Sustainable Finance – overview ESG/Climate change and internal auditors

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Agenda



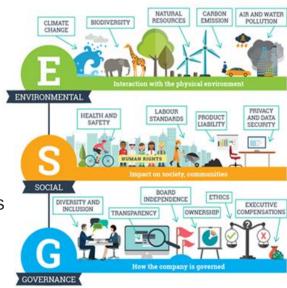
- ESG and EBRD
- EU Sustainable Action Plan
- Taxonomy
- SFDR & CSRD
- Future trends
- Role of the auditor

ESG – what is this



- "ESG" is the consideration of environmental, social and governance factors (positive and negative potential and actual impacts) in the decision-making process for investment activities.
- UN PRI identifies three core components which provide the path to comprehensively understanding an entity's ESG risks and opportunities, environmental and social performance, and contribution to wider outcomes.
 - Social goals and planetary thresholds Nationally, regionally, or internationally recognised environmental and social targets, norms and responsibilities within which entities operate from a sustainability perspective."
 - ESG risks and opportunities ESG factors likely to impact the financial condition or operating performance of an entity (financial materiality).
 - Sustainability performance How an entity's operations and products impact (positively and negatively) stakeholders and the environment.

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Key elements to manage ESG risks and performance

- ESG Policy
- Processes
 - Risk (and opportunity) identification
 - Managing risks and taking actions
 - Setting metrics and targets
- Reporting
 - Internal
 - External, incl. regulatory requirements (if any)
- Organizational capacity and training
- Emergency preparedness

Good ESG
performance starts by
identifying relevant
ESG risks, supports
ESG performance
through management
systems, and facilitates
financing through
consistent and reliable
ESG reporting

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Lender Finance - why does it matter



All Project need to secure financing, this will often include combination of debt and equity. This applies for both public and well as private sector Projects. Some sources of financing can be:

- Multilateral Development Banks (MDBs) EBRD/IFC/World Bank/EIB/AIIB etc.
- National development Agencies or State Development Banks (kfw, DEG, JBIC, US OPIC etc)
- Private sector banks
- Investors and private equity, etc.

Most financial investors will apply environmental and social standards and safeguards, MDBs and Development Banks will finance projects in the form of long-term loans at market rates, very-long-term loans below market rates, and through concessional grants.

- IFC Performance Standard (PS) commonly used (EBRD Performance Requirements (PRs) akin to IFC but EU focused). Many commercial Bank's have signed up to Equator Principles.
- Investors are developing Green Financing tools and reporting and disclosing Environmental and Social Governance (ESG) information

Overall increasing pressure on disclosure and reporting and investors will shy away from risky project or project that can have a negative impact on reputation etc.

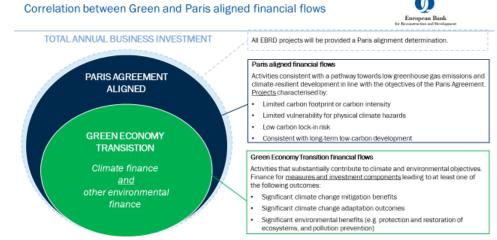
ESG & EBRD



The Agreement Establishing the EBRD commits the Bank:

"to promote in the full range of its activities environmentally sound and sustainable development."

- ESG issues are at the heart of the Bank's approach to ESG through our approach to sound Banking, Transition, Sustainability and Additionally criteria. The Bank has been doing ESG for (nearly) 30 years.
- EBRD Green Economic Transition (GET) approach aims to increase the financing of projects that advance the transition to an environmentally sustainable and low-carbon economy. GET 2.1 under development and aim for 50% of all Projects to attain GET qualifying principles and criteria.
- All Projects to be Paris Aligned



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How we Approach Project



- We finance Project developed by Sponsors (Clients), often permitted and sometimes providing finance to existing Clients (i.e. for existing portfolio).
- For each Project we undertake an Environmental and Social Due Diligence to ascertain compliance with National law and our PR/PS.
- Projects are screened based on sensitivity and risk
- As part of agreement, an Action Plan (ESAP for EBRD) is agreed with client and part of financing agreement.
- All Project should have a monitoring program in place.
- The Bank is providing specific assistance in terms of climate reporting and new TC to assist Clients in developing and implementing climate governance

