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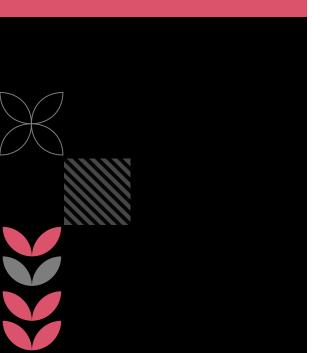
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Top 50 ESG Disclosure Companies



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Introduction

Today's world is faced with existential threats that require immediate solutions, including issues of climate change, famine, water scarcity, poverty and inequality. These are Issues that have remained unresolved and continue to worsen with each passing year. They are real issues and impact countries and economies, putting into question the very survival of humanity.But, ilt is impossible to solve these problems acting alone. They require a global and collective approach.

Crucially, we need to learn how to think and live beyond today and look decades ahead in order to understand how our actions can affect the lives of future generations. This change in approach is needed now so that we all make the right decisions. Most of us are not used to this. For generations, people have focused on short-term results, driven primarily by profitability. It will be extremely difficult to take the necessary steps in order to mitigate risks, but we have a responsibility to try.

The private sector plays a crucial role in meeting these global challenges. Without the sustainable transition of corporations, we will not be able to adequately address environmental, social and economic problems. However there **organizations around the world, including in Kazakhstan,which are ready to take on responsibility and change.**

Our Rating assesses the quality of ESG information disclosure. An ESG report is a tool to facilitate a company's relationship with a wide range of stakeholders, including shareholders, investors, regulators, employees, customers and other representatives of society. Through its reporting, a company is able to show its priorities and values, declare its intentions and show its work in integrating ESG principles into its activities. It is a powerful tool that can help coordinate all our efforts and, ultimately, create conditions for long-term sustainable development.

While preparing our ESG Disclosure Rating and coordinating with its participants, we observe that the quality of reporting tends to correlate with level of ESG development of the business. If a company is committed to sustainable development, then its ESG report will contains a description of their sustainability management system and its ESG strategy. This report will reflect in its business strategy, detailed disclosure and the status of sustainable implementation. To reach this quality of reporting, the company must have a good understanding of the ESG agenda, and work intensively to transform its business model.

As part of our research, we not only consider reporting, but also a company's sustainable development as a whole. We hope that our research will help all interested parties to discover important information for their sustainable development and decision making.

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Our evaluation approach



In compiling this ESG Disclosure Rating (the "Rating"), we reviewed the companies' annual reports and sustainability reports (including integrated reports, ESG reports, and social reports), referred to as the "Reports." We evaluate the completness, quality and availability of ESG information. We assessed how easy we think it would be for stakeholders to find the necessary ESG data.

When compiling the current Rating, we evaluated the Reports prepared by companies based on the results of their activities for **2021**. The total sample included **98 companies** operating in Kazakhstan. The sample included companies that submitted official applications for participation in the Rating, as well as Reports from the year 2021, which we found in the public domain. Based on the results of the evaluation, a list of the top **50 companies based on the level of ESG disclosure** was prepared (p. 58)

When compiling the Rating, we evaluated only the existence of information, and not its reliability or accuracy. However, if we had a concern that the company's report is misleading to readers and the information presented in the report does not correlate with established facts and company's statements, we reserve the right to downgrade the company's report by assigning it a penalty score(s) from -1 to -3, or completely exclude the report from the list.



How we evaluated

Our ESG disclosure evaluation methodology includes 76 criteria. Each criterion is scored on a scale from 1 to 10, where 10 means the leadingt disclosure quality. The final rating functional is calculated as a weighted average of ratings by criteria. Depending on the score obtained, the company is assigned the correlated Rating value.

The evaluation criteria are divided into four main disclosure pieces (hereinafter referred to as the "Analysis of the Four"):

- sustainable development management,
- social policies,
- environmental impacts,
- corporate governance.

Additional scores were awarded for clarity, relevance and quality of information presented.

Further, we checked only the availability of information, but not its reliability or accuracy.

When compiling the Ranking, we place greater focus on the independence of the panel of experts conducting the evaluation and quality management (see page 65 for more details).

A more detailed evaluation methodology can be found on page 61.

Summary (1/3)



Development of reporting

This year, the average score of the TOP-50 company reports was 5.5 points on a 10-point scale (the average score for last year was 5.1 points). Further, the average rating for the TOP-10 companies were 7.4 points, which is significantly higher than the average last year which was 6.7.

The average score for the 98 companies on the list that were evaluated this year was 4.1 points (3.9 points last year).

In the absence of incentives from the regulatory environment, many Kazakhstani companies are reluctant to develop an ESG reporting practice. Despite this, there are a number of companies that continue to develop a reporting practice on a voluntary basis. They improve their practices and set the standard for others to follow, raising the overall standard.

As part of this Rating, only the quality of the disclosure of information was assessed. However, we see a strong correlation between the quality of reports with the state of ESG development in a company. One of the most difficult disclosures is the issues of sustainable development management (which includes ESG policies, strategies, SDGs, etc.)

This year, companies demonstrated good progress in disclosing social matters (primarily in employee management) and are building on this to begin to address more complex topics.

The quality of disclosure of environmental topics remain at the same level as previous years. Many companies have come to the threshold of their sustainable development where further improvement will require significant changes and investments.

Kazakhstani companies tend to follow international standards when disclosing information and more often discuss the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

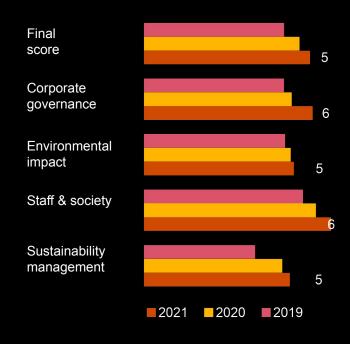
We also saw a trend towards greater integration, where the sustainability report is not published separately but is combined within the annual report. This greatly contributes to a deeper integration of the ESG agenda into the company strategy.

Currently, information on climate change, diversity and inclusion, and human rights are rarely disclosed.



Sustainability management remain among the most challenging for companies

Scores for the section of the report of this year for the TOP-50 companies



Summary (2/3)

Rating Leaders

Seven of the Top 10 companies on the list were also on the top of the list last year - these are companies that consistently provide good reports. Among the Top 10, there are many state-owned companies, exemplifying the state-level interest and support of sustainable development. Specifically, we would like to highlight the performance of the **financial sector** (namely KazAgroFinance and Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan, which remain the leaders of the financial industry in terms of ESG reporting disclosures) and the **mining industry** (Kazatomprom, Altynalmas and Inkai JV - as some of the industry leaders). In addition, four representatives of the **energy sector** are among the leaders of the rating.

These 10 companies, in our opinion, represent the leading ESG reporting practices in Kazakhstan. The reports are all prepared to a high standard of quality, and at a higher level than the average ESG reporting practices in Kazakhstan. All these reports use international standards (usually GRI) and show fairly rigorous adherence to them.

In some respects, the top-ranking companies are comparable to the global leaders in ESG reporting disclosures. However, even the leaders of the Rating still have potential for continued development and improvement.



Rating 2021	Rating 2020	Company	Rating
1	2	NAC Kazatomprom	Α
2	1	NC KazMunayGas	B+
3	3	KazTransOil	B+
4	5	Kazakhtelecom	B+
5	11	KazAgroFinance	B+
6	30	Altynalmas JSC	B+
7	7	Samruk-Energy	B+
8	-	Joint venture Inkai	В
9	12	Karachaganak Petroleum Operating B.V.	В
10	8	Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan	В

Summary (3/3)

Second ten

It is worth paying attention to the next ten companies in the 2021 Report Rating. These companies did not make the top list of of the Rating based on their final score, however their ESG disclosure is of a very high quality and is comparable to the leading international practices. These are also the main contenders to enter the Top 10 next year.

Five of companies in this list are companies from the energy sector. The energy industry is at the forefront of the climate transformation. It is under strong influence from stakeholders not only to improve reporting but its sustainable development in terms of the ESG agenda.

As can be seen from the table, the positions of companies on the leader board can change significantly from year to year. We see that those companies that maintained their level of reporting without improvement lost their leading positions to those who continued to improve their ESG disclosure practices.



Rating 2021	Rating 2020	Company	Rating
11	6	NMH Baiterek	В
12	4	KEGOC	В
13	13	Kazakhstan Housing Company	В
14	16	NOSTRUM OIL & GAS PLC	В
15	9	CAEP (Central-Asian Electric Power Corporation)	В
16	17	NC Kazakhstan Temir Zholy	В
17	21	NMC Tau-Ken Samruk	С
18	36	Kazakhstan Utility Systems	С
19	15	SevKazEnergo	С
20	42	Kazyna Capital Management	С

Key figures (1/2)



98 (96 in 2020)

companies have prepared annual reports and/or sustainability reports fin 2021

7.4

(**6,7** in 2020)

is the average rating of the top 10 reports on a 10-point scale 34

(**30** in 2020)

companies declared their adherence to the GRI Standards in the disclosure of non-financial information 29

(23 in 2020)

companies stated in their Reports their support for the UN Sustainable Development Goals

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Key figures (2/2)



Out of the TOP 50 companies:

70%

(52% in 2020)

identified ESG material topics for the company

52%

(40% in 2020)

indicated strategic directions of work in the field of sustainable development 60%

(42% in 2020)

revealed the personnel structure for each category of employees

18%

(20% in 2020)

indicated climate risks in the Reports

66%

(54% in 2020)

disclosed greenhouse gas emissions in the first category

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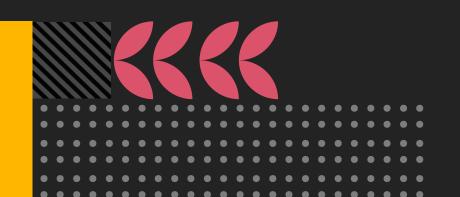
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ESG Strategy





Approach to disclosure



What are the company's ambitions? What commitments is it willing to make?

What voluntary sustainability commitments is your organization willing to make? What actions is your company making to protect ecosystems and to fight climate change? How actively do you ensure an inclusive environment in the workplace? How do you provide support to local communities in areas of operation?

The commitment statement is a key message a company will make during communication with stakeholders, both within the report and beyond. Within the commitment statements, the set goals should be ambitious enough to show that the organization is ready to make real efforts to foster actual changes. Stakeholders have seen enough companies with small goals and ambitions, and the subsequent minimal real impact that it generated.

Quality ESG goals and objectives, in addition to ambition, should consider their **verifiability**. Goals can be formulated in both quantitative and qualitative terms, but they should always be clearly measurable against an established standard. Goals that are generically phrased like "promote society's development" are unverifiable - they create the feeling that the company is trying to avoid answering the question and can potentially provoke a negative reaction from stakeholders. On the contrary, a goal phrased like "to provide higher education to 5,000 young people in 5 years," says that the company is focused on results.

Since these goals require long-term action, they often have key indicators linked to them that help track progress year after year and can be published in the report. This is important information for the reporting user, showing that the company is really moving in the right direction. Even if the KPI for the reporting year is not fulfilled, it can still serve as an indicator of the efforts being made.

Clear ESG goals and progress indicators are not only important for stakeholders. This is also an **opportunity** for the company's management to clearly see the **results of their actions**. We often notice a set of uncoordinated environmental, social and governance initiatives in Kazakhstani companies that, despite the resources and efforts spent on them, do not lead to clear achievements. Managers need to ask, what issues is the company solving? In what ways did their initiatives contribute to its solution?

When a company has clear KPIs, with specific verifiable goals, such that the result of their initiative can be clearly measured against set standards. Based on the results, management can also decide which initiatives to focus on and will understand which ones are achieving the concrete results.

This is exactly the case for encouraging a reporting practice, since it directly contributes to sustainable development of the company and its **ESG practice**.

Current practice (1/2)



Results of the analysis of Kazakhstani Reports (TOP-50 Rating)

Strategy

The first step in successfully building an ESG strategy is a materiality analysis. During this stage its necessary to determine which of the many aspects of sustainable development are the most important for the organization. This step is critical, since the identified material topics will form the basis of both the company's strategy and report. In the Top 50 Reports this year, 72% of companies described how they approached the **choice of material topics**. Last year, this indicator was only 52%. This shows a noticeable general shift in the development of sustainable development practices - companies have taken these first steps towards an ESG strategy.

Although the issue of goal setting in sustainable development is still challenging for Kazakhstani companies, progress is also visible here. **ESG goals** in qualitative formulations (i.e., approaches in the field of ESG) were indicated in the Reports by more than half of the companies (40% in the previous Rating). But less than one-fifth of the Reports also cited quantitative goals.

Further, as part of corporate communication, it is important for a company to show how they create value for their stakeholders. Does the company hear and take interest in their stakeholders?

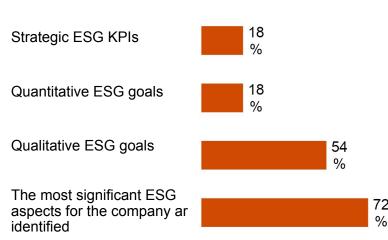
In the Top 50 Reports, 54% of organizations mentioned other stakeholders, besides the holders, as part of their **mission**. 34% of companies, describing the **business model**, showed how it created value for various stakeholders (more often owners, employees, the state, and society).

