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# SDGs & Non Financial Reporting

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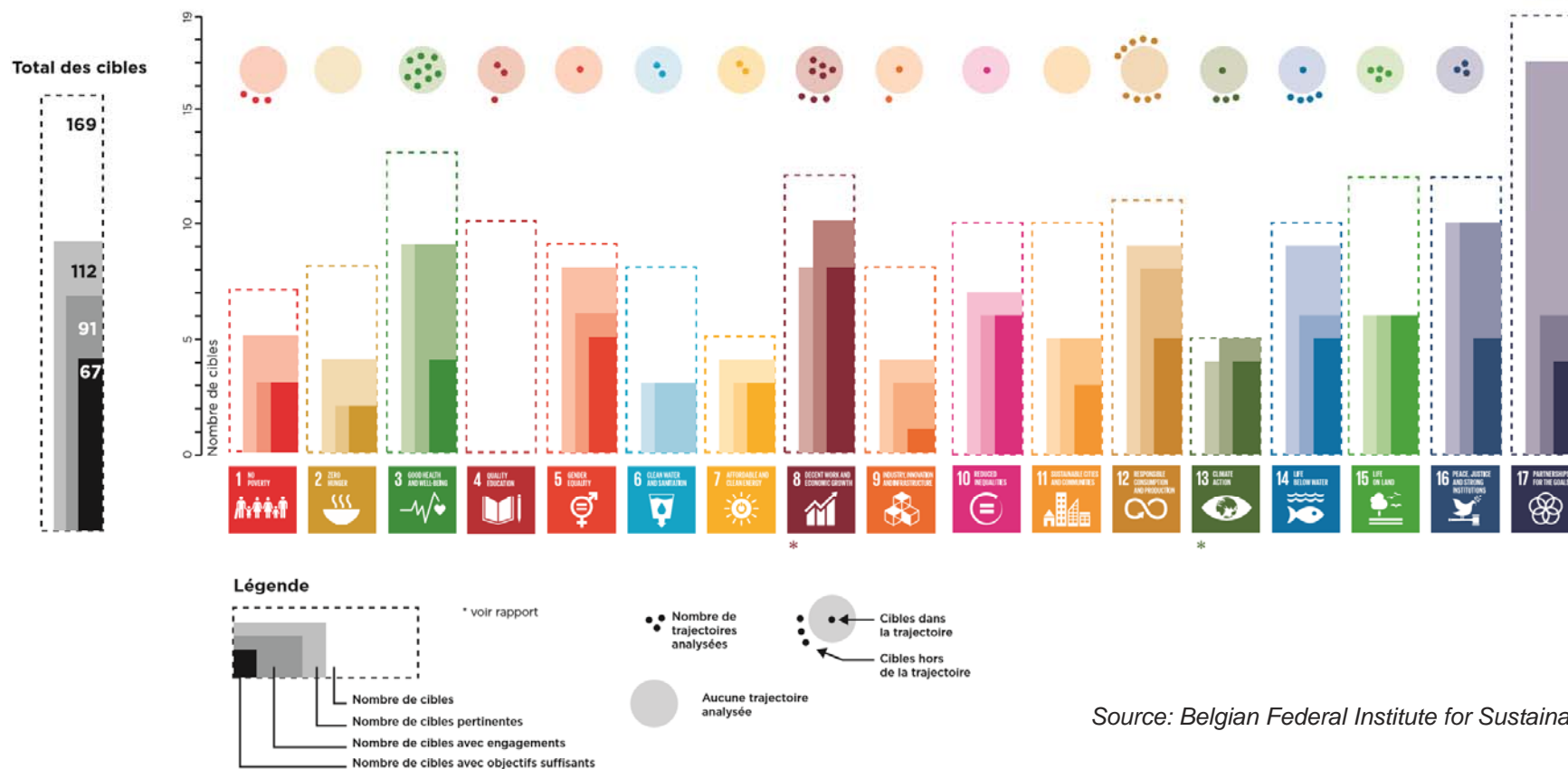
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# Belgium



Source: Belgian Federal Institute for Sustainable Development, 2017

## Legal Implementation



Scope	EU (2014/95/EU)		Belgium (03.09.2017)
<b>Companies</b>	PIEs (listed companies, banks, insurance)		
<b>Size</b>	40 mio € turnover 20 mio € balance sheet 500 employees		34 mio € turnover 17 mio € balance sheet 500 employees
<b>Board of directors</b>	Annual report (chapter or separate report attached)		
<b>Framework</b>	Internationally recognized standards (e.g. GRI, UN Global Compact, ISO 26000)		
<b>Statutory Auditor</b>	Existence check (min.)		Existence & consistency checks
<b>External assurance</b>	Optional (e.g. ISAE 3000)		

