

The future of corporate responsibility

Integrating ESG into ADOGRC

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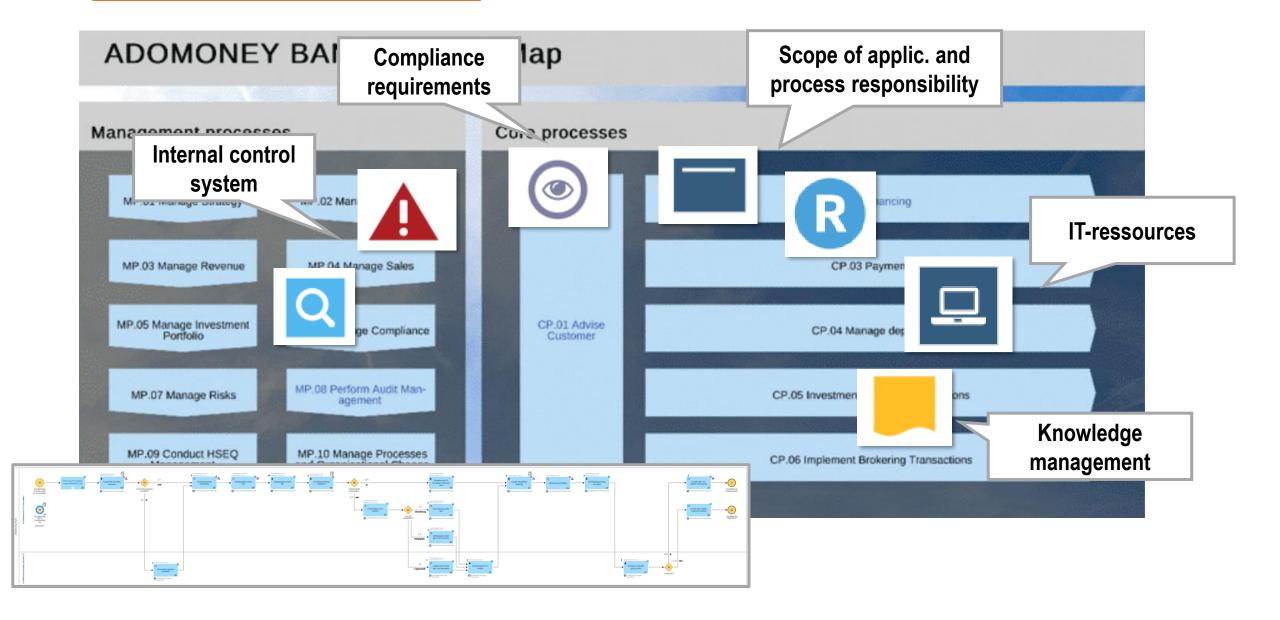
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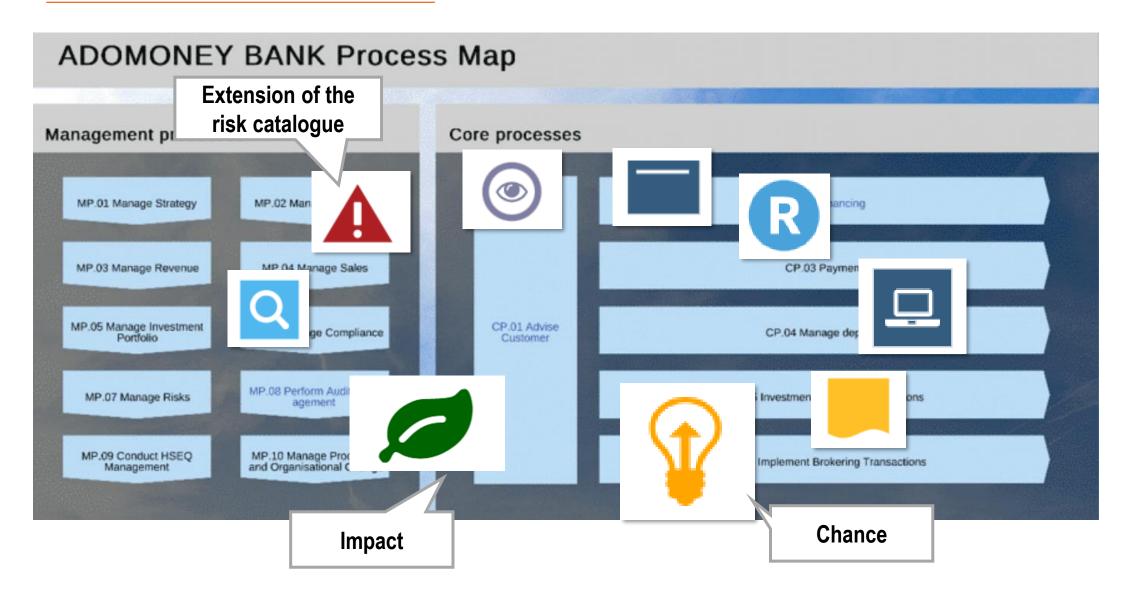
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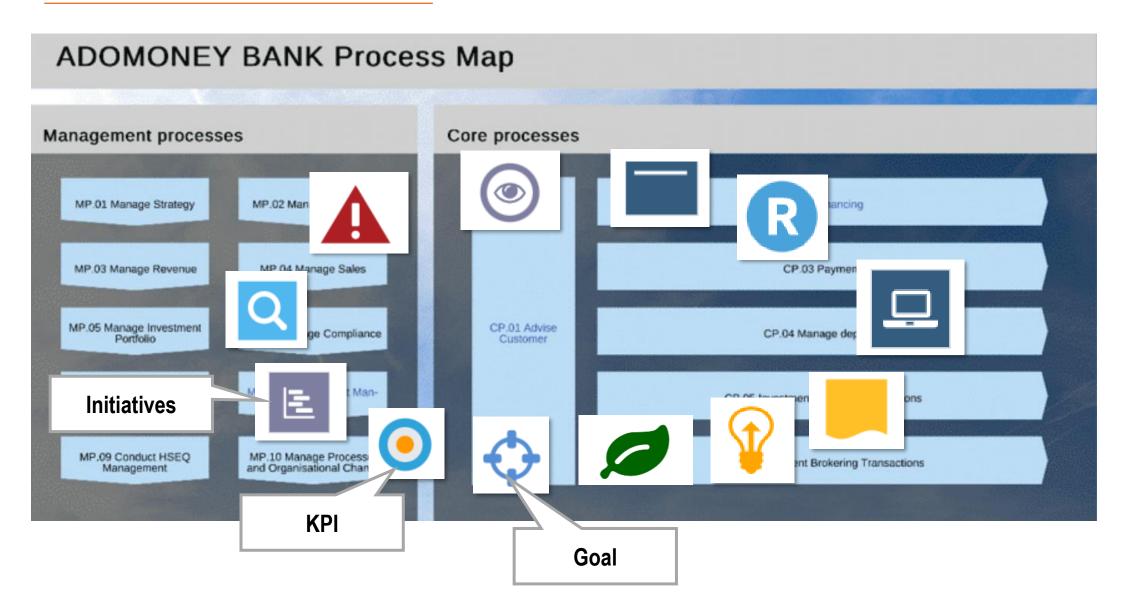
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Origin of the Regulatory Requirements