The EBRD's Environmental and Social Policy (ESP) is based on the "Do-no-significant-harm" principle, which is enshrined in the concept of the mitigation hierarchy. It applies broadly to environmental (including climate, biodiversity etc.) and social issues

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EU Sustainable Finance





EU Sustainable Finance Strategy



Over the past years, the EU has been building a sustainable finance framework to:

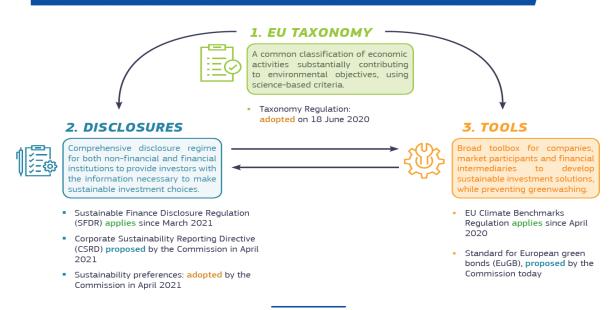


support the flow of private finance towards sustainable economic activities



make the transition to a carbon neutral economy by 2050 possible

2018: THE EU LAID THE FOUNDATIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE FINANCE



New Actions under EU Action Plan



Reorient capital flows towards sustainable investment, in order to achieve sustainable and inclusive growth

- 1) Establishing an EU classification system for sustainability activities
- 2) Creating standards and labels for green financial products
- 3) Fostering investment in sustainable projects
- 4) Incorporating sustainability when providing investment advice
- 5) Developing sustainability benchmarks

Mainstreaming sustainability into risk management

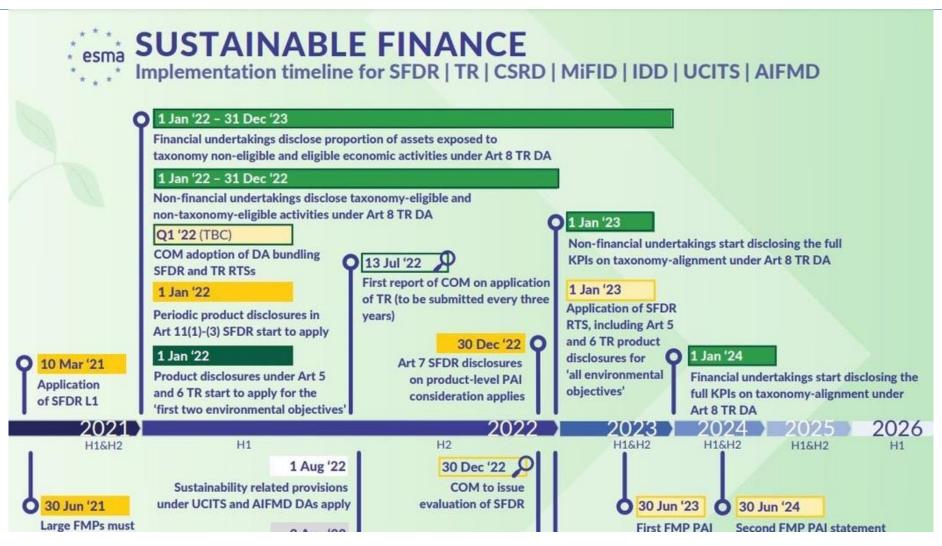
- 6) Better integrating sustainability in ratings and research
- 7) Clarifying institutional investors and asset managers' duties
- 8) Incorporating sustainability in prudential requirements

Foster transparency and long-termism in financial and economic activity

- 9) Strengthening sustainability disclosure and accounting rule-making
- 10) Fostering sustainable corporate governance and attenuating short-termism in capital markets

Time Table





Action 1, EU Taxonomy





International Platform for Suistaibale Finance is developing internarial Taxonomy; China, Russia etc. have developed own Taxonomies — all similar philosophy. We can only address global environmental issues is we all work together

Action 1: Establishing an EU classification (Taxonomy) system for sustainable activities



A clear EU taxonomy will provide much-needed clarity and guidance on which activities can be viewed as supporting the flow of capital into environmentally and socially sustainable sectors and provide a more robust foundation for EU legislation, standards and labelling.

