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ESRS G1: DR by DR assessment of feedback on remaining DRs (G1-2, G1-3, G1-5, G1-6, G1-7, G1-8, G1-10) Issues Paper

Objective

1 The objective of this paper is to provide feedback to EFRAG SR TEG on the feedback received on ESRS G1 on a disclosure requirement by disclosure requirement – basis. These are the DR's not covered on paper 05-03 as there are concerns that they are not covered by CSRD. The EFRAG Secretariat notes that the EFRAG SRB will discuss the Governance architecture paper discussed by TEG on 29 August 2022, in the first week of October.

ESRS G1-2: Corporate governance code or policy

Support rate	71% RAR by average stakeholder
Key outcome of the consultation	Concerns about overlaps with Accounting Directive, Going beyond scope of CSRD, Inconsistent with governance code. Concerns about alignment with international practices as well as costs; Misalignment with codes on national level.
ESRS a fair representation CSRD topics including the qual. characteristics?	 Concerns that this should not be applied to unlisted undertakings (or only on a voluntary basis) Concerns about scalability for non-PIEs
Relevance across sectors	Yes, score of 90%
Promoting alignment with international standards?	The relatively low score of 61% probably reflects comments that there are no similar requirements in GRI, ISSB or SASB.
Operational complexity?	Burden claimed by someWould VC data be needed?
To be made mandatory	To be discussed: as part of 'corporate culture' (is an item to be covered in the CSRD, despite not being explicitly mentioned
Possible simplification	To be considered

Phase-in recommendations	76% RAR – year 1?
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ESRS G1-3: Nomination process

3 For details of voting by specific stakeholders, please see Appendix 1.

Support rate	60% RAR by average stakeholder	
Key outcome of the consultation	 Excessive detail and incompatible with governance of certain banks (disclosure, no action required?) Beyond CSRD scope and already reported by listed entities Potential issues in practical implementation are foreseen with regards to independence in the nomination and selection process (not the intention) Some ask additional information The board cannot be representative of all stakeholders; the fact that certain members could be selected by stakeholders raises confidentiality issues and could result in conflicts of interest. Hence, the description of the involvement of stakeholders in the nomination process is not appropriate and should be deleted. 	
ESRS a fair representation CSRD topics including the qual. characteristics?	66% RAR Some consider the information is important for robust corporate governance processes and procedures.	
Relevance across sectors	Yes, a score of 73%	
Promoting alignment with international standards?	A relatively low score of 48% as not required by the ISSB and a perceived lack of coherence with other EU legal frameworks on sustainable finance accounting and insurance	
Operational complexity?	Verification may be difficult for unlisteds as they have no formal procedures in place.	
To be made mandatory	To be discussed: as part of 'corporate culture' (is an item to be covered in the CSRD, despite not being explicitly mentioned	
Possible simplification	To be considered	
Phase-in recommendations	• 51% RAR, maybe in later years?	

ESRS G1-5: Evaluation process

Support rate	67% RAR by average stakeholder
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Key outcome of the consultation	 Considered to be internal process, not suitable for disclosure/ concerns about breach of confidentiality/ verification would be limited Should include the results of the evaluation Distinction whether entities are listed or not. Considered to be outside the scope of CSRD Distinguish between listed and unlisted undertakings 	
ESRS a fair representation CSRD topics including the qual. characteristics?	74% RAR	
Relevance across sectors	77% RAR	
Promoting alignment with international standards?	59% RAR	
Operational complexity?	• Request that disclosure requirements should differentiate based on the complexity of the governance structure and the related information flows.	
To be made mandatory	To be discussed: as part of 'corporate culture' (is an item to be covered in the CSRD, despite not being explicitly mentioned	
Possible simplification	Delete reference to overseeing management as not adapted.	
Phase-in recommendations	50% RAR – maybe year 2 or 3?	

