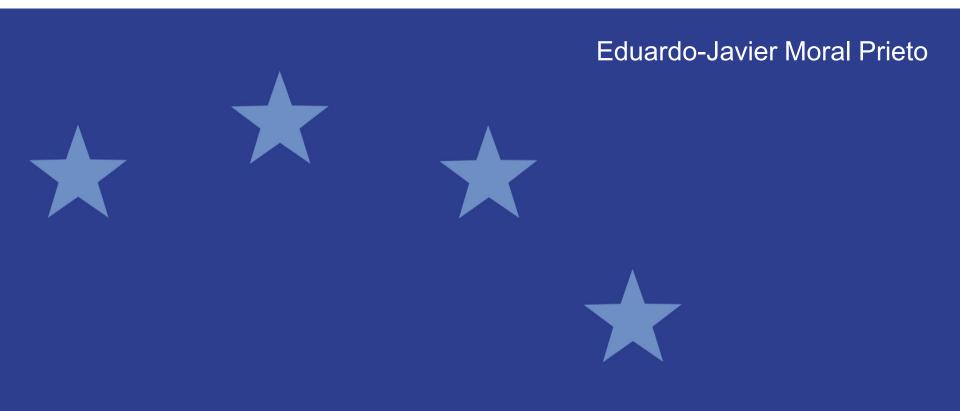


#### The European Single Electronic Format (ESEF)





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ESMA's mandate on the ESEF is contained in the revised **Transparency Directive**\*

- Article 4(7) states that

"ESMA shall develop draft **regulatory technical standards** to specify the electronic reporting format"

- Recital (26) points out that:

A harmonised electronic format [...] would

- make reporting easier
- facilitate accessibility,

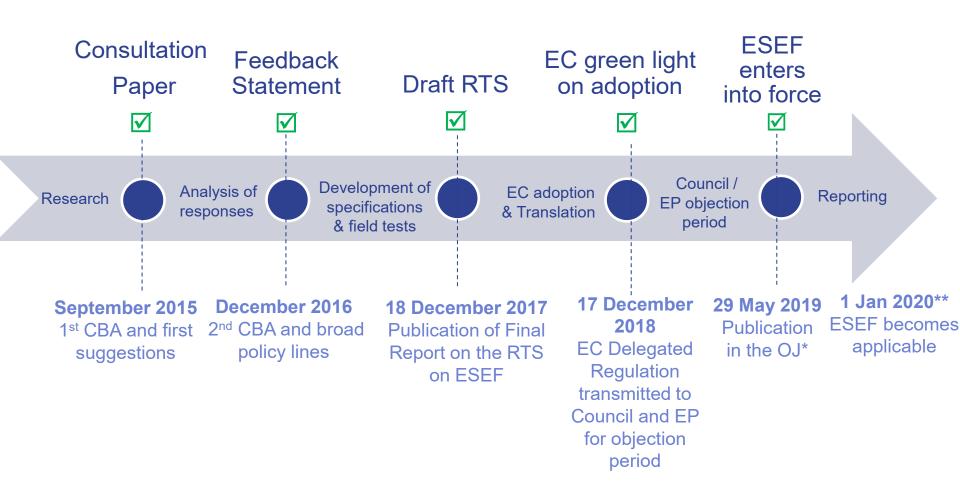
analysis

and comparability of annual financial reports.

<sup>\*</sup>Directive 2004/109/EC as revised by Directive 2013/50/EU



#### Overview of the development process



<sup>\*</sup>Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2019/815 of 17 December 2018 supplementing Directive 2004/109/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council with regard to regulatory technical standards on the specification of a single electronic reporting format



### **Key requirements of the ESEF**

- All AFRs shall be prepared in xHTML format + IFRS Consolidated Financial Statements shall be marked-up using XBRL tags
- 1 document, 2 views: Tags embedded in human readable document via the InlineXBRL technology
- ESEF Taxonomy = IFRS Taxonomy incl. limited ESMA customisation
- Open taxonomy model: the taxonomy can be extended if no existing IFRS tag exist which reflects the intended accounting meaning of the disclosure
- Anchoring: all extensions shall be anchored, i.e. "linked", to the closest IFRS taxonomy element
- Level of tagging: detailed tagging of primary statements, block tagging of Notes (from 2022)
- ESEF Regulation to be yearly updated on the basis of IFRS taxonomy update
- ESMA's RTS do not deal with storage and dissemination of regulated information nor with assurance / audit of annual financial reports



