## **European Sustainability Reporting Standards**

## **OUTREACH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

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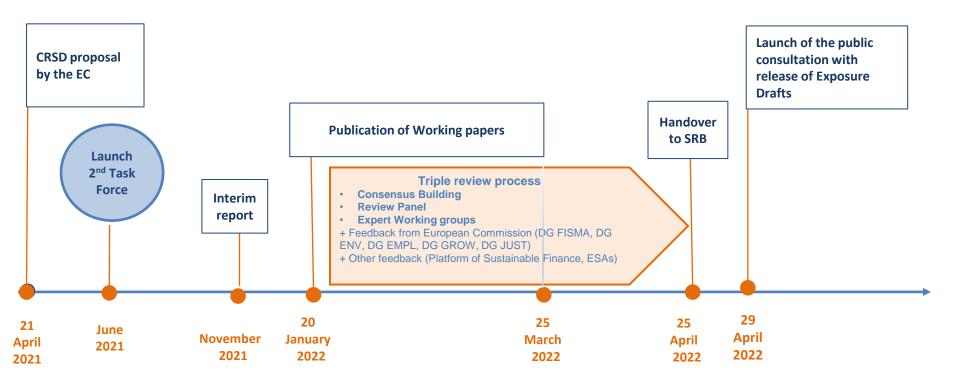


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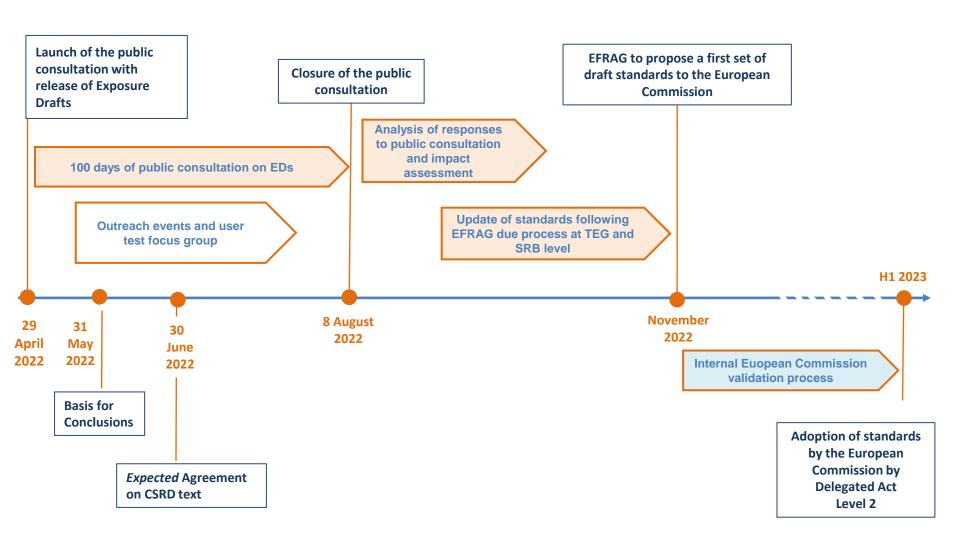
# Drafting exposure drafts for a first set of ESRS: 11 months in "project mode"



**2nd Task-Force re-launched in June 2021** following mission letter from Commissioner McGuinness received on 12 May 2021 in order to start elaborating standards in project mode (PTF):

- 35 members from 13 different Member States
- Supported by Secretariat members (30 full-time equivalent)
- Input from Expert Working Groups (appointed in November 2021)
- · Co-construction with GRI, Shift, WICI + dialogue with the IFRS Foundation (TRWG/ISSB) and
- · meeting with the SEC

## From EDs to draft standards: 7 months in "institutional mode"

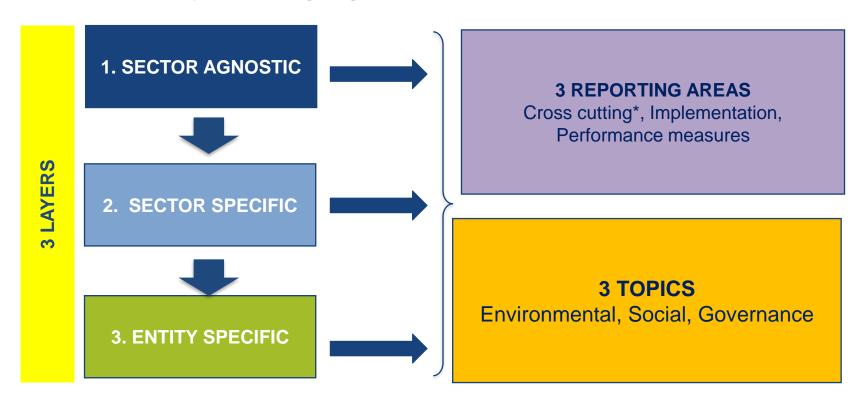


## The seven key features of the EDs

- 1. They may need to be adjusted to meet the requirements of the final CSRD
- 2. They take account of existing European law and initiatives
  - SFDR, Taxonomy Art. 8
  - A list of European texts (e.g. GHG allowance Directive, the EMAS regulation and European Commission recommendation on the life cycle environmental performance of products and services, see Basis for Conclusions)
  - Recent European initiatives (e.g. a Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD))
- 3. They take account of European and international sustainability reporting initiatives
- 4. The overall architecture of Exposure Drafts is designed to ensure that sustainability information is reported in a carefully articulated manner (see next slide)
- 5. They address sustainability matters as per Article 19b of the CSRD proposal
- 6. They are a first step in a journey towards a faithful representation of sustainability performance (SME standard(s) and sector-specific standards in the 2<sup>nd</sup> set)
- 7. The public consultation will help to finetune relevance and comparability as well a explore ESRS implementation prioritisation / phasing-in options

## ESRS Overview: Architecture An EU comprehensive sustainability reporting

The 'rules of three' approach for the architecture of a mandatory sustainability reporting regime



#### **DOUBLE MATERIALITY: Financial materiality and impact materiality**

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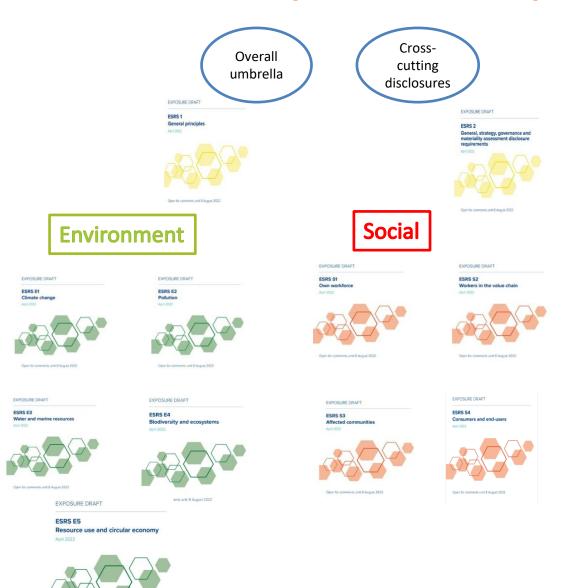
## A coherent architecture to implement the CSRD provisions

Cross-

cutting

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Open for comments until 8 August 2022





