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Report by the ASCG on the 3rd meeting of the Sustainability Reporting Technical Committee on 2 March 2022

The Sustainability Reporting Technical Committee received an overview of the structure of the future European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS) and the current status of the work of the EFRAG Project Task Force on ESRS (PTF-ESRS). The Sustainability Reporting Technical Committee dealt with the contents of the Working Papers of Cluster 1 (Conceptual guidelines and cross-cutting Standards) and Cluster 2 (Environment - Climate Mitigation & Adaptation) published on 21 January 2022 and with the contents of the Working Papers of Cluster 3 (Environment – Water & marine resources, pollution, circular economy, biodiversity & ecosystems) and Cluster 7 (Sector-specific standards) published on 18 and 25 February 2022. A public consultation on the contents of the drafts is still pending. At present, the drafts are subject to further review and consensus-building procedures (including by so-called Expert Working Groups) within PTF-ESRS.

The focus of the discussions on the drafts of Cluster 1 was on the *cross-cutting standards*. Critical discussions included:

- the amount of sector-agnostic reporting requirements, and
- · the practicability of the present drafts.

In addition, the drafts of Cluster 2, Cluster 3 and Cluster 7 were discussed. Critical discussions included:

- the reporting on climate-related impacts and emissions data of the value chain, and
- the level of ambition of the reporting requirements, especially with regard to transition plans and the preparation of climate scenarios.

A continuation of the discussions is planned for the upcoming meeting of the Joint Technical Committee on 17 March 2022 and the Sustainability Reporting Technical Committee on 18 March 2022.

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