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**Executive summary** 

Draft Environmental Delegated Act

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### Main developments in EU Taxonomy

Since the publication of the Taxonomy Regulation in 2020, the first two objectives and the methodology for disclosing information in accordance with them have been developed, including different disclosure dates. The Draft Environmental DA develops the environmental objectives and their defines their application and disclosure dates

March 2020

Final report of the EU TEG on the taxonomy of sustainable activities

December 2021

Taxonomy Climate DA: Objectives 1&2 -Sustainability Definition

Taxonomy Disclosure DA: Objectives 1&2 -Methodology

1st January 2022 - EU Taxonomy

Non-financial undertakings: proportion of eligible and non - eligible economic activities in their total turnover, Capex and Opex. Objectives 1&2

Financial undertakings: proportion of their total assets of exposures to eligible and non-eligible economic activities- Objectives 1&2 (Simplified GAR)

1st January 2023 - EU Taxonomy

Non-financial undertaking: KPIs of alignment with the EU Taxonomy: Turnover, Capex and Opex Objectives 1&2

Financial undertakings: proportion of their total assets of exposures to eligible and non-eligible economic activities- Objectives 1&2 (Simplified

GAR)

2020

June 2020

**EU Taxonomy** Regulation 2020/852

🖣 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 – EU Taxonomy 🥕

Financial firms shall disclose alignment KPIs, mainly

December 2021

2021

EC Report on a possible extension of the EU Taxonomy Regulation to include social, neutral and brown activities

EC FAQ Guidance on:

- 1) Taxonomy-eligible reporting
- 2) Comprehension and Reading of Article 8DA

2022

2023

January 2023 CSRD (review of NFRD) enters into force

April-May 2023

**Consultation on New EU Taxonomy** disclosures (scope of this technical note)

Objectives 1&2

GAR (Full GAR)

2024

1st January 2024

New EU Taxonomy disclosures

Financial undertakings shall only disclose the proportion in their covered assets of exposures to eligible and non-eligible economic activities (Simplified GAR)

Non-financial undertakings shall only disclose the proportion of eligible and non-eligible economic activities in their total turnover, Capex and Opex and qualitative information

New activities for objectives 1&2 and objectives 3,4,5,6

First reference date of disclosure of sustainability report under CSRD

(by this date only entities already subject to NFRD) MS Management Solutions

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New disclosure dates under consultation added to the Taxonomy Disclosure DA

disclosures



2025

Publication by non-financial undertakings of their KPIs<sup>1</sup> of alignment with the EU Taxonomy: Turnover, Capex and Opex

New activities for objectives 1&2 and objectives 3,4,5,6

1st January 2025 - New EU Taxonomy

1st January 2026 - New EU Taxonomy disclosures

2026

Financial undertakings shall disclose KPIs1 of alignment, mainly GAR (Full GAR)

New activities for objectives 1&2 and objectives 3,4,5,6

Publication date Application and disclosure date



### **Executive summary**

### Amendments and novelties on the Taxonomy objectives

In April 2023 the EC launched a consultation period on the Draft Environmental DA which contains a new set of TSC and DNSH for Objectives 3-6. Additionally, the EC is also consulting on proposed amendments to the DAs on Objectives 1-2

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#### 1-. Regulatory context

- June 2020 Publication of the European Taxonomy Regulation
- December 2021 Publication of the Taxonomy Climate Delegated Act & the Taxonomy Disclosures Delegated Act are published by the EC.
- March 2022 Publication of the advice on the TSC on remining four environmental objectives by the PFS, to assist the EC on the elaboration of the second delegated act
- April 2023 Publication of the draft Environmental Delegated Act



#### 2-. Next steps

- Final draft publication (date not yet set)
- Enter into force from 1 January 2024 (application date).

#### - Subject matter of the documents

1. Draft Environmental DA (including amendments to the Disclosures DA):





2. Amendments to the Climate DA<sup>2</sup>:

Annexes: TS0



Ob.1-2

- TSC under which economic activities in the sectors qualify as contributing substantially to the Objectives 3-6 (non-climate environmental objectives)<sup>1</sup>.
- TSC for determining whether those economic activities DNSH to any of the other environmental objectives.
- Additional disclosure dates added for disclosing eligible and aligned activities. (considering the new activities added for the climate and environmental objectives)

**Objective 1:** Climate change mitigation

New activities included within the manufacturing and the transport sector<sup>1</sup>.

**Objective 2:** Climate change adaptation

**activities** included within the water supply, construction, information & communication, and the profesional sector<sup>1</sup>.

Disaster risk management sector added and activities within it 1.



Management Solutions (1) In Annex 3, a mapping between new sectors and/or activities developed for objectives 1-6 is provided.

Making things happen (2) In addition to the new activities added, specific aspects of existing activities have been amended (out of the scope of this document).