# Annual Report

Companies:	Small *	Medium & Large	Very Large PIEs	Listed
Financial information	✓	✓	✓	✓
Main risks		✓	✓	✓
Environmental & Social		✓	✓	✓
Non Financial Reporting			✓	✓
Corporate Governance				✓
Remuneration Report				✓
Diversity				✓

*\*No annual report*



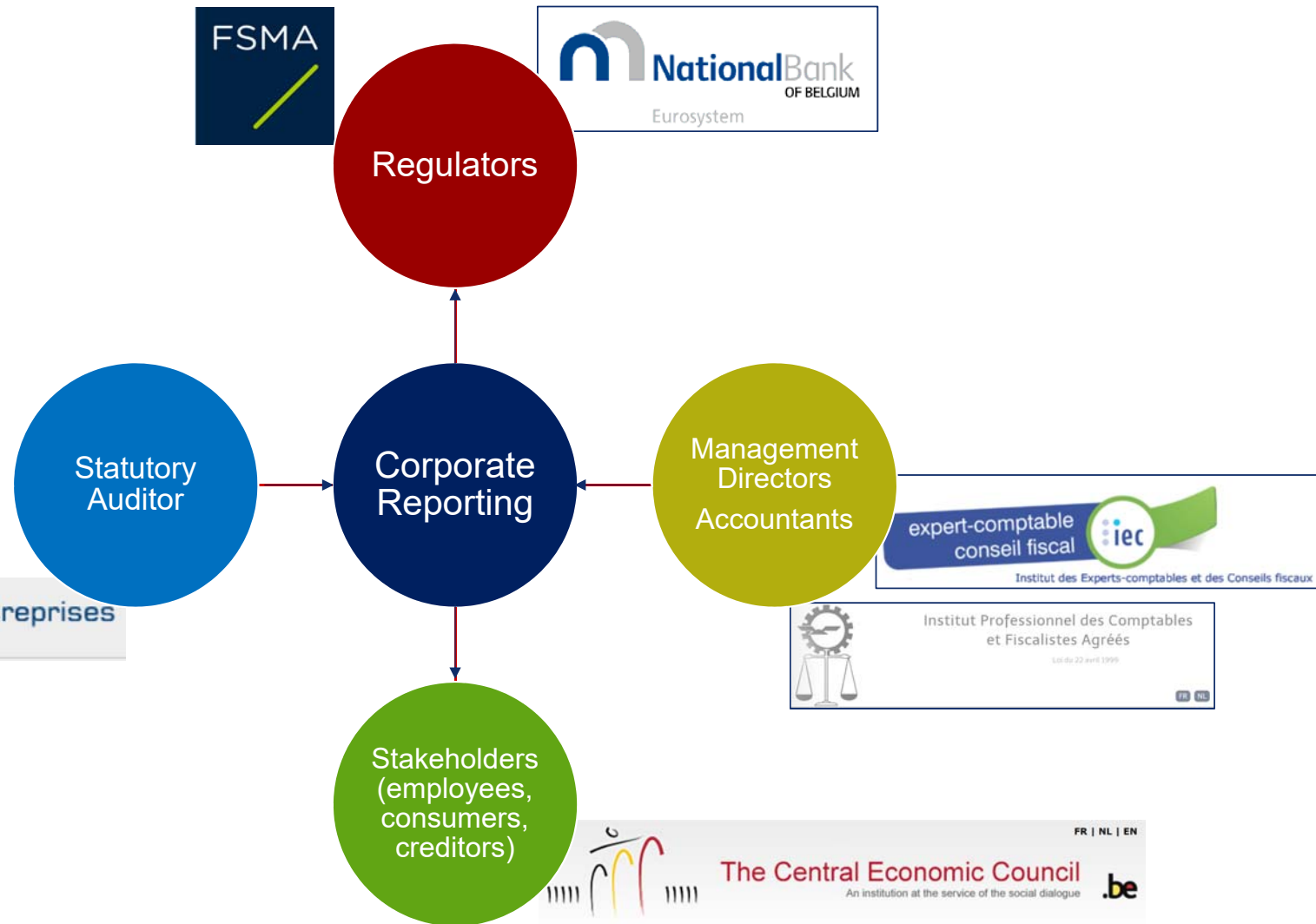
# Non Financial Reporting



	Environment	Social	Human Rights	Anti-corruption
Policies	✓	✓	✓	✓
KPIs	✓	✓	✓	✓
Risks Management	✓	✓	✓	✓
Outcome	✓	✓	✓	✓

