

Project Task Force
Non-financial reporting standards

Outreach meeting
European standard- setting (ESS)



European Financial Reporting Advisory Group



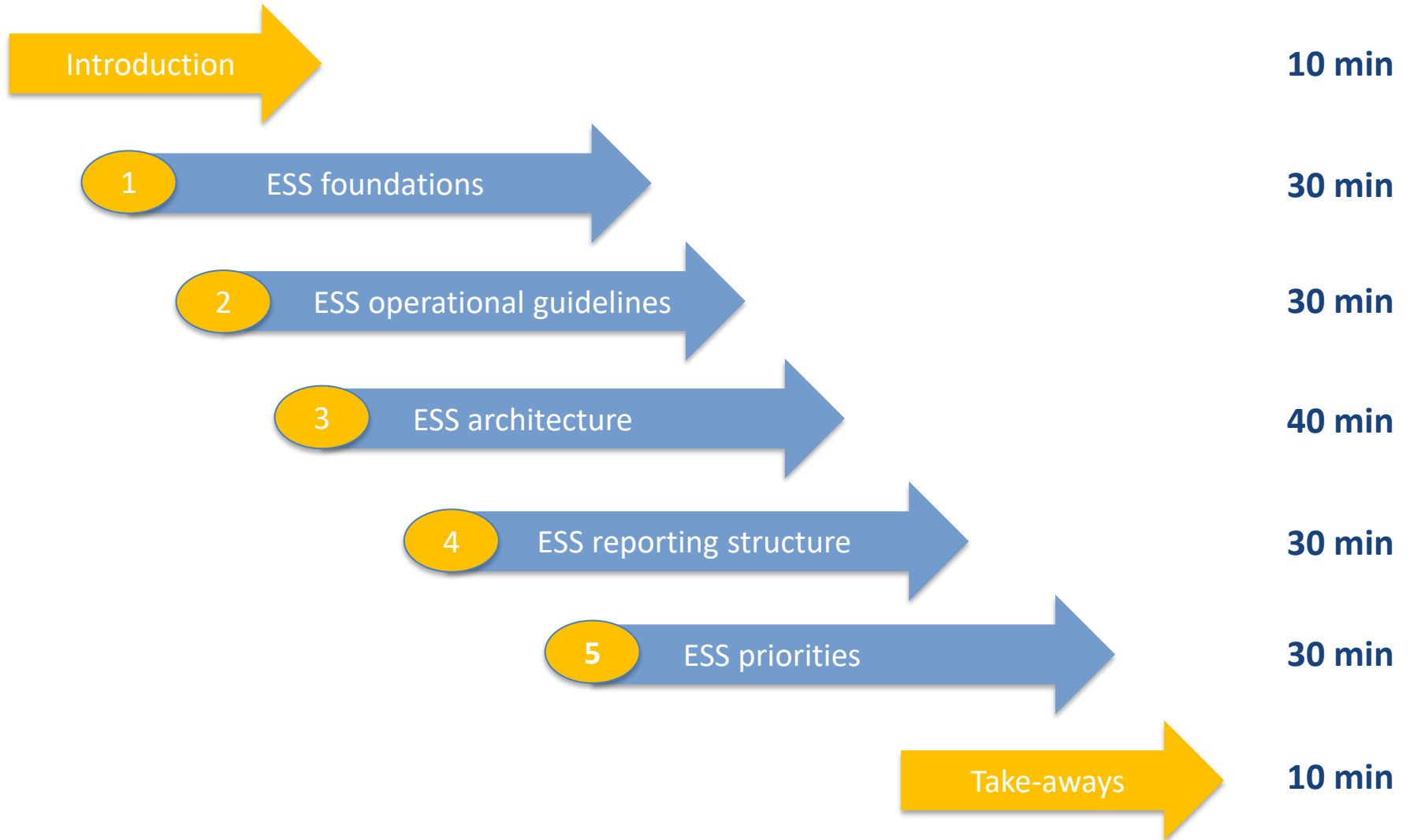
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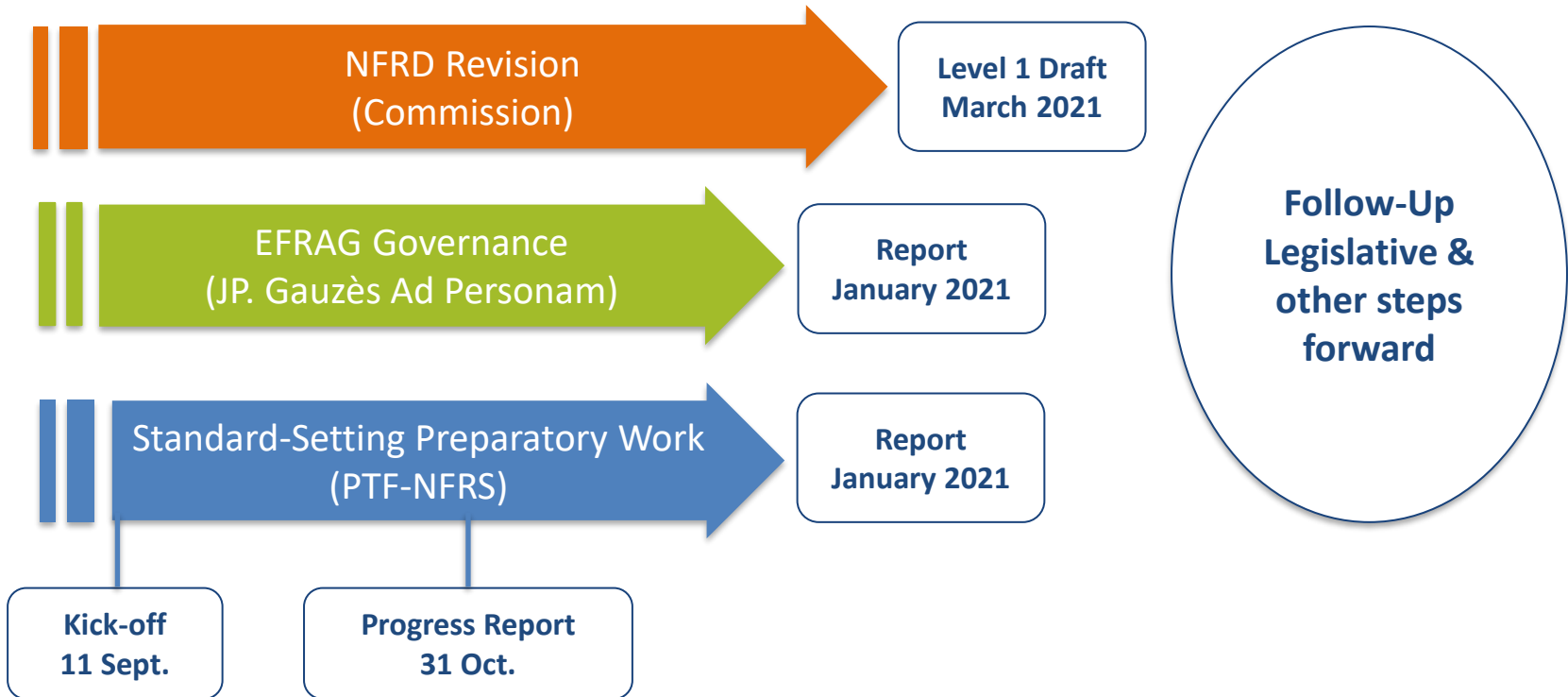
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It is intended to gather views from European stakeholders on key preliminary views emerging from the Task Force current ongoing work.

