



EFRAG UPDATE

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The EFRAG Update is published on a monthly basis to inform constituents about due process publications, public technical discussions held and decisions taken during that month.

Coronavirus – Update on EFRAG’s meetings and events

EFRAG will continue to monitor the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on its activities recognising the circumstances and priorities of our stakeholders and adapt its activities accordingly:

- All EFRAG public meetings of the EFRAG Board, EFRAG TEG and EFRAG CFSS are still turned into webcast meetings until further notice. Due to the particular circumstances, the meetings have been shortened and the frequency has been increased. Digital access to these public meetings is provided as usual;
- All EFRAG public events and outreaches until further notice have been turned into electronic format (see below) or postponed;
- EFRAG has adjusted the timelines of several of its projects taking into account the priorities of its stakeholders during the pandemic and is flexible in obtaining input through outreaches, field tests and other means, recognising the availability and individual circumstances of the stakeholders concerned. Input of stakeholders is an essential part of EFRAG’s due process as public interest organisation.

EFRAG staff is mainly working from home and is contactable by email, Teams or phone. The EFRAG offices are open during working hours.

You can find contact details [here](#).

PUBLICATIONS

Draft Endorsement Advice

On 28 August 2020, EFRAG issued its draft endorsement advice on *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2 (Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16)*. Comments are expected no later than 7 September 2020.

For more details, please see the [EFRAG website](#).

Summary report on field-test workshop

On 26 August 2020, EFRAG published a report summarising the feedback from the workshop organised on 7 July 2020 to discuss the findings from the field-test conducted jointly with the IASB and European preparers on the IASB Exposure Draft *General Presentation and Disclosures*. The purpose of the field-test is to identify potential implementation and application



concerns, determine whether there is a need for additional guidance and estimate the efforts required to implement and apply the proposals.

For more details, please see the [EFRAG website](#).

WEBINARS AND ON-LINE OUTREACHES

EFRAG online joint outreach event: Primary Financial Statements - Preparers Round-table - 1 September 2020

On 19 August 2020, EFRAG published a programme for the joint online outreach event '*Primary Financial Statements: Preparers Round-table*', organised by EFRAG and Business Europe in cooperation with the IASB. The online event will take place on 1 September 2020 from 9.30 am until 12.30 pm.

For more details, please see the [EFRAG website](#).

Accelerated process for the endorsement of the IASB Amendments on *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform—Phase 2: Consultation and Public Outreach event*

On 28 August 2020, EFRAG issued its Draft Endorsement Advice (DEA) on the IASB Amendments on *IBOR - Phase 2* (issued by the IASB on 27 August 2020) with comments expected no later than **7 September 2020**.

Given the urgency of the matter and the accelerated consultation process, EFRAG announced, on 3 August 2020, the organisation of public outreach event on **7 September 2020** to collect stakeholders' views on the endorsement of the IASB's amendments.

For more details, please see the [EFRAG website](#).

Save the Date - ASCG outreach event on PFS with participation of EFRAG and the IASB

On 4 August 2020, EFRAG published Save the Date for the public outreach event organised by the German Standard Setter (ASCG) on the IASB's Exposure Draft General Presentation and Disclosures. The representatives from EFRAG and the IASB will participate in the 2 outreach events held on 7 and 11 September 2020.

For more details, please see the [EFRAG website](#).



OPEN CONSULTATIONS

Title and description	Closing date
EFRAG Draft Endorsement Advice on <i>Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2 (Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16)</i>	7 September 2020
EFRAG Draft Endorsement Advice on IASB Publication <i>Annual Improvements to IFRS Standards 2018-2020</i>	7 September 2020
EFRAG Draft Endorsement Advice on IASB Publication <i>Property, Plant and Equipment: Proceeds before Intended Use (Amendments to IAS 16)</i>	7 September 2020
EFRAG Draft Endorsement Advice on IASB Publication <i>Onerous Contracts - Cost of Fulfilling a Contract (Amendments to IAS 37)</i>	7 September 2020
EFRAG Draft Endorsement Advice on IASB Publication <i>Updating a Reference to the Conceptual Framework (Amendments to IFRS 3)</i>	7 September 2020
EFRAG Draft Comment Letter on IASB Exposure Draft <i>ED/2019/7 General Presentation and Disclosures</i>	28 September 2020
EFRAG Draft Comment Letter on IASB Discussion Paper <i>DP/2020/1 Business Combinations—Disclosures, Goodwill and Impairment</i>	30 November 2020
EFRAG Discussion Paper on <i>The Accounting for Crypto-Assets (Liabilities) - Holder and Issuer Perspective</i>	31 July 2021 (earlier input is welcome)

For more information please see [EFRAG's consultations page](#).

EFRAG BOARD

Webcast meeting

The EFRAG Board held a webcast meeting on [24 August 2020](#) and discussed the following topic:

IASB Project *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2*

EFRAG Board discussed the Draft Endorsement Advice on *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2 (Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16)*. EFRAG Board approved the document unanimously subject to minor changes if required to reflect the final amendments issued by the IASB.

Next meeting

The EFRAG Board will hold a next webcast meeting on [10 September 2020](#).



August 2020 written procedures

The EFRAG Board has not approved any documents using written procedures in August.

Expected September 2020 written procedures

The EFRAG Board is expected to approve the following documents, using written procedures in September:

- Draft Endorsement Advice on the *Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current, Amendments to IAS 1 Presentation of Financial Statements and Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-current—Deferral of Effective Date*, Amendments to IAS 1, which were issued by the IASB on 23 January 2020 and 15 July 2020, respectively.

EFRAG TECHNICAL EXPERT GROUP (TEG)

Webcast meeting

EFRAG TEG held a webcast meeting on [24 August 2020](#) and discussed the following topic:

IASB Project *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2*

EFRAG TEG discussed the draft endorsement advice on *Interest Rate Benchmark Reform – Phase 2 (Amendments to IFRS 9, IAS 39, IFRS 7, IFRS 4 and IFRS 16)*. EFRAG TEG approved the document unanimously subject to minor changes if required to reflect the final amendments issued by the IASB.

Next meeting

EFRAG TEG will hold a next webcast meeting on [2 - 3 September 2020](#).



EUROPEAN REPORTING LAB

Preparatory work towards possible EU Non-financial Reporting Standards

The call for candidates to join the new project task force that will undertake preparatory work for possible EU non-financial reporting ended on 17 August 2020. Applications received are being examined by the Nomination Committee of the European Lab SG and the composition of the project task force is expected to be announced in early September.



Reporting of non-financial risks and opportunities and linkage to the business model.

On 3 August 2020, the European Lab announced the appointment of Dawn Slevin and Mario Abela as co-Chairs of the European Lab Project Task Force on reporting of non-financial risks and opportunities and linkage to the business model. The co-Chairs will lead the operation of the second project of the European Lab, including planning, identification of good reporting practices and challenges, conducting stakeholder outreach activities, and the project deliverables.

NEXT STEPS

The European Lab SG will hold its next meeting on 15 September 2020.

The second meeting of the Project Task Force on Reporting of non-financial risks and opportunities and linkage to the business model is expected to take place on 8 September 2020.

The first meeting of the new Project Task Force on Preparatory Work towards EU Non-financial Reporting Standards is scheduled to take place on 11 September 2020.