



# Navigating ESG Reporting in Asia Pacific

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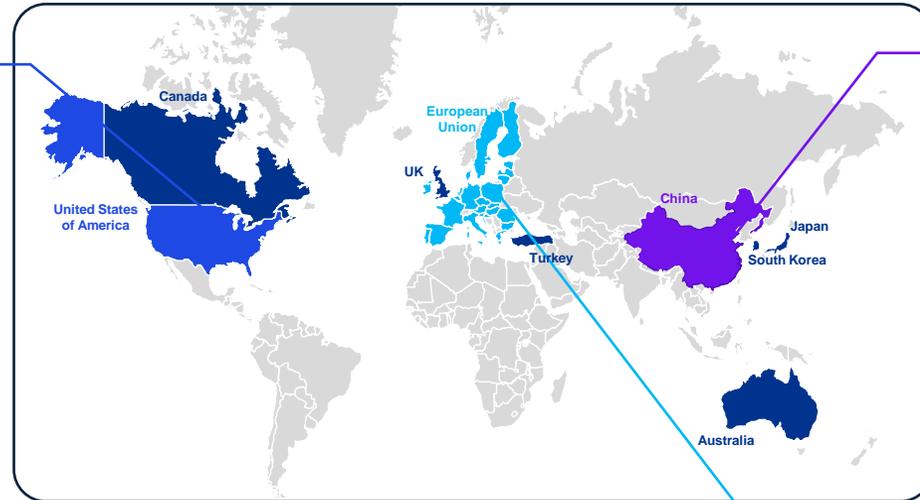
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# Introducing the global ESG regulatory landscape

# Global ESG regulatory landscape: Overview



## California climate rule



Focus on companies in California

- **Scope:** Public or private companies doing business in California
- **Disclosure:** Detailed requirements to report GHG emissions and climate risks, including fines and penalties
- **Assurance requirement:** Initially limited assurance for scopes 1 and 2, with transition to reasonable assurance (TBD for scope 3)

## SEC climate rule

Investor and public company focus

- **Scope:** Nearly all US SEC registrants, including foreign private issuers
- **Disclosure:** Detailed requirements to report on climate
- **Assurance requirement:** For accelerated and large accelerated filers, initially limited assurance for scopes 1 and 2, with transition to reasonable assurance

## Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD)

Multi-stakeholder focus, including investors

- **Scope:** Listed and private EU companies or groups and non-EU companies or groups with significant operations in the EU
- **Disclosure:** Comprehensive disclosures across Governance, Strategy and granular requirements on sustainability impacts, risks and opportunities
- **Assurance requirement:** Mandatory limited assurance required, with intent to mandatory reasonable assurance at a later stage

## EU Taxonomy

A framework to facilitate sustainable investment

- **Scope:** Large EU PIEs and other large companies in EU
- **Disclosure:** Reporting of KPIs for taxonomy eligible and aligned economic activities (Quantitative and Qualitative disclosures)
- **Assurance requirement:** Mandatory limited assurance required, with intent to mandatory reasonable assurance at a later stage



## Chinese sustainability reporting guidelines (Proposal)

Focus on companies listed in China

- **Scope:** Listed companies in China and first reporting starts from FY 2025
- **Disclosure:** Detailed reporting on climate change, energy use, supply chain, circular economy rural revitalization and biodiversity across governance, strategy, IRO management and indicators and goals.
- **Assurance requirement:** No clarity on Assurance requirement.



## ISSB Standards (Investor focus)



Investor focus

- **Scope:** As determined by individual jurisdictions
- **Disclosure:** General principles, including requirement to report across all sustainability-related risks and opportunities. Topic-specific standard on climate
- **Assurance requirement:** No mandatory assurance. Responsibility of each adopting jurisdiction

# Multiple reporting standards for ESG Reporting

## ○ Two ISSB Standards

- **Investor focus**
- General principles, including requirement to report across all sustainability-related risks and opportunities
- Topic-specific standard on climate
- Climate-first option available in the first year of reporting

## ○ Twelve ESRS standards under CSRD

- **Multi-stakeholder focus, including investors**
- Core principles for disclosure, not limited to climate
- To date, granular requirements published for sustainability impacts, risks and opportunities

