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# EFRAG Sustainability Reporting Board Consultation Survey 2

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#### EFRAG Sustainability Reporting Board Consultation Surveys 3A - 3D

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#### **EFRAG Sustainability Reporting Board Consultation Survey 2**

#### **Respondent Profile**

- 1. Personal details
- \* Organisation name

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* 2. Type of respondent
Academic / research institution
Audit firm, assurance provider and/or accounting firm
Business association
Consumer organization
ESG reporting initiative
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Financial institution (Bank)
Financial institution (Other financial Market Participant, including pension funds and other asset managers)
Financial institution (Insurance)
National Standard Setter
Non-governmental organisation
Non-financial corporation with securities listed on EU regulated markets
Non-financial corporation with securities listed outside EU regulated markets
Public authority/regulator/supervisor
Rating agency and analysts
Trade unions or other workers representatives
<ul> <li>Unlisted non-financial corporations</li> </ul>
Other
* 3. Size
Micro (1 to 9 employees)
Small (10 to 49 employees)
Medium (50 to 249 employees)
Large (250 or more employees)
Not relevant
* 4. User/Preparer perspective

User

	Preparer
0	Both
	Neither

#### \*5. Subject to CSRD

Separate non-financial corps subject to CSRD from those not subject to CSRD?

- Yes
- O No

# 3A. Adequacy of Disclosure Requirements - Cross cutting standards (1/2)

For the purpose of the questions included in this section, respondents are encouraged to consider the following:

- when sharing comments on a given Disclosure Requirement, and as much as possible, reference to the specific paragraphs being commented on should be included in the written comments,
- in the question asked, for each ESRS, about the alignment with international sustainability standards, these include but are not limited to the IFRS Sustainability Standards and the Global Reporting Initiative Standards. Other relevant international initiatives may be considered by the respondents.
   When commenting on this particular question, respondents are encouraged to specify which international standards are being referred to.

A complete index of Disclosure Requirements and their corresponding Application Guidance can be found in Appendix I – Navigating the ESRS.

### DR 2-GR 1 – General characteristics of the sustainability reporting of the undertaking

The undertaking shall give general information about (i) its sustainability report, and (ii) the structure of its sustainability statement.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to give the necessary context of the sustainability reporting of the undertaking.

#### Q1: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR 2-GR 1 - General characteristics of the sustainability reporting of the undertaking

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	©	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	•	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	0	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

#### DR 2-GR 2 – Sector(s) of activity

The undertaking shall provide a description of its significant activities, headcount and revenue. The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to allow an understanding of the distribution of the undertaking's activities by reference to a common sector definition.

#### Q2: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR 2-GR 2 - Sector(s) of activity

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	©	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	•	©	0	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	©	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

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Part A: Information requested by location does not seem necessary and will have a high implementation cost. Part C: The wording is not precise enough and could be improved:

- "Market" and "customer group" are not defined in Appendix 6.
- Paragraph AG5: Reporting on « significant internal transactions » will be difficult to implement
- There is no definition of the concept of "internal transactions"

Part E: The information requested seems too granular and not easy to collect (by location and by sector of activity). The details required by location do not seem necessary and will have a high implementation cost.

Part G: Alignment with international standards could be improved. IFRS 8 already requires disclosing revenues, profit & loss and assets per operating segments > 10% of consolidated financial statements. Information provided according to DR2-GR2 by sectors of activity should be reconciled and consistent with IFRS 8 disclosures.

#### DR 2-GR 3 - Key features of the value chain

The undertaking shall describe its value chain.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide an understanding of the value chain in which the undertaking operates, from the initial inputs into a product or service, in the upstream supply chain, to its downstream delivery to end-users, including ultimate disposal, recycling or reuse for physical products.

#### Q3: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR 2-GR 3 – Key features of the value chain

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	0	©	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	•	0	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	•	0	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	•	0	0	©	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	•	©	0	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	©	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

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Parts A, D & E: ANC believes that DR 2-GR 3 should be merged with SBM 1 – Overview of strategy and business model. This will help to reduce the number of requests and avoid duplication of information.

Part C: ANC is of the opinion that the definition of value chain remains too broad which may create difficulties for undertakings to identify the scope in which information should be provided. Therefore, clarifications on the definition of value chain should be provided. Additionally, key resources are not defined in Appendix 6.

As far as audit is concerned, identification of relationships with third parties with direct impact on financial statements should be feasible, however, identifying third parties of third parties will surely prove to be a more difficult exercise.

Part F: Definition of value chain in ESRS is different from the one included in CS3D, which can create confusion for preparers, and users. In addition, the scope of ESRS and the scope of CS3D are not the same.

Part G: ANC believes that when a topic/notion is common between ESRS 1 and ISSB, definitions and requirements should be aligned.

#### DR 2-GR 4 – Key drivers of the value creation

The undertaking shall describe how it creates value.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide an understanding of the key drivers of value creation the undertaking is leveraging to contribute to the overall performance of the value chain it operates in taking account of the respective interests of all stakeholders.

#### Q4: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR 2-GR 4 – Key drivers of the value creation

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	0	©	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	©	0	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	•	0	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	•	0	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	©	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	•	©	0	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	©	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

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Parts A, D & E: DR 2-GR 4 should be merged with SBM 1 – Overview of strategy and business model – to reduce the number of requests and to avoid duplication of information.

Part C: ANC believes additional precisions should be provided to DR 2 – GR4 for the following topics:

- Value creation is not defined in Appendix 6 and should be further explained. In particular to clarify its articulation with ISSB's enterprise value creation concept. For instance, AG17 seems to extends the notion of "value creation" to "non-financial benefits" for other stakeholders and therefore go beyond the financial materiality approach. ANC believes that it is important to focus this concept on the financial performance, and refer to such notion in ESRS 1 along with the definition of financial materiality.
- The broad definition of stakeholders raises issues on the scope of information to be given and will raise issues from an assurance perspective. It will be difficult to take account interests of all stakeholders (supress "all"). This should be linked with stakeholders identified in the materiality exercise (as §67).

Part G: concepts and definitions should be aligned with ISSB to have comparability and allow interoperationality.

### DR 2-GR 5 – Using approximations on the disclosure in relation to boundary and value chain

Following the principle on boundaries and value chain of ESRS 1 when the undertaking has used peer group information or sector data to approximate missing data due to impracticability, it shall disclose:

- 1. Its basis for preparation for the relevant disclosure and indicators, including the scope for which an approximation has been used; and
- 2. The planned actions to reduce missing data in the future.

#### Q5: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR 2-GR 5 – Using approximations on the disclosure in relation to boundary and value chain

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	©	0	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	•	0	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	•	0	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	0	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	•	0	©	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

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Parts C, D and H: there is a lack of guidance on pre-required conditions for using approximations and requirement of disclosures. Moreover, ANC believes the source and date of the data would be useful information. Nevertheless, these approximations should only be used as a last resort and avoided as much as possible, in order to increase the accuracy of the data.

ANC proposes a delay to provide value chain data with possible omission of information at first if not available.

#### DR 2-GR 6 – Disclosing on significant estimation uncertainty

Following the principle of estimating under conditions of uncertainty in ESRS 1, the undertaking shall:

- 1. identify metrics it has disclosed that have a significant estimation uncertainty, disclose the sources and nature of the estimation uncertainties and the factors affecting the uncertainties, and
- 2. identify and disclose the sources of significant uncertainty and the factors affecting these sources of uncertainty when explanations of possible effects of a sustainability factor relate to possible future events about which there is significant outcome uncertainty.

#### Q6: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR 2-GR 6 – Disclosing on significant estimation uncertainty

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	•	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	•	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	•	•	0	•	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	•	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	•	0	•	0

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No comment		

#### DR 2-GR 7 – Changes in preparation and presentation

Following the principle on changes in preparation or presentation of ESRS 1, the undertaking shall explain changes in preparation and presentation by disclosing:

- 1. the description of the methodology used for the restatement;
- 2. the difference between the amount reported in the previous period and the revised comparative amount in case of quantitative metrics;
- 3. the reasons for the change in reporting policy; and
- 4. if it is impracticable to adjust comparative information for one or more prior periods, the undertaking shall disclose this fact and the reason why.

#### Q7: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR 2-GR 7 – Changes in preparation and presentation

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	•	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	0	0	•
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	0	•	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

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#### General comment:

ANC agrees that undertakings should communicate on changes made to their disclosures. ANC proposes adding an additional level of detail for undertakings to communicate when the change is voluntary or resulting from a new standard /regulation to be applied.

However, ANC is conscious of the workload and related costs that may be induced by restatement of comparable data, especially on subjects which evolve very quickly (e.g.: topics with few existing mature KPIs such as biodiversity). ANC suggests a change to the wording in § 25 d) to "if impracticable or too onerous".

#### DR 2-GR 8 – Prior period errors

Following the principles on errors in ESRS 1, if applicable, the undertaking shall disclose the following for prior period errors:

- 1. the nature of prior period errors;
- 2. for each prior period disclosed, to the extent practicable, the amount of the corrections; and
- 3. if retrospective restatement is impracticable for a particular period, the circumstances that led to the impracticability and a description of how and when the error was corrected.

#### Q8: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR 2-GR 8 – Prior period errors

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	©	0	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	©	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	©	•	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	0	0	•
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	•	©	©	•	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	©	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

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No comment		

#### DR 2-GR 9 – On other sustainability reporting pronouncements

The undertaking shall disclose if it also reports in full or in part in accordance with generally accepted sustainability reporting pronouncements of other standard setting bodies and non-mandatory guidance including sector-specific, in addition to its report prepared according to ESRS. It shall disclose if such reporting is included in its sustainability statements.

#### Q9: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR 2-GR 9 – On other sustainability reporting pronouncements

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	•	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	•	0	•	0	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	•	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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Part G: ANC is of the opinion that the DR-GR 9 must be improved. Indeed, asking undertakings to disclose if they are compliant "in full or in part" with other sustainability reporting pronouncements should not be possible. This must be made in full. Partial compliance should not be possible because it would leave open the possibility of unclear and misleading statements. From an assurance perspective, ANC is of the understanding that such a declaration of compliance would imply that compliance with other sustainability reporting pronouncements would be assessed and validated so that it can be put into the report.

#### DR 2-GR 10 - General statement of compliance

The undertaking shall provide a statement of compliance with ESRS.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to inform the users about the compliance with ESRS requirements, following mandated disclosure requirements complemented by entity-specific disclosures.

#### Q10: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR2-GR 10 – General statement of compliance

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	©	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	•	©	0	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	0	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

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ANC recognises the importance of the statement of compliance. Nevertheless, ANC does not consider it appropriate to publish the details of the application of the rebuttable presumption (AG 23). This depends on the materiality approach EFRAG will make (see 3 proposed scenarios).

## 3A. Adequacy of Disclosure Requirements - Cross cutting standards (2/2)

#### DR 2-SBM 1 – Overview of strategy and business model

The undertaking shall provide a concise description of its strategy and business model as a context for its sustainability reporting.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide relevant contextual information necessary to understanding the sustainability reporting of the undertaking. It is therefore a reference point for other disclosure requirements.

#### Q11: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR 2-SBM 1 – Overview of strategy and business model

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	©	0	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	•	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	©	•	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	©	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

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ANC considers that GR-3 and GR-4 could be merged and included into this DR in order to avoid possible redundancies.

Moreover, additional clarifications could be provided in the application guidance.

- The broad definition of stakeholders raises issues on the scope of information to be given in AG 24, given the reference to "all stakeholders". A clearer definition would be useful.
- AG 25(e) could be improved by defining "inputs" and clarifying the relationship with sustainability matters.
- Regarding AG28, the discussion on boundaries not being the same as the Financial Statements boundaries is confusing, considering that the definition under ESRS already states that the undertaking's reporting boundary for its sustainability reporting is the one retained for its Financial Statements expanded to its upstream and downstream value chain (including associates and JV).

#### DR 2-SBM 2 – Views, interests and expectations of stakeholders

An undertaking shall describe how the views, interests and expectations of its stakeholders inform the undertaking' strategy and business model.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide an understanding of how stakeholders' views, interests and expectations are considered for the undertaking's decision and evolution of its strategy and business model.

#### Q12: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR 2-SBM 2 – Views, interests and expectations of stakeholders

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	©	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	•	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	•	©	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	©	•	0	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	•	•	0	•	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	•	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

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Part A: ANC is of the opinion that additional guidance should be provided on what scope of stakeholders to consider and the level of granularity required for this topic. Is the undertaking allowed to consider that a group of stakeholders won't be significant?

Part C: ANC is of the opinion that auditors may have issues challenging the aspirations of stakeholders. As previously stated, the broad definition of stakeholders raises issues on the scope of information to be given in AG 30. A clearer definition would be useful. In addition, AG30c is particularly demanding.

### DR 2-SBM 3 – Interaction of impacts and the undertaking' strategy and business model

The undertaking shall describe the interaction between its material impacts and its strategy and business model.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide an understanding of material impacts on people and the environment and the adaptation of its strategy and business model to such material sustainability impacts.

#### Q13: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR 2-SBM 3 – Interaction of impacts and the undertaking' strategy and business model

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	©	0	©	•	0	©
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	©	0	©	•	0	©
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

ANC suggests merging these elements with SBM 1 – Overview of strategy and business model – to reduce the number of requests and to avoid duplication of information.

### DR 2-SBM 4 – Interaction of risks and opportunities and the undertakings' strategy and business model

The undertaking shall describe the interaction between its material risks and opportunities and its strategy and business model.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide an understanding of material risks and opportunities related to sustainability matters that originate from or are connected to the undertakings' strategy and business model and the adaptation of its strategy and business model to such material risks and opportunities.

### Q14: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR 2-SBM 4 – Interaction of risks and opportunities and the undertakings' strategy and business model

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	0	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

ANC suggests merging these elements with SBM 1 – Overview of strategy and business model – to reduce the number of requests and to avoid duplication of information.

### DR 2-GOV 1 – Roles and responsibilities of the administrative, management and supervisory bodies

The undertaking shall provide a description of the roles and responsibilities of its governance bodies and management levels with regard to sustainability matters.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide an understanding of the distribution of sustainability-related roles and responsibilities throughout the undertaking's organisation, from its administrative, management and supervisory bodies to its executive and operational levels, the expertise of its governance bodies and management levels on sustainability matters, and the sustainability-related criteria applied for nominating and selecting their members.

#### Q15: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR 2-GOV 1 - Roles and responsibilities of the administrative, management and supervisory bodies

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	•	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	0	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	0	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Parts A & C: the objective of this DR seems to be to give information on management members' level of expertise. This assessment may be difficult for the auditor if no specific diploma and few training hours are given as a reference, otherwise the approach will be based on a judgmental basis. Additional guidance on the criteria for this evaluation may be useful.

### DR 2-GOV 2 – Information of administrative, management and supervisory bodies about sustainability matters

The undertaking shall describe how its governance bodies are informed about sustainability matters. The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide an understanding of how governance bodies and management level senior executives are informed about sustainability-related facts, decisions and/or concerns that are within their responsibility sio that they can effectively perform their duties in that respect.

### Q16: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR 2- GOV 2 – Information of administrative, management and supervisory bodies about sustainability matters

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	©	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	•	©	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	0	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	©	•	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	©	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Part: A, D & E: DR 2-GOV 2 and DR 2-GOV 3 could be merged into one DR to reduce the number of requests and avoid duplication of information.

There is an inconsistency in the disclosure requirement set in paragraph 54, and the one in paragraph 55, which add "management level senior executives" to governance bodies, referred to in paragraph 54. Information should focus only on the notion of administrative, management and supervisory bodies. So ANC recommends deleting "management level senior executives" in paragraph 55, and adjusting the definition of governance bodies (alignment of terms).

Moving paragraph 57 ("whom the governance bodies receive information from and at what frequency") to the application guidance section would be preferable and make it optional by using "may" instead of "shall" to present it more as an illustrative example as to what could be meant by "processes" in reference to paragraph 56.

### DR 2-GOV 3 – Sustainability matters addressed by the undertaking's administrative, management and supervisory bodies

The undertaking shall provide a description of the sustainability matters that were addressed by its administrative, management and supervisory bodies during the reporting period.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide information on whether the administrative, management and supervisory bodies were adequately informed of the material sustainability-related impacts, risks and opportunities arising or developing during the reporting period. Equally what information and matters it actually spent time addressing, and whether it was able to fulfil its roles and responsibilities, as defined in its mandate and described under DR 2-GOV 1.

### Q17: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR 2- GOV 3 – Sustainability matters addressed by the undertaking's administrative, management and supervisory bodies

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	0	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	©	•	©
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	©	©	•	0	©
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Parts A, D & E: DR 2-GOV 2 and DR 2-GOV 3 could be merged into one DR to reduce the number of requests and to avoid duplication of information.

# DR 2-GOV 4 – Integration of sustainability strategies and performance in incentive schemes

The undertaking shall provide a description of the integration of sustainability strategies and performance in incentive schemes.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide an understanding of how members of the administrative, management and supervisory bodies are incentivised to properly manage the undertaking' sustainability impacts, risks and opportunities and, along with other employees, to take steps towards implementing the sustainability strategy of the undertaking.

# Q18: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR 2- GOV 4 – Integration of sustainability strategies and performance in incentive schemes

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	©	0	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	©	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	©	•	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	©	•	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	©	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

These incentive schemes must be taken in account by the auditor in the risk approach section of the audit.

# DR 2-GOV 5 – Statement on due diligence

The undertaking shall disclose its general assessment regarding how it embeds the core elements of due diligence.

# Q19: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR 2- GOV 5 – Integration of sustainability strategies and performance in incentive schemes

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	©	0	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	©	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	•	0	©	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	©	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	©	•	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	©	©	•	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

ANC is of the opinion that DR-GOV 4 may be asking for a significant effort from companies to deliver a reference table containing sustainability information and main aspects of sustainability due diligence as required by AG 55.

# DR 2-IRO 1 – Description of the processes to identify material sustainability impacts, risks and opportunities

The undertaking shall provide a description of its processes to identify its sustainability impacts, risks and opportunities and assess which ones are material.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide information on (i) how the undertaking is organising its identification and assessment and (ii) what is in the scope of its identification and assessment of sustainability matters.