A separate section of the report is dedicated to a company's interaction with its stakeholders - feedback from them provides the company with information both for disclosure and for strategy building. In the Top 50 Reports, 76% describe the **process of interaction with stakeholders** and what are the interests of stakeholders. The Reporting leaders go further and discuss the value added to each of their stakeholder groups.

76% disclosed information about stakeholder engagement processes

Further, 18% described steps and initiatives taken in the interests of stakeholders

How do TOP-50 companies disclose their ESG strategy?

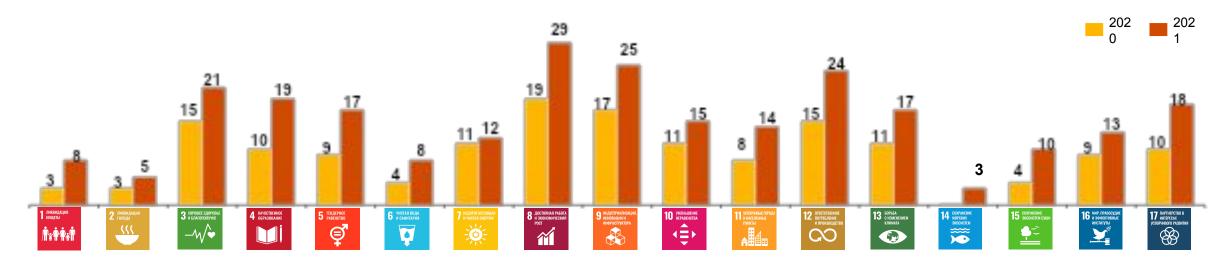


Current practice (2/2)



Results of the analysis of Kazakhstani Reports (TOP-50 Rating)

Number of companies that made a reference to a specific UN Sustainable Development Goal



Sustainable Development Goals

In the Top 50 Reports for 2021, more than half of the companies shared their commitment to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and their willingness to participate in solving the most pressing challenges as part of their operating activities. This is an important aspect of the developed ESG strategy - its alignment with global initiatives and programs. It's important for a company to identify which of the 17 Goals best aligns with their operations. In the Top 50 half of the companies conducted this materiality analysis. The leaders of our Rating also described how their companies work in the reporting year contributed to the identified SDGs, showing a practical approach to contributing to the Goals.

56% of companies declared support for the UN SDGs (46% in Reports for 2020)

50% showcased a list of SDG Goals relevant to their company and 10% also provided a list of relevant indicators for each Goal (36% and 4%).

24% described initiatives aimed at achieving specific goals (20%).

Further development



What to focus on in the next report

Context of sustainable development

To achieve goals of sustainable development they require coordinated and collective efforts at the global level. Therefore, it is important that the ESG strategy of the organization and the activities carried out be consistent with the international agenda.

Accordingly the reports should show the connection of the companies ESG strategy to the UN Sustainable Development Goals or the Global Compact. Companies should make sure that in their key message they pay attention to the spotlight issues - climate change, inclusiveness, human rights, etc. It is necessary to show the commitment of the company and how these global issues are taken into account in their ESG strategy.

The materiality analysis goes through four stages: understanding the global context, regional context, industry context, and then company level context.

Focus on results

The focus on description of individual sustainability initiatives is losing its importance within ESG reporting. Some companies showcase themselves in a better light than they actually are. They talk about initiatives that are not significant (for example, minor initiatives such as planting trees and not significant initiatives such as the quality of wastewater), or about initiatives that have only a small effect (for example, the bank talks about reducing electricity consumption, instead of discussing the carbon footprint of the portfolio).

Therefore, in the analysis of reports, it's important to focus on the results being achieved. What is the effect of the activities carried out? How was the specific problem solved or what is the progress in solving it? It is important for a company to understand its impact on society and the environment and show how it is changing for the better.

The organization's commitments

To what extent is the company focused on achieving concrete results in the area of sustainable development? What commitments is it willing to make? And how is it going to fulfil them? These are important questions to answer in a public communication with stakeholders.

From this perspective, verifiable ambitious mid- and long-term ESG goals become especially sought-after information, and their presence largely determines the quality of the report.

But it is also worth indicating what resources the company allocates and is ready to allocate to fulfil its ESG commitments, including financial resources and investments, people and their time and efforts of business units, etc. This information will help show the relevance of the created activities and the willingness to invest in the ESG transformation.

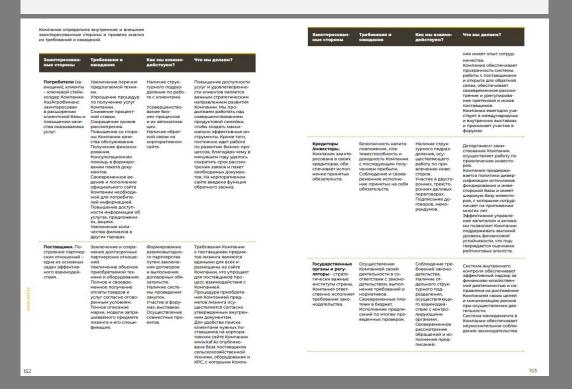
Examples of disclosures (KZ)



Eurasian Resources Group: in its <u>2021</u> sustainability report, it showed how the company creates value for their stakeholders as part of its business model



KazAgroFinance: in its <u>2021</u> annual report, it not only discussed the methods used to engage stakeholders, but showed stakeholder's perspectives and how these are being integrated into the company



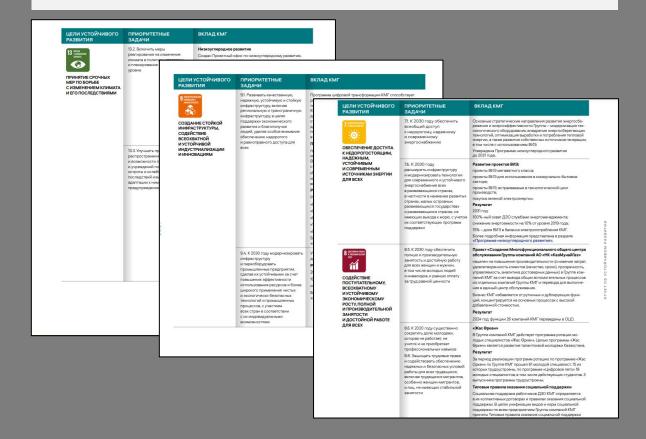
Examples of disclosures (KZ)



Kazakhtelecom, in the integrated <u>annual report</u> for 2021, it showcased strategic directions for sustainable development, as well as clear goals and KPIs



NC KazMunayGas <u>described</u> ongoing projects for each priority UN Sustainable Development Goal, with a focus on achieved or expected results



Examples of disclosures (International)



The KPI system helped **Stora Enso** track progress in its ESG strategy and demonstrated this in its <u>annual report</u>. The company also had clear goals for each indicator and was comfortable to discuss their failure to achieve certain targets

	Sustainability topic	Key performance indicator (KPI)	2021	2020	2019	Targets	Progress comment
- 1	Transformation						
	Climate	Reduction of production units' fossil CO ₂ e emissions (scope 1 and 2)	-14%	-13%	Baseline year	-50% by the end of 2030 from a 2019 base-year	In progress – the emissions continued to decrease slightly, partly due to less fossil-intensive electricity purchased for sites in Finland.
		Reduction of fossil CO₂e emissions in supply chain, transportation and customer operations (scope 3)¹	-2%	-11%	Baseline year	-50% by the end of 2030 from a 2019 base-year	In progress – the scope 3 emissions increased compared to 2020, partly due recovered production.
	Circularity	% of technically recyclable products ²	93%	n/a	n/a	100% by the end of 2030	In progress – strong baseline. Reporting started in 2021 covering Stora Enso's packaging, pulp, paper and solid wood products as well as biochemical by-products.
Ø	Biodiversity	% of the owned and leased lands in wood production and harvesting covered by forest certification schemes ³	99%	99%	99%	Maintain at least the coverage level of 96%	Achieved – certain purchased areas in Stora Enso's joint operations in Brazil and Uruguay were in the certification process but not yet certified by the end of 2021. During 20 the reporting on blodiversity will be complemented with specific blodiversity indicators in a new online reporting to
	Responsible busines	ss practices					
m	Environmental incidents	Number of significant non-compliance events ⁴		8	9	Zero non-compliance events	Not achieved – significant non-compliance events occurred despite prevention measures. For detailed incident descriptions, see Environmental incidents.
3	Energy efficiency	Projected energy savings, % (MWh saved/ MWh total energy used, electricity and heat) ⁵	-0.6%	-0.9%	-1.4%	-0.8% annual energy saving until 2030	Not achieved – the Group's projected energy efficiency savings were partly affected by the pandemic-related work limitations at units.
	Materials, residuals and waste	Process residuals utilisation rate (%) ⁶	98%	98%	98%	Maintain at least the coverage level of 98%	Achieved – stable performance with a high utilisation rate of process waste and residuals.
(8)	Water	Process water discharge per saleable tonne of pulp, paper and board (m³/t)	31	31	29	Decreasing trend from 2016 baseline (27m³)	Not achieved – water performance normalised by tonne was partly affected by lower production levels in the Paper division compared to the baseline-year.
		Total water withdrawal per saleable tonne of pulp, paper and board (m³/t)	60	66	62	Decreasing trend from 2016 baseline (59m³)	Not achieved – see above.
4	Employees	Leadership Index	n/a	84	83	85 by the end of 2022	In progress – data covering all employees not available for 2021. During the year, Stora Enso started to further digitalise its employee engagement approach, and the next global engagement survey targeted for all employees is planned for 2022.
	Safety	Total Recordable Incident (TRI) rate ⁷	6.2	6.1	7.0	4.0 milestone by the end of 2021	Not achieved – Stora Enso's safety performance remained stable, but the milestone for 2021 was not achieved. The areas of improvement are being addressed in the strategic Safety Roadmap.
ð	Business ethics	Code of Conduct Index	n/a	86	84	Positive trend	In progress – (as for Employees KPI) data covering all employees not available for 2021.
Sil	Human rights	Implementation of Human Rights due diligence programme	Remaining two development actions finalised, continuous improvements	22 out of 24 development actions finalised in Group function processes	24 development actions mapped in Group function processes	Ensure efficient implementation of human rights due diligence programme.	In progress – continued focus on human rights due dilige
3	Community	Community Investment (CI): % of working hours and in-kind in the total CI	42%	41%	46%	Increase to 70% by 2023 while also increasing the total CI	In progress – the performance was partly affected by the restrictions in volunteer work and community projects during the pandemic.
0	Sustainable sourcing	% of supplier spend covered by our Supplier Code of Conduct	96%	96%	96%	Maintain at least the	Achieved - stable performance with high coverage.

Korean Air had a strong focus on stakeholder engagement in its <u>ESG</u> report. Quotes are provided from interviews with individual stakeholders

Stakeholder Interviews

Korean Air conducted interviews with one person each from different stakeholder groups, including customers, employees, suppliers, and shareholders/investors, and listened to their opinions on major sustainability management issues. Matters discussed in the interviews include Korean Air's strengths and weaknesses compared to domestic and international companies in similar industries; the latest sustainability management trends in terms of ESG; ways to promote Korean Air's long-term corporate value; and strengthening sustainability management. Discussions with major stakeholders were incorporated into the Issue Pool, which is the foundation of the company's materiality assessment.

Customers expect Korean Air to focus on fulfilling its social and environmental responsibilities as much as it works to introduce quality services

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Kang Eun-Kyung (Customer) __ CEO of Exercise

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Shin Kyung-Taek (Employee) ___ Manager at Korean Air

Expecting Korean Air to overtime the COVID-19 crisis in a smart manner and to solidify its position as a leading ESG company

A company that engages in fair competition based on excellent management capabilities and quality service



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Kim Nam-Hyuk (Partner Company) __ Assistant Manager at Korea Airport Service

Bang Min-Jin (Investor) ___ Researcher at Eugene Investment & Securities

Look forward to seeing Korean Air achieve sustainable management by securing a strategic financial structure to respond to changes in external factors



Examples of disclosures (International)



The Weir Group also <u>included</u> ESG metrics in each area of its company strategy. It demonstrates a clear incorporation of sustainability into the company's strategic plan





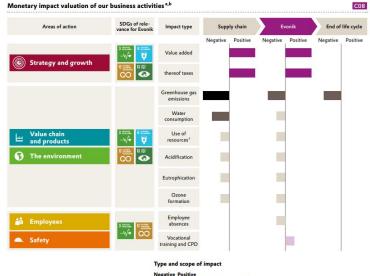
Evonik, in its sustainability <u>report</u> showed the company supply chain impact on society and the environment in monetary terms

Chart cos Monetary impact valuation of our business activities shows the results of the impact valuation, based on the figures for 2021. Our business activities are associated with ecological impacts at many points. The main negative impacts are green-house gas emissions and water consumption in the supply chain. These are countered by strongly positive macroeconomic impacts, both along the supply chain and by our own production activities. § 30-31, 306-1

Evonik markets many products whose use makes a positive ecological and social contribution compared with conventional alternatives. These include exemplary products to avoid greenbuse gas emissions, which are outlined in the section on the Evonik Carbon Footprint ("Value chain and products" $D_p.48$). By contrast, the impact analysis presented here only looks at the absolute impact of our business activities. It does not include the impact of the use of our products or a comparison with alternatives.