ESRS G1-6: Remuneration policy

Support rate	67% RAR by average stakeholder
Key outcome of the consultation	 Stakeholders are not the appropriate reference (in the purview of the CEO/Chair) Confuses information to stakeholders. Verification of stakeholder views may be difficult Should include reference to SRD/avoid overlap
ESRS a fair representation CSRD topics including the qual. characteristics?	66% RAR
Relevance across sectors	• 81% RAR

Promoting alignment with international standards?	• 58% reflecting comments that DR is not aligned with global standards or with EU sustainable finance regulation, accounting regulation and insurance sectoral regulation.
Operational complexity?	• Considered too difficult for unlisteds and SMEs and therefore not proportional
To be made mandatory	To be discussed: as part of 'corporate culture' (is an item to be covered in the CSRD, despite not being explicitly mentioned
Possible simplification	 Remove references to independent remuneration committee as no definition and % of independent members may differ. More details on severance payments and treatment of LTIPs
Phase-in recommendations	58% RAR reflects that some thought this should be phased in.

ESRS G1-7: Risk management processes

6	For details o	of voting by	specific	stakeholders,	please see A	Appendix 1.	
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Support rate	71% RAR by average stakeholder	
Key outcome of the consultation	 Too comprehensive (too much detail for listed companies compared to Accounting Directive) and lacks coherence with international standards and other EU sustainable finance regulations Suggestion to focus on sustainability risks (covered under ESRS 2) Avoid redundancies for large PIEs Risk to the stakeholder is too broad Duplicative Merge with ESRS G1-8 on internal control 	
ESRS a fair representation CSRD topics including the qual. characteristics?	74% RAR Questions whether this relates to sustainability risks.	
Relevance across sectors	77%RAR	
Promoting alignment with international standards?	• 59% RAR	
Operational complexity?	• The DR as currently drafted seems to be more targeted at large PIEs that have established risk management systems and processes. We recommend EFRAG includes "if relevant" to also enable other undertakings to comply with this DR.	

	• Par. AG 16(d) amended for a breakdown of segments (rather than a breakdown of by business units).
To be made mandatory	To be discussed: as part of 'corporate culture' (is an item to be covered in the CSRD, despite not being explicitly mentioned
Possible simplification	 Improve flexibility Should include CRR as a reference point Include more examples and definitions – 'Add an appendix outlining definitions'
Phase-in recommendations	• 50% RAR

ESRS G1-8: Internal control processes

Support rate	72% RAR by average stakeholder
Key outcome of the consultation	 Duplicative in nature Disproportionate and over granular High costs and limited benefits Overlap with Accounting Directive
ESRS a fair representation CSRD topics including the qual. characteristics?	66 % RAR Questions whether this relates to sustainability risks.
Relevance across sectors	81% RAR
Promoting alignment with international standards?	58%, as not covered by other international standards.
Operational complexity?	• Similar to G1-7
To be made mandatory	To be discussed: as part of 'corporate culture' (is an item to be covered in the CSRD, despite not being explicitly mentioned
Possible simplification	Merge with previous DR
Phase-in recommendations	• 58%

7 For details of voting by specific stakeholders, please see Appendix 1.

ESRS G1-10: Meetings and attendance rate

Support rate	75% RAR by average stakeholder
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Key outcome of the consultation	 Not consistent with CSRD Not useful for sustainability matters or a good indicator of good governance (average relevance mark of 71%)
ESRS a fair representation CSRD topics including the qual. characteristics?	72%, but proposal to include key topics addressed during the year
Relevance across sectors	78%
Promoting alignment with international standards?	• 66% even though not covered by other international standards.
Operational complexity?	• Burdensome
To be made mandatory	To be discussed: as part of 'corporate culture' (is an item to be covered in the CSRD, despite not being explicitly mentioned
Possible simplification	Distinguish between listed and unlisted entities
Phase-in recommendations	75% RAR

Appendix 1

9 This appendix provides further information on details how different stakeholders voted on the different aspects of the various DRs.

