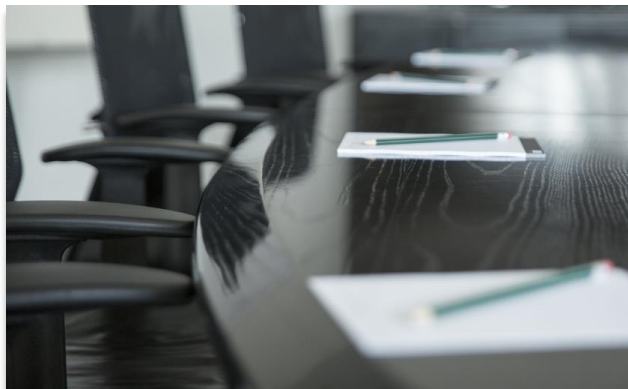


## SAVE THE DATE

### PUBLIC CONSULTATION OUTREACH EVENT – SMEs



Tuesday 20 February 2024,  
10.00 -12:15 CET



Hybrid event  
(EFRAG offices, 35 Square de  
Meeûs, B-1000 Brussels)

EFRAG invites interested stakeholders to participate in a hybrid outreach event on SMEs on 20 February 2024 from 10.00 to 12.15 CET. This event complements the launch of the [public consultation for the two Exposure Drafts \(EDs\) on sustainability reporting standards for SMEs](#).

The aim of the event is to give an overview of the two Exposure Drafts on sustainability reporting standards for SMEs for which EFRAG launched the public consultation:

- the ESRS for listed SMEs (ESRS LSME ED) and
- the voluntary reporting standard for non-listed SMEs (VSME ED).

Registered participants will be able to provide their feedback by answering question pools.

#### Speakers

- **Patrick de Cambourg**, EFRAG SRB Chair: *General introduction*
- **Chiara Del Prete**, EFRAG SR TEG Chairwoman: *Context and overview of LSME and VSME*
- **Elisa Bevilacqua**, EFRAG SR Senior Technical Manager: *VSME approach and content*
- **Paolo Mazzeo**, EFRAG SR Senior Technical Manager: *LSME approach and content*

#### **HOW TO REGISTER**

Register [here](#) by completing the online form and indicate if you will be joining in-person or online. Please note that in-person participation is subject to confirmation.

Participation is free of charge, and the event will be conducted in English.

The deadline for registration is 16 February 2024.

## CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND

### ESRS LSME ED



As part of its mandate granted by the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) to provide technical advice to the European Commission (EC) on European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS), EFRAG has been mandated to develop the standard for SMEs that are public-interest entities. These include those whose transferable securities (bonds, shares and other securities) are admitted to trading on a regulated market in the European Union, small and non-complex institutions (SNCIs) and captive insurers and reinsurers (together 'LSMEs'). The ESRS LSME ED will be issued as a delegated act and will be effective on 1 January 2026, with an additional two-year opt-out. The purpose of the ESRS LSME ED is to set reporting requirements that are proportionate and relevant to the scale and complexity of the activities, and to the capacities and characteristics, of LSMEs. This is expected to support LSMEs in getting better access to finance and in avoiding discrimination against them on the part of financial market participants, as it will enable availability of standardised sustainability information.

The LSME ED is one standard composed of three general sections, '1. General requirements', '2. General disclosures' and '3. Policies, actions and targets', as well as three sections dedicated to metrics, '4. Environment', '5. Social' and '6. Business conduct'.

### VSME ED



EFRAG has also developed a voluntary sustainability reporting standard for non-listed SMEs (VSME). The EC SME Relief Package of September 2023 refers to VSME as a measure to support SMEs in accessing sustainable finance. This Exposure Draft proposes a simple reporting tool to assist non-listed micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises (non-listed SMEs) in responding to requests for sustainability information from business counterparts (i.e., banks, investors or larger companies for which non-listed SMEs are suppliers) in an efficient and proportionate manner and to facilitate their transition to a sustainable economy. Based on market acceptance, the VSME ED is expected to standardise the multiple current ESG data requests (which represent a significant burden on non-listed SMEs) by reducing the number of uncoordinated requests they receive. This is expected to support them in having better access to lenders, investors and clients.

The VSME ED is structured in a 'Basic Module' and in two additional optional modules, a 'Narrative–Policies, Actions and Targets (PAT) Module' and a 'Business Partners Module'.