# To whom do the ESEF requirements apply?

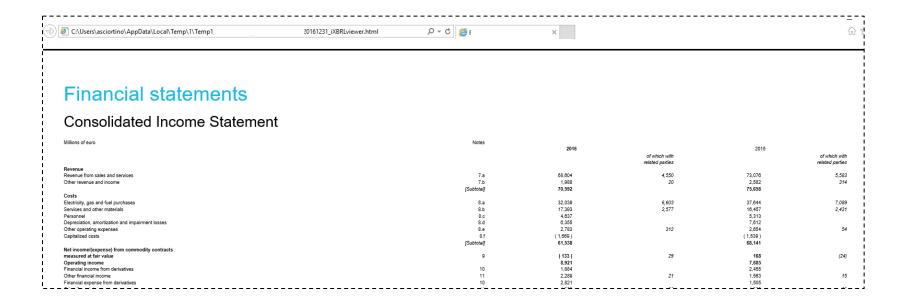


- To all issuers with securities admitted to trading on regulated markets under the obligation to present public annual financial reports (AFRs) shall be prepared in xHTML.
  - No additional obligations for preparers of individual financial statements only
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  - ➤ Annual financial reports containing consolidated financial statements (IFRS) shall be marked up →
- 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.

<sup>\*</sup> Please note the co-legislators introduced a Member-State option to delay the ESEF obligation by one year



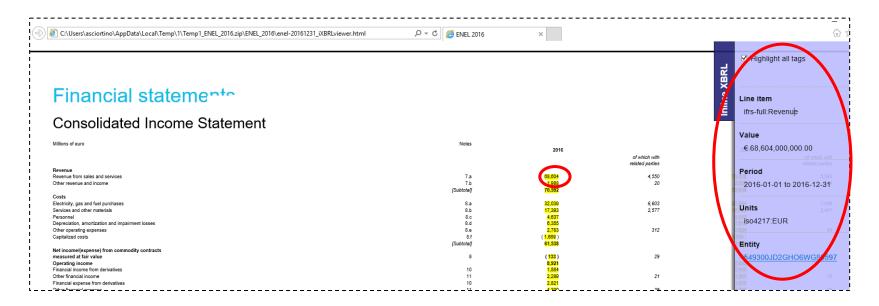
#### What does an xHTML file look like



... like a standard web page



#### What do embedded XBRL tags look like



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

- In an iXBRL report, the XBRL tags are "hidden" within the xHTML document → it is an additional layer of information, which makes the document machine-readable other than human readable.
- The tags can be visualised using, for example, an Inline XBRL Viewer, which allows to display the tags (the purple banner) when clicking on a certain tagged element.



ESEF Taxonomy

IFRS Taxonomy



Limited ESMA technical customisation

#### **IFRS Standards**

presentation and disclosure requirements in Standards illustrative examples and implementation guidance accompanying Standards Common reporting practice