## ○ EU Taxonomy Regulation

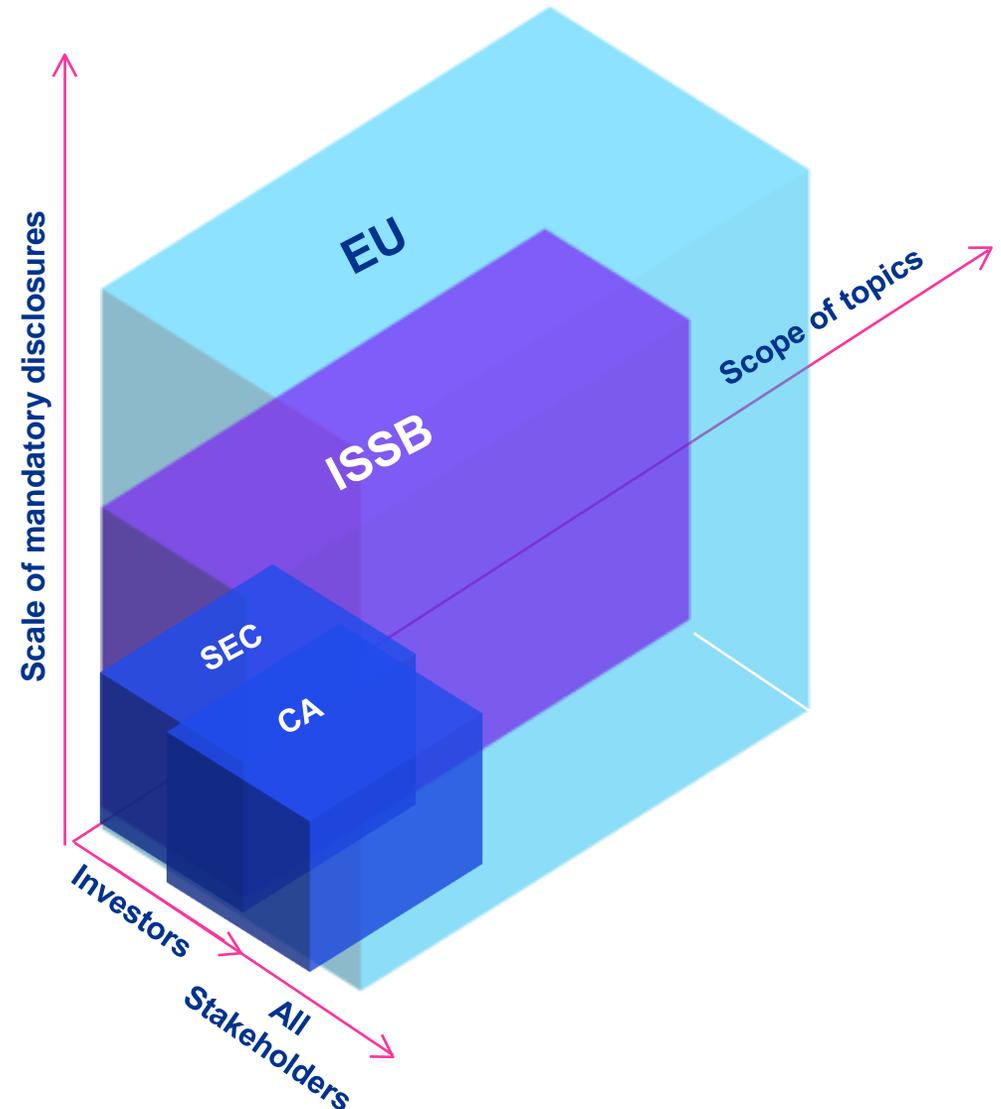
- **A framework to facilitate sustainable investment**
- The Taxonomy is a 'green' classification system that defines which economic activities can be considered sustainable
- Taxonomy-aligned reporting/disclosures are mandated through a variety of regulations

## ○ One SEC climate proposal

- **Investor and public company focus**
- Detailed requirements to report on climate
- Recent proposals (e.g. cyber, human capital)

## ○ One California climate rule

- **Focus on all companies doing business in CA**
- Signed into law on October 7, 2023
- Detailed requirements to report GHG including fines and penalties



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# Overview of non-financial reporting regulations

# Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD)



## WHO in scope and WHEN to report

- Large EU-PIEs: **FY24**
- Other large EU companies: **FY25**
- Certain listed EU SMEs: **FY26** (Option to opt out 2 Years)
- **Ultimate Non-EU Parents: FY28**

## WHERE to report?

### Reporting in the Management Report

Digital reporting of sustainability information in line with the **European Single Electronic Format (ESEF)**

**At the same time of financial statements**

## Assurance Obligation

**Limited Assurance** according to ISAE 3000 or a comparable standard will be mandatory

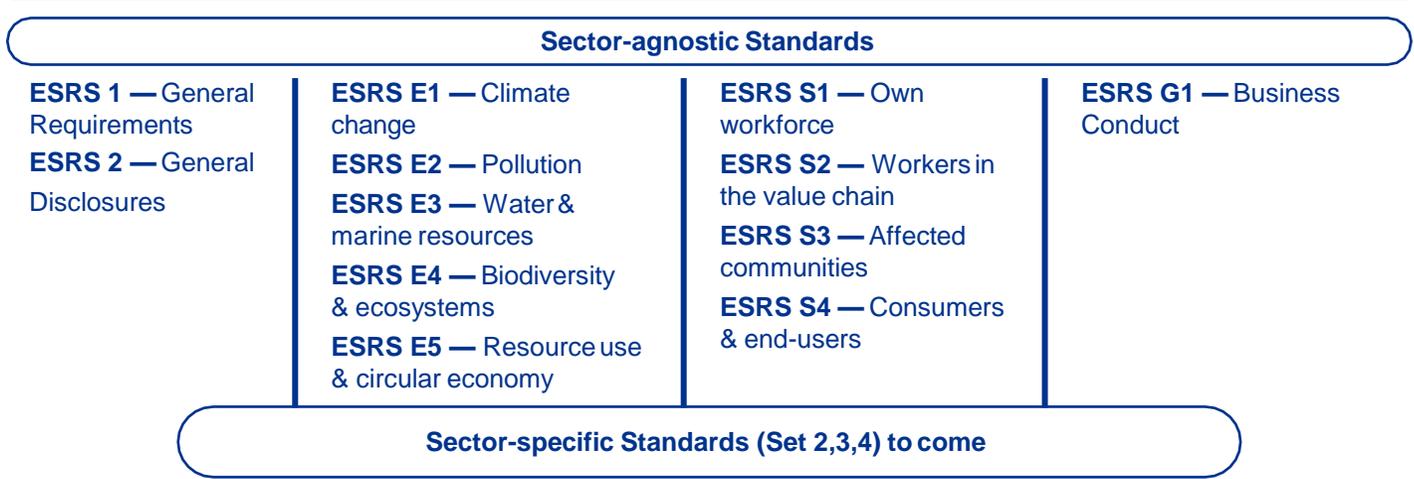
**Reasonable Assurance** to follow

## WHAT to report?

### Topics of CSRD

-  Cross-cutting
-  Environmental
-  Social
-  Governance

### Reporting Levels of the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD)



### Reporting Areas

- I. Governance
- II. Strategy
- III. Implementation
- IV. Metrics & Targets

# EU Taxonomy



## WHO in scope and WHEN to report



Large EU-PIEs by FY23  
 Other large EU companies by FY25  
 By FY24 Eligibility and alignment for all six environmental objectives.

