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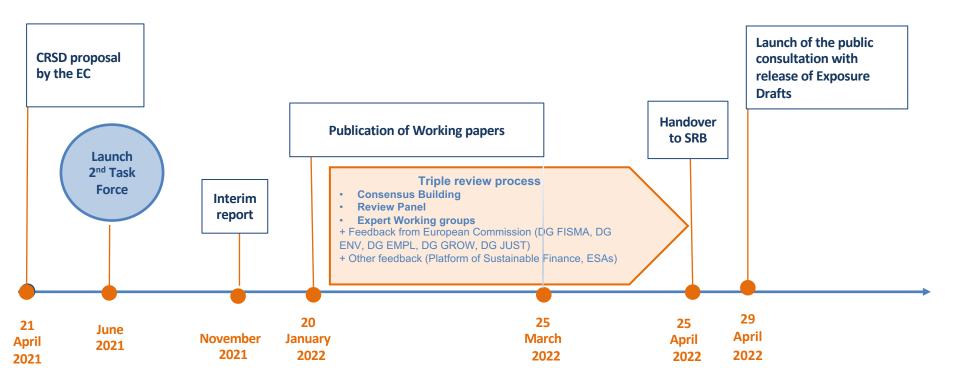




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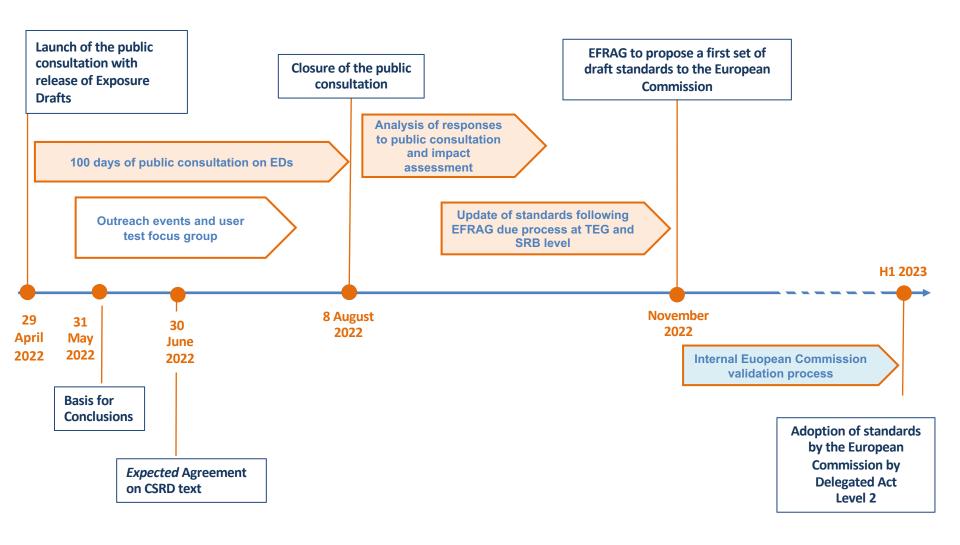
Drafting exposure drafts for a first set of ESRS: 11 months in "project mode"



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 2nd set)
- 7. The public consultation will help to finetune relevance and comparability as well a explore ESRS implementation prioritisation / phasing-in options

A coherent architecture to implement the CSRD provisions







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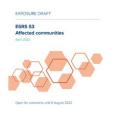


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Main success factors of the ESRS

- 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).

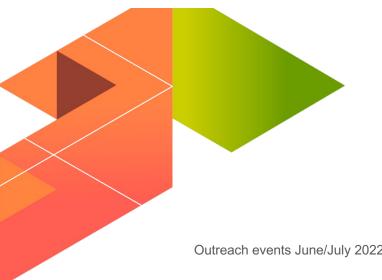
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- Other information included in the public consultation:
 - Cover note
 - Appendix I: Navigating the ESRS
 - Appendix II: CSRD requirements mapping
 - Appendix III: SFDR PAI mapping
 - Appendix IV: TCFD recommendations and ESRS reconciliation table
 - 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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