<u>Initial situation according to the **United Nations**:</u>

Social: "Billions of our citizens continue to live in poverty and are denied a life of dignity."

Environment: "The facts are undeniable – we're running out of time to adapt to the climate crisis:

delay is death."

Origin of the Regulatory Requirements



<u>Initial situation according to the **United Nations**:</u>

European Green Deal

Tasks Euopean Union

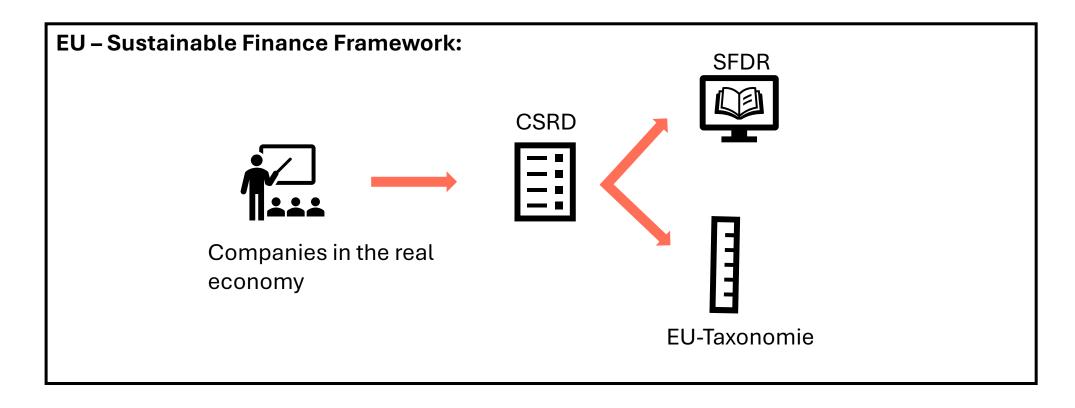
 Capital flows in the direction of sustainable economic activities Problem

 Lack of transparency due to several permissible reporting standards Solution

- Corporate Sustainability
 Reporting Directive
 (CSRD)
- European Sustainability
 Reporting Standards
 (ESRS)

Current EU Regulatory Requirements





Overall objective = to redirect capital flows towards **financing** the sustainable transformation of the economy and society

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Is it "only" reporting obligation?

- Preparation of a report in accordance with CSRD
- Mandatory audit
- CSRD is accounting law -> legal act with all consequences



Is it "only" reporting obligation?

On the other hand, it is also about ensuring **future competitiveness**

- Reducing sustainability-related risks
- Aligning the business model with sustainability
- Positioning towards customers and suppliers
- Reputation of the company
- Ensuring the company's attractiveness as a responsible employer
- ...

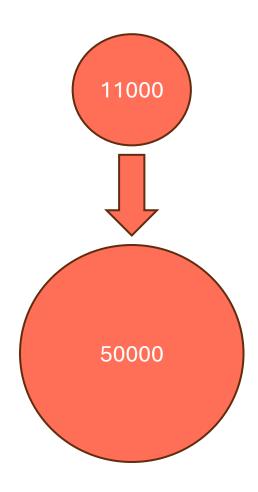


Non Financial Reporting Directive (NFRD)

- ► Companies of public interest (capital market-oriented companies or financial service providers)
- ▶ Generic disclosure on Environmental, Social and Governance issues
- Multiple standards for reporting permitted
 - ▶ > 500 employees
 - ▶ Balance sheet total > EUR 20 Mio.
 - ▶ Net sales > EUR 40 Mio.