# Q20: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR 2-IRO 1 – Description of the processes to identify material sustainability impacts, risks and opportunities

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	0	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	©	0	0	0	•	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	0	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

ANC is of the opinion that care should be given not to ask for too granular information in the description of the processes.

Regarding the application guidance, there is some anticipation of future regulation. AG 66 c) anticipates the CSDDD which is not yet effective. This information should not be requested before implementation of this directive. In addition, AG 77 could be clarified: internal and external experts are not defined and the expectations of this AG are not clear. Examples of their role and their expected contribution would be welcome.

# DR 2-IRO 2 – Outcome of the undertaking's assessment of material sustainability impacts risks and opportunities as identified by reference to and in compliance with sector-agnostic and sector-specific level ESRS

The undertaking shall provide a description of the outcome of its assessment processes by reference to mandatory disclosures under ESRS.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to give a clear statement of sustainability matters, as addressed by all ESRS, that are material for the undertaking, and to give relevant explanations on (i) how the undertaking related to the material impacts, risks and opportunities identified by its assessment, (ii) when the undertaking has or will put in place initiative to modify its strategy and business model, in order to reduce or eliminate the risk or to benefit from the opportunity and/or in order to prevent and mitigate negative material impacts and enhance positive material impacts (see DR 2-SBM3 and 4), why this was the case and (iii) if and why certain mandatory disclosures are not material under the undertaking' specific facts and circumstances and therefore disclosed as such.

# Q21: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR 2-IRO 2 – Outcome of the undertaking's assessment of material sustainability impacts risks and opportunities as identified by reference to and in compliance with sector-agnostic and sector-specific level ESRS

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	0	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	©	0	0	0	•	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	0	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

ANC expresses reservation (see above comments on the rebuttable presumption) on the principle of this DR as it requires undertakings to justify why certain mandatory information is considered non-material for that undertaking. On principle, it does not seem appropriate to ask for justification and appropriate evidence for each of these exclusions. It should be understood implicitly that the non-disclosed matters have been considered non-material as a result of the materiality analysis conducted by the undertaking and reviewed by its independent auditor. As an exception, a justification could be required, only for disclosures considered material to meet stakeholders' needs.

# DR 2-IRO 3 – Outcome of the undertaking's assessment of material sustainability impacts risks and opportunities that are not covered by and ESRS (entity-specific level)

The undertaking shall provide a description of the outcome of its assessment process in relation to material impacts, risks and opportunities that are not addressed under mandatory disclosure and require entity-specific disclosure.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide information (i) about all material impacts, risks and opportunities of the undertaking resulting from the undertaking's specific facts and circumstances for which relevant disclosure requirements do not exist, and (ii) when the undertaking has or will put in place initiatives to modify its strategy and business model, in order to reduce or eliminate the risk or to benefit from the opportunity and/or in order to prevent and mitigate negative material impacts and enhance positive material impacts (see DR 2-SBM 3 and 4), about such impacts, risks and opportunities. For each sustainability matter in the scope of sustainability reporting, the undertaking shall assess which material impacts, risks and opportunities are not covered by ESRS and shall give rise to entity-specific disclosure.

# Q22: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR 2-IRO 3 – Outcome of the undertaking's assessment of material sustainability impacts risks and opportunities as identified by reference to and in compliance with sector-agnostic and sector-specific level ESRS

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	©	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	•	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	0	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	•	0	•	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	©	•	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

no comment			

# 3B. Adequacy of Disclosure Requirements – Environmental standards (1/5)

For the purpose of the questions included in this section, respondents are encouraged to consider the following:

- when sharing comments on a given Disclosure Requirement, and as much as possible, reference to the specific paragraphs being commented on should be included in the written comments;
- in the question asked, for each ESRS, about the alignment with international sustainability standards, these include but are not limited to the IFRS Sustainability Standards and the Global Reporting Initiative Standards. Other relevant international initiatives may be considered by the respondents.
   When commenting on this particular question, respondents are encouraged to specify which international standards are being referred to.

A complete index of Disclosure Requirements and their corresponding Application Guidance can be found in Appendix I – Navigating the ESRS.

# DR E1-1 – Transition plan for climate change mitigation

The undertaking shall disclose its plans to ensure that its business model and strategy are compatible with the transition to a climate-neutral economy and with limiting global warming to 1.5 °C in line with the Paris Agreement.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the transition plan of the undertaking and its compatibility with limiting global warming to 1.5°C.

# Q23: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E1-1 – Transition plan for climate change mitigation

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	•	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	©	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	0	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Refers to part B – relevance for all the sectors

As currently drafted, several disclosure requirements seem to impose an approach without the opportunity of specifying whether they use this approach or not (i.e., scenario analysis). To reflect transparency, the "whether and how" principle could be more adequately used across the standard.

Refers to part H – prioritisation

ANC acknowledges that E1-1 on transition plan shall be prioritised under the first year of reporting, but with the exception for locked-in emissions.

Locked-in emissions are normally based on quantitative data and it is a relatively new concept. ANC would suggest making this a non-binding part of the DR and rather propose a qualitative information on GHG- and energy-intensive assets and products.

ANC also wonders if quantitative locked-in emissions should not be required under the IROs identification, like scenario analysis (AG 19 within IRO 1 and 2 on materiality assessment) rather than under transition plan (E1-1). These emissions are forward looking emissions that are used to assess the future transition risks and their related potential financial effects.

# DR E1-2 – Policies implemented to manage climate change mitigation and adaptation

The undertaking shall disclose its policies related to climate change mitigation and its policies related to climate change adaptation.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of how the undertaking monitors and manages its GHG emissions, climate-related physical and transition risks and opportunities throughout the value chain.

# Q24: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E1-2 – Policies implemented to manage climate change mitigation and adaptation

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	©	0	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	©	©	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	©	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Refers to part B – relevance for all the sectors

As currently drafted, the ESRS E1-2 AG 24-25 requires undertakings to list all policies that have a direct and indirect impact on the management of climate change. This request does not seem proportionate; it would seem more relevant to adopt the approach proposed in AG 26 instead which encourages undertakings to report only on other policies that may have a positive or negative indirect material impact.

### DR E1-3 – Measurable targets for climate change mitigation and adaptation

The undertaking shall disclose the climate-related targets it has adopted.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the targets the undertaking has adopted to support its climate change mitigation and adaptation policies and address its material climate-related impacts, risks and opportunities.

# Q25: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E1-3 – Measurable targets for climate change mitigation and adaptation

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	©	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

No specific comment		

# DR E1-4 – Climate change mitigation and adaptation action plans and resources

The undertaking shall disclose its climate change mitigation and adaption action plans and the resources allocated for their implementation.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide transparency on the key actions taken and planned to achieve climate-related targets and to manage GHG emissions, transition and physical risks and opportunities, supporting the understanding of achieved performance improvements and the credibility of the undertaking's policies, strategy and business model with regards to climate change.

# Q26: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E1-4 – Climate change mitigation and adaptation action plans and resources

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	©	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	©	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Refers to part H - prioritisation

A phasing-in approach for action plans and resources could be considered to facilitate the application of the Standards. For example:

- year 1: qualitative information: only actions (decarbonisation levers) without CAPEX
- year 2: CAPEX

ANC believes that the disclosure requirement of Climate-related OpEx may create difficulties as the financial definition of OpEx is not based on climate or more generally sustainability-related criteria. This has been proven with the first year of application of the Taxonomy regulation.

# DR E1-5 – Energy consumption & mix

The undertaking shall provide information on its energy consumption.

The principle to be followed is to provide an understanding of the undertaking's absolute energy consumption, improvement in energy efficiency and share of renewable energy in its overall energy mix.

# Q27: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E1-5 – Energy consumption & mix

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	©	0	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	•	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	©	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	•	0	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Since CRSD requires the standards to reflect the SFDR KPIs, ANC has taken the position to rate these DRs as 4 "Fully".

# DR E1-6 – Energy intensity per net turnover

The undertaking shall provide information on the energy consumption associated with activities in high climate impact sectors per net turnover of these activities.

# Q28: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E1-6 – Energy intensity per net turnover

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	©	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	©	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	•	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	©	©	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	•	0	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Since CRSD requires the standards to reflect the SFDR KPIs, ANC has taken the position to rate these DRs as 4 "Fully".

# DR E1-7 - Scope 1 GHG emissions

The undertaking shall disclose its gross Scope 1 GHG emissions in metric tons of CO2 equivalent.

# Q29: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E1-7 – Scope 1 GHG emissions

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	©	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	©	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	•	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	©	©	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	•	0	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

In accordance with the final CSRD, ANC considers that E1-7 & 8 on Scope 1 and 2 should not be rebuttable as they are assessed as always being material.

Since CRSD requires the standards to reflect the SFDR KPIs, ANC has taken the position to rate these DRs as 4 "Fully".

# DR E1-8 - Scope 2 GHG emissions

The undertaking shall disclose its gross indirect energy Scope 2 GHG emissions in metric tons of CO2 equivalent.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the indirect impacts on climate change caused by the undertaking's consumed energy whether externally purchased or acquired.

# Q30: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E1-8 – Scope 2 GHG emissions

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	©	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	©	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	•	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	©	©	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	•	0	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

same as question 29

In accordance with the final CSRD, ANC considers that E1-7 & 8 on Scope 1 and 2 should not be rebuttable as they are assessed as always being material.

Since CRSD requires the standards to reflect the SFDR KPIs, ANC has taken the position to rate these DRs as 4 "Fully".

### DR E1-9 - Scope 3 GHG emissions

The undertaking shall disclose its gross indirect Scope 3 GHG emissions in metric tons of CO2 equivalent. The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the GHG emissions that occur in the undertaking's value chain beyond its Scope 1 and 2 GHG emissions. For many undertakings Scope 3 GHG emissions are the main component of the GHG inventory and an important driver of their transition risks.

# Q31: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E1-9 – Scope 3 GHG emissions

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	•	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	©	©	0	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	•	0	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	©	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Refers to part C - assurance

The level of uncertainty could be specified (or % of data coming from primary and secondary sources).

Refers to part H – prioritisation

The reporting on Scope 3 is instrumental to achieving the objectives of the EU Climate Action Plan/ the Green Deal. However, requiring this disclosure in the first year of reporting would result in approximations and possibly imprecisions. Therefore, a phased-in approach could be considered. The CSRD provisions that allow undertakings an additional three years to report on their value chain on a comply or explain basis could apply to this DR (as an application provision).

#### DR E1-10 - Total GHG emissions

The undertaking shall disclose its total GHG emissions in metric tons of CO2 equivalent.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an overall understanding of the undertaking's GHG emissions and whether they occur from its own operations or the value chain. The disclosure is a prerequisite for measuring progress towards reducing GHG emissions in accordance with the undertaking's climate-related targets and EU policy goals as well as for the assessment of the undertaking's transition risks.

# Q32: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E1-10 – Total GHG emissions

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	•	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	•	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	•	•	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	•	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	•	•	0	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Since CRSD requires the standards to reflect the SFDR KPIs, ANC has taken the position to rate these DRs as 4 "Fully".

# 3B. Adequacy of Disclosure Requirements – Environmental standards (2/5)

### DR E1-11 – GHG intensity per net turnover

The undertaking shall disclose its total GHG emissions per net turnover.

# Q33: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E1-11 – GHG intensity per net turnover

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	©	0	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	•	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	©	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	•	0	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Since CRSD requires the standards to reflect the SFDR KPIs, ANC has taken the position to rate these DRs as 4 "Fully".

### DR E1-12 – GHG removals in own operations and the value chain

The undertaking shall disclose GHG removals from own operations and the upstream and downstream value chain in metric tons of CO2 equivalent.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide in a comparable manner transparency on actions to permanently remove or actively support the removal of GHG from the atmosphere.

# Q34: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E1-12 – GHG removals in own operations and the value chain

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	©	0	•	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	•	©	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	©	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Refers to part C - assurance

Providing assurance on carbon removals may be challenging given the significant assumptions that need to be made and that are currently subject to debate. However AG60 is providing context for the related disclosure on removals

# DR E1-13 – GHG mitigation projects financed through carbon credits

The undertaking shall disclose the amount of GHG emission reductions or removals from climate change mitigation projects outside its value chain it has financed through the purchase of carbon credits.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the extent and quality of carbon credits the undertaking has purchased from the voluntary market and cancelled in the reporting period.

# Q35: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E1-13 – GHG mitigation projects financed through carbon credits

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	•	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	©	©	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

no specific comments		

## (Optional) DR E1-14 – Avoided GHG emissions from products and services

The undertaking may disclose its estimated total avoided GHG emissions from its products and services in metric tons of CO2 equivalent.

The principle to be followed under this optional Disclosure Requirement is to provide transparency on the methodologies used and assumptions made by the undertaking when estimating and communicating about the impacts of their products and services on climate change in comparison to other products and services, or in comparison to a situation where their products and services would not exist, considering that there is currently no generally accepted framework for accounting and reporting on such avoided emissions.

## Q36: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E1-14 – Avoided GHG emissions from products and services

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	0	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	•	0	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	0	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	•	0	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	•	0	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	•	0	0	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Refers to part B - relevance for all sectors

E1-14 Avoided emissions should be shifted to sector specific standards as they are relevant only for some sectors

### DR E1-15 – Potential financial effects from material physical risks

The undertaking shall disclose the estimated potential financial effects from its material physical risks.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of how material climate-related physical risks may affect the undertaking's performance and position over the short, medium and long term, considering that those potential future financial effects may not meet at the reporting date the recognition and measurement criteria set for assets and liabilities.

## Q37: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E1-15 – Potential financial effects from material physical risks

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	•	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	•	©	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	•	0	0	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Refers to part H - prioritisation

- E1-15 & 16: Potential financial effects of physical and transition risks could be subject to an appropriate application provision with an optional deferral for 2 or 3 years (voluntary application at the beginning) or to qualitative disclosure. Undertakings would have more time to prepare adequately and provide the required disclosures.
- The standard should specify whether or not undertakings shall disclose the climate scenarios used during the assessment of financial effects from material physical and transition risks and opportunities (AG 71, AG 80 & AG 91).

### DR E1-16 – Potential financial effects from material transition risks

The undertaking shall disclose the estimated potential financial effects from material transition risks.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of how material climate-related transition risks may affect the undertaking's performance and position over the short, medium and long-term, considering that those potential future financial effects may not meet at the reporting date the recognition and measurement criteria set for assets and liabilities.

## Q38: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E1-16 – Potential financial effects from material transition risks

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	•	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	•	©	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	•	0	©	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Refers to part H – prioritisation (same as Q37)

- E1-15 & 16: Potential financial effects of physical and transition risks could be subject to an appropriate application provision with an optional deferral for 2 or 3 years (voluntary application at the beginning) or to qualitative disclosure. Undertakings would have more time to prepare adequately and provide the required disclosures...
- The standard should specify whether or not undertakings shall disclose the climate scenarios used during the assessment of financial effects from material physical and transition risks and opportunities (AG 71, AG 80 & AG 91).

# (Optional) DR E1-17 – Potential financial effects from climate-related opportunities

The undertaking may disclose its potential financial effects from climate-related opportunities.

The principle to be followed under this optional Disclosure Requirement is to allow users to understand how the undertaking may financially benefit from material climate-related opportunities. The disclosure is complementary to information requested under the Taxonomy Regulation.

## Q39: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E1-17 – Potential financial effects from climate-related opportunities

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	0	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	•	0	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	0	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	•	0	0	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Refers to part B - relevance for all sectors

Disclosure Requirement on potential financial opportunities could be shifted to sector-specific standards as they are relevant only for some sectors. ANC also notes that this information may be subject to competitive sensitivities and therefore, as applicable, undertakings should be allowed to refrain from reporting if that is the case. The fact that the final text of the CSRD allows undertakings not to disclose confidential information is welcome.

## E2-1 – Policies implemented to prevent and control pollution

The undertaking shall disclose its policies related to pollution prevention and control.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of how the undertaking monitors and manages its pollution-related impacts, risks and opportunities.

### Q40: Please, rate to what extent do you think E2-1 – Policies implemented to prevent and control pollution

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	©	•	©	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	©	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	©	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Refers to part B - relevance for all sectors

For most of the sectors, a disclosure requirement on pollution prevention policy (E2-1) (which might be rebutted) would be sufficient.

### DR E2-2 – Measurable targets for pollution

The undertaking shall describe the pollution-related targets it has adopted.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the targets the undertaking has adopted to support its pollution-related policies and address its material related impacts, risks and opportunities.

## Q41: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E2-2 – Measurable targets for pollution

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	0	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	0	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Refers to part B - relevance for all sectors

This Disclosure Requirement on pollution targets is mainly relevant for specific sectors and should not be presumed material for all sectors, even if some can be rebutted. 11 sectors (2 entertainment, 1 health care, 2 hospitality, 3 services, 2 technology and retail) out of 40 are not directly concerned by the full pollution standard

### DR E2-3 – Pollution action plans and resources

The undertaking shall disclose its pollution-related action plans and the resources allocated to their implementation.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide transparency on the key actions taken and planned in order to achieve its pollution-related policy objectives and targets.

### Q42: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E2-3 – Pollution action plans and resources

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	0	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	0	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	0	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	0	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Refers to part B - relevance for all sectors

This Disclosure Requirement on pollution actions & resources is mainly relevant for specific sectors and should not be presumed material for all sectors even if some can be rebutted. 11 sectors (2 entertainment, 1 health care, 2 hospitality, 3 services, 2 technology and retail) out of 40 are not directly concerned by the full pollution standard

# 3B. Adequacy of Disclosure Requirements – Environmental standards (3/5)

### DR E2-4 – Pollution of air, water and soil

The undertaking shall disclose information on a list of pollutants that are generated or used during production processes or that are procured, and that leave its facilities as emissions, as products, or as part of products or services.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide transparency on the emissions that the undertaking generates.

