### freenet GROUP

# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR AGM 2022

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# **BUSINESS OVERVIEW**

OUR VISION ALWAYS тне RIGHT CHOICE.

As freenet Group we want to be the right choice for all our stakeholders - our employees, our customers, our partners and our shareholders. We are aware of our responsibility to society, and we take this into account through long-term thinking and sustainability in all corporate decisions.

# **OUR MISSION**

# **GROWTH THROUGH PRODUCTS, SERVICES AND CUSTOMER-CENTRIC INTERACTION**



### **Customer Centricity**

- Distribution of selected own products or sourced goods serving individual customer requirements
- Any activity based on deep understanding data



### **Digital First**

- Both for internal business processes and operations
- And for the interaction and transaction with customers and all our stakeholders



#### **Demand Driven**

- Competent advice addressing customers' needs
- Taking benefit of learnings from customer contacts for product development and innovation

#### **Customer Proximity**

- Making use of the omnichannel platform to serve captive and non-captive channels
- Providing service at all touchpoints seamlessly

# **OUR STRATEGY**

### **DIGITAL LIFESTYLE**

includes telecommunications, Internet, Energy, TV, as well as all services, applications and appliances that can be controlled or connected to mobile devices or can be used via an intelligent device. The overall freenet offering is intended to provide customers with a coordinated solution under one umbrella brand.

### GROWTH

through continuous optimisation and expansion of our digital lifestyle product and service portfolio, making consistent use of our established strengths and competencies, existing and new distribution channels and the optimization over the customer life cycle and all customer contacts.

# MANAGEMENT AND REPORTING IN TWO SEGMENTS

### **MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS**

### TV & MEDIA

#### **Mobile Service Provider**

- Original tariffs of German network operators (MNO tariffs)
- Own tariffs and own mobile communications brands
- Hardware bundling
- Customer Relationship Management

#### **Retail business**

#### **Cross Selling (DLS)**

- Data-based mobile applications
- Mobile phone accessories
- Home Entertainment
- Home automation application

#### B2B

- Digital radio (DAB+)
- Transmission of TV-signals
- Generation of broadcasting solutions
- Dynamic Ad Substitution and Web-2-TV-Services

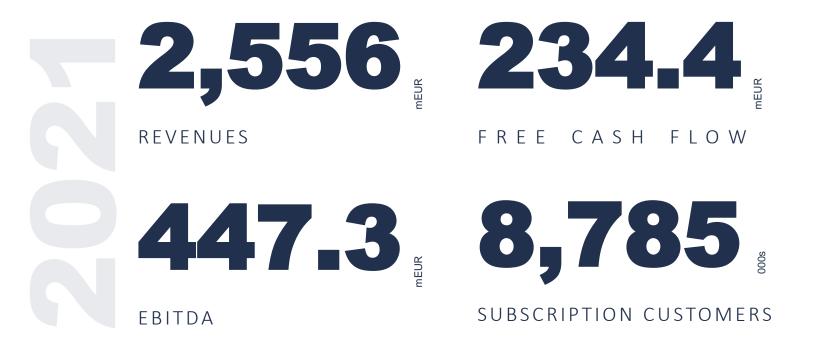
#### B2C

- freenet TV (DVB-T2 HD)
- waipu.tv (IPTV)