			G1-2					G1-3		
	Relevance	Sector specific	Info quality	International alignment	Prioritisation	Relevance	Sector specific	Info quality	International alignment	Prioritisation
Academic / research institution	66,67%	100,00%	100,00%	66,67%	66,67%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	66,67%	66,67%
Audit or accounting firm, assurance provider	66,67%	100,00%	81,82%	37,50%	54,55%	83,33%	100,00%	90,91%	33,33%	54,55%
Business association	61,11%	100,00%	61,11%	66,67%	90,91%	16,67%	44,44%	17,65%	0,00%	18,75%
Consumer organization	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	n/a	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	n/a	100,00%
ESG reporting initiative	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	50,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%
EU Citizen	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Financial institution (Bank)	57,14%	80,00%	0,00%	0,00%	40,00%	57,14%	80,00%	0,00%	0,00%	40,00%
Financial institution (Insurance)	57,14%	42,86%	57,14%	33,33%	42,86%	85,71%	85,71%	100,00%	33,33%	14,29%
Financial institution (Other)	83,33%	83,33%	100,00%	0,00%	83,33%	83,33%	83,33%	100,00%	83,33%	83,33%
National Standard Setter	83,33%	100,00%	83,33%	60,00%	80,00%	66,67%	83,33%	66,67%	50,00%	60,00%
Non-financial corporation EU listed	50,00%	63,64%	75,00%	60,00%	50,00%	28,57%	23,08%	33,33%	16,67%	15,38%
Non-financial corporation listed outside EU	0,00%	100,00%	0,00%	n/a	n/a	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%
Non-governmental organisation	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%
Other	80,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	66,67%	0,00%	66,67%	66,67%	33,33%	0,00%
Public authority/regulator/supervisor	100,00%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	100,00%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rating agency and analysts	100,00%	66,67%	100,00%	100,00%	66,67%	100,00%	66,67%	50,00%	100,00%	33,33%
Trade unions or other workers representatives	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	85,71%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%
Unlisted non-financial corporations	50,00%	100,00%	50,00%	100,00%	100,00%	33,33%	33,33%	33,33%	0,00%	33,33%
	74%	90%	76%	61%	76%	68%	73%	66%	48%	51%

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	G1-5					G1-6				
	Relevance		Info quality	International alignment	Prioritisation	Relevance	Sector specific		International alignment	Prioritisation
Academic / research institution	66,67%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	66,67%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	66,67%	66,67%
Audit or accounting firm, assurance provider	75,00%	91,67%	81,82%	77,78%	45,45%	75,00%	91,67%	81,82%	66,67%	54,55%
Business association	50,00%	72,22%	50,00%	33,33%	18,75%	17,65%	64,71%	29,41%	6,67%	20,00%
Consumer organization	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	n/a	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%
ESG reporting initiative	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%
EU Citizen	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Financial institution (Bank)	0,00%	40,00%	33,33%	0,00%	0,00%	57,14%	80,00%	0,00%	40,00%	40,00%
Financial institution (Insurance)	85,71%	85,71%	100,00%	0,00%	0,00%	85,71%	85,71%	100,00%	0,00%	14,29%
Financial institution (Other)	83,33%	83,33%	100,00%	83,33%	83,33%	0,00%	0,00%	100,00%	83,33%	83,33%
National Standard Setter	83,33%	100,00%	66,67%	83,33%	60,00%	83,33%	100,00%	66,67%	83,33%	80,00%
Non-financial corporation EU listed	53,85%	53,85%	75,00%	36,36%	16,67%	33,33%	41,67%	14,29%	10,00%	9,09%
Non-financial corporation listed outside EU	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	100,00%	n/a	0,00%	0,00%
Non-governmental organisation	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%
Other	75,00%	100,00%	100,00%	66,67%	0,00%	60,00%	80,00%	66,67%	66,67%	66,67%
Public authority/regulator/supervisor	100,00%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	100,00%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rating agency and analysts	100,00%	66,67%	50,00%	100,00%	66,67%	100,00%	66,67%	0,00%	100,00%	66,67%
Trade unions or other workers representatives	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	87,50%	87,50%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%
Unlisted non-financial corporations	33,33%	33,33%	33,33%	0,00%	50,00%	50,00%	100,00%	33,33%	0,00%	33,33%
	71%	77%	74%	59%	50%	68%	81%	66%	58%	58%

