



EU Taxonomy: A quick guide for corporates



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The EU Taxonomy regulation for corporates on a page

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The EU Taxonomy came into force on 12 July 2020 and companies will have to disclose their taxonomy alignment on three KPIs (CAPEX, OPEX and turnover) as of 2022 over 2021. The Taxonomy Regulation offers a classification system for companies and investors to determine whether an economic activity is “green” or not.

The Timeline



Who should disclose?

All companies required to provide a non-financial statement under the NFRD*

*Currently this includes large PIEs of 500+ employees. The proposed extended scope will include all large companies (meeting minimum two criteria of 250+ employees, 40m turnover, 20m assets) and will come into effect as of reporting year 2023.

How and what to disclose?



Identify eligible activities against the classification system



Test for alignment based on the Technical Screening Criteria, DNSH criteria, and compliance with minimum social safeguards



For aligned activities

Turnover %

CAPEX %

OPEX %

Did you know...

Additional screening criteria for No Significant Impact (NSI) and Significant Harm (SH) are to be developed

Additional granularity within screening criteria ‘Shades of Green’ might be added (e.g. levels of performance vs ‘in or out thresholds’)

Additional delegated acts on social aspects are expected: From compulsory dictionary for ‘E’ to dictionary for ‘E+S’ → ‘social taxonomy’

Key implementation challenges

Operational impact

What will the administrative burden be for the company and how well equipped are our systems?

Reporting alignment

How to integrate EU taxonomy reporting into existing processes and align it with other frameworks such as TCFD?

Change story

How can we use the EU taxonomy as a tool to further shape and support our change story?

Data availability

How easy is it to retrieve the required data and what changes are needed to our systems over time?

CAPEX, OPEX and turnover definition

How will we apply the definitions to our data and ensure it aligns with our current financial reporting?

Strategic steering

How might the EU Taxonomy shape our strategic decisions, e.g. regarding investments and how to communicate on this topic?

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