Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation

The Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) introduces environmental, social and governance (ESG) disclosure standards for financial market participants, advisors and products.







These standards have been developed under the EU regulation on sustainability-related disclosures in the financial services sector and aim to:

- Strengthen protection for end investors
- Improve disclosures to investors from a broad range of financial market participants and financial advisors
- Improve disclosures to investors regarding financial products
- Ensure transparency and easy comparability of products

The SFDR empowers the European supervisory authorities to develop regulatory technical standards (RTS) governing the content, methodology and presentation of ESG disclosures at both an entity (firm) level and a product level.

At entity level, principal adverse impacts (PAIs) that investment decisions have on sustainability factors should be disclosed on the entity's website. At product level, sustainability characteristics or objectives of financial products, as well as how a product based on sustainable investments complies with the do no significant harm (DNSH) principle, should be disclosed.

SFDR effectively implements a tiered categorisation of financial products:

- Article 6 financial products without ESG or sustainable investment preferences
- Article 8 financial products promoting environmental or social characteristics
- Article 9 financial products with the objective of "sustainable investments"
 (including the specific subset with a reduction in carbon emissions as an objective)
- Others other financial products which do not fall under Articles 6, 8 or 9



Who is affected

SFDR applies to financial market participants and financial advisors with disclosure requirements at both entity and product levels. It is intended to apply to most financial products marketed to the EU, including those managed by non-EU firms.

What are the implications

Institutional investors and asset managers in the EU now have disclosure obligations around ESG factors.

Market participants must disclose:

- Sustainability risk policies on investment strategies
- Adverse sustainability impacts
- Remuneration policies consistent with sustainability risk integration

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How can LSEG help?

The data

Based on the draft RTS published in February 2021, LSEG has solid coverage across the PAI indicators in the three tables. We have consulted the guidelines provided in Annex 1 to ensure we align with how we capture our own data points; anything that doesn't match the required definition is either classed as a partial match or no match.

| | Total indicators | Direct match | Partial match | No match |
|---|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| Table 1 (Mandatory): Principal adverse sustainability impacts statement | 18 | 14 | 2 | 2 |
| Table 2 (Opt-in): Additional climate and other environment-related indicators | 22 | 10 | 7 | 5 |
| Table 3 (Opt-in): Additional indicators for social and employee, respect for human rights, anti-corruption and anti-bribery matters | 24 | 17 | 6 | 1 |
| Grand total | 64 | 41 | 15 | 8 |

^{*}Subject to change based on LSEG data coverage.

Based on the final regulatory text and requirements, LSEG will cover any data gaps for the mandatory indicators first and evaluate coverage requirements for the remaining opt-in tables.

Find full details in the SFDR – principal adverse impact indicator coverage

Funds

We provide SFDR metrics within the Lipper funds database to determine which funds are classed as meeting SFDR criteria.

This functionality is available within LSEG Lipper for Investment Management in both Eikon and Workspace and allows you to run reports, compare specific data points across funds and benchmark performance and attributes against competitors, based on SFDR flags across Articles 6, 8 and 9.

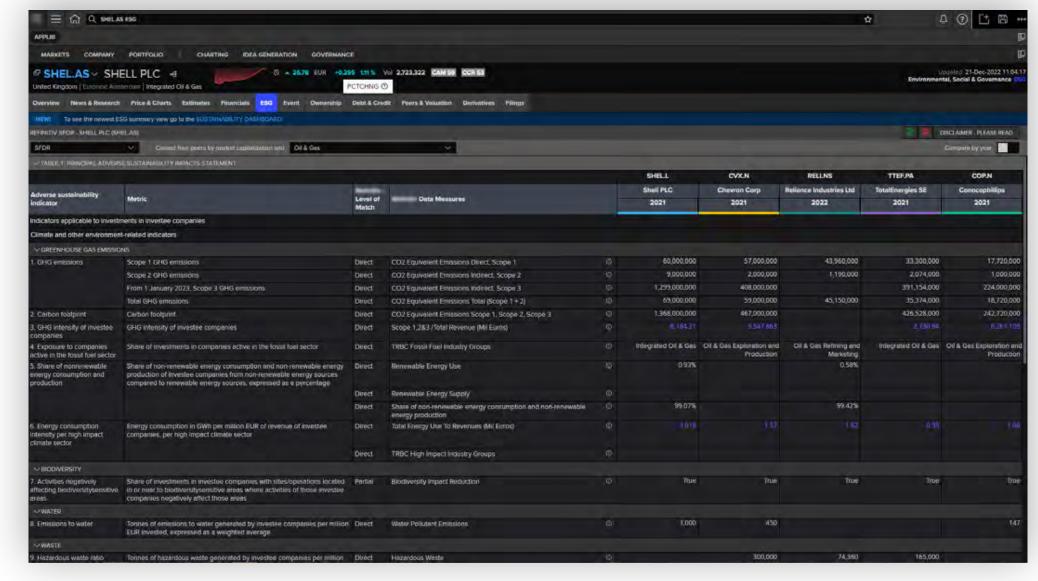
Within the LSEG suite of products you can retrieve fund data, filter down to the universe you are interested in (including SFDR article criteria) and view which article the fund relates to.