## Main success factors of the ESRS

- Information quality (in particular: relevance and sector-agnostic comparability)
- 2. Coherence with EU policy objectives (content and timing)
- 3. Compatibility with international initiatives
- 4. Exercise of judgement to foster proportionate implementation
- 5. Balanced combination of narrative, semi-quantitative and quantitative information
- 6. Connectivity to ensure seamless standardised corporate reporting
- 7. Flexibility in presentation (sustainability statements and incorporation by reference)

## Main challenges of the ESRS

- 1. A real challenge for first time reporters
- 2. Overall depth of required information (to be fine tuned and/or phased-in)
- 3. Assessment of material IROs and rebuttable presumption
- 4. Boundary issues
- 5. Meeting expectations of all stakeholders
- 6. Avoiding multiple reportings

## Public consultation as a key element of the standard setting due process

- Feedback from constituents on three key aspects of the EDs and the survey has followed the same structure :
  - 1. The relevance of (i) the proposed architecture, (ii) the implementation of the CSRD principles and (iii) the overall content of each ED
  - 2. The possible options for prioritising / phasing-in the implementation of the ESRS, and
  - 3. the adequacy of each disclosure requirement mandated by each ED.
- Section 3 of the survey on disclosure requirements split as follows:
  - 3A. Cross Cutting standards
  - 3B. Environmental standards
  - 3C. Social standards
  - 3D. Governance standards
- Respondents are strongly encouraged to respond to section 1 and 2.
- Due to comprehensive nature of section 3, constituents may select the questions and standards to which they provide feedback (no need for complete responses).

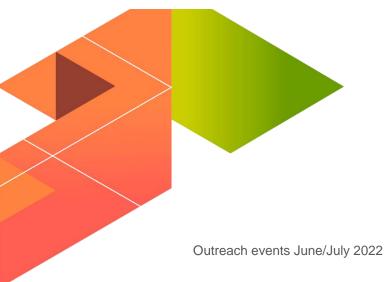
## Public consultation as a key element of the standard setting due process

- Other information included in the public consultation:
  - Cover note
  - Appendix I: Navigating the ESRS
  - Appendix II: CSRD requirements mapping
  - Appendix III: SFDR PAI mapping
  - Appendix IV: TCFD recommendations and ESRS reconciliation table
  - Appendix V: IFRS Sustainability standards and ESRS reconciliation table
  - Appendix VI: Acronyms and glossary of terms
- EC survey tool
- Not consulting on second set of draft ESRS (SMEs and and sector specific)
- Outreaches during consultation period



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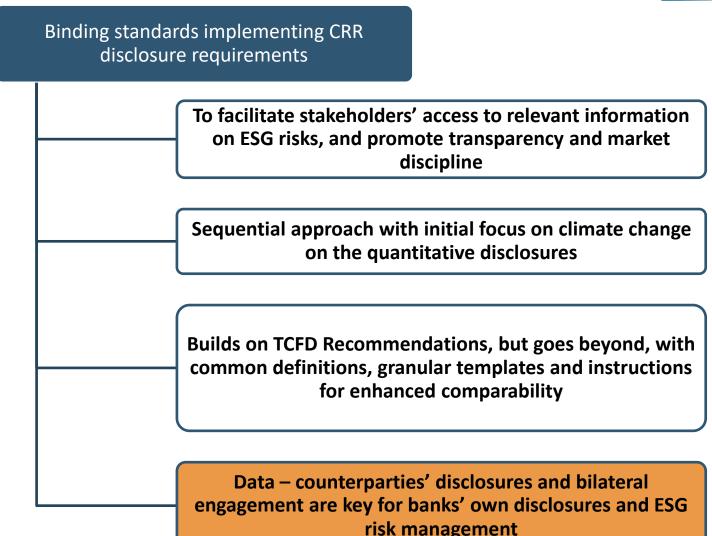






## Pillar 3 ITS on ESG risks – key messages





https://www.eba.europa.eu/eba-publishes-binding-standards-pillar-3-disclosures-esg-risks



## Climate-related quantitative templates

Final draft ITS on Pillar 3 ESG ITS – Disclosure quantitative templates on climate change **Climate change Climate change Transition risk** Mitigating actions **Physical risk Template 1: Banking book Template 2:** Template 4 -**Template 10**  Credit quality **Template 3:** Template 5 -**Exposures in** Loans on other of exposures Alignment Banking book, **Templates** the banking **Template 9** collateralised by sector. metrics on 6, 7 and 8 exposures by immovable book to top on BTAR Scope 3 relative scope subject to on GAR property – by carbon-3 emissions **Emissions.** physical risk intensive firms **EPC** Maturity buckets Common with disclosures under

Art. 8 of Taxonomy



## Link between Pillar 3 ITS and ESRS EDs – key metrics

	ED ESRS E1	Pillar 3 disclosures		
Taxonomy disclosure requirements	Paragraphs 62 – 64 (Taxonomy Regulation for CCM and CCA)	 Templates 6, 7 and 8 (GAR) and potentially partially template 9 (BTAR)		
Financed emissions	Disclosures requirements E1-7, E1-8, E1-9, E1-10 (GHG emissions)	 Template 1 (scope 1, 2, 3 emissions of the counterparty)		
Physical risk	Disclosure requirement E1-15 (Potential financial effects from material physical risks)	 Template 5 (exposures subject to physical risk events (acute, chronic or both)		
Transition risk	Disclosure requirement E1-16 (Potential financial effects from material transition risks)	 Template 1 (exposures towards sectors that highlight contribute to climate change)		
GHG intensity/ transition plans	Disclosure requirements E1-11 (GHG intensity per net turnover)	 Template 3 (alignment metrics)		



# Link between Pillar 3 ITS and ESRS EDs – key metrics – cont'd

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Se	ctor/subsector	а	i	j
			GHG financed emissions (scope 1, scope 2 and scope 3 emissions of the counterparty) (in tons of CO2 equivalent)	
				Of which Scope 3 financed emissions
1 Ex	posures towards sectors that highly contribute to climate change*			
	A - Agriculture, forestry and fishing			
	3 - Mining and quarrying			
4	B.05 - Mining of coal and lignite			
5	B.06 - Extraction of crude petroleum and natural gas			
6	B.07 - Mining of metal ores			
7	B.08 - Other mining and quarrying			
8	B.09 - Mining support service activities			
	- Manufacturing			
10	C.10 - Manufacture of food products			
1	C.11 - Manufacture of beverages			
12	C.12 - Manufacture of tobacco products			
13	C.13 - Manufacture of textiles			
.4	C.14 - Manufacture of wearing apparel			

Disclosure requirements E1-7, E1-8, E1-9 and E1-10.

