

RECLAIM FINANCE'S RESPONSE TO THE EFRAG'S SUSTAINABILITY REPORTING BOARD CONSULTATION

This consultation response focuses solely on the <u>ESRS E1 "Climate Change"</u> that regroup the specific requirements and indicators related to climate change.

How to respond

Steps to answer the consultation:

- 1. Go the the consultation survey hosted on the EUSurvey plateform here.
- 2. Fill the start page with your personal information and the information of your organization.
- 3. Jump directly to section 3B. Adequacy of Requirements Environmental Standards (1/5). The questions on climate (E1) are gathered in this section and the following section ("3B. Adequacy of Requirements Environmental Standards (2/5)").
- 4. Use the below response to answer several questions.
- 5. Jump to the section 3D. Adequacy of Disclosure Requirements Governance standards (2/2). At the bottom of the page, click on submit.

The consultation is opened until August 8th.

You can access and download all the related EFRAG documents here.

Reclaim's template

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 (sector-agnostic 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

In its latest version (provisional Trilogue agreement of June 2022), art. 19a(2)(a)(iii) CSRD requires undertakings to disclose "the plans of the undertaking, including implementing actions and related financial and investment plans, to ensure that its business model and strategy are compatible with the transition to a sustainable economy and with the limiting of global warming to 1.5 °C in line with the Paris Agreement and the objective of achieving climate neutrality by 2050 as established in Regulation (EU) 2021/1119 (European Climate Law), and where relevant, the exposure of the undertaking to coal, oil and gas-related activities" (emphasis added by us). The modifications to the initial Commission's proposal imply additional DRs:

• 15. (b)

Introduction of "implementing actions": in certain high carbon sectors, a credible transition pathway requires undertakings to concretize specific and time-bound milestones (for example phasing out coal, ending new fossil fuel supply projects, ending the commercialization of combustion engine vehicles...). Ahead of the establishment of sector-specific standards (within which such milestones will need to be precisely described), the sector-agnostic ones should already require companies to define such milestones for their activity and to explain how they plan to reach them – as part of the "implementing actions" required by the CSRD.

• 15. (c)

Development of disclosure on "financial and investment plans": CapEx are central information for investors and stakeholders to determine whether the strategy of the company is coherent with its alleged goals. The transition plan referred to in this article should therefore include information on the proportion of capital expenditure ('CapEx') devoted to the action plan.

• 15. (d)

The exposure draft requires companies to disclose "the locked-in GHG emissions from key assets and products, including an explanation if and how these can jeopardize the achievement of GHG emission reduction targets and drive transition risk, and the plans to manage GHG- and energy-intensive assets and products". This requirement is very important to ensure that company plans are compatible with climate goals and evaluate the exposure of the company to risks. Additionally, companies should be required to disclose a list of all high carbon new projects and assets. Indeed, new assets are especially relevant to evaluate risk exposure and carbon lock-in.

• An additional data point related to "the exposure of the undertaking to coal, oil and gasrelated activities"

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 (sector-agnostic 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 purpose of the following principles should also be to provide an understanding of how the undertaking monitors and manages activities in, and exposure to, carbon intensive activities.

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 (sector-agnostic 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

The climate-related targets disclosed should include specific targets for carbon intensive products and services, including - when relevant - specific targets for fossil fuel production. Furthermore, regarding 24.:

- (e) GHG emission targets should include short (1-2 years), medium (3-5 years) and long term targets (10-30 years).

In addition, it should be made clear that the "emission pathway in line with limiting global warming to 1.5" includes the need to at least halve emissions by 2030, in line with climate science (and, accordingly, the international and EU Policy goals that this DR is supposed to enhance).

- (f) It is important to note that, regarding climate, the CSRD requires an undertaking to disclose its plans "to <u>ensure</u> that its business model and strategy are compatible (...) with the limiting of global warming to 1.5 °C in line with the Paris Agreement". Then, to comply with this provision, the wording of the DR should not be "the undertaking shall state <u>whether</u> the GHG emission reduction targets are science-based and in line with limiting global warming to 1.5 °C" but rather "the undertaking shall state <u>how it relates</u> its emission reduction targets to a science-based approach and the objective of limiting global warming to 1.5 °C. In light of this, the DR should also at least require the undertaking to explicitly indicate to what extent the underlying scenarios used to set its climate targets are 1.5 °C scenarios with no/low overshot and limited negative emissions.

In 25., if an undertaking discloses a net-zero target it should be required to go beyond explanations on the "scope, methodologies and frameworks" and precisely explicit the scientific basis relied on to support such a claim. To that effect, it should be asked to describe how this claim made at entity-level connects with the definition of global Net-Zero as it stands in the IPCC reports. It should also be required to report specifically on the expected volume of residual emissions of its net-zero plan (in relative and absolute terms).

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 (sector-agnostic 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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An additional requirement should be added to "(c) describe specific plans to wind down and close high carbon assets".

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	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sector-agnostic 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

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	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sector-agnostic only information)	0	0	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	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

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	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sector-agnostic only information)	0	0	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	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

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	•	0	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sector-agnostic only information)	0	0	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	0	O	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

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	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sector-agnostic only information)	0	0	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	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

46.

The wording "financial investments" used does not cover all finance-related activities that could have an impact on scope 3 emissions and should be extended, by extending the category to a broad notion of "financial investments, activities and services".

Furthermore, in general, the framework does not provide a clear recommendation regarding the methodology that would be used to measure scope 3 emissions. This could make the comparability of various scope 3 reporting especially difficult.

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	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sector-agnostic only information)	0	0	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	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

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	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sector-agnostic only information)	0	0	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	0	0	O	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

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

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 (sector-agnostic only information)	0	0	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	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

Technological or hybrid removals can consume important amounts of energy, and therefore have an impact on the energy consumption of the company and energy demand more globally. The additional energy consumption required to capture emissions with these methods should be disclosed by the undertakings.

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	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sector-agnostic only information)	0	0	0	•	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	0	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

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 (sector-agnostic only information)	0	•	0	0	0	0
C. Can be verified / assured	O	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

Avoided emissions is a misleading metric that does not provide information relevant to assess the progress of companies toward climate goals or their exposure to risks.

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 (sector-agnostic 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

The disclosure pertaining to physical risks should:

- Include scenarios with high physical risks and impacts, including scenarios with acute climate disasters that account for tail risks;
- Include the identification of the activities, assets and geographic zone most exposed.

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	0
B. Requires information that is relevant for all sectors (sector-agnostic 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

The disclosure pertaining to transition risks should:

- Include scenarios with high transition risks notably in the event of late and sudden transition and considering tail risks for physical risk assessments;
- Include the identification of the activities, assets and geographic zone most exposed.

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 (sector-agnostic 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