commonly disclosed information not specifically mentioned in IFRS Standards



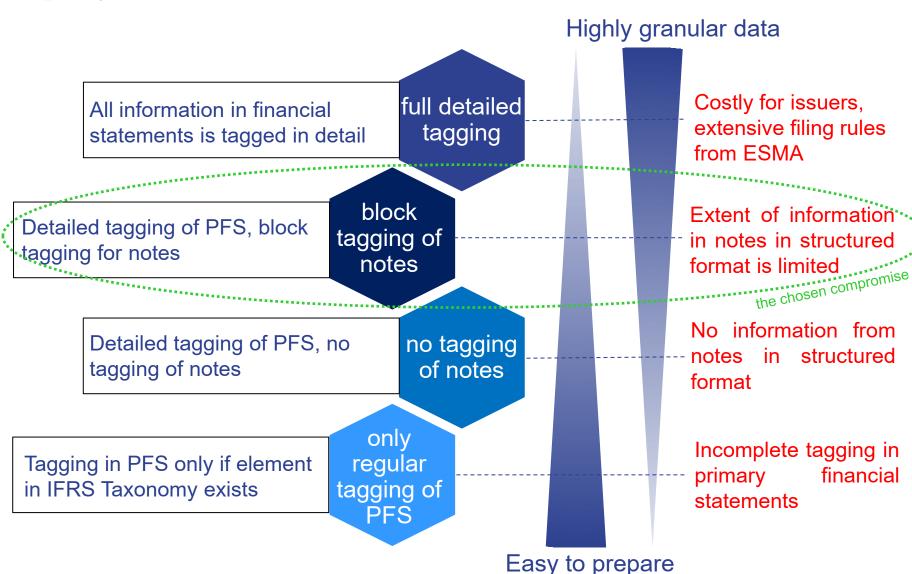


#### Marking-up disclosures (tagging)

- Marking up = applying to a disclosure the relevant XBRL tags
- Preparers shall mark-up their disclosures with the taxonomy element having the closest accounting meaning to marked up disclosure
- If the closest taxonomy element misrepresents the accounting meaning of the disclosure, issuers shall create an extension taxonomy element.
- Extension elements shall be anchored to the core taxonomy element that has the closest accounting meaning
  - Anchoring provides end-users with a better understanding of meaning of extension items and facilitate their usability in large-scale data analysis



## Level of tagging required by ESEF RTS





### Level of tagging required by ESEF RTS

IFRS consolidated FS

individual financial statements

primary financial statements

mandatory from 2020\*

block tagging of notes

mandatory from 2022

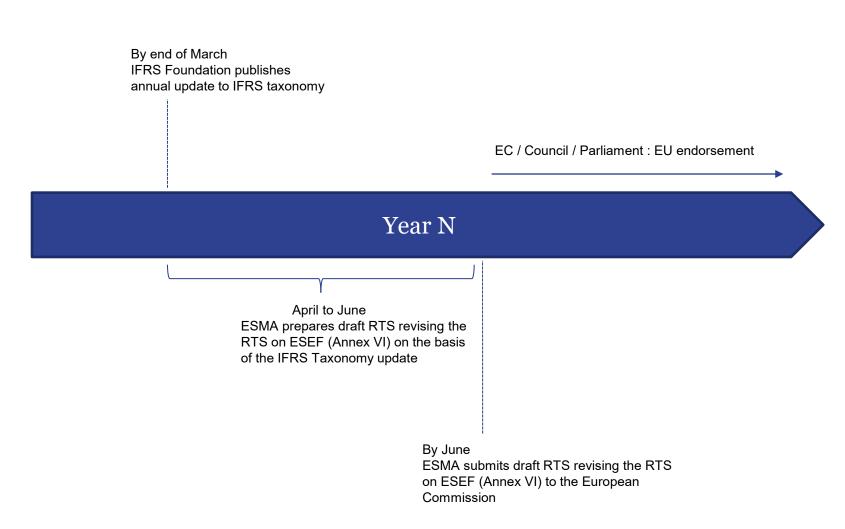
voluntary
(if MS provides taxonomy)

detailed tagging of notes

voluntary



## RTS on ESEF – to be yearly updated





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#### The production process of an iXBRL report

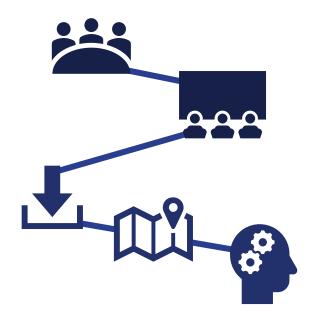
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Familiarise with the ESEF Taxonomy