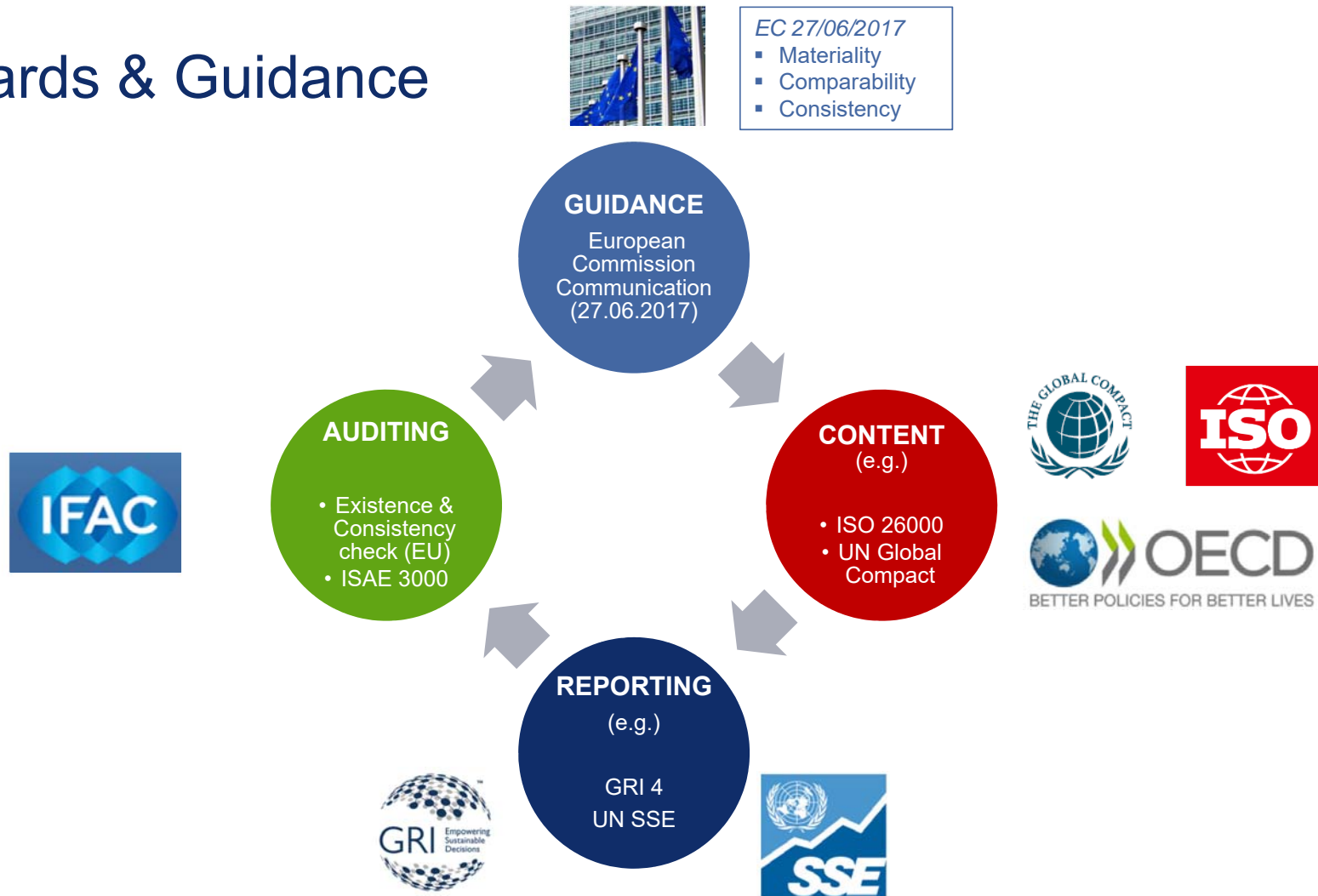
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# Institutions