Supply chain analysis

We hold workshops with product managers to analyze the possible opportunities and risks of the value chains of relevance for their business. These include scenarios to explore disruptive factors in their markets, for example, as a result of changing customer requirements or increased regulation. In this way, we derive strategic recommendations for action on short- and long-term developments. This process also allows structured identification of the SDGs of relevance for each business. In the reporting period, eight supply chain workshops were held with different business lines. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we switched to a digital format, which proved very effective. In particular, this format provided additional scope to include the experience of customers and colleagues in other regions.





. Expand margins and deliver strong cash com-

OUR 2022 STRATEGIC MEASURES

. Improve our LEAN scores

OUR 2022 ESG MEASURES

• Reduce scope 1&2 CO₂e vs 2019 base aligned with

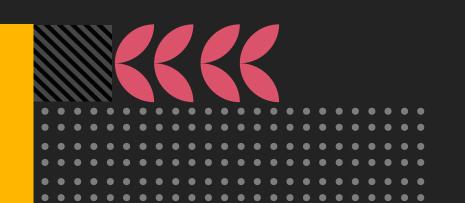
. Evaluate SBTi scope 3 targets

OUR 2022 STRATEGIC MEASURES

. Digitise our current business model

OUR 2022 ESG MEASURES

[E]nvironment





Approach to disclosure



Does the company understand the risks and opportunities associated with climate change?

Stakeholders, primarily investors, request clear, complete and high-quality data on climate change risks. It represents the most <u>requested</u> the piece of information by investors. For example, in the UK the disclosure of climate change risks have become mandatory for large companies and financial institutions. Regulators, following investors, are beginning to give increased importance to information on climate risks.

Firstly, climate information is important because a company usually showcases its strategy and progress in reducing its carbon footprint. Due to its importance, the climate strategy (low-carbon development strategy) is often disclosed in a separate strategic document. Secondly, the relevance of this section of the report is that climate risks (both those associated with physical impacts and those associated with changes in policies and regulation) can have a direct impact on a company's operations and financial results. Therefore, providers of capital are particularly attentive to this information.

However, this section of the report is one of the most difficult to prepare. Prior to disclosing this information, the company must first have a developed system for assessing and managing climate risks, such as the assessment of the carbon footprint within the supply chain.

The TCFD recommendations provide a good framework for how to disclose climate risk information. The TCFD recommends to focus on four questions: how top management oversees climate risks, how the corporate strategy is adapted to these risks, what the climate risk management system is (identification, assessment, management), and what are the normative values and indicators of risk management (including the calculation of greenhouse gas emissions). Disclosure of information on climate change issues following the TCFD recommendations is the best practice today. However, to meet the standards described, companies will require significant changes in strategy and corporate governance. Firstly, companies must ensure high-quality climate risk management followed then by a report.



Current practice



Results of the analysis of Kazakhstan Reports (TOP-50 Rating)

A first important step in environmental disclosure is assessing the companies impact on the ecosystems. Typically, these are data on resource consumption (e.g. energy resources, fuel and water), emissions and waste, and direct impacts (e.g. on biodiversity). Further, it is important for both stakeholders and the management of the organization itself to have clear quantitative data on these issues to understand the current status and progress.

We see clear progress in the disclosure of information on greenhouse gas emissions in the Top 50 Reports for 2021. Following international practices, many Kazakhstani companies began to focus on this environmental issue. Direct greenhouse gas emissions of this year were disclosed in two-thirds of the Top 50 Reports, a third of the Reports contain information on energy emissions. However, Scope 3 (other indirect emissions) is still hardly disclosed.

But, this year the companies included in the Top 50 were less rigorous in their disclosure of other environmental issues. For almost all indicators, except for airborne emissions, a slight decrease in the completeness of disclosure of quantitative data is noticeable.

It is recommended for many of the companies to further develop the collection and publication of quantitative data on their environmental impact and management.

Climate change risks were discloused in 20% of the Reports (12% in the 2020 Reports). However, it was rather a high-level description of risks. without, for example, a quantitative assessment of the potential damage. Nevertheless, every fifth company is reviewing this category of risks and is working on its disclosure.

The volume of greenhouse gas emissions for the last reporting year was disclosed by:

33%

within Scope 1

within Scope 2

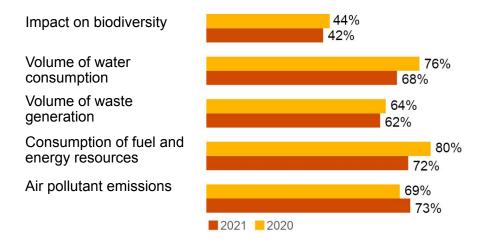
within Scope 3

(54% in 2020)

(17% in 2020)

(2% in 2020)

How do Top 50 companies disclose their environmental performance?



Further development



What to focus on in the next report

Climate change risks

How does a company identify risks and opportunities related to climate change? This is often done through a scenario analysis of the global economy moving towards low-carbon development. Preparing these scenarios helps identify risk factors.

What is the assessment of these risks? What potential damage can be caused by their implementation? Answering the question about the potential impact of climate change risks on the financial position of an organization is perhaps the main aspect of the non-financial report that is of interest to capital providers and other stakeholders today.

How does a company manage climate change risks? Does top management take these issues into account in their work? Has the corporate strategy been adapted accordingly? The coverage of these issues in the report today largely characterizes leaders and best practices.

Climate strategy

Today, all companies are expected to announce their plans to contribute to the net zero agenda.

The ideal report would contain not only data on actual emissions for each of the three scopes but also an indication of when and to what extent the company plans to reduce them. Further, it is expected that the goals will be consistent with the Paris Agreement.

A big challenge is the calculation of greenhouse gas emissions for the third scope (i.e. in the supply chain, including customers). For many companies, this is where the bulk of the carbon footprint lies.

Secondly, it is worth considering the individual indicators that characterize the company. For many industrial organizations, these are the rates of emissions (e.g., energy consumption per ton of steel produced). For financial companies, these are indicators of their funding portfolio.

Supplier management

An often overlooked, but important, issue in Kazakhstani annual reports is the management of the environmental and social impacts of the supply chain.

It is important to assess where suppliers can have an impact on society (including both social and environmental perspectives). Followed by showcasing the steps on what the company is doing to reduce negative impacts of their supply chain.

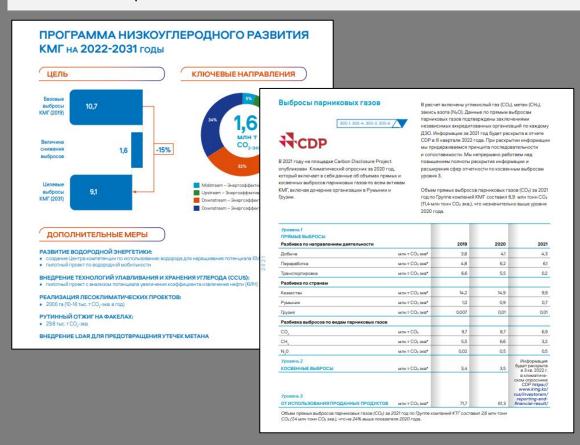
In many cases, this work consists of setting appropriate ESG requirements and verifying the compliance of suppliers. With the parties that do not comply with these requirements, appropriate measures are taken (consultations, sanctions, motivation, etc.), or terminating their contract. It is recommended to consider these criteria in the first stage of supplier selection.

The report should focus on how the company promotes the implementation of ESG principles in all stages of the supply chain.

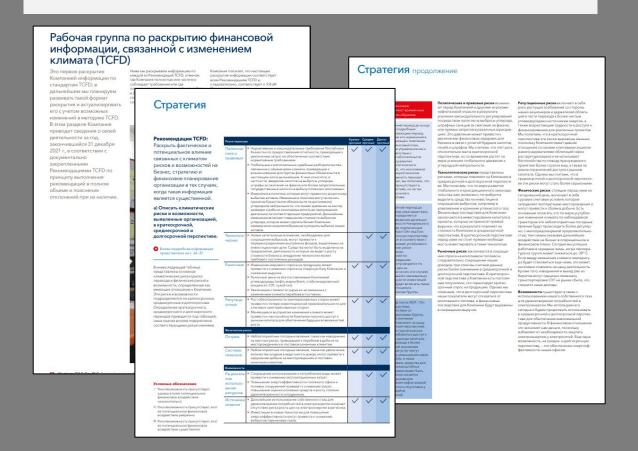
Examples of disclosures (KZ)



In the 2021 <u>sustainability report</u>, **NC KazMunayGas** focussed on its low-carbon development strategy. Information on greenhouse gas emissions is disclosed as per the CDP checklist



In its 2021 <u>annual report</u>, **Nostrum Oil & Gas** used TCFD recommendations to disclose and manage climate change risks



Examples of disclosures (International)



National Grid's annual report outlined both the risks and opportunities associated with climate change. Their potential impact on the company and its response are indicated

Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures continued Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures continued strategy. Accordingly, we have positioned ourselves as "The Energy Transition Company' acting as a principal sponsor of COP26, and our ESO business has set an ambition to operate a zero-carbon system by 2025, with the goal to run 100% a zero-curbon system by 2025, with the goal to run 100% carbon five energy 247/265 (§ 2035. We will confinue to locus on enabling the transition, including working in partnership with our regulators and other stakeholders to develop investment plans in less with the net zero commitments of their jurisdictions, whilst managing the coals to consumers. https://www.nationalgrid.com/us/fossilfree. to 2050 for US regulated assets recovery on our gas business assets. These include the ongoing DPU 20-80 'Future of Gas' proceeding in Massachusetts and milestones for each of our business units which include the actions, conditions and assumptions that will support the delivery of our emissions reduction targets. These plans are consolidated the New York PSC in advance of our rate case fling in 2023. base and the effect shortening into a group roadmap which is presented in our Climate Transition Plan, which we've published alongside this year's Responsible Business Report. information, see page 181 In electricity use across transmission and distribution. We are also continuing to invest in both onshore renewables via National form an important part of UK decarbonisation. We estimate that the Orderly Across our businesses, we are also heavily investing in the investment our New York business has committed to in the five year capital investment forecast to FY26. This investment covers operational interruptions due to major storms (2021/22: £163 million our infrastructure to make it less susceptible to storm damage. These include inspection and maintenance, minor storm hardening, vegetation management, flood mitigation, side tap continue to invest in storm hardening across the Group, with a further £36 million invested in to decarbonise our gas networks, for example the HyGrid project described in Transition Risk 6 and the FutureGrid project, which is testing the possibility of converting the NTS in the UK to fusing, and multi-value transmission reliability. and Visualisation of Risks (MVOR) of extreme weather on system operation to evaluate the impacts of extreme weather events on system operation up to 2050 under ROP 4.5. The results will in the LIK, we are continuing to work with the Dispartment for Transport and the Office of Zine Transports which for the orienter that the underlying retwent infrastructure is in place, shead of need, to support the successful deleting of Project Rajacii, Wile vestionmed the Transport Docarbonisation Plans commitment to publish an Electric Velicia Charging infrastructure Strategy and establish a Delivery Body to progress the grid segradios required. of a 2 and 4 degree scenario enhance the accuracy of energy system impact modelling and will also focus on the impacts of the whole supply chann, renovable generation, network assets, and demand, ensuring that the learnings produced are relevant to the whole energy system.

In its climate report, Commbank described a scenario analysis of climate change risks, also showing the exposure of the portfolio to transit and physical risks



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Approach to disclosure



How does the company affect people's lives? How does it help create new opportunities while protecting people's rights?

How does the company affect people's lives? What impact does it have on society and how does it manage that impact? Does it respect human rights and empower people to improve their quality of life?

Often, the social pillar of ESG is reduced to charity work, however, it's much broader than that. Touching a large list of matters since the impact of business on people's lives can vary deeply.

A company's contact with society already occurs with their employees. Does the company respect the interests of employees and give them the opportunity to voice their concerns? Does it provide an inclusive environment in which each employee is safe, regardless of their gender, age, religion, background and other individual characteristics? Does it create conditions for professional growth? Are the workplace conditions secure?

Beyond employees, a company has many other points of contact with society, for example their clients. Does the company's services help improve people's lives and create new opportunities for them? Do a wide range of social groups have access to the company's goods and services? Does the company respect the rights of customers and protect their interests (e.g., information protection)? Many companies do not understand how their policies affect society. Hence, this component of sustainable development is often left without due attention.

This section also includes a large piece of economic issues, since companies have direct effect on economic opportunities of people and their well-being. For example, through choosing their suppliers and paying taxes.

A separate section of international development is dedicated to working with local communities in the regions of operation. When a company works with local communities on implementing projects to benefit people in the region, it is important that it directly involves the local population. It's vital to consider the opinion of stakeholders when choosing, implementing and evaluating the results of projects. In order for a project to be successful its necessary to conduct a material assessment and select projects based on the needs of the specific group and region.



Current practice



Results of the analysis of Kazakhstan Reports (TOP-50 Rating)

Detailing the data when disclosing employee management is important to show whether the company's environment is truly inclusive. For example, are there indicators representatives of marginalized social groups have more difficulties getting a job or moving up in seniority at the company.

