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# Third Agenda Consultation

# Objective and overview

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# **Objective and timeline of the IASB's consultation**

| C.        | To seek feedback on:  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Objective | the strategic direction<br>and balance of the<br>Board's activities | the criteria for<br>assessing the priority<br>of financial reporting<br>issues | the priority of financial<br>reporting issues that<br>could be added to the<br>work plan |  |  |

| March 2021   |                        | otember<br>2021                      | Q4 2021                      | Q2 2022                                     | 2022–2026  |               |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|---------------|
|  |                        | •                                    |                              |   |  |               |
| Published<br>Request for<br>Information for<br>public commen | (27                    | d of comment<br>period<br>September) | Start of Board deliberations | Publication of<br>the Feedback<br>Statement | Board<br>execution of<br>activities and<br>work plan |               |
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### Setting the scene regarding the IASB's consultation

### Third Agenda Consultation

#### Undertaken by the Board

- To seek feedback that helps the Board prioritise activities within the current scope of the Board's work
- The current scope of the Board's work is financial statements and management commentary for profit-oriented companies
- Final decisions to be made by Q2 2022

### Strategy Review

#### Undertaken by the IFRS Foundation Trustees

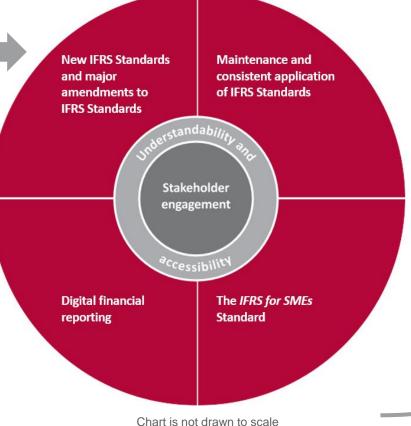
- To explore a potential expansion of the Foundation's role through the creation of a new Board to set sustainability reporting Standards
- Final decisions to be made before the November 2021 United Nations COP26 conference

Trustees' decisions that affect the scope of the Board's work will be considered in finalising the Board's priorities and work plan



# **Overview of the IASB's Request for Information**





Strategic direction and balance of the Board's activities



### Timeline EFRAG consultation

20 May 2021 Consultation DCL launched
 Joint consultation on the IASB's future agenda and EFRAG's proactive research agenda

• Answers possible through letter or via the survey

17 September 2021 Closing of comment period

- Supporting webinar on 9 September 2021
- CFSS member inputs on 15 September 2021

### 27 September 2021 End of IASB consultation

#### EFRAG's view on the overall balance of the IASB's activities

- EFRAG agrees with the overall balance of the main activities of the IASB
- The activities in relation to digital reporting could be increased as well as a project on the effect of technology on standard setting.
- Connectivity between financial reporting and sustainability reporting should be identified as an additional and separate area of activity of the IASB.
- Give priority to finalising major projects and the required post-implementation reviews (PIR's)
- Set aside capacity to react to emerging and unforeseen issues

### Strategic direction and the proposed criteria for assessing the priority of financial reporting issues

# Strategic direction and balance of the IASB's activities

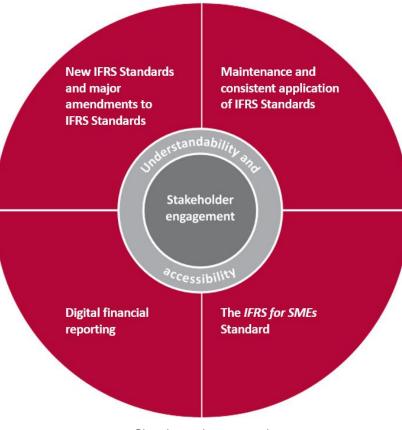




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### Helping stakeholders respond on the balance of activities of the IASB

| Current level of focus on each activity                   |         |  |  |  |
|---|---------|--|--|--|
| New IFRS Standards and major amendments to IFRS Standards | 40%–45% |  |  |  |
| Maintenance and consistent application of IFRS Standards  | 15%–20% |  |  |  |
| The IFRS for SMEs Standard                                | 5%      |  |  |  |
| Digital financial reporting                               | 5%      |  |  |  |
| Understandability and accessibility                       | 5%      |  |  |  |
| Stakeholder engagement                                    | 20%–25% |  |  |  |

#### Resources

The overall level of resources available **to the Board** will remain substantially unchanged



Increasing the resource allocation to one activity will mean fewer resources are available for other activities

# The IASB's proposed criteria

**Overarching consideration**—whether a potential project will meet investors' needs, while taking into account the costs of producing the information

the type of whether there is a companies affected the importance of the how **pervasive** the and jurisdictions where **deficiency** in current matter to investors matter is the matter is more reporting prevalent the complexity and feasibility the **capacity** of the Board and the potential project's of the potential project and its its stakeholders to progress the interaction with other projects solutions potential project

Keep in mind that the range and subjectivity of any specified criteria means that prioritising potential projects will require judgment—i.e. it cannot be an exact science



### Criteria for assessing priority

#### CRITERIA PROPOSED BY THE IASB

- Importance of the matter to investors
- Whether there is any deficiency in the way companies re
- Type of companies being affected
- · Pervasiveness or acuteness of the matter
- Interaction of the project with other projects
- Complexity and feasibility of the potential project and its solutions
- Capacity of the IASB and stakeholders.