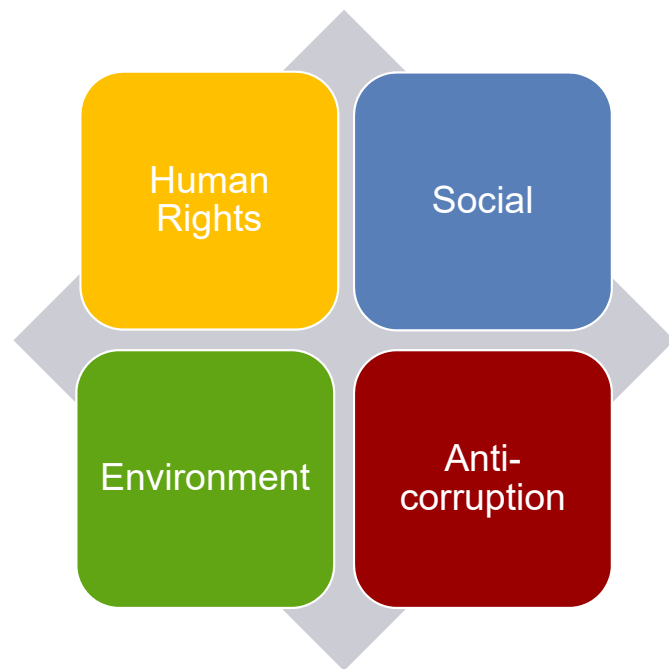




# Standards & Guidance



# UN Global Compact OECD Guidelines



## The Ten Principles of the United Nations Global Compact

The UN Global Compact asks companies to embrace, support and enact, within their sphere of influence, a set of core values in the areas of human rights, labour standards, the environment, and anti-corruption:

### HUMAN RIGHTS

- Principle 1 Businesses should support and respect the protection of internationally proclaimed human rights; and
- Principle 2 make sure that they are not complicit in human rights abuses.

### LABOUR

- Principle 3 Businesses should uphold the freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining;
- Principle 4 the elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour;
- Principle 5 the effective abolition of child labour; and
- Principle 6 the elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation.

### ENVIRONMENT

- Principle 7 Businesses should support a precautionary approach to environmental challenges;
- Principle 8 Undertake initiatives to promote greater environmental responsibility; and
- Principle 9 encourage the development and diffusion of environmentally friendly technologies.

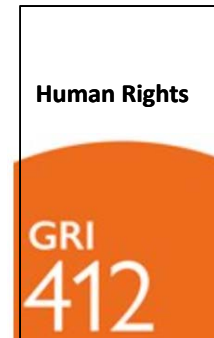
### ANTI-CORRUPTION

- Principle 10 Businesses should work against corruption in all its forms, including extortion and bribery.

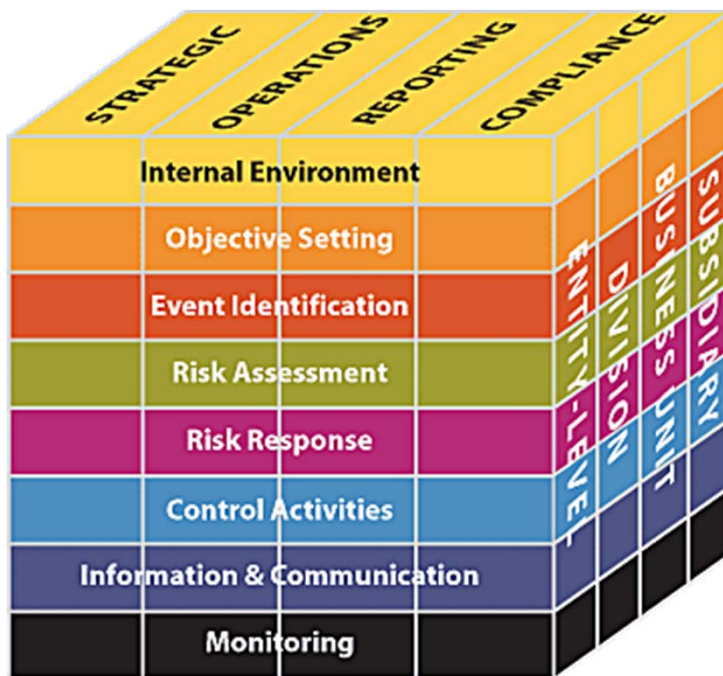


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# Global Reporting Initiative



