

CONTEXT

Natural capital is intrinsically linked to the protection and preservation of biodiversity. The need to measure the impact on natural capital is becoming more and more urgent to preserve multiple ecosystems as well for its great potential in reporting and investments.

Since the launch of the European Green Deal in December 2019, the **attention of European policy-makers around biodiversity has increased** and crystallized in a number of key European initiatives, such as the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 and the Nature Restoration Law. Additionally, companies' practices and management of biodiversity issues have rapidly become more numerous. However, while biodiversity has always been present in the ESG reporting discussion, several difficulties are present in measuring and reporting on it.

"There is growing awareness of the risks and opportunities for undertakings and for investments resulting from other environmental issues, such as biodiversity loss [...]"

"The sustainability reporting standards shall specify the information that undertakings are to disclose about [...] biodiversity and ecosystems"



Currently, a new generation of regulations is focussing on measuring the environmental impact, therefore, **quantifying the impact on biodiversity and ecosystems is a key topic for the success of new environmental legislation.** The development of the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive ("CSRD") and of the European Sustainability Reporting Standards ("ESRS") include a specific reporting section on biodiversity and ecosystems (ESRS E4), which will be fundamental to preserve the status of 80% of the **habitats in Europe considered in "poor condition"**. However, ESRS E4 reporting section has been subject to a flexibility mechanism in the application, namely two years of phasing-in, due to the still ongoing process of identifying clear methods to quantify companies' impact on biodiversity. Therefore, in the next months, this topic will be the focus of new legislative developments and measurement research.

Investors' interest in natural capital is also on the rise, due to the high potential of this sector. However, difficulties to collect precise data on natural capital as well as a clear legislative **framework to measure the financial effects** are huge obstacles to overcome. The EU Taxonomy Delegated Act introduces some clarifications but the European atmosphere is evolving and understanding the key points is fundamental to be prepared for future challenges.

ABOUT THE EVENT

With the participation of companies, experts' organizations, and policymakers, this online session will look at current challenges when it comes to reporting and measuring the impact on natural capital.

The three sections of this session aim to address the following points:

- Overview of current EU policy frameworks on biodiversity and ecosystems
- Main challenges in quantifying and reporting the impact on natural capital
- Investors' perspectives on measuring the impact of natural capital



SUSTAINABILITY OPEN DAY 2023

Measuring & Reporting Impact on Natural Capital

12 OCTOBER 2023, 09:30-11:00 CEST, ONLINE

We think it is crucial to start focusing on this topic since natural capital will generate a strong link with sustainability reporting, future investments, and preserving biodiversity loss, which cannot be reversed.

We strongly believe in **the importance of measuring and reporting impacts on natural capital for an effective result of new environmental policies and investments**. For this reason, this webinar aims to support you in digesting this topic to have a clear understanding of the current challenges and possible solutions. Since we are aware that natural capital is not easy to address, especially in this initial phase of the discussion, this webinar will include perspectives from different actors, such as corporations, institutions, and members of civil society, who could provide the audience with different points of view and clarifications.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Sustainability officers
- ESG reporting officers
- Compliance officers

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TIME (CET)	SESSION	SPEAKERS
09:30 – 09:35	Welcome & Introduction	CSR Europe
09:35 – 09:50	What is new in the EU scenario on natural capital and biodiversity: Nature Restoration Law	European Commission (TBC)
09:50 – 10:20	Measuring and Reporting Impact on Natural Capital –What Are the Main Challenges for Companies and Stakeholders? <i>Moderated by Pierre Coërs, Adviser Sustainability, CSR Europe</i>	ENEL Group (TBC) UNEP (TBC) WWF (TBC)
10:20 – 10:50	Investors' Perspectives on Measuring and Reporting on Natural Capital <i>Moderated by Michel Bande, Adviser Sustainability, CSR Europe</i>	Finance Watch (TBC) Capitals Coalition (TBC) Unipol (TBC)
10:50 – 11:00	Q&A and Conclusion	CSR Europe

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