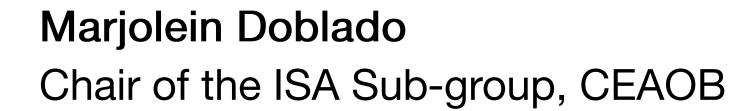


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IMPLEMENTING ESEF

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- 1. Context
- 2. Legal background analysis provided by the European Commission services
- 3. Purpose of the guidelines
- 4. Work to be performed by auditors
- 5. Reporting by the auditors
- Appendix summary of the ESEF requirements relevant to the work of the auditors



Work to be performed by auditors

(XHTML)

(1) human-readable layer
audited / identical to the audited information
and

(XBRL)

(2) information is marked-up in compliance with the ESEF requirements

(2) Work on the marked-up information

- reasonable assurance about whether financial statements have been marked-up, in all material aspects, in compliance with the ESEF requirements
 - materiality for marked up information
 - identify and assess the **level of risks** of material misstatements
 - procedures to respond to the risks
 - conclude on whether the marked-up information complies with ESEF requirements

The auditor's reporting on ESEF

- Benefit of consistence in the reporting across Member States
 - CEAOB recommendation provided in the guidelines
- Auditors' opinion/conclusion on whether the financial statements prepared by the entity comply with the ESEF requirements
 - in the audit report
 - in a section which is **clearly separated from the audit opinion**
- considering national legal **requirements** / additional provisions
- Reference clearly the ESEF files examined by the auditor

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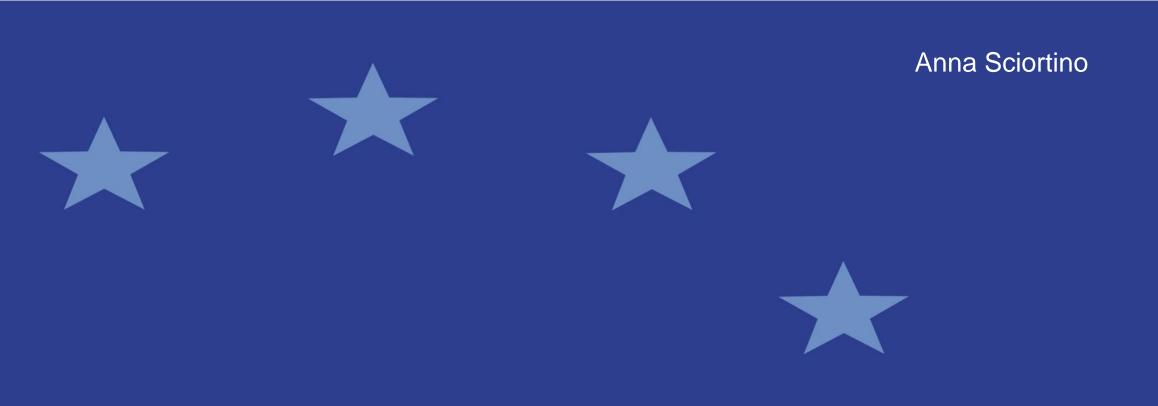
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ESEF for preparersESMA's RTS and next steps





To whom do the ESEF requirements apply?

- To all issuers with securities admitted to trading on regulated markets under the obligation to make public annual financial reports (AFRs) in accordance with Article 4.1 of the TD.
- To AFRs containing financial statements for financial years beginning on or after 1 January 2020.
- Deadline for the publication set out in Article 4.1 of the TD remains unchanged.



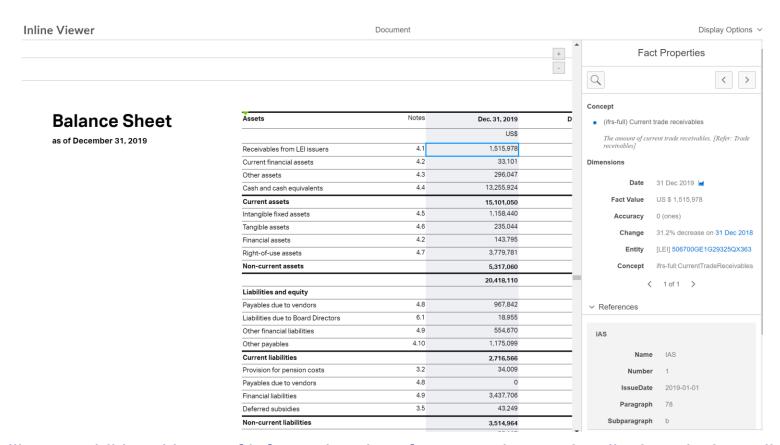
What does ESEF mean in terms of design

- The move to XHTML does not constrain design choices nor does the underlying regulation.
- However if does mean that companies need to make the decision about where on the continuum between compliance and communication they sit.