In terms of quantitative data, the leaders of our Rating are making clear progress. As a rule, this is due to adherence to international standards of ESG information disclosure. For example, the structure of workforce for each social group and category of employees are disclosed in more than 60% of the Reports - this allows you to see how people of different gender or age advance to managerial positions. Half of the Reports also disclose the structure of hired employees - hiring procedures are one of the strongest risk areas in the problem of discrimination.

There are still indicators that companies have difficulties with disclosing. For example, staff turnover by social groups is indicated only in 40% of the Rating reports. An important area of workforce (one of the essential topics) is employees development.

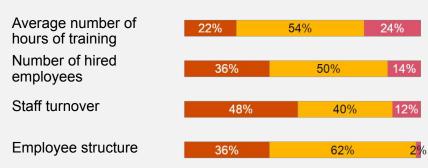
More than half of the Reports indicate the average number of training hours in the reporting year separately by social groups and categories of employees, and describe training programs.

However, in addition to quantitative data, specific steps and measures to ensure an inclusive, diverse and non-discriminatory environment in the company are important. 34% of reports in the Top 50 made a general statement about non-discrimination, and only 16% described how an inclusive environment is created in practice.

disclosed measures taken to ensure equal career opportunities and non-discrimination

of Reports included the ratio of the average salary of women to men for each category of employees

How do Top 50 companies disclose their HR figures?



- The indicator is disclosed for the staff as a whole
- The indicator is disclosed by individual social groups
- The indicator is not disclosed

Further development



What to focus on in the next report

Diversity and inclusion

Developing diversity in the workplace means that a company's staff (including management) consists of people who offer new perspectives and experiences. However, diversity itself is not effective without inclusiveness.

Inclusion means that everyone in the company's environment feels included, valued, respected, treated fairly and embedded in the company culture.

The report should not just make general statements, but describe specific measures and activities that help to remove barriers to diversity and ensure that an inclusive environment is developed.

There's hardly a company that's already done this, we're all in the process of developing. It's not bad for a company to admit they are not perfect. However, it is important to show how they intend to resolve the issues and show their prioritization of the them.

Human rights

Human rights are inherent to all people, regardless of race, gender, nationality, ethnicity, language, religion, or any other status. For example: the right to life and liberty; freedom from slavery and torture; freedom of opinion and expression; and the right to work and education.

In the last couple of years, the social side has come back into focus, since in many countries communities are at risk of being deprived of these basic rights, even in developed countries.

In the report it is important to make a statement and show the attitude of the company's management towards human rights issues (including which rights they are talking about). But in addition, the company is expected to understand where in its business model they have risks of human rights infringement and what measures are being taken to mitigate these and how successful these efforts are.

Working with local communities

Large industrial companies in particular have a significant impact on local communities in the regions where they operate. What does a company do to support these regions? How do they help solve local issues and create new opportunities for people?

This can be social projects (education, health, etc.), infrastructure projects (e.g. roads), or cultural projects (protection of cultural heritage sites, for example), etc. However, it almost never refers to charity in the literal sense.

In the report it is important for companies to describe the projects themselves, as well as to indicate how local community representatives were involved in project selection and implementation. Further, its important to highlight the results of the project, considering what issues the implemented project supported in solving.

Examples of disclosures (KZ)



In the 2021 sustainability <u>report</u>, **Karachaganak Petroleum Operating B.V.** elaborated on working with the local population, including public hearings, monitoring, handling complaints, etc.

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При проведении работ на производстве КПО стремится предотвратить или свести к минимуму отрицательное воздайствие и обеспечить максимальное преимущество свеего присутствия путем постоянного вазимодействия с местным населением и создания условий для повышения его благосостояния и экономическупо поста.

В целях реализации инициатив в области социальной ответственности КПО применяет политики, стандарты и процедуры, основанные на стандартах деятельности Международной финансовой корпорации. GRI 102-12

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РАБОТА С МЕСТНЫМ НАСЕЛЕНИЕМ GRI 102-44, 103-1 (3-3), 103-2 (3-3), 413-1, OG-12

Задачи в наликие и далинения в основном на поддержание местного населения, проживающего в трех сельских округах Бурлинского района – При уральном, Жарсуатском и Успеновском с/о вокруг Карачаганакского месторождения и г. Аксай.

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Таб. 25. Задачи Задачи на 2021 г.

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Своевременно

В рамках программы по содействию развитию местного населения. ПОт также предоставила 65 путевом для леномочеров Брулинского района для отдыха в санатории «Акикайых». Учитывая строгие санитарно-эпидемиологические требования в период пандемии коронавируют, путежи были предо

риод пандемии коронавируса, путевки были представлены для вакцинированных пенсионеров.

РАБОТА С ЖАЛОБАМИ И ПРЕДЛОЖЕНИЯМИ GRI 103-2, 103-3, 413-1

В соответствии с Процедурой КПО по обращениям и жалюбам местного часелениям ми получили 10 обращений, вилочая три жалобы на запак газа и семьи обращений различного характера от населения примегающих КНГМ сельском сокутов. В рамкох указанных обращений Компания оказала помощь сельским сокутам в передотавление итемния для очистки сельских дорог от снега в зимнее время.

Проверка, проведенная Группой по производственному экологическому контроло по жалобам на запах газа, не выявила нарушений в работе оборудования, утечек/выбросов, либо превышений ПДК по поданным жалобам. По результатам проверки, обратывшимся с жалобой жителям была предоставлена обратива связы.

МОНИТОРИНГ ПЕРЕСЕЛЕННЫХ ЖИТЕЛЕЙ OG-12

С момента первоеления первых жителей из сел Березскае и Бестру мися, Араптал имногожарьтирные дома в Аксае в кснице 2017 года, Компания емегаръ вела мониторния гроцесса восстановления источнымос редета к существованию переселеных семей. В ходе нашки встреч с жителями мна Аралтта в ражих спросою парук жаловатись на откруствие ленееей системы вокруг 100 постро енных домоги и местной школи. Обращения жителей боли доведены Компанией до сведения местных органов влагист Бурлинского района и баладно-Казакитанской области. В результате совместной дойоты ИТО в местными исполнительными органыми выпасти и государственными органыми было дожно дойоты ИТО в местными исполнительными органыми было дожно дожно дожно дожно дойо дойоты до дожно до

В конце 2021 г. КПО завершила Проект по установке

дреняжной системы вокруг 100 домов и шихоль в мине Аралтая. В течение всего срока строительства, занявшего шесть месяцев, сотружнико Отрала по работе е население КПО проедили консурьтации с жительни Аралтале о проекте, знакомили из с планои проекта и неформировали на писъменные устные обращения и жалобы, приялежая к решению воперсов подвядную строительную компанию. Благодаря постоянной связи сотружнюся КПО с жителями в перяод строительных работ подрядной компания были Учтены все их замечания и просбы. Воего в перяод строительства дреньямой систе мы сотружником Компании по связам снакоенные мы стражником Компании по связам снакоенные мы стражником Компании по связам снакоенные мы стражником компания по связам снакоенные мы стражником компания по мастам стражником мастам стражником мастам стражником мастам стражником мастам стр

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О выполнении проекта по сносу и рекультивации земель переселенных сел Березовка и Бестау компания проинформирует читателей в Отчете следующего года.

ОБЩЕСТВЕННЫЕ СЛУШАНИЯ GRI 102-44

Информация об общественных слушаниях доносится до сведения общественности посредством публикация в областных и районных гаратах а также черае вобскат Компания. В селам с пащемия СОУІО-19 в 2020 и 2021 годах, общественные слушания преводитись в формате опроса. КПО и местные исполнятельные органы согласнал получение обратной связой от часением путем подужопросных листов, которые размещаются в пажете воомнентов, побщественности на вбесайте КПО.

В течение 2021 года при поддержке вижиата Бурлинского района компания ИПО провела нетрыобщественных слушання в форме опроса по четырем проектам строительства различных объектов Вопросы, поднятые на общественных слушаниях ключали строительство промысловых и техноключали строительство промысловых и технотивацию закона.

Все проскти, въвмесенные на обсуждение на общественных слушаннях в 2021 г., были одобрены согласно гроцевуре слушаний и стражены в состветствующих протоковах. Памя грожного общественнося слушаний доступен на вибсайте Бурлинского районного авмината и на вебоайте Бурлинского районного авмината и на вебоайте по сесьтве втилучической клута раделе «Устойны» вое развитие «Сочивания» стветственного. Вазмина действен съвственных объщентенных слушаниях действен съвственных объщентенных слушаниях за предоставия съвственных объщенных за применями объщенных объщенных за предоставия съвственных за предоставия за предоставия съвственных за предоставия съвственных за предоставия за п In its 2021 sustainability <u>report</u>, **Halyk Bank** elaborated on working with clients: the availability of services, handling complaints, data security, etc.

ДОСТУПНЫЙ БАНК GRI FS13 FS14 Одной из приоритетных задач Halyk Bank является повышение доступности Мы стремимся обеспечить равный доступ к своим услугам для всех финансовых услуг для всех наших клиентов - независимо от региона их клиентов. Новые точки обслуживания и точки, в которых проводятся проживания и возможностей. Особое внимание мы уделяем развитию работы по капитальному ремонту, оборудуются инфраструктурой для гочек обслуживания в небольших и удаленных населенных пунктах нашей беспрепятственного доступа лиц с ограниченными возможностями страны. В Казахстане к данной категории поселений можно отнести малые маломобильных групп населения и людей пожилого возраста, для их и моногорода . Согласно Государственной программе развития регионов удобства предусмотрены пандусы, наружные звонки вызовов, удобное на 2020 – 2025 годы в Казахстане 41 населенный пункт относится к малым обустройство касс. Для людей с нарушением или отсутствием зрени городам и 27 - к моногородам. установлены тактильные дорожки, указатели и наружные звонки вызова сотрудника. Все сотрудники Банка обучены правилам работы и оказани: В малых и моногородах страны расположена 1/5 часть всех отделений помощи людям с ограниченными возможностями. 92% отделений Банка. Из них 95% отделений предоставляют услуги для физических лиц, Банка в той или иной степени доступны для людей с ограниченными а 31% являются филиалами полного обслуживания, то есть предоставляют возможностями (89,7% в 2020 году), 39% - полное соответствие со СНИГ услуги как для физических, так и для юридических лиц. некоторых отделениях имеются архитектурные и технические ограничения Мы стремимся к расширению спектра услуг через Веб и мобильную олному филиалу Банка. А в таких горолах, как Балхаш, Темиртау, Жанаозен, версии приложения Halyk Homebank на английском и русском языках Экибастуз функционирует более 5 банковских отделений. Кроме того, (Более подробно см. раздел Развитие инноваций и цифровизация малых городов страны. Отделения Банка в моногородах Казахстана

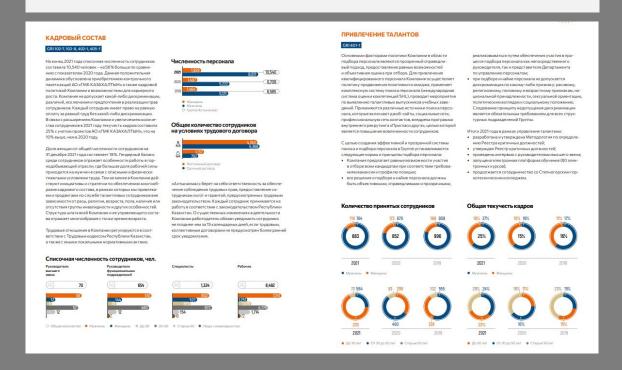
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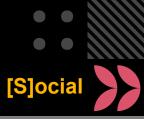
Describing the topics of employee management, **Kcell** <u>showcased</u> the ratio of women's to men's remuneration for each level of employees



In a visual and convenient form, **Altynalmas JSC** provided comprehensive employee data as per international standards in its <u>sustainability report</u>



Examples of disclosures (International)



In its <u>sustainability report</u>, **Teck** discussed its efforts to protect human rights, including the management of issues related to basic rights

Human Rights

Through 2021, the ongoing COVID-19 crisis has highlighted economic and social inequalities — and, in some regions, inadequate health and social protection systems — requiring urgent attention.³⁰ There is a significant amount of emerging national and regional legislation requiring companies to disclose that they identify, prevent and mittigate impacts on human rights, and to indicate how they address potential impacts on human rights, and to indicate how they address potential impacts on human rights.

Issues such as discrimination and racism are at the forefront of social consciousness, with corporations and other global organizations renewing their commitments to address social issues. 31 The most salient human rights issues commanding corporate attention in the mining sector are health, safety and well-being, modern slavery and child labour³².

and Cultural Rights; and the International

Our reporting aligns with the UNGPs in

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Labour Organization (ILO) Core Conventions

providing information on how our activities may

Teck's human rights performance ranks above

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How Does Teck Manage This Topic?

Information about how we manage human rights

and systems, is available for download on our

practices and disclosure

Organizations such as the International Council of Mining and Metals (ICMM) are fully supportive of the United Nations Guiding Principles (INMGP) are fully supportive of the United Nations Guiding Principles (INMGP) are were involved in the consultations that led to their development. Tack is supportive of ensuring these voluntary measures are integrated into business activities, including in social and environmental management, health and safety, supply chains securities.