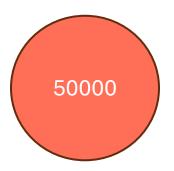
Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD)

- ▶ Fiscal year 2024: Companies previously coverd by the NFRD
- ▶ Fiscal year 2025: Companies with
 - Net sales > EUR 40 Mio.
 - Balance sheet total > EUR 20 Mio.
 - ▶ Employees > 250
- ► Fiscal year 2026: Listed SMEs
- Fiscal year 2028: Non EU-companies with a turnover > 150 m. €





Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive







Trickle-Down-effect:

Affects small companies – along the entire value and supply chain, even if they are not covered directly by CSRD

CSRD: Changes compared to NFRD



Expansion of reportingcompanies

Standardisation of disclosure

Double Materiality Assessment

Mandatory external audit

Digitalisation

Sustainability in management report

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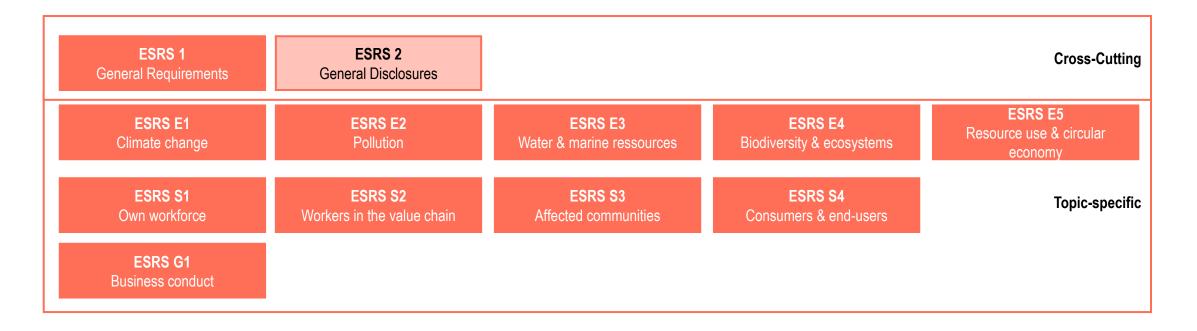
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ESRS



Sustainability reporting ESRSs

- 2 cross-cutting standards and 10 topic-specific standards
- Sector-specific and entity-specific standards follow



Mandatory without Double Materiality Assessment

ESRS



Exemplary breakdown of topics - sub-topics - sub-sub-topics

| ESRS | Subtopic | Sub-Subtopic |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| E1 Climate change | Climate change adaption | |
| | Climate change mitigation | |
| | Energy | |
| E2 Pollution | Pollution of air | |
| | Pollution of water | |
| | Pollution of soil | |
| | Pollution of living organisms and food ressources | |
| | Substances of concern | |
| | Substances of very high concern | |
| | Microplastics | |
| E3 Water & marine ressources | Water | Water consumption |
| | | Water withdrawls |
| | | Water discharges |
| | Marine ressources | Water discharges in the oceans |
| | | Extraction and use of marine ressources |

Total 10 topics - 37 sub-topics - 73 sub-sub-topics

ESRS

Disclosure Requirements (DR)

- •Define overarching disclosure requirements (DR) for all topics
 - •Governance (GOV)
 - Strategy (SBM)
 - •Impact, Risk & Opporunity management (IRO)
 - •Metrics & Targets (M & T)

Sector-specific and entity-specific ESRSs follow in the future

• In development





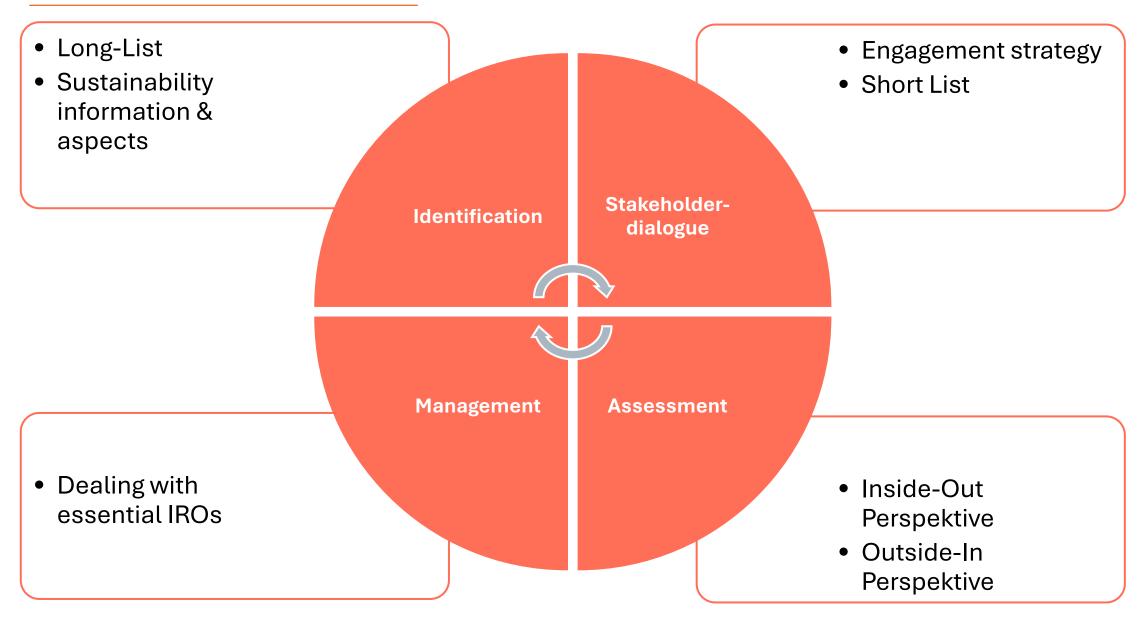
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The Implementation - Cycle