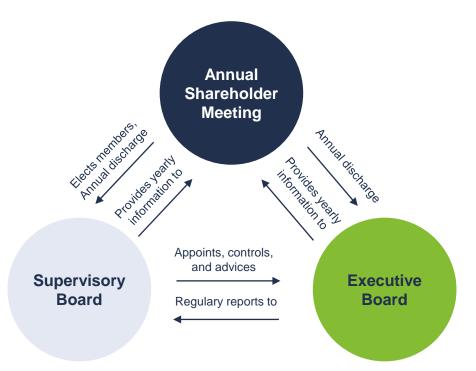


# **MAJOR FINANCIAL AND NON-FINANCIAL KPIs**



# **CURRENT SUPERVISORY BOARD**

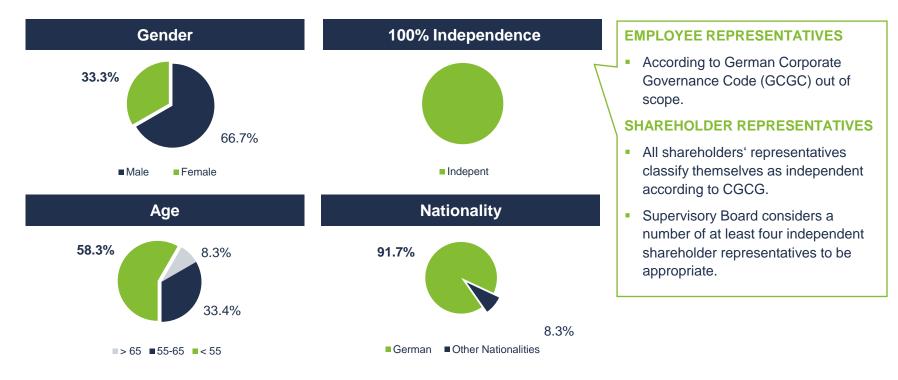
# **FREENET'S TWO-TIER GOVERNANCE**



# FREENET'S SUPERVISORY BOARD WELL BALANCED IN TENURE AND EXPERIENCE



# FREENET'S SUPERVISORY BOARD DIVERSE AND INDEPENDENT



# **SHAREHOLDER REPRESENTATIVES**



**Prof. Dr. Helmut Thoma Chairman of the Supervisory Board** Born 1939 Member since 2005\*, ceases 2022

Major competences: TV & Media, Telecommunications, External & Political Relations



Marc Tüngler Born 1968 Member since 2012 End of Term 2022

Major competences: Capital markets, Corporate Governance, M&A, Marketing, Sales, Supply chain



Sabine Christiansen Born 1957 Member since 2015 End of Term 2022

Major competences: TV & Media, Marketing, External & Political Relations, Corporate Communications



Fränzi Kühne Born 1983 Member since 2017 End of Term 2022

Major competences: Digitalization, Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, Marketing, Human Resources



Thorsten Kraemer Born 1968 Member since 2007\* End of Term 2022

Major competences: Capital markets, Telecommunications, Finance

Robert Weidinger Born 1962 Member since 2012 End of Term 2022

Major competences: M&A, Accounting, Auditing, Tax, Corporate Governance (Financial Expert)

\* with an interruption from 30 June 2011 to 09 May 2012

# **EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATIVES**



Knut Mackeprang Vice Chairman of the Supervisory Board Born 1970 Member since 2013, End of Term 2023

Major competences: Corporate Governance, Law, Telecommunications



Claudia Anderleit Born 1973 Member since 2008 End of Term 2023

Major competences: Human Ressources, Corporate Governance, Law



Theo-Benneke Bretsch Born 1984 Member since 2018 End of Term 2023 Major competences: Telecommunications, IT





Gerhard Huck Born 1958 Member since 2018 End of Term 2023

Major competences: TV & Media, Human Ressources



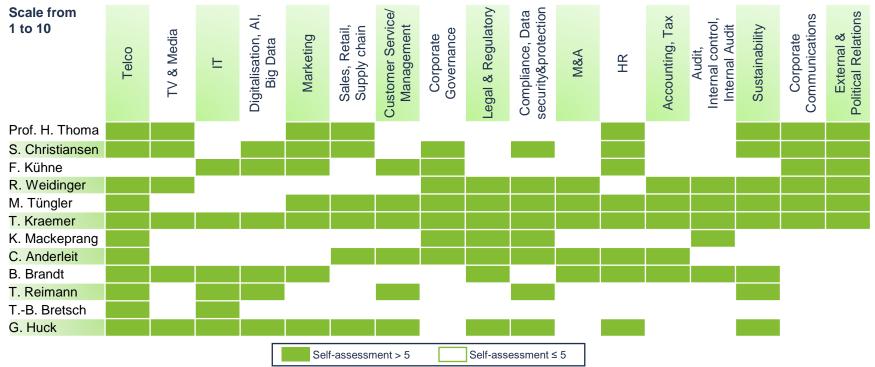
Bente Brandt Born 1971 Member since 2018 End of Term 2023