We are committed to respecting and observing all human rights, as articulated in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights; the

GRI Indicators and Topic Boundary

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This topic is considered material by our sharehe employees, local communities, regulators, sociand contractors in the context of all Teck sites,

COVID-SI and Human Rights: We see all in this together United National 2020. ¹⁶ The State of Workleys Devices in 2020 Teach and beautiful Workleys Devices in State 2020.

Material Topic / Human Rights 67

2021 Highlights 26 supplier due diligence checks that included human rights requirements in the Teck Social Performance Standard

Our Performance in Human Rights in 2021

Embedding Human Rights

We manage the potential and actual human rights impacts across our business, in areas such as health and safety, security and risk, human resources, contracts and procurement, and community relations. Teok is focused on ensuring that human rights are integrated into our broader business practices.

Our Human Rights Policy, which commits to respecting human rights contained in the International Bill of Human Rights and the ILO Core Conventions, is recognized and applied across the company. This commitment extends t

raining for Security Personnel

Where we have security presonnel, contracts with security service provides require adherence to the Valuntary Principles on Security and Human Rights. Taining for security personnel is completed amongly and is oversen on a regular basis by feel's Risk Group. Training also occurs if and when security service provides are replaced or extractived at our operations. Due to COVID-19 travel estrictions, site reviews regarding security and human rights were not conducted in 2021 in person, but were discussed wirtually with sites a part of ongoing business activities.

Artisanal and Small-Scale Mining

We regularly monitor our sites for the potential presence of artisanal or small-scale miners on or adjacent to our operations. Our approach focuses on the improvement of health, sefets and the environment of suell are on the

Salient Human Rights Issues

As guided by the rivulars, we determine and report on our most significant or salient human rights issues. A company salient human rights issues are those human rights that are most at risk of being negatively impacted as a result of the company's activities or business relationships.

We proactively identify areas of highest human rights risk so we can prevent adverse impacts from occurring, and we conduct human rights assessments at our operations. Last year, we undertook our blennial corporate human rights community impacts of small-scale mining extraction. These efforts help strengthen the livelihoods of these miners by providing guidance on occupational safety and best practices, in collaboration with governments. In 2021, artisanal mining took place adjacent to two of our operations in Chille, Carmen de Andacollo and Quebrada Blanca, and the Zaffanal project in Peru.

Resettlement Activities and Related Impacts

Although Took's requirement for presettement has been minimal, we recognize that it is a complex process, requiring thoughful consideration and management. When it is mecessary, Tek conducts resettlement in compliance with accepted international standards. We also conduct socion-economic and environmental impact assessments, and provide guidance on engaging with those people affected by the project to ensure biodiversity—related impacts are only alternative to the provide and an acceptance of the provides of the provides

Industry Collaboration

activities at individual sites.

We play an active role in working with our industry sector patters in identifying and sharing best practices in human Association of Lorands international Social Responsibility Committee, the Corporate Human Rights Benchmark Methodology Review and the London Blation Market Association Silved and London Metal Exchange Responsible Sourcing requirements at the yeliate to child show and forced fabour.

reviews at every operation with more than five years of anticipated mine life to identify Teck's most salient human rights issues. The results of the human rights risk assessments inform Teck's overall salient human rights issues; the results also identify potential risk areas to

We are currently in the process of updating Teck's Social Performance Standard that includes human rights requirements, which will be released in 2022.

Ensuring diversity and inclusion is an important focus in **Chevron's** sustainability report



we foster an inclusive workplace that promotes diverse ideas and drives innovation

2021 highlights tvanced our Human Capit anagement strategy th additional investments Continued evolving our diversity and inclus strategy by enhancing Continued advance our Racial Equity commitments

We believe human ingenuity has the power to overcome obstacles, solve challenges and transform the future of energy.

We invest in people and foster a culture of belonging that seeks to empower our employees to develop their full potential and rive innovation. Diversity and inclusion (D&I) at Chevron are enabled by a strong corporate culture, an empowered employee workforce, a focus on talent recruitment and development, and a commitment to racial equity.

strengthening our corporate culture

The Chervon Way articulates our values, our beliefs and our behaviors. We believe a culture built on trust and inclusion empowers the workforce to deliver higher returns for our shareholders and advance a lower carbon world. We support employees in the pursuit of meaningful careers. We celebrate our differences, support work-life balance, and promote health, safety and personal well-being for everyone. We seek to strengthen our culture by offering a variety of training

resources that enable employees to understand and recognize blasse, promote a culture of beneficial feedback, encourage inclusive and empathetic leadership, and embolden teams to innovate and meet strategic objectives.

empowering employees to speak up

We know that culture servers as the bedrock of highperforming organizations. A culture in which authenticity is valued and employees are empowered to speak upencourages diverse versiporists, which can lead to better decision making and problem solving. For more than 30 years, the clobal Office of formuch than helples employees find their decision making and problem solving. For more than 30 years, the clobal Office of formuch than helples employees find their valuntary, off-the-record confidential conversations pertaining number of employees outside the United States have utilized the services of our clobal Office of Ormulos, which is widely recognized in the oil and gas sector as the benchmark for Ormulos programs. In 2021, the office responded pranchively to worker concerns that grew out of the pandemic by hosting a three-part verbanir eries titled "Couragious Conversations".

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D&I at chevron



Now in its 52nd year, the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is a confidential consulting service, consisting of incensed mental health professionals who can help workers resolve be toold range of personal. family and work-related concerns and problems. The EAP also manages a hotline that operates 365 days a year and 24 hours a day to address

In addition to our Global Office of Ombuds, Chevron regularly conducts surveys to assess the health of the company's culturus. Recent surveys indicate bit he mployee regogarement, which is an indicator of employee well-being and commitment to the company's values, strategies and purpose in 2011. He company increased survey frequency to better understand employees entires throughput her peace facilities (produced to the company) increased surveys frequency to better understand employees entires throughput the peace facilities (produced to the company) and the company of the company of

building a diverse talent pipeline

Our approach to attracting, developing and retaining a diverse workforce of high-performing baset is authorised in a long-term employment model that fosters personal growth and engagement. Cheverto's phisosophy is to fer compelling career opportunities and a competitive total compensation and benefits package inkings compensation to individual and enterprise performance. Chevron maritanis strong partnerships with universities and diversity associations to develop and attract new six well as experienced takent. In addition, we have coordinated efforts return utertains, which are further supported by our letera rus Employee universities and diversities and without the control of the contro



Ryan Wilson
Earth Scientist,

employee spotlight

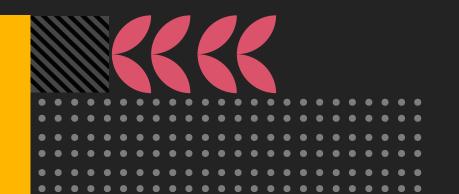
After receiving my Ph. In: Earth Sciences, I joined Cherry Decision & Cultive aligned with my long-term aspirations to continue learning and growing as person. For exemple, Cherron has a long history of using immersion and advanced technologies to unidot, deeper understanding of our assets. I closely, we use date analytics, muchine learning algorithms and entricide of long is the continue of the property of the

Chevron's culture also values diversity, which has helped me embrace my own cultural heritage. As president of the Native American Employee Network, I'm able to focus on my indigenous culture and its link with Chevron's One Team approach, which values diverse perspectives and recognizes that each person has a unique skill set.

Cherron's Indigenous people-focused networks have merged into one unified global network that allows on former regional indigenials or the exist to address common issues inspecting in digenous communities. Common issues inspecting in digenous communities, common issues inspecting in digenous communities, between Indigenous and non-redigenous people. In the inside about the fact them one than a third of the words remaining land belongs to Indigenous people. As Cherron continues to advance a lower curbon fault and consider nature-based solutions. Cherron's redictionship with the diagenous communities will continue by grows.

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Approach to disclosure



How are sustainable development issues integrated into the corporate governance system?

One of the main problems we see in Kazakhstan in the processes of ESG integration into the activities of a company is the lack of involvement of senior management. Often sustainability issues are handled by middle management. However, they have limited or no real power or ability to make a difference on the company as a whole.

How exactly are the board and the board of directors (supervisory board) involved in sustainability work? What issues do they consider and how often do they review them? How, for example, are they involved in creating and approving the ESG strategy or reviewing the ESG report? These are important questions that the non-financial report should answer.

The second important point is, can top management represent the interests of different stakeholders? To answer this question we will have to show the composition of the highest governing bodies: by independence, by social groups, and by competence.

Are there people here who can represent stakeholders other than shareholders? It is important to describe management's processes for engaging with stakeholders.

Do members of senior management have the necessary knowledge and competencies to assess and manage ESG risks? To what extent are they involved in developing sustainability practices in the company that require narrow specializations. What is the diversity policy in senior management.

Large amount of issues of sustainable development are affected by a company's sustainable management. For example, the management structure (identifying responsible parties) and existing company policies and procedures. Thus, it is important to see sustainable development as deeply integrated with the business model of the company.



Current practice



Results of the analysis of Kazakhstan Reports (TOP-50 Rating)

The description of the management structure of sustainable development issues in Kazakhstani companies is rather high-level. Nevertheless, already 60% of the Reports describe those responsible for decision-making in the area of sustainable development, and almost half of the Reports separately highlight the role of the Board of Directors and management board (only 20% of Reports included it in the last Rating).

Companies are having fewer and fewer problems describing key policies and procedures to ensure fairness and transparency in corporate governance. For example, almost every Report in the Top 50 describes the anti-corruption policy, more than two thirds of the Reports discuss corporate ethics principles, complaints procedures, conflict of interest management, etc. There are also individual bottlenecks, for example, about half of the reports talk about working with an external auditor, but only 26% disclose his remuneration.

If the more traditional aspects of corporate governance in Kazakhstani companies are well disclosed, the issues specific to sustainable development still cause problems. For example, only one in five reports discloses the structure of the Board of Directors (Supervisory Board) by social groups, and even fewer disclose key competencies of members of the governing bodies.

In a few cases, it is indicated how managers take into account the interests of different stakeholders as a result of the interaction conducted. Regarding risk management, only 22% of companies highlight specific ESG risks.

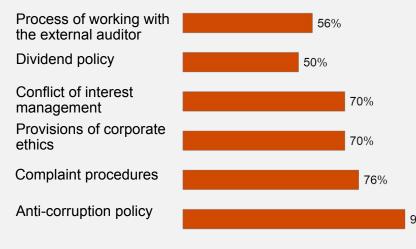
In our view, these shortcomings originate from the weak integration of the sustainability agenda into the corporate governance system. The issue is often not the lack of information, but the unchanged management system of the organization.

Structure of the Board of Directors/Supervisory Board:

54% indicated the number of independent directors20% indicated the structure by gender and age groups

16% indicated the structure by key competencies

How do TOP-50 companies disclose aspects of corporate governance?



Further development



What to focus on in the next report

The role of governing bodies

Until sustainable development issues are included in the regular agenda of the governing bodies, real progress in ESG integration is impossible. Issues in this area should be considered and decided at the highest level: what is the role of top management in assessing the organization's significant impacts on society, how climate change risks are considered, how and by whom the sustainable development strategy is adopted and progress is monitored, what is the role of top management in ESG reporting, etc.

Obviously, the management bodies do not deal with the operational issues of the ESG strategy, therefore it is important to showcase how responsibility is being delegated and the reporting structure.

In addition, it is worth showing a clear and precise decision-making scheme on sustainable development issues: who is responsible for what, how this system works and transforms.

Diversity in management

It is important to show that in the governing bodies and in senior management, the composition of members allows representing the interests of relevant stakeholders. Accordingly it is important to disclose information (in a visual and convenient format) about the structure of higher management (and preferably top management), which shows the proportion of women, and/or age groups, and indicates the proportion of independent directors and stakeholder representatives.

But besides such quantitative information, it is important that the company has a policy (or otherwise described approach) to ensuring diversity in supreme governing bodies in order to show that this work is purposeful and conscious.

Here it is important to note which of the management members has the necessary competencies to manage ESG aspects, and whether the matrix of competencies is taken into account in the composition.

Appraisal and remuneration

How are senior management and governance bodies assessing progress on sustainability issues? What are the results of the next evaluation and what actions have been taken as a result of the evaluation? This is an important group of questions that needs to be covered in the report.

As a continuation of this conversation, the issue of remuneration comes up - which has always been a problem for closed Kazakhstani companies. In the disclosure of information about directors' remuneration today, it is important not only the remuneration itself, but also its components and principles of determination - including whether this remuneration takes into account the results on sustainable development issues.