Agenda

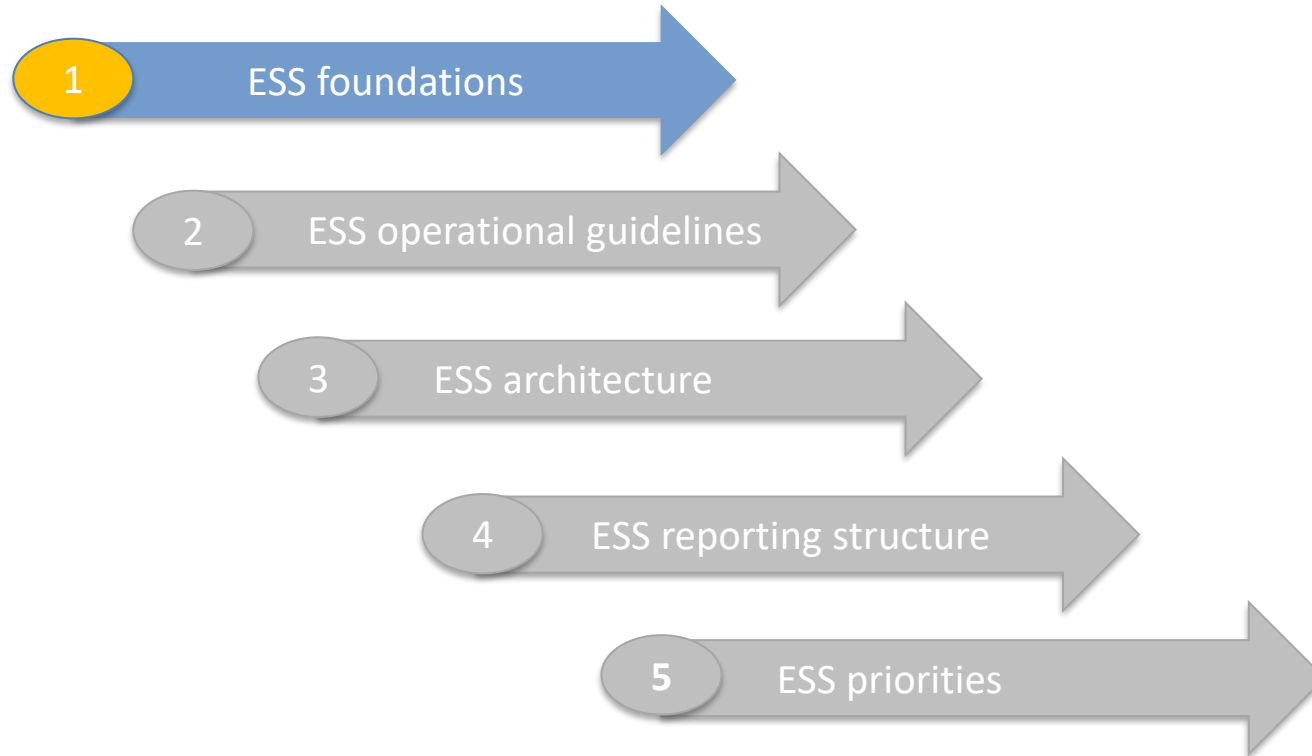


EU sustainability reporting: 3 processes in parallel



→ Therefore, interaction as a basis (under final coordination by Level 1)

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Overarching Principle #1

A principles-based sustainability reporting system.

Overarching Principle #2

An inclusive range of sustainability reporting stakeholders.

Building block #1

Supporting the EU sustainability reporting momentum.

Building block #2

Addressing the specific challenges of financial institutions.

Building block #3

Including SMEs in the EU sustainability reporting landscape in a proportionate manner.

Building block #4

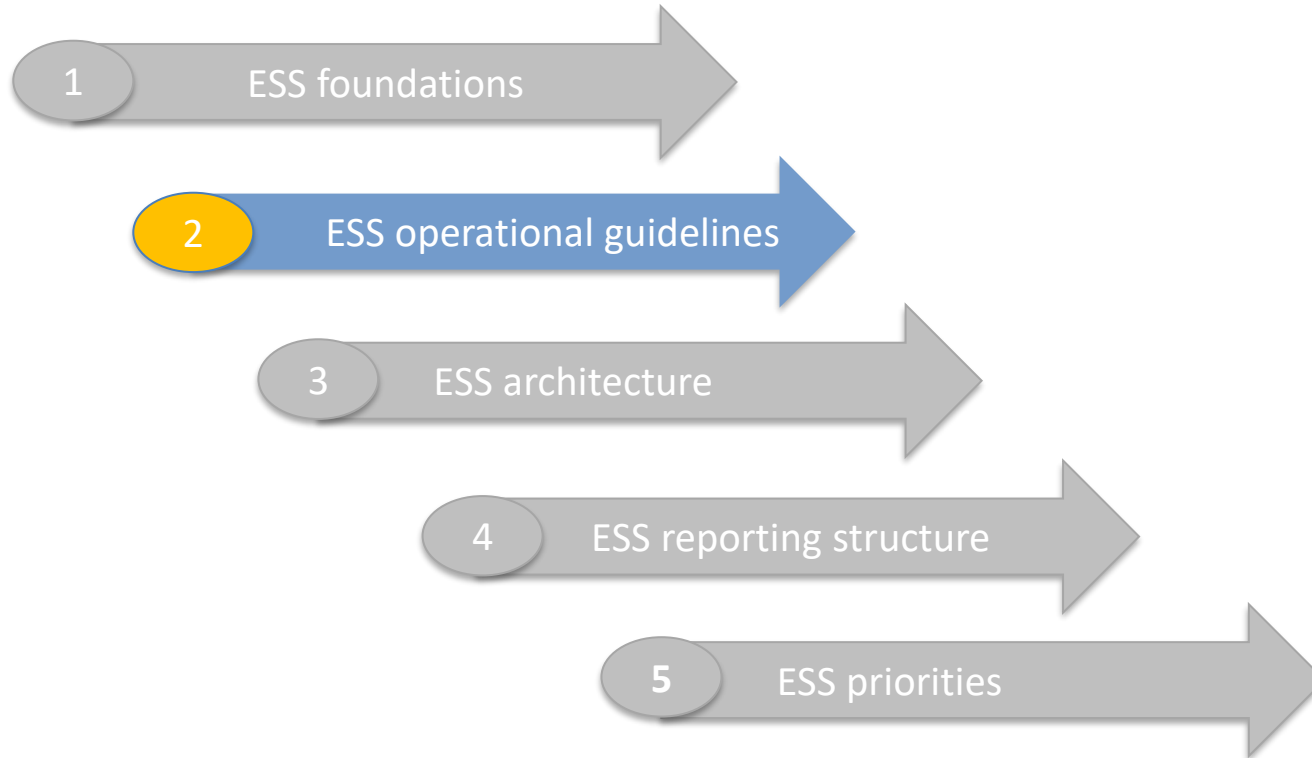
Fostering sector-specific sustainability reporting relevance.