	G1-7					G1-8				
	Relevance	Sector specific	Info quality	International alignment	Prioritisation	Relevance	Sector specific		International alignment	Prioritisation
Academic / research institution	66,67%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	66,67%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	66,67%	66,67%
Audit or accounting firm, assurance provider	75,00%	91,67%	81,82%	77,78%	45,45%	75,00%	91,67%	81,82%	66,67%	54,55%
Business association	50,00%	72,22%	50,00%	33,33%	18,75%	17,65%	64,71%	29,41%	6,67%	20,00%
Consumer organization	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	n/a	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%
ESG reporting initiative	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%
EU Citizen	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Financial institution (Bank)	0,00%	40,00%	33,33%	0,00%	0,00%	57,14%	80,00%	0,00%	40,00%	40,00%
Financial institution (Insurance)	85,71%	85,71%	100,00%	0,00%	0,00%	85,71%	85,71%	100,00%	0,00%	14,29%
Financial institution (Other)	83,33%	83,33%	100,00%	83,33%	83,33%	0,00%	0,00%	100,00%	83,33%	83,33%
National Standard Setter	83,33%	100,00%	66,67%	83,33%	60,00%	83,33%	100,00%	66,67%	83,33%	80,00%
Non-financial corporation EU listed	53,85%	53,85%	75,00%	36,36%	16,67%	33,33%	41,67%	14,29%	10,00%	9,09%
Non-financial corporation listed outside EU	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	100,00%	n/a	0,00%	0,00%
Non-governmental organisation	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%
Other	75,00%	100,00%	100,00%	66,67%	0,00%	60,00%	80,00%	66,67%	66,67%	66,67%
Public authority/regulator/supervisor	100,00%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	100,00%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Rating agency and analysts	100,00%	66,67%	50,00%	100,00%	66,67%	100,00%	66,67%	0,00%	100,00%	66,67%
Trade unions or other workers representatives	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	87,50%	87,50%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%
Unlisted non-financial corporations	33,33%	33,33%	33,33%	0,00%	50,00%	50,00%	100,00%	33,33%	0,00%	33,33%
	71%	77%	74%	59%	50%	68%	81%	66%	58%	58%

	G1-10							
	Relevance	Sector specific	Info quality	International alignment	Prioritisation			
Academic / research institution	66,67%	100,00%	66,67%	66,67%	66,67%			
Audit firm, assurance provider and/or								
accounting firm	83,33%	100,00%	90,91%	60,00%	70,00%			
Business association	50,00%	66,67%	66,67%	58,33%	69,23%			
Consumer organization	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	n/a	100,00%			
ESG reporting initiative	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%			
EU Citizen	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Financial institution (Bank)	40,00%	80,00%	0,00%	40,00%	40,00%			
Financial institution (Insurance)	85,71%	85,71%	100,00%	0,00%	14,29%			
Financial institution (Other financial Market Participant, including pension funds and								
other asset managers)	83,33%	83,33%	100,00%	83,33%	83,33%			
National Standard Setter	66,67%	83,33%	60,00%	40,00%	100,00%			
Non-financial corporation with securities								
listed on EU regulated markets	38,46%	53,85%	62,50%	45,45%	46,15%			
Non-financial corporation with securities listed outside EU regulated markets	0,00%	0,00%	0,00%	n/a	100,00%			
Non-governmental organisation	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%			
Other	100,00%	100,00%	66,67%	66,67%	50,00%			
Public authority/regulator/supervisor	100,00%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a			
Rating agency and analysts	66,67%	66,67%	100,00%	100,00%	66,67%			
Trade unions or other workers	00,0770	00,0170	.00,0070	100,0070	00,0770			
representatives	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%	100,00%			
Unlisted non-financial corporations	33,33%	33,33%	33,33%	n/a	100,00%			
	71%	78%	72%	66%	75%			