



PRESS RELEASE

Joint EFRAG – OIC event puts spotlight on impact analysis and better communication

EFRAG Board participates in event gathering Italian stakeholders' views on financial reporting

Rome, 9 October 2017: Speaking at the opening of the joint European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG) and Organismo Italiano di Contabilità (OIC) stakeholder event, EFRAG Board President Jean-Paul Gauzès noted that, “engaging with all stakeholders interested in financial reporting is at the core of what we do at EFRAG and forms an essential part of our due process. We continuously seek to develop evidence-based understanding of European views in forming our positions. That is why I am so grateful to our member organisation, the OIC, for allowing us to reach out to so many interested Italian stakeholders at today’s event.”

“EFRAG and its stakeholders demonstrate an increasingly efficient ability to make strong proposals that develop International Financial Reporting Standards, to participate proactively to the related due-process and to provide the European Commission with endorsement advice based on ever more reliable impact analysis. It is necessary to continue investing in and consolidating EFRAG's role.” said Paolo Gnes, President of the OIC Supervisory Board.

Beginning with a keynote speech from IASB member Françoise Flores, the joint EFRAG – OIC event focused on two important financial reporting topics, namely, impact analysis and better communication through reporting.

Impact analysis

There is increasing attention on the wider impacts, including on economic behaviour, of accounting standards. There have been calls to strengthen the assessment of these impacts as part of evidence based standard-setting. The IASB has published an Effects analysis on IFRS 16 Leases and on IFRS 17 Insurance Contracts. Impact analysis is an important part of

this process when EFRAG assesses the European public good as part of its endorsement advice to the European Commission. Impact assessments are also important at national level and National Standard Setters contribute to EFRAG's impact analysis. The expert panel discussed in depth the role of impact analysis in the standard-setting process.

Better communication in financial reporting

Various organisations have taken initiatives on corporate reporting showing that financial reporting can and should not be seen in isolation. The IASB is collecting opinions on Better Communication in Financial Reporting in its Disclosure Initiative project. The panel considered what, how and where information should be disclosed in the financial statements to improve the information provided to investors and other users of financial statements. It discussed emerging opportunities to present data via digital reporting and the impact of other requirements, such as prudential reporting.

The two expert panels comprise board members from EFRAG and from OIC, a representative of the European Commission and high level Italian stakeholders from the accounting, banking, business and regulatory fields.

As with all its outreach events, EFRAG will issue a report summarising the feedback received.

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Notes for editor:

1. About EFRAG (www.efrag.org)
 - a. The European Financial Reporting Advisory Group's (EFRAG) mission is to serve the European public interest by developing and promoting European views in the field of financial reporting and ensuring these views are properly considered in the IASB standard-setting process and in related international debates. EFRAG ultimately provides advice to the European Commission on whether newly issued or revised IFRS meet the criteria in the IAS Regulation for endorsement for use in the EU, including whether endorsement would be conducive to the European public good.
 - b. EFRAG seeks input from all stakeholders, and obtains evidence about specific European circumstances, throughout the standard-setting process and in providing our endorsement advice. Our legitimacy is built on transparency, governance, due process (which may include field tests, impact analyses and outreaches), public accountability and thought leadership. This enables EFRAG

to speak convincingly, clearly and consistently, and be recognised as the European Voice in financial reporting.

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