The EU Taxonomy is a tool to help investors understand whether an economic activity is environmentally sustainable, and to navigate the transition to a low-carbon economy. Setting a common language between investors, issuers, project promoters and policy makers, it helps investors to assess whether investments are meeting robust environmental standards and are consistent with high-level policy commitments such as the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

The Taxonomy Regulation entered into force on 12 July 2020. Delegated Act sets out a list of Technical Screening Criteria for the first two objectives:

- Climate Change Mitigation
- Climate change adaptation

From October 2020 the TWG of the Platform for SF has been working on set of technical criteria for the remaining 4 environmental objectives. The results of the Platforms work were published for consultation in August 2021 and are expected to be formalised in the Delegated Act in 2022.

2 February 2022, the Commission approved in principle a <u>Complementary Climate Delegated Act including</u>, under strict conditions, specific nuclear and gas energy activities in the list of economic activities covered by the EU taxonomy.

Action 1, EU Taxonomy



6 Environmental Objectives	To be taxonomy-aligned			
Climate change mitigation	Taxonomy Eligible	Economic activity that has been technical screening criteria for one of the 6 environmental objectives		
Climate change adaptation				
	Substantial	Economic activity meets the technical		
Water and marine resources	Contribution	screening criteria threshold for substantial contributions		
Recycling and waste management	Do No Significant Harm	Economic activity does not do significant harm to any of the other 5 environmental objectives		
Pollution prevention and control		3 chivil of the content of the conte		
and control	Taxonomy	Does not breach social safeguards set		
Biodiversity	Eligible	out in OECD multinational guidelines		

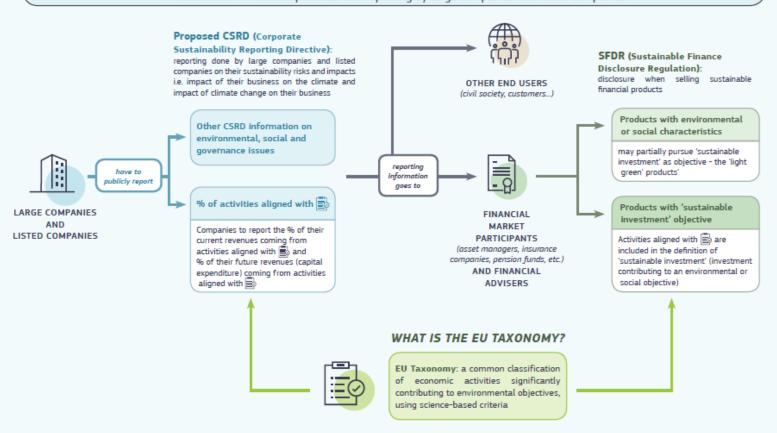
Social Taxonomy – draft published 28.02.2022

Action 1, EU Taxonomy



HOW DOES THE EU TAXONOMY FIT WITHIN THE SUSTAINABLE FINANCE FRAMEWORK?

Two examples when the taxonomy will be used: in disclosures of financial products and reporting by large companies and listed companies



Action 2 EU Green Bonds Standards





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Action 2: Creating standards (EU Green Bond Standard) and labels for green financial products

Confusion and greenwashing involving green financial products reduces confidence in the market and diverts capital away from activities that can deliver sustainable outcomes. The creation of standards and labels for green financial products – such as green bonds – will increase investors' confidence and encourage more capital flow to these products.

On the 6th July 2021 the EU is proposed a new regulation to create the EU Green Bond Standard (EuGBS)



Issues to Consider:

ICMA Green Bond and Sustainability Linked Bonds principles used. These are not Taxonomy based.

Q. Will ICMA be same as EU Green Bond?

Green and Sustainability Linked Bonds



We will see more and more use of capital market instruments to finance projects.

Such projects need to have clear KPIs to define what is green:

- Green Bonds use ICMA Guidelines in future EU Green Bond criteria (ie taxonomy. Climate Bond Initiative is developing guidance for Green bonds definition for existing and new plants (mainly for GHG emission).
 - Definite real targets and green criteria will be essential
- Sustainability linked bonds definition or KPIs and verification.

Good advice is need and Second Party Opinion (SPOs). For the steel sector the definition of what is green and what are realistic targets will be key

The bonds will require annual reporting, this will be done internally and externally.