Major competences: IT, Digitalisation, Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, Telecommunications

Thomas Reimann Born 1963 Member since 2017 End of Term 2023

Major competences: IT, Telecommunications

### COMPETENCE PROFILE BASED ON SELF-ASSESSMENT



# **FIVE ESTABLISHED BOARD COMMITEES**

#### **Steering Committee**

Discusses focal topics and prepares Supervisory Board resolutions

#### Members

- Prof Dr Helmut Thoma (Chair)
- Thorsten Kraemer
- Knut Mackeprang
- Gerhard Huck

#### **Audit Committee**

Responsible for oversight of the financial reporting process, selection of independent auditor, and receipt of audit results both internal and external

#### Members

- Robert Weidinger (Chair)Marc Tüngler
  - Bente Brandt
  - Thomas Reimann

#### **Nomination Committee**

Responsible for suggesting suitable candidates to the Supervisory Board for proposal to the AGM in the run-up to new elections

- Members
- Prof Dr Helmut Thoma
- Marc Tüngler
- Sabine Christiansen

#### **Personnel Committee**

Responsible for personnel decisions, e.g., remuneration system

- Members
  - Prof Dr Helmut Thoma (Chair)
  - Sabine Christiansen
  - Knut Mackeprang
  - Claudia Anderleit

#### **Mediation Committee**

The mediation committee is constituted in accordance with section 27 (3) of the German Co-determination Act

Prof Dr Helmut Thoma (Chair)

- Members
- Fränzi Kühne
- Knut Mackeprang
- Theo-Benneke Bretsch

For the Supervisory Board rules of procedure see: Supervisory Board rules of procedure

For further information on our Corporate Governance see: Corporate Governance website

### **ATTENDANCE RATE OF SUPERVISORY BOARD MEMBERS WAS 100 PER CENT IN 2021**

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Meetings/ attendance in %	Number	in %	Number	in %	Number	in %	Number	in %	Number	In %
Prof. Dr. Helmut Thoma (Chairman)	5/5	100%	1/1	100%			3/3	100%	1/1	100%
Knut Mackeprang (Deputy Chairman)	5/5	100%	1/1	100%			3/3	100%		
Claudia Anderleit	5/5	100%					3/3	100%		
Bente Brandt	5/5	100%			5/5	100%				
Theo-Benneke Bretsch	5/5	100%								
Sabine Christiansen	5/5	100%					3/3	100%	1/1	100%
Gerhard Huck	5/5	100%	1/1	100%						
Thorsten Kraemer	5/5	100%	1/1	100%						
Fränzi Kühne	5/5	100%								
Thomas Reimann	5/5	100%			5/5	100%				
Marc Tüngler	5/5	100%			5/5	100%			1/1	100%
Robert Weidinger	5/5	100%			5/5	100%				
		100%		100%		100%		100%		100%



# **REGULAR EFFICIENCY REVIEWS SUPPORT CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT**

### **Efficiency Review**

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- Efficiency reviews are considered a valuable tool to promote open discussion and continuous improvement
- freenet's Supervisory Board conducts external efficiency reviews regularly
- Supervisory Members provide feedback based on a detailed questionnaire that is evaluated anonymously in cooperation with a reputable external advisor
- Results are thorougly discussed in a Supervisory Board meeting

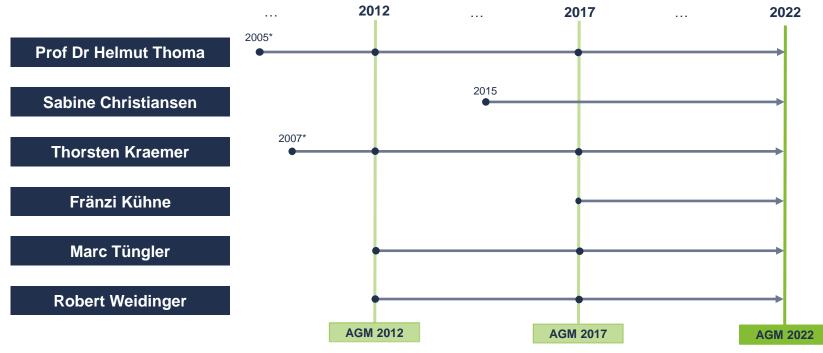
RESULT/ OUTCOME

- ✓ Improvement of discussion culture
- Improved meeting structure
- Efficient work of the Board during the pandemic