## Draft Environmental Delegated Act

#### Additional disclosures dates

The Draft Environmental DA adds new disclosure dates in the Taxonomy Disclosures DA for the new objectives and activities developed



This Delegated Act adds new disclosure dates for the new objectives and activities to the Taxonomy Disclosures Delegated Act (see also the annexes V, VI y VII)



- From 1 January 2024 until 31 December 2024, non-financial companies shall only disclose:
  - o The proportion of **Taxonomy eligible¹** and **Taxonomy non-eligible economic activities** pursuant to Taxonomy Environmental Delegated Regulation
  - The new activities added to the Climate Delegated Act in their total turnover, capital and operational expenditure and the qualitative information relevant for that disclosure.
- From 1 January 2024 until 31 December 2024, financial companies shall only disclose:
  - The proportion in their covered assets of exposures to Taxonomy non-eligible and Taxonomy-eligible economic activities pursuant to Taxonomy Environmental Delegated Regulation and the new activities added to the Climate Delegated Act.
  - The **qualitative information** on qualitative disclosures for asset managers, credit institutions, investment firms and insurance and reinsurance undertakings for these activities
- <u>From 1 January 2025</u> the KPIs<sup>3</sup> of non-financial companies shall cover the economic activities set out in Taxonomy Environmental Delegated Regulation and the activities added to the Climate Delegated Act (aligned<sup>2</sup>).
- From 1 January 2026 the KPIs³ of financial companies shall cover the economic activities set out in Taxonomy Environmental Delegated Regulation and the activities added to the Climate Delegated Act (aligned).



The scope of application of the disclosure obligations has not been modified and continue applying to the NFRD companies.

- (1) Taxonomy elegible: Economic activity that is described in the EU Taxonomy regardless of whether the economic activity also fulfils all specified Criteria.
- (2) Taxonomy aligned: Eligible activity that meets the criateria to be considered as environmentally sustainable. To this regard, it needs to fulfil with: TSC, DNSH and MSS
- (3) KPIs for financial and non-financial companies have been modified in order to consider the new activities in its calculation. Details on this amendments are developed in the Annexes of the Draft Amendments to the DA:



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MS is a member of the Coordinating Council of the Social Impact Chair at internationally renowned university to promote training and development of social impact measurement methodologies.

Detailed knowledge of the implications of Sustainability in industries and businesses with a fundamental focus on diagnosis and development of strategic Sustainability plans, ESG risk measurement, ESG Risk Management - with a principal focus on integration in credit risk management and ESG reporting models. In addition, we have extensive experience in regulatory adaptation in Sustainability.

Specialist ESG modelling capabilities (and proprietary tools)

MS has an R&D team specialised in defining and implementing methodologies for measuring climate risk and analysing physical and transition risk scenarios, as well as benchmarks for sustainability dissemination. In addition, it has produced several specialised publications and has participated as a speaker in different international forums. We also have databases and tools that we make available free of charge to the projects in which we collaborate.

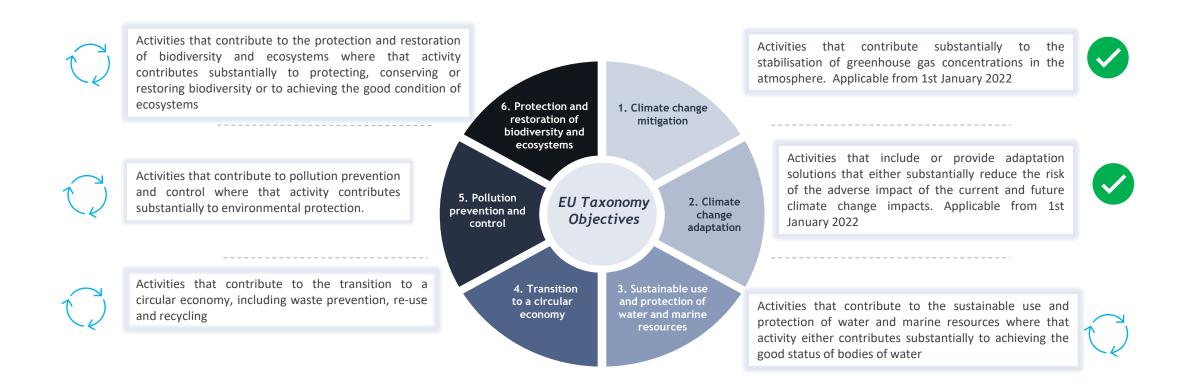
ESG Regulatory Experts

MS has a Regulatory Observatory that provides in-depth knowledge of the regulatory requirements of financial and non financial entities at the European level and, in particular, those specific to sustainability and climate change risks.