Action 7 Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulations European Bank for Reconstruction and Development



Action 7 Institutional investors' and asset managers' duties



Institutional investors and asset managers are required by law to act in the best interests of their end investors or beneficiaries. This is commonly referred to as "fiduciary duty". Current EU rules on the duty of institutional investors and asset managers to consider sustainability factors and risks in the investment decision process can be clarified¹.

On the 10 th March 2021 the <u>Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulations</u> came into force. The SFDR requires certain financial market participants to make mandatory high level environmental, social, and governance (ESG) disclosures (PAI - Principle Adverse Impacts) and disclosure information on sustainability risks.

Whilst these disclosures are required for all AMs, including those without a ESG focus, SFDR specifically requires further disclosures for Article 8 funds which promote environmental characteristics alongside other characteristics, and Article 9 funds that have sustainable investment as their objective.

SFRD



Key facts	 Regulation (EU) 2020/852 on the establishment of a framework to facilitate sustainable investment Published in the Official Journal on 22 June 2020 and entered into force on 12 July 2020
Goals	Focuses on the "E" in ESG to: – define what's green vs not – mitigate the risk of greenwashing
Who it applies to	The regulation has various strands – one is to amend the SFDR to require <u>additional</u> product level disclosures (e.g. around pension products, insurance-based investment products, UCITS, PEPPs, alternative investment funds etc. and as distinct from entity level disclosures). This strand applies to firms in scope of SFDR – e.g. asset and fund managers, insurers in relation to insurance based investment products, etc
What it does	 Framework to allow for the progressive development of an EU-wide classification system for environmentally sustainable economic activities (i.e. what is considered "green") Will ultimately be the mandatory reference point for sustainable financial products in the EU (including any European Green Bond Standard or Ecolabel for Financial Products) For asset/fund managers and other SFDR "in scope" – in the main, requires "top up" disclosures for products with environmental characteristics or objectives, to disclose their alignment with the taxonomy
When	Commences in a staged way from 1 January 2022 (Level 1) Regulatory Technical Standards (RTS) on product disclosure requirements expected to come into force 1 Jan 2023

Key aspects of SFDR – "why" & What









Prevent greenwashing

Transparency

Steer private capital into "ESG"

MANDATORY KPI

COR	PORATE INVESTMENTS
1.	GHG emissions (Scope 1, 2 and from 1 January 2023, Scope 3 and total GHG emissions)
2.	Carbon
3.	GHG intensity of investee companies
4.	Share of investments in companies active in the fossil fuel sector
5.	Share of non-renewable energy consumption and production
6.	Energy consumption intensity per high impact climate sector
7.	Activities negatively affecting biodiversity- sensitive areas
8.	Emissions to water
9.	Hazardous waste ratio
REA	ESTATE INVESTMENTS
10.	Exposure to fossil fuels through real estate assets
11.	Exposure to energy-inefficient real estate assets
sov	EREIGN AND SUPRANATIONAL INVESTMENTS
12.	GHG intensity

	CORE	PORATE INVESTMENTS				
	13.	Violations of UN Global Compact principles and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises				
AL	14.	Lack of processes and compliance mechanisms to monitor compliance with UN Global Compact principles and OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises				
SOCIA	15.	Unadjusted gender pay gap				
80	16.	Board gender diversity				
	17.	Exposure to controversial weapons (anti- personnel mines, cluster munitions, chemical weapons and biological weapons)				
	SOVEREIGN AND SUPRANATIONAL INVESTMENTS					
	18.	Investee countries subject to social violations				

"Sustainability risk" is defined in the EU's Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (2019/2088) as an environmental, social or governance event or condition which, if it occurs, could cause an actual or potential material negative impact on the value of an investment.

Examples of sustainability risks which are potentially likely to cause a material negative impact on the value of an investment, should those risks occur, are as follows:

- environmental sustainability risks may include climate change, carbon emissions, air pollution, rising sea levels or coastal flooding or wildfires;
- social sustainability risks may include human rights violations, human trafficking, child labour or gender discrimination; and
- governance sustainability risks may include a lack of diversity at board or governing body level, infringement or curtailment of rights of shareholders, health and safety concerns for the workforce or poor safeguards on personal data or IT security.

