



EUMEDION WELCOMES THE IFRS FOUNDATION'S DECISION TO ESTABLISH THE INTERNATIONAL SUSTAINABILITY STANDARDS BOARD

The Hague, 3 November 2021. Eumedion applauds the decision of the IFRS Foundation (Foundation) to establish the International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB). The Foundation already has a proven track record for fostering high quality financial reporting around the globe. Now investors and companies have the prospect of a single global language for sustainability reporting through standards issued by the ISSB. We expect all stakeholders to benefit from the ISSB's efforts.

Eumedion is delighted to notice that the ISSB is set to mirror the thinking in our [2019 Green Paper](#) and our subsequent [2020 Position Paper](#) 'Towards a global investor focused standard setter for non-financial reporting' on all key aspects. Notably, we see the ISSB's clear ambition to also set industry-specific standards as pivotal for enhancing the relevance of sustainability reporting and critical for a successful outreach to stakeholders.

Eumedion praises the fruitful collaboration within the Technical Readiness Working Group (TRWG). The TRWG consisted of representatives from several leading sustainability reporting frameworks. This collaboration resulted in a prototype standard on climate-related disclosures and a prototype standard that sets out general sustainability disclosure requirements. These prototypes have two virtues. First, timeliness as these allow the ISSB to get input from stakeholders earlier and complete its due process sooner. And second, the collaboration cemented a level of trust that resulted in both the Value Reporting Foundation and the Carbon Disclosure Standards Board to be formally integrated into the IFRS Foundation in 2022. We see this consolidation as adding to an expedient build-up of the necessary intellectual capital on sustainability topics within the IFRS Foundation's organisation.

The Trustees will be appointing a total of 14 ISSB board members. Eumedion reiterates its earlier stance that since the purpose of the Foundation is essentially to help investors, we would consider any outcome of less than 25% board members with an investor-focus in the ISSB to be deficient.

We are very impressed by the momentum and support that the Foundation has managed to generate over the past 24 months. Eumedion will continue to support the Foundation's efforts to create a comprehensive global baseline of high-quality sustainability reporting standards.