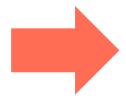




The Implementation - Identification



| Topical ESRS | Sustainability matters covered in topical ESRS | | |
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| ESRS E3 | Water and marine resources | Water Marine resources | Water consumption Water withdrawals Water discharges Water discharges in the oceans Extraction and use of marine resources |
| ESRS E4 | Biodiversity and ecosystems | Direct impact drivers of biodiversity loss | Climate Change Land-use change, fresh water-use change and sea-use change Direct exploitation Invasive alien species Pollution Others |
| | | Impacts on the state of species | Species population size Species global extinction risk |
| | | Impacts on the extent and condition of ecosystems | Examples: Land degradation Desertification Soil sealing |
| | | Impacts and dependencies on ecosystem services | |



Creation of a list of potential IROs from the sustainability aspects

Source: European Commission

The Implementation- IROs

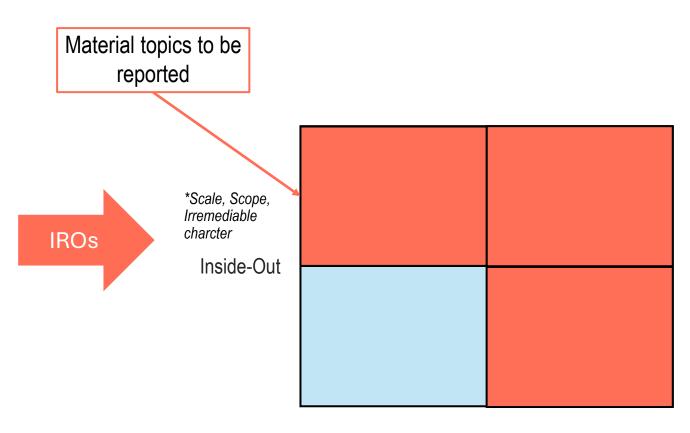


| Impacts | R isks | O pportunities |
|---|---|-----------------------|
| Inside-Out Perspective | Outside-In | perspective |
| Ecological and social materiality | financial materiality | |
| Impact of the company to be reported on the environment and people | Risks and chances that have a material impact on the value of the company | |
| Scale Scope Irremediable character | · | of occurence ope |

The Implementation – Material Topics



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Outside-In

*Probability of occurence, scope

Parallelism with risk management



- ▶ Materiality analysis is the central filter for removing complexity from regulation
- Integration of the identified/assessed IROs?
 - Assessment is heavily dependent on risk management
 - Synergy with other risks and chances
 - ▶ Challenge of impact risk on society, social & environment
 - Integration into risk management without creating a parallel world

Simulation of Double Materiality Assessment







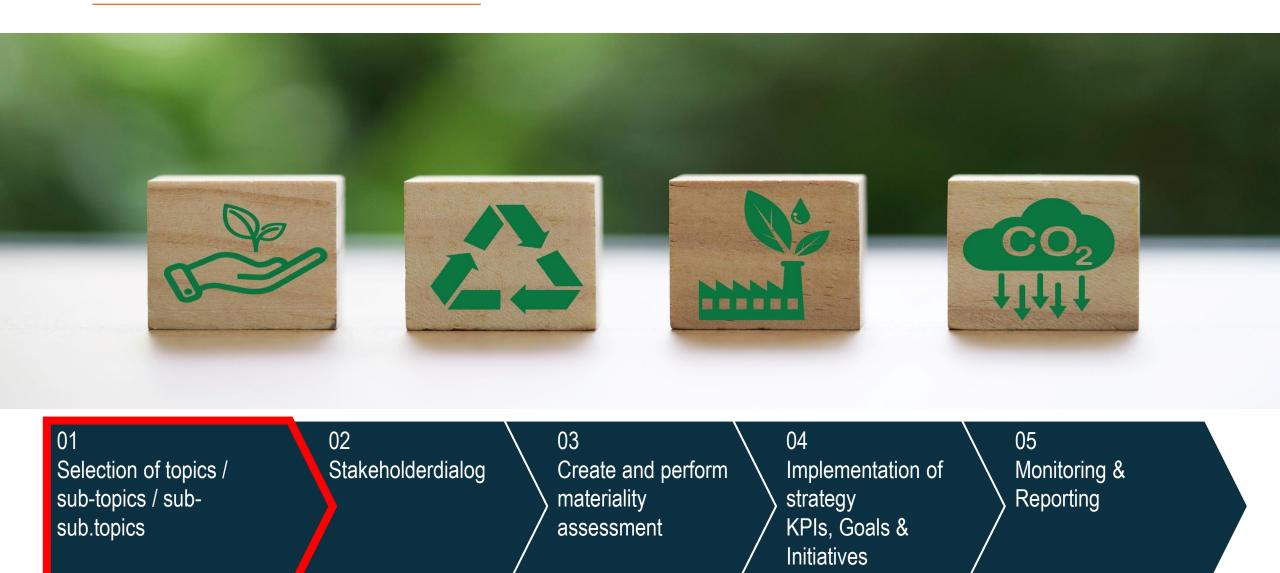
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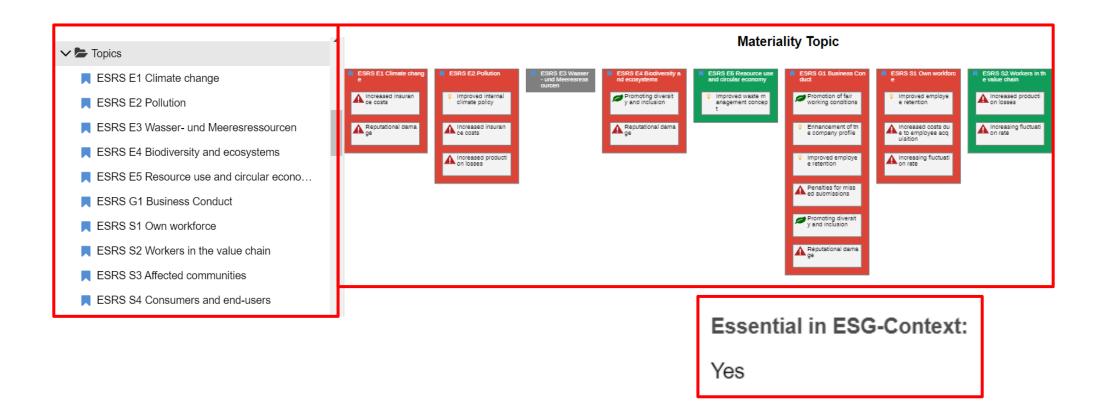
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01 Preselect Topics

