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A quality evaluation framework for ESEF solutions



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How to find your way around ESEF implementation approaches?

Outsourcing via a Software company

Outsourcing via a Consulting firm

ESEF Software solution

Disclosure Management Software solution



Outsourcing via a Design agency

Mixed approach

1a. Completeness:

Can I do everything I need to do with this approach?

- XBRL modelling: ESEF Reporting Phase 1 (2020)
 - For each company (standard set of PFS):

Statement of financial position

- The simplest Use Case (element at the row level, periods at the column level)
- Good first contact to introduce the mapping/tagging (modelling)

Convenient for tool demonstration ;-)

Statement of comprehensive income, profit or loss, statement of cash flows

• More business complexity (more extensions, need of looking for elements outside the standard lists of elements proposed for each statement, management of sign)

Convenient for challenging the mapping/tagging expertise

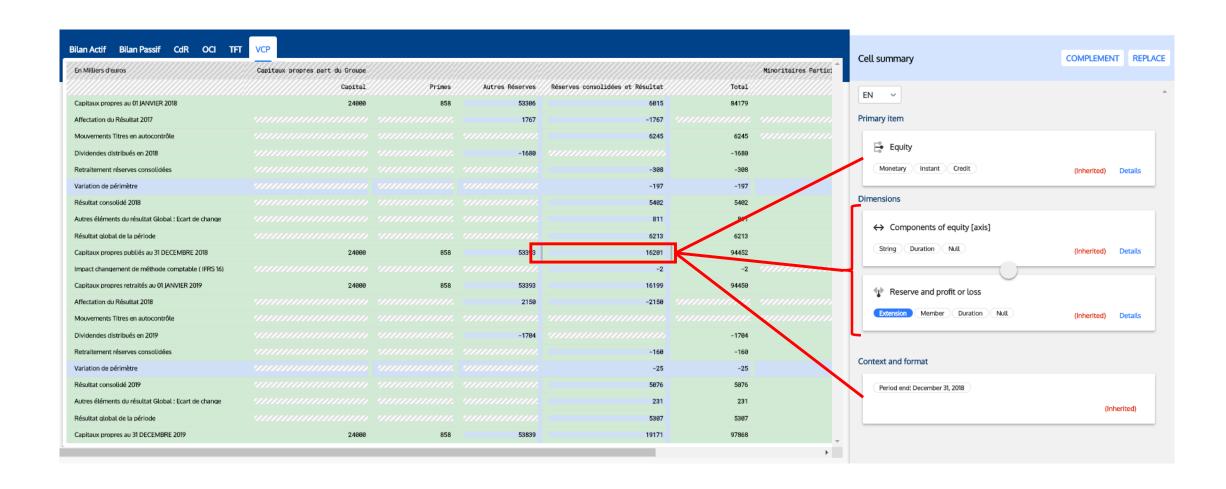
Statement of changes in equity

More modelling complexity
 (multi-dimensional tables requiring multi-dimensional modelling : elements + period + axis both at the row level and at the column level)

Convenient for challenging the mapping/tagging tool capabilities

- For some particular sets of PFS:
 - Extensions required also for dimensions (extended members), Dimensional mapping for some particular lines, dimensional modelling for specific columns of the statement (Ex: Multi-columns Balance Sheet)

Mapping example: statement of changes in equity



1a. Completeness:

Can I do everything I need to do with this approach?

- XBRL modelling: ESEF Reporting Phase 2 (2022)
 - Is my approach able to deal with Block tagging of the notes?
 - Will it generate extra-costs in your ESEF approach in 2022?
- Digitalisation of the report
 - Is the web version of my report really compliant with the iXBRL format?
 - What is the impact of moving from historical PDF to a digital format in terms of quality of my report (content and design)?

Expected answers to these 4 questions: YES - NO - YES - NONE

1b. Correctness:

Does the approach perform its job reliably?

- Some checkpoints:
 - Is your approach relying on XBRL Certified Software?



