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## **ESG Data Challenges**

The lack of consistent industry best practices, transparency, evolving standards and regulations, and data availability has created confusion across the ESG data supply chain

## **Industry Benefits**

- Coalesce the industry around a defined set of Best practices and Benefits
- Provide ESG Data Transparency to all stakeholders in the ESG supply chain

### Goal

Cross-industry collaboration, provide data management best practices, educate data professionals, engage with regulators and standards organizations

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#### Agenda

- What makes a credible transition?
- Increasing regulation around credible transitions
- So how are we approaching the lack of data and enable credible transition planning?

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#### **About ECOFACT**

We have over 20 years of expertise in helping clients navigate ESG risks and opportunities.



ECOFACT offers risk management solutions as well as monitoring and implementation of regulatory developments pertaining to corporate responsibility and sustainable finance.

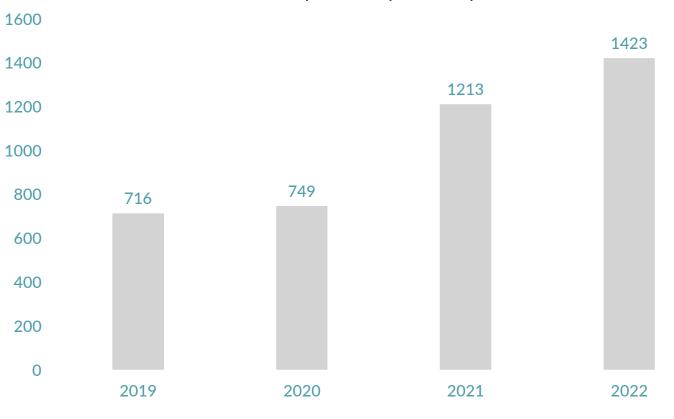
#### Growing regulatory attention

Jurisdictions with the most developments in 2022



Compared to 2019, regulatory developments increased by:

Number of regulatory developments in the area of sustainable finance and corporate responsability



#### What makes a credible corporate transition plan?



A credible commitment: A credible commitment to meet science-based targets, including near-term (interim) targets.



Reporting: Commit to transparent and regular reporting on progress toward targets, striving for data completeness, especially verified Scope 1, 2, and 3 accounting.



Target setting: Concrete targets and actions to meet these targets. Transition planning is embedded in the company's business strategy, taking into consideration industry-specific information. The plan is periodically reviewed and updated.



Governance: Board-level oversight of the transition plan and targets, and clearly assigned responsibilities to enable the delivery of both plan and targets.



Scenario analysis: A credible transition plan should be supported by robust scenario analysis.

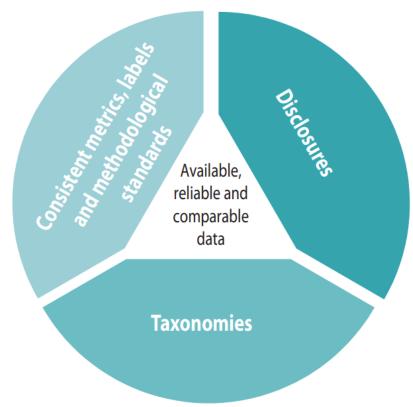


Actionable: Articulate specific initiatives and actions that the companies will undertake to execute the transition plan.

#### Who is usually addressed?

	Framework	First disclosure	Scope 3 Reporting	Mandatory Transition planning	Interim Targets	Mandatory Scenario Analysis	Auditing Requirements	Reporting locations
	CFD Regulations	Effective since 2022	No	No	No	Yes	No	Financial report
ISSB	International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB) Sustainability Standards	2024	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Financial report
***	Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD)/ESRS	2025	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Financial report
	US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)	2024 (phased in until 2028)	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional	Conditional	Yes	Financial report
•	Swiss Code of Obligations/Climate Reporting Ordinance	2025	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Non-financial report

#### How do we bridge the data gap?



Source: Progress report on bridging data gapa

#### **KEY POLICY MESSAGES**

Rapid convergence towards a common and consistent set of global disclosure standards.

#### **DISCLOSURES**

Efforts towards a minimally accepted global taxonomy.

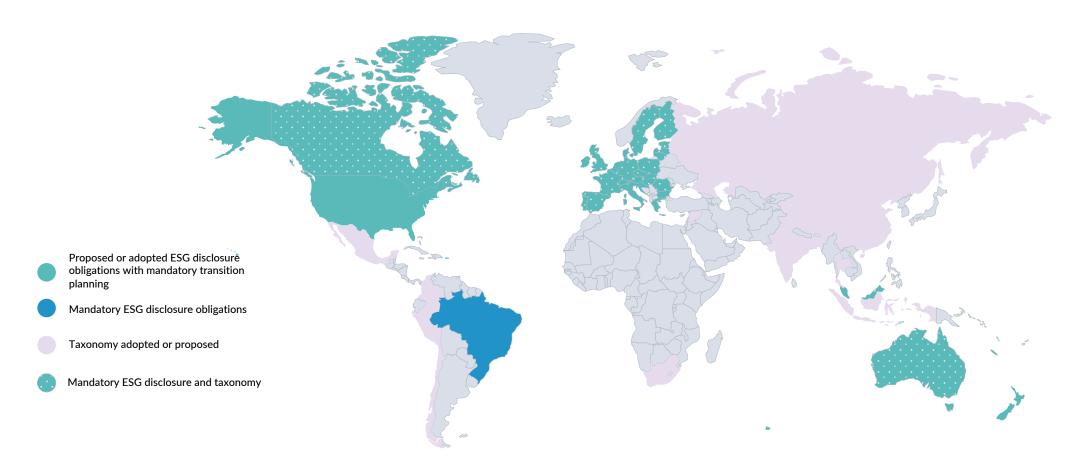
#### TAXONOMIES 1

Development and transparent use of labels and methodological standards. Work towards a common set of well-defined and decision-useful metrics