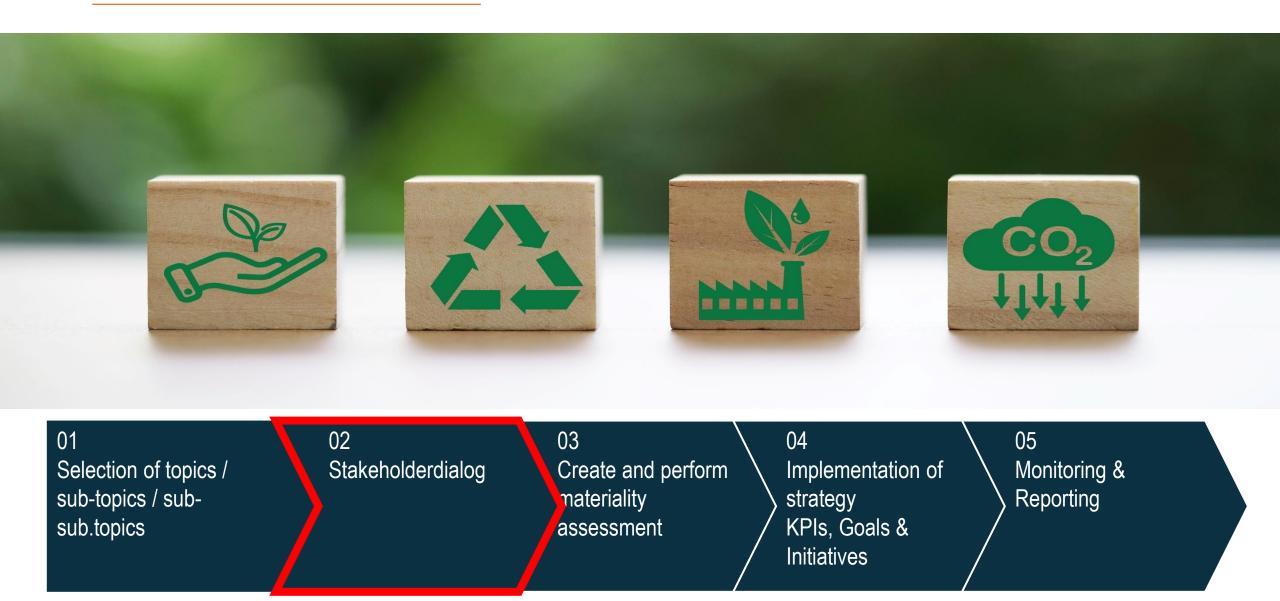




The hierarchical mapping of topics, sub-topics and sub-sub-topics allows a clear presentation of the ESG areas and enables a pre-selection of topics requiring action.

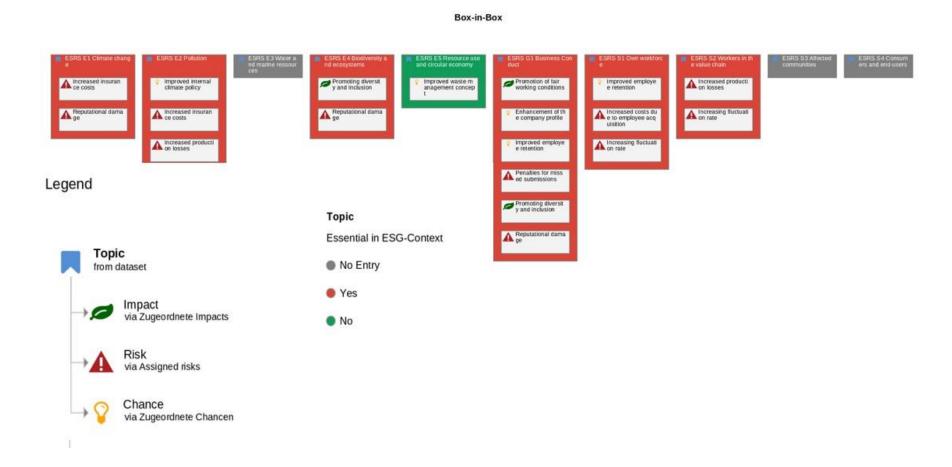
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02 Identifying impacts, risks and opportunities