Key aspects of SFDR – "when"







Action 9, Sustainability Disclosure Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD)





Action 9 Sustainability Disclosure –

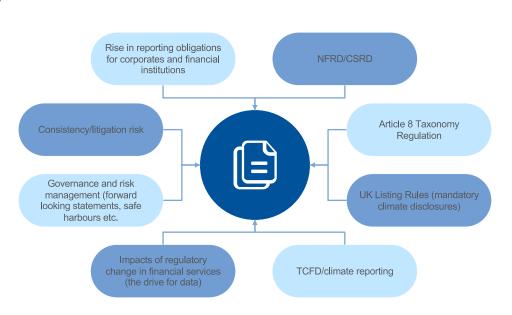


Strengthening sustainability disclosure and accounting rule-making for Reconstruction and Development

Corporate disclosure

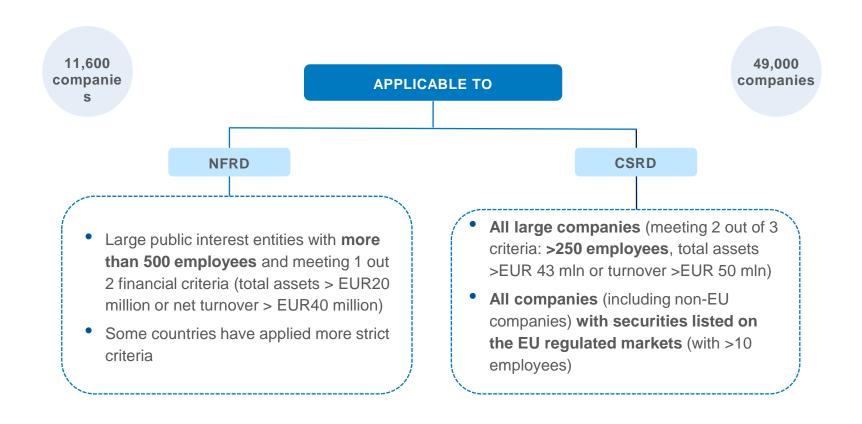


- Corporate reporting on sustainability to provide sufficient information to guide investors.
- Commission <u>guidelines on reporting</u>
 <u>climate-related information</u> (June
 2019) through the non-financial
 Reporting Directive.
- 21st April 2021 the EU published a new package of measures including the proposal on the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD), which will replace the NFRD from 2022.



NFRD vs CSRD





Expanded reporting requirements: Key changes to NFRD



In contrast to the NFRD, it is explicitly confirmed (for example) that the following should be reported on by an obligated undertaking/group:

- -Its targets related to sustainability matters, and the progress it has made towards achieving its targets;
- -the **role of its administrative**, **management and supervisory bodies** with regard to sustainability matters;
- -the principal actual or potential adverse impacts connected with its value chain, including its own operations, its products and services, its business relationships and its supply chain (which is more explicitly framed than the equivalent provision within the NFRD); and
- -any **actions it has taken**, and the result of such actions, to prevent, mitigate or remediate actual or potential adverse impacts.

It is expressly confirmed that obligated undertakings/groups should also disclose information on intangibles, including information on intellectual, human, and social and relationship capital.

It is further expressly confirmed that the report should take account of short, medium and long-term horizons, and should contain forward-looking and retrospective information, as well as qualitative and quantitative information.

CSRD Standards



PTF-ESRS Batch 1 working papers – Cover note and disclaimers

CSRD builds on the NFRD reporting requirements and substantially expands them to cover all three areas of corporate sustainability (environment, social, and governance). It also clarifies the concept of "Double materiality", i.e. sustainability risks affecting a company and the company's own impact on sustainability.