What do embedded XBRL tags look like



...like an additional layer of information that, for example, can be displayed when clicking on a certain tagged element



Level of tagging required by ESEF RTS

IFRS consolidated FS

Individual financial statements

3rd country GAAP FS

Primary financial statements

mandatory from 2020*

voluntary
(if MS provides taxonomy)

not possible

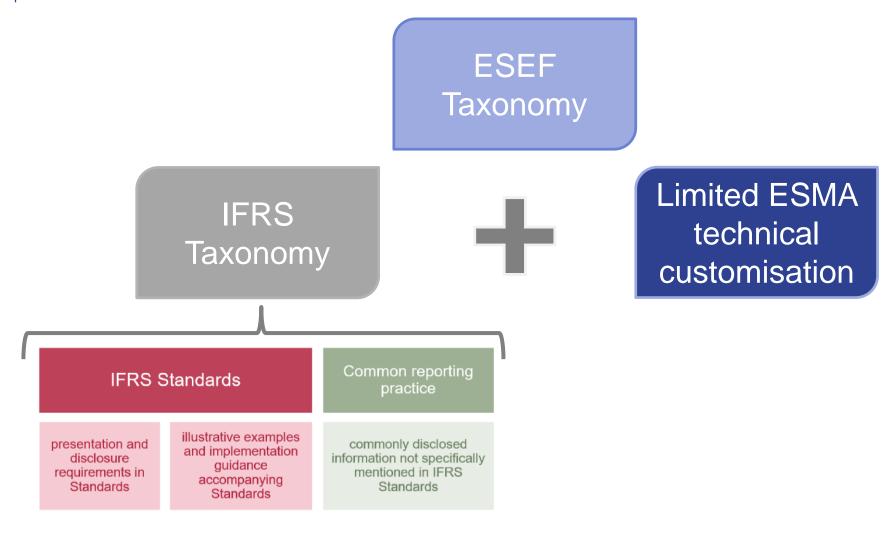
Block tagging of notes mandatory from 2022

Detailed tagging of notes

voluntary



ESEF Taxonomy







How to get prepared for ESEF

LEARNING

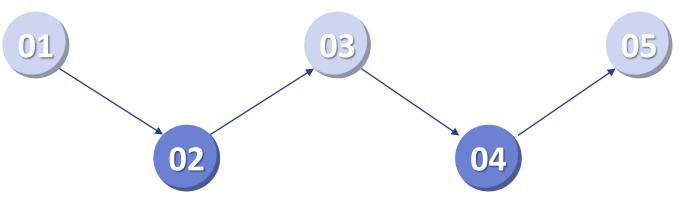
- Familiarise yourself with the ESEF requirements and with the IFRS taxonomy
- Educate your teams and management

STRATEGY

- In-house or externalised production?
- Governance of the ESEF project (validation, key actors etc)

TIMING

Start early! Start now!



START MAPPING

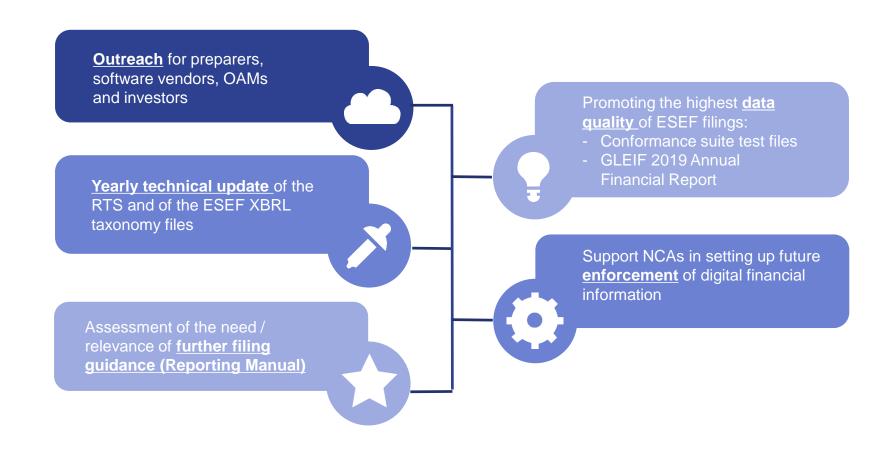
- Map your 2019 financial statements to the IFRS taxonomy
- Analyse the need for extensions and anchors

CHOOSE SOFTWARE

- Asess the right solution for you
- Built in or bolt on approach?
- Standalone iXBRL or disclosure management solutions?