### Criteria for assessing priority

- EFRAG additionally suggests considering:
  - the use of non-GAAP information; and
  - whether evidence of structuring opportunities exists and needs to be addressed
- EFRAG requests an explanation of how the IASB assesses and reconsiders priorities.

# Potential new projects

# **IASB's work plan priorities for 2022–2026**

| 2022-2026 work plan priorities   |  |   |  |  |  |
|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| Continue projects<br>already on the work<br>plan   | Conduct required<br>post-implementation<br>reviews                                       | Undertake any time-<br>sensitive projects   | Add new projects to the work plan  |  |  |
| <ul> <li>Stakeholders have<br/>previously identified<br/>them as priorities</li> <li>Re-prioritising could<br/>lead to inefficient<br/>starts and stops</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>IFRS 10, 11 and 12</li> <li>IFRS 9</li> <li>IFRS 15</li> <li>IFRS 16</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Urgent projects that<br/>may arise after this<br/>consultation</li> <li>For example, the<br/>IBOR Reform<br/>projects that arose<br/>after the 2015<br/>Agenda Consultation</li> </ul> | • The IASB expects to<br>add 2–3 large<br>projects, or 4–5<br>medium-sized<br>projects, or 7–8 small<br>projects, if the IASB<br>continues to spend<br>40%–45% of its<br>resources on this<br>activity |  |  |



# **Projects described in the IASB's Request for Information**

What priority would you give each potential project—high, medium or low—and why?

| Described projects*                         |                       |  |                                       |                              |                               |   |   |
|---|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|
| Borrowing costs                             | Climate-related risks | Commodity<br>transactions              |                                       |                              |                               | Cryptocurrencies and related transactions | Discontinued<br>operations and<br>disposal groups |
| Discount rates                              | Employee benefits     | Expenses (Inventory and cost of sales) |                                       | Foreign currencies           | Going concern                 |   |   |
| Government grants                           | Income taxes          | Inflation                              |                                       | Intangible assets            | Interim financial reporting   |   |   |
| Negative interest<br>rates                  | Operating segments    | Other comprehensive income             |                                       | Pollutant pricing mechanisms | Separate financial statements |   |   |
| Statement of cash flows and related matters |                       |  | Variable and contingent consideration |                              |                               |   |   |

\* You can read the description of a potential project by clicking on the project title.

EFRAG's view on priority of accounting projects

#### PRELIMINARY VIEW ON PRIORITIES

- Connecting financial and sustainability reporting
- Crypto assets and related transactions
- Discontinued operations and disposal groups
- Intangible assets
- Statement of cash flows
- Variable and contingent consideration

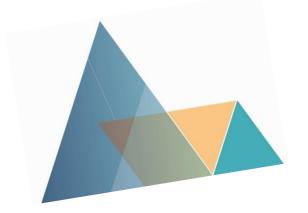


### EFRAG's view on priority of accounting projects

#### ENHANCE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE IASB AND OTHER STANDARD SETTERS

EFRAG pleads for more cooperation between the IASB and other regional and national standard setters

- Creating synergies in research and local knowledge
- More swiftly addressing existing accounting issues.



### EFRAG's proactive research agenda

### Future EFRAG proactive research activities

#### PRELIMINARY VIEW ON WHICH TOPICS TO CONSIDER

- The projects European constituents find most important for the IASB to consider.
- Projects that would be particularly suitable for an EFRAG proactive research project:
  - connecting financial and sustainability reporting
  - digital reporting
  - segment reporting
  - supply chain financing.

# **Published IASB materials**



#### **Request for Information**

The Request for Information is available for download on the Third Agenda Consultation project webpage.





#### How to comment

- Submit a comment letter:
  - ✓ Online at: <u>https://www.ifrs.org/projects/open-forcomment/</u>
  - ✓ By email to: <u>commentletters@ifrs.org</u>
- Complete a survey: <u>https://ecv.microsoft.com/sDvxcZ9hrt</u>



Participate in the consultation!

LET US HEAR YOUR VIEWS !

- Read our joint consultation document and submit a comment letter.
- Participate in the survey.



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