## Q43: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E2-4 – Pollution of air, water and soil

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	0	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	•	0	0	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	0	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	0	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	0	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Refers to part B - relevance for all sectors

While ANC appreciates the inclusion of the topic in the ESRS, the DR does not seem relevant for all sectors. Requesting a performance measurement on "Pollution of air, water and soil" on the scope stated in paragraph 35 "its operations, products and services all along the value chain and product life-cycle" does not seem applicable for all sectors, given that the level of quality and availability of information on the value chain will be limited. As drafted, it would seem appropriate to require this DR only for own operations. ANC also believes that these performance metrics relating to pollution of air, water and soil should be considered as sector specific. For instance, E2-4 Par 36b (specific loads of emissions put in relation to production outputs (e.g. activity level, production volumes)) is typically a sector specific requirement based on production (intensity ratio based on sectorial denominator).

The list of pollutants on which quantities are to be reported does not seem relevant from the perspective of the technical feasibility of their measurement. Moreover, the list of pollutants from the Platform on Sustainable Finance's Report on the four remaining environmental objectives from March 2022, page 102, is not specific enough to describe the types of pollutants selected in a rigorous scientific manner. The list should be reviewed and based on existing frameworks or regulations in this area for greater level of accuracy and alignment with existing frameworks.

### DR E2-5 – Substances of concern and most harmful substances

The undertaking shall disclose specific information on the substances of concern and most harmful substances that are generated or used during production processes or that are procured, and that leave its facilities as emissions, as products, or as part of products or services.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the impact of the undertaking on health and the environment related to the undertaking's production, use, distribution and commercialisation of substances of concern and most harmful substances, as well as an understanding of the undertaking's exposure towards those substances of concern including risks arising from changes in regulations.

### Q44: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E2-5 – Substances of concern and most harmful substances

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	0	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	0	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	©	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	•	0	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	0	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Refers to part B - relevance for all sectors

Given that "Most harmful substances" are intended to cover substances as listed in the EU Chemicals strategy for sustainability, not every undertaking/sector should be concerned by this requirement. EFRAG could consider shifting this DR to sector specific standards.

#### Refers to part F

ANC wonders why DR E2-5 AG 23 makes the table format mandatory, while all others are presented as examples. This leads to a discrepancy in the way the data has to be reported. ANC proposes to specify that this split comes from Taxonomy regulation and may be updated/modified in the future. ANC also notes that the Taxonomy regulation does not apply to all sectors which supports the idea that E2-5 should be a sector specific requirement.

# DR E2-6 – Pollution-related incidents and deposit impacts and risks, and financial exposure to the undertaking

The undertaking shall disclose the impact of and its financial exposure to pollution-related incidents and deposits.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of how principal pollution-related incidents and deposits may affect the environment and society and/or the undertaking's development, performance and position over the short-, medium- and long-term.

## Q45: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E2-6 – Pollution-related incidents and deposit impacts and risks, and financial exposure to the undertaking

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	0	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	0	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	©	0	•	©	0	©
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	©	©	0	©
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

While ANC generally agrees with the inclusion of financial effects of pollutions in the requirements, there seems to be some level of overlap between E2-7 on potential financial effects of pollution and with E2-6 on financial exposure. ANC would support the integration of both disclosure requirements.

# DR E2-7 – Financial effects from pollution-related impacts, risks and opportunities

The undertaking shall disclose the financial effects of the risks and opportunities arising from pollutionrelated impacts and dependencies.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to an understanding of the effects of risks and opportunities, arising from the undertaking's pollution-related impacts and dependencies, on the undertaking's development, performance and position over the short, medium and long term and therefore on its ability to create enterprise value.

## Q46: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E2-7 – Financial effects from pollution-related impacts, risks and opportunities

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	0	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	•	0	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	0	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	0	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	0	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Refers to part B - relevance for all sectors

While ANC generally agrees with the inclusion of financial effects of pollutions in the requirements, there seems to be some level of overlap between E2-7 on potential financial effects of pollution and with E2-6 on financial exposure. ANC would support the integration of both disclosure requirements.

The market size of products at risk may not be a relevant metric since products at risk generate risks on the undertaking's turnover, not directly on market size. It should be replaced by the turnover based on products at risk.

And if the purpose is to address the opportunities, the disclosure requirement should focus on the market size of products and services related to pollution remediation. And in this case, the comparability of the KPI between undertakings from different sectors may not be properly achieved, therefore products and their related opportunities should rather be included in the sector-specific standards when relevant.

### DR E3-1 – Policies implemented to manage water and marine resources

The undertaking shall disclose its policies related to water and marine resources2.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide an understanding of how the undertaking monitors and manages its material water and marine resources impacts, risks and opportunities.

### Q47: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E3-1 – Policies implemented to manage water and marine resources

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	•	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	0	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	0	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	0	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Refers to part B - relevance for all sectors

The wording of E3-1 & 2 on Policies and Targets should be revised as the current draft seems too prescriptive. "shall include" followed by a list of subjects and possible targets may give the impression of mandating the content of policies and targets when undertakings should remain free under the prevailing circumstances to define them themselves.

### DR E3-2 – Measurable targets for water and marine resources

The undertaking shall disclose the water and marine resources-related targets it has adopted.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide an understanding of the targets the undertaking has adopted to support its water and marine resources policies and address its material related impacts, risks and opportunities.

## Q48: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E3-2 – Measurable targets for water and marine resources

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	•	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	•	©	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	0	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	•	•	0	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Refers to part B - relevance for all sectors

The wording of E3-1 & 2 on Policies and Targets should be revised as the current draft seems too prescriptive. "shall include" followed by a list of subjects and possible targets may give the impression of mandating the content of policies and targets when undertakings should remain free to define them themselves.

### DR E3-3 – Water and marine resources action plans and resources

The undertaking shall disclose its water and marine resources action plans and the resources allocated for their implementation.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide transparency on the key actions take and planned to achieve water and marine resources-related targets and to manage related risks, impacts and opportunities.

### Q49: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E3-3 – Water and marine resources action plans and resources

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	©	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	•	©	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	©	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

No specific comment			

## **DR E3-4 – Water management performance**

The undertaking shall provide information on its water management performance.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide an understanding of the undertaking's water cycle at entity level and how the undertaking is managing to meet the targets it has set.

## Q50: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E3-4 – Water management performance

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	©	•	©	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	•	©	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	©	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	©	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Refers to part C - assurance

The definitions of the performance indicators in the current draft are too generic to allow comparability between undertakings. More precise calculation rules should be provided to cover the main methodological aspects that can have a significant impact on the data reported.

E3-4 on Water management mixes different subtopics which is not appropriate for materiality assessment. Having ESRS Disclosure Requirements mixing subtopics creates confusion for the user. This DR also presents redundancies with E2 on water discharges.

### DR E3-5 – Water intensity performance

The undertaking may provide information on its water intensity performance.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide an understanding of how the undertaking is managing to decouple net turnover from the withdrawal, consumption and discharge of water.

## Q51: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E3-5 – Water intensity performance

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	©	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	©	©	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	•	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	©	©	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	•	0	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Since CRSD requires the standards to reflect the SFDR KPIs, ANC has taken the position to rate these DRs as 4 "Fully".

The title should be "Water intensity per revenue"; water intensity per unit of production should be part of sector specific standards.

### **DR E3-6 – Marine resources-related performance**

The undertaking shall provide information on marine resources-related performance indicators.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide an understanding of how the undertaking is impacting marine resources and marine waters and how it is managing to meet whichever marine resources-related targets it has set.

## Q52: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E3-6 – Marine resources-related performance

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	©	•	©	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	•	©	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	©	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	©	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Refers to part B - relevance for all sectors

Marine resources as such could probably be defined on the basis of a more limited scope and become a sector-specific subtopic, since activities relying on marine commodities are sector specific by definition

# 3B. Adequacy of Disclosure Requirements – Environmental standards (4/5)

# DR E3-7 – Financial effects from water and marine resources related impacts, risks and opportunities

The undertaking shall disclose its financial effects of material risks and opportunities arising from water and marine resources-related impacts and dependencies.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the effects of material risks and opportunities, related to the undertaking's water and marine resources-related impacts and dependencies, on the undertaking's development, performance and position over the short, medium and long term and therefore on its ability to create enterprise value, considering that those potential future financial effects may not meet at the reporting date the recognition criteria set for financial statements.

### Q53: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E3-7 – Financial effects from water and marine resources related impacts, risks and opportunities

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	©	•	©	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	•	©	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	0	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	©	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Refers to part B - relevance for all sectors

E3-7 on potential financial effects of water is not clear (no Application Guidelines), probably because it is not mature enough as market practice. Application provisions for potential financial effects disclosure requirements should be considered for all environmental standards except for climate.

The market size of products at risk may not be a relevant metric as products at risk generate risks on the undertaking's turnover, not directly on market size. It should be replaced by the turnover based on products at risk.

And if the purpose was to address the opportunities, the disclosure requirement should focus on the market size of products and services related to water savings or water treatment. And in this case, the comparability of the KPI between undertakings from different sectors may not be properly achieved, therefore products and their related opportunities should rather be included in the sector-specific standards when relevant.

# DR E4-1 – Transition plan in line with the targets of no net loss by 2030, net gain from 2030 and full recovery by 2050

The undertaking shall disclose its plans to ensure that its business model and strategy are compatible with the transition to achieve no net loss by 2030, net gain from 2030 and full recovery by 2050.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the transition plan of the undertaking and its compatibility with the preservation and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems in line with the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030.

# Q54: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E4-1 – Transition plan in line with the targets of no net loss by 2030, net gain from 2030 and full recovery by 2050

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	0	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	0	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	•	•	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Refers to part B - relevance for all sectors

The reference to the concept of a transition plan in line with the targets of no net loss by 2030, net gain from 2030 and full recovery by 2050 as well as to resilience seems not to be supported by the CSRD requirements. ANC believes that due to the lack of reporting experience on such concepts, a progressive approach based on application provisions would be more relevant.

ANC also wonders if these requirements should apply to all sectors, the resilience of the strategy and business model being part of ESRS2 SBM4 which ANC understands would not be rebuttable. And indeed, AG 7 on resilience of the strategy and business model should only apply to undertakings with material biodiversity matters.

Disclosing the existence of a biodiversity policy would already be a good starting point for all undertakings and a biodiversity transition plan should probably be required only for specific sectors like Agriculture and Forestry (as an example).

Finally, to improve the application of E4-1, the wording "Shall include" could be replaced by "may include" or a provision application of 3 years could be added.

### DR E4-2 – Policies implemented to manage biodiversity and ecosystems

The undertaking shall disclose its policies related to biodiversity and ecosystems.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the extent to which the undertaking has policies that address prevention, mitigation or remediation of actual or potential adverse impacts and protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems and of how the undertaking monitors and manages its material biodiversity and ecosystems-related impacts and risks and opportunities arising from impacts and dependencies and addresses the strategies of no net loss by 2030, net gain from 2030, and full recovery of biodiversity and ecosystems by 2050.

### Q55: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E4-2 – Policies implemented to manage biodiversity and ecosystems

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	•	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	©	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	©	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	•	0	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Refers to part B - relevance for all sectors

The current drafting of E4-2 on Policies is considered as too prescriptive. Indeed, undertakings should remain free to define the content of their policies, which consists mainly of a general objective. ANC suggests the following wording for par 21 to 26¬:

"The undertaking shall describe its biodiversity policy, including its general objectives which may relate to:". In DR E4-2, Paragraphs 22, 23 and 24 provide details on how to achieve the objectives listed in paragraph 21, these actions should be moved to DR E4-4.

### DR E4-3 – Measurable targets for biodiversity and ecosystems

The undertaking shall disclose the biodiversity and ecosystem-related targets it has adopted.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the targets the undertaking has adopted to support its biodiversity and ecosystems policies and address its material related impacts, dependencies, risks and opportunities.

### Q56: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E4-3 – Measurable targets for biodiversity and ecosystems

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	©	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	•	0	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	©	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Refers to part B - relevance for all sectors

The current drafting of E4-3 on Targets is considered too prescriptive. Indeed, undertakings should remain free to define the content of their targets. ANC suggests the following wording for par 31 to 34¬: "The undertaking shall describe its biodiversity targets, which may relate to:".

According to ANC, the operationalisation of the EU targets (no net loss, net gain, full recovery) at the level of an undertaking remains largely unclear. And actually no net loss is not a sector-agnostic target at entity level, but is rather a global public policy target.

Currently there is no commonly agreed understanding of what exactly targets are for no net loss by 2030, net gain from 2030 and full recovery by 2050. It is difficult for undertakings to comply in a meaningful and comparable manner. Operationalisation is needed for undertakings given that undertakings have progressed less on the subject of biodiversity than on the subject of Climate.

### DR E4-4 – Biodiversity and ecosystems action plans

The undertaking shall disclose its biodiversity and ecosystems-related actions and action plans and allocation of resources to meet its policy objectives and targets.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide transparency on the key actions taken and planned to achieve biodiversity and ecosystems-related targets and to manage related risks, impacts and opportunities.

### Q57: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E4-4 – Biodiversity and ecosystems action plans

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	©	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	©	©	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	©	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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Refers to part A - Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered

As regards E4-4, the list of requirements in Par 42 seems to be quite extensive. ANC recommends that all of these 9 detailed content requirements about actions should be grouped and moved to AG with a "May" rather than a "shall". Application provisions could also be considered.

Despite these numerous requirements, there are no requirements on allocated resources; a link to Taxonomy Capex & Opex could at least be added. Adding these requirements on resources would increase comparability.

### **DR E4-5 – Pressure metrics**

The undertaking shall report pressure metrics.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide information on material impact drivers that unequivocally influence biodiversity, ecosystem services and underlying ecosystems.

## Q58: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E4-5 – Pressure metrics

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	©	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	•	©	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	©	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	©	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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Regarding part H – Prioritisation

ANC believes that performance measurement (DR 5 to DR 10) should be covered by a phasing-in approach. Currently, there is no global consensus on biodiversity KPIs. Methodologies must be sufficiently detailed to allow for meaningful comparison of impacts and mitigation activities over time. Information gathering processes and definitions must be systematically applied. This will allow a meaningful review of an undertaking's performance over time and helps internal and peer comparison. Limitations may include incompleteness of datasets, lag in responsiveness of the indicators that can obscure performance, and difficulty in communicating complex results.

Because of the currently missing common understanding of biodiversity reporting and the lack of reporting experience, it is concerning that the application of the standard will lead to information that is not comparable. At this stage, ANC would strongly recommend to phase-in the performance measurement pillar. This gives EFRAG, together with other initiatives, more time to elaborate and work on performance indicators and the methodologies and tools to calculate them ("time to develop gold standards"). The performance measurement pillar can then be included in a second set of standards. This would be consistent with the PTF-ESRS's decision to shift performance indicators for ESRS S2-S4 to the second set of standards (as sector-specific standards). Internationally approved KPIs, methods and tools for biodiversity would increase the provision of comparable information in a later stage of implementation. This would also allow capacity and data building on the side of undertakings which has not yet happened for biodiversity.

All performance metrics should also probably cover as a priority the undertaling's own operations and application provisions should be applied for these metrics along the value chain.

### **DR E4-6 – Impact metrics**

The undertaking shall report metrics for material biodiversity and ecosystem-related impacts, either by material geographical locations, and/or by material raw materials.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the progress of the undertaking's towards no net loss and net gain, including how biodiversity offsets may be integrated in this measurement approach.

## Q59: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E4-6 – Impact metrics

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	0	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	•	0	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	0	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	©	0	•	©	0	©
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	©	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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Refers to part A - Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered

As regards E4-6 on impacts metrics, the number of sensitive locations of the undertaking could be provided rather than a long description of the impacts. ANC also believes that this description would have already been provided under IRO materiality assessment in AG10 to 27 of ESRS E4.

### DR E4-7 – Response metrics

The undertaking shall disclose response metrics.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of how the undertaking minimises, rehabilitates or restores material impacts on biodiversity and ecosystems in material geographical locations of sites and/or raw materials identified.

### Q60: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E4-7 – Response metrics

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	©	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	•	©	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	©	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	©	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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Refers to part A – Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered ANC considers that E4-7 on response metrics should be located under E4-4 on actions as it requires the list of actions undertaken or planned.

### DR E4-8 – Biodiversity-friendly consumption and production metrics

The undertaking may disclose metrics on its biodiversity-friendly consumption and production.

The principle to be followed under this optional Disclosure Requirement is, if the undertaking so decides, to provide an understanding of its consumption and production that qualifies as being biodiversity-friendly.

### Q61: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E4-8 – Biodiversity-friendly consumption and production metrics

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	0	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	•	0	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	0	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	0	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	0	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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Refers to part A - Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered

ANC believes that this DR on Biodiversity-friendly consumption may be better located with other requirements on sustainable products and responsible supply chains. This raises the question of the structure of the ESRS and the lack of a standard on these 2 topics.

### **E4-9 – Biodiversity offsets**

The undertaking may disclose the actions, development and financing of biodiversity and ecosystems mitigation projects (offsets) inside and outside its value chain.

The principle to be followed under this optional Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the extent and quality of the development; investment and implementation of projects or programmes inside or outside the undertaking's value chain that compensate for any residual, significant adverse impacts on biodiversity that cannot be avoided, reduced or removed, minimised, or restore biodiversity loss inside or outside the undertaking's value chain (also commonly referred to as biodiversity offsets).

### Q62: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E4-9 – Biodiversity offsets

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	0	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	•	0	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	0	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	0	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	0	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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Refers to part B

ANC considers that E4-9 on biodiversity offsets could be covered by an application provision and/or could be considered as sector-specific as market practice is still limited. This market remains relatively small and players come mainly from specific sectors.

# DR E4-10 – Financial effects from biodiversity-related impacts, risks and opportunities

The undertaking shall disclose its financial effects of risks and opportunities arising from biodiversity-related impacts and dependencies.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the effects of risks and opportunities, arising from the undertaking's biodiversity-related impacts and dependencies, on the undertaking's development, performance and position over the short, medium and long term and therefore on its ability to create enterprise value, considering that those potential future financial effects may not meet at the reporting date the recognition criteria set for financial statements.

### Q63: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E4-10 – Financial effects from biodiversity-related impacts, risks and opportunities

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	•	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	•	©	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	•	0	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	0	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	0	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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Refers to part A - Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered

E4-10 on potential financial effects of biodiversity is not clear (no Application Guidelines), probably because it is not mature enough as market practice. Application provisions for potential financial effects disclosure requirements should be considered for all environmental standards except for climate.

