



Disclosure: Sustainability Disclosure



Communicating sustainability performance to key stakeholders while meeting regulatory requirements

Companies are increasingly held accountable for their sustainability related performance. In consequence, non-financial information is gradually receiving the same attention as financial information. Several jurisdictions, stock exchanges, standard setters and powerful investors are raising the bar for (mandatory) standardised and externally assured sustainability disclosure. A solid, trustworthy and assurable approach is crucial for legal compliance but also for building trust with stakeholders such as customers, investors and civil society.

The LRQA Sustainability Disclosure Service maps the current reporting practice against external and internal requirements (e.g. regulations, industry standards, financial market expectations,

strategy monitoring needs) and supports clients throughout the process up to the published report. Our approach makes sure to set the right priorities, define meaningful KPIs and content, build a sound reporting structure, set up efficient and effective data management and document the process in an assurance-ready manner.

Our engagement results in sustainability information that satisfies the regulatory requirements, expectations of our clients' stakeholders and supports our clients in responding to requests such as ESG ratings, customer or supplier questionnaires or specific transparency requirements such as climate-related or responsible sourcing and due diligence disclosures.

Our approach

Our Sustainability Disclosure Services are customised to the client's starting point and requirements. They include developing a concept for stand-alone or integrated reporting, defining and creating the content and ensuring compliance with external standards and regulations. We leverage our long-standing expertise and global coverage to ensure that the disclosure holds against current best practices, standards and regulation in Europe, Asia, Middle-East and the Americas.



Regulatory mapping and report concept

- Mapping of key requirements, considering sector, stakeholders, markets and geographies
- Structuring along material topics and strategic framework
- Definition of report type (format, standard, design, etc.)



Data and information management

- Definition of KPIs and disclosures
- Providing quantitative and qualitative templates to collect information and data
- Setting up of data management system
- Coaching during data collection
- Plausibility check of data
- In-depth analysis: GHG accounting, responsible sourcing and due diligence information, etc.



Report drafting

- Drafting content
- Reviewing drafted reports or sections



Compliance and standards

- Aligning with standards and regulations (e.g. CSRD, TCFD, SFDR, EU Taxonomy, GRI, IFRS-S, etc.)
- Preparing to reach external assurance, certification or improved
- Optional: Report assurance by LRQA

Outcomes

In line with the initially defined project scope, we deliver the following elements to support a smooth reporting process:

- ✓ Mapping of current reporting against selected standards and requirements.
- ✓ Gap-Analysis and roadmap to closing these gaps.
- ✓ Disclosure recommendations and KPIs.
- ✓ KPI manual to support data quality and comparability.
- ✓ Alignment with accounting functions, assurance providers and internal control.
- ✓ Indices and references to meet reporting standards (ESRS, GRI, IFRS-S, UNGC COP, SASB, CDP), stock exchange requirements (SEC, HKEX, SGX listing rule 771 A) and (upcoming) legislation (EU CSRD, Indian business responsibility reporting, ICV, etc.)
- ✓ Integrate specialized reporting such as EU-Taxonomy reporting, climate reporting according to GHG Protocol, modern slavery statements, responsible sourcing related disclosures (e.g. VSOTR, LKSG, etc.).
- ✓ Drafting and reviewing of texts.

Upon request, engagements can be expanded to include e.g., double materiality assessment, development of a strategic sustainability framework, setting targets and developing implementation roadmaps to increase sustainability performance, ESG rating improvement services and stakeholder engagement.

Why LRQA?

We bring to every project our deep expertise in sustainability and ESG related regulations, international best practice, a thorough understanding of strategy and disclosure requirements and processes and insights into industry practices and investor expectations.

Aligned with evolving requirements

We update our methodology on a regular basis to ensure alignment with legislation and industry standards



Tested and refined

Our methodology has been applied with hundreds of companies across geographies and industries for years. Many of which are award-winning industry leaders



Based on end-to-end expertise

Our evaluation is based on decades of experience not only assessing current states, but also designing and implementing long-term programmes



We speak your language

We provide pragmatic, sensible, and resource-effective solutions and recommendations that can be implemented and scaled



We are efficient and action-oriented

We know what to look for, so it takes less time and effort for you and your teams to get the insight you need



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