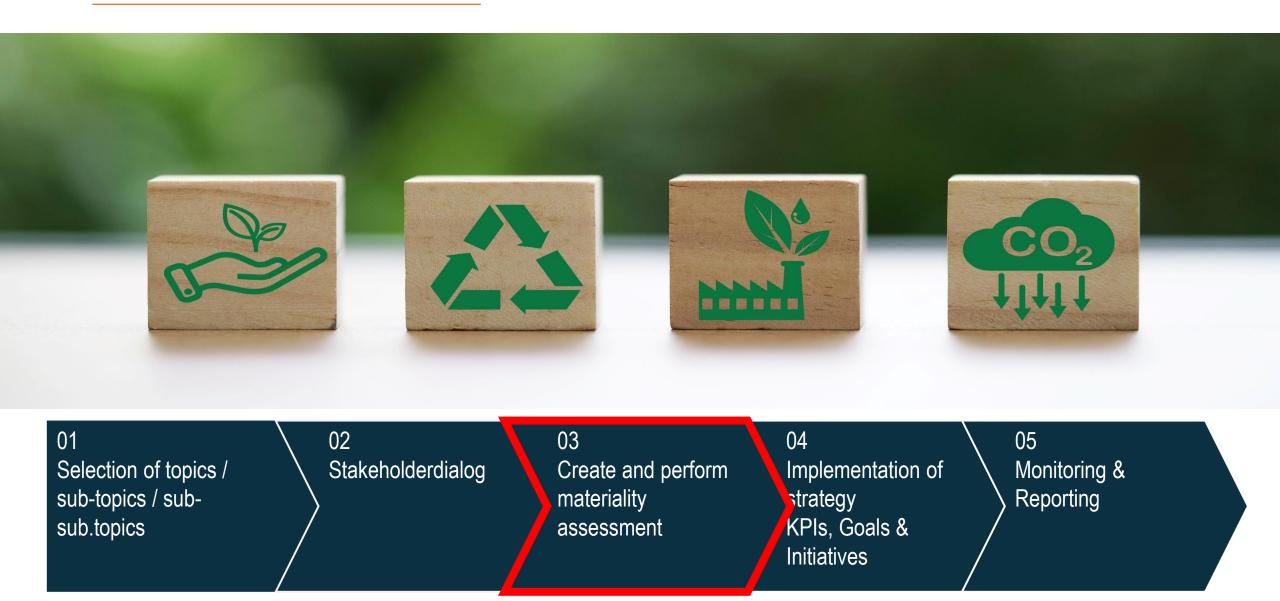




Pre-selected topics are discussed in the course of the stakeholder dialogue with regard to their impact, risks and opportunities in order to identify the topics that is relevant for the company and its stakeholders.

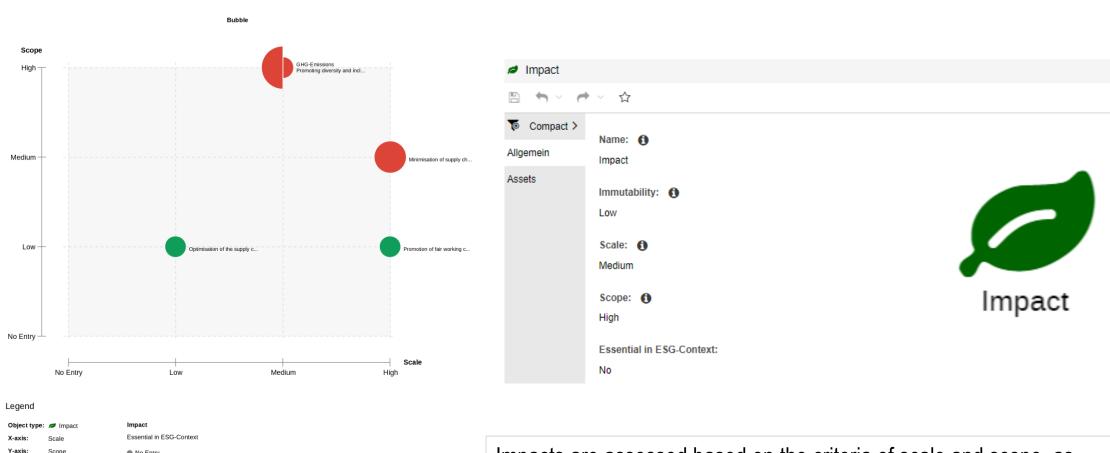
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03 Materiality Assessment: Impact

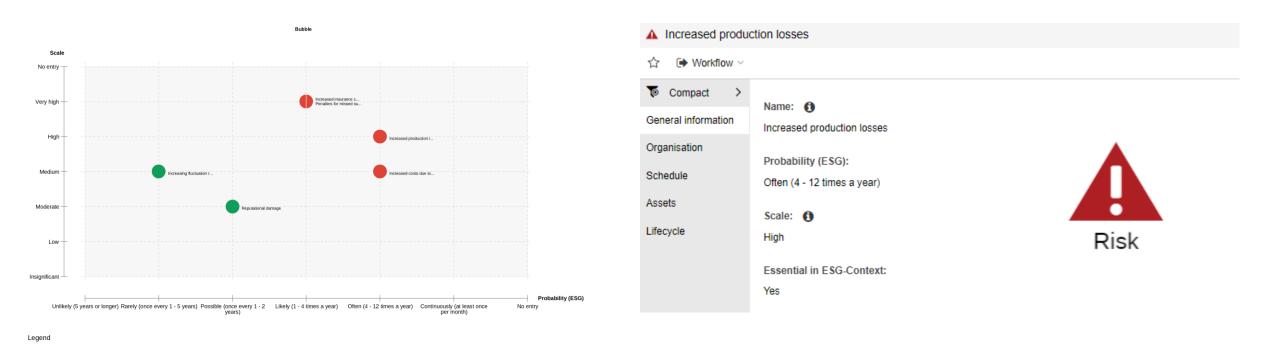




Impacts are assessed based on the criteria of scale and scope, as well as immutability (in the case of negative impacts), in order to define the relevant topics.

