

#### Fédération des Experts-comptables Européens Federation of European Accountants

#### The Future of Corporate Reporting – "Core & More"

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## **About FEE**



50 institutes



37 countries



almost 1 million professionals



28 EU member states

## FEE fostering the debate



- 1. Growing audience
- 2.Content: financial and non-financial reporting
- 3.Core & More
- 4.Approach to policy making and innovationTECHNOLOGY as driver and enabler of change

# Financial statements (FS) losing "market share"

Decision-making information

-Unstructured

Other sources

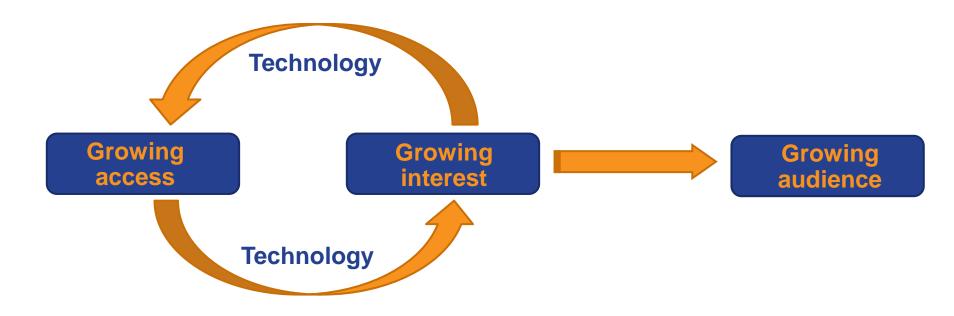
**Financial statements** 

Structured

1950 Year 2016

## **Growing audience**

- Accountability to a wider group of stakeholders
- Multiple reports not sustainable
- Two way communication



## **Corporate information**

## Financial (FI)



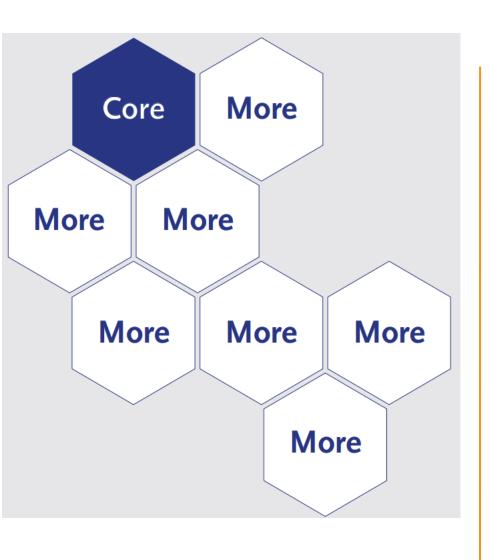
- More timely and less voluminous
- Driven by relevance, not compliance

## Non-financial (NFI)

- Key for a complete picture
- Move towards global principles-based reporting framework

Connected
Think screen, not paper/PDF

#### **CORE & MORE**



- One CORE (Summary)
   report, and
- MORE reports
- Financial, notes, ESG, country-by country, tax transparency, etc.
- Accessed via drilling down vertically and horizontally
- Technology is key!
- Update dynamic/periodic/ ad hoc elements

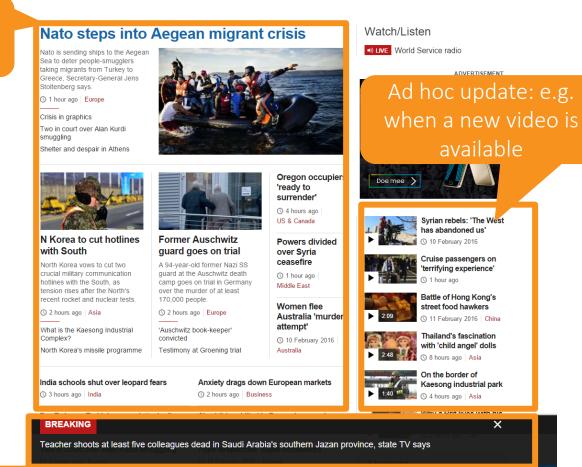
## **CORE & MORE - Updating**

- The building blocks might be updated at different times
- Building blocks might be added, replaced or removed
- How much updating is allowed?
- Example: Newspaper versus news website

## **CORE & MORE - Updating**

Periodic update: e.g. every hour





Dynamic update: Whenever something important happens

# Future of Corporate Reporting and (IR)



- Need for debate and experimentation
  - Is there agreement on the issues to be solved?
  - If yes, who should own the agenda?
- <IR> is the most developed and promising initiative
- <IR> could become the CORE report
- FEE wants to be a constructive, but critical partner with<IR>

## Policy making and innovation

- Remove barriers to innovation
- Allow parallel experimental reporting
- See compliance as a means to an end added value
- Coordinate stakeholders, policy-makers and standard setters

## Key points of feedback received

- General acknowledgement of issues identified in FEE paper
- Mixed views on broader stakeholder model;
   investor primacy stressed by many
- Generally agreement with importance of technology
- Mixed views on Core & More, need for clarification
- Relatively little input on future policy agenda

## **Next steps**

- FEE Paper presented at 27 events
- 29 response letters, see <a href="http://bit.ly/2g50yTq">http://bit.ly/2g50yTq</a>
- Potential next steps:
  - Non-financial information reporting development
  - Technology and access to data
  - Redefine and fine-tune CORE & MORE
- 2017 FEE event to debate more concrete proposals

### Join the debate



- Discussion paper <a href="http://bit.ly/15futurecorprep">http://bit.ly/15futurecorprep</a>
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