Solutions

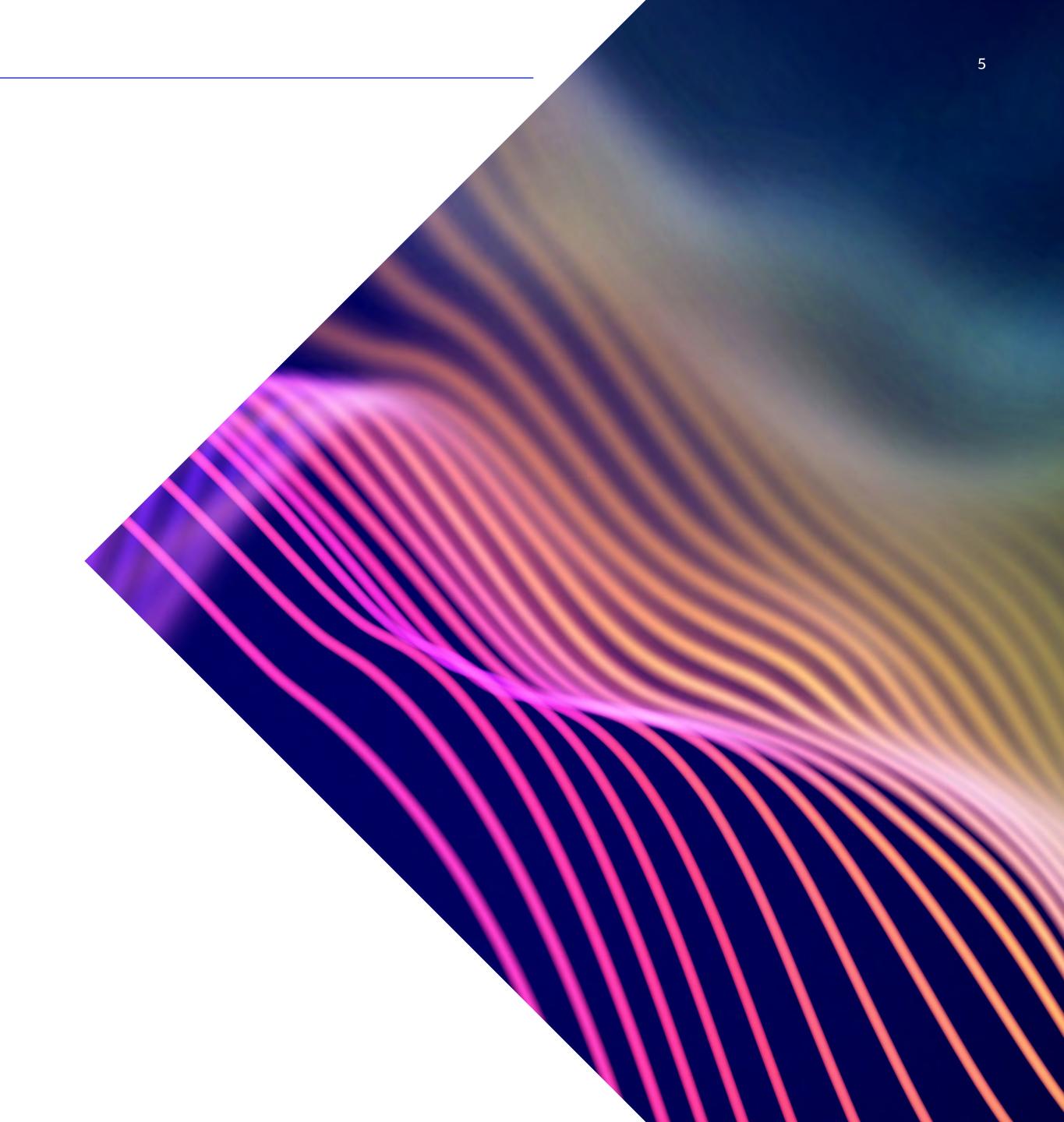
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Company profiles

Within a company profile you can view details about your chosen company on SFDR tables 1, 2 and 3, allowing you to perform audits at the company SFDR indicator level. The SFDR view provides details on the four closest peers by market capitalisation across country or industry, giving you a better view on a company's performance and allowing you to click through to the original source for each data point.