## WHERE to report?



Reporting in the **Management Report**

## Assurance Obligation



**Limited Assurance**  
**Reasonable Assurance** to follow

## WHAT to report?

### Eligibility

01

Verify the company's economic activities in the list of eligible activities

List of eligible activities for the six environmental objectives is publicly available on the **EU Taxonomy Compass**

<https://ec.europa.eu/sustainable-finance-taxonomy/taxonomy-compass>

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Substantially contribute to at least one environmental objective

- Climate change mitigation
- Climate change adaptation
- Protection of water and marine resources
- Transition to a circular economy
- Pollution prevention and control
- Protection of biodiversity & ecosystems

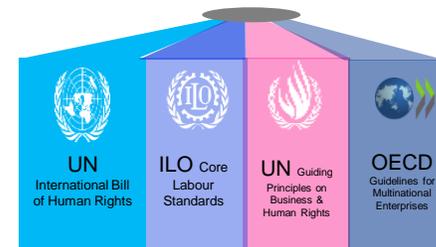
**For eligible activities, the company continues the analysis of the technical screening criteria to check whether the activity complies with Substantial contribution, DNSH and Minimum safeguards**

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Do no significantly harm (DNSH) to any other environmental objective

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Comply with Minimum safeguards



### Reporting

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Reporting of KPIs for taxonomy eligibility and alignment

**a) KPIs per economic activity**

- Turnover
- CapEx
- OpEx

**b) Qualitative disclosures**

- Accounting policy
- Assessment of EU Taxonomy compliance
- Contextual information

# California Climate Rules



## WHO in Scope

US businesses (public and private)

- Doing business in California
- Total revenue > \$1B  
{for SB-253}
- Total revenue > \$500M  
{for SB-261}
- Includes US subs of non-US companies
- SB 261 scoping excludes insurance companies

Over 10,000 US companies will be subject to the climate disclosure requirements in the near term.

Awaiting the CARB adoption of implementation regulations; implementation costs and timeline

## WHAT to Report (Overview)

It covers three landmark climate disclosure bills

### SB-253- Climate corporate data accountability act

#### Major areas covered

Scopes 1, 2 and 3 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in accordance with the GHG Protocol

If already reporting under another mandatory standard, no need to duplicate.

### SB-261- Climate related financial risk act

#### Major areas covered

Climate-related financial risks and measures adopted to reduce and adapt to climate-related financial risk in accordance with the TCFD or successor body (ISSB)

### AB-1305- Voluntary carbon market disclosure

#### Major areas covered

Supplements global anti-greenwashing enforcement trends for voluntary carbon offsets and emissions reduction claims.

## WHEN to report

### SB-253: Annual reporting

- starting Jan 1, 2026 (2025 data) for scopes 1 and 2
- starting Jan 1, 2027 (2026 data) for scope 3

### SB-261: Biennial reporting

- starting on or before Jan 1, 2026

## WHERE to report

**SB-253:** Annual submission on publicly accessible digital platform

**SB-261:** Biennial disclosure on an entity's website

## Assurance

Initially limited assurance for scopes 1 and 2, with transition to reasonable assurance (TBD for scope 3)

# SEC Climate Rule



## WHO in Scope

- **Public companies and investors**
- A registrant with Exchange Act reporting obligations pursuant to Exchange Act Section 13 (a) or Section 15 (d) and companies filing a Securities Act or Exchange Act registration statement
- Includes Foreign Private Issuers



## WHERE to report

Disclosure in annual reports, including MD&A, financial statements, and potentially a separate section as per SEC guidelines



## WHAT to Report (Overview)

**It would require companies to disclose GHG emission, exposure to climate-related risks and their efforts to mitigate those risks**

### Specific disclosures requirements under SEC:

- Provide certain climate-related financial expenditure metrics, financial estimates and assumptions used.
- Disclosure of material and/or potential impacts of climate-related risks on business strategy, outlook, or financial position over short (the next 12 months) vs. long term (beyond the 12 months).
- Separate disclosure needed for Scopes 1 and 2 GHG emissions, if material.
- Board and management structure and oversight of climate-related risk including committees and their expertise.
- Risk Management- Processes of identifying, assessing, and managing climate-related risks and Transition plan disclosure.
- Attestation requirements- Limited assurance moving to reasonable after 2 years.



## WHEN to report

### Large accelerated filer:

- Disclosures other than GHG and financial estimates and assumptions in Fiscal Year Beginning ("FYB") 2025
- Scope 1 & 2 GHG and financial estimates and assumptions disclosures in FYB 2026

### Accelerated filer:

- Disclosures other than GHG and financial estimates and assumptions by FYB 2026
- Financial estimates and assumptions disclosures by FYB 2027
- Scope 1 & 2 GHG disclosures by FYB 2028

### Small reporting company, emerging growth company, and Non-Accelerated filer:

- Disclosures other than financial estimates and assumptions by FYB 2027
- Financial estimates and assumptions disclosures by FYB 2028
- No GHG emissions reporting requirements

## Assurance

### Large accelerated filer:

Assurance: Limited assurance on GHG by FYB 2029 and Reasonable assurance by FYB 2033

### Accelerated filer:

Assurance: Limited assurance by FYB 2031 and no Reasonable assurance requirement

# International Sustainability Standard Board (ISSB)



## WHO is in scope and WHEN to report



As determined by individual jurisdiction.  
Applicable for broad range of listed and private companies in EU and companies with significant operations in the EU.

Timing: FY24

## WHERE to report?



**Mandatory reporting in the Annual Report.**  
Information included outside the annual report via cross-referencing to other documents, e.g.; a sustainability report.  
Not required in financial statements, but permitted via cross-referencing

## Assurance Obligation



The ISSB cannot require companies to obtain assurance, but many jurisdictions may require it. Companies must engage with internal audit teams to design procedures to be ready for assurance.

## WHAT to report?



**What Next-** IFRS S1 and IFRS S2 will be applicable for organizations reporting for FY24. Upcoming standards will include disclosure requirements around biodiversity, human capital, human rights, etc.