CONSISTENT METRICS, LABELS AND

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#### Global regulatory Developments and Corporate Responsibility Regulation

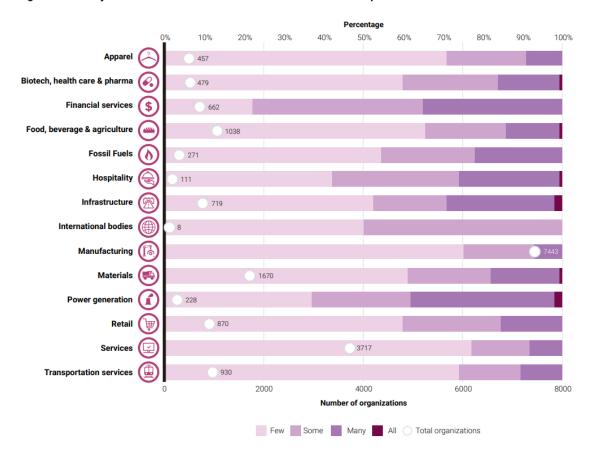


#### What does it look like in practice?

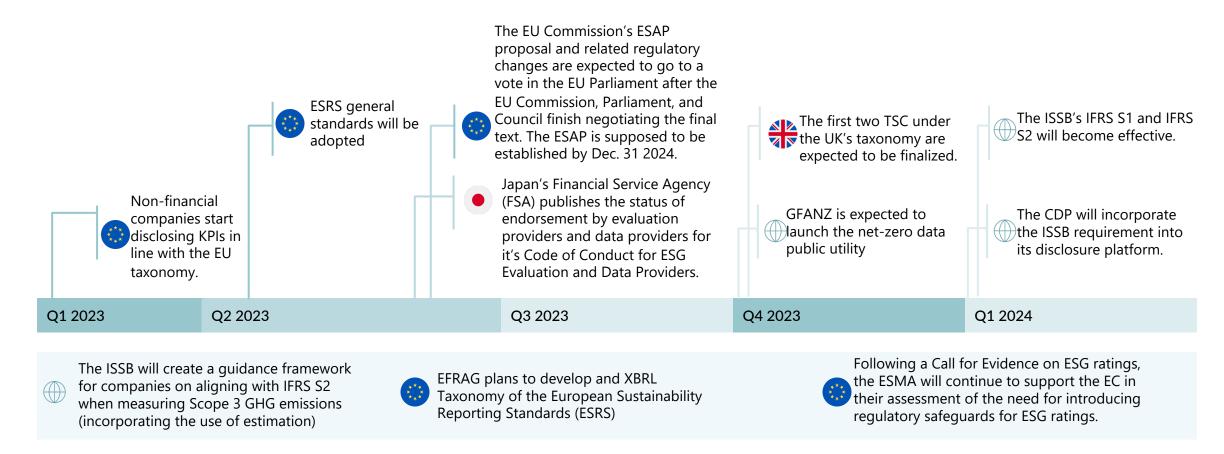
Transition plan indicators:

Board oversight	Climate risks & opportunities in strategy		
Incentives for management	Risks with financial and strategic impact		
Climate-related scenario analysis	Exposure to climate-related risks		
Incentives for management	Opportunities with financial and strategic impact		
Climate risks & opportunities & their influence on financial planning	Opportunities with financial and strategic impact		
Percentage/share revenue aligned with 1.5°C	Reasoning for opportunities		
Supplier engagement strategy	Absolute emission targets and progress		
Low carbon products and services	Intensity emissions targets and progress		
Policy engagement	Net-zero targets		
Transition plan aligned with 1.5°C	Scope 1/2/3 CO2e and verification		

Figure 2. Industry breakdown across disclosure tier - climate transition plan indicators



So how are we approaching the lack of data and enable credible transition planning?



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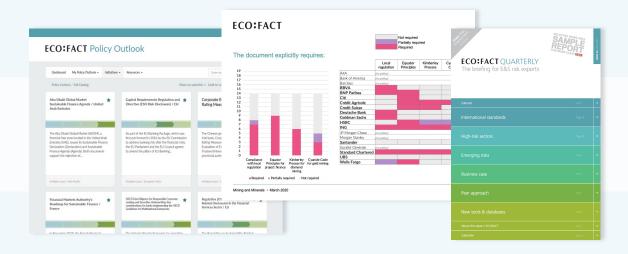
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#### The Policy Outlook

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#### The ESG Risk Quarterly

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- focusing on key action items by prioritizing them
- finding pragmatic, cost-efficient solutions for the implementation of regulatory requirements

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