Generally, using uniform reporting standards set by the EU, companies have to disclose forward-looking and retrospective information, and qualitative and quantitative information on:

Legal basis	Category	Example information required	Type of information
Article 19a CSRD Proposal	Company (and value chain) profile	business model and strategy sustainability risks and opportunities, targets and progress, policies alignment with Paris Agreement due diligence processes relating to sustainability principal adverse impacts (actual or potential) intellectual, human, and social and relationship capital	qualitative & quantitative
Article 19b CSRD Proposal	Environmental sustainability	Strategy, implementation and performance regarding the six EU Taxonomy objectives: climate change mitigation climate change adaptation water and marine resources resource use and circular economy pollution biodiversity and ecosystems	qualitative & quantitative
	Social sustainability	gender equality, inclusion of people with disabilities working conditions, health and safety, work-life balance wages, bargaining, involvement of workers respect for human rights, fundamental freedoms, democratic principles and standards	t.b.d
	Governance sustainability	role of administrative, management and supervisory bodies in sustainability matters, and their composition business ethics and corporate culture, anti-corruption and anti-bribery political engagements incl. lobbying management and quality of relationships with business partners internal control and risk management systems	t.b.d., likely qualitative

EFRAG is developing the Standards that are currently under consultations (internal() and are to be developed in June. Consultation is ongoing. Key issues such as EU BAT and liability definition as well as value chains.

Appendix 1: [Draft] index for the European Sustainability Reporting Standards

Name of the standard	Code
Strategy, governance, impacts, risks, opportunities	
General provisions	ESRS 1
Strategy and business model	ESRS 2
Sustainability governance and organisation	ESRS 3
Sustainability material impacts, risks and opportunities	ESRS 4
Definitions for policies, targets, action plans and resources	ESRS 5
Sector-agnostic standards	
Environment: Climate change	ESRS E1
Environment: Pollution	ESRS E2
Environment: Water & marine resources	ESRS E3
Environment: Biodiversity & ecosystems	ESRS E4
Environment: Circular economy	ESRS E5
Social: Own workforce – general	ESRS S1
Social: Own workforce – working conditions	ESRS S2
Social: Own workforce – equal opportunities	ESRS S3
Social: Own workforce – other work-related rights	ESRS S4
Social: Workers in the value chain	ESRS S5
Social: Affected communities	ESRS S6
Social: Consumers/ End-users	ESRS S7
Governance: Governance, risk management, internal control	ESRS G1
Governance: Products and services, management and quality of relationships with business partners	ESRS G2
Governance: Responsible business practices	ESRS G3
Sector-specific standards	
Sector classification	ESRS SEC1
Presentation	
Sustainability statements	ESRS P1
Conceptual guidelines	
Double materiality	ESRG 1
Characteristics of information quality	ESRG 2
Time horizons	ESRG 3
Boundaries and levels of reporting	ESRG 4
EU and international alignment	ESRG 5
Connectivity	ESRG 6

CSRD interaction with Taxonomy Regime



Taxonomy Regulation and Delegated Regulation 2021/2178

- The Taxonomy Regulation applies to all entities that make NF statements (and others).
- It establishes additional provisions obliging entities that make NF statements to disclose how and to what extent their activities are associated with environmentally sustainable economic activities (Article 8(1)).
- The information must, *for non-financial undertakings*, include the proportion of their:
 - turnover derived from products/services associated with economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable; and
 - the proportion of their capital expenditure and operating expenditure related to assets or processes associated with economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable (Article 8(2)).
- Delegated Regulation 2021/2178 provides KPIs for financial undertakings (i.e. credit institutions, asset managers, investment firms, and insurance undertakings).
- The Delegated Regulation also specifies the content and presentation of the information to be disclosed by all undertakings and the methodology to comply with the aforementioned Article 8 disclosure.
- The Delegated Regulation complements the CSRD by providing a common reference point for taxonomy-related reporting requirements under the two Directives.



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Companies: how it helps transition

- By defining green economic activities, not companies
- The Taxonomy enables companies to transition by gradually increasing their share of green activities