The market size of products at risk may not be a relevant metric, as products at risk generate risks on the undertaking's turnover, not directly on market size. It should be replaced by turnover based on products at risk if relevant.

In addition, if the purpose was to address the opportunities, the disclosure requirement should focus on the market size of products and services related to biodiversity savings. And in this case, the comparability of the KPI between undertakings from different sectors may not be properly achieved, therefore products and their related opportunities should rather be included in the sector-specific standards when relevant.

# 3B. Adequacy of Disclosure Requirements – Environmental standards (5/5)

# DR E5-1 – Policies implemented to manage resource use and circular economy

The undertaking shall disclose separately its policies (i) to decouple economic activity from extraction of non-renewable resources and (ii) for regeneration of renewable resources and ecosystems.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the undertaking's ability to transition away from extraction of virgin non-renewable resources and to implement practices that secure and contribute to the regeneration of the stock of renewable resources and the ecosystems they are part of.

### Q64: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E5-1 – Policies implemented to manage resource use and circular economy

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	•	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	©	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	©	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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Refers to part B - relevance for all sectors

ANC is surprised that E5-1 on policies does not refer to the eco-design concept (draft directive) which is key to increase resource efficiency.

ANC does not understand the rational for separating policies into 2 parts: decoupling and regenerating. ANC suggests only one policy potentially covering the following objectives depending on the sectors:

- resources efficiency in operations
- eco-design of products & services (including new business model)
- waste recycling.

### DR E5-2 – Measurable targets for resource use and circular economy

The undertaking shall disclose the resource use and circular economy-related targets it has adopted.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the capacity of the undertaking to meet the policy's objectives of resource use and circular economy.

### Q65: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E5-2 – Measurable targets for resource use and circular economy

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	©	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	©	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	©	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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Refers to part B - relevance for all sectors

Concerning ESRS E5-2 on targets adopted, ANC believes that the classification of the targets (Par 25) could be considered as too prescriptive and not compatible for all sectors. An alternative suggested phrase could be as follows: "The disclosure required by paragraph 21 may relate to the following targets:". ANC would also suggest limiting the target to eliminate waste to own operations (Par 25a) rather than to expand the requirement to the whole value chain.

Refers to part C – assurance

ANC is concerned that 'Circular material use rate' is not well defined; if a rate is expected as a target, it should be made clear how this indicator is defined and how it can be calculated in the performance measurement section [DR E5-2 25.b)].

### DR E5-3 – Resource use and circular economy action plans

The undertaking shall describe its resource use and circular economy-related action plans and the resources allocated to their implementation.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the measures taken to increase the share of circularity in the flows and to optimise the use of resources supporting the credibility of the undertaking's strategy to develop circular business models fostering the transition to a more circular economy.

### Q66: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E5-3 – Resource use and circular economy action plans

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	©	•	©	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	©	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	©	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	©	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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Refers to part B - relevance

As regards ESRS E5-3 on actions plans, ANC considers that "resources allocated" are relevant and should be added to the disclosure requirement (provided that access to key natural resources is material for the undertaking as for the other DRs).

### DR E5-4 - Resources inflows

The undertaking shall provide information on its resources' inflows.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the resource use in the course of the undertaking's own operations, considering separately renewable and non-renewable resources and including transparency on virgin versus non virgin materials and on sustainable versus regenerative source.

## Q67: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E5-4 – Resources inflows

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	©	•	©	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	•	©	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	©	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Refers to part B - relevance

On ESRS E5-4 on resource inflows, ANC thinks that the requirement should be focused on the key resources used by the undertaking and split by category of material, instead of being a lump sum of the weight.

AG 21 on "reused or recycled input materials used" only concerns packaging materials, which seems to be very specific and may be extended to other categories of materials.

Refers to part C – assurance

Some key technical aspects are not defined and specified, which will lead to disparities in data reporting and interpretation of the expectations, in particular on: virgin and non-virgin material inflows [DR E5-4], sustainable as opposed to regenerative sources [DR E5-4], depletion of stock of renewable resources [AG 4. c)], intensity of materials and products use [DR E5-7].

#### Refers to part F

Alignment with the EU Taxonomy could be sought for: ESRS E2 (targets adopted) and E5 (resource outflows) could have a requirement expressed in percentage of green turnover based on substantial contribution to circular economy. A link to the EU Taxonomy could also be included in ESRS E5-7 on resource optimisation.

### DR E5-5 – Resources outflows

The undertaking shall provide information on its resources' outflows.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of how the undertaking is contributing to circular economy by increasing the durability, reparability, upgradability, reusability or recyclability of the products and materials.

## Q68: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E5-5 – Resources outflows

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	©	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	©	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	©	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	©	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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Refers to part B - relevance

For ESRS E5-5 on resources outflows, ANC would recommend only requiring information about the most significant outflows of the undertaking to avoid obscuring the sustainability statement.

Refers to part C - assurance

It could be made explicit in the disclosure requirements that resource inflows used and waste generated outside of the production process are also expected (required to answer to SFDR requirements as regards to waste).

### DR E5-6 - Waste

The undertaking shall provide information on its wastes.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the undertaking waste management strategy and of the extent to which the undertaking knows how its waste is managed in its own activities.

### Q69: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E5-6 – Waste

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	•	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	©	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	©	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	©	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	©	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

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Refers to part G

As regards ESRS E5-6 on waste, ANC wonders if this DR could be aligned with GRI 306 as it is probably representing the best practice regarding the reporting on waste. This requirement should be analysed in detail to find the right balance between relevance and reporting burden.

### DR E5-7 – Resource use optimisation

The undertaking shall provide information on its strategy to optimise resource use in creating circular business models.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the intensity of materials and products used by the undertaking and its capability to keep a resource at its highest value.

### Q70: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E5-7 – Resource use optimisation

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	©	•	©	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	•	©	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	0	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	©	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

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Refers to part G

In paragraph 46, and in order to relate it to current EU legislation, a link to the EU taxonomy on circular economy could be included.

### **DR E5-8 – Circularity support**

The undertaking shall provide information on its ability to create partnerships to accelerate the transition from linear to circular economy.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the services and products that contribute to create circular systems initiatives outside its own activities in the value chain.

## Q71: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E5-8 – Circularity support

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	0	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	0	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	0	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	0	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

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According to ANC, ESRS E5-8 on circularity support (creating partnerships to accelerate the transition from linear to circular economy) should be merged with ESRS E5-1, 2 and 3 as it contains requirements on actions, targets and policies and some elements are already covered by those disclosure requirements.

# DR E5-9 Financial effects from resource use and circular economy-related impacts, risks and opportunities

The undertaking shall disclose its financial effects of material risks and opportunities arising from resource use and circular economy-related impacts and dependencies.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the effects of material risks and opportunities, related to the undertaking's resource use and circular economy-related impacts and dependencies, on the undertaking's development, performance and position over the short-, medium- and long-term and therefore on its ability to create enterprise value, considering that those potential future financial effects may not meet at the reporting date the recognition criteria set for financial statements.

## Q72: Please, rate to what extent do you think DR E5-9 – Financial effects from resource use and circular economy-related impacts, risks and opportunities

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	0	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	•	0	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	0	•	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	©	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	0	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	©	•	0

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E5-9 on potential financial effects from circular economy risks is not clear (no Application Guidelines), probably because it is not yet accepted enough as market practice. Application provisions for potential financial effects disclosure requirements should be considered for all environmental standards except for climate.

The market size of products at risk may not be a relevant metric as products at risk generate risks on the undertaking's turnover, not directly on market size. It should be replaced by the turnover based on products at risk, if relevant.

In addition, if the purpose was to address the opportunities, the disclosure requirement should focus on the market size of products and services fostering transition from a linear to a circular economy. And in this case, the comparability of the KPI between undertakings from different sectors may not be properly achieved, therefore products and their related opportunities should rather be included in the sector-specific standards when relevant.

## 3C. Adequacy of Disclosure Requirements – Social standards (1/4)

For the purpose of the questions included in this section, respondents are encouraged to consider the following:

- when sharing comments on a given Disclosure Requirement, and as much as possible, reference to the specific paragraphs being commented on should be included in the written comments,
- in the question asked, for each ESRS, about the alignment with international sustainability standards, these include but are not limited to the IFRS Sustainability Standards and the Global Reporting Initiative Standards. Other relevant international initiatives may be considered by the respondents.
   When commenting on this particular question, respondents are encouraged to specify which international standards are being referred to.

A complete index of Disclosure Requirements and their corresponding Application Guidance can be found in Appendix I – Navigating the ESRS.

#### DR S1-1 - Policies relate to own workforce

The undertaking shall state its policies that address the management of its material impacts on own workforce, as well as associated material risks and opportunities; and provide a summary of the content of the policies and how they are communicated.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the extent to which the undertaking has policies that address the identification, assessment, management and/or remediation of material impacts on the undertaking's own workforce specifically, as well as policies that cover impacts, risks and opportunities in one policy. It also aims to provide an understanding of how both the internal organisation, and the workers whose interests they address, are made aware of their existence and content.

## Q73: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-1 – Policies relate to own workforce

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	©	•	©	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	•	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	©	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	©	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	©	•	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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ANC suggests merging this DR with ESRS S1-2, S1-4, S1-5 and S1-6 in two DRs. The first one about Policies and Processes and the second one about Targets, Action plans and Approaches, since the information required by these DR is descriptive and often overlapping.

In addition, please find the following comments:

§17 – "Link to the policy when available". There is no indication on how to update this information in AG. Does this information have to be repeated each year? If this DR were to be maintained as currently drafted, this information could be reported through DP1 for all sub topics? The § 97f of ESRS 1-DP1-1 on policies adopted to manage material sustainability matters requires the same information. Hence, ANC suggests removing the §17 of ESRS S1 requiring the undertaking to provide the link to the policy and to modify the §97 a) requiring the undertaking to provide the link to the policy in addition to the description of the policy. ANC suggests also removing the §21 and modifying the §97 of ESRS 1-DP1.1 by adding the description of policies related to own work force.

§22: This is redundant with §98 of ESRS 1 (application of the rebuttable presumption). If the §22 were to be maintained, ANC suggests that it should be redrafted to distinguish two different situations: explaining why no policy has been adopted is accurate only if there are material impacts linked to the topic. For each DR, the absence of the adjective "material" before the word impact suggest that no explanation is required.

# DR S1-2 – Processes for engaging with own workers and workers' representatives about impacts

The undertaking shall explain its general processes for engaging with its own workers and workers' representatives about actual and potential material impacts on its own workforce.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of how the undertaking engages, as part of its ongoing due diligence process, with its own workers and workers' representatives about material, actual and potential, positive and/or negative impacts that do, or may, affect its own workforce.

### Q74: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-2 – Processes for engaging with own workers and workers' representatives about impacts

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	•	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

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ANC suggests that this DR should be merged with ESRS S1-1, S1-4, S1-5 and S1-6 in two DRs. The first one about Policies and Processes and the second one about Targets, Action plans and Approaches since the information required by these DR is descriptive and often overlapping.

In addition, please find the following comments:

§23 related to the involvement of workers representatives into the materiality analysis seems to be very close to ESRS 2 SBM 2 on views, interests and expectations of stakeholders. Hence, ANC suggests that duplication between these two DR should be scrutinised. Similar suggestion applies to the duplication with S1-24 on social dialogue.

\$24 about how the undertaking engages its ongoing due diligence makes reference to the ESRS 1-2.5 "Due diligence under CSRD". However, the \$24 should be drafted in a way that does not anticipate this regulation that is not yet effective.

ANC suggests harmonising the vocabulary for an appropriate legal framework in order to avoid ambiguity between disclosure requirements and implementation requirements. Every DR could be drafted with the unique form of "shall disclose". In S1-2, it means that § 23 shall start with: "The undertaking shall disclose its general processes for engaging [...] on its own workforce, if it has implemented such processes. ..."; There is a lack of consistency between the DR and the AG as the §25 states "where relevant" but the AG, for instance AG 41 only states "shall explain". Additions of "if any" or "where relevant" are needed in each AG

paragraph. ANC suggests introducing a proportionality between the granularity of the required information and the risk analysis.

The information required in the 825, especially in b) seems to be very granular, hence difficult to collect for

The information required in the §25, especially in b) seems to be very granular, hence difficult to collect for some undertakings.

Finally, there are references to "outcome" without specifying how they are to be measured (e.g. S1-2: "outcomes and agreements from engagements are monitored"). Further guidance is needed as this can have an impact on the comparability of data.

# DR S1-3 – Channels for own workers and workers' representatives to raise concerns

The undertaking shall describe:

- the channels it has in place for own workers and workers' representatives to raise their concerns or needs directly with the undertaking, and / or
- the processes through which the undertaking supports the availability of such channels through the workplace of own workers, and
- how it monitors issues raised and addressed.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the formal means by which the undertaking's own workers and workers' representatives can make their concerns and needs known directly to the undertaking and/or through which the undertaking supports the availability of

grievance mechanisms in the workplace of their own workers and workers' representatives, how follow up is done with these own workers and workers' representatives regarding the issues raised, and the effectiveness of these channels.

## Q75: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-3 – Channels for own workers and workers' representatives to raise concerns

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	0	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

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The topic "different channels to raise concerns" as designed in DR n°3 of ESRS S1, S2, S3 and S4 or G2-2 are interrelated. ANC recommends that all ESRS S1-3, S2-3, S3-3 and S4-3 should be merged into one single DR in the ESRS 2-G2-2 Policies and Targets on business conduct since it concerns all the regulations from the European Directive (EU) 2019/1937 for undertaking in Europe and the UN Guiding Principles outside Europe. ANC also finds §29 less value-adding and we suggest it be summarised by "report if the channels cover the full scope of ESRS S1 sub-topics", for instance.

Moreover, since workers' representatives are not present in all undertakings, the mention "when applicable" should be added in this new DR.

In addition, the §30, as currently drafted, requires undertakings to disclose information about "whether and how it knows that its own workers are aware of, and trust, these structures or processes as a way of raising their concerns or needs and to have them addressed". The undertaking may have difficulty in collecting information about how the employees perceive or trust these channels without any guidelines in the AG. ANC suggests that this DR should be redrafted with additional guidelines.

Finally, qualitative information on the alert system describing the accessibility of the platform that collects complaints, the organisation of the reporting and the processing of information (time, governance, etc.) could improve the relevance of the required disclosure.

# DR S1-4 - Targets related to managing material negative impacts, advancing positive impacts, and managing material risks and opportunities

The undertaking shall explain any outcome-oriented targets it may have related to:

- 1. Reducing negative impacts on its own workforce; and/or
- 2. Advancing positive impacts on its own workforce; and/or
- 3. Managing material risks and opportunities related to its own workforce.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the extent to which the undertaking is using outcome-oriented targets to drive and measure its progress in addressing its negative impacts and/or advancing positive impacts on its own workforce, and/or in managing material risks and opportunities related to its own workforce.

## Q76: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-4 - Targets related to managing material negative impacts, advancing positive impacts, and managing material risks and opportunities

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	©	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	•	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	©	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

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For part F: No objective is specified, unlike in ESRS E. In this context, it could be useful to clarify whether the preparers have to integrate those defined by Europe, in particular in the framework of the European social rights base.

General comments: ANC suggests that this DR should be merged with ESRS S1-1; S1-2, S1-5 and S1-6 in two DRs. The first one on Policies and Processes and the second one on Targets, Action plans and Approaches since the information required by these DR is descriptive and often overlapping.

Additionally, the wording of this DR suggests that every undertaking is obliged to set targets to manage material negative impacts or material risks that is contrary to the freedom of enterprise. ANC suggests that these paragraphs should be redrafted as:

- §32 "If the undertaking has settled any outcome-oriented targets, it shall explain them. It may relate to etc..."
- §34 "the undertaking shall describe any targets, if any, linked to specific material positive or negative impacts etc...
- §36 the undertaking shall disclose any targets it may have settled with regard to etc...
- §37 "If the undertaking has settled any outcome-oriented targets, it shall disclose the process etc... Moreover, after scrutinising §36 and 37, ANC would like to make the following comments: First, the granularity of the information required by §36 and § 37 would oblige companies to disclose information about their entire human resources strategy. Part of this information is sensitive and might be confidential.
- Second, the requirements are not clear: the content should be streamlined and made easier to understand by indicating what needs to be disclosed.
- Third, some paragraphs seem to be redundant and need reviews:
- § 36 is not value-adding and could be summarised by "disclose any targets to the full scope of ESRS S1 subtopics" for instance.
- § 37 could be merged with S1-2 on engaging with workers and workers' representatives.
- AG 55 is a repetition of the objective of the DR without a specific focus, the paragraph should be deleted. AG 57 is a repetition of general principles with no specificity related to social matters, it should be deleted.

Finally, the objectives mentioned in AG.53 are not precise, for example: "improving privacy at work", "reducing overtime and split shifts". ESRS should provide reporting guidelines instead of action guidelines

## DR S1-5 – Taking action on material impacts on own workforce and effectiveness of those actions

The undertaking shall explain:

1. What action is planned or underway to prevent, mitigate or remedy material negative impacts on its own workforce that are connected to its operations, products or services;

- 2. Any additional initiatives or processes it has in place with the primary purpose of delivering positive impacts for its own workforce; and
- 3. How it assesses the effectiveness of these actions, programmes and processes in delivering outcomes or its own workforce.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the types of processes, initiatives or engagements through which the undertaking:

- 1. Works to prevent, mitigate and remedy material impacts on its own workforce; or
- 2. Seeks to achieve positive impacts for its own workforce, recognizing that in both instances, the ultimate aim is to deliver improved outcomes in workers' lives.

### Q77: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-5 – Taking action on material impacts on own workforce and effectiveness of those actions

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	•	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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The concept of materiality is acknowledged, yet difficult to consider in terms of the social topics, as any social topic can be material from a moral point of view, hence more application guidance is expected on this aspect.

In addition, this DR poses practical difficulties for undertakings, as:

- Laws on working conditions differ in different regions of the world (issues for consolidation of data and comparability),
- The granularity of the information required may make reporting difficult in the first year.

As already mentioned, ANC suggests that this DR should be merged with ESRS S1-1, S1-2, S1-4 and S1-6 in two DRs. The first one on Policies and Processes and the second one on Targets, Action plans and Approaches since the information required by these DR is descriptive and often overlapping.