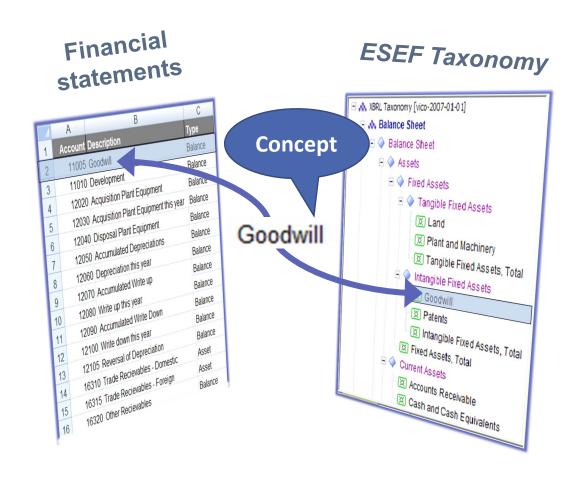
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Prepare a correlation table (mapping)
Apply base taxonomy tags
Assess the need to create an extension





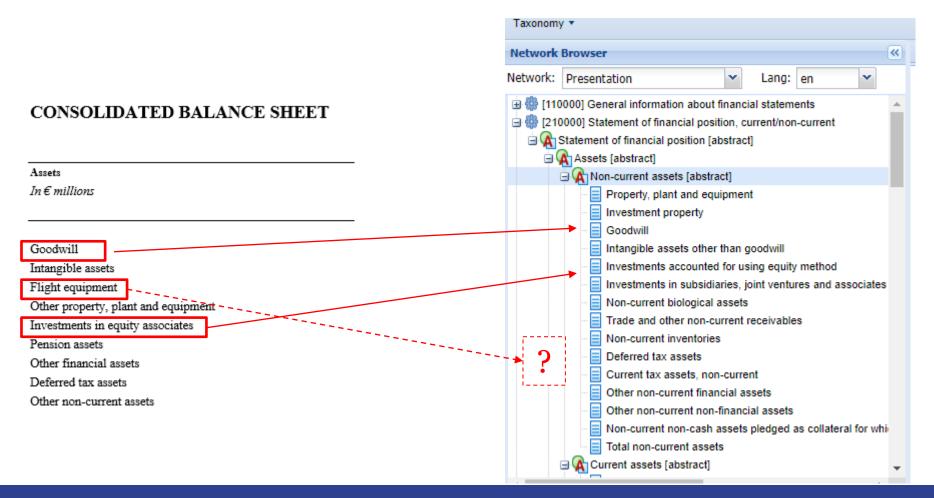
#### Preparing a correlation table (mapping)





#### **Tagging Primary Financial Statements**

 All numbers in a declared currency disclosed in the Primary Financial Statements need to be marked-up → detailed tagging requirement





#### The production process of an iXBRL report

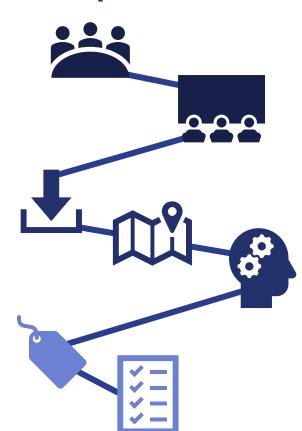
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- Extend the taxonomy
- Anchor extensions





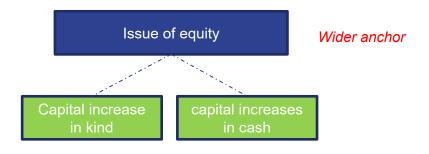
# **Extending the taxonomy and anchoring extensions**

#### Example 1 : Balance Sheet of a European issuer

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Extension elements		
Extension elements		
Elements contained in the IFRS Taxonor	my	
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Example 2 : example from a Statement of changes of equity