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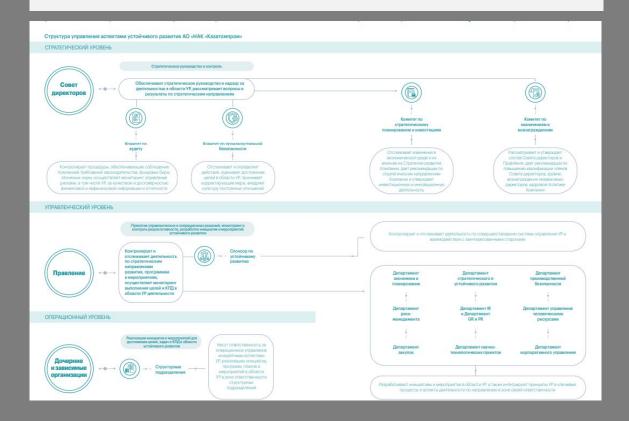
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Examples of disclosures (KZ)



NAC Kazatomprom showed a visual scheme of sustainable development management in its integrated annual <u>report</u> for 2021



Eurasian Resources Group indicated global trends that could affect the industry and the company in its sustainability <u>report</u> and outlined strategic responses



Examples of disclosures (International)



In its annual report, **Pearson** elaborated on the measures to ensure diversity in the Board of Directors and top management

Diversity across Pearson

We accelerated our DEAI efforts in 2021, continuing to build an estudior workfaller dutum and a more equalitate company. In estudior workfaller dutum and a more equalitate company. In the control of th

Pearson's Code of Conduct in relation to ethical practices takes account of gender, age, ethnicity, disability and sexual orientation, and applies to all employee levels, including the Pearson Executive Management (PEM) team. It is underprinted by a global statement on part of our endeavour to make Pearson a great place to work.

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Board diversity

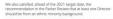
Doard oversity:
We believe that Board diversity makes us a better business, contributing to high performance, enhanced commercial results, and a leadership culture that is inclusive. Research indicates high-performing boards provide an increased competitive advantage. Further, global trends confine to reflect the needs for greater

our employee base and wider society, including the countries in which we operate. The Board embraces the UK Corporate

Directors of Peasons demonstrate a broad balance of skills, background and adeptement, to support our strategic development and reflex the global nature of our bourness, frequient and reflex the global nature of our bourness, the common strategic management of the peason of the peason of the strategic management of the broadest definition of deversity in the recent lone freezintee Directors search processes, the Committee encouraged the retained search firms to Jaice an emphasis on puting forward candidates who would enhance the overall obversity of the Baard. Directors of Pearson demonstrate a broad balance of skills,

The Committee has readopted the following objectives, which support the Board Diversity & Inclusion Policy, which continues to support Pearson's commitments to creating a more equitable and

- at least 40% female Directors (previous target: 33%)
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believe the Board's diversity is, as a whole, good. In a wider context, Inclusion Policy, to increase the racial and ethnic representation on the Board.

Three of our Executive team of eight, excluding the Chief Executive and Chief Financial Officer who are counted in the Board's metric, are women (37.5% vs. 30% in 2020). Including the Chief Executive and management team (as specified by the UK Corporate Governance Code), i.e. the Pearson Executive Management team and their direct

The Committee received updates on two internal intercuring surrely that it supports. The first pars is high pricerial loader fly spitcilly at SVP level with a Director. The second involves members of the PEM team supports or an angular group of individuals at management level, identified drough out talent and learning review process as potential successors of section management. The Committee agreed that the successors of section management, the Committee agreed that the control is not section to the committee of the committee



During the year, the Committee received a detailed progress update on the company's DE&I strategic approach, framework, governance and measurement models, and priority areas. As part of this, the Committee reviewed and updated the objectives which underpin the Board Diversity Policy. The current objectives, and Pearson's performance against them, are set out below: Carget not met - at least 40% female Directors The Board included 50% female Directors - at least two Directors of colour The Board included one Director who identifies as Mixed – White & Black Caribbean, and one Director who identifies as Mixed – White and Black African *As at 28° February 2022 the Board includes 3 Directors of colour All Board appointments will be made on merit, in the context of the skills and relevant experience that are needed for the Board to oversee Pearson's strategic development and that reflect the global nature of our business. The Board will continue to incorporate a focus on a diverse pipeline in its succession and appointment planning including to prioritise the use of search firms which adhere to the Voluntary Code of Conduct for Executive Search Firms (the Voluntary Code) when seeking to The Committee actively includes diversity in its search criteria for Board appointments, and proactively encourages engaged search firms to include candidates from a range of diverse backgrounds in its candidate lists. with search activity during 2021, including for the external element of the Chair and Non-Executive Director search processes. Both ompanies are signatories to the Voluntary Code. The recommendations of the Hampton-Alexander Review, Parker Review and the FRC Board diversity and effectiveness report in respect of gender and ethnic diversity have been noted by the Board, and were considered as part of the Committee's diversity deep dive in 2021. In addition, the Board is cognisant of the FTSE Women Leaders Review, which has succeeded the Hampton-Alexander Review. These matters were considered in the 2021 evaluation process. Read consideration of effectiveness in the Board evaluation review process. Where appropriate, we will assist with the development and support of initiatives that promote all forms of DE&I in the Board, Pearson The Board scheme of mentoring senior leadership talent was renewed with a fresh cohort in 2021. EXECUTIVE management team on our progress in line with the policy and our objectives in the annual report, including providing details of initiatives to promote DEB in the Board, Pearson Executive Management team and other serior management. The Nomination & Governance Committee reviewed the Board's Diversity Policy and accompanying objectives during the year, as well as developments on DE&I in the external landscape. the annual report, and aim for ongoing transparency in this area in Diversity and talent at Executive level

In its annual report, Whitbread discussed the solutions made by the Board of Directors for their stakeholders

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

What matters to employees

- Industry-leading training and development programmes
- A business that considers team member wellbeing (physical, mental and financial)









- The Board receives data on customer satisfaction scores each month

Outcomes of engagement



What matters to investors

- Financial performance, as we have recovered from COVID-19.

- The Chairman and General Counsel consulted with a broad range of major shareholders in September, at which topics such as strateg performance, leadership and ESG were covered



Approach to disclosure

Reporting practices

Does our report meet the needs of different stakeholders?



In recent years, there has been a broad consensus that businesses must grow sustainably - that is, with regard to their impact on the economy, society, and the environment. Companies should seek to reduce negative impacts and enhance positive ones and focus on long-term value creation.

Businesses understand their responsibilities to a wide range of stakeholders, including investors, government, society, employees, customers, suppliers, and others. But how do they show stakeholders their progress and work? How can stakeholders see if the company is meeting its commitments?

After the integration of ESG into a company's strategy, it should address the quality of ESG disclosure and the effectiveness of communication with stakeholders. This is because reporting has become a mandatory aspect of a mature ESG practice and the standards from it are growing with time.

The first element of quality reporting is a properly conducted materiality assessment. How did the company determine what to include in the report? Were interested stakeholders taken into account?

The second element of quality report is the level of quantitative data used. Stakeholders need to be able to see the company's progress from year to year and compare companies with each other. We need complete, qualitative data collected and calculated based on a recognized methodology. Often when going into a story about their projects, organizations forget to include specific numbers. This data should show us the company's specific impacts on society (broadly defined) and the management of those impacts.

However, the most important indicator of a good report is whether it satisfies the interests of stakeholders. The first and key step in preparing a good report is to understand its audience.

Current practice

Reporting practices



Results of the analysis of Kazakhstan Reports (Top 50 Rating)

From the Top 50 reports this year, 33 declared adherence to GRI standards (last year there were 29).So, it can be said that most leaders in Kazakhstan are consistently preparing reports to recognized international standards. Out of 25 leaders of our Rating, only one Report did not mention GRI. This shows that it has become an implicit best practice, making it difficult to enter the leaderboard without following these standards.

There are several reasons why companies choose to follow international standards when preparing a report. One reason is that it is a ready-made guide with clear instruction for preparing a good report. The second reason is that it address the demand of stakeholders, who want standardized data in order to accurately assess companies against each other. That said, non-financial reporting standards are a rapidly changing field and it pays to keep up with changes to maintain a good level of the reporting.

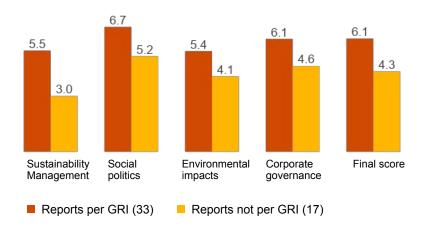
As our comparative analysis shows, the reports prepared according to the GRI Standards have a noticeably higher average score. In particular, they show better disclosure of environmental and social indicators. In addition, the standards, as a rule, require a lot of information on ESG-strategy, management, interaction with stakeholders, etc. The adherence to these strict standards tends to be better serve companies with more developed ESG practices - that's why they have such a high score for disclosure of sustainability management issues.

At the same time, we sometimes see inaccurate adherence to standards, which is exacerbated by the lack of external verification of information.

The TCFD recommendations on climate risk disclosure are also not yet widespread in Kazakhstan. However, our communication with companies leads us to expect wider application of this guidance in the next few years.

- Reports were prepared as per GRI Standards
 - Report has an external assurance of non-financial information
 - Declared adherence to TCFD recommendations

Average rating per information piece



Further development

What to focus on in the next report

Ensuring communication

The ESG report will be handled by both professionals with specialized knowledge on handling the data and non-professionals who are eager to understand the company's sustainable development position and values. This can potentially put the company in a difficult position as it will have to make a report that will cover the expectations of a wide and diverse audience.

Therefore, it should invest effort into information design report format, narrative structure and visualization. We need to ensure a coherent story and reflect on key messages: what do we want to tell our reader? We need to make sure that the language and style of the report is clear for all stakeholders. At the same time, we need to collect all the quantitative data (they often make appendices to the report for this purpose). If the information is difficult to find, read or understand, it is equal to its absence.

In the ESG report you have a chance to build a mutually beneficial dialogue with stakeholders, and it is worth using it.

Reliability of information

To ensure the completeness of an ESG report the manager should ensure the reliability of the information. Does the report reflect the company's situation in its entirety? Is the data true?

Cases of greenwashing cases occur when companies show themselves are being committed to sustainable development, although this is not entirely true. Greenwashing greatly undermines the credibility of all corporate statements.

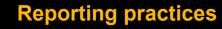
The best reporting practice today is internal and external verification of ESG data. Internal procedures for monitoring and verifying ESG data are an integral element of the developed sustainability practice. To have external assurance of information, companies can apply for verification of the entire ESG report or request confirmation of critical indicators.

Data management

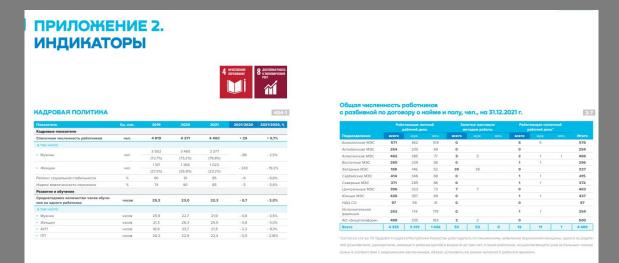
Most organizations today have a fairly well-developed financial information management system. Using various technical solutions and all recognized standards, they can easily cope with collecting data, making calculations, checking them and compiling reports. The situation is not as good with non-financial information.

A key element of not only high-quality ESG reporting but effective decision-making on sustainable development issues is a developed ESG data management system. How and by whom is the data collected? How automated is this process? What methodologies underlie the calculations? What are the control procedures? How is information presented to management and stakeholders? Each organization has to work on these issues. The goal of this work is to ensure that non-financial data have the same level of quality that financial information already has.

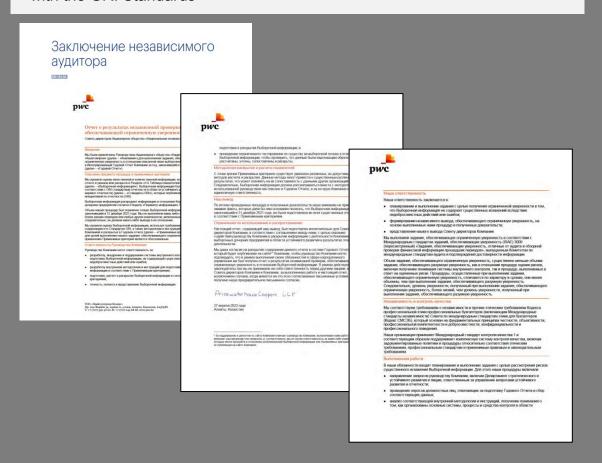
Examples of disclosures (KZ)



In its <u>annual report</u> for 2021, **KEGOC** made an application with non-financial indicators, which allowed it to unload the main content of the report



Independent certification of non-financial information helps NAC **Kazatomprom** confirmed the correctness of the information and compliance with the GRI Standards

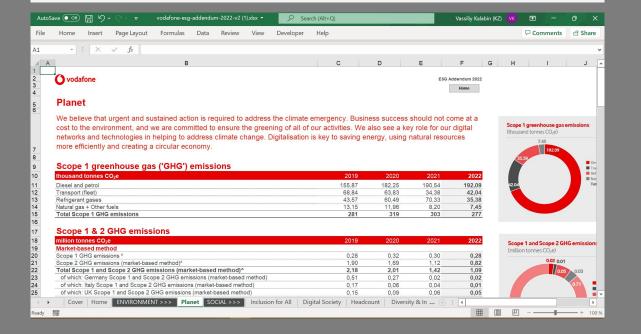


Reporting practices

Examples of disclosures (International)



In addition to the annual report, **Vodafone** offers to download the Annex with detailed ESG indicators in Excel format (ESG Addendum 2022).



Shell disclosed information in its annual report and sustainability report but annexes helped show compliance with several reporting standards at once, including GRI, SASB, TCFD, World Economic Forum, etc.