# ISSB adoption by Asia Pacific



Country/Territory	ISSB adoption	Country/Territory	ISSB adoption
<b>Australia</b>	 In October 2023, the Australian Accounting Standards Board (AASB) released an exposure draft (ED) for disclosure of climate-related financial information in which ISSB standards is used as a baseline to develop Australian-specific sustainability-related financial disclosure requirements	<b>New Zealand</b>	 Aotearoa New Zealand Climate Standards (NZ CS), as issued in December 2022, are the mandatory climate-related disclosure standards for Aotearoa New Zealand and will remain so. The External Reporting Board (XRB) considers there is a high degree of interoperability between NZ CS, the TCFD recommendations and the ISSB standards.
<b>China</b>	 China Stock Exchanges announced mandatory sustainability reporting requirements for listed companies, including a new requirement for hundreds of larger cap and dual-listed issuers to begin mandatory disclosure on a broad range of ESG topics in 2026.	<b>Philippines</b>	 The Philippine Sustainability Reporting Committee (PSRC) is evaluating the ISSB standards for local use.
<b>Hong Kong (SAR), China</b>	 HKEX consulted the market to enhance climate-related disclosures based on IFRS S2 with effect from 1 Jan 2024, and the conclusion is to be finalized in 2023 Q4.	<b>Singapore</b>	 ISSB equivalent regulation is expected in FY25.
<b>Indonesia</b>	 The Institute of Indonesia Chartered Accountants has shared its support for the ISSB standards in a comment letter but has made no formal announcement on potential implementation.	<b>Thailand</b>	 There is currently no specific date for the mandatory adoption of ISSB standards.
<b>Japan</b>	 Japan plans to issue its draft sustainability disclosure standards, which consistent with the ISSB's framework by March 2024 and to finalize these standards by March 2025. These disclosure rules are expected to apply to listed companies in Japan.	<b>Taiwan</b>	 TW FSC proposed that companies shall prepare their ESG information based on ISSB standards beginning in 2026 in phases.
<b>Korea</b>	 The Korea Accounting Institute and the Korea Sustainability Standards Board are assessing the feasibility of adopting the ISSB standards domestically. The FSC is expected to largely draw upon the ISSB standards.	<b>Vietnam</b>	 There is currently no specific date for the mandatory adoption of ISSB standards.
<b>Malaysia</b>	 The adoption of ISSB was announced in Feb 2024 for mandatory reporting requirements for listed and large companies.		

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# Deep Dive: CSRD

# Client ESG Reporting Journey

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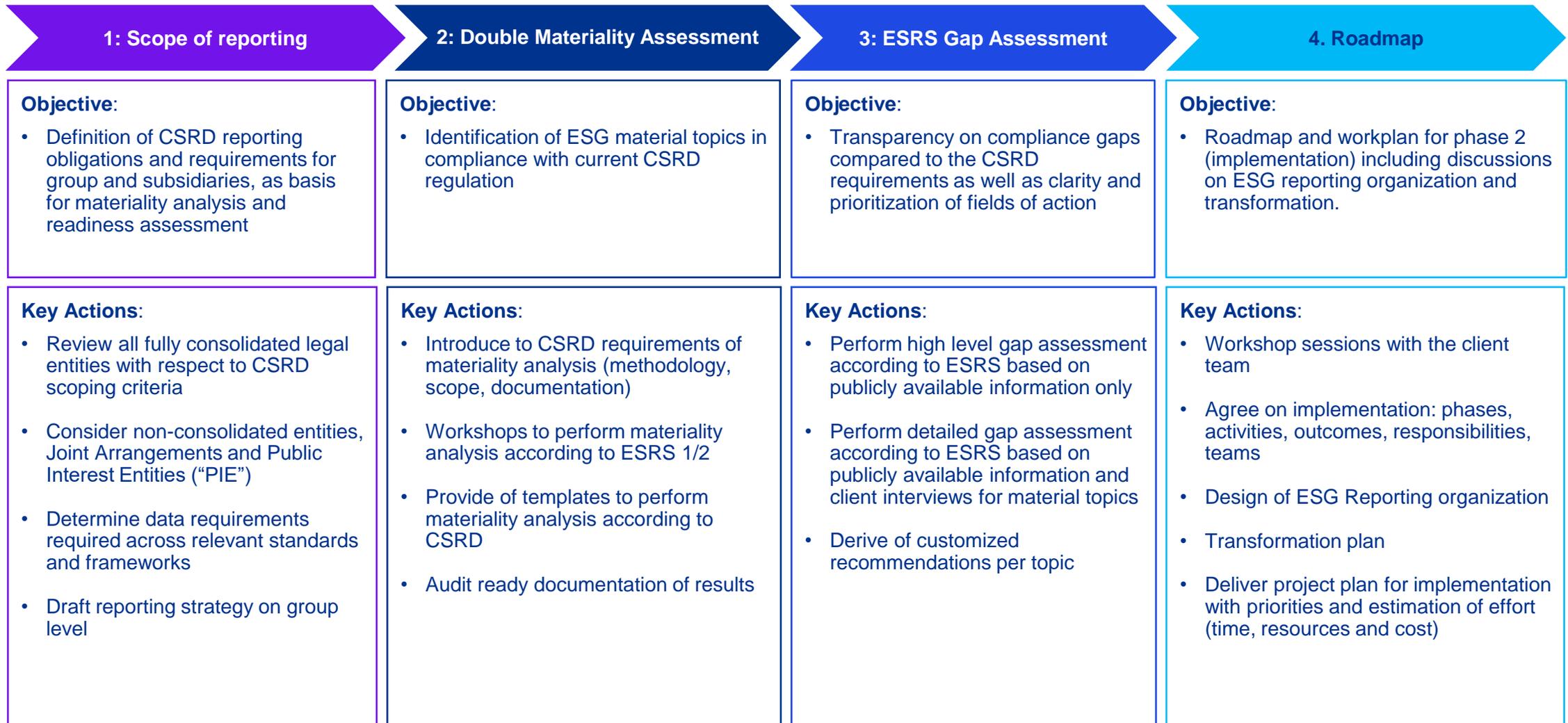
ESG Reporting Client Journey Phases



We experienced that companies who need to start reporting in **2025**, are at the end of the **Assessment phase** and are requesting assistance for the **Implementation phase**.