Final draft ITS on Pillar 3 disclosures on ESG risks



# Link between Pillar 3 ITS and ESRS EDs – key metrics – cont'd

	а	b	h	i	i	
			Gross carrying amount (MIn EUR)			
	Geographical breakdown		of which exposure	s sensitive to impact physical events	t from climate change	
Vä	ariable: Geographical area subject to climate change physical risk - acute and chronic events		of which exposures sensitive to impact from chronic climate change events	of which exposures	of which exposures sensitive to impact both from chronic and acute climate change events	
1 A -	- Agriculture, forestry and fishing					
2 B -	- Mining and quarrying					
3 C -	- Manufacturing					
4 D	- Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply					
5 E -	- Water supply; sewerage, waste management and remediation activities					
6 F -	- Construction					
7 G	- Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles					
8 H	- Transportation and storage					
9 L -	Real estate activities					

Disclosure requirements E1-16

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# Link between Pillar 3 ITS and ESRS EDs – key metrics – cont'd

	a	b	С	d	e	f	g
	Sector	NACE Sectors (a minima)	Portfolio gross carrying amount (Mn EUR)	Alignment metric**	Year of reference	Distance to IEA NZE2050 in % ***	Target (year of reference + 3 years)
1	Power						
2	Fossil fuel combustion						
3	Automotive						
4	Aviation						
5	Maritime transport						
6	Cement, clinker and lime production						
- /	Iron and steel, coke, and metal ore production	Please refer to the list below*					
8	Chemicals						
	potential additions relavant to the business model of the institution						

GHG emissions intensity: ESRS focus is 'per net turnover' while Pillar 3 covers intensity 'per unit production' in line with IEA NZE2050 targets



## Pillar 3 ITS – Qualitative information

Consultation paper on draft Pillar 3 ESG ITS – Disclosure qualitative information ESG risks

Table 1 - Qualitative information on Environmental risk

Table 2 - Qualitative information on Social risk

Table 3 - Qualitative information on Governance risk

Business strategy and processes

Governance

Risk management

Integration of (ESG) factors and risks; objectives, targets and limits to address (ESG) risks in different time horizons and including in terms of EU Taxonomy alignment; policies and procedures relating to engagement with customers

Role of the management body in relation to (ESG) risk management; integration of (ESG) factors and risks in organisational structure; measures, role of committees, allocation of tasks/responsibilities; lines of reporting and remuneration

Integration of (ESG) factors and risks; processes to identify/monitor (ESG) risk sensitive sectors and exposures; tools to identify (ESG) risks on capital and liquidity; data availability and accuracy; limits and controls; stress test and scenario analysis



## **Exposure Drafts ESRS 1&2**

## **CROSS-CUTTING STANDARDS**

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## **Agenda**

- 1. Architecture of ESRS system
- 2. ESRS 1
- 3. ESRS 2

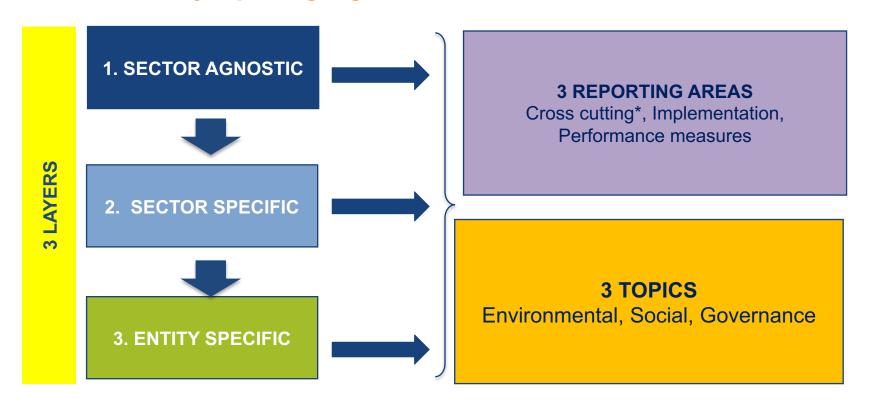




## Architecture of ESRS system An EU comprehensive sustainability reporting



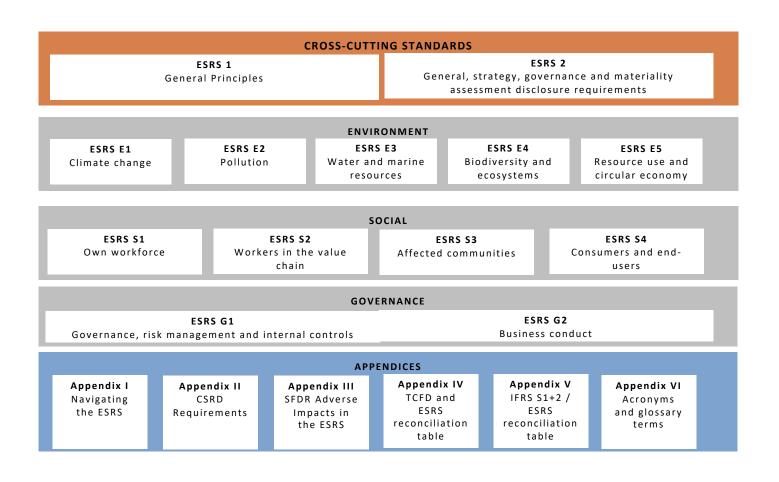
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## Project Task-Force achievements – Overview of deliverables to date on the basis of the CSRD architecture



Set 1 exposure drafts: 13 for public consultation

# All Sector Agnostic **ESRS Overview – Exposure drafts release**

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## **Cross-cutting standards**

- ESRS 1 General principles
- ESRS 2 General, strategy, governance and materiality assessment

#### **Environment**

- ESRS E1 Climate change
- **ESRS E2 Pollution**
- ESRS E3 Water and marine sources
- ESRS E4 Biodiversity and ecosystems
- ESRS E5 Resource and circular economy

#### Social

- ESRS S1 Own workforce
- ESRS S2 Workers in the value chain
- ESRS S3 Affected communities
- ESRS S4 Consumers and end users

#### Governance

- ESRS G1 Governance, risk management and internal control
- ESRS G2 Business conduct

**Reporting Areas**: Crosscutting

## **Reporting Areas:**

Implementation and Performance measures

## 3 Reporting topics:

Environmental, Social, Governance

## Compatibility with TCFD and IFRS S1 core contents



The structure and location of ESRS requirements reflects the need to cover the entire set of topics (not only one topic). Cross-cutting contents are dealt with in a single place, while implementation and performance measures are left at topical level

**GOVERNANCE** 

- **TCFD** IFRS S1
- **CROSS CUTTING**

**ESRS** 

**STRATEGY** 

Strategy and **Business Model** 

RISK MANAGEMENT

Governance and **Organization** 

assessment of IROs

**Materiality** 

all topics

Across

- **Identify risks for risk** management purposes;
- **Identify assess and prioritise** opportunities;

**Identify risks and opportunities**;

- monitors and manages R&O;
- integrates risks identification, assessment and management into overall risk management;
- Integrates opportunities in overall management process.
- **PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

**IMPLEMENTATION** 

At topical level

**METRICS AND TARGETS** 



## **Structure of ESRS 1 General principles**

ESRS 1

Reporting under European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS)

Disclosure principles on implementation

Basis for preparing and presenting sustainability information

Providing linkage with other parts of corporate reporting

Structure of the sustainability statements

## Chapter 1 Reporting under ESRS: implementation of the "rules of three"

(CSRD information quality) High degree of comparability across undertakings: standardized sector-agnostic (and sector specific) disclosure requirements are mandated for all undertakings

Reporting under
European Sustainability
Reporting Standards
(ESRS)

1.1	Complying with ESRS			
1.2	Standardised and entity-specific dislosures			
1.3	Sector-agnostic and sector-specific standards			
1.4	Relationship between cross-cutting standards and topical standards			
1.5	Developing entity-specific disclosures			

## **Chapter 2 Applying CSRD concepts: CSRD concepts as « Bedrock » of ESRS**

2.1 Characteristics of information quality

2.2 Double materiality as the basis for sustainability disclosures

2.3 Boundaries and value chain

2.4 Time horizon

2.5 Due diligence under CSRD

# Chapter 6 - Structure of sustainability statements: Three presentation options give flexibility. Incorporation by reference to other sections of MR

Structure of the sustainability statements

Content of the sustainability statements

Undertaking shall report all the applicable disclosures required by ESRS within identifiable parts of the management report constituting the 'Sustainability Statements'.