Addendum 1: Definition of materiality



The principle of "materiality" is the key to a high-quality sustainability report





As part of the sustainability report, it is necessary to focus on the most important ESG topics for the company. Material topics are those that represent the organization's most significant impact on the economy, the environment, and people. As well as factors where risks for the long-term strategy of the company may be hidden.

A materiality analysis is conducted by examining the impacts throughout the organization's supply chain. But this process begins with the analysis of the most significant ESG topics for the company's activities.

In order to assist companies to take the first step in this direction, we benchmarked four industries and highlighted the significant topics for global leaders and Kazakhstani companies.

Furthermore, for five industries, we looked at the criteria for the main ESG ratings to identify the material topics that are frequently the focus of the ESG assessment of the company.

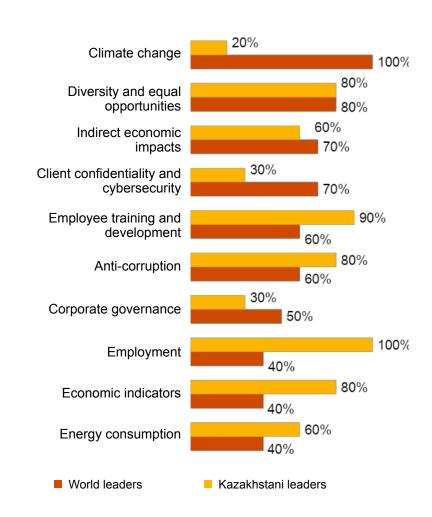


Material topics in the banking sector

In the banking sector, the topic of climate change is disclosed in the annual reports of 100% of the analysed international companies. Although this sector is not a significant source of greenhouse gases, financial institutions are expected to actively promote the transition to a low-carbon world through their financing.

For Kazakhstani banks, employee-related topics were a priority, including employment practices and career development programs.

The Sustainalytics rating agency singles out the topics of "quality of products and services" and "data security", awarding a relatively high weight to these disclosures in the banking sector. In turn, MSCI and SAM CSA (S&P) Agencies considered the topic of corporate governance to be significant.



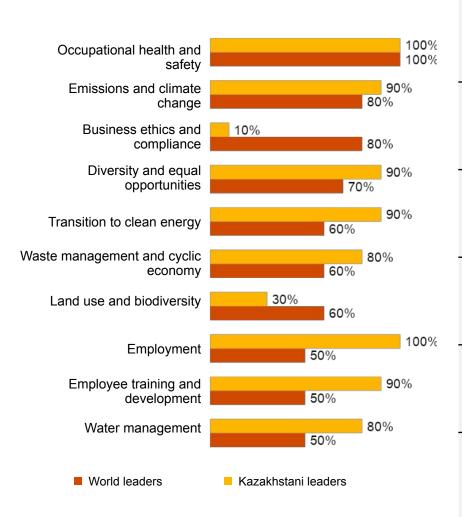


Material topics in the energy sector

International and Kazakhstani companies prioritize the topics "Occupational health and safety" and "Emissions and climate change."

While 80% of international companies believe that "Business ethics and compliance" is essential to disclose, only 10% of Kazakhstani companies emphasize it. Further, Kazakhstani energy companies prioritize human capital and the relevant significant topics "Employment" and "Employee training and development."

Sustainalytics agency's significant topics include "Emissions, discharges and waste" along with "Local communities". The issues of "Corporate governance" and "Human development" are given greatest attention in the MSCI rating. Due to the fact that the energy sector is constantly evolving and technologies are being improved, the SAM CSA (S&P) rating agency defines the topic "Operational efficiency" as a significant one.

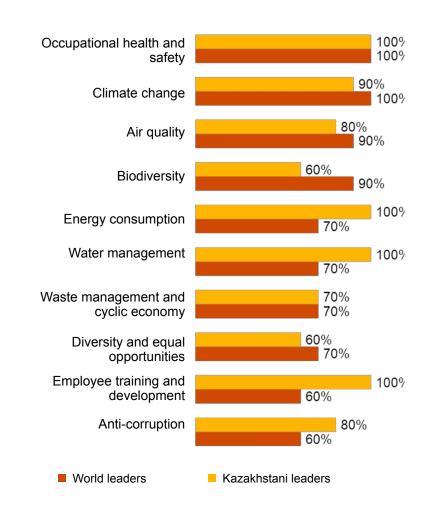




Material topics in the oil and gas sector

Working in the oil and gas industry is associated with conditions where the safety and health of people is a matter of primary importance, so it is not surprising that 100% of world leading and Kazakhstani companies consider the topic "Occupational health and safety" to be the most significant. Being one of the main sources of greenhouse gas emissions, the topic "Climate change" is also disclosed in the annual reports. Compared to international companies, the topics of "Energy consumption", "Water management", "Employee training and development" are more significant for Kazakhstani companies.

Climate issues are the most pressing topic for the oil and gas sector, as evidenced by the high relative share of indicators on greenhouse gas emissions in rating agencies. MSCI and SAM CSA (S&P) prioritize the topic "Corporate governance", the latter rating agency also emphasizes "Operational efficiency" and "Occupational health and safety" as significant topics.

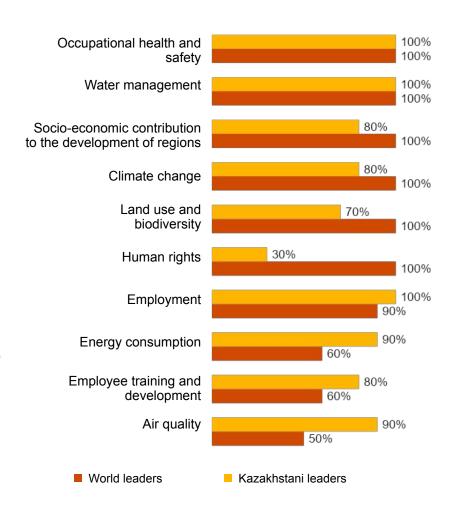




Material topics in the mining sector

The environmental topics of "Climate change", "Water management", "Land use and biodiversity", as well as social topics, including "Occupational health and safety", "Socio-economic contribution to the development of regions" and "Human rights" remain important for international companies operating in the mining sector. The latter is practically not disclosed in Kazakhstani Reports. 100% of Kazakhstani companies in the mining and metallurgical industry are focusing on the issues of "OH&S", "Water management" and "Employment".

The reputation of the industry often suffers due to the general perception of its activities as having a negative impact on the environment. Sustainalytics and MSCI give a high rating to the risks associated with the topic of "Emissions, discharges and waste". SAM CSA (S&P) defines the topic "Operational efficiency" as essential, and MSCI considers "Corporate governance" and the ability of companies to effectively manage potential risks in the ESG area to be important.





Industry material topics of sustainable development (1/2)

Results of the analysis of Reports of rating agencies

In the table below we provide more detail on the significant topics for five industries that are emphasized by the largest ESG rating agencies. This is a non-exhaustive list of criteria. Nevertheless, it indicates the expectations of the experts conducting the ESG assessment. These are the topics that are more likely to be expected in a company's ESG strategies, activities, and reporting.

	Topics	Financial sector	Manufacturing	Oil and gas industry	Power industry	Mining and metallurgical
	Biodiversity and land use			©		②
	Impact of financed portfolio	②			 	
	Opportunities in the development of RES	; ; !			Ø	
	Greenhouse gas emissions	Ø	②	Ø	Ø	②
^	Air pollution	! ! ! !	Ø		Ø	②
00	Climate strategy		Ø	Ø	Ø	②
Environmen	t Reliability of power supply		 		Ø	
	Water consumption	Ø	i 		Ø	②
	Risks of water scarcity	i ! !	; !	Ø	 	
	Product life cycle management	 	②			
	Energy resource management	Ø	②		 	②
	Waste management	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	
	Efficiency in utilization of raw materials		②			

Industry material topics of sustainable development (2/2)

Results of the analysis of Reports of rating agencies

	Topics	Financial sector	Manufacturing	Oil and gas industry	Power industry	Mining and metallurgical
	Data security	Ø				
	Relationship between management and employees		Ø		 	Ø
-0-	Diversity and inclusion in work environment	②	i 		i i	
000	Relations with the local population	 		Ø	¦ 	Ø
шш	Occupational health and safety	 	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
Society	Human rights	; ;	; ; !		i ! !	②
	Development of human capital	©	Ø	Ø	Ø	
	Freedom of association	1	Ø			Ø
	Financial inclusion	©	 		 	
	Corruption and bribery control	Ø	©		Ø	②
	Corporate ethics	©	Ø	Ø	i ! !	
	Top management practices	Ø	©	Ø	Ø	②
Ш	Legal compliance		 	Ø		
Corp. governance	Innovation and R&D management		Ø		; ; 	
	Risk management	O	 			©
	Supply chain management	i ! !	Ø		i ; ! !	
	Emergency management			Ø	Ø	

Addendum 2: Reporting Standards





Trends in the development of ESG reporting standards

Key directions for changes in the approach to disclosure

Convergence of standards

In the last ten years, a number of different standards for the preparation of ESG reports (as well as recommendations, guidelines) have been created. This has become a major problem, hindering data comparability and creating confusion for reporting entities. Therefore, in the last couple of years there has been a strong trend towards the unification of standards and the creation of consistency between them.

The International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB created by the IFRS Foundation) has a great potential in creating widely recognized standards, as they are working successfully with various stakeholders. This year, the ISSB published drafts of two standards: one for sustainability disclosure and one for climate disclosure.

Necessity of disclosures

Regulators today are also concerned about the low quality of ESG information, which hinders the development of many sustainability initiatives, especially financial ones. Therefore, regulatory reporting requirements are beginning to tighten.

This year, for example, the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament reached an agreement on the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD), which would oblige many European companies to publish non-financial reports. In the US, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) has SEC) proposed climate disclosure requirements (under discussion). In China, voluntary guidance on the disclosure of corporate ESG information has come into force.

Kazakhstan introduces requirements for the disclosure of ESG information for banks, which will change from voluntary to mandatory in the future.

Climate change

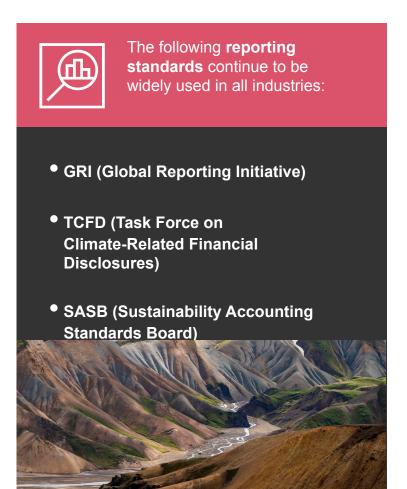
In recent years stakeholders, including investors, have increased their demand for information related to climate change, primarily: the volume of greenhouse gas emissions (all three scopes) and climate risk management.

This stakeholder request is also supported by regulators. In the UK, these disclosures have become mandatory from the current financial year for several categories of entities. The Kazakhstan Stock Exchange also added these disclosures to the mandatory ones for listed companies in September this year.

One of the most used climate disclosure standards is the TCFD Guidelines. Globally, over 2,600 companies in 2021 and over 3,800 companies in 2022 <u>reported</u> reported under these principles.

Commonly used reporting standards









Common reporting standards for non-financial information (1/2)





Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)

Global Reporting Initiative standards are widely used in all industries and allows stakeholders to understand activities of the company, which demonstrates its impact on the economy, environment and society. In October 2021, the GRI published the biggest changes to its standards since their launch in 2016. The changes will come into effect from 1 January 2023.

Key changes:

- Reducing the number of general indicators for disclosure (from 56 to 30), which are now required to be disclosed in full;
- The need to apply an industry standard to cover the relevant material topic;
- Changing the approach to identifying material topics for disclosure (GRI 3: Material Topics 2021);
- Removing the criteria "Impact on the assessments and decisions of stakeholders" when determining materiality. Now only applying "Impact on people and the planet" criteria defines what makes a topic material. Further, GRI also abandoned the assessment of the impact of sustainability factors on the company itself;
- Mandatory disclosures of human rights.



Sustainability Accounting Standards Board (SASB)

Developed in 2011, SASB's main goal is to provide a minimum disclosure bar that is standardized across sectors/industries.

The main target audience of the SASB standard includes investors, creditors and other sources of financial capital. This is due to the fact that these stakeholders are increasingly interested in the impact of environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors on the financial performance of companies, which necessitates standardized reporting on ESG data.

The SASB standards were developed using the definition of "materiality" applied under US federal securities laws. An issue is material if "there is a substantial probability" that a "reasonable investor" would consider its omission or misrepresentation to be "a material change in the totality of the information". SASB takes into account the specifics of the industry and has developed standards for 77 industries in 11 sectors.

Common reporting standards for non-financial information (2/2)







The TCFD Principles are a framework that organizations can use to publicly disclose climate-related risks and opportunities for their business.

The TCFD concept consists of four themes:

- · corporate governance;
- risk management;
- strategy;
- metrics and goals.

Key features of TCFD recommendations:

- Designed to provide forward-looking information on the financial impacts of climate change useful for decision-making;
- Strong focus on the risks and opportunities associated with the transition to a low-carbon economy.



