FINOS RegTech Council

Delivering open-source RegTech in time to comply



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ESG Hackathon Briefing





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1. Introductions

- 2. ESG problem statement
- 3. Sprint objectives/ approach
- 4. 8 Nov agenda
- 5. Next steps

We will take questions as we go: please raise your hand and introduce yourself

RegTech Council: Enabled by Open Source and Open Collaboration





- The Linux Foundation focuses on open source and open collaboration for both cross-industry technologies (e.g. Linux, AI, CNCF) and vertical industries (e.g. Academy Software Foundation, OS-Climate, FINOS).
- It brings the same benefits to both horizontal and vertical projects open collaboration; open, reusable code; mutualized development and benefit of multiple industry experts working on the same problems together;
- Its standards that are adopted within the global standards body organizations (e.g. ISO)
- FINOS hosts participants across the entire FSI community (sell side, buy side, service providers, fintechs, regtechs, nonprofits).
- Firms contribute and collaborate under a **Community License Agreement** (CLA), which ensures compliance and avoids competitive behaviors.
- FINOS hosts **software and standards projects** (e.g. FDC3, CDM). Key benefit standards are mapped to executable code, thanks to active engagement of the community. This makes the open source assets highly reusable, with significantly reduced development time.
- FSI firms are directly involved in development of projects and standards, so commitment to adoption is high, integration process is simplified, and solutions are pre-vetted by the regulators' target audience.
- Active participants and contributors to FINOS projects are growing steadily every year (2,000+ contributors).



- FINOS's **Open RegTech Strategic Initiative** focuses on innovation in RegTech through open source.
- This initiative brings together industry players within such working groups as the Open RegTech SIG, Financial Objects SIG, and projects such as the CDM, Morphir, Legend, CFI (Compliant Financial Infrastructure), etc.
- The Open RegTech SIG is a working group interested in innovation, collaboration, and mutualized implementation of projects that can directly help with addressing regulatory demands and includes the industry trade associations.
- Several projects/tools are already available for use, which could or should also be explored by the regulators' tech organizations as well.



- **RegTech Council** is a very specific collaboration which will lead to concrete projects that advance common tools available for adoption, targeting specific upcoming regulations.
- A coordinated, collaborative, non-competitive cohort that can engage on rationalizing existing standards and recommending pragmatic ways to advance common standards across the industry globally.

Summary FINOS RegTech SIG Opportunities – Pre-1 November targets

What: OPEN SOURCE REG DATA





Best execution / RegBI / CTP

CDE definitions

Gap to understanding them by asset class

Scaling DRR approach

- penalties
- Huge operational efficiency

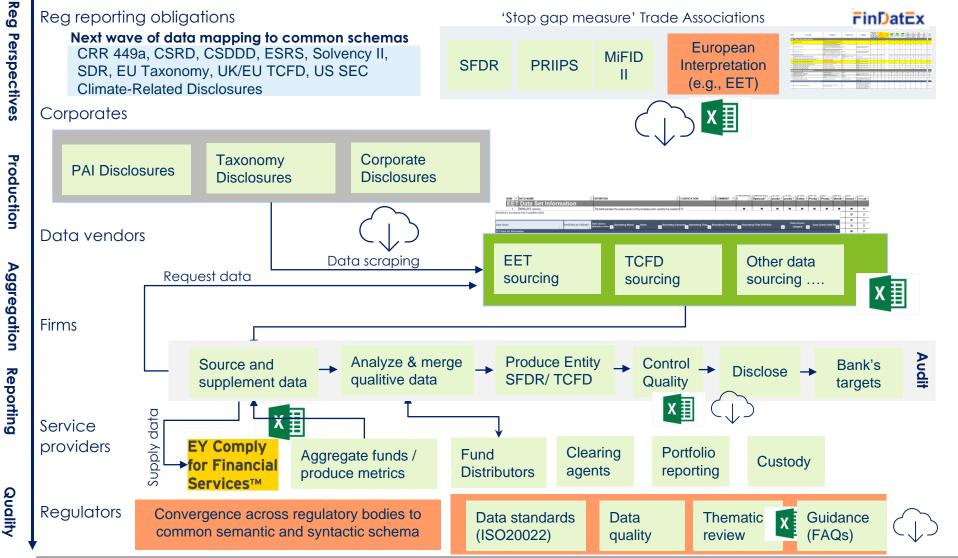
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enable auditability of data production/

- 2024 reporting industrialisation for
- Supply chain reliant on proven data quality
- Standard wars and monopolistic rents unwelcome
- Change is certain: Some consultations in progress, standards being finalized – US late to party