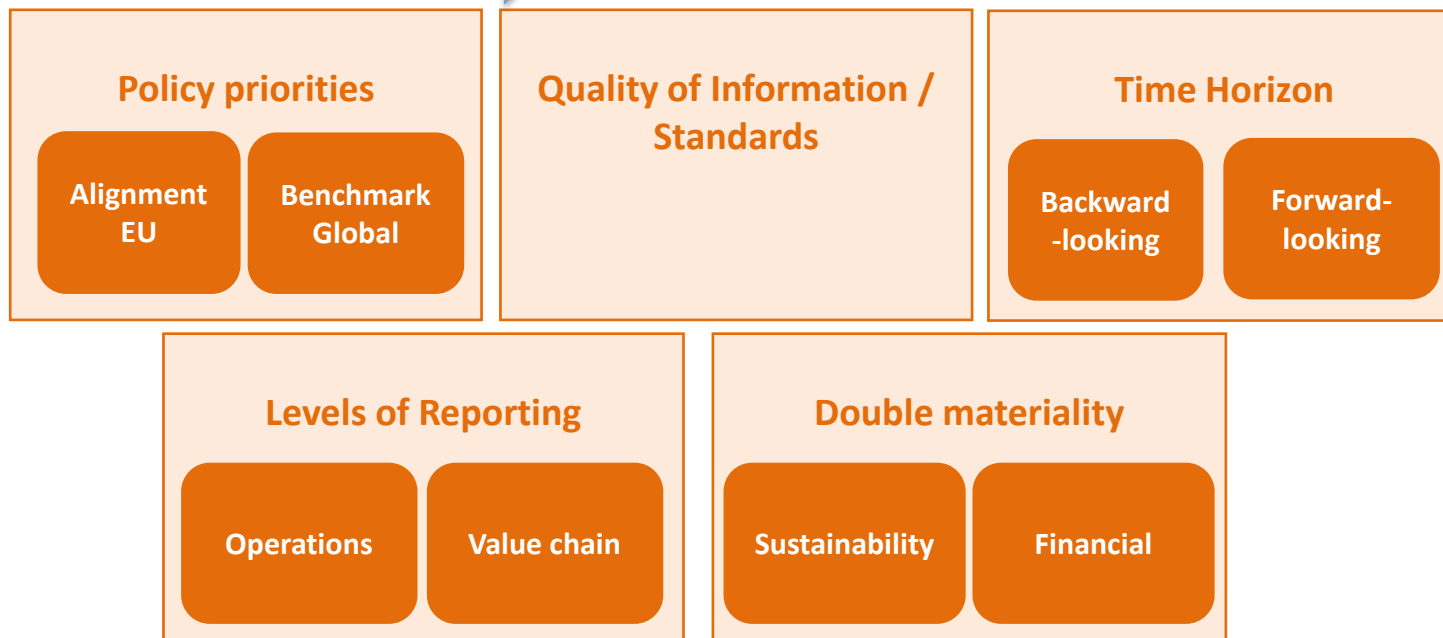
Building block #5

Acknowledging the importance of intangibles in sustainability reporting.

The **standard-setting foundations** frame the mission and role of the ESS within the EU sustainability reporting landscape. As such, they are then considered and cascaded down into the standards architecture.