Furthermore, ANC believes that the DR should not lead to adding new requirements for companies and should use a more neutral wording since the improvement of workers' lives to the extent described in AG 70-71 does not rely exclusively on the undertaking's responsibility. Hence, the §39 should be redrafted to be more consistent with §44:

"The undertaking shall explain:

- (a) what action it may have planned or underway to prevent, mitigate or remedy material negative impacts on its own workforce that are connected to its operations, products or services;
- (b) any additional initiatives or processes it has in place with the primary purpose of delivering positive impacts for its own workforce; what action it may have planned or which might be underway to deliver positive impacts for its own workforce and
- (c) how it assesses the effectiveness of these actions, programmes and processes in delivering outcomes for its own workforce".

Following the §40 [...]. (b) may work to seeks to achieve positive impacts for its own workforce, recognising that in both instances, the ultimate aim is to deliver improved outcomes in workers' lives."

Corresponding AG 66 should be also redrafted as proposed: "the undertaking shall explain whether and how it tracks the effectiveness of its actions....."

Moreover, some redundancies have been noticed:

- In the §42 a), b) and c) the information required are too detailed for a management report. The definition of approaches compared to actions or action plans is not clear. This new concept should not be introduced in this ESRS.
- In the §43 "The undertaking shall describe the approaches and processes through which it tracks the effectiveness of the actions it takes to address impacts." There is no need for this new concept of effectiveness. This is already covered by ESRS 1 DP 3 § 104:
- the expected outcomes of actions in relation to the contribution of the actions to the achievement of the underlying policy objectives and targets;
- if applicable, any actions taken (along with results) to provide for, cooperate in securing or supporting the provision of a remedy for those harmed by the actual material impacts;"
- In the §44: "the undertaking shall also describe whether it has additional initiatives or processes in

place ...". What is the added value of separating initiatives from action? ESRS 1 DP 3 § 104 already covers all these requirements.

AG 70 seems to be redundant with AG 68 and should be merged or further explained.

Finally, ANC understands that it is relevant to include social indicators as measurements of the effectiveness of certain policies. However, sometimes there is no clear link between the change in a social indicator and the effectiveness of the associated policy. For example, the reduction of one point in the frequency rate is not directly correlated to an implemented action but may be the result of other factors. In due time (must not be prioritised in first year of implementation), an explanation of the actions that limit the deterioration of an indicator and the measures implemented in case of deterioration of such indicator could be added with respect thereto.

# DR S1-6 - Approaches to mitigating material risks and pursuing material opportunities related to own workforce

The undertaking shall explain:

- What action is planned or underway to mitigate material risks for the undertaking arising from its impacts and dependencies on its own workers; and
- What action is planned or underway to pursue material opportunities for the undertaking in relation to own workers.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the ways in which the undertaking is addressing material risks and pursuing material opportunities related to its own workforce.

## Q78: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-6 - Approaches to mitigating material risks and pursi workforce

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

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ANC suggests that this DR should be merged with ESRS S1-1, S1-2, S1-4 and S1-5 in two DRs. The first one on Policies and Processes and the second one on Targets, Action plans and Approaches since the information required by these DRs is descriptive and often overlapping.

Additional following comments:

It has been called to ANC's attention that the exposure draft separates actions related to impacts (S1-5) from those relating to risks & opportunities (S1-6) and it uses a different word (approaches rather than actions). Further explanations behind this distinction need to be provided.

Moreover, AG84 adds an unclear requirement. The concept of dependencies is not one of the CSRD principles. At least, it should be redrafted as "if the undertaking has identified external developments that influence..., it shall disclose them".

In addition, AG 86 does not bring any further clarity or detail to the S1.6 DR. ANC suggests making its purpose clearer.

Finally, ANC would like to restate our opinion that the drafting of AG should not add legal requirements but that its intent is to illustrate the DR.

### DR S1-7 – Characteristics of the undertaking's employees

The undertaking shall describe key characteristics of employees in its own workforce.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is, in conjunction with Disclosure Requirement ESRS S1-8, to provide insight into the undertaking's approach to employment, including the scope and nature of impacts arising from its employment practices, to provide contextual information that aids an understanding of the information reported in other disclosures, and to serve as the basis for calculation for quantitative metrics to be disclosed under other Disclosure Requirements in this Standard, in particular on Working Conditions, Equal Opportunities and Other Work-Related Rights.

## Q79: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-7 – Characteristics of the undertaking's employees

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	•	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	©	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

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ANC would like to make several comments on S1-7 regarding the threshold, the methodology, the KPIs, the approximations, and the confidentiality.

#### Regarding the threshold stated in §51:

Many undertakings question the usefulness of such detailed information and would prefer a higher threshold (i.e. 150, the threshold of the EWC directive, or 250, threshold of the CSRD) or the 10% of the workforce. They consider the scope too broad to be covered on every topic, especially for the undertakings which are not currently within the scope of the NFRD.

ANC would suggest introducing progressivity by requiring information on the 15 or 20 largest countries of employment. What would be of interest in addition to a quantitative threshold is the link to socially risky countries but this should be covered by the IRO identification process since ANC subscribes to the concept of addressing social impacts and risks under a specific assessment including important qualitative criteria. More precisely, regarding the §51: "The disclosure required by paragraph 49 shall include:

- (a) A report of the total number of:
- i. Employees and a breakdown by country for countries in which the undertaking has 50 or more employees"

The characteristics of workforce should be better segmented depending on the goals of the ESRS and in order to avoid asking too much data:

- Number of employees per country and gender would be asked for, to provide a global picture.
- Precarious employment: percentage of temporary, non-guaranteed hours and part-time employees, as well as the gender proportion globally;
- The breakdown by countries is indeed interesting for risks analysis but should be covered by the IRO identification process, instead of the characteristic of employment.

#### Methodology

Under 51 b), two different methods of headcount (capital and FTE) may be used, depending on the sector. A unified methodology should be mandatory for comparability reasons. Calculation methods and definitions should be more developed (how internships are accounted for, etc.). Headcounts need to be made clear: whether it is at one specific date or an average of months. As currently drafted, cross sectorial comparability is not ensured. The definition of headcounts should be added in Appendix A.

However, in some sectors (seasonal work) headcount does not give a fair picture. As the headcount information is used further on as the basis for ratios, it might be better to use primarily the per capita) and leave the "comply or explain" principle to those sectors which have a high seasonality. This principle might be covered by 51 c: the provision of contextual information and d: description of significant fluctuations. Under 51 d) a reconciliation table should be required starting from previous end year headcounts less different types of exits+ hirings = this year headcounts.

#### **KPIs**

Several currently used KPIs are missing (turnover, layoff, age distribution, staff retention rate, absenteeism). ANC proposes introducing them in §51 as characteristics of the workforce with a corresponding definition in Appendix A. In fact, we suggest that turnover concept and its evolution should be introduced in ESRS S1 in

the characteristics of the workforce.

This DR requires information based mainly on KPIs on means and only few of them on KPIs on outcomes. More KPIs on outcomes should be required.

On subjects which are still open for debate, the undertaking could choose the KPIs, which would make it possible to highlight their social policy.

#### Approximation:

AG 97 mentions "Where data is not available for detailed information, the undertaking shall provide an approximation of the number, in accordance with ESRS 1, and state that it has done so." There is a lack of guidance on pre-required conditions for using approximations. The use of this type of approximations should be avoided as much as possible and be used as an exception (as last resort).

Confidential information

Some information asked from the undertakings are sensitive and might be confidential.

## DR S1-8 – Characteristics of non-employee workers in the undertaking's own workforce

The undertaking shall describe key characteristics of non-employee workers in its own workforce. The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is, in conjunction with Disclosure Requirement S1-7, to provide insight into the undertaking's approach to employment, including the scope and nature of impacts arising from its employment practices, to provide contextual information that aids an understanding of the information reported in other disclosures, and to serve as the basis for calculation for quantitative metrics to be disclosed under other Disclosure Requirements in this Standard, in particular on Working Conditions, Equal Opportunities and Other Work-Related Rights.

## Q80: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-8 – Characteristics of non-employee workers in the $\boldsymbol{\upsilon}$

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	То
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	
C. Can be verified / assured	0	©	
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	•	
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	©	
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	

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ANC acknowledges the integration of reporting requirements on non-employee workers since this information is useful for some readers. However, we suggest keeping in mind that for legal reasons, undertakings may have some difficulty in collecting the same detailed information for non-employees as for employees.

Moreover, the underlying risks covered by this DR could be explicitly mentioned and more guidance is requested.

Finally,  $\S54 - d$ ) and AG 100 mention that undertakings can report approximations of the number of workers who are not employees. There is a lack of guidance on pre-required conditions for using approximations. More comments regarding the thresholds and the definition of non-employee workers cf. responses above.

### DR S1-9 – Training and skills development indicators

The undertaking shall disclose the extent to which training and development is provided to its own workforce.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the training and skills development-related activities that have been offered to own workers, within the context of continuous professional growth, to upgrade own workers' skills and facilitate continued employability.

## Q81: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-9 – Training and skills development indicators

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

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For part G: ANC proposes including the concept of 'just transition', which training is dedicated to the just transition, i.e; reskilling/upskilling of the workforce. The awareness of employees regarding the ecological transition must be emphasised because of the social consequences of the adaptation of companies to climate change (for instance) and to new energies will be very important. For the time being, the only relation to the implication of the own workforce by possible layoffs is under AG 8 (e), regarding stranded assets.

#### General comments:

The scope of information is challenging to obtain at the global level for the information required in §57.a) and c). According to ANC, the focus should be limited to the information required in §57 b). ANC also finds that the related AG are not precise enough to support audit activities.

Definitions of nominators and denominators should be detailed.

Furthermore, regarding the KPIs: they are mostly KPIs on means and not on outcomes, they do not measure the performance of the undertaking's social policy. Alternative KPIs should be used such as: Gender equality index; proportion of women in leadership positions with disciplinary responsibility

The training definition (appendix A) should be clarified. It could be interesting to distinguish between training that leads to a certification or qualification (certification, diploma) and other training. The male-female granularity is useful, but other diversity criteria should be added (origin of the person (born in the country or outside the country) or the basic qualification.

#### Lastly, §57 could be more precise:

« For employees, the information shall be disaggregated at the level of granularity required by data points described below for (a) - (c) and, for non-employees, no further disaggregation shall be required" This sentence could be further clarified. What should to apply to non -employees? For (a)-(c) means (a) to (c) or (a) and (c) for instance?

"(a) the percentage of own workers that participated in regular performance and career development reviews for each employee category;"

There is no definition of the term "employee category"?

### DR S1-10 – Coverage of the health and safety management system

The undertaking shall disclose information on the extent to which its own employees are covered by its health and safety management system.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the coverage of the undertaking's management system to prevent harm and promote health amongst the undertaking's employees.

## Q82: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-10 – Coverage of the health and safety management system

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	•	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	©	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

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ANC generally agrees with this DR, but wishes to make two comments:

As stated in §60a, the coverage of H&S management system is equivalent to the scope of the policy. If additional information should be required, it should be added in the policy or action DRs (S1, S2, S5 and S6).

## 3C. Adequacy of Disclosure Requirements – Social standards (2/4)

#### DR S1-11 – Performance of the health and safety management system

The undertaking shall disclose the number of incidents associated with work-related injuries, ill health and fatalities of its own workers.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the quality and performance of the established health and safety management system to prevent work-related incidents. The undertaking shall provide the following information to comply with paragraph this Disclosure Requirement:

- the number of fatalities as a result of work-related injuries and work-related ill health;
- the number and rate[1] of recordable work-related injuries;
- the number of cases of recordable work-related ill health; and
- the number of days lost to work-related injuries and fatalities from work-related accidents, work-related ill health and fatalities from ill health.

[1] This information supports the information needs of financial market participants subject to Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 as reflecting an additional indicator related to principal adverse impacts as set out by indicator #2 in Table 3 of Annex 1 of the related Delegated Regulation with regard to disclosure rules on sustainable investments ("Rate of accidents").

## Q83: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-11 – Performance of the health and safety management system

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	•	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	•	©	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

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Overall, issues related to health and safety are governed by different regulations across Europe and worldwide. Hence, it may be difficult for some undertaking to collect the information because of these differences. As a consequence, the information consolidated at a group level may be non-relevant for users.

Moreover, many work-related diseases are sector specific and should be reported specifically under sectorial standards. This will allow a better comparability at sectorial level

As currently drafted, the AGs116 to 121 define what is "work related" regarding the §63. ANC suggests that the AGs 116 to 121 could be drafted in a more neutral way in order not to define or classify what is "work related" before the European institutions do so.

Specific comments regarding the paragraph 63:

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the quality and performance of the established health and safety management system to prevent work-related incidents. The undertaking shall provide the following information to comply with this Disclosure Requirement: (a) the number of fatalities as a result of work-related injuries and work-related ill health;

(b) the number and rate4 of recordable work-related injuries;

ANC finds the recordable work-related injuries not clearly defined and the calculation guideline is not provided. The definition and the methodology to calculate this number should be made explicit if there is a minimum volume of lost time (in general, at least one day).

- (c) the number of cases of recordable work-related ill health; and
- (d) the number of days lost to work-related injuries and fatalities from work-related accidents, work-related ill health and fatalities from ill health

ANC finds the number of days lost for fatalities less logical and value-adding:

- This KPI would be more of interests to the stakeholders if compared to the number of hours worked
- It should be made explicit if it is the number of days lost as a result of accidents that only happened during that year or also the years before
- It would be more precise if the day on which the accident happened as to be included.

At last, ANC suggests clarifying the definition of the terms used (e.g. occupational diseases) by specifying the different cases to be reported is needed.

## (Optional) DR S1-12 - Working hours

The undertaking shall disclose the percentage of its own workers that exceed 48 hours of work per week over the applicable reference period.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of whether the undertaking respects the thresholds established by the EU and ILO standards on weekly working hours (48 hours per week over a reference period) to protect own workers' physical and mental health and their safety and work-life balance.

## Q84: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-12 – Working hours

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	•	©	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

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ANC would like to restate our opinion that sustainability reporting should not replace legal compliance, as working hours are controlled by the Public Social Controllers.

#### DR S1-13 – Work-life balance indicators

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the actual practices amongst the employees to take family-related leave in a gender equitable manner.

## Q85: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-13 – Work-life balance indicators

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	•	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	•	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

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ANC considers the topic of work-life balance important and relevant to the sustainability reporting, yet we find the information required is too detailed for a management report. This type of analysis is usually carried out every 3 or 5 years internally by undertakings to improve the internal policy only and with no intent of public disclosure. ANC proposes limiting disclosures in this respect: for example; there is no need for public breakdowns by gender in the management report nor for separating entitled (a) and taken (b). In addition, please find the following comments:

- Work-life balance indicators should not be limited to family-related leave and could integrate workplace health promotion, childcare facilities, corporate leadership culture, etc...
- The information required by the §69 c) may be difficult to collect.

#### DR S1-14 - Fair remuneration

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of whether all of an undertaking's own workers are earning a fair wage, and, if this is not the case, an understanding of what percentage of own workers are earning less than a fair wage.

## Q86: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-14 – Fair remuneration

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	©	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

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ANC acknowledges the DR in general, but with areas for improvements.

- Regarding the consistency of wording, the title of the DR is "Fair remuneration" while the paragraphs 71, 72, 73 and 74; the AG139 to AG 143 refer to "wage" and not to "remuneration". The term "wage" is defined in the appendix but not the concept "remuneration". The same word should be used in the title, the DR and the AGs for consistency reasons.
- This concept of fair wage or fair remuneration is an European concept part of the European Pillar of Social Rights (chapter 2, principle 6), yet this DR may use the concept of "adequate wage" used in the CSRD or "equal pay" defined in the proposal for a directive 2021/0050 to strengthen the application of the principle of equal pay for equal work for consistency reasons
- The methodology detailed in AG 142 and 143 seems to be complex especially for non-employees workers. Hence, ANC suggests that for undertakings that are not already in a position to disclose this information, to be required to disclose information on the timeframe within which they will be in a position to produce this information. Another option is to limit this requirement only for companies with a global footprint.

#### DR S1-15 – Social security eligibility coverage

The undertaking shall disclose the percentage of its own workers eligible for social security. The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to understand whether there are own workers of the undertaking that are not eligible for social security and, as a result, are especially vulnerable to major social risks.

#### Q87: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-15 – Social security eligibility coverage

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	©	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	•	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	©	0	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

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ANC acknowledges the DR in general, but with areas for improvements.

- The DR requires information about the percentage of self-employed and agency workers who might not be eligible for company social security. While ANC understands the importance of this indicator, this information may be difficult to receive from year one, so a gradual introduction might be advisable.
- AG 144 suggests that as soon as a worker is eligible to one of the listed cases of social security, they become covered by the social security. The wording of this AG should be re-drafted in order to avoid this confusion. The text is not precise enough for audit, e.g. AG 144 "The undertaking shall disclose information related to social security. Social security is defined as guaranteed income security in cases of old age, unemployment [...]." The text could imply that an employee can be reported as covered, once covered by any of the security types listed here.
- Paragraph 78 seems to be redundant with paragraph 77, ANC suggests a closer review on these paragraphs

#### DR S1-16 – Pay gap between women and men

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the extent of any gap in the pay between women and men amongst the undertaking's employees.

#### Q88: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-16 – Pay gap between women and men

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	•	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	0	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

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ANC would suggest that the information required by this DR could be aligned with those required in the Article 8 –reporting on pay gap between female and male workers – (a) to (g) of the proposal for a directive "Equal pay for equal work of equal value between men and women through pay transparency" in order to avoid double reporting.

ANC suggests adding information about the access to highest positions for women. E.g. asking for the percentage of women in the 500 highest management positions (or 10% highest positions) in comparison with the gender ratio of the full undertaking. It could be interesting to require the breakdown by category of employees.

#### DR S1-17 – Annual total compensation ratio

The undertaking shall disclose the ratio between the compensation of its highest paid individual and the median compensation for its employees.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the level of compensation inequality inside the undertaking, whether wide pay disparities exist and how such disparities have evolved over time.

