

FINOS RegTech Council  
**ESG Hackathon pre-meeting (ESG1) Draft Minutes**

19 October 2023, 15:00-15:45 BST

**In attendance:**

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\*The meeting was held under the Chatham House Rule, Linux Foundation Antitrust policy and the FINOS community Code of Conduct\*

**Meeting materials**

A 10-page PowerPoint which was distributed in advance of the meeting is [here](#)

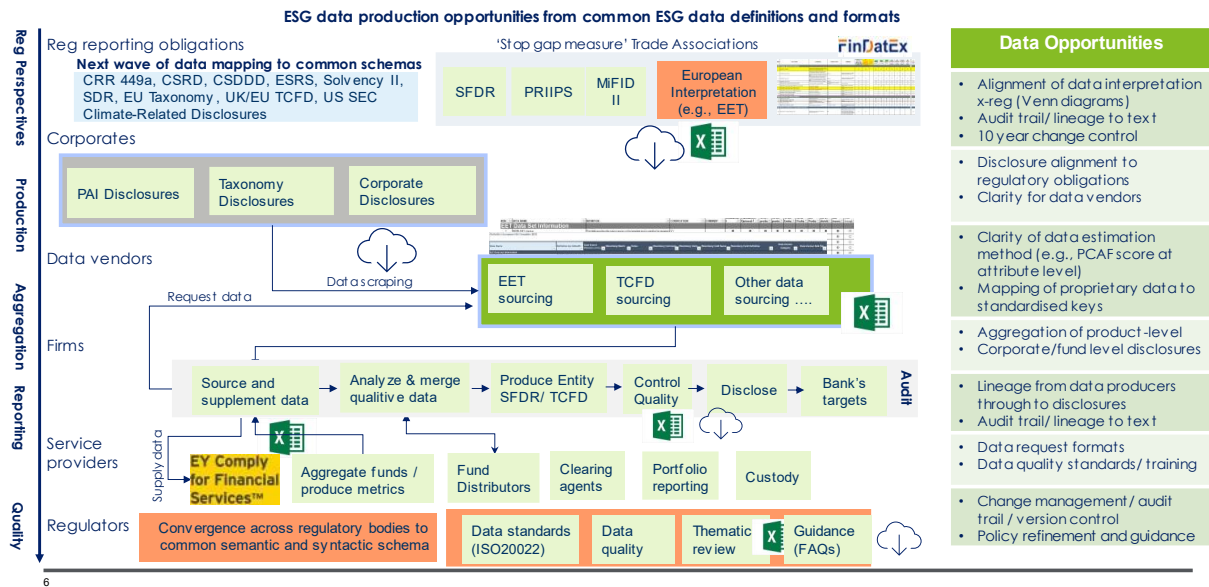
**Meeting objectives**

To brief the industry on the RegTech Council's ESG efforts and solicit input on the objectives for a 1 day hackathon on the 8<sup>th</sup> of November.

**Key points of discussion**

1. RegTech Council. JWG and FINOS described the objective of the RegTech council which is to prioritise efforts for upcoming regulations which present an opportunity to mutualize efforts and be ready to deploy opensource tools to be ready to comply. ESG regulatory reporting has been identified as a top priority for 2024 as it will reduce cost and increase compliance for a 'greenfield' regulatory mandate.
2. ESG data industrialization. The Hackathon is an opportunity to bring together the community and see what is possible, useful and appropriate. The focus is to mutualise the efforts to migrate from spreadsheets to the new XBRL reporting schema forthcoming from the regulators by Q124. The context diagram below describes the industry data flow from corporates to financial institutions (Firms/Fis) and their service providers which rely upon data vendors to help map to regulatory obligations.

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- Hackathon objectives.** The group discussed a way to build a FINOS schema that would enable normalisation across data providers and regulatory reports. One member described how the schema needs to be 'audit ready' and make sure that the definitions of the fields are crisp and carry all the metadata along with the completeness and quality measures. The objective of data lineage back to regulatory text was also discussed as an important part of the technical stack. The outcome of the day will help inform an approach for 2024 and be shaped by the community.
- Use cases.** A member described three potential use cases: NFRD to CSRD; SFDR; and CSRD. The challenge will be to take a thin slice of reporting obligations and get down to the paragraphs that are required down to the metric level and map the data. This would then make visible the challenges and opportunities in disclosing and using the data ecosystem across ESG (e.g., risk modelling). Another member noted that it should be possible to share and work through examples based on real data.

The group discussed the focus of the first hackathon and agreed that we should start with the firms' challenges of normalising and integrating vendor data into regulatory reports and that the corporates could be tackled at a later stage. One member noted the Eurocentricity of the scope and that other jurisdictions like California climate scope 1-3 and US SEC rules could also be considered.

Another member raised mortgages as another area of merit as they feed into bonds and loans which was seconded by another member.

Finally, a preference for CSRD was expressed and it was noted that as it has the deepest set of requirements globally it may not be necessary to include US regulation.

5. Approach to IP. A participant expressed a view that we start the Hackathon with a 'blank slate' and use the tools to define how we could work together to meet the needs. From this we can learn how other think about the challenges and lay a common foundation for the RTC to decide how best to move forward. Participants can take a view as to whether their intellectual property can be used but if even in those situations where they cannot contribute it will be very beneficial to be part of an ecosystem of more people using the same tools, in a similar sort of way.
6. Next steps. Participants were asked to respond to [pj@jwg-it.eu](mailto:pj@jwg-it.eu) with a) a request to participate in the hackathon and b) indicate whether they would like to participate in the use case workshop next week. Should they not wish to participate but would like to stay informed of future efforts they should also let PJ know.
  1. Registrations. Nominate participants ASAP and no later than 31 October
  2. Use cases. Ross, Dunstan and other SMEs to firm up use cases and background materials to be circulated by 1 Nov
  3. Toolsets. PJ will coordinate with schema, data model, lineage and text tooling vendors to support the use cases
  4. Housekeeping:
    1. Security registration for plumtree court required by 6 November
    2. Bring your own laptops – Wi-Fi will be provided
    3. Zoom will be provided on the day
    4. Lunch will be provided