

Gaspard Family

Lyreco's journey started when Georges-Gaston Gaspard laid the foundation for "les Papeteries Gaspard," a paper shop & bookstore in 1926, opening its first warehouse in the suburbs of Valenciennes ten years later. This quickly became the base delivery service operations in 1936 until opening Impega Own Label in France in 1955.

Lyreco published its first printed catalogue in 1959 - a tradition that's still alive and kicking with fresh releases every year.

From obtaining the first ISO Certificates (ISO 9001 in 1993 and ISO 14001 in 1998) to the first electric vans in 2010, Lyreco continues to innovate and work towards a more sustainable future. In 1979, the current Lyreco brand name was created, and in 2001, all brands were migrated under the Lyreco brand.



Lyreco Expansion

Between 1989 and 2005, Lyreco focused on expanding its business across the European and Asia Pacific markets, and in 2012 the first web shop was created. In 2013, Lyreco branched out into the PPE business and personalized products, later strengthening its safety expertise by acquiring Elacin and Intersafe in 2018. In 2021 Lyreco acquired Staples Solutions in [6 countries in Europe](#).

Lyreco Group – Who We Are Today

For almost 100 years, Lyreco has been providing workplace essentials to businesses everywhere, from workplace products and services, office supplies, print services and consumables, PPE and safety solutions, coffee and catering, hygiene, and cleaning, to furniture and ergonomics solutions, and wellbeing services. With 12,000 employees, we are building on our legacy of pioneering innovation, to make your working day the best it can be, so you can focus on what matters most.

Lyreco Employees – Our People & Values

We value **Excellence, Passion, Respect and Agility** and are committed to delivering a Great Working Day for both our customers and employees. Customers are undoubtedly at the center of everything we do, but we recognize that without our employees, none of this would be possible. Therefore, at Lyreco we do our best to support our employees wherever they work, whatever their mission, with the best possible work experience to achieve employee excellence.

Pioneering

Today, we are the European leader and third largest distributor of workplace products and services in the world. We have 13 partners in 15 countries and are present in 25 countries across four continents. At Lyreco, we are pioneers, and innovation has been in our DNA for four generations. In 2021, Lyreco launched the Lyreco Pioneers Programme, which provides a fantastic opportunity to all employees to tap into their limitless creativity and find solutions to some of our customers' most pressing challenges.



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Lyreco For Education

Lyreco for Education was created in 2008 and the aim of the programme is to help children that live in challenging conditions have better access to quality education. Through employee fundraising, Lyreco has supported 115,000 children in six countries so far. We have enabled the building of schools, infrastructure, trained teachers, purchased equipment, and ensured children have access to clean water.



Collaborating with CARE, we have changed the lives of children in Bangladesh, Vietnam, Brazil, Togo, Madagascar, Cambodia, and our newest 3-year project started in Ethiopia in 2023. In Ethiopia, school communities and students are facing tremendous challenges such as a lack of clean water and sanitation, a very high ratio of students per classroom, and due to period poverty, girls have a lower rate of school attendance. Lyreco for Education continues to work towards helping the children, because when a child goes to school, the nation grows.

Sustainability

The three main pillars of sustainability at Lyreco are People, the Planet and Progress. We commit to offering our employees a continuously better quality of life at work, as well as taking care of the communities we operate in.

Learn more about [Our Strategy](#) in regards [People](#), the [Planet](#) and [Progress](#) on our [sustainability website](#).

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