03 Materiality Assessment: Risk

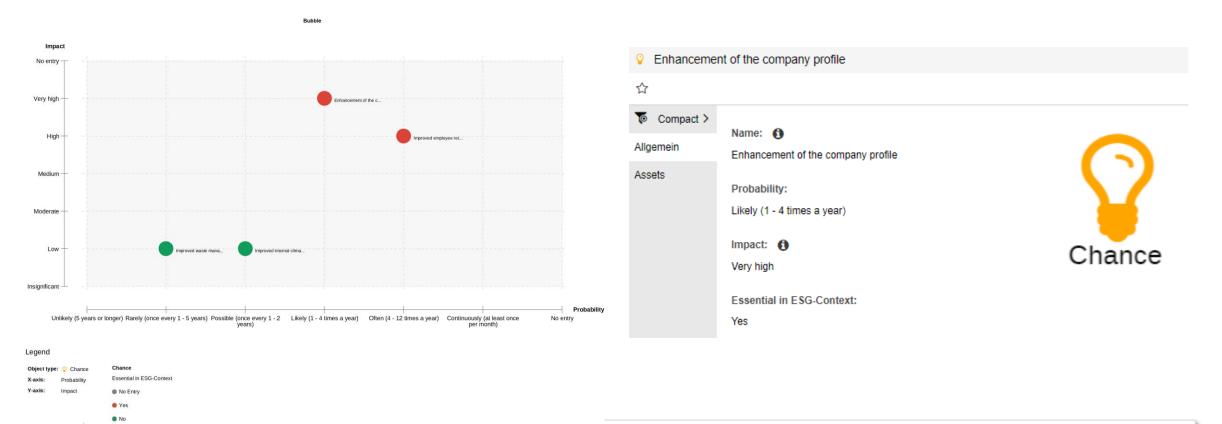




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03 Materiality Assessment: Chance

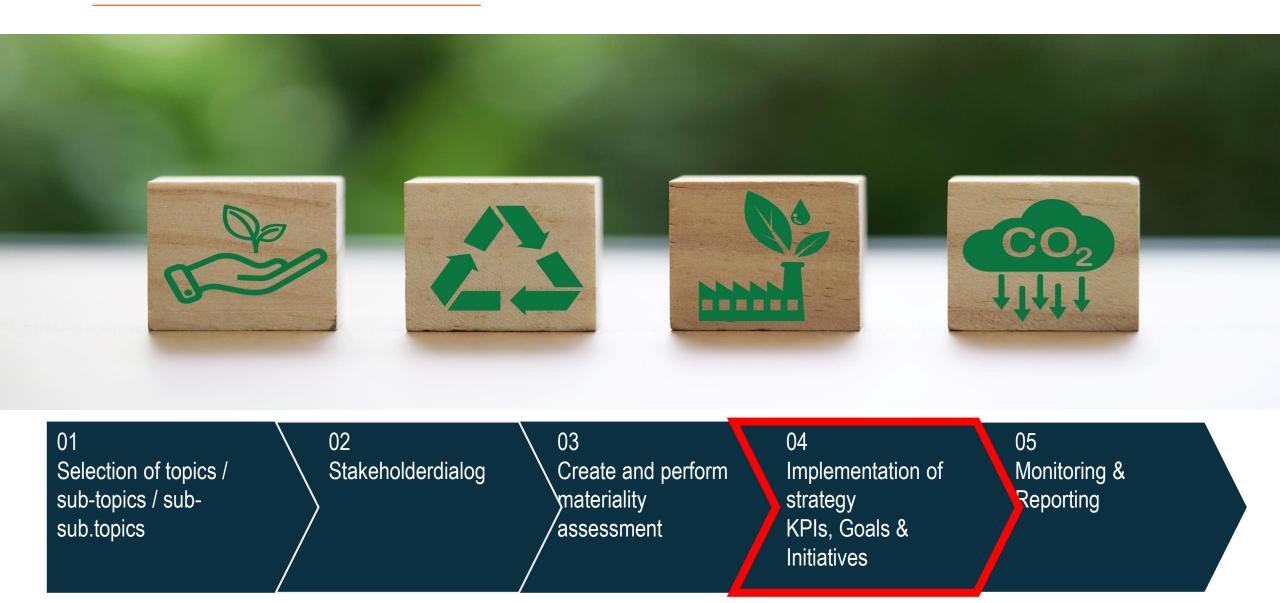




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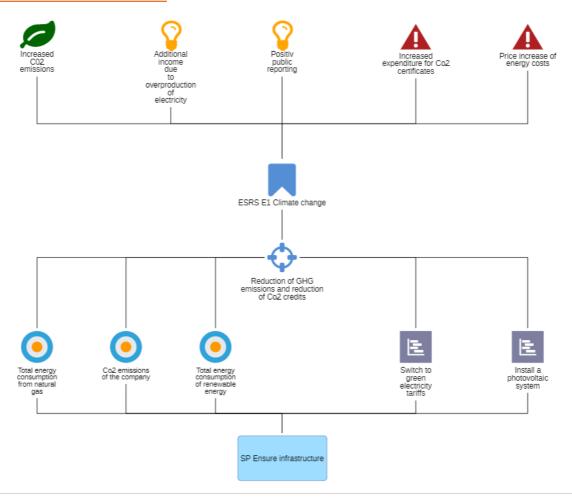
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04 Goals, KPIs and initiatives





Goals, KPIs and initiatives are defined for the relevant topics, which can be linked to the corporate assets. The sum of the topic-related content is summarised in the sustainability strategy.