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# Annex 1 Background

The European Environmental Taxonomy is structured around six environmental objectives to determine whether an activity is considered sustainable, based on its contribution to achieving them. So far, only the criteria of substantial contribution have been developed for the first two environmental objectives



Objectives developed in 2022

Objectives under development



# A

### Annex 3

### Economic sectors and activities

New sectors and/or activities developed for objectives 1-6	1	2	3	4	5	a
Manufacturing						
Manufacture of automotive and mobility components	<b>/</b>					
Manufacture of rail constituents	<b>/</b>					
Manufacture, installation, and servicing of high, medium and low voltage electrical equipment for electrical transmission and distribution that result in or enable a substantial contribution to climate change mitigation	<b>/</b>					
Manufacturing of aircraft	/					
Manufacture, installation & associated services for leakage control technologies enabling leakage reduction & prevention in water supply systems			<b>/</b>			
Manufacture of plastic packaging goods				<b>/</b>		
Manufacture of electrical and electronic equipment				<b>/</b>		
Manufacture of active pharmaceutical ingredients (API) or drug substances					<b>/</b>	
Manufacture of pharmaceutical products					<b>/</b>	
Environmental protection & restoration activities						
Conservation, including restoration, of habitats, ecosystems and species						
Professional, scientific and technical activities						
Consultancy for climate risk management		<b>/</b>				





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### Economic sectors and activities

New sectors and/or activities developed for objectives 1-6	1	2	3	4	5	6
Transport						
O Leasing of aircraft	<b>/</b>					
O Passenger and freight air transport	<b>/</b>					
O Air transport ground handling operations	<b>/</b>					
Disaster risk management						
o Emergency Services		<b>/</b>				
Flood risk prevention and protection infrastructure		<b>/</b>				
Nature-based solutions for flood and drought risk prevention and protection			<b>/</b>			
Construction & real estate activities						
Construction of new buildings	(1)	(1)		<b>/</b>		
Renovation of existing buildings	(1)	(1)		<b>/</b>		
Demolition & wrecking of buildings & other structures				<b>/</b>		
O Maintenance of roads & motorways				<b>/</b>		
Use of concrete in civil engineering						



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o Civil engineering						
Water supply, sewerage, waste management & remediation activities						
o Desanilisation			·			
O Water supply			<b>/</b>			
O Urban Waste-Water Treatment			<b>/</b>			
Sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS)						
Collection & transport of non-hazardous and hazardous waste	(1)	(1)		(1)		
Collection and transport of hazardous waste					<b>/</b>	
Treatment of hazardous waste				<b>/</b>	<b>/</b>	
Phosphorus recovery from waste-water				<b>/</b>		
o Production of alternative water resources for purposes other than human consumption						
Recovery of bio-waste by anaerobic digestion or composting						
Depollution & dismantling of end-of-life products				<b>/</b>		
<ul> <li>Sorting and material recovery of non-hazardous waste</li> </ul>	(2)	(2)		(2)		



<sup>(1)</sup> Different from the activity "Material recovery from non-hazardous waste" developed for objectives 1&2

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New sectors and/or activities developed for objectives 1-6	1	2	3	4	5	6
Remediation of legally non-conforming landfills & abandoned or illegal waste dumps					<b>/</b>	
Remediation of contaminated sites & areas					<b>/</b>	
Accommodation activities						
O Hotels, holiday, camping grounds and similar accommodation						<b>/</b>
Information & communication						
Software enabling climate risk management		<b>/</b>				
Provision of IT/OT data-driven solutions for leakage reduction			<b>/</b>			
Provision of IT/OT data-driven solutions and software				<b>/</b>		



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Services						
Repair, refurbishment & remanufacturing				<b>/</b>		
o Sale of spare parts				<b>/</b>		
Preparation for re-use of end-of-life products & product components				<b>/</b>		
o Sale of second-hand goods				<b>/</b>		
o Product-as-a-service & other circular use- & result-oriented service models				<b>/</b>		
Marketplace for the trade of second-hand goods for reuse				<b>/</b>		



## **Abbreviations**

Abbreviation	Meaning
CAPEX	Capital Expenditures
CDA	Climate Delegated Act
CSRD	Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive
DA	Delegated Act
DNSH	Do Not Social Harm
EC	European Commission
ESG	Environmental, Social and Governance
EU	European Union
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
ICT	Information and Communication Technologies
IP	Intermediate Performance
LEnvl	Low Environmental Impact
NACE	Statistical Classification of Economic Activities in the European Community
NFRD	Non-Financial Reporting Directive
NSI	No Significant Impact
OJEU	Official Journal of the European Union
OPEX	Operational Expenditures
PSF	Platform on Sustainable Finance
SC	Substantial Contribution
SH	Significant Harm
TR	Taxonomy Regulation
TSC	Technical Screening Criteria







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