IASB Management Commentary Project-EFRAG's perspectives

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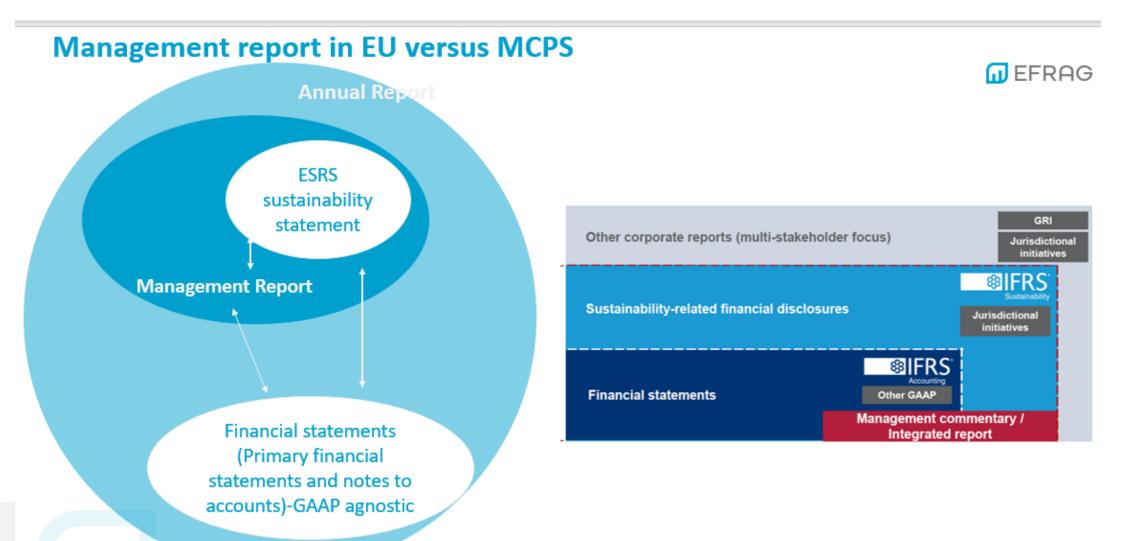




Points of note- 1/3



The EU has relatively robust requirements for the preparation of management commentary (Accounting Directive and Country-specific requirements) and the MCPS is not endorsed in the EU.



Points of note- 2/3



EFRAG's FR reactive IFRS workplan includes the management commentary project for the following reasons

- The project was deemed an opportunity to facilitate the cross-pollination best practices and global convergence of management commentary reporting requirements; and
- The MCPS may be useful in jurisdictions that do not have management commentary reporting requirements and improve the quality of financial reporting in those jurisdictions.

EFRAG and ESMA participated in Management Commentary Consultative Group (MCCG) as observers; EU had preparer, standard setter and regulator representatives in the MCCG



Points of note- 3/3



The <u>EFRAG comment letter response to 2021 MCPS ED</u> and the <u>EFRAG Comment Letter response to the ISSB Consultation on Agenda Priorities (Response to Question 7)</u> conveyed EFRAG's position on MCPS. We note the following:

- Both EFRAG comment letters called for the IASB-ISSB to collaborate in completing the MCPS project;
- EFRAG's response to the ISSB consultation considered the MCPS as a possible step in a future "integration in reporting project."

The EFRAG connectivity project initial paper "Connectivity considerations and boundaries of different Annual Report sections'

- Suggested the enhancement of management commentary guidance at jurisdictional level and at MCPS. The latter
 ought to include the clarification of the role of MC in ensuring connectivity under IFRS general purpose
 financial reporting
- In addition to considering the ESRS' and ISSB Standards' connectivity/connection requirements, the EFRAG connectivity paper considered the notion of coherence (i.e., presentation and disclosure of information in a manner that gives a more complete picture of value creation), which was applied as one the characteristics of useful information in the 2021 MCPS ED



Question for EFRAG FR and SR TEG members

1. Do you have comments and questions on the IASB decisions on the MCPS project? See communique in related link – <u>19 June 2024, IASB unanimously agrees to finalise the revision of the Management Commentary Practice Statement</u>.