Undertaking may include in its sustainability statements additional disclosures clearly identified and referenced to local legislation or general accepted framework.

# Options: a) Single separately identifiable section of the management report b) Aggregating the disclosures into four separately identifiable parts of the management report: i) general information; ii) environmental information; iii) social information; and iv) governance information c) Aggregating the disclosures required by each ESRS and reporting them as non-separable blocks in identifiable parts of the management report "on a standard-by-standard basis"

Par. 135/146 and AG 33 of ESRS 1: information mandated by ESRS may be incorporated by reference to another section of the MR (if separate, clearly identified as addressing the relevant ESRS disclosure requirement). A list of incorporation by references is required. Incorporation by reference to the financial statements is also allowed.

## ESRS Overview: Sustainability statements – as a second pillar of standardised corporate reporting

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## 1. Cross-cutting information

#### General provisions

ESRS 2 General requirements DRs

## Strategy and business model

- ESRS 2 Strategy, Business Model DRs
- Specific topical DR/AG from topical standards

#### Governance and Organisation

- ESRS 2 Governance DRs
- Specific topical DR/AG from topical standards

#### Impacts, Risks and Opportunities

- ESRS 2 Impacts, Risks & Opportunities DRs
- Specific topical DR/AG from topical standards

## + Sustainable Corporate Governance inititative?

#### NOTE:

**DR**: Disclosure requirement **AG**: Application Guidance

**PTAPR:** Policies, targets, action plans and resources

(Implementation reporting area) **Performance:** Performance measures

#### 2. Environmental information

- PTAPR related DR from ESRS E1 to E5
- Performance DR from ESRS E1 to E5
- Additional DR from relevant sector specific standards
- Potential additional entity specific information\*

Disclosures pursuant to Article 8 of the taxonomy regulation

#### 3. Social information

- PTAPR related DR from ESRS S1 to S4
- Performance DR from ESRS S1 to S4
- Additional DR from relevant sector specific standards
- Potential additional entity specific information\*

#### 4. Governance information

- PTAPR related DR from ESRS G1 to G2
- Performance DR from ESRS G1 to G2
- Additional DR from relevant sector specific standards
- Potential additional entity specific information\*

\*Prepared in compliance with ESRS 1 general provisions



#### Overview of ESRS 2

**22** Disclosure requirements

Provides DRs for principles laid out in ESRS 1

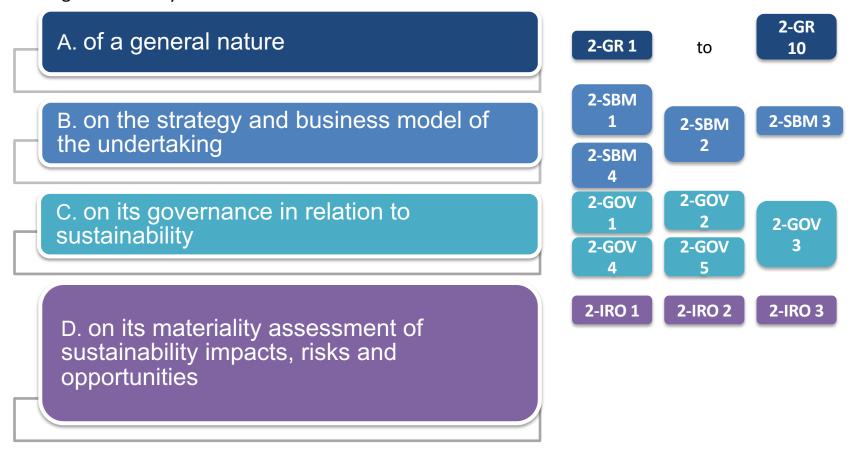
Not subject to "rebuttable presumption" = fully mandatory

Cross-cutting = provides context for all topical DRs

1st step in sustainability reporting in line with ESRS:
MATERIALITY ASSESSMENT

#### **Objective and Overview: Objective of ESRS 2**

To set out the disclosure requirements of the undertaking's sustainability reporting that are of a cross-cutting nature. They are those:



#### Objective and Overview: Disclosure Requirements of ESRS 2 (I/II)

#### **GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS**

DR 2-GR1: General characteristics of the sustainability reporting			
of the undertaking			
DR 2-GR2: Sector(s) of activity	ISSB	SFDR	
DR 2-GR3: <b>Key features</b> of the value chain	ISSB	TCFD	
DR 2-GR4: Key drivers of the value creation	ISSB		
DR 2-GR5: Using approximations on the disclosure in relation to			
boundary and value chain			
DR 2-GR6: Disclosing on significant estimation uncertainty	ISSB		
DR 2-GR7: Changes in preparation and presentation	ISSB		
DR 2-GR8: Prior period <b>errors</b>	ISSB		
DR 2-GR9: On other sustainability reporting <b>pronouncements</b> ISSB			
DR 2-GR10: General statement of compliance	ISSB		

# DR 2-SBM1: Overview of strategy and business model DR 2-SBM2: Views, interests and expectations of stakeholders DR 2-SBM3: Interaction of impacts and the undertaking's Strategy and business model DR 2-SBM4: Interaction of risks and opportunities and the TCFD CSRD undertaking's strategy and business model

#### Objective and Overview: Disclosure Requirements of ESRS 2 (II/II)

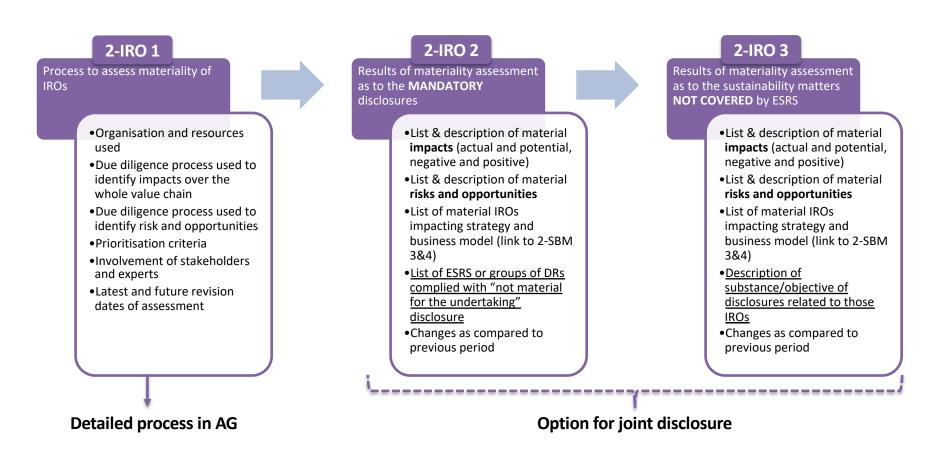
#### **GOVERNANCE** DR 2-GOV1: Roles and responsibilities of the **TCFD CSRD** administrative, management and supervisory bodies DR 2-GOV2: **Informatio**n of administrative, management TCFD and supervisory bodies about sustainability matters DR 2-GOV3: Sustainability matters addressed by the undertaking's administrative, management and supervisory bodies DR 2-GOV4: Integration of sustainability strategies and TCFD Performance in **incentive schemes** DR 2-GOV5: Statement on due diligence SFDR