#### **Combination extensions**

#### Example 3: example from the Balance Sheet of a European issuer

#### Equity attributable to owners of the company

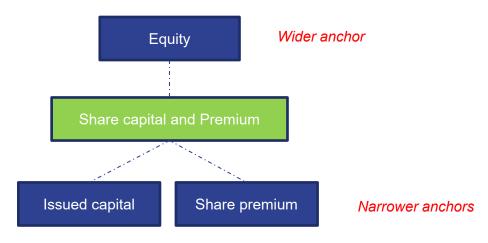
Share capital and Premium

Cumulative translation differences

Treasury shares

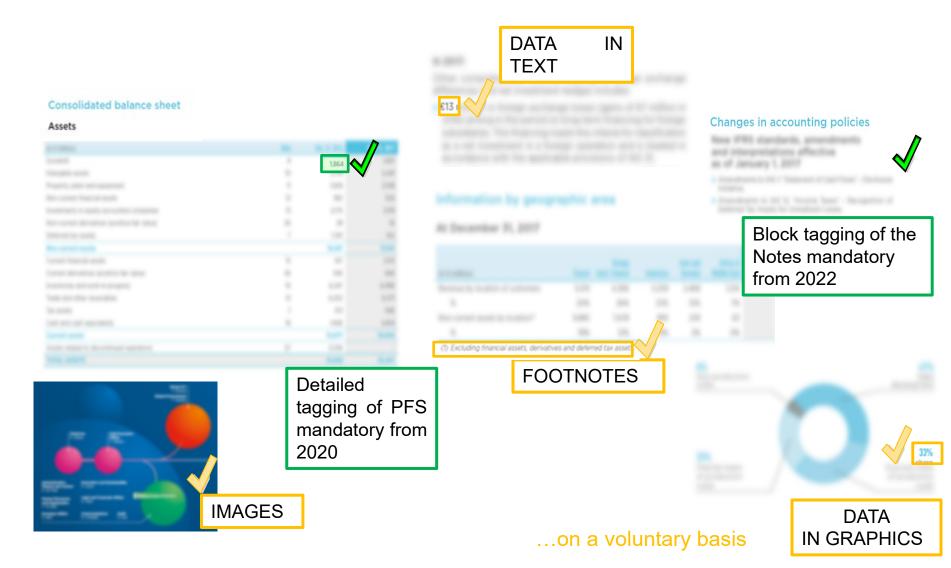
Retained earnings and other reserves

**Total equity** 











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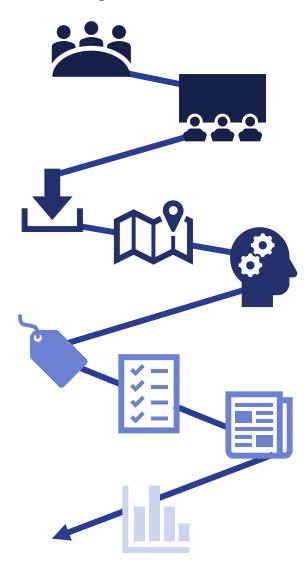
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Review and validate the report Publish the iXBRL report





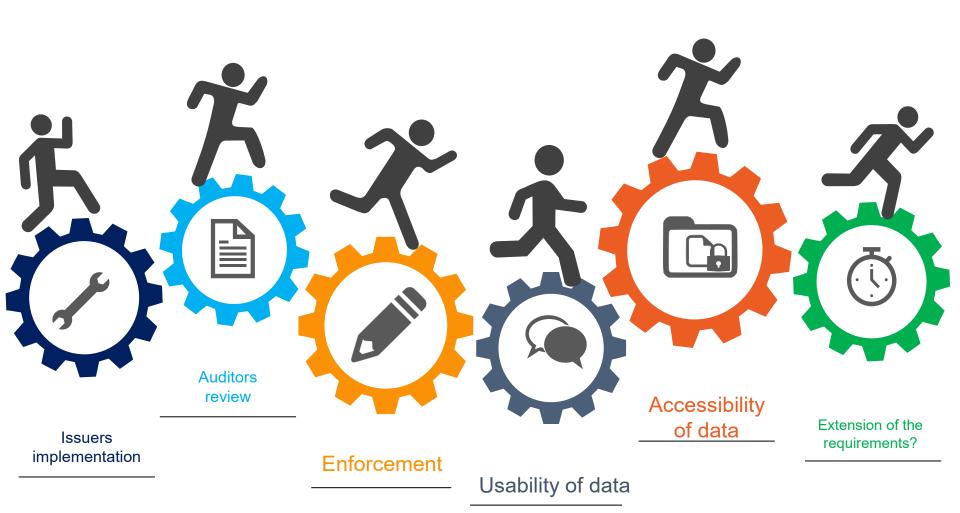
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## 6 challenges ahead









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