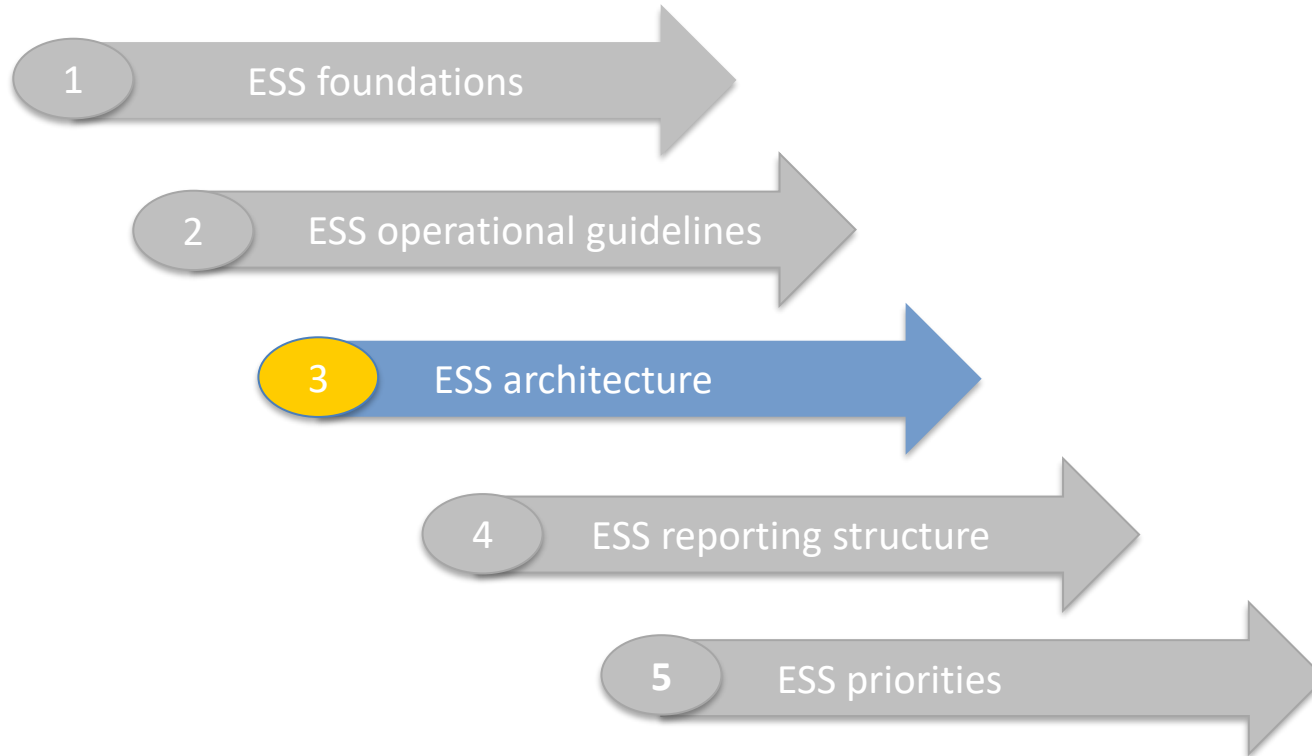
Outreach sequencing

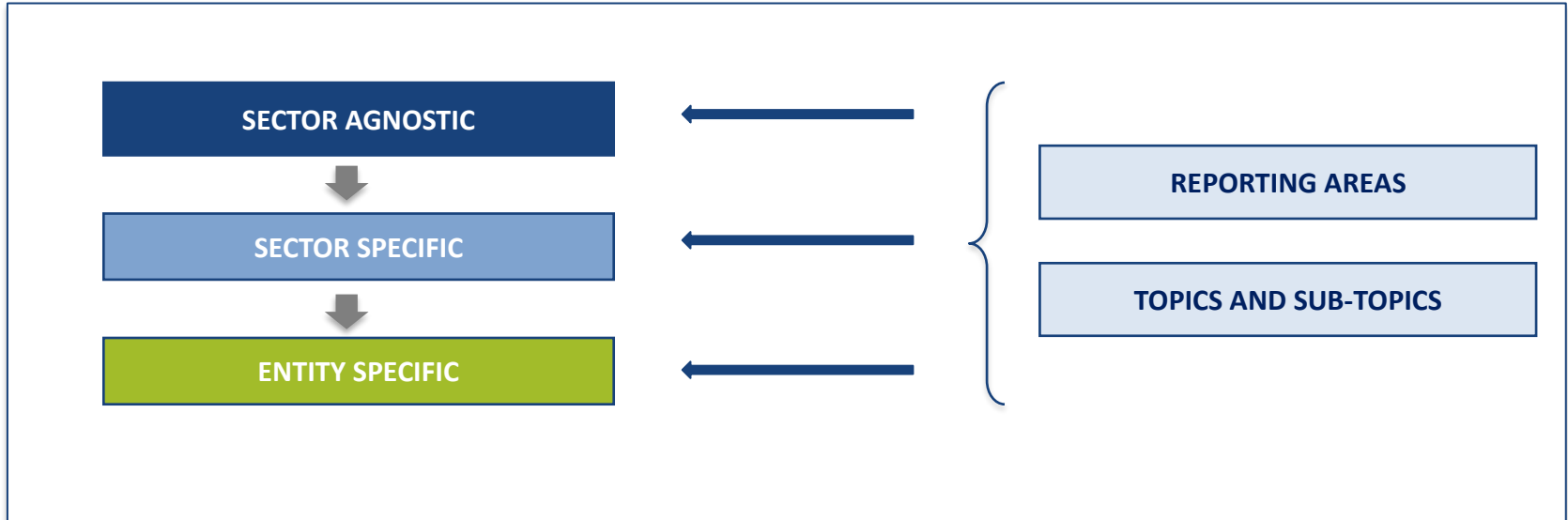




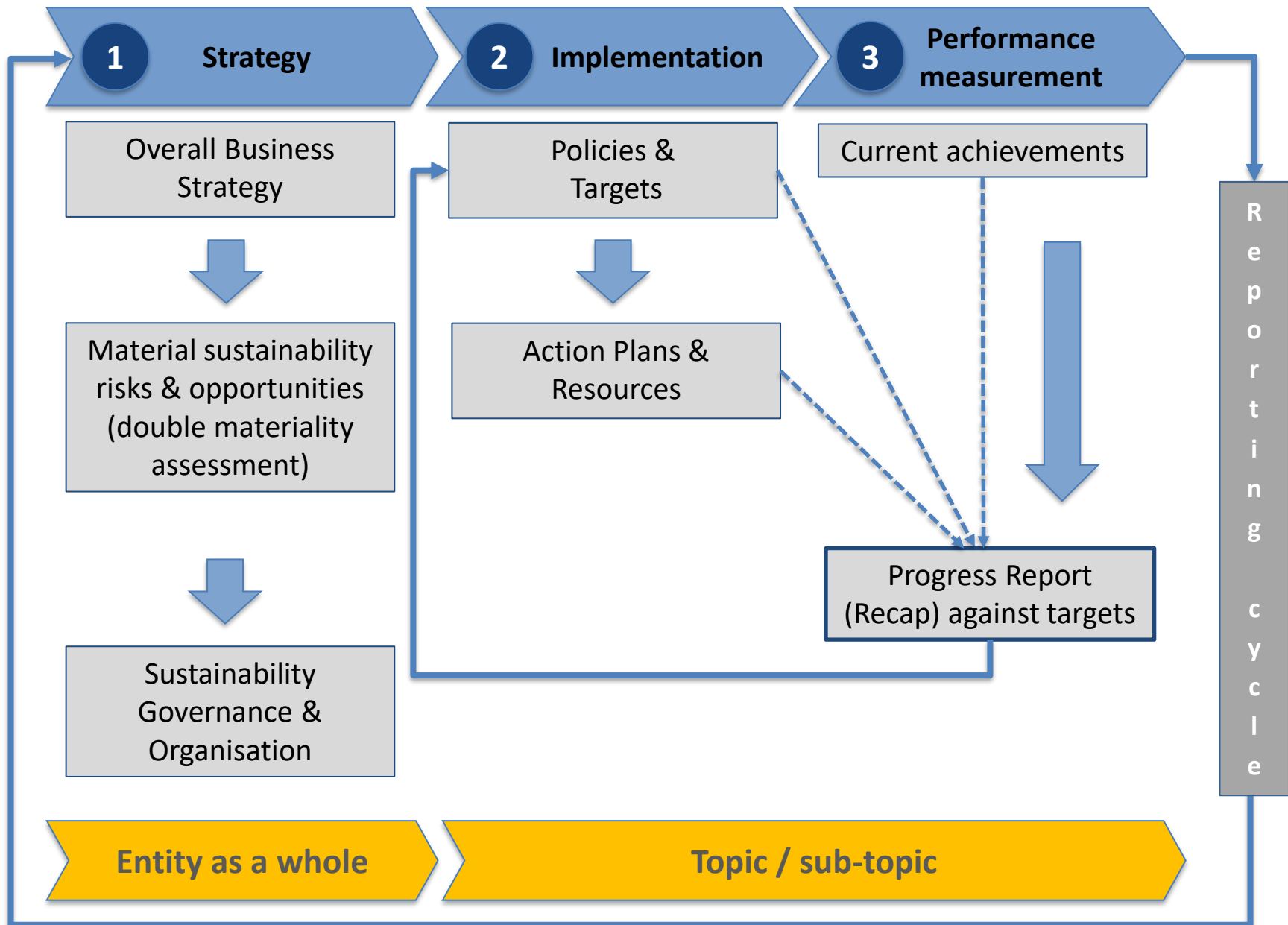
- The **standard-setting guidelines** are a set of **tools** to be developed by the ESS prior to any standard-setting in order to guide its work when setting the standards themselves. They cover 5 themes that need to be systematically considered in the standard-setting process. Some guidelines may have to be translated into standards when they have to be cascaded down to reporting entity level.
- As a general principle, all guidelines should **draw on existing European and international initiatives** for setting the appropriate processes and concepts.

Outreach sequencing





The standard-setting (and reporting) **architecture** should combine **three layers** (sector-agnostic, sector-specific, entity-specific) and **two dimensions** (reporting areas and topics) in order to define the right level of sustainability information.



Option 1

Environmental

Climate

Water & Marine Resources

Biodiversity & Ecosystems

Circular economy

Pollutions

illustrative

Social

Workforce

Value Chain workers

Affected communities

Consumers / end users

[Public Authorities]?

illustrative

General (incl. Governance)

Governance

Business Ethics

Organisation

Brand/Communication

Innovation

illustrative

Possible compatibility with multi-capital approach

Natural Capital

Human Capital

Intellectual Capital

Social & Relationships
Capital

Option 2

Environment

Climate
Water & Marine Resources
Biodiversity & Ecosystems
Circular economy
Pollutions

illustrative

People

Labour relations
Health & Safety
Other Human Rights
Human Resources

illustrative

Organisation (incl. Governance)