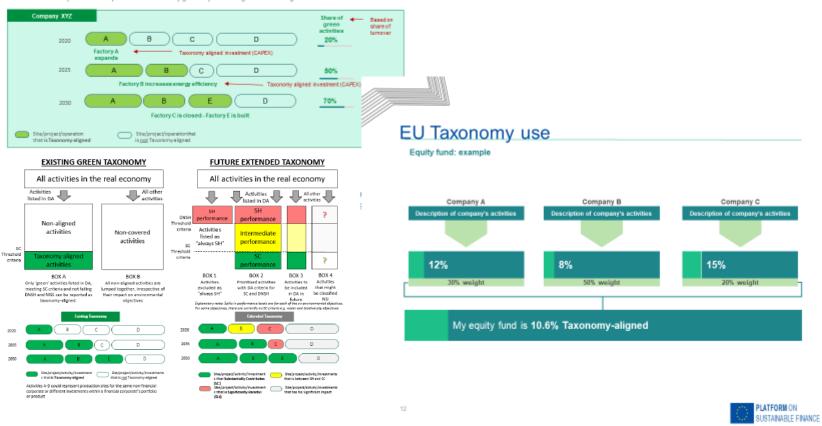


Figure 4-2. Extension of the Taxonomy can facilitate clarity and improved understanding of environmental performance of portfolios of activities and can thereby support improved transition strategies and access to financing.

Mandatory EU sustainability reporting standards adoption timeline



SCOPE

Listed companies with more than 500 employees ~ 11,000 companies in the EU

All listed companies² + large companies that exceed 2/3 of the following:

- Balance sheet total: EUR 20M
- Net revenue: EUR 40M
- 250 average number of employees during the FY
- ~ 50,000 companies in the EU

EU NFRD

CSRD (proposed revision to EU NFRD)

FY2020

law

 EU Non-Financial Disclosure Directive (EU NFRD)

In force since 2014

FY2021

- EU NFRD
- EU Taxonomy³: Disclosures on extent to which activities¹ contribute to climate change mitigation & adaptation

FY2022

- EU NFRD
 EU Taxonomy:
 Disclosures as set out in FY2021 plus extent to which activities¹ contribute to:
 - Protection of water & life in water
 - Transition to a circular economy
 - 3. Pollution prevention
 - Protection of biodiversity

FY2023⁴

FY2024

- Mandatory EU sustainability reporting standards⁵ that will be developed by the EFRAG, addressing the following with regards to ESG matters:
 - · Business model & strategy
 - Targets & progress
 - Role of the administrative, management & governance bodies
 - Policies
 - · Most significant negative impacts
 - Principal risks, including dependencies and how risks are managed
 - The way information reported on has been identified
- Qualitative, quantitative, forward-looking, retrospective information covering short, medium & long-term time horizons.
- Application of a double materiality lens in reporting on both how sustainability matters
 affect their business and the external impacts of the company's activities on people and
 the environment.
- Information about the company's value chain, including the company's own operations, products & services, business relationships & supply chain.
- EU Taxonomy related disclosures (as set out in FY2022).

Format Annual Report (NL)	Annual Report (NL)	Annual Report (NL)	Externally published Management Board Report Mandatory digital reporting in ESEF format
Assurance If required by	If required by	If required by law	Mandatory (limited) assurance of reported information ⁶

- Revenues, costs and investments associated with taxonomy-eligible activities should be classified according
 to these tonics
- All listed companies (on EU regulated markets), except listed micro-enterprises. Includes SMEs with securities listed on regulated markets.
- As of FY2026 for listed SMEs.
- . 1st draft standards to be adopted by October 2022. EU Member States must incorporate the Directive into law by 1 December 2022 and ensure that its provisions apply to companies for financial years starting on/after 1 January 2023.

3. Technical screening criteria for these will be issued by the end of 2021.

Overview of Standards and future trends





Overview of the related standards



List of key standards/guidance

#	Organisation	Initiative / Document
1	European Financial Reporting Advisory Group	Draft European Sustainability Reporting Standards
2	International Sustainability Standards Board	Prototype Climate and General Disclosure requirements
3	Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures	TCFD Recommendations
4	Global Reporting Initiative	GRI standards
5	Value Reporting Foundation	Relevant sectoral SASB standards
6	Climate Disclosure Standards Board	CDSB Framework
7	CDP	CDP data
8	World Benchmarking Alliance	WBA Benchmarks
9	Greenhouse Gas Protocol	GHG Protocol

#	Organisation	Document
10	EU	Accounting Directive/Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive
11	EU	Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (incl. delegated acts)
12	EU	Taxonomy Regulation (incl. delegated acts)
13	EU	Conflict Minerals Regulation
14	Shift and Mazars	UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights Reporting and Assurance Framework
15	OECD	OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct
16	Science Based Targets Initiative	SBTi tool
17	The Paris Agreement Capital Transition Assessment	PACTA tool













The EU Sustainable Finance Action Plan is the EU's strategy for sustainable finance and is part of the implementation plan of Article 2(1)(c) of the Paris Agreement and the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable

EU Taxonomy, SFDR, CSR opment.