On the other hand, companies who need to report in **2026** are reaching out for support for the **Assessment phase**

# Steps of the CSRD Assessment Phase



# Facts and figures

## Captured companies in EU in 2024-25



## Entities in scope in EU



## CSRD Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive

- 12 new binding **European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRSs)**, more to come in 2025
- Reporting as **part of the management report**
- **Mandatory limited** assurance required, with intent to mandatory, **reasonable assurance at a later stage**
- **Mandatory double materiality** assessment in accordance to ESRS 1 & 2



## Criteria for application

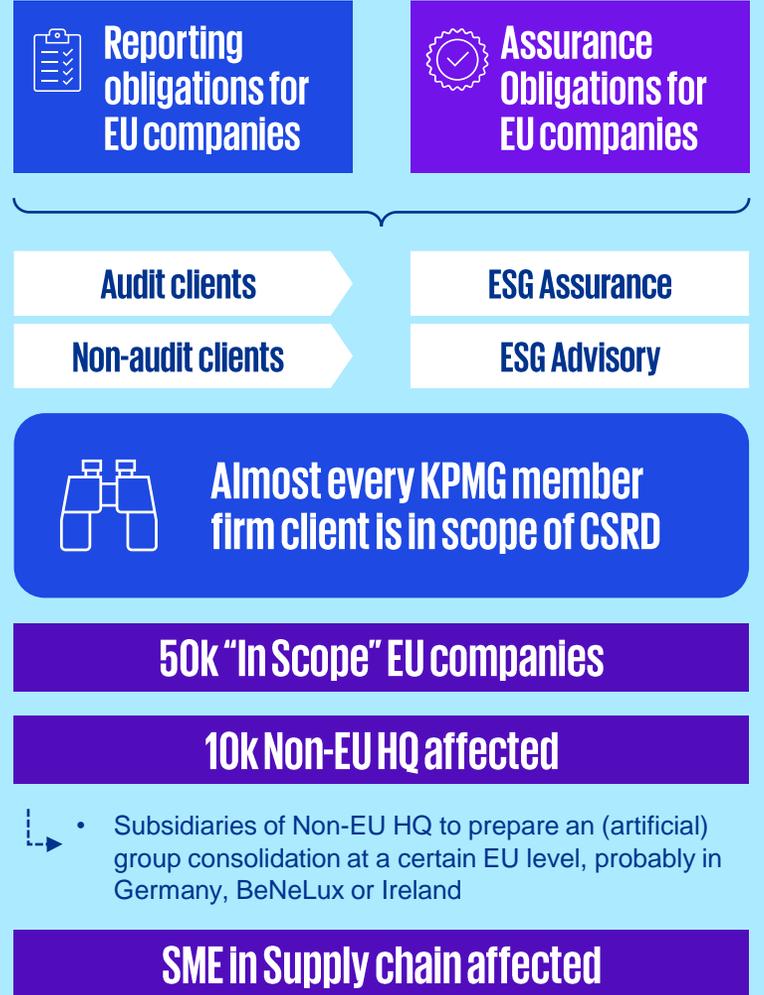
- EU based public interest entities (PIEs)
- **All large EU based companies including large subsidiaries of non-EU parents/headquarters**



Large means meeting two of the following:

- > 250 employees (annual average)
- > €50M in net turnover
- > €25M in total assets

Listed SMEs from 2026 onwards, with deferral option



# EU regulations trigger ESG reporting requirements globally

## CSRD starts in Europe and affects companies worldwide

**Americas** (no of companies)

Non-EU headquarter (US)		3k+
Non-EU headquarter (Canada)		1.3k

### CSRD, SEC and California Act...

ESG Reporting Advisory for the US region is focused on SEC and other regulatory requirements.



**EMEA + UK**

<b>EU Companies</b>		<b>50k+</b>
Germany		>10k
Non-EU HQ Switzerland		200+
Non-EU HQ (UK)		1.2k

50,000 companies in EU

### CSRD, ISSB and EU Taxonomy

ESG Reporting Advisory for the EMEA region is focused on CSRD and other regulatory requirements. This includes the UK being focused on ISSB.

**Asia Pacific** (no of companies)

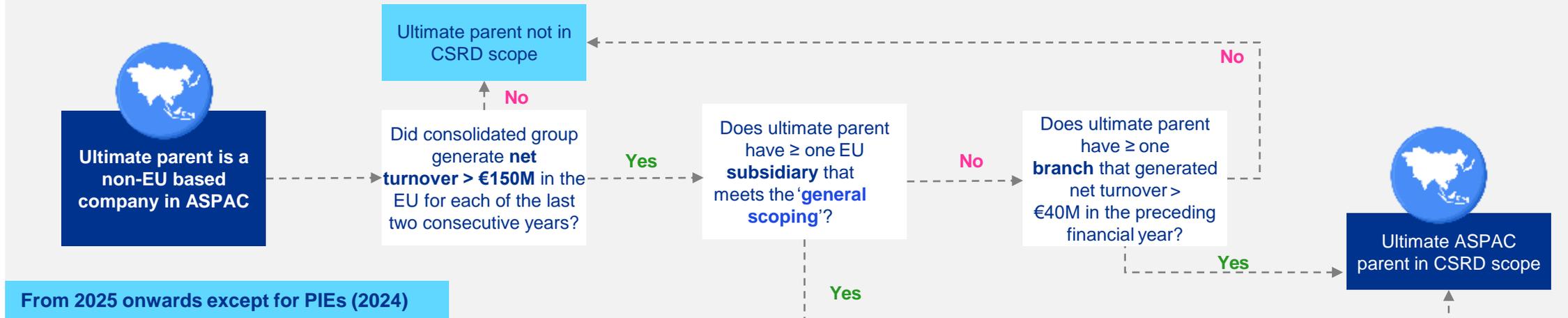
Non-EU headquarter (Japan)		700+
Non-EU headquarter (Australia)		600+
Non-EU headquarter (Hong Kong (SAR), China)		100+
Non-EU headquarter (China)		600+
Non-EU headquarter (Korea)		75+
Non-EU headquarter (Singapore)		100+

### CSRD, ISSB, TCFD +

ESG Reporting Advisory for the Asia Pacific region is focused on ISSB and other frameworks.