ESMA's ongoing activities and next steps





Thank you for your attention!

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To find out more

On ESMA's website:

- The ESEF webpage https://www.esma.europa.eu/policy-activities/corporate-disclosure/european-single-electronic-format
- Video tutorials on ESEF: Video 1 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IOg9ETFpAhg

Video 2 https://youtu.be/FlmK-_H2x8w

Video 3 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=63ASc8k3Jcc&t=36s

- The ESEF Reporting Manual (ESMA32-60-2540)
- The Final Report on the draft RTS on ESEF (ESMA32-60-204)
- The <u>Feedback Statement</u> on the Consultation Paper on the RTS on ESEF (ESMA/2016/1668)

On the IFRS Foundation website:

- General resources on the <u>IFRS Taxonomy</u> https://www.ifrs.org/issued-standards/ifrs-taxonomy/#resources
- Using the IFRS Taxonomy: A Preparer's Guide
- IFRS Taxonomy <u>illustrative examples</u>

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Considerations for Compliance

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Touchpoints in discussion with project leaders

Status of law, regulations, guidance

Fact-checking the solution vendors

Document model (one doc/ two doc)

Timetables

Responsibilities and education

Mapping

What are others doing?

Role of the auditor

ESEF Training

ESEF Training & Workshop

- Blended learning digital and workshops
- Different roles, different depth
- Action planning



ESEF Mapping Report

ESEF Mapping Report

- Begin with the end in mind
- Accounting decisions and judgements
- Bringing work forward before year-end
- Cash flow and SOCIEs are generally more complex

	Note	2019 £m	2018 £m
Revenue	2	3,598	3,437
[Entity Specific Disclosure]		3 (453)	(432)
Gross Profit		3,145	6 3,005
Staff costs	3	7 (1,620)	§(1,537)
Depreciations, amortisation and impairment	4	9 (68)	
Other operating charges	4	(588)	(541)
Operating profit		13 869	14 872

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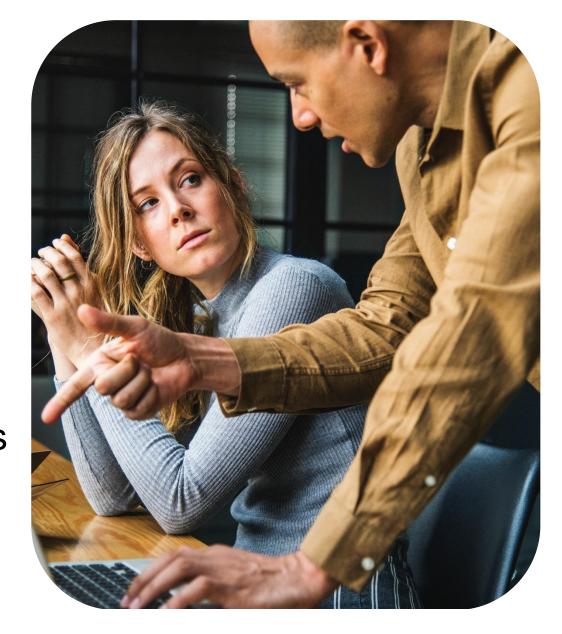
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INTRODUCTION

- Purpose of this presentation
- Available guidance on ESEF assurance
- Legal uncertainties
- Need for harmonisation
- Role of national standard setters





GUIDING PRINCIPLES



- Clear engagement subject matter
- Consistency of the approach
- Reliability and understandability of the report
- Practicability of the guidance



RECOMMENDATIONS

Subject matter: Technical validity of the ESEF documents and tagging in accordance with ESEF RTS

Assurance Standard: ISAE 3000 or equivalent

Level of Assurance: Reasonable

Reporting: Assurance report to be published together with the AFR and linked to the ESEF documents



ENGAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

- Ethical requirements and resources
- Materiality in planning and evaluating findings
- Risk-based approach
- Professional judgment



ENGAGEMENT PERFORMANCE

Assertions

Risk assessment

Internal controls

Substantive testing

Reporting



PRACTICAL ISSUES

First year application

Mapping document

Integrated approach (with audit procedures)

Voluntary tagging

Guidance by National Standard Setters



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