# ITEM 6: SUPERVISORY BOARD REFRESHMENT PROCESS



# SHAREHOLDER REPRESENTATIVES TERMS DEMAND ELECTION IN AGM 2022

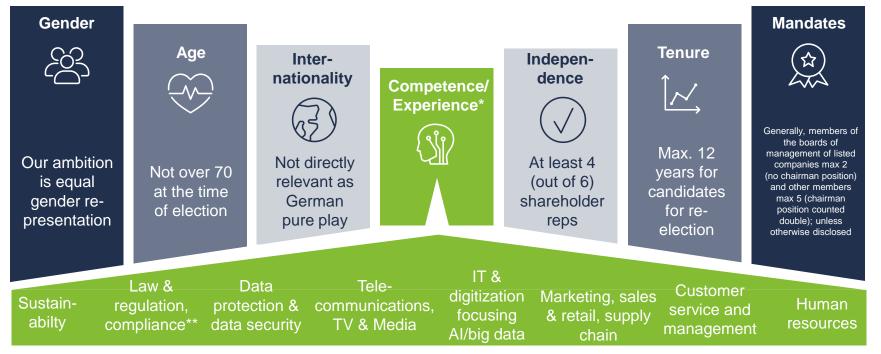


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## STRUCTURED SELECTION AND NOMINATION PROCESS FOR NEW MEMBERS

Step 1: Definition of required profile			Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	
Skills • Industry knowledge • Functional expertise	Diversi	Experience • Work experience • Functions • Leadership roles ence matrix ty concept omposition targe	Other, e.g. • Independence • Max. age • Max. # of terms	Nomination Commitee assesses potential candidates based on defined required profile	Selection results are presented to all <b>Supervisory</b> <b>Board</b> members.	Supervisory Board presents proposal to shareholders, shareholders vote on candidates at Annual General Meeting

# DEFINITION OF REQUIRED PROFILE ENSURES FUTURE VIABILITY



\*Not all criteria must be met at the same time \*\*At least one accounting expert and one auditing expert required

# **BOARD REFRESHMENT: POTENTIAL NEW CHAIRMAN**

### **Marc Tüngler**

Attorney-at-law and Managing Director of Deutsche Schutzvereinigung für Wertpapierbesitz e.V., Düsseldorf (DSW)



Gender:	Male
Age:	53
Education:	Attorney-at-law
Independence:	YES
Nationality:	German
Mandates (listed):	1

- Marc Tüngler has stated that if he is elected, he is available to serve as the company's Supervisory Board Chairman.
- Marc Tüngler is practicing attorney-at-law and Managing Director of Deutsche Schutzvereinigung für Wertpapierbesitz e.V., Düsseldorf (DSW)\*. In his various roles, he has acquired in-depth knowledge of stock exchange, capital investment and corporate law.
- Marc Tüngler is a member of the Commission (Regierungskommission) of the German Corporate Governance Code since 2015 and represents the group of individual shareholders.
- As a long-standing member of freenet AG's Supervisory Board, he has built up in-depth knowledge of the company, the Telco industry and has advised the Executive Board on the company's key strategic decisions in the past.
- His major competences relate to the areas of Capital markets, Corporate Governance, M&A, Marketing, Sales, and Supply chain.

<sup>\*</sup> The statutory task of the DSW is to protect the interests of investors. Taking over supervisory board roles in listed companies is also an integral part of DSW's statutory tasks. The time availability and flexibility as well as the independence of Marc Tüngler in the performance of supervisory board mandates is expressly enshrined in his service agreement with DSW.

