



# Sustainability information Santiago Durán Domínguez ICAC

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### Sustainability information

- ✓ EU commitment with implementation of 2030 Agenda
- ✓ EU instruments:
  - ✓ European Green Deal
  - ✓ Sustainable Finance strategy
- ✓ Areas for regulatory developments:
  - ✓ Taxonomy: common classification of economic activities.
  - ✓ Tools for companies (example regulation on green bonds)
  - ✓ Disclosure regime: to give investors information for investment decisions.





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- ✓ EU commitment with implementation of 2030 Agenda
- ✓ Regulatory developments
  - ✓ Regulation on sustainability disclosures in the financial services sector (Regulation (EU) 2019/2088)
  - ✓ Taxonomy Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2020/852)
  - ✓ Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (Directive (EU) 2022/2464)
- ✓ CRSD brings the opportunity to include all the regulation of sustainability issues to avoid regulatory dispersion





#### **CSRD**

- ✓ Transposition to local regulation must be done before July 6<sup>th</sup> 2024.
- ✓ Relevant aspects
  - ✓ Clarification of the principle of double materiality.
  - ✓ More detailed information
  - ✓ All companies have to report according to <u>European standards</u>.
  - $\checkmark$  Sustainability information in the management report.
  - ✓ Financial statements and management report, including sustainability information, will be prepared in the Single Electronic Format.
  - ✓ An audit opinion on compliance with the obligations provided for in the Directive.





#### **CSRD**

- ✓ **Progressive entry into force** for financial years beginning on 1/1/2024:
  - ✓ Large companies that are public-interest entities with more than 500 employees and in the case of public-interest entities that are dominant of a large group with more than 500 employees: 1/1/2024.
  - ✓ Other large entities and groups (compliance with 2 of the 3 size requirements Accounting Directive): 1/1/2025
  - ✓ <u>Small and medium-sized enterprises issuing securities admitted to trading at EU level</u> (with the exception of micro-enterprises): 1/1/2026.
  - ✓ <u>Subsidiaries and branches in third countries:</u> from 1/1/2028.













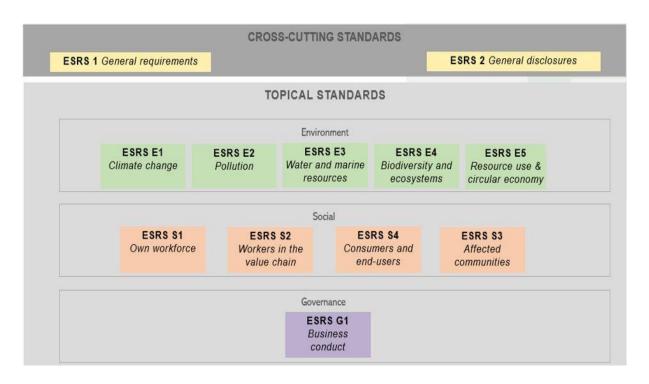
#### **STANDARDS**

- ✓ European Commission adopted the delegated act to approve the COMMISSION DELEGATED REGULATION (EU) with sustainability reporting standards.
- ✓ Three categories of sustainability reporting standards:
  - ✓ Cross-cutting standards (2)
  - ✓ Thematic standards:
    - ✓ Environmental standards (5)
    - ✓ Social (4)
    - ✓ Governance (1)
  - ✓ Sectorial standards





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- ✓ Basic elements of the framework
  - ✓ Double materiality (financial and impact).
  - ✓ There are four pillars within the company in relation to sustainability.
    - √ Governance
    - √ Strategy
    - ✓ Management of impacts, risks and opportunities
    - ✓ Metrics and goals
  - ✓ EFRAG role
  - ✓ A progressive phase-in of some requirements.













- ✓ Double materiality (financial and impact).
  - ✓ Impact
  - √ Financial
- ✓ Due Diligence: process to identify, prevent, mitigate, and account for how they address actual and potential negative impacts on the environment and people related to their business
- ✓ Interoperability with other international frameworks
- ✓ Value Chain: information on material impacts, risks and opportunities include value chain.





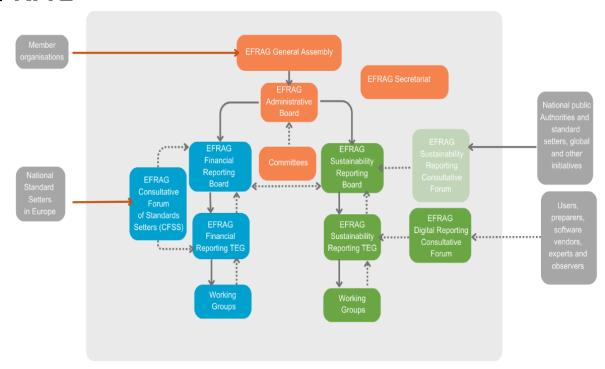
### Interpretation (EFRAG)

- ✓ EFRAG Q&A
- ✓ EFRAG Actions:
  - ✓ Materiality and value chain implementation guidelines and list of ESRS data points in Excel. Available in early 2024 for comment.
  - ✓ Simplified draft standards
    - ✓ Listed SMEs, small non-complex banks, and captive insurers and reinsurers (LSMEs)
    - ✓ Small and Medium Business Volunteer (VSME)
    - ✓ Draft XBRL taxonomy for ESRS





### **EFRAG**









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### **VERIFICATION**





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- ✓ Limited assurance/reasonable assurance
- ✓ Assurance:
  - ✓ Compliance with reporting standards (ESRS).
  - ✓ The process carried out by the entity to prepare the information to be reported.
  - ✓ Compliance with the requirements on the marking of information for submission in accordance with EU electronic format.
  - ✓ Compliance with the requirements of Article 8 of Taxonomy Regulation 2020/852
- ✓ Audit framework
- ✓ Need of Assurance Standard (2026/2028)





