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| Reply form for the Consultation Paper on Technical Standards under the Regulation on transparency and integrity of Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) rating activities |
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**Responding to this paper**

ESMA invites comments on all matters in this consultation paper and in particular on the specific questions. Comments are most helpful if they:

* respond to the question stated;
* indicate the specific question to which the comment relates;
* contain a clear rationale; and
* describe any alternatives ESMA should consider.

ESMA will consider all comments received by **20 June 2025.**

**Instructions**

In order to facilitate analysis of responses to the Consultation Paper, respondents are requested to follow the below steps when preparing and submitting their response:

1. Insert your responses to the questions in the Consultation Paper in the present response form.
2. Use this form and send your responses in Word format (**pdf documents will not be considered except for annexes**);
3. Please do not remove tags of the type <ESMA\_QUESTION \_ESGR\_1>. Your response to each question has to be framed by the two tags corresponding to the question.
4. If you do not wish to respond to a given question, please do not delete it but simply leave the text “TYPE YOUR TEXT HERE” between the tags.
5. When you have drafted your response, name your response form according to the following convention: ESMA\_EUGB\_nameofrespondent\_RESPONSEFORM. For example, for a respondent named ABCD, the response form would be entitled ESMA\_ESGR\_ABCD\_RESPONSEFORM.
6. Upload the form containing your responses, **in Word format**, to ESMA’s website (www.esma.europa.eu under the heading “Your input – Open Consultations” -> Consultation Paper on technical standards on the European Green Bonds Regulation”).

**Publication of responses**

All contributions received will be published following the close of the consultation, unless you request otherwise. Please clearly and prominently indicate in your submission any part you do not wish to be publically disclosed. A standard confidentiality statement in an email message will not be treated as a request for non-disclosure. A confidential response may be requested from us in accordance with ESMA’s rules on access to documents. We may consult you if we receive such a request. Any decision we make not to disclose the response is reviewable by ESMA’s Board of Appeal and the European Ombudsman.

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**Who should read this paper**

# All interested stakeholders are invited to respond to this Consultation Paper. In particular, ESMA encourages entities that intend to apply for registration as external reviewers of European Green Bonds, as well as financial market participants who have or intend to issue or invest in green bonds or sustainability-linked bonds, to participate.

**General information about respondent**

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| Name of the company / organisation | Samsung Electronics |
| Activity | Regulated markets/Exchanges/Trading Systems |
| Are you representing an association? |[x]
| Country/Region | International |

**Questions**

**Q1** **Do you agree with ESMA’s proposals for the draft technical standard under Articles 6(3) and 12(9)?**

<ESMA\_QUESTION\_ESGR\_1>

Yes. Samsung Electronics has no more comments.

<ESMA\_QUESTION\_ESGR\_1>

**Q2** **Do you agree with ESMA’s proposals for the draft technical standard under Article 16(5)?**

<ESMA\_QUESTION\_ ESGR\_2>

Yes. Samsung Electronics has no more comments.

<ESMA\_QUESTION\_ ESGR\_2>

**Q3. Do you agree with ESMA’s proposals for the draft technical standard under Articles 23(4) and 24(3)?**

<ESMA\_QUESTION\_ ESGR\_3>

Yes. In addition to those, and to complement transparency, credibility, and comparability of ESG information delivered by rating providers, Samsung Electronics recommends adding provisions to the standards that can guarantee further clarity on methodology, models, weighted factors and key assumptions both for quantitative data and qualitative narratives. This will help address any controversies between ratings from different providers. And when these controversies do exist (e.g., positive/negative assessments on the same subject matter by two different agencies), it should be ensured that there is a proper process to verify (look into) why those discrepancies exist among the rating agencies and conclude whose assessment is more reasonable and evidence-based. Also, appropriate action should follow in the end.

<ESMA\_QUESTION\_ ESGR\_3>

**Q4. Do you consider that the draft technical standards under Articles 23(4) or 24(3) should instead provide an expanded table in Annex proposing a sequence and structure for all disclosures to be made under parts 1 and 2 of Annex III? If yes, please explain the benefits of such an approach.**

<ESMA\_QUESTION\_ ESGR\_4>

Samsung Electronics has no comments to this.

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**Q5 Do you agree with ESMA’s proposed cost benefit analysis? If not, please explain.**

<ESMA\_QUESTION\_ ESGR\_5>

Yes. Samsung Electronics has no more comments.

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