# **BOARD REFRESHMENT: TWO CANDIDATES FOR RE-ELECTION**

### **Sabine Christiansen**

Managing Partner of TV 21 GmbH, Berlin



Gender:	Female
Age:	64
Education:	Business journalist
Independence:	YES
Nationality:	German
Mandates (listed):	2

### **Robert Weidinger**

Self-employed auditor, tax advisor and corporate finance consultant, Valley



Gender:		Male
Age:		60
Education:	Tax cons	ultant, auditor
Independent	ce:	YES
Nationality:		German
Mandates (li	sted):	0
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- The Supervisory Board proposes two candidates with many years of experience related to the company and the sector for reelection.
- Sabine Christiansen and Robert Weidinger, together with Marc Tüngler, will ensure continuity on the Supervisory Board level after proposing three new candidates for election.
- As corporate governance and financial expert, Robert Weidinger fulfils the requirements of the German Act on Strengthening Financial Market Integrity (FISG), while Sabine Christiansen has in-depth expertise in the areas of TV & Media, Marketing, and Corporate Communications.
- Both combine a set of competences that is indispensable for the freenet's future development.

# **BOARD REFRESHMENT: THREE NEW CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION**

#### **Prof. Dr. Kerstin Lopatta** Professor of Accounting, Auditing and Sustainability at the University of



Hamburg

Gender:	Female
Age:	52
Education:	Ph.D.
Independence:	YES
Nationality:	German
Mandates (listed):	1

#### Miriam Wohlfahrth CEO of Banxware GmbH. Berlin



Gender: Age: Education: Entreprene Independence: Nationality: Germa Mandates (listed):

Female	Gender:	Male
52	Age:	52
epreneur	Education:	<b>Business Studies</b>
YES	Independen	ce: YES
German	Nationality:	Austrian
0	Mandates (li	sted): 0

### **Thomas Karlovits**

CEO and CIO of Blackwall Capital Investment AG, Zug, Switzerland



The Supervisory Board succeeded in gaining three new outstanding personalities.

- The selection process was based on the criteria laid out before.
- In combination, all three candidates have especially extensive knowledeae of ESG. capital markets, regulation, digitalisation matters, and customer management.
- They are **independent** within the meaning of the German Corporate Governance Code (GCGC).
- The candidates represent the refreshment of the Supervisory Board and **balance** the candidates running for re-election.

# **BOARD REFRESHMENT PROCESS**

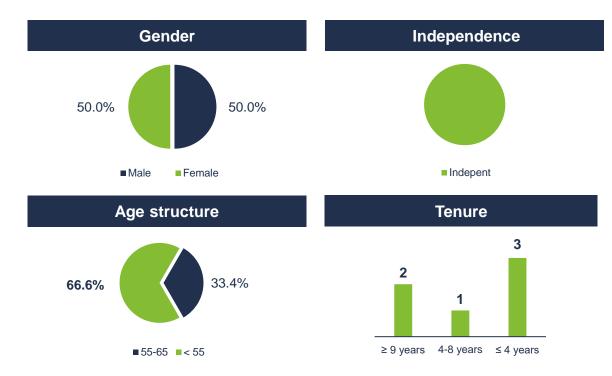


Required competence profile for freenet AG are covered by the proposed candidates



- The election proposals are in line with the requirements profile developed by the Supervisory Board for the members and the Supervisory Board as a whole. This relates to gender, age, competences, tenure, and mandates.
- Further, all candidates are independent within the meaning of the German Corporate Governance Code (GCGC).
- The election of candidates as Supervisory Board members of the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting 2022 is proposed for a term of four instead of five years.
- This is to meet the expectations of many investors and their requirements for a modern corporate governance system.