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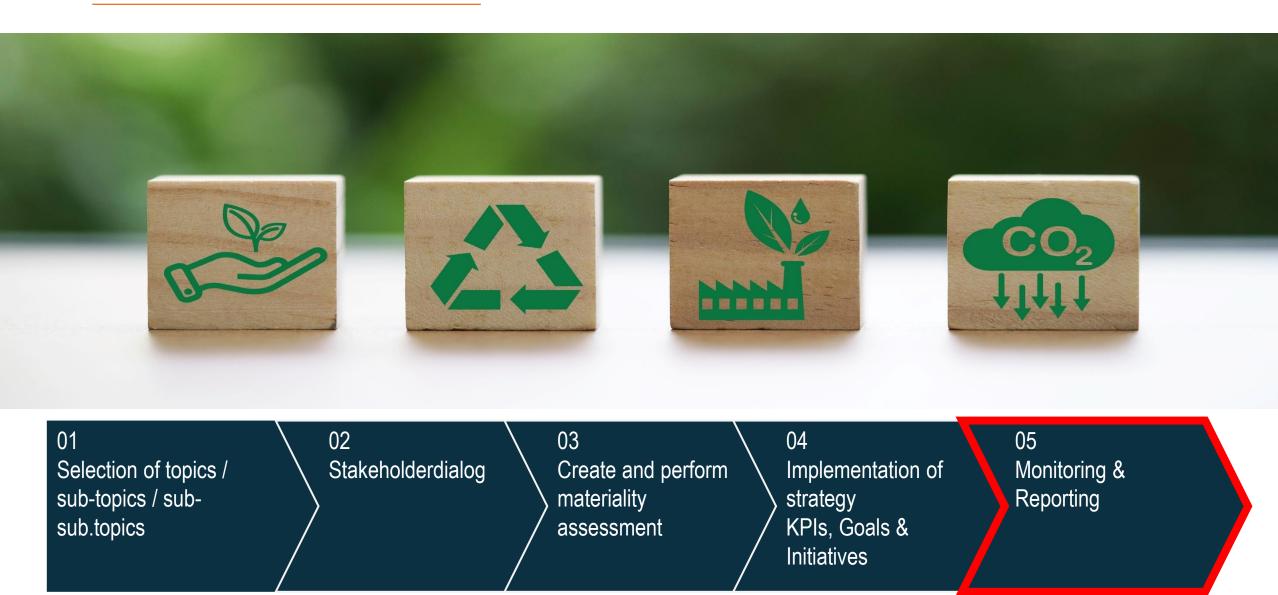


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| ESRS E1 Klima- wandel: Anpassung | | Reduzierung der Treibhausgasemi | Reduzierung der Treibhausgasemi | Reduzierung der Treibhausgasemi | |
| ESRS E1 Klima- wandel: Energie | | Reduzierung der Treibhausgasemi | Reduzierung der Treibhausgasemi | Reduzierung der Treibhausgasemi | |
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Several goals or KPIs can be formulated for one topic. Of course, a goal or KPI can also be used several times.

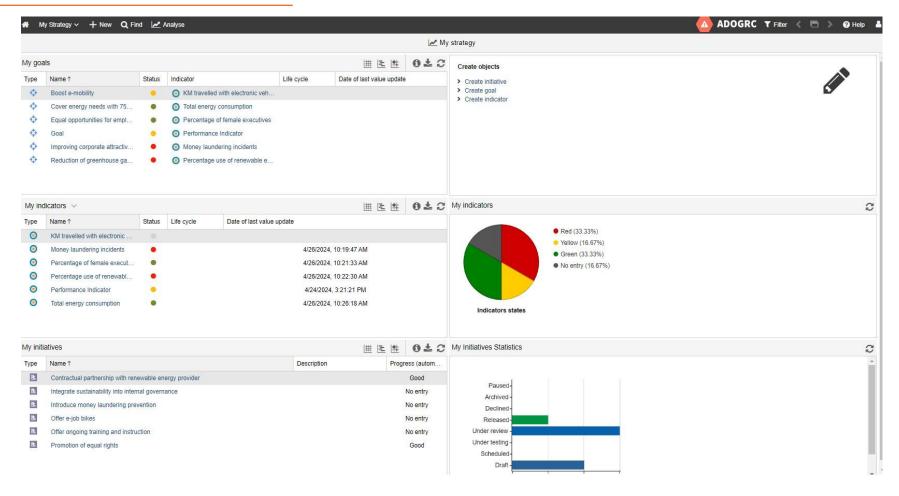
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05 Monitoring





The status of the goals, KPIs and / or initiatives can be viewed in a user-orientated manner with the help of dashboards to be able to track the implementation on an ongoing basis.

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