#### **IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES** DR 2-IRO1: **Description of the processes** to identify material ISSB **CSRD** TCFD sustainability impacts, risks and opportunities DR 2-IRO2: Outcome of the undertaking's assessment of **CSRD SFDR** TCFD material sustainability impacts, risks and opportunities as identified by reference to and in compliance with sector-agnostic and sector-specific level ESRS DR 2-IRO3: Outcome of the undertaking's assessment of **SFDR CSRD TCFD** material sustainability impacts, risks and opportunities that are not covered by an ESRS (entity-specific level)

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#### Focus on DR – IRO 1, 2 and 3

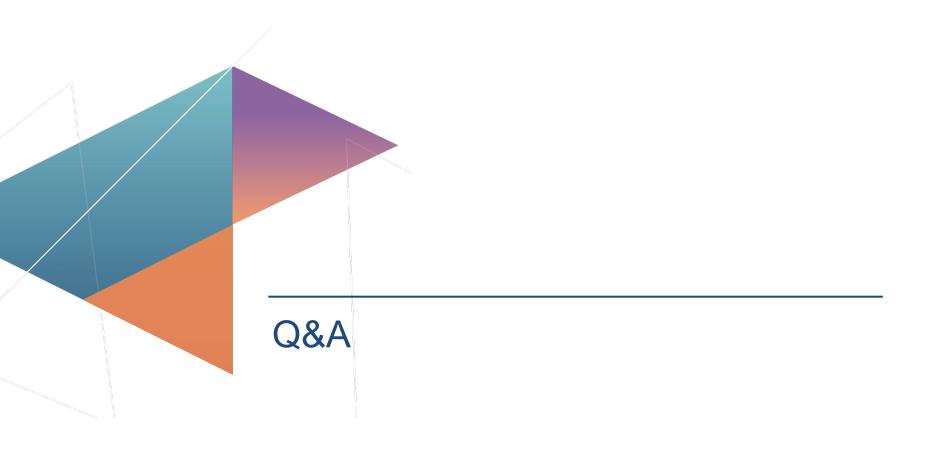
DRs related to Materiality assessment impacts, risks and opportunities in FSRS 2



#### Boundaries and value chain: Consolidation scope plus up- and down-stream

Impacts, risks & Policies & **Opportunities Metrics Operational** Uptream value chain **Entities** included in financial influence over activities and consolidation scope If collecting the data is relationships in impracticable, the up- and approximation is allowed downstream Use of all the reasonable value chain and supportable information (peer group/sector data) **Downstream value chain** 

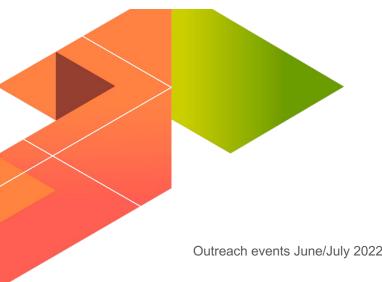
Not all the data need to include value chain information: "Risk-based" approach and link to materiality. The boundary has to be expanded when the integration is necessary to allow a proper understanding of material impacts, risks and opportunities and to produce a set of complete information that meets the qualitative characteristics of information quality.





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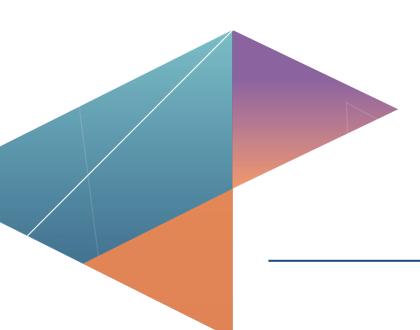




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# Panel 2 Environmental reporting standards

E1 Climate change

**E2** Pollution

E3 Water and marine resources

E4 Biodiversity and ecosystems

E5 Resource use and circular economy

#### **E1** Climate change: Objective of the ED ESRS E1 for Users

#### ESRS E1 for FIs as users

Specify Disclosure Requirements (DR) which will enable users of sustainability reporting to understand:

- A. How the undertaking affects climate change in terms of positive and negative material actual or potential impacts
- B. The undertaking's past, current and future mitigation efforts in line with the Paris Agreement and limiting global warming to 1.5°C
- C. The plans and capacity of the undertaking to adapt its business model(s) and operations in line with the transition to sustainable economy and to contribute to limiting global warming to 1.5°C
- D. Any other actions taken and the result of such actions to prevent, mitigate or remediate actual or potential adverse impacts
- E. The nature, type and extent of the material risks and opportunities related to the undertaking's impacts and dependencies on climate change and how it manages them
- F. The effects of climate-related risks and opportunities on the undertaking's development, performance, position over the short, medium and long term and its ability to create enterprise value in the short, medium and long term

#### **E1 Climate change: Disclosure Requirements**

#### **ESRS E1 Disclosure Requirements**

#### STRATEGY (complemented by ESRS 2)

#### DR E1-1: Transition plan for climate change mitigation CSDDD US SEC\*

AG on ESRS 2-SBM4: Resilience of strategy and business model CSRD ISSB

US SEC

AG on ESRS 2-GOV 4: Climate-related

remuneration

ISSB

AG on ESRS 2-GOV 4: Internal carbon pricing schemes US SEC

AG on ESRS 2-IRO 1 and 2: material climaterelated impacts, risks and opportunities

CSRD ISSB\*

US SEC\*

\*only financial materiality

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

DR E1-2: Policies implemented to manage climate change mitigation and CSRD adaptation