# **FREENET'S POTENTIAL SUPERVISORY BOARD AFTER ELECTION (SHAREHOLDER REPS)**



- Gender parity
- Full independence maintained
- Average age of Shareholder Reps lowered
- Average tenure after election below 5.0 years

IMPROVED SUPERVISORY BOARD STRUCTURE

# ITEM 7: EXECUTIVE BOARD REMUNERATION SYSTEM

# **CRITICISM OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD REMUNERATION PROPOSED TO THE AGM 2021**

- The Executive Board remuneration system was not approved by 2021 Annual General Meeting
- Despite full compliance with legal requirements of ARUG II as well as the German Corporate Governance Code, the investors expressed the following concerns:

	TOTAL REMUNERATION				
Nor	Non-performance-related components		Performance-rela	Other components	
Basic	Basic remuneration Fringe benefits		Short-term variable remuneration	Long-term variable remuneration	Exceptional performance
(fix	(fixed salary)	Retirement benefits	(STIP)	(LTIP)	Clawback
Variable remuneration seems not to	remuneration seems not to exceed fixed		<ul> <li>Lack of disclosure of specific financial KPIs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>LTIP depends on STIP</li> <li>LTIP based only on</li> </ul>	Discre award bonus
remuneration			<ul> <li>Advance down- payment of 70% of STIP award</li> </ul>	a single metric (EBT); no consideration of ESG criteria	
freenet group				<ul> <li>400% cap on basis amount not aligned with market standard</li> </ul>	Corporate Governance Presenta

# LTIP DESIGN DE-LINKED FROM STIP AND **INCLUDES FURTHER PERFORMANCE CRITERIA**

	Proposed in AGM 2021	New proposal AGM 2022
Plan Type	<ul> <li>Virtual shares paid out in cash</li> </ul>	<ul><li>In line with leading market practice</li><li>Plan type, i.e. virtual shares, will be maintained</li></ul>
Procedure for determining the allocation amount	<ul> <li>Allocation amount linked to STIP allocation factor</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>De-link of the LTIP allocation amount from the STIP achievement</li> </ul>
Term	<ul> <li>4 years</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In line with leading market practice</li> <li>Annual rolling grant with a term of 4 years will be maintained</li> </ul>
Performance criteria	<ul> <li>100% EBT growth (single metric)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Additional to EBT inclusion of relative performance criteria and ESG target(s):         <ul> <li>Relative total shareholder return (rTSR) as additional performance criteria; Peer group based on listing: MDAX and STOXX Europe 600 Telecommunications (SXKP)</li> <li>Additional ESG targets as separate LTIP targets; KPIs will refer to ESG materiality assessment.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

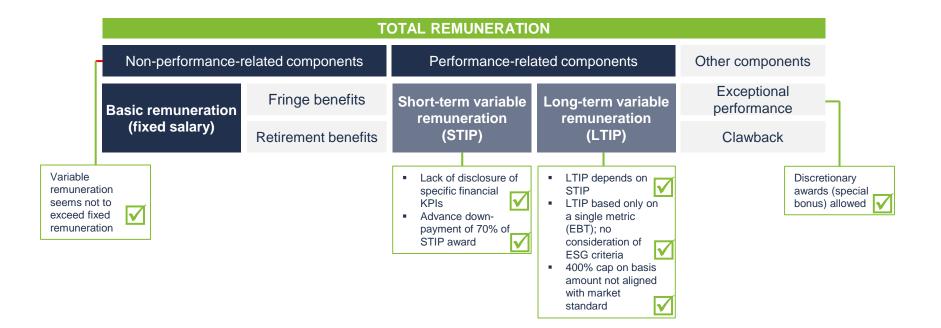
## FURTHER LTIP ADJUSTMENTS STRENGHTEN **MARKET PRACTICE ALIGNMENT**

	Proposed in AGM 2021	New proposal AGM 2022
Target range: EBT	<ul> <li>EBT target range:</li> <li>Hurdle (90%): 90% of the target value</li> <li>Goal (100%): target value</li> <li>Maximum (200%): 105% of the target value</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Implementation of a broader EBT target range</li> <li>New entry level at 50% and defined slopes of target achievement up to a maximum level of 200%</li> <li>Definition of EBT growth rates and calibration of respective target scales will be in line with freenet's business plan</li> </ul>
Share price used for virtual share conversion	<ul> <li>Average freenet share price over the past 12 months</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Application of a rather usual 60-day average share price at the beginning or end of the performance period, respectively.</li> </ul>
Exercise period virtual shares	<ul> <li>2 years exercise period</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Full payout at the date of vesting applying the relevant share price</li> </ul>
LTIP cap	<ul> <li>400% of the respective basic amount</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Market standard: LTIP payouts capped at 250% of basic amount; freenet LTIP cap will be aligned accordingly</li> </ul>