Governance
Business Ethics
Organisation
Brand/Communication
Innovation

illustrative

Relationships

Supply chain
Customers
Public Authorities
Human Rights
Communities

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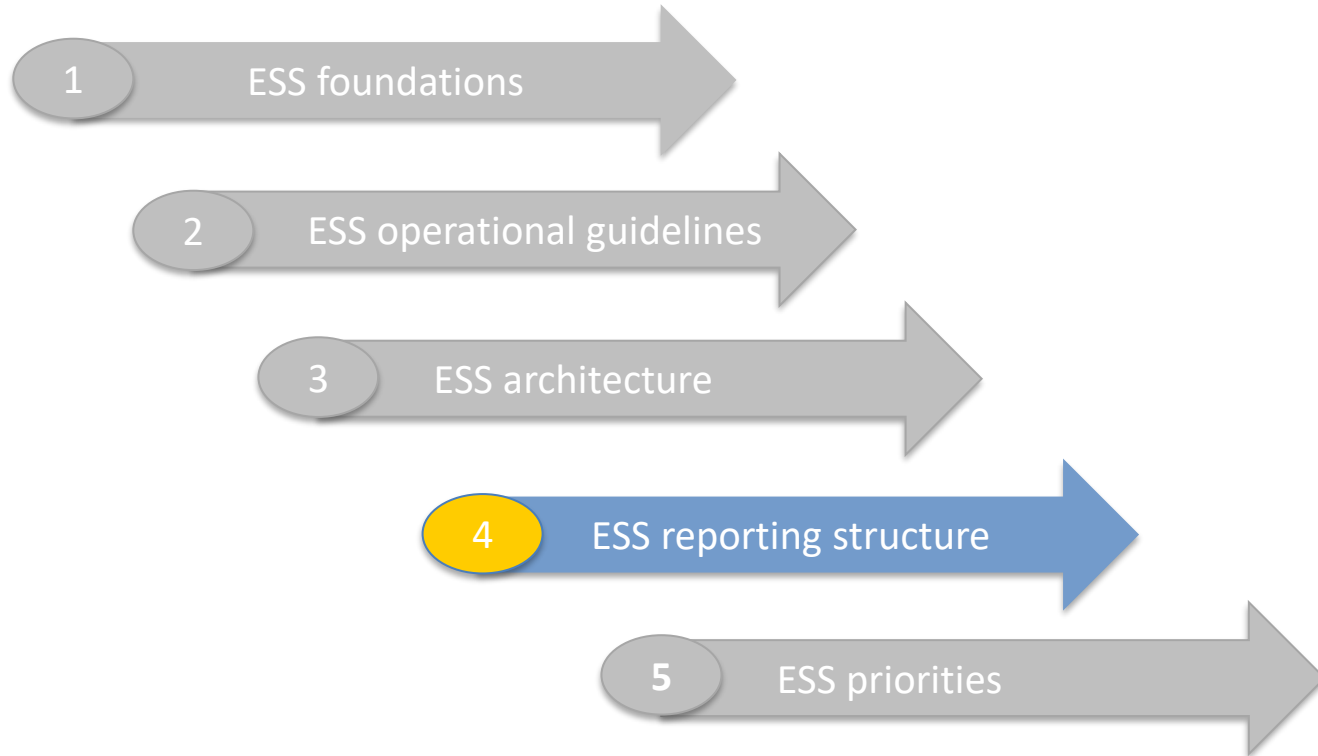
Natural Capital

Human Capital

Intellectual Capital

Social & Relationships
Capital

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Sustainability Reporting

MANAGEMENT REPORT
(SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENTS)

