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ESEF: The story of the one-year delay

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Story of the delay

16 February 2021

 16 October 2020
 The amendment was published in the EU Official Journal

 The Council of the EU adopted its position
 Official Journal

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The European Parliament and the Council agreed to an amendment of the Transparency Directive 19 March 2021

Deadline for Member States to notify the EC

Story of the delay

France (17 December 2020): France will notify the European Commission of its intention to authorise the postponement.

Finland (21 December 2020): The FIN-FSA announced it will refrain from taking supervisory actions in 2021 if a listed company does not publish its annual financial report in the ESEF format.

Malta (24 December 2020): The MFSA has decided that once the MS option is granted, listing rules will be subsequently amended.

Accountancy Europe welcomed these initiatives mitigating uncertainty and kept track via its hub.

Where are we and what is next?

- Delay opted by 23 member states
- Austria, Czechia, Germany and Slovenia are implementing ESEF
- Voluntary tagging in some other MS
- WIP: Standards and guidance for assurance engagements
- Tagging sustainability reporting
- Assurance on sustainability reporting



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