#### Q89: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-17 – Annual total compensation ratio

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	©	•	©	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	•	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	©	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	©	©	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	©	•	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

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This indicator is related to fair remuneration and should be presented in the disclosure requirement S1-14 - Fair remuneration

Paragraph 84b may be not relevant: a ratio of percentage change in annual compensation is often misleading in practice as soon as there are some special events (ex: CEO replacement with increased remuneration, or spin-off of a Business Unit) concerning either the nominator or the denominator. In addition, the definition of how to determine the highest paid is missing in the DR and in AG. It would thus be more appropriate to use the simple median as the denominator for the calculation of the ratio presented in paragraph 84.a.

Furthermore, no information seems to be required about the integration of CSR elements in the remuneration. Under G1-6, integration of stakeholders' views on remuneration policy is required as disclosure but even there, no direct relation is made between integrating ESG criteria in remuneration. This could be considered in the beginning, when introduced, as optional information.

#### DR S1-18 – Discrimination incidents related to equal opportunities

The undertaking shall disclose the number of work-related discrimination incidents, any corrective actions taken during the reporting period and any related material fines or sanctions.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the incidence of work-related discrimination, including sexual and non-sexual harassment, the corrective actions that the undertaking has taken for its own workforce, and any related material fines and sanctions.

### Q90: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-18 – Discrimination incidents related to equal opportunities

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	•	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

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ANC understands that this indicator helps to quantify the discrimination, yet a qualitative statement including the number and treatment of the incidents would be more relevant since the number of incidents does not reflect any performance of the discrimination policy.

Some of the complaints are due to social relations issues between individuals rather than established discrimination breaches. Paragraph 87 should rather be in Appendix B as an AG since it describes the scope rather than a requirement. The paragraph 88b should make clear at which level (site, subsidiary or corporate?) the undertaking should report discrimination incidents. Most of the complaints are managed at local level and are not reported internally at Group level. Hence, paragraph 88c could be simplified by just requiring explanation of the treatment of the confirmed complaints. The indicator related to fines, penalties and compensation is not relevant for the working group (paragraph 89).

It might be difficult to collect and consolidate some of the data due to the fact that most of the complaints are managed at local level.

It is also important to notice that the differences between national laws, especially with regard to definitions, make compliance with this requirement difficult. In the frame of the GPDR, it is often prohibited to ask employees for this type of information. Also, regarding sexual harassment, in some countries, companies are not allowed to collect and save the information

Furthermore, the wording of the AG150 is sometimes prescriptive in terms of the resolution of incidents reported to the undertaking. ANC suggests that the wording of this AG should be more neutral avoiding prescription since regulations in force prescribe how the undertaking should handle these incidents. Finally, instead of asking for information on incidents that are resolved, it may be more relevant to require undertaking to report on its information system to track these kind of incidents.

### DR S1-19 – Employment of persons with disabilities

The undertaking shall disclose the percentage of persons with disabilities amongst its own workforce. The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the extent to which persons with disabilities are included in an undertaking's workforce, and its composition by gender.

#### Q91: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-19 – Employment of persons with disabilities

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	©	©	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	0	•	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

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ANC acknowledges the importance of this information for readers. Yet, the definition of "person with disabilities" varies from a country to another, which questions the potential relevance of some consolidated data and suggest to investigate further and to simplify.

Moreover, this information could be difficult to obtain since in some countries it is forbidden to collect this data, or in other countries, people with disabilities declare their disabilities on a voluntary basis. Instead, ANC suggests that the undertaking should disclose information about policies implemented to remove barriers to employment of persons with disabilities

Further, the requirement under 89 (a) – regarding total fines, seems to be non-relevant as there may be huge differences between countries; compensation depends to a large extent to court decisions.

Calculation methodology in AG 51 should precise the percentage indicator. ANC suggests making clear the denominator (e.g. average headcounts, end year headcounts, etc.).

Finally, there is no need for breakdown by gender since in this regard gender is not the only distinctive factor given that there is also age, or colour or any other discrimination criteria. Therefore, ANC proposes removing this requirement

# DR S1-20 – Differences in the provision of benefit to employees with different employment contract types

The undertaking shall disclose information on benefits which are standard for full-time permanent employees but are not provided to employees with temporary, part-time and non-guaranteed hour contracts. The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the extent to which certain employees (those with temporary, part-time and/or non-guaranteed hour contracts) do not receive the same benefits as full-time, permanent employees.

## Q92: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-20 – Differences in the provision of benefits to employees with different employment contract types

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	©	©	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	©	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	0	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

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ANC acknowledges the importance of this information for readers, yet the different legislations across EU make this information difficult to collect and imply the adoption of the undertaking of a clear policy in this regards. Hence, ANC questions the potential relevance of some consolidated data and suggest to investigate further and to simplify. This DR is related to the scope of the policy rather than a quantitative performance criteria. This should be disclosed under the social policy scope, not as a performance KPI and be merged in DR S1-1.

Similarly, § 96 should be located in AG as it is not a disclosure requirement but a scope requirement. ANC also finds the reporting threshold low. A proposal could be to introduce proportionality for the reporting threshold.

### 3C. Adequacy of Disclosure Requirements – Social standards (3/4)

#### DR S1-21 – Grievances and complaints related to other work-related rights

The undertaking shall state the number of grievances and complaints received and resolved relating to workers' other work-related rights.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the undertaking's grievance mechanism or channel. This is the mechanism or channel through which those workers whose other work-related rights are impacted by the undertaking are able to lodge a concern or complaint, and that can provide access to remedy by resolving those complaints. Furthermore, it is to provide an understanding of the number of complaints raised and resolved at National Contact Points for OECD Multinationals.

#### Q93: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-21 – Grievances and complaints related to other work-related rights

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	•	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	©	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	•	©	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	©	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

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Other work-related rights should be precisely defined either in the appendix A or in the application guidance in order to determine what work-related rights are involved.

This DR is mixing actions and processes with related KPIs, thereby adding some confusion to what is required.

Furthermore, this DR seems to be redundant with S1-3 §.28 on Channels and with S1-18 §.88a on discrimination.

This topic seems to be more of a governance issue, or to be linked to workers in the value chain reporting (ESRS S2). This DR should be merged with ESRS G2-2 (a); (c) and (d) in order to avoid double reporting. ANC suggests making a cross reference so that undertakings have to provide only one table of incidents /complaints broken down by objective (Discrimination, etc.).

Finally, some information might be too granular for the undertakings to collect.

#### DR S1-22 – Collective bargaining coverage

The undertaking shall disclose information on the extent to which the working conditions and terms of employment of its own workforce are determined or influenced by collective bargaining agreements. The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the importance of collective bargaining agreements for its own workforce.

#### Q94: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-22 – Collective bargaining coverage

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	©	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	•	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	•	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

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For part G: This section may already be covered by DR S1-2 §25 b (any framework agreement....listed under paragraph 2 of the objective section). This section lists all sorts of collective agreements. ANC would like to suggest avoiding duplication.

#### General comments:

The information required under § 10, i.e. the coverage ratio and the effectiveness of the agreements could be covered under S1-2 d as well. This avoids double reporting of policies in a qualitative way and coverage in a quantitative way. In countries where collective bargaining is not mandatory, the undertaking should state this, if relevant (i.e. according to the threshold of the reporting requirement). Moreover, the reporting threshold for significant employment (i.e. at least 50 employees) might be too low, causing a disproportionate burden for employers engaged in cross-border and international activities.

ANC suggests introducing proportionality for the reporting threshold.

#### DR S1-23 – Work stoppages

The undertaking shall disclose the extent of major work stoppages (including both strikes and lockouts) because of disputes between the undertaking and its own workforce.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the extent of worker disputes and their impact on the undertaking's operations.

#### Q95: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-23 – Work stoppages

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	©	•	©	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	•	©	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	©	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

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ANC understands this information is useful for some stakeholders, with some areas of concerns:

- Regarding the definition of major work stoppage: the notion of "major" is based on the number of employees on strike. The number of 100 employees may be a very high number for some undertaking and much lower for other. It would be more appropriate to define the notion of major in proportion to the number of employees of an undertaking.
- Above a certain threshold, companies should provide information to describe what will be considered as a major work stoppage.
- Work stoppages should be reported in number of days and not in number of hours.
- The level of detailed information required for each major work stoppage is excessive (§107 b), especially given the low thresholds required.

#### DR S1-24 – Social dialogue

The undertaking shall disclose the extent and functioning of social dialogue with workers' representatives of its own workforce.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the extent to which the institutional prerequisites for social dialogue in the undertaking exist and the extent to which rights to social dialogue are respected in the undertaking's operations, particularly for those which are located in the European Economic Area (EEA).

#### Q96: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-24 – Social dialogue

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	0	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	•	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	0	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

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The information required in the § 110.c (workers representatives included in administrative, management and supervisory bodies) should be harmonised with the disclosure required under GR 1-9 (composition of administrative, management and supervisory bodies), e.g. by adding a section for "own workers". Information under collective bargaining, as it is part of social dialogue, could be merged with this paragraph and it should be considered if it could be merged into S1-2. In this case, S1-2 should stay an independent DR dealing exclusively to Processes for engaging with own workers and worker's representatives about impacts and state the information required under S1-21 and S1-24 (with the stated remarks). ANC also suggests that KPIs such as employee engagement, turnover rate could be used to measure the quality of social dialogue. On top of those, the §110 should be drafted on a more neutral way since it is assumed that the undertaking applies the regulation on that topic.

#### DR S1-25 – Identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents

The undertaking shall disclose the number of severe human rights issues and incidents connected to own workforce which occurred in the reporting year.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the extent to which severe human rights issues (e.g. forced labour, human trafficking or child labour) and incidents affecting the undertaking's own workforce through its activities or business relationships occurred in the reporting year.

#### Q97: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-25 – Identified cases of severe human rights issues and incidents

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	•	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	•	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

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ANC acknowledges the importance of this social issue and the relevance of this information for readers. Yet, undertakings may have some difficulty in collecting this information on a worldwide basis.

ANC recommends defining the concepts "severe", "issues" and relating them to the definition of "Confirmed incident" and "Incident" provided in Appendix A. ANC suggests homogenising the terminology between the body of the text and AG especially the number of confirmed incidents. The methodology to count the number of "issues" should be specified.

Furthermore, ANC suggests that some consolidations of the text be made:

- This DR seems to be redundant with ESRS 2 IRO2.
- The difference between S1-25 HR issues and incidents and S1-21 on grievances and complaints related to other work related rights should be made clearer.
- Rights listed in §2 include forced labour, child labour and human trafficking. ANC understands that S1-21 includes S1-25. Why not merge both? S1-18 on discrimination incidents is also very similar.
- It should be noticed that the paragraph 114a) is similar to the paragraph 89a.
- Suggestion: Merging of this DR with DR 2- IRO 2 in ESRS 2 which requires information on the negative impacts of the undertaking's activity or the undertaking itself on people. Lawsuits and convictions can be seen as materializing the negative impacts of the undertaking's activity on people, including its own employees.

#### DR S1-26 – Privacy at work

The undertaking shall disclose the right to privacy at work for its own workforce.

The principle underlying this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of an undertaking's measures on personal data protection concerning its workforce and the nature and extent of worker surveillance that is conducted.

#### Q98: Please, rate to what extent do you think S1-26 – Privacy at work

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

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There seems to be confusion between two very different reporting purposes:

- 1. The reporting of employee data under the GDPR, in which case, the information required should be included in the governance section.
- 2. The reporting on well-being at work relating to the degree of surveillance to which employees are subject, in which case the level of granularity of the information required is too high and the scope of employees concerned is too broad ("employees and non-employees in own workforce, on site and off site"). This DR could be covered by policy.

Moreover, the drafting of this DR should be more neutral and not requiring how the undertaking complies with the laws in force in this field. It could more accurate to require an undertaking to declare if its policies respect a specific directive rather than developing, in EFRAG standards, additional norms which are not the EFRAG's prerogatives

ANC suggests to use KPIs such as "trials" and "convictions" in relation to these issues.

Finally, the application guidance should be better articulated with the European legislation, for instance on privacy rights (§AG 31 (f)).

#### DR S2-1 - Policies related to value chain workers

The undertaking shall state its policies that address the management of its material impacts on value chain workers, as well as associated material risks and opportunities; and provide a summary of the content of the policies and how they are communicated.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the extent to which the undertaking has policies that address the identification, assessment, management and/or remediation of material impacts on value chain workers specifically, as well as policies that cover material risks or opportunities related to value chain workers, or policies that cover impacts, risks and opportunities in one policy. It also aims to provide an understanding of how both the internal organisation, and the value chain workers whose interests they address, are made aware of their existence and content.

#### Q99: Please, rate to what extent do you think S2-1 – Policies related to value chain workers

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	©	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	0	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	•	0	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	•	0	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	•	0	0	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

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Please refer to our comments to Q46 "ESRS S2 Workers in the value chain" on top of survey 1C. Overall ESRS Exposure Drafts content

#### DR S2-2 - Processes for engaging with value chain workers about impacts

The undertaking shall explain its general processes for engaging with value chain workers and their representatives about actual and potential material impacts on them.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of how the undertaking engages, as part of its ongoing due diligence process, with value chain workers and related trade union and worker representatives about material actual and potential positive and/or negative impacts that do or may affect them, and whether and how perspectives of value chain workers are taken into account in the decision-making processes of the undertaking.

#### Q100: Please, rate to what extent do you think S2-2 – Processes for engaging with value chain workers about impacts

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	©	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	0	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	•	0	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	•	0	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	•	0	0	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Please refer to our comments to Q46 "ESRS S2 Workers in the value chain" on top of survey 1C. Overall ESRS Exposure Drafts content

#### DR S2-3 - Channels for value chain workers to raise concerns

The undertaking shall describe:

- 1. the channels it has in place for value chain workers to raise their concerns or needs directly with the undertaking; and/or
- 2. the processes through which the undertaking supports the availability of such channels through the workplace of value chain workers; and
- 3. how it monitors issues raised and addressed.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the formal means by which value chain workers can make their concerns and needs known directly to the undertaking and/or through which the undertaking supports the availability of grievance mechanisms in the workplace of value chain workers, how there is follow up with these workers regarding the issues raised and the effectiveness of these channels.

#### Q101: Please, rate to what extent do you think S2-3 – Channels for value chain workers to raise concerns

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	©	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	0	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	•	0	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	©	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	•	0	0	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Please refer to our comments to Q46 "ESRS S2 Workers in the value chain" on top of survey 1C. Overall ESRS Exposure Drafts content

Apart from the previous comments, ANC would like to suggest identifying granular risks in the value chain and offer whistleblowing systems intended to enable collection of the alerts issued by external people regarding situations that are contrary to the company's code of conduct.

Also, in Par 23 ANC supposes that the role of a company is to offer a mechanism to workers in the value chain communities to express their needs at corporate level.

# DR S2-4 - Targets related to managing material negative impacts, advancing positive impacts, and managing material risks and opportunities

The undertaking shall explain the outcome-oriented targets it may have related to:

- 1. reducing negative impacts on value chain workers; and/or
- 2. advancing positive impacts on value chain workers; and/or
- 3. managing material risks and opportunities related to value chain workers.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the extent to which the undertaking is using outcome-oriented targets to drive and measure its progress in addressing negative impacts, and/or advancing positive impacts, on value chain workers, and/or in managing material risks and opportunities related to value chain workers.

## Q102: Please, rate to what extent do you think S2-4 – Targets related to managing material negative impacts, advancing positive impacts, and managing material risks and opportunities

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	0	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	0	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	•	0	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	©	0	•	©	0	©
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	©	©	0	©
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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Please refer to our comments to Q46 "ESRS S2 Workers in the value chain" on top of survey 1C. Overall ESRS Exposure Drafts content

Apart from the previous comments, ANC would like to point out the fact that not all targets are measurable in this DR and would suggest keeping one valuable target, to reduce the number of hot spots (human risks in value chain). Other complementary qualitative objectives could also be required.

#### 3C. Adequacy of Disclosure Requirements – Social standards (4/4)

## DR S2-5 - Taking action on material impacts on value chain workers and effectiveness of those actions

The undertaking shall explain:

- 1. what action is planned or underway to prevent, mitigate or remedy material negative impacts on value chain workers that are connected to its operations, products or services;
- 2. any additional initiatives or processes it has in place with the primary purpose of delivering positive impacts for value chain workers; and
- 3. how it assesses the effectiveness of these actions, programmes and processes in delivering intended outcomes for value chain workers.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the types of process, initiative or engagement through which the undertaking (a) works to prevent, mitigate and remedy material impacts on value chain workers, or (b) seeks to achieve positive impacts for value chain workers, recognising that in both instances, the ultimate aim is to deliver improved outcomes in workers' lives.

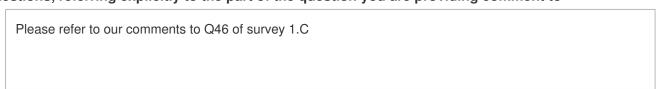
#### Q103: Please, rate to what extent do you think S2-5 – Taking action on material impacts on value chain workers and effectiveness of those actions

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	0	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	©	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	•	©	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	•	©	©	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	©	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	•	0	©	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to



# DR S2-6 - Approaches to mitigating material risks and pursuing material opportunities related to value chain workers

The undertaking shall explain:

- 1. what action is planned or underway to mitigate material risks for the undertaking arising from its impacts and dependencies on value chain workers; and
- 2. what action is planned or underway to pursue material opportunities for the undertaking in relation to value chain workers.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the ways in which the undertaking is addressing the material risks and pursuing the material opportunities related to workers in its value chain.

## Q104: Please, rate to what extent do you think S2-6 – Approaches to mitigating material risks and pursuing material opportunities related to value chain workers

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	0	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	©	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	•	0	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	•	0	©	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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#### DR S3-1 – Policies related to affected communities

The undertaking shall state its policies that address the management of its material impacts on communities, as well as associated material risks and opportunities; and provide a summary of the content of the policies and how they are communicated.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the extent to which the undertaking has policies that address the identification, assessment, management and/or remediation of material impacts on local communities specifically, as well as policies that cover material risks or opportunities related to affected communities, or policies that cover impacts, risks and opportunities in one policy. It also aims to provide an understanding of how both the internal organisation, and the local communities whose interests they address, are made aware of their existence and content.

