# The current state of development of binding European Sustainability Reporting Standards

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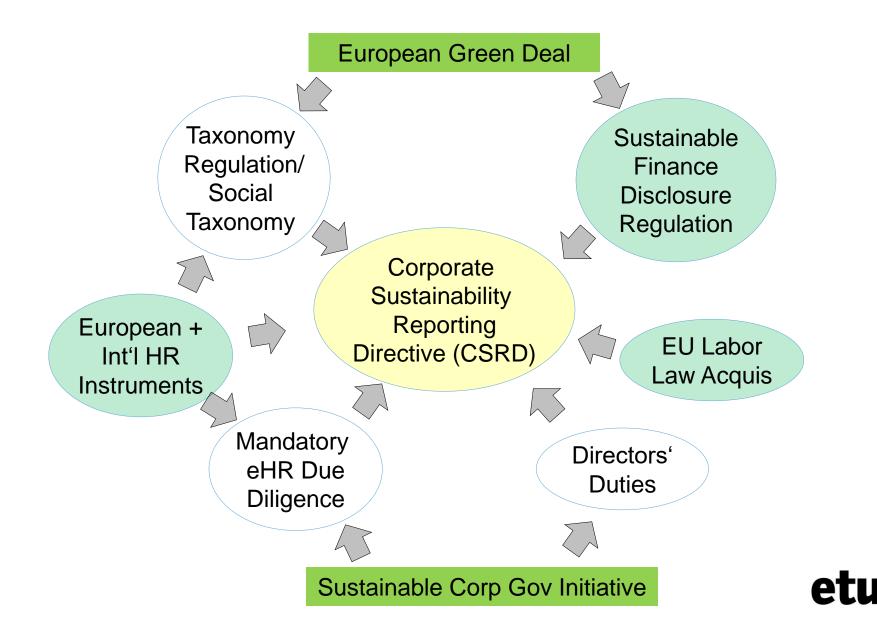


## **Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive - Scope**

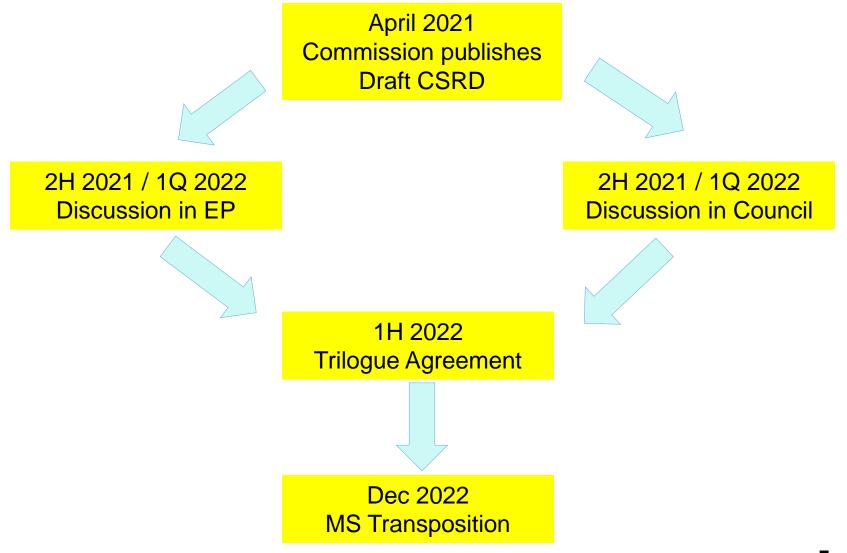
- All companies (except micro) listed on an EU exchange AND
- Large EU companies as defined in the Accounting Directive
  - Two of three criteria to meet
    - Employment of 250+
    - balance sheet total: EUR 20 000 000
    - net turnover: EUR 40 000 000;
  - Legal form covered by Accounting Directive (mainly companies with limited liability)
  - An estimated 50-60,000 companies will be covered!



### Where does the CSRD fit in?



## **Commission's Timeline for the CSRD**



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## CSRD Level 2 Process + Timetable

Sept 2020-March 2021 EFRAG PTF on Non-financial Reporting

June 2021- April 2022 EFRAG PTF on European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS)

1 April 2022 – EFRAG Reform Sustainability Reporting Pillar – ESRS proposal to Commission 2Q 2022

May – July 2022 – Publication of EFRAG PTF proposals for ESRS – 60 day public commentary period

> Commission publication of ESRS in Delegated Acts mid-2022, adoption of October 2022, use by firms FY 2023

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## **CSRD** definition of reporting topics

# Content of proposal **Coverage of sustainability topics**

#### Environment

- 1. Climate change mitigation
- 2. Climate change adaptation
- 3. Water & marine
- 4. Resource use & CE
- 5. Pollution
- 6. Biodiversity & ecosystems

#### Mirrors EU Taxonomy

#### Social

- 1. Equal opportunities
- 2. Working conditions
- 3. Human rights

#### 1 & 2 build on European Pillar of Social Rights

#### Governance

- 1. Role & composition of board and management
- Ethics & corp. culture (inc. bribery & corruption)
- 3. Political engagements
- 4. Business relationships
- 5. Control & risk management

Article 19b, paragraph 2

> Recitals: 40, 43, 44





## EFRAG Project Task Force ("Level 2") – Social Indicators

- Equal opportunities for all	3
- Gender equality 22	а
- Equal pay for equal work 2	b
- Training and skills development 1	
- Employment and inclusion of people with disabilities 1	7
- Working conditions	
- Secure and adaptable employment 5	5
- Wages 6	5
- Social dialogue 8	3
- Collective bargaining and the involvement of workers 8	3
- Work-life balance 9	)
- Healthy, safe and well adapted work environment 1	0
- Respect for the HRs, etc. established in	
- International Bill of Human Rights and other core UN human rights conventions	
- ILO's Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work	
- ILO fundamental conventions	
- Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union	

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## Thank you for your attention!