# Applicability of CSRD regulations on Asia Pacific companies

## The scope of reporting entities over the years



From 2025 onwards except for PIEs (2024)

### General Scoping

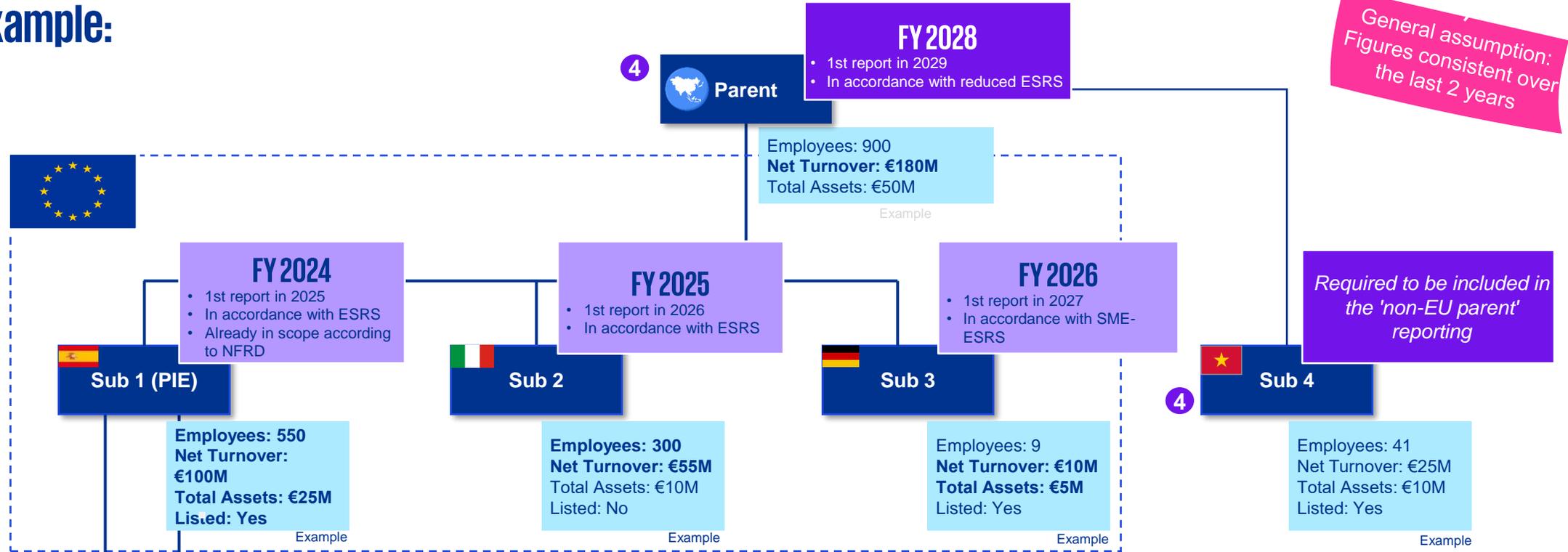
Subsidiary is subject to CSRD if 2 out of 3 criteria are fulfilled:

- number of employees >250,
- a turnover >€50 million or
- balance sheet total >€25 million

# Example : Non-EU parent scoping (Asia Pacific HQ)



Example:



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- From FY 2028 (first report in 2029) the Non-EU parent company is subject to the CSRD when it meets the non-EU parent scoping requirements
- In addition to the reporting requirements of the EU subsidiaries, it must then report on a consolidated level (also for non-EU subsidiaries) in accordance with a reduced ESRS

# There are 3 exemptions from filing a sustainability report

## Reporting exemptions

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**Group exemption**

  - If a parent makes available a CSRD-compliant sustainability report that includes the entire group, all in-scope subsidiaries would be exempt from preparing separate sustainability reports
  - This exemption would not apply to large subsidiaries with listed securities that meet the general scoping requirements
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**Ultimate non-EU parent reporting exemption**

  - If a non-EU parent has multiple subsidiaries in the EU that meet the general scoping requirements, for the first seven years **one of the largest EU subsidiaries** would be allowed to prepare a consolidated sustainability report that includes only those subsidiaries that fall under the general scoping
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**Equivalency exemption**

  - The European Commission has the power to designate individual sustainability reporting frameworks or reporting regimes as 'equivalent' to reporting under the CSRD



# Reporting Strategy

## References for scoping: an overview



The CSRD includes different scoping requirements for EU-based and EU-listed companies versus non-EU parent companies, addressed in the EU Accounting Directive

### Art. 19a

Accounting Directive

Sustainability reporting  
at the level of the  
single entity



### Art. 29a

Accounting Directive

Consolidated sustainability  
reporting at the level of a  
(sub)group



### Art. 40a

Accounting Directive

Consolidated sustainability  
reporting at third-country  
company level



### Art. 48i

Accounting Directive

**Artificial consolidated**  
sustainability reporting at the  
largest European subsidiary  
(until FY 2030)



# Where to go from here?



## (As an ultimate parent)

Which of your EU subsidiaries will be in scope of CSRD?

## (As a subsidiary)

Is there a possibility of falling within the CSRD reporting scope of your parent company?

Can you leverage the reporting exemptions to ease some of the operational burden?

How will you track the recent CSRD developments/announcements from the EU going forward and which directives will you need to comply with in the meantime?

What does a project plan look like and which persons/departments do you need to involve?