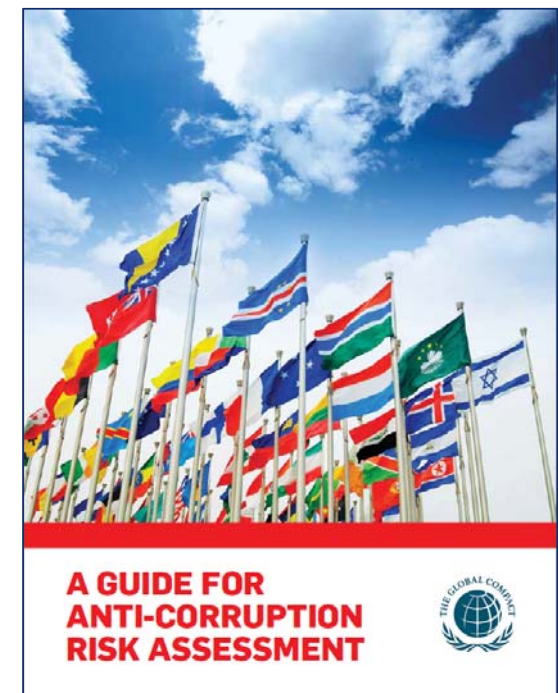
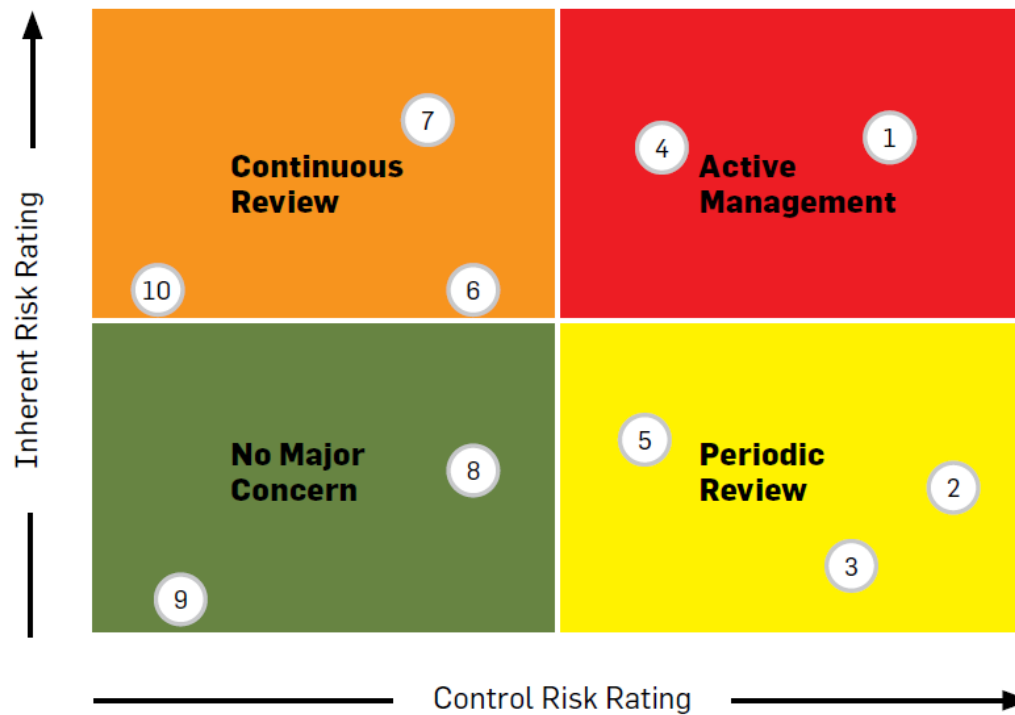
# Enterprise Risks Management



Source: [www.coso.org](http://www.coso.org)

Risk category	Risk subcategory
Strategic	Clients, Competitors, Partners, Investors, Product portfolio,...
Operational	Infrastructure capacity, Production technology, Knowledge management, Sourcing, Supply chain,...
Financial	Financing, Liquidity, Currency, Taxes,...
Legal	Contracting, market abuse, anti-trust, anti-corruption, privacy, corporate governance,...
External	Terrorism, Natural disaster, Country risk,...

# Corruption Risk Response (sample)



Source: p.71

# Conclusion

- Annual Report (PIEs)
  - Environment
  - Labour
  - Human Rights
  - Anti-corruption
  - + Diversity (listed companies)
- Guidance & Standards
  - Content
  - Reporting
  - Auditing
- Implementation in practice
  - Compliance & Risks Management
  - Governance & Reporting



*Enhancing disclosure  
of non-financial information  
contributes to achieve  
the Sustainable Development Goals*

# Thank you!

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