SFDR view in Company Profile app



Portfolio analytics

The SFDR template in the Portfolio Analytics app in Eikon and LSEG Workspace provides portfolio-level aggregation of the RTS Level 2 metrics based on the Annex 1 guidelines for both the current and previous year.

Since company reporting on the given indicators varies in availability, we offer two options for missing data to help with best effort. The first uses calculated estimates by providing the LSEG Business Classifications industry group level medians for securities in the portfolio that do not have disclosed data. Statistics will be provided to help explain what percentage of each metric was based on reported versus estimated.

The second option allows customers to request information from a company that has not disclosed certain metrics and allows the company to provide this data via the <u>LSEG</u> contributions tool.

| CLIMATE AND OTHER ENVIRONMENT-RELATED INDICATORS | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------------|-------------|---|--|--|--|
| GHG EMISSIONS | | | | | | | |
| | 2019 | 2018 | % Coverage | CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE | | | |
| GHG Emissions - Scope 1 | 646,492.938 | 681,879.820 | 77.0 | <add here="" text="" your=""></add> | | | |
| GHG Emissions - Scope 2 | 157,703.624 | 161,599.660 | 76.5 | | | | |
| GHG Emissions TOTAL (incl estimates) | 829,430.756 | 869.088.122 | 81.5 | | | | |
| Carbon Footprint | 64.062 | 67.084 | 75.9 | | | | |
| GHG intensity | 167.04 | 175.41 | 70.1 | | | | |
| Exposure to Fossil Fuel Sector (%) | 5.0 | 5.9 | | | | | |
| Non-Renewable Energy - Consumption (%) | 57.78 | 60.54 | 35.8 | | | | |
| Non-Renewable Energy - Production (%) | 85.12 | 85.10 | 1,9 | | | | |
| Energy Consumption Intensity | 2.948.90 | 3,030.70 | 10.2 | | | | |
| BIODIVERSITY | | | | | | | |
| Negative Biodiversity Impact (%) | 63.4 | 58.4 | 98.2 | <add here="" text="" your=""></add> | | | |
| WATER | | | | | | | |
| Emissions to Willer (tonnes/1m EUR) | 0.238 | 0.249 | 10.4 | <add herein<="" td="" text="" your=""></add> | | | |
| WASTE | | | | | | | |
| Hazardous Waste Ratio | 12.063 | 15.418 | 37.5 | <add here="" text="" your=""></add> | | | |
| SOCIAL AND EMPLOYEE, RESPECT | FOR HUMAN RIC | GHTS, ANTI-CORE | RUPTION AND | ANTI-BRIBERY MATTERS | | | |
| SOCIAL AND EMPLOYEE MATTERS | | | | | | | |
| Violations of UNGC or OECD guidelines (%) | | 1 | | <add here="" text="" your=""></add> | | | |
| Lack of Compliance Mechanisms (%) | 85.13 | 85.37 | 99.2 | Section 1 | | | |
| Gender Pay Gap (%) | 6.20 | 6.54 | 28.1 | | | | |
| Board Gender Diversity (%) | 27.58 | 24.95 | 98.1 | | | | |
| Exposures to Controversial Weapons (%) | 0.20 | 0.88 | 99.2 | | | | |

SFDR template in Portfolio Analytics app



Feed

Additionally, LSEG offers a feed solution consisting of company-level data such as ESG, financial fundamentals and business sector information (LSEG Business Classifications). Sovereign-level information covers greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and many other metrics, as well as fixed income data. The feed is available via Datastream Data Loader and includes all raw data needed to perform the calculations for each metric.

The feed comes with redistribution rights to disclose the outcomes of the metrics calculations on websites and in compliance with the periodic and pre-contractual disclosure requirements.

The SFDR article flags are also available via the Lipper Global Data Feed and via API, allowing you to ingest SFDR fund data into your investment decisions, analysis and models.

Regulation and reporting

We have partnered with Clarity AI to create an SFDR reporting tool for investors which enables you to create ready-to-use SFDR reports for compliance purposes at scale via API.

SFDR Reporting Professional powered by Clarity AI – combines LSEG ESG, Fundamentals and Sovereigns data with Clarity AI modelled and controversies data to provide unmatched coverage.

The tool covers both mandatory and optional SFDR PAIs for over 50,000 companies, and creates an easy path to accurate reporting on funds, portfolios and constituents.

The solution, created in partnership with Clarity AI, could help you meet your reporting requirements.