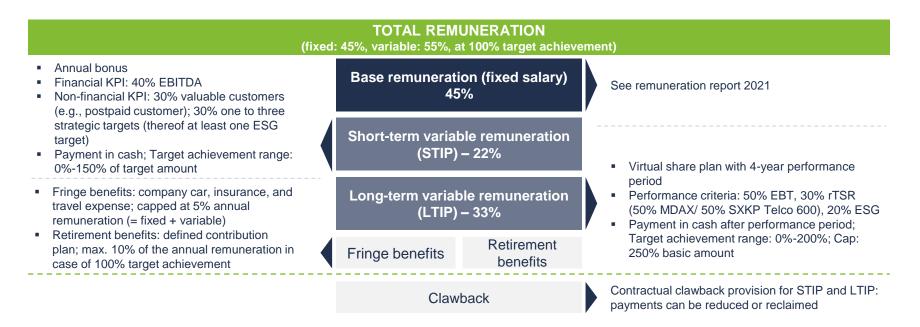
## SPECIAL BONUS AND STIP ADVANCE PAYMENT DELETED

	Proposed in AGM 2021	New proposal AGM 2022
Special bonus	<ul> <li>Includes possibility to grant a special bonus for exceptional performance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Possibility deleted.</li> </ul>
STIP advance payment	<ul> <li>Advanced payment of 70% of STIP (intra-year)</li> </ul>	STIP advance payments deleted.
Maximum remuneration	<ul> <li>CEO: 8 mEUR</li> <li>Ordinary Executive Board members: 4 mEUR</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Maximum remuneration amounts decreased:</li> <li>CEO: 6 mEUR</li> <li>Ordinary Executive Board members: 3 mEUR</li> </ul>
Variable vs. fixed remuneration	<ul> <li>Variable remuneration &gt; fixed remuneration</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>New remuneration system design ensures clear overhang of the variable part over the fixed remuneration part.</li> </ul>
Disclosure of financial KPIs	<ul> <li>Financial KPIs provided</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Clear stated financial KPIs, which tie into the company steering system provided.</li> </ul>

# **CRITICISM FULLY ADDRESSED AND SYSTEM ALIGNMENT TO MARKET BEST PRACTICE**



## SUMMARY OF NEW REMUNERATION SYSTEM FOR THE EXECUTIVE BOARD



# **STIP DESIGN**



- Target bonus scheme based on financial and non-financial KPIs
- Performance period: a financial year
- Financial KPI: EBITDA
- Non-financial KPI:
  - Valuable customers mean the strategically relevant subscription customers, e.g., postpaid customer base in the Mobile Communications segment
  - One to three strategic targets (thereof at least one ESG target): Supervisory Board determines strategic goals and performance KPIs for each financial year, considering the respective corporate planning
- Payment in cash; Target achievement range: 0%-150% of target amount

# **LTIP DESIGN**

Long-term variable remuneration (LTIP) 0% - 200% target achievement		
Туре	Virtual shares	
Performance period/ holding period	▶ 4 years	
Performance criteria	50%	Earnings target: EBT
	30%	Share price target: Relative TSR
	20%	<ul> <li>Sustainability targets:</li> <li>ESG area – e.g., employees, customers, environmental</li> </ul>
Starting number	Basic amount $\div$ Ø closing price of freenet shares on the last 60 trading days	
Total target achievement	<pre>(50% × target achievement of the earnings target in %) + (30% × target achievement of the share price target in %) + (20% × target achievement of the sustainability targets in %)</pre>	
Final number	Starting number of virtual shares of the annual tranche X total target achievement in %	
Payout amount	Final number $ imes  oting$ closing price of freenet shares on the last 60 trading days	
Cap at 250% of the basic amount		



# THANK YOU.

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