DR E1-3: Measurable targets for climate change mitigation and adaptation

> CSRD US SEC

DR E1-4: Climate change mitigation and adaptation action plans and resources

> CSRD\* ISSB\* Taxo\*

\* only selected requirements

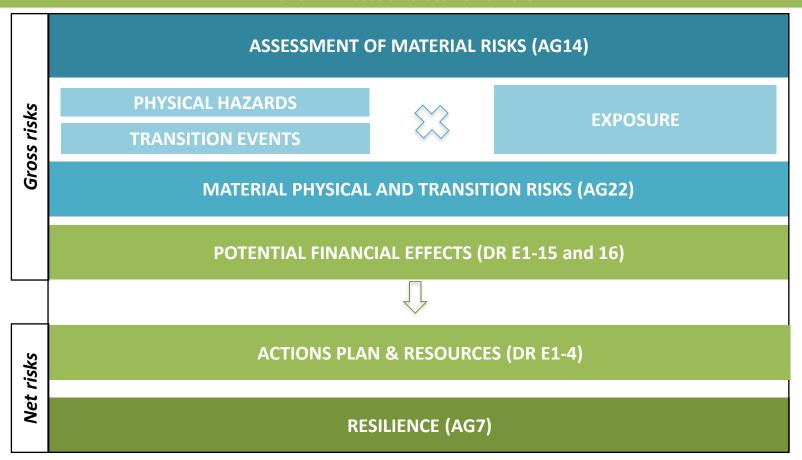
#### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Energy				
E1-5: Energy consumption & mix	SFDR			
E1-6: Energy intensity per revenue	SFDR			
GHG emissions / removals				
E1-7: Scope 1 GHG emissions	SFDR	ISSB	US SEC	
E1-8: Scope 2 GHG emissions	SFDR	ISSB	US SEC	
E1-9: Scope 3 GHG emissions	SFDR	ISSB	US SEC	
E1-10: Total GHG emissions				
E1-11: <b>GHG intensity</b> per net turnover	SFDR	ISSB	US SEC	
E1-12: GHG removals	CSRD*			
E1-13: Carbon credits	CSRD*	ISSB	US SEC	
Optional E1-14: Avoided GHG emissions from products and				
services				
Financial effects				
E1-15: Financial effects from physical ri	sks	ISSB	US SEC	
E1-16: Financial effects from transition	risks	ISSB	US SEC	
Optional E1-17: Financial opportunities	3			
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# E1 Climate change: Disclosure Requirements Strategy, Governance and materiality assessment

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ESRS E1 - Focus on Gross VS Net risks

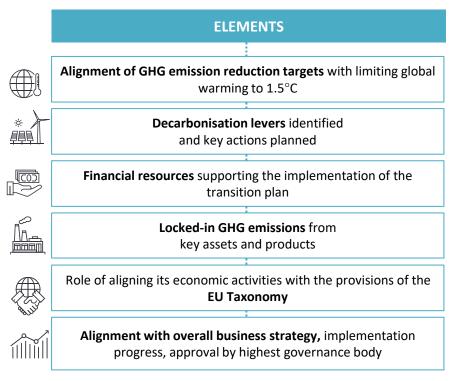


# E1 Climate change: Disclosure Requirements Strategy, Governance and materiality assessment

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**ESRS E1 – Focus on Transition Plan** 

#### DR E1-1 Transition plan for climate change mitigation

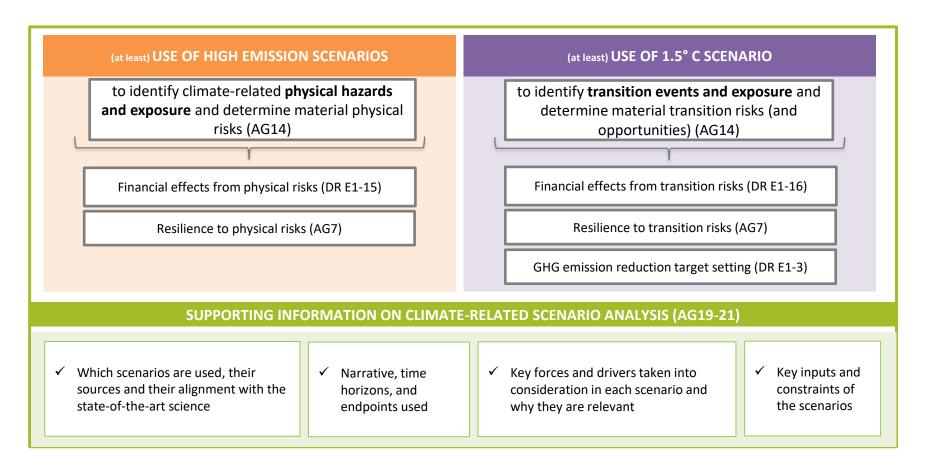


"...the undertaking is expected to provide a high-level explanation on how it will adjust its strategy and business model to ensure compatibility with the transition to a climate-neutral economy and with limiting of global warming to 1.5°C in line with the Paris Agreement ... and shall, where applicable, refer to and contextualise information presented under other disclosures requirements of this [draft] standard."

# E1 Climate change: Disclosure Requirements Policies, targets, action plans and resources

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**ESRS E1 – Focus on Scenario Analysis** 



#### **ESRS E1 Disclosure Requirements mapping with Pillar 3 requirements**

ED ESRS E1	Application scope specified in the standard
Transition plan in line with limiting global warming to 1.5°C	Whole value chain including financed assets
Policies implemented to manage climate change mitigation and adaptation	Whole value chain including financed assets
Measurable targets for climate change mitigation and adaptation	Whole value chain including financed assets
Climate mitigation and adaptation action plans and allocated resources	Whole value chain including financed assets
Energy consumption & mix	Own operations
Energy intensity per net turnover	Own operations
Scope 1 and scope 2 GHG emissions	Own operations
Scope 3 GHG emissions	Whole value chain including financed emissions (using PCAF)
GHG removals in own operations and the value chain	Whole value chain including financed emissions (optional)
Carbon offsets (mitigation projects financed through carbon credits)	Outside the value chain but can concern offsetting of financed emissions
Avoided GHG emissions from products and services	Optional
GHG intensity per net turnover	Whole value chain
Green ratio in accordance with Article 8 of the Taxonomy Regulation	Financed assets
Potential financial effects from material physical risks	Whole value chain including financed assets
Potential financial effects from material transition risks	Whole value chain including financed assets
Potential financial effects from climate-related opportunity	Whole value chain including financed assets 7

#### **E2** Pollution: Objective

To specify disclosure requirements which will enable users of the sustainability statements to understand material impacts, actions taken, results of such actions, material risks and opportunities related to pollution.

- Pollution and prevention, control and reduction
  - of air—emissions into air (both indoor and outdoor)
  - of water (including groundwater)
  - of soil (at production site, outside, through use of undertaking's products and services)
- Production, use and/or distribution and commercialisation of
  - Substances of concerns (having a chronic effect for human health or the environment or substances which hamper recycling for safe and high quality secondary raw materials)
  - Most harmful substances (listed in the EU Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability)
- Enabling activities in support of prevention, control and elimination of pollution (four remaining environmental objectives of the EU Taxonomy Regulation)

#### E3 Water and marine resources: Objective

To specify disclosure requirements to enable users of the sustainability statements to understand material impacts, actions taken, results of such actions, material risks and opportunities related to water and marine resources

#### Water

- Undertaking's relationship with water in its upstream and downstream value chain, in terms of dependencies, impacts, risks and opportunities and how it effectively addresses these issues
- Where and how much water is withdrawn, consumed and discharged for the undertaking's activities, products and services
- What are the water-related impacts caused or contributed to by the undertaking
- How the undertaking is exposed to water-related risks (flood risks, water scarcity risks, etc)

#### Marine resources

 Undertaking's activities which cause or contribute to impacts either through the use of ocean-based resources, discharges and emissions to the environment which end up in the oceans, or activities located in maritime (naval matters) areas

#### **E4** Biodiversity and ecosystems: Objective

To specify disclosure requirements to enable users of the sustainability statements to understand material impacts, actions taken, results of such actions, material risks and opportunities related to biodiversity and ecosystems