EU Taxonomy



EU Benchmarks



Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation

ESG reporting guidance

- ISSB set up at COP 26





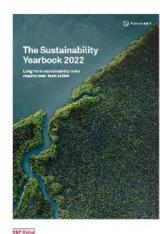














ISSB and EFRAG Climate Prototypes



Financial Exposure to

Physical & Transition

Risks; Opportunities

ISSB EFRAG

the Climate Prototype (November 2021) sets out the requirements for the identification, measurement, and reporting of climate-related financial information - it is structured around the TCFD

Greenhouse gas emissions	Scope 1, 2 and 3 in metric tonnes of CO2 equivalent.
Transition risks	Amount and percentage of assets and business activities vulnerable to transition risk.
Physical risks	Amount and percentage of assets and business activities vulnerable to physical risks.
Climate-related opportunities	Proportion of revenue, assets or business activities aligned with climate-related opportunities (in amount or percentage).
Capital deployment	Amount of capital expenditure, financing or investment deployed toward climate-related risks and opportunities (in reporting currency).
Internal carbon prices	Entity's internal price for each metric tonne of GHG emissions.
Remuneration	Proportion of executive management remuneration affected by climate-related considerations in current period.

The Climate Standard Prototype (September 2021)

The Climate Standard Prototype (September 2021)		
Strategy Additional climate related disclosures	Implementation Additional climate- related disclosures	3 Performance Measurement
Business Straegy and Climate	Policies & Targets	Energy Consumption & Mix (absolute + intensity)
Climate Impacts, Risks & Opportuntities	Action & Resources	Scope 1&2 GHG Emissions (Absolute + Intensity)
Climate Governance		Scope 3 GHG Emissions (Absolute + Intensity)
Note: PTF-ESRS Cluster 1 is cu Cross-cutting Standards o		EU Taxonomy for Sustainable Avtivities

 EFRAG is currently re-validating the compatibility of its Working Paper with the ISSB Prototypes.

areas "strategy" and "implementation". The

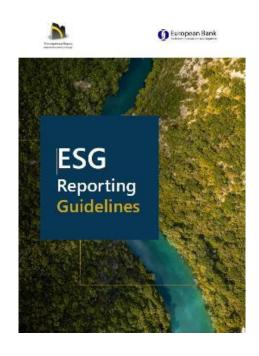
draft proposals in this document are limited

to additional climate-related disclosures

 The ISSB's Climate Prototype may therefore directly influence upcoming EU rules.

EBRD - Latest ESG Reporting Guidelines – take into account SFDR, NFDR/CSRD







May 2021. Warsaw Stock Exchange Guidelines

ESG frameworks by EBRD; March 2022. Bucharest Stock Exchange Guidelines

Starting ESG frameworks by EBRD
Prague Exchange Guidelines - due end Sept/October 2022

So what does this means



- SFDR is applicable already (EU law)
- NFDR (voluntary) replaced by CSDR (mandatory) end 2022
- Taxonomy in place, and Delegated Acts being developed
- Definition of what are the 'green' and how to monitor and report

Compliance today, future proof for future compliance

- Clients in EU will need to report on SFDR and CSRD from 2022-4
- Clients with interest in EU will need to report
- Compliance in EU and EU Accession
- Global standards and how companies will need to report internationally.
 - Consider Carbon Adjustment Mechanism (EU) and work on Corporate
 Sustainability Due Diligence directive focused among others on supply chains.

 This will require more internal audits

Risk

- SFDR and CSRD aim to address suitability risk avoid greenwashing and help with access to information and transparency
- We need to ensure to proof projects and investments
- Strategic approach to Sustainable Finance needed

Discussion



- How will Reporting and disclosure influence the Market
- How will integrated reports change?
 - How will the internal audits review and verify
 - Interaction between internal and external verification
- What will be implication of EU legislation on international frameworks?
- What are the definition of Green under Taxonomy; what will the definition be for Green Bonds and Sustainability Linked Bonds.
- What will be the main driver for your organization in terms of Sustainable Finance? And how to ensure adequate data is collected