seize the new opportunities created by the need of more sustainable development. This is why AFEP currently supports: (1) The existence of climate change and the EU Emissions Trading System (ETS); (2) The energy transition; (3) Resource efficiency and the concept of the circular economy; (4) Energy renovation plans for housing (5) R&D and innovation in the field of alternative energies; (6) The concept of Corporate Social Responsibility.

How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?
Air Liquide's Chairman and CEO, Mr. Benoît Potier, currently is a member of the AFEP Board. The board's mission is to set the main orientations of the association and their consistency with the AFEP’s members. Therefore, the work of AFEP reflects our position on the subject.

Trade association
European Industrial Gases Association (EIGA)

Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?
Consistent
gases and medical gases and their contribution to sustainable development.

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**
Air Liquide is at the board and participates in several task forces, e.g. related to the environment, hydrogen technologies, or energy. The Group engages thus in advocacy at the EU level, in favor of technologies reducing greenhouse gases emissions.

**Trade association**
Entreprises pour l'Environnement (EpE)

**Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?**
Consistent

**Please explain the trade association’s position**
‘Entreprises pour l’Environnement’, created in 1992, is an association of around forty French and international large companies from all sectors of the economy, who want to make environmental considerations more a part of both their long-term planning and their day-to-day management. Members all share the same vision of the environment as a source of opportunities and progress, within a broad understanding of ‘environment’: raw materials, energy, climate change, water, biodiversity, pollution, waste, etc. EpE strongly believes that, just as players cannot develop sustainably within a degraded environment, real consideration for the environment is a source of long-term value for businesses. EpE gives its members a forum for discussion, within the business world itself, but also with NGOs, ministers, politicians, scientists, and academics.

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**
Air Liquide as a founding member of EpE (1992) takes part in a variety of events related to environmental challenges such as climate change or biodiversity.

**Trade association**
Medef

**Is your position on climate change consistent with theirs?**
Consistent

**Please explain the trade association’s position**
Aware of the risks and opportunities related to climate change, the Medef (French enterprises movement) calls for the setting of a measuring, reporting and verification framework regarding the implementation of the COP 21 agreement. It supports also the position of the World Bank regarding the establishment of a global carbon pricing system. All measures taken should contribute to strengthening the competitiveness of businesses.

**How have you influenced, or are you attempting to influence their position?**
Air Liquide chairs the climate change committee of the MEDEF and organizes corporate group works on climate change topics.
(C12.3d) Do you publicly disclose a list of all research organizations that you fund? 
Yes

C12.3e

(C12.3e) Provide details of the other engagement activities that you undertake.

Air Liquide is a founder and steering member of the Hydrogen Council.

The Hydrogen Council is a global initiative of leading energy, transport, and industry companies with a united vision and long-term ambition for hydrogen to foster the energy transition.

Launched at the World Economic Forum 2017, in Davos, the growing coalition of CEOs have the ambition to:

• Accelerate their significant investment in the development and commercialization of the hydrogen and fuel cell sectors.

• Encourage key stakeholders to increase their backing of hydrogen as part of the future energy mix with appropriate policies and supporting schemes.

In the first global initiative of its kind, the Hydrogen Council is determined to position hydrogen among the key solutions of the energy transition. The Council works with and provides recommendations to, a number of key stakeholders such as policymakers, investors, international agencies, and civil society to achieve these goals.

Hydrogen is a versatile energy carrier with favorable characteristics since it does not release any CO2 at the point of use as a clean fuel or energy source, and can play an important role in the transition to a clean, low-carbon, energy system. Hydrogen technologies and products have significantly progressed over past years and are now being introduced to the market.

As global companies from major energy and industrial sectors, it is part of the corporate responsibility to provide solutions to manage the energy transition and move forward to a low-carbon, sustainable economy. Joint action is required to tackle this formidable challenge. This is why we invite governments and key society stakeholders to also acknowledge the contribution of hydrogen to the energy transition and to work with us to create an effective implementation plan.