ESG data production opportunities from common ESG data definitions and formats



Data Opportunities

- Alignment of data interpretation x-reg (Venn diagrams)
- Audit trail/ lineage to text
- 10 year change control
- Disclosure alignment to regulatory obligations
- Clarity for data vendors
- Clarity of data estimation method (e.g., PCAF score at attribute level)
- Mapping of proprietary data to standardised keys
- Aggregation of product-level
- Corporate/fund level disclosures
- Lineage from data producers through to disclosures
- Audit trail/ lineage to text
- Data request formats
- Data quality standards/ training
- Change management/ audit trail / version control
- Policy refinement and guidance

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ESG CSRD/SFDR Hackathon Overview 8 November

CHALLENGE: To enable banks to consume 3rd party ESG data for the purposes of EU regulatory reporting more efficiently through a shared data model and translation tools.

- Banks agree an opensource schema to map data inputs to regulatory outputs
- Tooling to reduce mapping risk between reporting schema
- Data lineage between producers and consumers which meets quality measures

HACKATHON OBJECTIVE: The FINOS RegTech Council (RTC) will bring banks and their suppliers together under the safety of a CLA to deliver a working prototype for ESG regulatory reporting requirements

LOGISTICS: Goldman Sachs will host a physical room for the **1 day** on **8 November**. Remote participation is possible, but we will work to a UK workday.

1. FINOS schema building blocks

- Reference data model for NFRD, CSRD and SFDR use cases (being agreed)
- Building on EET template / Future XBRL schema and integrating with vendor templates
- Reference data model for normalization between reports and vendor templates
- 2. Mapping FINOS schema to inputs (data vendors) and outputs (reg reports)
 - Reduce mapping risk between semantic definitions and syntactic variability
 - Develop a method to validate inputs to reference calculations
 - Link back to regulatory obligations / quality obligations (see below)
- 3. Meeting quality obligations
 - Fulfilling PCAF quality control requirements (what's missing, input data quality scoring)
 - Alignment with service providers (e.g., fund distributors, clearing, custody)
 - Meeting new BCBS 239 data lineage requirements
 - Audit

PROJECT BENEFITS: Members will reduce cost through mutualized efforts, reduce operational risk of compliance and achieve commercially viable results in a better, faster, safer and lower-cost manner. Those at the table will:

- Opensource Data model/ definitions for NFRD, CSRD and SFDR reports
- Shape the technical approach and methodology
- Refine objectives and plans for 2024

KEY STAKEHOLDERS: FINOS offers a 'lab' environment for participants to collaborate in private and can expand to approach to be more public. JWG is interviewing stakeholders now to craft the right approach.

- Firms and corporates: Investment advisors, Sell-side, CSRD scope corporates
- Standards: XBRL, PCAF, OS SFT, FinDatEx, OS-Climate
- <u>Supply chain</u>: Data providers, Data Utilities like NZCDU, Dataland, BNP solutions

INITIAL HACKATHON SUCCESS CRITERIA:

- Develop a common understanding of cross-reg data requirements
- Establish opensource standard modelling method
- Establish reference API approach to data sharing
- Clarify requirements for metadata, metrics and traceability
- Provide input to plan & milestones for 2024

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	ESG CSRD/SFDR Hackathon 8 N	ovember Agenda - DRAFT	Outcomes	FINOS
Intro	RegTech Council ESG Hackathon welcome & Housekeeping		 RTC and participant introductions Chatham house/ Anticompetition Virtual/ Physical protocol 	9:00
Briefing	Use case description		 NFRD, CSRD and SFDR Reporting obligations FINOS schema data inputs and report outputs Quality / lineage obligations 	
	Tooling and outcomes		 Introduction of technical resources (Legend, XBRL schema Data, Text) 	10:00
Team	Team 1 – Sprint 1	Team 2 – Sprint 1	 Team formation and lead nomination Production of FINOS data schema (multiple?) Progress check prep 	
	Progress check		Recap of status and deliverable expectations	13:00
	Team 1 – Sprint 2	Team 2 – Sprint 2	 Production of deliverables Delivery to judges Recap of methods used & lessons learnt 	
Evaluation	Presentations		5-minute recap of achievements	16:00
	Review panel comment		Feedback from panel on outcomesLessons learnt and implications for 2024 next steps	
	End		Trip to the local pub!	17:00



Next steps

- 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. <u>Toolsets</u>. Familiarize yourself with toolsets RTC to circulate materials
 - 1. Legend data model FINOS sign-up
 - 2. Solidatus lineage TBC / RegDelta texts TBC
 - 3. Data Snowflake w. ESG datasets TBC
 - 4. Other?
- 4. Housekeeping:
 - 1. Security registration for plumtree court required by 6 November
 - 2. Bring your own laptops wifi will be provided
 - 3. Zoom will be provided on the day
 - 4. Lunch will be provided



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