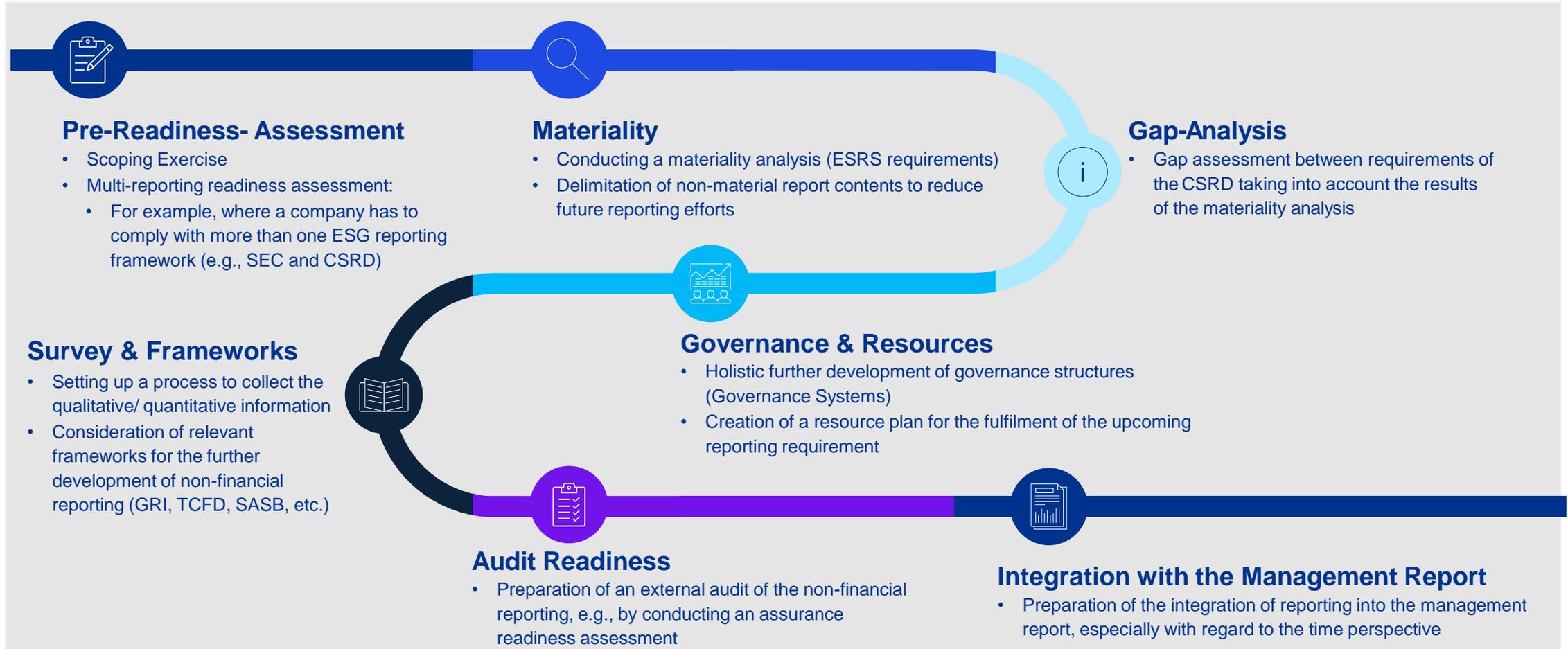
How will you to consider multiple frameworks as efficiently and effectively as possible?

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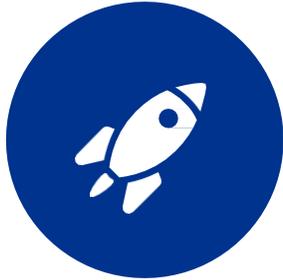
# KPMG's implementation approach

# Key steps towards CSRD compliance

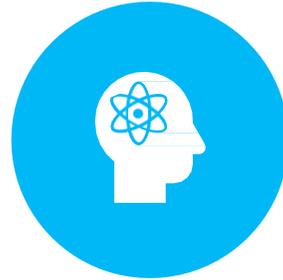
## KPMG firms' implementation approach



# How can KPMG professionals support?



**Knowledge provider  
& enabler**



**Team composition with  
EFRAG members**



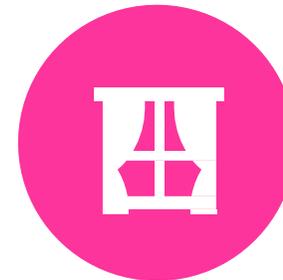
**Helping hands for  
ramp-up phase**



**Consideration of ESG  
frameworks overlaps**



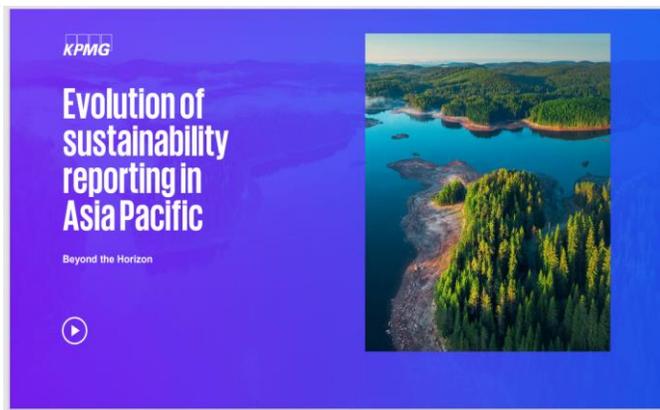
**Reasonable assurance  
preparation**



**Outside-in perspectives  
from DAX mandates**

# Asia Pacific Thought Leadership

The outlook of sustainability reporting in **Asia Pacific** 13 countries/territories and regions.



## Evolution of sustainability reporting in Asia Pacific — KPMG Global

### Executive Summary

**Coping with the expansion of statutory disclosure requirements**

ESG information voluntarily disclosed by companies has been in keeping with available standards and guidelines. However, as demand from stakeholders and the importance of ESG information grows, it is increasingly becoming a legal requirement for sustainability reporting. Specific sectors such as financial institutions have received particular attention, and in several countries and territories, measures are being implemented to mandate assurance and to ensure the reliability of disclosed information. If it is mandatory to disclose ESG data, a higher level of reliability will be required, and preparation will therefore be necessary to obtain such assurance. It will be imperative to strengthen the information collection process to include non-financial information, where the implementation of internal control systems related to sustainability reporting is expected.