### Q105: Please, rate to what extent do you think S3-1 – Policies related to affected communities

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	0	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	©	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	•	0	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	•	0	©	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

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### DR S3-2 – Processes for engaging with affected communities about impacts

The undertaking shall explain its general processes for engaging with affected communities and their representatives about actual and potential material impacts on them.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of how the undertaking engages as part of its ongoing due diligence process with affected communities about material actual and potential positive and/or negative impacts that do or may affect them, and whether and how perspectives of affected communities are taken into account in the decision-making processes of the undertaking.

### Q106: Please, rate to what extent do you think S3-2 – Processes for engaging with affected communities about impacts

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	0	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	©	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	•	0	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	•	0	©	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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Refer to the comments made to the question 47 in survey 1.C.

Apart from the previous comments, ANC would also like make a comment on the requirement on local agreements being used to monitor human rights risks. The granularity of this requirement is not relevant for the management report.

#### DR S3-3 – Channels for affected communities to raise concerns

The undertaking shall describe:

- 1. the channels it has in place for affected communities to raise their concerns or needs directly with the undertaking; and/or
- 2. the processes through which the undertaking supports the availability of such channels by its business relationships; and
- 3. how it monitors issues raised and addressed.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the formal means by which affected communities can make their concerns and needs known directly to the undertaking, and/or through which the undertaking supports the availability of mechanisms by its business relationships, how there is follow up with these communities regarding the issues raised, and the effectiveness of these channels.

### Q107: Please, rate to what extent do you think S3-3 – Channels for affected communities to raise concerns

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	0	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	©	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	•	0	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	0	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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Please refer to our comments to Q47 of survey 1.C

Apart from the previous comments, ANC would also like to suggest identifying granular risks in the value chain and offer whistleblowing systems intended to enable collecting the alerts issued by external people regarding situations that are contrary to the company's code of conduct.

ANC would also like to point out that in Par 23 we suppose that the role of a company is to offer a mechanism for communities to express their needs at corporate level.

# DR S3-4 – Targets related to managing material negative impacts, advancing positive impacts, and managing material risks and opportunities

The undertaking shall explain the outcome-oriented targets it may have related to:

- 1. reducing negative impacts on affected communities; and/or
- 2. advancing positive impacts on affected communities; and/or
- 3. managing material risks and opportunities related to affected communities.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the extent to which the undertaking is using outcome-oriented targets to drive and measure progress in addressing negative impacts, and/or advancing positive impacts, on affected communities.

## Q108: Please, rate to what extent do you think S3-4 – Targets related to managing material negative impacts, advancing positive impacts, and managing material risks and opportunities

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	0	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	0	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	•	0	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	0	•	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	•	0	0	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Please refer to our comments in Q47 of survey 1.C

Apart from the previous comments, ANC would like to point out the fact that not all targets are measurable in this DR. It is less likely to have measurable targets for communities at a consolidated level. Therefore, ANC would suggest not asking for targets but rather the detail of qualitative objectives of the policies. In addition, we would suggest only keeping the target on reducing the number of hot spots (human risks in affected communities).

## DR S3-5 – Taking action on material impacts on affected communities and effectiveness of those actions

## Q109: Please, rate to what extent do you think S3-5 – Taking action on material impacts on affected communities and effectiveness of those actions

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	0	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	0	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	•	0	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	©
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	•	0	©	©	0	©
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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## DR S3-6 - Approaches to mitigating material risks and pursuing material opportunities related to affected communities

The undertaking shall explain:

- 1. what action is planned or underway to mitigate material risks for the undertaking arising from its impacts and dependencies on local communities; and
- 2. what action is planned or underway to pursue material opportunities for the undertaking in relation to local communities.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the ways in which the undertaking is addressing the material risks and pursuing the material opportunities related to affected communities.

## Q110: Please, rate to what extent do you think S3-6 – Approaches to mitigating material risks and pursuing material opportunities related to affected communities

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	0	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	•	0	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	•	0	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	•	0	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	©
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	•	0	©	©	0	©
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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#### DR S4-1 – Policies related to consumers and end-users

The undertaking shall state its policies that address the management of its material impacts of its products and/or services on consumers and end-users, as well as associated material risks and opportunities; and provide a summary of the content of the policies and how they are communicated.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the extent to which the undertaking has policies that address the identification, assessment, management and/or remediation of impacts on consumers and end-users specifically, as well as policies that cover material risks or opportunities related to consumers and end-users, or policies that cover impacts, risks and opportunities in one policy. It also aims to provide an understanding of how both the internal organisation, and the consumers and end-users whose interests they address, are made aware of their existence and content.

### Q111: Please, rate to what extent do you think S4-1 – Policies related to consumers and end-users

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	0	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	•	0	©	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	•	0	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	•	0	©	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

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# DR S4-2 – Processes for engaging with consumers and end-users about impacts

The undertaking shall explain its general processes for engaging with consumers and end-users and their representatives about actual and potential material impacts on them.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of how the undertaking engages as part of its ongoing due diligence process with consumers and end-users about material actual and potential positive and/or negative impacts that do or may affect them, and whether and how perspectives of consumers and end-users are taken into account in the decision-making processes of the undertaking.

### Q112: Please, rate to what extent do you think S4-2 – Processes for engaging with consumers and end-users about impacts

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	0	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	•	0	©	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	•	0	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	•	0	©	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Please refer to our comments to Q48 of survey 1.C

Apart from the previous comments, ANC would like to point out that, in terms of wording, "monitoring customer satisfaction" might be more relevant than engaging with customers or channels to raise concern (in S4-2 and S4-3). Since the role of an undertaking is to respond to customers' needs, they are engaging and listening to them.

#### DR S4-3 – Channels for consumers and end-users to raise concerns

The undertaking shall describe:

- 1. the channels it has in place for consumers and end-users to raise their concerns/complaints or needs directly with the undertaking; and/or
- 2. the processes through which the undertaking supports the availability of mechanisms by its business relationships; and
- 3. how it monitors issues raised and addressed.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the formal means by which consumers and end-users can make their concerns and needs known directly to the undertaking and/or through which the undertaking supports the availability of mechanisms by its business relationships, how there is follow up with these consumers and end-users regarding the issues raised, and the effectiveness of these channels.

### Q113: Please, rate to what extent do you think S4-3 – Channels for consumers and end-users to raise concerns

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	0	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	•	0	©	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	•	0	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	0	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	•	0	0	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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Please refer to our comments to Q48 of survey 1.C

Apart from the previous comments, ANC would like to point out that, in terms of wording, "monitoring customer satisfaction" might be more relevant than engaging with customers or channels to raise concern (in S4-2 and S4-3). Since the role of an undertaking is to respond to customers' needs, they are engaging and listening to them.

# DR S4-4 – Targets related to managing material negative impacts, advancing positive impacts, and managing material risks and opportunities

The undertaking shall explain the outcome-oriented targets it may have related to:

- 1. reducing negative impacts on consumers and end-users; and/or
- 2. advancing positive impacts on consumers and end-users; and/or
- 3. managing material risks and opportunities.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the extent to which the undertaking is using outcome-oriented targets to drive and measure progress in addressing negative impacts, and/or advancing positive impacts, on consumers and end-users.

## Q114: Please, rate to what extent do you think S4-4 – Targets related to managing material negative impacts, advancing positive impacts, and managing material risks and opportunities

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	0	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	•	0	0	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	•	0	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	•	0	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	©
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	•	0	©	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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Please refer to our comments to Q48 of survey 1.C

In addition to the previous comments, ANC would like to point out the fact that the targets in this DR are not all measurable. We would like to highlight the improvement in customer satisfaction as a potential measurable target.

# DR S4-5 – Taking action on material impacts on consumers and end-users and effectiveness of those actions

The undertaking shall explain:

- 1. what action is planned or underway to prevent, mitigate or remedy material negative impacts on consumers and end-users who are connected to its operations, products or services;
- 2. any additional initiatives or processes it has in place with the primary purpose of positively contributing to improved social outcomes for consumers and end-users; and
- 3. how it assesses the effectiveness of these actions, programmes and processes in contributing to intended outcomes for consumers and end-users.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the types of process, initiative or engagement through which the undertaking:

- 1. works to prevent, mitigate and remedy material impacts on consumers and end-users, and
- 2. seeks to achieve positive impacts for consumers and end-users, recognising that in both instances, the ultimate aim is to deliver improved outcomes for consumers' and end-users' lives.

## Q115: Please, rate to what extent do you think S4-5 – Taking action on material impacts on consumers and end-users and effectiveness of those actions

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	0	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	•	0	©	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	•	0	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	•	0	©	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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# DR S4-6 – Approaches to mitigating material risks and pursuing material opportunities related to consumers and end-users

The undertaking shall explain:

- 1. what action is planned or underway to mitigate material risks for the undertaking arising from its impacts and dependencies on consumers and end-users; and
- 2. what action is planned or underway to pursue material opportunities for the undertaking in relation to consumers and end-users.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the ways in which the undertaking is addressing the material risks and pursuing the material opportunities related to consumers and end-users.

## Q116: Please, rate to what extent do you think S4-6 – Approaches to mitigating material risks and pursuing material opportunities related to consumers and end-users

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	0	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	•	0	0	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	•	0	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	•	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	©
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	•	0	©	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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Please refer to our comments to Q48 of survey 1.C	

# 3D. Adequacy of Disclosure Requirements – Governance standards (1/2)

For the purpose of the questions included in this section, respondents are encouraged to consider the following:

- when sharing comments on a given Disclosure Requirement, and as much as possible, reference to the specific paragraphs being commented on should be included in the written comments,
- in the question asked, for each ESRS, about the alignment with international sustainability standards, these include but are not limited to the IFRS Sustainability Standards and the Global Reporting Initiative Standards. Other relevant international initiatives may be considered by the respondents.
   When commenting on this particular question, respondents are encouraged to specify which international standards are being referred to.

A complete index of Disclosure Requirements and their corresponding Application Guidance can be found in Appendix I – Navigating the ESRS.

### DR G1-1 - Governance structure and composition

The undertaking shall provide information on its governance structure and composition.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of the structure and composition of the governance and the distribution of roles and responsibilities throughout the undertaking's organisation, from its administrative, management and supervisory bodies to its executive and operational levels.

### Q117: Please, rate to what extent do you think G1-1 – Governance structure and composition

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	0	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	•	0	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	0	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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General comment related to the totality of the G1 standard

ANC is of the opinion that further consistency is needed within G1. The scope of so-called "administrative management and supervisory bodies" should be clarified to allow for a homogenous application across the EU. In some instances, the standard refers to "administrative, management and supervisory bodies", and in other cases it refers to "governance body" (without any information on the specific functions exercised by such a body that is covered by the disclosure). To avoid any confusion, ANC recommends using consistently the same wording throughout the standard and retaining "administrative, management and supervisory bodies".

Comments related to G1-1

Part E: ANC is of the opinion that the Standards ask for a high level of detail and granularity which may be impractical. For example, paragraph 13 requires undertakings to provide information about the distribution of roles and responsibilities on an "operational level".

In addition, the related application guidance (AG) includes conflicting requirements on the level of detail on which undertakings are expected to report. In specific: AG 1 requires undertakings to "provide a concise description of its highest decision-making authority". On the other hand, the AG 6-9 ask for more detailed requirements.

Moreover, the concept of cost / benefit depends on the stakeholder.

Part G: the IFRS sustainability disclosure standard is principle based and does not address general aspects of governance.

Part F: ANC is of the opinion that there are overlaps with existing obligations. ANC is concerned that the DRs on governance structure and composition, risk creating duplications for undertakings subject to similar national requirements. It is not clear whether the information required in G1-1 aims to complement, repeat or supersede the existing obligations. ANC recommends EFRAG streamlines this DR in order to take into account existing rules and regulations in national laws.

Other suggestions for improvement (ANC's concerns related to wording):

• Independence of members (paragraph 14 (d))

Paragraph 14 (d) requires disclosing information about the governing bodies' independence. ANC foresees potential issues in practical implementation of this DR and verification/assurance of this information. It is not clear how EFRAG's definition of 'independence' (as detailed in AG 5) aligns with the definition of 'independence' as stipulated in national legislation. So as to foster comparability across countries and to make the criteria more objective, it would be necessary to have a single definition of "independence" at a European Union level.

Competency (paragraph 14 (h))

The term "competency" could be subject to differences in interpretations. It could be replaced by experience.

Representation of stakeholder groups (paragraph 14 (g))

It is not clear whether the DR only asks for a factual statement i.e. whether stakeholders are represented or whether stakeholders should fulfil specific criteria. This lack of clarity may cause issues for verification /assurance of this information

### DR G1-2 – Corporate governance code or policy

The undertaking shall disclose the corporate governance code, policy or practices that determine the function of its administrative, management or supervisory bodies.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide information about any legal or regulatory requirements that mandate and influence the design of the governance structure of the undertaking, together with information on aspects implemented that are over and above any relevant legal or regulatory requirements.

### Q118: Please, rate to what extent do you think G1-2 – Corporate governance code or policy

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	©	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	•	©	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	©	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

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Part C: It is not clear whether the verification of governance related information means a factual 'existence check' (i.e. was this information disclosed or not), or whether this means the governance policies are implemented and operationally effective.

Part E: ANC is of the opinion that the high level of detail and granularity of the DR may result in less focused and relevant reporting.

Part E&H: In most jurisdictions listed PIEs are already required to disclose their corporate governance codes or policies. The other undertakings do not have such formal obligations.

ANC invites EFRAG to read our rating in the above table in light of the need for proportionate and scalable DRs for non-PIEs notably.

Part G: ANC would like to point out that the IFRS sustainability disclosure standards do not require disclosures about corporate governance code or policy. The GRI standards also do not cover this topic. Moreover, corporate governance code or policy is not explicitly referenced among the required governance factors to be disclosed under the CSRD.

### **DR G1-3 – Nomination process**

The undertaking shall provide information about the nomination and selection processes for its administrative, management and supervisory bodies.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide information about the criteria used for selecting and nominating the members of the undertaking's administrative, management and supervisory bodies.

### Q119: Please, rate to what extent do you think G1-3 – Nomination process

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	©	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	•	©	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	©	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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Parts A & H: ANC believes that providing detailed information on the nomination process will be new to most non-PIEs covered by the CSRD. This DR is important for robust corporate governance processes and procedures, however, ANC questions whether the level of detail required in this DR is necessary to meet the objectives of sustainability information for those undertakings in the first year of implementation.

Part C: This DR is verifiable. However, regarding specifically consideration of independence in the nomination and selection process, ANC foresees potential issues in practical implementation.

Part G: ANC would like to point out that the IFRS standards do not require disclosures on the nomination process.

#### **DR G1-4 – Diversity policy**

The undertaking shall provide information on the diversity policy applied in relation to its administrative, management and supervisory bodies.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide information about the undertaking's diversity policy to promote a diversified composition of its administrative, management and supervisory bodies. This shall also include the diversity criteria adopted with the associated rationale on their prioritisation, and the mechanism adopted to foster diversity representation.

### Q120: Please, rate to what extent do you think G1-4 – Diversity policy

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	©	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	•	0	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	©	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	•	©	0	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	©	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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Part G: The IFRS sustainability disclosure standards do not require disclosure of diversity policy. In addition, GRI recommend disclosing this information, but it is not a requirement.

Parts A and H: ANC foresees important challenges with implementing this DR due to the high level of granularity required. The requested information tackles specific personal information, which is often subject to data protection rules (GDPR), constitutional or human rights laws.

In some jurisdictions it can be against the law to require information to identify minority or vulnerable groups or disability. Therefore, ANC encourages the standard setter to simplify this DR and reconsider the level of detail included. For the same reason, ANC suggests adjusting the wording of the requirement on "the associated rationale on the prioritisation [of diversity criteria]", adding "if any" and "without prejudice to national laws".

In addition, disclosing highly detailed personal information could turn this information into a tick-box exercise rather than improving company governance. The information on diversity policy could be more qualitative and less data driven.

### **DR G1-5 – Evaluation process**

The undertaking shall describe the process, if any, followed for evaluating the performance of its administrative, management and supervisory bodies in overseeing the management of the undertaking.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide transparency on the process implemented by the undertaking for the evaluation of the performance of its administrative, management and supervisory bodies in supervising the management of the undertaking.

### Q121: Please, rate to what extent do you think G1-5 – Evaluation process

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	©	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	•	©	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	0	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	©	©	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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no comment		

#### **DR G1-6 – Remuneration policy**

The undertaking shall describe the policy used for the remuneration of its administrative, management and supervisory bodies.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide information about the undertaking's policy for the remuneration of the administrative, management and supervisory bodies.

### Q122: Please, rate to what extent do you think G1-6 – Remuneration policy

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	©	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	•	0	0	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	0	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	©	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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Part A: ANC understands that the purpose of paragraph 32 is to know the extent to which the company applies good practices in the remuneration process and not to set an obligation to do. If so, paragraph 32 could be clarified.

Other suggestions for improvement:

ANC recommends including as part of this DR "if no such policy is applied, the undertaking shall provide an explanation as to why that is the case and, where applicable, the timing and plans to have such a policy".

#### DR G1-7 – Risk management processes

The undertaking shall provide information on its risk management processes, with regards to risk arising for the undertaking and for the stakeholders.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to inform about the undertaking's risk management processes. This includes an understanding of the supervision and monitoring of risk management by the undertaking's administrative, management and supervisory bodies.

#### Q123: Please, rate to what extent do you think G1-7 – Risk management processes

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	©	0	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	©	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	0	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	©	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

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ANC encourages EFRAG to clarify this DR's scope. Paragraph 34 states that the DR covers risks arising for the undertaking and for the stakeholders. However, the rest of the DR seems to focus only on risks for the undertaking (see paragraph 36, and AG 16-a, AG 17).

Contrary to the DR 1-8 on internal controls, ANC notes that this DR does not refer to risk management processes over sustainability reporting.

Given that risk management and internal control are highly interconnected processes, DRs 1-7 and 1-8 could be merged. Moreover, the integration of sustainability risks into risk management is not mentioned in the text (neither ESRS 2 nor in G1), nevertheless it constitutes an important overview.