- Undertaking's relationship to terrestrial, freshwater and marine habitats, ecosystems and populations of related fauna and flora species, including diversity within species, between species and of ecosystems and their interrelation with many indigenous and local communities
- 'Biological diversity' covers the variability among living organisms from all sources including, inter alia, terrestrial, freshwater, marine and other aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part of

#### E5 Resource use and circular economy

To specify disclosure requirements to enable users of the sustainability statements to understand material impacts, actions taken, results of such actions, material risks and opportunities related to resource use and circular economy

- Circular economy is a restorative system in which waste and pollution are eliminated and resource use is minimised through systemic design, maintaining and improving the value of products and components and achieving a circular flow of resources, while regenerating natural ecosystems
- The goal is to retain the value of the resources, products and materials by creating a system with innovative business models that allow for renewability, long life optimal use or re-use, refurbishment, remanufacturing, recycling and biodegradation.
- A circular economy is based on three principles, driven by design: eliminate waste and pollution, keep products and materials in use at their highest value and regenerate ecosystems. It is underpinned by a transition to renewable energy.
- Decoupling economic activity from extraction of natural resources can take place through the implementation of circular strategies to prevent natural resources extraction and intensify circular material use.

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PANEL 3: SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE

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#### 1. [draft] CSRD Mandate on Social sustainability matters



#### **Background and methodology**

Standard development based on CSRD, Article 19 b (Extract)

" (b) specify the information that undertakings are to disclose about social factors, including information about:

(i) Equal opportunities

for all, including <u>gender equality</u> and <u>equal pay for equal work</u>, <u>training and skills development</u>, and employment and inclusion of people with disabilities;

(ii) Working conditions

including <u>secure and adaptable employment</u>, <u>wages</u>, <u>social dialogue</u>, <u>collective bargaining</u> and the <u>involvement of workers</u>, <u>work-life balance</u>, and a <u>healthy</u>, <u>safe and well-adapted work environment</u>;

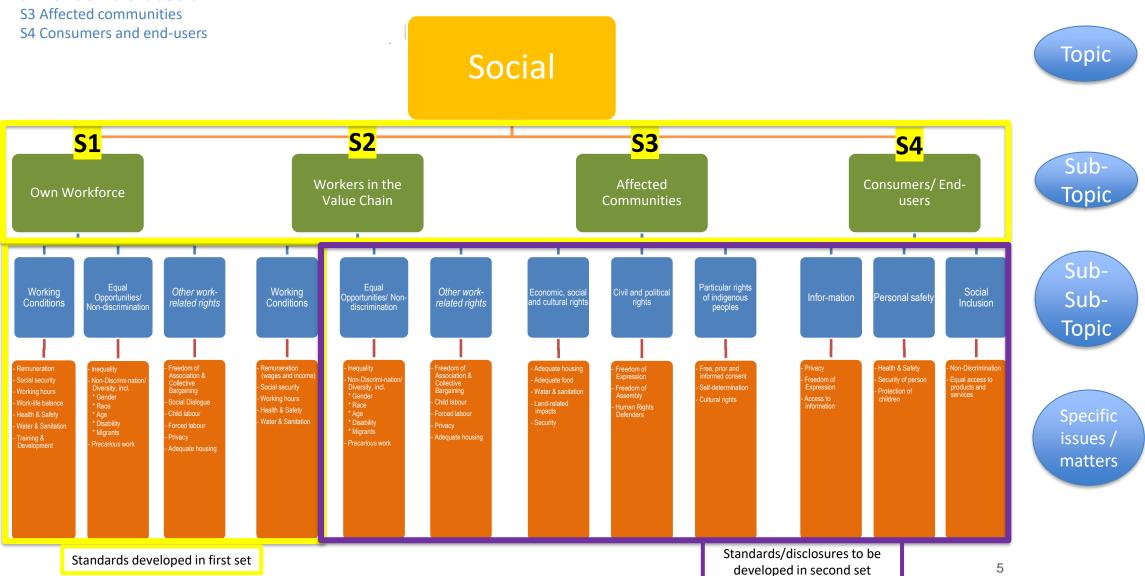
(iii) Respect for the human rights

fundamental freedoms, democratic principles and standards established in the <u>International Bill of Human Rights</u> and other <u>core UN human rights conventions</u>, the International Labour Organization's <u>Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work</u> and the <u>ILO fundamental conventions</u> and the <u>Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union</u>."

#### 2. Social standards: Structure of the social pillar

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- S1 Own Workforce
- S2 Workers in the value chain

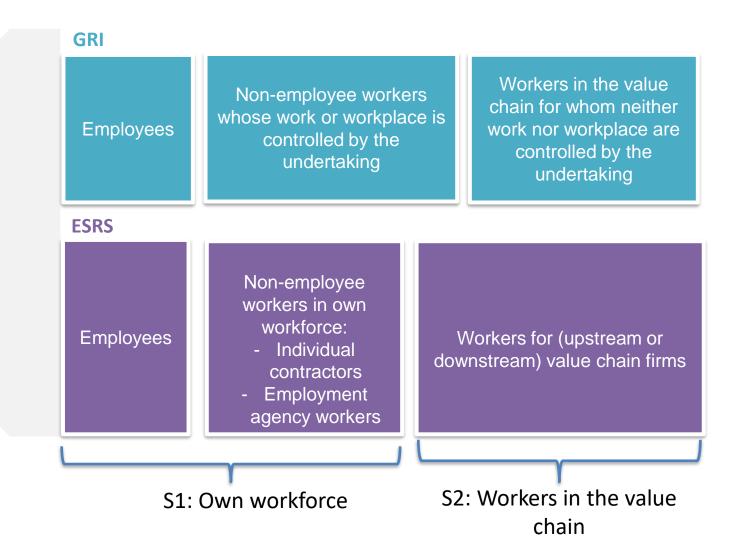


#### 3. Social standards: Definition of workforce



# 4 criteria for defining the workforce

- 1. Legal certainty
- 2. Clear boundary between S1 and S2
- 3. Data availability
- 4. Minimising incentives to shift employees



#### 4. S1 Social standards - Overview



#### Reference frameworks

#### **STRATEGY** (complemented by ESRS 2)

AG on ESRS 2-SBM2: Interaction between material impacts, risks and opportunities and the strategy and business model

AG on ESRS 2-SBM3: Workforce matters on people and the adaptation of its strategy and business model(s) to such material sustainability impacts

AG on ESRS 2-SBM4: Workforce matters that originate from or are connected to the undertaking's strategy and business model(s) and of the adaptation of its strategy and business model(s) to such material risks and opportunities

AG on ESRS 2-IRO2: Outcome of the undertaking's SFDR assessment of material sustainability impacts, risks and opportunities as identified by reference to and in compliance with sector-agnostic and sector-specific level ESRS

AG on ESRS 2-IRO3: Outcome of the undertaking's SFDR assessment of material sustainability impacts, risks and opportunities that are not covered by an ESRS (entity-specific level)

ESRS 2-GOV2: Information of administrative, management and supervisory bodies about sustainability matters

