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# **EU Taxonomy**

Simplify Disclosure With High Quality ESG Regulatory Data

Effective compliance with the EU Taxonomy regulation relies on accurate ESG information from large companies and manufacturers of financial products. With SIX, you can access high quality EU Taxonomy-related ESG data, enabling you to fulfil your disclosure obligations easily and transparently.

#### The Data Challenge

From 1 January 2022, financial market participants in the EU, providing sustainability-related investment services, are required to comply with the new EU Taxonomy regulation, which is being phased-in. The EU Taxonomy is part of the EU Action Plan on Sustainable Finance (EU AP) which serves the goals of reorienting capital flows towards sustainable investments, managing financial risks from climate change, environmental degradation and social issues, and fostering transparency. The EU Taxonomy is a classification system enabling the categorization of economic activities that play a key role in contributing to at least one of six environmental objectives<sup>1</sup>. Together with the related SFDR (Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation), it introduces a set of requirements for more transparent disclosure of sustainability metrics at entity and product level and will lead to better comparability of companies and financial products and prevention of greenwashing.

Large companies (public-interest companies with >500 employees) are required to report the % of their current and future revenues coming from activities

aligned with the six environmental objectives under the Non-Financial Reporting Directive (NFRD).

Manufacturers of financial products (UCITS funds, AIFs, Pension and Insurance-based investment products) and investment firms must either make Taxonomy related disclosures for sustainable investment products or products with environmental or social characteristics, or provide a disclaimer that investments do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable investments. These disclosures can be challenging due to limited ESG data availability, lack of granularity and the need to source ESG data from a wide range of providers.

Thus, in order to disclose accurately and efficiently, manufacturers of financial products and investment firms have a need for high quality, aggregated and normalized ESG data sourced from one provider that can be used in the back, middle and front office of financial services firms.

### **The SIX Solution**

SIX supports clients in their compliance efforts with a data offering that addresses these EU Taxonomy require-

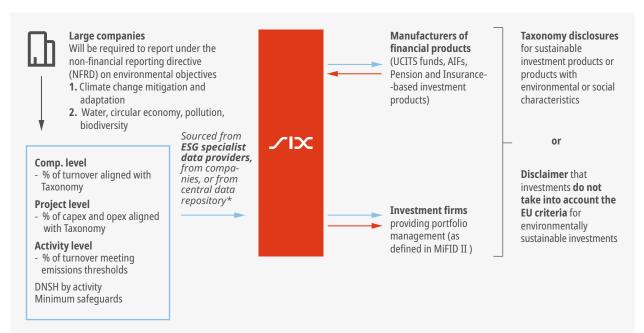
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Climate change mitigation, climate change adaptation, transition to a circular economy, pollution prevention and control, sustainable use and protection of water and marine resources, protection and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystems.

ments and challenges. Effective EU Taxonomy compliance relies on accurate ESG information from large companies and manufacturers of financial products.

SIX sources the required data accordingly and maps it to the respective companies as well as to the underlying

ISINs (where appropriate), while also leveraging existing regulatory offerings and our well known high quality reference data. With our data service for EU Taxonomy related data, manufacturers of financial products and investment firms can rely on complete, clean, enriched, high quality data to disclose more easily and accurately.

#### EU Taxonomy - Planned Data Flow



\* Expectation: A central data repository (European Single Access Point - ESAP) will develop. The question is how long this will take.

## Key Benefits

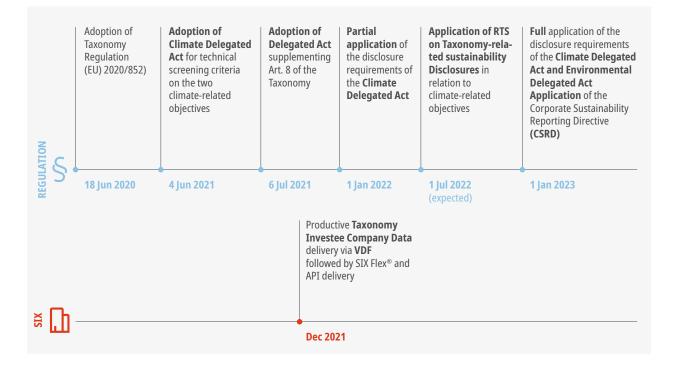
SIX EU Taxonomy data:

- → **supports your disclosure requirements:** the data is based on proven regulatory data competence from SIX and leverages our renowned reference data, so you can be compliant with complete, clean, enriched, high quality data.
- $\rightarrow$  is aggregated and normalized: SIX sources data from several well-established ESG data providers in addition to sourcing data directly from a large number of manufacturers of financial products. The data is normalized, comparable and machine readable.
- → reduces the complexity of data sourcing: by providing investee company, product manufacturer and financial instrument data, SIX can be your single reliable source to cover your EU Taxonomy data needs. You receive this data through the same delivery channels as our other ESG, reference, corporate actions, regulatory and tax data.
- frees up internal resources to tackle other priorities: our data offering addresses the EU Taxonomy requirements and challenges so you can focus on your clients and business priorities.

#### Why You Can Rely on Us and This Service

SIX has long-lasting expertise and an excellent reputation in implementing regulatory data within given time frames, e.g. MiFID II and PRIIP. You can receive this data through the same delivery channels as our other ESG, reference, corporate actions, regulatory and tax data, and much more.

#### Timeline – EU Taxonomy



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