#### **DR G1-8 – Internal control processes**

The undertaking shall provide information on its internal control processes, including in relation to the sustainability reporting process.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to inform about the aspects related to the governance factors that affect the undertaking's internal control processes, including in relation to sustainability reporting. This also includes an understanding of the supervision and monitoring of those processes by the undertaking's administrative, management and supervisory bodies.

#### Q124: Please, rate to what extent do you think G1-8 – Internal control processes

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	©	0	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	©	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	0	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	©	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	©	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

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To assure that the sustainability reporting process is in line with our comment in relation to G1-7, ANC recommends that EFRAG clarifies whether this DR reflects the internal control process of the undertaking, notably whether it is in relation to the sustainability reporting process or only in relation to the sustainability reporting process up to a limited extent. (whether it is in relation to the whole sustainability reporting process or only to a limited extent).

Part G: G1-8 includes more extensive DRs as compared to the IFRS sustainability standards.

ANC is of the opinion that the DR should integrate 'risk management' and 'internal controls' as concepts to frame the DR.

In line with our comment under G1-7, EFRAG could merge DR1-7 and DR1-8 (DRs on risk management and internal controls processes).

ANC suggests including how controls over the main risks are implemented; currently the DR focuses on processes only. Considering external audits may also be useful.

# DR G1-9 – Composition of the administrative, management and supervisory bodies

The undertaking shall provide information about the composition of its administrative, supervisory and management bodies.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide information about the diversity of the members of its administrative, management and supervisory bodies and committees.

#### Q125: Please, rate to what extent do you think G1-9 – Composition of the administrative, management and supervisory

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	©	0	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	•	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	©	•	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	0	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	©	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	©	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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Part C: A clear definition of independence is needed to ensure comparability and faithfulness of information. Therefore, ANC's remark on the definition of independence under G1-1 also applies to this point

#### DR G1-10 - Meetings and attendance rate

The undertaking shall provide information about the number of meetings and the attendance rate for its administrative, management and supervisory bodies and committees.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide information about the rate of participation in meetings of the members of the administrative, management and supervisory bodies and committees.

#### Q126: Please, rate to what extent do you think G1-10 – Composition of the administrative, management and supervisory bodies and committees

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	•	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	0	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	©	©	•	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	©	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Part G: Neither IFRS nor GRI standards cover this topic. Therefore, ANC has opted for 'no opinion'

#### DR G2-1- Business conduct culture

The undertaking shall disclose its initiatives to establish, develop and promote a business conduct culture.

The principle to be followed under this Disclosure Requirement is to provide an understanding of how the administrative, management and supervisory bodies are involved in forming, monitoring, promoting and assessing the business conduct culture.

### Q127: Please, rate to what extent do you think G2-1 – Business conduct culture

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	©	0	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	•	©	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	©	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	•	©	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

#### General comments

ANC is of the opinion that there is a lack of consistency with the CSRD terminology and definitions. ANC notes that several new concepts such as 'business conduct', 'business conduct culture', are not clearly defined in this DR and are used in different ways. As these are key concepts, their use needs to be consistent. Hence, including definitions of 'business conduct', 'business conduct culture' among 'defined terms' as part of Appendix A. More reference to existing directives such as the EU Directive for Corruption, OECD anti-bribery convention may be leveraged. Additionally, the concept of representation of interest and lobbying defined in the EU could be leveraged.

In this respect, ANC recommends adhering as much as possible to the CSRD terminology (cf. article 19 (b)). If the DR uses other terms, they need to be defined or to reference an existing definition.

Part C: It is not clear whether assurance of the DR on 'business conduct culture' entails verification of the outcome, i.e., that such culture exists within the organisation or verifying that measures to foster that culture were taken, i.e., providing evidence that 'business conduct culture' requirements are fulfilled. For example, paragraph 14 asks for 'how the outcome is evaluated', but paragraph 17 does not include any aspects requiring evaluation.

Part G: The IFRS standard does not have references to business conduct culture. According to the GRI feedback, GRI standards do not use the concept of business 'culture' but include disclosures on general policy commitments and practices regarding responsible business conduct.

In addition, please find below the following comments:

- Paragraph 17 (d): It is appropriate to include incentives for employees to foster the achievement of specific action plans and/or objectives, if possible, translated into KPIs. However, it is not relevant to include incentives to foster business conduct culture. This is a prerequisite.
- Paragraph 17 (e): It is not clear whether this 'communication' refers to internal or external communication.

#### DR G2-2 - Policies and targets on business conduct

The undertaking shall provide information about its policies with respect to business conduct matters.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide an understanding of the undertaking's ability (i) to mitigate any negative impacts and maximise positive impacts related to business conduct throughout its value chain, and (ii) to monitor and manage the related risks.

### Q128: Please, rate to what extent do you think G2-2 – Policies and targets on business conduct

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	©	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	©	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	0	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	•	©	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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#### General comments:

This DR focuses on business conduct risks throughout value chain (refer paragraphs 19, 20 and AG 5). There is no definition of what is unethical or unlawful behaviour. In the absence of such definition, the reporting may be subjective and will depend on the interpretation of each individual company. ANC is of the opinion that the text has a good structure of policies, actions, and performance. However, in the paragraphs, there is confusion in relation to scope, policy, action, result, and performances measures.

Part C: the information requested is auditable. But considering the suggestions above, EFRAG needs to be clearer with the text and more specific in order to facilitate assurance.

Part G: This topic is not specifically covered in the IFRS standards. DR G2-2- requires more detailed information than GRI (GRI 2-23, 24, and 25) (e.g. protection of whistle-blowers, incident investigation, while in GRI this information is optional). This information could be streamlined with ESRS 1 DP1 to avoid the requirement running the risk of being excessively detailed.

# 3D. Adequacy of Disclosure Requirements – Governance standards (2 /2)

# DR G2-3 – Prevention and detection of corruption and bribery

The undertaking shall provide information about its system to prevent and detect, investigate, and respond to allegations or incidents relating to corruption and bribery.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide transparency on the key procedures of the undertaking to prevent and detect, investigate and respond to corruption or bribery-related incidents or allegations.

### Q129: Please, rate to what extent do you think G2-3 – Prevention and detection of corruption and bribery

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	©	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	•	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	•	©	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	0	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	©	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

ANC believes that the term "bribery" needs to be defined in Appendix A.

Part A and E: This DR is very detailed. ANC questions the relevance of disclosing quantitative KPIs such as "the number of reported allegations of corruption or bribery received through whistleblowing channels" or "the number of internal investigations launched in response to allegations or incidents relating to corruption or bribery".

It is not clear what value this information will bring to the report users. It would be more relevant to disclose qualitative information that describes the process for reporting these allegations or incidents to the governance, in line with paragraph 17 (a). Therefore, ANC recommends deleting points 24 (c) and (d). ANC thinks the DR should also consider 1) detection of corruption and bribery (e.g. monitoring, auditing); 2) and risk mapping and risk assessments. On top of that, following the principle of transparency, some more details need to be disclosed (e.g. disclosing monitoring program, disclosing key elements stemming from risk assessment or risk mapping).

Part C: The reservation is closely linked to the relevance and the practicality of disclosing the quantitative KPIs required by paragraphs 24 (c) and (d). The relevance is indeed one of the criteria underlying the "auditability".

Part F: In certain jurisdictions these topics are covered in the national law. The DR does not make any reference to the existing national laws and if they can be applied. For example, in France, there is the Sapin law for the protection of whistle-blowers or anti-corruption and anti-bribery. There is also specific EU level legislation e.g. the EU Directive on whistle-blower protection.

Part G: This topic is not specifically addressed in the IFRS standards.

ANC is of the opinion that text has a good structure of policies, actions, and performance. However, in the paragraphs, there is a wide confusion of scope, policy, action, result, and performances measures.

#### DR G2-4 – Anti-competitive behaviour prevention and detection

The undertaking shall provide information about its system to prevent and detect, investigate, and respond to allegations or incidents relating to anti-competitive behaviour.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide transparency on the key procedures of the undertaking to prevent and detect, investigate and respond to allegations or incidents of anti-competitive behaviour.

#### Q130: Please, rate to what extent do you think G2-4 – Anti-competitive behaviour prevention and detection

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	©	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	©	•	©	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	•	©	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	0	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	0	•	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	©	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Part A/E: As stated in Q129, this DR is extensive and ANC questions the relevance of the quantitative KPIs. It will be difficult to verify the information provided.

Part F: See the comment under G2-3, pointing out that in some jurisdictions these topics are covered by national law.

Part G: The IFRS standards do not cover this topic. Regarding the alignment with the GRI standards, ANC notes that DR G2-4 requires more detailed information on several aspects (e.g. example, the number of reported allegations received through whistleblowing channels and the number of internal investigations).

#### DR G2-5 – Anti-corruption and anti-bribery training

The undertaking shall provide information about any anti-corruption and anti-bribery training programmes offered.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide an understanding of the undertaking's training and educational initiatives to develop and maintain awareness related to anti-corruption or anti-bribery and business conduct within the undertaking as well as in the value chain.

#### Q131: Please, rate to what extent do you think G2-5 – Anti-corruption and anti-bribery training

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	©	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	•	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	•	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	•	©	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	0	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	•	©	0	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Part A: ANC questions the relevance of several provisions included in this DR due to the level of details requested that could be deemed excessive and sometimes not relevant (e.g. points 32a, d, e).

Part E: Training on anti-corruption and anti-bribery is imperative to ensuring good business conduct. However, training is only one element of a more global policy and therefore ANC questions the level of detail required for such a component. Moreover, it should be a component of an anti-corruption and anti-bribery policy.

Part G: The IFRS standards do not cover this topic.

Part I: Reporting information on anti-corruption training is critical and must be prioritised. However, ANC invites EFRAG to redraft the current DR to improve its relevance.

Other suggestions for improvement includes:

- §32a (identification of the persons who are most at risk of bribery and corruption) cannot be disclosed as it is not public information. Instead, it can be replaced by reference to the type of activity e.g. sales function.
- ANC recommends that EFRAG integrates information on training as per info required to be disclosed in para 32 (b) and (c). This will be in line with this DR's objective to report on the processes and procedures in place to manage the risks of bribery and corruption. However, ANC does not believe there is merit in disclosing the information in (a), (d) and (e).
- ANC questions the relevance and appropriateness of the very specific information required in §34, which seems to go beyond the role of the standard setter.
- § 35: The terms "transparency on political engagements" should be explained (whether or not it assesses the contributions to political parties)
- §39: ANC questions the relevance of such a disclosure as it could lose focus on the requirements that are of importance with regard to governance policies.

# DR G2-6 - Corruption or bribery events

The undertaking shall provide information on legal proceedings related to corruption or bribery during the reporting period.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide transparency on legal proceedings relating to corruption or bribery incidents during the reporting period and the related outcomes.

### Q132: Please, rate to what extent do you think G2-6 – Corruption or bribery events

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	•	©	0	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	0	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	•	©	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Part A: ANC questions the relevance of several provisions included in this DR due to the level of details requested that could be deemed excessive and sometimes not relevant (e.g. points 32a, d, e).

Part E: Training on anti-corruption and anti-bribery is imperative to ensuring good business conduct. However, training is only one element of a more global policy and therefore ANC questions the level of detail required for such a component. Moreover, it should be a component of an anti-corruption and anti-bribery policy.

Part G: The IFRS standards do not cover this topic.

Part I: Reporting information on anti-corruption training is critical and must be prioritised. However, ANC invites EFRAG to redraft the current DR to improve its relevance.

Other suggestions for improvement includes:

- §32a (identification of the persons who are most at risk of bribery and corruption) cannot be disclosed as it is not public information. Instead, it can be replaced by reference to the type of activity e.g. sales function.
- ANC recommends that EFRAG integrates information on training as per info required to be disclosed in para 32 (b) and (c). This will be in line with this DR's objective to report on the processes and procedures in place to manage the risks of bribery and corruption. However, ANC does not believe there is merit in disclosing the information in (a), (d) and (e).
- ANC questions the relevance and appropriateness of the very specific information required in §34, which seems to go beyond the role of the standard setter.
- § 35: The terms "transparency on political engagements" should be explained (whether or not it assesses the contributions to political parties)
- §39: ANC questions the relevance of such a disclosure as it could lose focus on the requirements that are of importance with regard to governance policies.

# DR G2-7 – Anti-competitive behaviour events

The undertaking shall provide information on any publicly announced investigation into or litigation concerning possible anti-competitive behaviour it is facing during the reporting period.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide transparency on publicly announced investigations into or litigation concerning possible anti-competitive behaviour of the undertaking that are ongoing during the reporting period.

### Q133: Please, rate to what extent do you think G2-7 – Anti-competitive behaviour events

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	©	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	©	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	•	©	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	©	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	•	©	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	•	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	©	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

Part G: IFRS standards do not address this topic.

Other comment: It should be mentioned that the related disclosure should be consistent with the information disclosed in the financial statements. In addition to this, these requirements could be considered intrusive as these are already enforced and required by local legislation

ANC also asks EFRAG to ponder the key question being debated on whether the existence of an anti-trust compliance program is considered as a defence towards potential offences decided by anti-trust authorities. This is not universally recognized/understood, and additional basis for conclusion may be provided.

#### DR G2-8 - Beneficial ownership

The undertaking shall provide information about its beneficial owners (as defined in article 3(6) of Directive (EU) 2015/849) and control structure.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide transparency on the individuals who ultimately own or control the undertaking's organisational and control structure, including beneficial owners.

### Q134: Please, rate to what extent do you think G2-8 – Beneficial ownership

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	0	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	0	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	0	•	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	0	0	•	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	•	0	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	©	0	©	©	•	©
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	©	0	©	•	0	©
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

no comment			

# DR G2-9 – Political engagement and lobbying activities

The undertaking shall provide information on its political contributions and lobbying or advocacy activities.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide transparency on the types, purpose and cost of political contributions and lobbying activities of the undertaking during the reporting period.

### Q135: Please, rate to what extent do you think G2-9 – Political engagement and lobbying activities

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	0	•	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	•	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	•	©	©	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	0	•	0	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	0	0	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	•	©	©	0	0
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	•	©	0	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

Please share any comment and suggestion for improvement you might have relating to the above questions, referring explicitly to the part of the question you are providing comment to

#### General comments

ANC is favourable to making transparency on lobbying activities and political engagement a requirement. However, ANC has doubts on how this DR will be implemented and whether there is a need to prioritise this at this stage.

The definition of 'lobbying activities' is broad and ANC is concerned about the extent of granularity and detail sought in this DR e.g. paragraph 49 (a), (b). For a large undertaking which may have memberships in several associations, it may not be feasible to collect this highly detailed information. The terminology "interest representation" used in HATVP reporting may be useful.

A recommendation would be for this requirement to refer to the transparency register covered in European law.

Part G: IFRS standards do not cover this topic.

Another comment: The terms "political engagement" should be defined and the difference between "political engagement" and "political contribution" should be clarified.

#### **DR G2-10 – Payment practices**

The undertaking shall provide information on the payment practices to support transparency about these practices given the importance of timely cash flows to business partners.

The principle to be followed under this disclosure requirement is to provide insights on the contractual payment terms and the average actual payments.

### Q136: Please, rate to what extent do you think G2-10 – Payment practices

	Not at all	To a limited extent with strong reservations	To a large extent with some reservations	Fully	No opinion	Not applicable
A. Requires relevant information about the sustainability matter covered	0	•	©	0	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sectoragnostic only information)	0	0	•	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	©	0	©	•	0	0
D. Meets the other objectives of the CSRD in term of quality of information	0	0	•	0	0	0
E. Reaches a reasonable cost / benefit balance	©	0	•	0	0	0
F. Is sufficiently consistent with relevant EU policies and other EU legislation	0	0	©	0	•	0
G. Is as aligned as possible to international sustainability standards given the CSRD requirements	0	©	©	©	0	•
H. Represent information that must be prioritised in first year of implementation	0	0	©	•	0	0
I. Is well suited to be transformed in a digital reporting taxonomy that will avoid creating misunderstandings or practical complexities	0	0	0	0	•	0

For part F, please specify what existing European sustainability reporting obligation you think the disclosure requirements misses to address adequately

For part G, please explain how you think further alignment could be reached

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#### Point A:

ANC welcomes the transparency on the payment practices in the context of responsible business conduct culture, 'payment practices' is a useful KPI to assess the business conduct. This information is relevant because it helps to better understand the sustainability of the company's supply chain.

The requirement of paragraph 53 (a) is relevant. However, ANC questions the relevance of the proposed KPIs because the undertakings will not be in position to consolidate multiple contractual payment terms (refer to paragraph 53 (b)). It is also possible to calculate the percentage of invoices paid on time.

#### Other comment

The undertaking may mention if it has sustainable purchasing policies as an additional KPI. The undertaking shall describe its policy regarding sustainable procurement and disclose its commitments to a voluntary process of sustainable procurement labelling aligned with ISO 20400:2017, if any.

Payment delays complicate the financial management of undertakings, especially SMEs[1], who rely on predictable flows of cash to operate. According to the relevant EU legislation (Directive 2011/7/EU) a payment is late when the creditor has not received the funds at the expiry of the period negotiated in the contract. And yet, even payments performed within the contractually negotiated period can hide unfair payment practices. Very often businesses accept payment terms longer than they are comfortable with[2], as such terms may reflect the one party's power compared to the other, such as by virtue of its size or brand.

[1] SMEs (Small and Medium-sized enterprises) are defined according to the Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC https://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/sme-definition\_en [2] According to the Intrum European payment Report 2021, on average 49% of businesses in the EU accepted payment terms longer than they are comfortable with out of fear of losing their customers or damaging business relations.

# Q137: do you consider that the indicators in G2-10 (in isolation or jointly) capture the following sufficiently:

	Yes	No	No opinion
the extent to which accounts payable or creditors at period end have been outstanding	0	•	0
the fairness of the undertaking's payment practices	0	•	0

138: what alternative indicators would you propose? Please specify whether your proposal(s) a sector-agnostic or sector-specific nature.  Please refer to our above-mentioned proposal  you have any other comments in the form of a document please upload it here	The proposed disclosure should be applied in conjunction with the disclosure in the financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS.
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