International Sustainability Standards Board

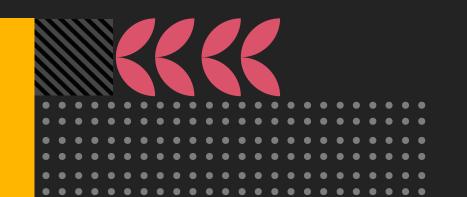
On 31 March 2022, the ISSB published two draft non-financial reporting standards: general requirements and climate related. The proposed standards will contain a general hierarchy + thematic standards + industry-specific metrics. The definition of materiality is similar to financial statements using enterprise value.

[DRAFT] IFRS C1 General recommendations - Financial disclosures related to sustainability. The proposed IFRS C1 General Recommendations would require entities to disclose information on all material sustainability risks and opportunities.

[DRAFT] IFRS C2 Climate-related disclosures - The proposed disclosures in IFRS C2 will focus on climate-related risks and opportunities. They incorporate TCFD recommendations and include metrics adapted to industry classifications derived from SASB standards and GRI.

On 8 November 2022, CDP and ISSB announced that CDP will incorporate the requirements of IFRS C2 into its global environmental disclosure platform. This means that 17,000+ voluntary users of the CDP will disclose data structured as per IFRS C2 in the 2024 disclosure cycle.

TOP-50 of ESG Information Disclosure Rating





Top 50 ESG Disclosure Companies

Position 2021	Position 2020	Company	Position 2021	Position 2020	Company
1	2	NAC Kazatomprom	26	-	First Heartland Jýsan Bank
2	1	NC KazMunayGas	27	25	TNC Kazchrome
3	3	KazTransOil	28	26	Kazpost
4	5	Kazakhtelecom	29	14	PAVLODARENERGO
5	11	KazAgroFinance	30	34	Export insurance company KazakhExport
6	30	AC Altynalmas	31	75	Kcell
7	7	Samruk-Energy	32	29	Samruk-Kazyna Ondeu (United Chemical Company)
8	-	Joint venture Inkai	33	44	Bereke Bank
9	12	Karachaganak Petroleum Operating B.V.	34	18	Otbasy bank
10	8	Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan	35	33	Transtelecom
11	6	NMH Baiterek	36	24	Zhaikmunai
12	4	KEGOC	37	37	ForteBank
13	13	Kazakhstan Housing Company	38	39	Damu Fund
14	16	NOSTRUM OIL & GAS PLC	39	41	NC "Food Contract Corporation"
15	9	CAEP (Central Asian Electric Power Corporation)	40	40	KMK Munai
16	17	NC Kazakhstan Temir Zholy	41	35	Kazakhmys Copper
17	21	NMC Tau-Ken Samruk	42	56	Bank VTB Kazakhstan
18	36	Kazakhstan Utility Systems	43	48	Batys transit
19	15	SevKazEnergo	44	50	RG Brands
20	42	Kazyna Capital Management	45	79	QazaqGas
21	27	Eurasian Resources Group	46	45	Agricultural Credit Corporation
22	19	Development Bank of Kazakhstan	47	43	KazAzot
23	22	Air Astana	48	53	Home Credit Bank
24	20	Samruk-Kazyna	49	-	Baiterek Venture Fund
25	23	Shubarkol Komir	50	-	RG Brands Kazakhstan

Best by sector



The tables below show companies rated 'B' or higher for their ESG disclosure level

Top non-financial companies by ESG disclosure level

Position	In overall ranking	Company	Rating
1	1	NAC Kazatomprom	Α
2	2	NC KazMunayGas	B+
3	3	KazTransOil	B+
4	4	Kazakhtelecom	B+
5	6	AC Altynalmas	B+
6	7	Samruk-Energy	B+
7	8	Joint venture Inkai	В
8	9	Karachaganak Petroleum Operating B.V.	В
9	12	KEGOC	В
10	14	NOSTRUM OIL & GAS PLC	В
11	15	CAEP	В
12	16	NC Kazakhstan Temir Zholy	В

Top financial companies by ESG disclosure level

Position	In overall ranking	Company	Rating
1	5	KazAgroFinance	B+
2	10	Halyk Bank of Kazakhstan	В
3	11	NMH Baiterek	
4	13	Kazakhstan Housing Company	В

Key Takeaways





ESG strategy

Ensure that strategy and reporting take into account the global context of sustainable development

Focus on the results of ongoing ESG activities

Indicate the commitments that the organization is ready to make in matters of environmental protection and support of society



[E]nvironment

Disclose your approach to climate risk management

Indicate your objectives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and achieve carbon neutrality

Describe your approach to supplier management and managing impacts along the supply chain



[S]ocial

Describe the ongoing work to ensure diversity and create an inclusive environment

Indicate your approach to the protection of human rights as part of the company's activities

Describe in more detail projects aimed at supporting the regions where the company operates



[G]overnance

Describe the sustainability management system and the role of top management

Describe the approach to ensuring diversity in governing bodies

Describe your approach on management remuneration, and whether it takes into account ESG indicators



Reporting practices

Pay attention to the design and presentation of information

Ensure data verification and quality control

Create an ESG data management system for the effective development of ESG practice Report evaluation methodology and criteria





Methodological basis (1/4)

What did we evaluate?

We evaluate the quality and availability of ESG information in public company reporting in Kazakhstani companies.

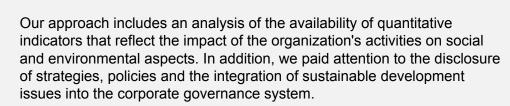
The analysis is based on annual reports and sustainability reports (and their equivalents, including integrated reports, sustainability and social responsibility reports), hereinafter collectively referred to as "Reports". When compiling the current Rating, the Reports prepared by companies based on the results of their activities for 2021 are evaluated.

The evaluation criteria include four main disclosure pieces (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Analysis of the Four"):

- sustainable development management,
- social policy,
- environmental impacts,
- corporate governance.

Additional scores were awarded for the clarity and quality of the presentation of information.

Any Kazakhstani company with a suitable report for evaluation could apply to participate in the project. We also include publicly available reports that we consider important for the completeness of the analysis.





Methodological basis (2/4)

Rating calculation

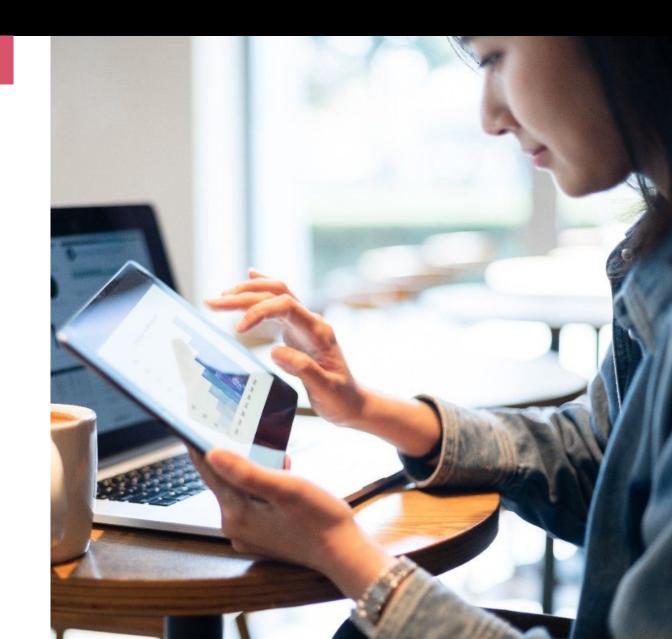
- The methodology includes 76 criteria;
 a score is given for each criterion (from 1 to 10).
- The final rating functional is calculated as a weighted average of ratings by criteria.
- Depending on the score, the company is assigned an appropriate ESG disclosure level rating.
- It is worth remembering that if the documents had low readability or poor navigation the assessment could not accurately reveal its disclosure.

Disclosure rating	Rating functional	Characteristics
A+	>9–10	Level of leading international practices (the level of information disclosure in the company complies with the main criteria accepted in world practice)
Α	>8–9	High level (the company demonstrates a high level of information disclosure, which requires only partial improvements to comply with international practices)
B+	>7–8	Good level (the company presents a good level of content/detailing and disclosure on ESG aspects, demonstrating regional leadership, has the least number of requirements for transition to best practices)
В	>6–7	Developing level (the company demonstrates good progress in disclosing ESG information, has a high potential for transition to best practices)
С	>5–6	Basic level (despite the beginning of the practice of disclosing ESG information, the level of disclosure is insufficient and requires significant development)
D	below 5	Low level (minimum disclosure of key ESG indicators, requires a new approach to reporting)

Methodological basis (3/4)

Rating restrictions

- The Rating assumes only an evaluation of information disclosure and cannot show the level of implementation of sustainable development practices in the evaluated companies.
- This Rating contains information obtained from public sources. PwC has not attempted to establish the reliability of these sources and has not verified the information provided. Accordingly, PwC makes no representations or guaranties of any kind (whether express or implied) as to the accuracy or completeness of the information provided in the annual and sustainability reports.
- If we have reason to believe that the company's report is misleading to readers and the information presented in the report does not correlate with facts and public statements, we reserve the right to downgrade the company's report by assigning it a penalty point (s) from -1 to -3, or completely exclude the report from the list.
- The evaluation sample is prepared based on information in open sources, as well as based on submitted applications for participation in the study. At the same time, we assume that this research did not include all existing reports worthy of being included on the list. Therefore, we recommend that companies apply for participation in the Rating themselves to prevent the risk that their report not be included in next year's list.



Methodological basis (4/4)

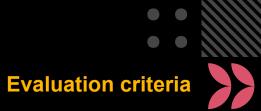
Quality management

- To evaluate the Reports as part of the Rating, we had our group of qualified people with the necessary qualifications in the disclosure of ESG information, and who underwent the appropriate briefing on the evaluation procedure.
- The PwC Kazakhstan qualified team that evaluated the Reports was guided by an established evaluation process and methodology criteria developed by PwC methodologists to avoid personal judgments and maintain impartiality. Members of the expert team did not have access to the consolidated Rating with the results of their assessment and transferred the assessments to a dedicated specialist who prepared a sorted list without making changes to the assessments of individual companies. As such, no member of the expert team controlled the final position of companies in the Rating.

 The results of the evaluation of experts were re-checked by an independent specialist for compliance with the methodology. As such, objectivity in the assessment and adherence to the methodology are preserved.



Sustainable development management



Availability of information on the items below is evaluated



Management system

- Mission/goal
- Business model
- Description of sustainable development policy
- Sustainable development material topics for the company



Strategy

- Qualitative sustainable development goals
- Quantitative sustainable development goals
- Strategic KPIs in the area of sustainable development, against which the company monitors progress



Stakeholders

- Map of key stakeholders (or list)
- Stakeholder engagement process
- Measures taken in response to questions raised by the stakeholders during the engagement process



UN Sustainable Development Goals

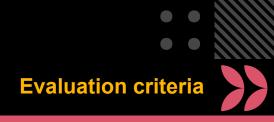
- SDG commitment statement
- List of SDGs relevant for the company
- List of relevant tasks in each selected SDG
- List of specific initiatives for each SDG



Reporting practice

- External assurance of non-financial information
- Statement of compliance with the GRI or SASB Standards (including the Disclosure Index)
- TCFD Compliance Statement (including disclosure of risks and opportunities related to climate change)

Social policy



Availability of information on the items below was evaluated. The relevance of the indicator for the company is taken into account, considering the profile of its activities



HR management

- Description of HR policy, the company's approaches to HR management
- Description of the equal opportunity policy and specific non-discrimination measures
- Headcount
- Personnel breakdown
- Employee turnover
- Number of employees hired in the reporting year
- Share of temporary employees
- Average number of training hours per employee in the reporting year
- Number of employees who took maternity/paternity leave in the reporting year
- The ratio of the average salary of women to the average salary of men
- Occupational health and safety training in the reporting year
- Injury rates



Other aspects

- · Spending on charity and social projects
- Amount of taxes paid
- Costs for local suppliers
- Assessment and requirements for suppliers in sustainability area

Environmental impacts



Availability of information on the items below was evaluated. The relevance of the indicator for the company is taken into account, considering the profile of its activities



Policies and approaches

- Environmental policy
- Risks and opportunities associated with climate change
- Penalties for the violation of environmental legislation and other payments to the budget
- Information about certified environmental management systems such as ISO



Impact indicators

- Greenhouse gas emissions in CO2 equivalent (Scope 1)
- Volume of indirect greenhouse gas emissions in CO2 equivalent (Scope 2)
- Volume of other indirect greenhouse gas emissions in CO2 equivalent (Scope 3)
- Emissions of pollutants into the atmosphere (only for non-financial companies)
- Consumption of fuel and energy resources
- Volume of greenhouse gas emissions from the financed portfolio (only for financial companies)
- Volume of waste generation (excluding air emissions and water discharges)
- Separation of waste volume by treatment methods (only for non-financial companies)
- Water discharges (consumption from external sources)
- Water discharges (only for non-financial companies)
- Description of impact on biodiversity (only for non-financial companies)

Corporate governance



Availability of information on the below items was evaluated



Key elements of the management system and governing bodies

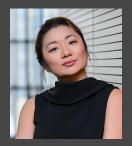
- Management structure
- Number and share of independent directors in the Board of Directors
- Structure of the Board of Directors by social groups
- Key competencies of the members of the Board of Directors
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