#### **IMPLEMENTATION** DR S1-1: **Policies**, targets, action SFDR GRI plans and resources DR S1-2: **Processes** for engaging with own OECD UNGP workers and workers' representatives about impacts DR S1-3: Channels for own workers and SEDR UNGP workers' representatives to raise concerns DR S1-4: Targets related to **managing** material negative impacts, advancing positive impacts, and managing material risks and opportunities DR S1-5: Taking action on material impacts OECD UNGP on own workforce and effectiveness of those actions DR S1-6: **Approaches** to mitigating material risks and pursuing material opportunities related to own

workforce



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#### 5. Social standards: Embedding due diligence



Alignment of social standards with OECD Due Diligence

0. ESRS S1 - DRs 2 and 3: engage stakeholders and ESRS 2 DRs (SBM, IROs)



1. ESRS 2 (cross cutting) and AG 3 – 12/13: **assess** impacts, risks and opportunities



2. ESRS S1 DRs 1, 2, 5 and 6: integrate and act by developing policies, setting targets and taking action



3. ESRS 1 on targets, progress and tracking effectiveness and ESRS S2 - DR 4: track performance



4. The standards in their entirety contribute to the reporting obligation required by the draft CSRD: communicate

Approach developed in co-construction with Shift

#### 6. Own workforce: Overview (II/IV)



#### Standard Architecture

#### Strategy

AG reference to SBM2-4

AG reference to IRO2-3

**AG** reference to GOV2

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Policies, targets, action plans, and resources

**S1-1:** Policies

**\$1-2:** Processes for engaging with workers

**\$1-3:** Channels for workers to raise concerns

**S1-4:** Targets related to managing material impacts, risks and opportunities

**\$1-5:** Action on material impacts

**S1-6:** Approaches to material risks and opportunities

Performance Measures, Working conditions, Equal opportunities, Other work-related-rights

Performance measures (General)			
S1-7: Employee characteristics	S1-8: Non-employee characteristics		
Working conditions			
S1-9: Training	S1-10: Health & safety management		
S1-11: Health & safety KPIs	<b>S1-12:</b> Working Hours <sup>1</sup>		
S1-13: Work-Life Balance	S1-14: Fair remuneration		
S1-15: Social security			
Equal opportunities			
S1-16: Gender pay gap	S1-17: Annual compensation		
S1-18: Discrimination	S1-19: Persons with disabilities		
S1-20: Employee benefits			
Other work-related rights			
S1-21: Grievances & complaints	S1-22: Collective bargaining		
S1-23: Work stoppages	S1-24: Social dialogue		
S1-25: Human rights issues	S1-26: Privacy		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Optional Disclosure Requirement





# Background

#### **GOVERNANCE+**

The Governance+ category (G+) is broader than traditionally considered under the concept of 'governance'. The aim is to cover the full spectrum of relevant matters in order to report on sustainability aspects relating to the reporting undertaking itself, including but not limited to governance.



## Background

#### CSRD, Article 19 b (extract)

# (c) specify the information that undertakings are to disclose about governance factors, including information about:

- (i) the business ethics and corporate culture, including anti-corruption and anti-bribery;
- the role of the undertaking's administrative, management and supervisory bodies, including with regard to sustainability matters, and their composition;
- (iii) political engagements of the undertaking, including its lobbying activities;
- (iv) the management and quality of relationships with business partners, including payment practices;
- (v) the undertaking's internal control and risk management systems, including in relation to the undertaking's reporting process.



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#### Step 2: Governance in ESRS

G1: Overall Governance

ESRS 2: Governance over sustainability

Governance in E, S



## ESRS G1 Governance, risk management and internal control

#### DR ORIGINS AND SUBJECTS COVERED

#### **STRATEGY**

DR G1-1: Governance structure

Acc Dir

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

DR G1-2: Corporate governance code or policy Acc Dir DR G1-3: Nomination process Acc Dir DR G1-4: Diversity policy DR G1-5: Evaluation process DR G1-6: Remuneration policy SR Dir DR G1-7: Risk management DR G1-8: Internal control

#### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

DR G1-9: Composition of ASMB

SFDR

Acc Dir

DR G1-10: Meetings and attendance rate

Understanding of the structure of the governance and the distribution of roles and responsibilities throughout the organization

- More detailed description of specific aspects
- General description of the risk management & internal control processes and how they enable the ASMB to exercise their responsibility to oversee the undertaking.

 Indicators to measure performance of policy objectives defined by previous DRs

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#### ESRS G2 Business conduct

#### DR ORIGINS AND SUBJECTS COVERED

#### **STRATEGY**

DR 1: Business conduct culture

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

DR 2: Policies and targets on business conduct

SFDR GRI

DR 3: Prevention and detection of corruption and bribery

GRI

DR 4: Anti-competitive behaviour prevention and detection

GRI

A description of how business conduct is promoted and integrated into the culture of the undertaking

- Description of how the business conduct culture is translated into clearly defined policies, procedures and objectives
- Including prevention and detection

#### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

DR 5: Anti-corruption and anti-bribery training

GRI

DR 6: Corruption or bribery events

SFDR

GRI

DR 7: Anti-competitive behaviour events

GRI

DR 8: Beneficial ownership

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GRI

DR 9: Political engagement and lobbying activities

GRI

DR 10: Payment practices

Measuring the achievement of policies and objectives in previous DRs

- covering anti-corruption/anti-bribery training
- current legal proceedings (number, inventory, penalties or fines paid)
- · lobbying activities and their funding
- contractual terms of payment and practices

## ESRS G2-10: Payment terms

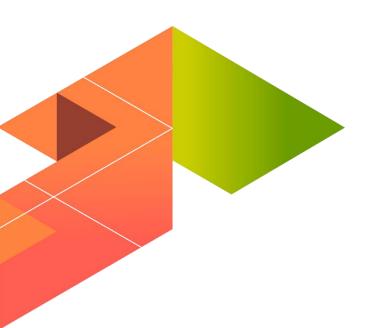
#### CONSULTATION: SPECIFIC QUESTION

Payment delays complicate the financial management of undertakings, especially SMEs<sup>1</sup>, who rely on predictable flows of cash to operate. According to the relevant EU legislation (Directive 2011/7/EU) a payment is late when the creditor has not received the funds at the expiry of the period negotiated in the contract. And yet, even payments performed within the contractually negotiated period can hide unfair payment practices. Very often businesses accept payment terms longer than they are comfortable with<sup>2</sup>, as such terms may reflect the one party's power compared to the other, such as by virtue of its size or brand.

- 1) Do you consider that the indicators in G2-10 (in isolation or jointly) capture the following sufficiently:
  - a) the extent to which accounts payable or creditors at period end have been outstanding; and
  - b) the fairness of the undertaking's payment practices?
  - If not, please provide your rationale and indicate the sector(s) for which you deem add-ons necessary.
- 2) What alternative indicators would you propose? Please specify whether your proposal(s) are of sector-agnostic or sector-specific nature.
- 3) If you are a preparer, do you currently capture amounts of interest charged on late payments separately in your accounts and what are the costs for disclosing this?

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> SMEs (Small and Medium-sized enterprises) are defined according to the Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC <a href="https://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/sme-definition\_en">https://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/sme-definition\_en</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> According to the Intrum European payment Report 2021, on average 49% of businesses in the EU accepted payment terms longer than they are comfortable with out of fear of losing their customers or damaging business relations.





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