



# ASSET

Accounting for Sustainability,  
Social and Environmental Transparency

## Teaching Module 2

### Providing Assurance on Sustainability Reports





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# The Context of Sustainability Assurance

CSRD brings major changes to sustainability reporting and the assurance thereon:

- Sustainability information must now be disclosed in the management report
- Reporting becomes mandatory for all 27 member states

2024

Large listed companies  
(more than 500 employees)

2026

Listed SMEs

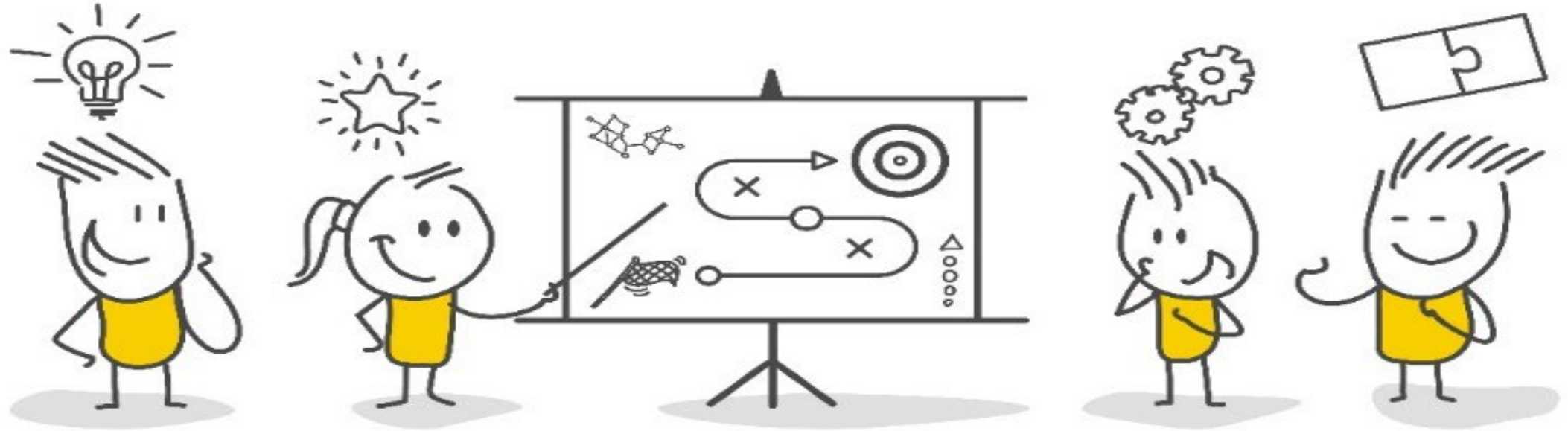
2025

Other large companies

2028

Particular Non-EU companies





## Assurance on sustainability reports

- a heterogeneous mass of information
- no detailed auditing procedure



# Assurance based on ...?

## **International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000:**

a standard for assurance engagements other than audits or reviews of historical financial information.

**Coming soon:** International Standard on Sustainability Assurance (ISSA) 5000

- drafted as an Exposure Draft (ED) by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB)
- currently in consultation and expected to be finalized by September 2024



# Teaching Module 2: Learning objectives

**Know the most important terms in sustainability assurance**



**Be able to reflect on ISAE 3000 practices on sustainability assurance**

**Be able to conduct preliminary assurance procedures on ESG information**



**Be able to connect information from the financial and ESG reporting part**

**Be able to interpret information according to the EU-Taxonomy-Regulation**



**Be able to comprehend and analyse processes applied in companies**



# Teaching Module 2: Main characters

## 4-Airlines Inc

- founded 20 years ago, operates mainly in the European airspace
- aims to be an environmentally conscious firm and is concerned about the company's impact on the planet's future
- this year, the management is obtaining for the first time external assurance on its most recent sustainability report.

## Europestars and Unionstar LLP

- medium-sized, national CPA firm
- provides auditing and tax services; started engaging in sustainability assurance services
- assigned YOU, as a mid-level experienced audit team member, to the audit engagement of the sustainability report of 4-Airlines as at 31 December 2023.





# Teaching Module 2: Structure

## Case 1

Double materiality and the assessment of topics to be reported  
Recalculation of some EU-Taxonomy KPIs

## Preliminary readings on

- the CSRD and sustainability assurance
- the EU-Taxonomy reporting requirements

## Case 2

Analysis of several findings of the assurance team  
Suggested adjustments required for a clean assurance report

## Supporting materials

- Excel sheets
- steps to take for assurance procedures







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**May you do well and don't  
forget to work in groups!**