

# Sustainability Reporting Forum

## Trust, Transparency and the Role of Auditors

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### PROVISIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

08:30 – 09:00	WELCOME COFFEE AND NETWORKING
09:00 – 09:45	<b>Opening the Conference and Keynote Addresses</b>
OPENING REMARKS	<b>Eva Lindström</b> Member of the European Court of Auditors
KEYNOTE ADDRESS	<b>Jyrki Katainen</b> European Commission Vice-President for Jobs, Growth, Investment and Competitiveness <b>“Sustainable Europe 2030: state of play and next steps”</b>
KEYNOTE ADDRESS	<b>Georg Kell</b> Chairman of Arabesque   Founder and former Director-General of the UN Global Compact <b>“Technology and Corporate Disclosure”</b>
09:45 – 11:00	SESSION I <b>What is the State of Sustainability Reporting?</b>
DISCUSSION	<b>Hilde Blomme</b> Deputy CEO of Accountancy Europe <b>Natalia Agüeros-Macario</b> Integrated Reporting Manager of Umicore  Moderated by <b>Manj Kalar</b> Kalar Consulting
PRESENTATIONS	<b>Eva Lindström</b> Member of the European Court of Auditors <b>Emma Navarro</b> Vice-President of the European Investment Bank <b>Gert Jan Koopman</b> Director-General of DG Budget – European Commission  Sustainability reporting developed in the private sector, and certain large companies are now obliged to report. But is the public sector following what it requests from its companies? Is the EU and its institutions leading by example? And what lessons can we learn from each other? This session will explore the current state of sustainability reporting in the private and public sectors respectively.
11:00 – 11:30	COFFEE BREAK AND NETWORKING

11:30 – 12:30

SESSION II

## What sustainability information do stakeholders need?

PANEL DISCUSSION

### Robert Scharfe

CEO of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange

### Heidi Hautala (Greens/EFA)

Vice-president of the European Parliament

### Mr. Arnoldas Abramavičius

First Vice-President of the ECON Commission of the Committee of the Regions, Member of Zarasai District Municipal Council in Lithuania

### Lazaros S. Lazarou

Member of the European Court of Auditors

### Ville Majamaa

Vice-President of the Board of the European Youth Forum

### Sara Fröhling Lind

Expert in youth consumption and lifestyle trends | Ungdomsbarometern

There is growing acceptance and realisation that sustainability related risks are financial risks. Financial markets and investors are putting pressure on companies to disclose these sustainability-related risks. What do today's consumers and tomorrow's voters want to know from businesses and governments? How do private and public sector organisations demonstrate how they are implementing and achieving SDGs and sustainability? This session will explore the investor and market perspective.

12:30 – 13:30

NETWORKING LUNCH

13:30 – 14:30

SESSION III

## The Truth, the whole Truth and nothing but the Truth

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

### Richard Howitt

CEO of International Integrated Reporting Council (IIRC)

PANEL DISCUSSION

### Tytti Yli-Viikari

Auditor-General of the National Audit Office of Finland

### Wim Bartels

Partner corporate reporting KPMG Netherlands | Programme Lead for the Corporate Reporting Dialogue

### Valérie Arnold

Partner and Corporate Responsibility Leader for PwC Luxembourg

### Phil Wynn Owen

Member of the European Court of Auditor

Sustainability reporting should not be a PR exercise. But how can we trust the information? This is where auditors have a pivotal role to play. Private and public auditor professionals will discuss the challenges they face and how their profession could contribute to increase credibility and stakeholders' trust in information provided as well as improve internal control systems.

14:30 – 15:20

SESSION IV

**What's next? The 2030 Agenda and the Way forward**

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

**Ann Mettler**

Head of the European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC)

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**“Relevant Audits in a Bounded World”**

**Public Forum**

15:20 – 15:30

CLOSING REMARKS

**Eva Lindström**

Member of the European Court of Auditors