REPORTING TAXONOMY

Interconnection

Interconnection

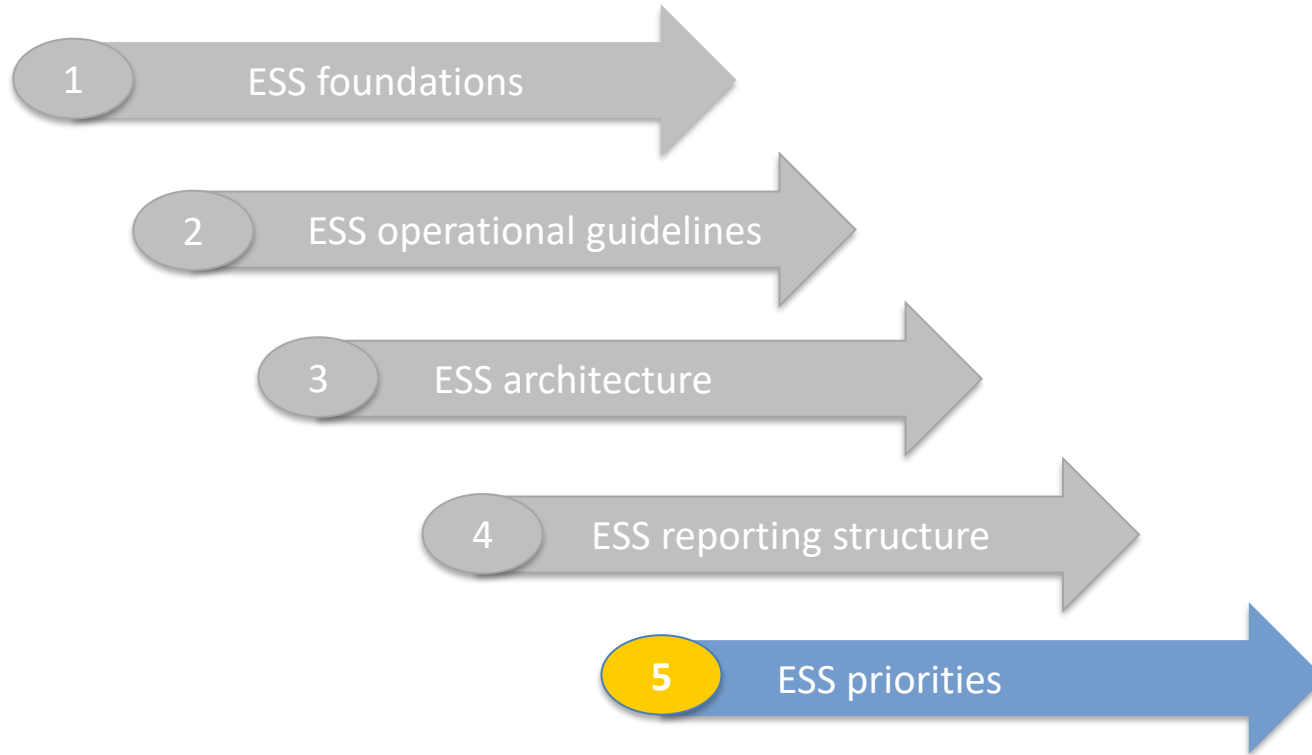
Financial Reporting

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

RELATED TAXONOMY

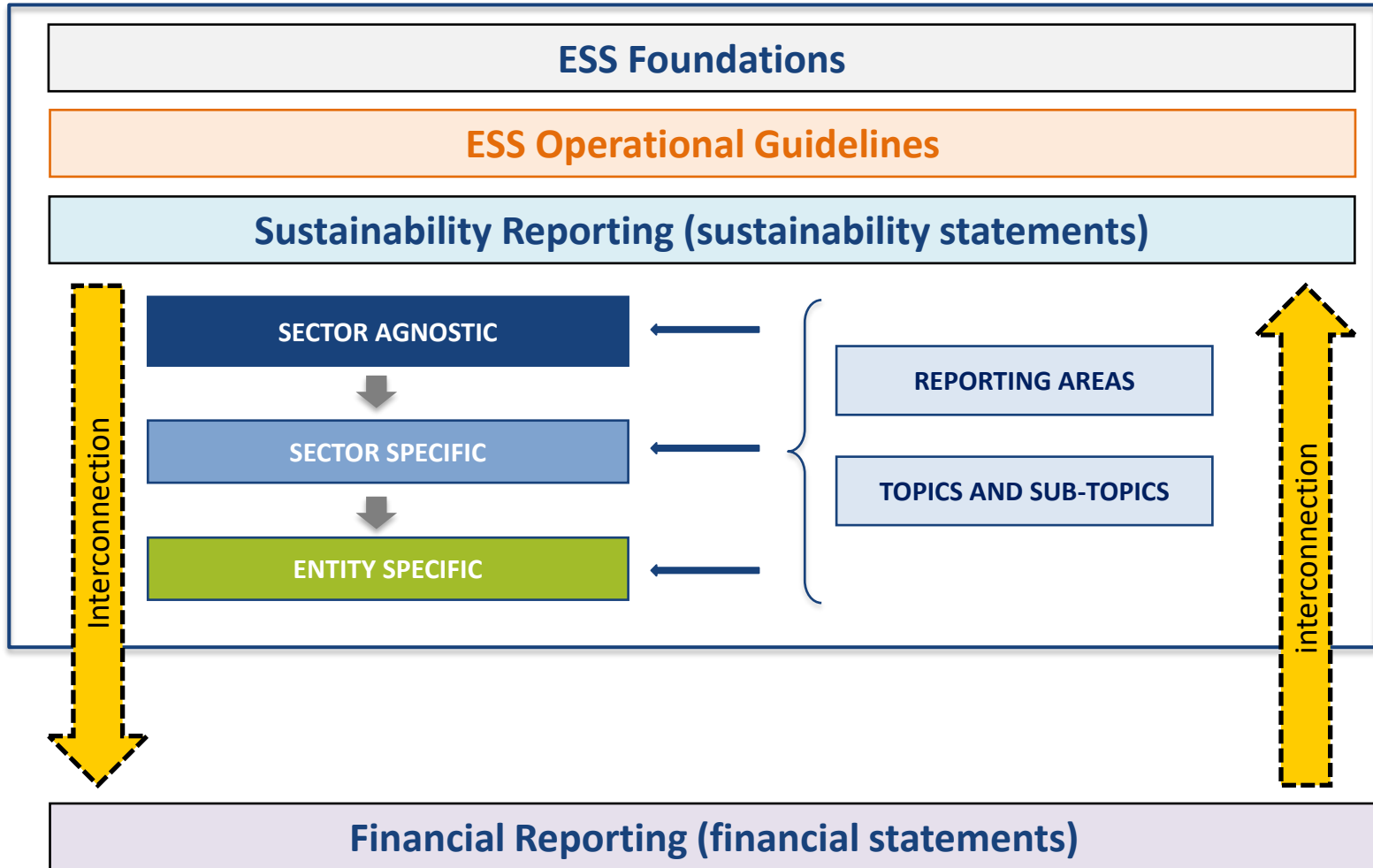
Beyond content, it is key to define a **standard reporting structure**. Such a structure should reflect the reporting (and standard-setting) architecture and should enable the adoption of a digital taxonomy from the beginning.

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Target general architecture

Summary of the above



- There is general agreement that the EU sustainability momentum calls for a major step in sustainability reporting. As a consequence, the Task Force considers that (i) **priorities should be taken into account** and (ii) the next step should aim at **delivering urgently a coherent first set of disclosures**.
- Along the EU momentum, there is a large number of initiatives in relation to sustainability standard-setting, with current notable convergence efforts. The Task Force welcomes these efforts and considers of prime importance to **cooperate with the leading international initiatives to ensure coherence and reciprocal input between EU and other international initiatives**, in order in particular to **foster a global playing-field for international companies**.



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