

Meeting: IESBA
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Meeting Date: June 10-13, 2024

Agenda Item

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Sustainability – EU Benchmarking

Objectives of Agenda Item

1. To
 - (a) Consider an overview of the key areas and preliminary findings of the comparison of the ethics and independence framework applicable to assurance of sustainability reporting in the EU and the IESBA Code (EU benchmarking); and
 - (b) Discuss the next steps regarding the benchmarking.

Matters for Consideration

2. IESBA Staff has prepared a high-level comparison of the key characteristics of the ethics and independence framework applicable to assurance of sustainability reporting in the European Union (EU) laws and the proposed *International Ethics Standards for Sustainability Assurance (including International Independence Standards)* (IESSA). The comparison is based on the provisions relevant to assurance of sustainability reporting in the following EU laws and regulations:
 - [2022/2464/EU Directive](#) on corporate sustainability reporting (CSRD)
 - [2006/43/EC Directive](#), amended by CSRD (Directive)
 - [537/2014/EU Regulation](#), amended by CSRD (Regulation).
3. The analysis was prepared by IESBA Staff without input from, or consultation with, the European Commission or any Member States. The benchmarking aims to highlight, on a preliminary basis, the similarities and differences between the EU framework and the proposed IESSA in relation to sustainability assurance to inform the IESBA's considerations and discussions with EU and other stakeholders.
4. At the June 2024 IESBA meeting, IESBA Staff will present the key areas and the preliminary findings of the EU benchmarking.

Action Requested

5. IESBA members are asked to:
 - (a) Provide views on, or reactions to, the matters covered in the presentation; and
 - (b) Discuss and agree whether the benchmarking work should be further progressed, including obtaining further information regarding the EU framework for ethics and independence for sustainability assurance engagements and its implementation in the Member States.

Material Presented

For Discussion

Agenda Item 5-A Presentation Slides

For Reference

Supplement to Agenda Item 5 Preliminary Analysis – EU Benchmarking