

EU Taxonomy – Environmentally Sustainable Investments

Training Course and Workshop

Introduction

This 11-hour training course is aimed at investment professionals/financial market participants who would like to improve their understanding for investments into environmentally sustainable economic activities.

The course aims to assist investment professionals to gain a firm understanding of the EU Taxonomy and its practical implementation. The EU Taxonomy provides a framework to facilitate sustainable investment and in doing so aims to harmonise the criteria for determining whether an economic activity qualifies as environmentally sustainable.

To avoid harming investor interests, fund managers and other FMPs that make available financial products are required under the Taxonomy Regulation to disclose how and to what extent they use the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities to determine the environmental sustainability of their investments. This in turn will enable investors to understand the proportion of environmentally sustainable activities underlying the investment.

Course details

The training modules include four parts:

1. Pathway to Paris Alignment and Net Zero (2030/2050) and Technical Aspects of EU Taxonomy;
2. Data - understanding availability, where and how to access, liabilities, future developments;
3. Disclosure – understanding the Taxonomy Regulation and the Sustainability-related Disclosure Regulation compliance requirements in connection with environmentally sustainable activities, developments in European Supervisory Authorities Regulatory Technical Standards, linkage to investment products and update on Ecolabel for EU Taxonomy products; and
4. Case Studies – Practical implementation of Parts 1, 2 and 3

The 11 hours of tuition are conveniently delivered online over 4x 2hr and 1x 3hr sessions, spread across five days.

Accreditation

The training course offers 33 hours of CPD for 2021, approved by the Institute of Bankers including QFA (3hrs CPD), CPD Member (3 hrs CPD), RS CPD Member (3hrs CPD), LCOI (4 hrs CPD), Professional Banker (3 hrs CPD), Chartered Banker (3 hrs CPD), FCOI Compliance (2 hrs CPD) and Accredited Funds Professional (3 hrs CPD), Savings and Investments MCC (3 hrs CPD per Product Category).

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The Course is developed and delivered by **ELS Europe**. The trainer, Dawn Slevin, is a sustainable finance expert who was a member of the European Commission's Technical Expert Group on Sustainable Finance (TEG) from 2018 to 2020 tasked with building the first phase of the EU Taxonomy.

Dawn Slevin

Dawn is Managing Director of ELS Europe, a member of the DG-FISMA Technical Expert Group (TEG) building Europe's first Green Sustainable Finance Taxonomy and a member of the European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG) Project Task Force on reporting of non-financial risks and opportunities and linkage to the business model. Dawn is a Chartered Environmentalist (CENV) and Chartered Waste Manager (MCIWM), holds an MSc. with Distinction, Environmental Engineering from Queen's University Belfast (2002) and Honours Degree Environmental Science from Trinity College Dublin (1994), and is a member of associated professional institutions.

Dates of Training

- 25 & 26th November (10 am to 12 pm each day)
- 29th November (10 am to 1 pm)
- 6th & 7th December (10 am to 12 pm each day)

Attendee information

Attendance is open to registration on a first come/first served basis, with funding of 50% available for Irish Financial Services Firms. Contact skills@sustainablefinance.ie to register or for more information. An understanding of the sustainable finance agenda at intermediate level or above is assumed for attendees.

Fees

€900 or €450 (50% grant supported) for those seeking Sustainable Finance Skillnet support.

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