**Addressing the enhancement of reporting practices on sustainability topics**

Sustainability reporting has traditionally focused on environmental (E) information, but recently, certain jurisdictions have begun placing greater importance on disclosing social (S) information. Moreover, the scope of reporting is expanding to encompass the entire value chain, from a company or group to both upstream and downstream impacts. Consequently, there is an increased need for companies to carry out due diligence on sustainability issues to ensure that they report responsibly to stakeholders. New regulatory and standard-setting developments have the potential to clarify interpretations in step with reporting practices' continued evolution and to enhance transparency in sustainability reporting. The expectation is that reporting practices will continue to mature.

**Comprehensive reporting strategy for enterprise value creation**

The nature and purpose of sustainability-related disclosure requirements, and the specific requirements themselves, differ across Asia Pacific countries and territories. Attempting to address each of these divergent requirements separately may not provide benefits commensurate with the costs involved. Each reporting requirement can be seen as a result of stakeholder expectations for particular information. It is crucial to understand these expectations and to view sustainability reporting as a business issue to be addressed, rather than simply a matter of compliance with regulations. Creating a cycle of feedback from stakeholders on disclosure content and reflecting it in management improvements is desirable, allowing sustainability reporting requirements to become a strategic means of communication with stakeholders.

### Adapting to a new era in ESG reporting

As companies globally embrace ESG, they are coming under increasing pressure to demonstrate how they are integrating sustainable business principles into their strategies and operations. We can expect to see more and more regulations emerging, with global organizations increasingly obliged to report under multiple frameworks.

Europe has taken the lead in the shape of the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD), potentially affecting approximately 50,000 businesses operating in the European Union (EU). The regulations, however, extend beyond Europe to include EU subsidiaries of non-EU parents, which will have to meet the first European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS), which detail what must be reported as part of the CSRD.

But this is just the start, with the US Securities and Exchange Commission's proposed climate rule also pending, and new requirements being introduced in many other countries.

According to *Waters 2023 Global ESG Outlook*, 69 percent of CEOs see significant stakeholder demand for increased transparency and reporting on ESG metrics and 72 percent feel that stakeholder scrutiny will continue to accelerate.

**Stepping up to the challenge**

KPMG professionals recently assessed the CSRD readiness of 2001 members of the 202 Europe, Middle East and Africa members club. These findings emphasize the scale of the task facing companies as they rapidly assess and re-align their reporting and disclosure practices.

The scope of reporting is extending beyond environmental and social issues to include governance, and these companies that are more advanced on their ESG reporting practices.

In many cases, companies' current environmental reporting is limited to a wide range of environmental topics such as the circular economy where these are found to be material.

Other topics are also coming under the regulatory spotlight, with a growing number of jurisdictions across the value chain, affected countries and cities, policies include corruption and bribery prevention, supplier relations both the range of indicators that companies need to report on, as well as reporting requirements alone, companies need to create an internal control system and ensure that they are sufficiently assurance opinion.

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The clock is ticking

### Message from Asia Pacific leaders

I am delighted to present this report, which focuses on the evolution of sustainability reporting regulations and guidelines in the Asia Pacific region. As this report highlights, sustainability reporting systems and available guidance across Asia Pacific are highly diverse. The ISSB's release of the S1 and S2 standards in June 2023 has provided a global baseline, with moves by each Asia Pacific jurisdiction to consider their application. However, compliant reporting with unique regulations for each country, as well as adherence to global standards, is required. In addition, the speed of evolution and deepening of sustainability reporting systems are amplifying.

One of the driving factors is the movement to link sustainability issues to the economic development of nations and regions (such as ASEAN). The growing number of environmental and social issues, including climate change-related challenges, has emphasized the need for sustainable finance as an enabler in achieving sustainable development. Investors rely on transparent and reliable sustainability reporting by companies to make critical investment decisions and assist in promoting sustainability. This demand has led to the evolution of mandatory disclosure requirements — which were previously voluntary — reflecting stakeholder expectations, including those of investors. Moreover, a specific movement is promoting assurance for mandatory disclosure requirements to establish an ecosystem that facilitates efficient and reliable reporting. Engaging in purposeful dialogue is key to promoting company sustainability reporting. Stakeholders can deepen engagement with companies by effectively utilizing specific disclosure systems and clearly conveying their expectations, leading to a high cost-benefit ecosystem.

We trust this report will prove helpful as you navigate the progress of sustainability reporting in each Asia Pacific country, as well as its development in the future.

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### Executive summary

Overview on the key market expectations and challenges in Asia Pacific are included.

### Market highlights

Along with an executive summary focusing on ESG reporting evolution, major sustainability reporting requirements and/or guidance in each country and region are highlighted.

### South Korea

Over the last 10 years, sustainability reporting has increased as a voluntary disclosure in South Korea and it has been rapidly increasing around listed companies in accordance with ESG's global momentum. In 2019, considering South Korea's specific governance structure, the government regulated the mandatory disclosure of corporate governance reports for listed companies with assets of KRW 5 billion or more to ensure transparency, and plans to gradually expand it to all listed companies by 2026.

To facilitate ESG reporting and reduce the burden on preparing it, the government set local ESG guidelines, such as the ESG guidance and ESG disclosure guidance. But as key reporting standards or rules such as IFRS sustainability disclosure standards, US SEC climate rule, and ESRS under CSRD are recently announced or scheduled to be announced, it is expected that the South Korean government will announce a roadmap to mandate sustainability reporting and assurance, as well as establish reporting standards in the first half of 2024. Likewise, corporate governance reporting, sustainability reporting and assurance will be phased in starting from the listed companies with certain level of assets in 2026 or after and might be applied to all listed companies by 2030. For the adoption of IFRS S1 and S2 standards, the Korea Sustainability Standards Board (KSSB) was established within the Korea Accounting Institute (KAI) in 2023, and the draft KSSB standards will be released by March 2024.

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Jan 2019: Corporate Governance reporting mandated  
Jan 2021: ESG Disclosure Guidance (Korea Stock Market)  
Aug 2021: ESG's Sustainability Reporting Standard by KAI  
Dec 2021: IFRS S1 and S2 guidelines  
Mar 2022: Revised Corporate Governance Guidelines (KOSPI)  
Jan 2023: Launch of KSSB  
2024 Q2: Mandatory ESG reporting and assurance

# Q&A

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