- Is your approach relying on a solution having dealt with the ESEF Confomance Suite?
- Are you able to have a look at the expected output = the taxonomy package?
 - Taxonomy package (from business point of view) = the legal ESEF report that you will publish and send to your authority
 - Taxonomy package (from technical point of view) = set of files including your ESEF report in iXBRL (xHTML embedding XBRL data) + your extension taxonomy
- Are you able to evaluate the capability of your approach to deal with your particular use case ?
 (ex: proof of concept)

1c. Appropriateness:

How much of the approach is relevant to my needs?

• One way:



Desktop app

A text editor is « technically sufficient » to produce the expected files! Is it appropriate?

• What are the tools used in my approach (even in case of outsourcing)?

Some ESEF tools approaches for the tagging / mapping (XBRL modelling)

- Excel add-ons
- Technical XBRL tools adapted to ESEF
- Business user oriented application

NB: Is the tagging of the data an additional step after having created the taxonomy or is it done simultaneously?

Some ESEF tools approaches for the xHTML production

- Conversion to xHTML of already prepared reports from various formats (PDF, Word, HTML, InDesign...)
- Word add-ons to prepare the report
- Collaborative solution to edit the report
- Collaborative solution to design the report
- Colaborative solution to edit and design the report

Criteria #2: Reliability

2. Reliability

Am I convinced that my approach will enable me to produce my ESEF reporting on time

- Maturity of the providers Maturity of the solutions
 - How long is my provider working on regulatory reporting / XBRL reporting ?
 - How long is my provider working on ESEF?
 - Number of client references ?
- Availability of the approach
 - How will your providers anticipate the fact that most of the companies will ask for support in the same reduced period of time ?
 - Guarantee that the solution will be ready for ESEF reporting both for 2020 and for the following years
 - Possible access to the required tools ? (COVID-19 experience for the production of 2019 Annual Financial Reports)

Criteria #3: Usability

3. Usability:

Am I able to produce my ESEF reporting with effectiveness, efficiency and satisfaction?

3a. Accessibility:

Which degree of expertise do you need to use this approach?

Pay attention: The answer can't be « NONE »

As an issuer, you will be responsible of the ESEF reporting that you will publish



- → You (or your financial department) need to be able to justify the XBRL mapping/tagging choices that have been made
- → You (or your communication department) need to be able to check the technical compliance of the web report that you will publish

NB: ESEF reporting will be audited → if you don't have the minimum of skills on what has to be done, you risk to have to pay extra man-days to your auditors to be trained at the very last minute

Keep in mind the "Statement of changes in equity" example

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3b. Operability:

- Have you identified the number of tasks that have to be performed according to your approach?
- What is the number of contributors? (internal and external)
- What are the interdependencies between the contributors?
- How can you control the global process?
- Are you controlling the total time of the global process including the third-parties contribution?
 - For the first iteration
 - In case of any modification
- Have you identified any "blackbox effect" risks?

Keep in mind the different steps of the reporting process



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3c. Learnability:

- Do you gain experience from using this approach?

 NB: ESEF reporting is not a one-shot topic but a new paradigm for financial communication
- Does your approach help you over time to increase your protection against making errors?
- What is your level of independence if you have to solve an issue in the part of the global process of your approach?

Criteria #4: Maintenability

4. Maintenability

How will you manage modifications, corrections, regulatory evolution, N+1 production?

Modifiability

- How a last minute modification will impact your approach?
 - Integration of a new chapter? Integration of a new visual?
 - Insertion of a new line or a new column in a financial statement?
 - Last minute modification of the mapping during the auditors review ?
 - → Evaluate both the cost of the modification and the impact on the other contributors
- How will your approach deals with a regulatory evolution ?

Reusability of the approach

- What will be reused in case of any modification?
- What will be reused in year N+1?
- What will be reused in case of an update of the taxonomy (regulatory evolution)?

Q&A session



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