

# TERMS OF REFERENCE

## FOCUS COMMITTEE: SUSTAINABLE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Applicable for the term 2024 - 2025



### Preface

The Sustainable Finance Committee is established by the Council of the Institute in exercise of the powers conferred upon it by the Statute.

Committees are governed by the [Committees Bye-Law](#). These Terms of Reference shall be construed as one with the Committees Bye-Law.

### Purpose

The Sustainable Finance Committee is responsible for identifying, interpreting and addressing matters of current and prospective relevance to members of the accountancy profession relating to:

- Sustainability Reporting Standards;
- Sustainability Assurance Standards; and
- Requirements emanating from the local legislative framework, European Union Directives and other legislation.

### Composition

The Sustainable Finance Committee shall be composed of a chairperson, deputy chairperson and members, all of whom are appointed by Council.

### Term

The term of the Sustainable Finance Committee is effective from 1 January 2024 till 31 December 2025.

### General Responsibilities of the Sustainable Finance Committee

The general responsibilities of the Sustainable Finance Committee include, to:

- (1) Actively support CPE activities. This includes organising the necessary CPE event(s) in a timely manner, and contribute towards organising training sessions and conferences, and participate at such events and panel discussions where required.
- (2) Update any guidance or technical releases issued by the Institute to ensure that they are always up to date. A formal review of such guidance and releases is to be carried out at least annually.
- (3) Contribute towards the issue of any guidance, technical releases, information papers and/or any other communication.  
Provided that, no such communication is issued prior obtaining the relevant approval from the CEO.  
Provided that, any formal communication issued by the Institute must be signed by the CEO, the Institute's representative or as may be delegated by the Institute on a case-by-case basis.
- (4) Participate in any meetings as required provided that such meetings are also attended by the CEO or the Institute's Representative.
- (5) Contribute to the journal 'The Accountant' and any other publications of the Institute.

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### Specific Responsibilities of the Sustainable Finance Committee for the term 2024 – 2025

During the above-captioned term, the Sustainable Finance Committee shall be responsible to:

- (a) Monitor international developments in matters pertaining to Sustainable Finance, including publications by the European Commission, the International Federation of Accountants, the European Financial Reporting Advisory Group (EFRAG) and International Sustainability Standards Board (ISSB).
- (b) Raise awareness among the Institute's members and committees on Sustainable Finance and related developments.
- (c) Assist the Institute's members initially on the content of and eventually in the implementation of new sustainability reporting standards and guidance issued by the ISSB and EFRAG.
- (d) Participate in consultation requests or any other request for feedback issued by national and/or international authorities and bodies.
- (e) Contribute to the Malta Financial Services Advisory Council.
- (f) Keep the Institute's members informed of any significant developments and where appropriate to provide them with the necessary guidance.
- (g) Work closely with MIA Committees or Groups on matters related to sustainable finance, including the widened role of auditors and accountants, and the benefits of implementing sustainability at the core of the business.
- (h) Continue establishing closer ties with regulatory bodies.
- (i) Perform any other responsibilities as delegated by the Institute.

During the first meeting of the Sustainable Finance Committee, the chairperson together with the deputy chairperson and the Committee members are to discuss and include in the Committee's responsibilities for the term:

- (a) any other matters of current interest to the Institute's members; and
- (b) the projects to be worked on and concluded during the term, within the remit of these Terms of Reference.

The initial agenda and list of projects should be updated during the term of the Committee to take into consideration the exigencies of the profession. Any item on the agenda must be in line with the Institute's strategy.

### Meetings

The Sustainable Finance Committee shall meet as and when necessary but not less than four (4) meetings shall be held every year.

Attendance and contribution will be monitored and reviewed on an ongoing basis. Council shall have the discretion to remove Committee members who do not attend and/or contribute during Committee meetings.

The chairperson of the Sustainable Finance Committee will set an agenda for each meeting after conferring with the deputy chairperson, the other Committee members and the Institute's representative. The agenda and any relevant documentation will be circulated amongst the Committee members in advance as practical.

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Agenda and minutes of meetings shall only be communicated via the channel identified by the Institute.