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## Editorial

IASB Vice-Chair Sue Lloyd has been appointed to head the IFRS Interpretations Committee, and four IASB members who supported the recent major standards have been re-appointed for a second term. This underscores the IFRS Foundation's commitment, going forward, to the implementation of standards and to supporting their consistent application. This commitment appears necessary in the context of the implementation of the recent major standards, but older standards that continue to raise numerous issues should also benefit from it.

Enjoy your reading!

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# IFRS Highlights

## A European chair for the Monitoring Board

The Monitoring Board, which oversees the IFRS Foundation, announced on 3 February 2017 that Jean-Paul Servais has been appointed as Chair for a two-year term. Mr Servais is currently Vice-Chairman of the IOSCO Board and Chairman of the Belgian Financial Services and Markets Authority.

The Monitoring Board was formed in 2008 and is made up of representatives of capital markets authorities. Its purpose is to provide a link between the IFRS Foundation and public authorities through its oversight of the Trustees of the IFRS Foundation.

The press release on the new appointment can be found here:

[https://www.iosco.org/about/monitoring\\_board/pdf/Press-20170203-1.pdf](https://www.iosco.org/about/monitoring_board/pdf/Press-20170203-1.pdf)

## Sue Lloyd appointed as chair of the IFRS Interpretations Committee

On 10 February 2017, the IFRS Foundation announced that Sue Lloyd, Vice-Chair of the IASB, has been appointed as Chair of the IFRS Interpretations Committee (IFRS IC). Ms Lloyd succeeds Wayne Upton, who passed away in September 2016 (see Beyond the GAAP no. 103, September 2016).

The IFRS IC is made up of 14 voting members from different countries and professional backgrounds. The Chair does not have voting rights.

The press release for this appointment can be found here:

<http://www.ifrs.org/Alerts/Governance/Pages/iasb-vice-chair-sue-lloyd-to-chair-ifrs-ic.aspx>

## Four IASB members re-appointed for second term

On 21 February 2017, the IFRS Foundation announced that four IASB members have been re-appointed for a second term, after their first term comes to an end in June 2017. The four members in question are Martin Edelmann, Gary Kabureck, Chungwoo Suh and Mary Tokar.

The IFRS Foundation has also decided to extend Darrel Scott's second term for a further two years.

The press release is available here:

<http://www.ifrs.org/Alerts/PressRelease/Pages/IFRS-Foundation-Trustees-announce-reappointments-of-four-IASB-Members.aspx>

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# European Highlights

## EFRAG publishes draft endorsement advice recommending EU endorsement of IFRS 16

On 14 February 2017, EFRAG published its draft endorsement advice recommending that IFRS 16 should be endorsed by the EU. Stakeholders have until 13 March 2017 to comment on the draft.

This draft endorsement advice follows a preliminary consultation document, which was published for comment in October 2016 and which assessed whether the standard meets the technical criteria for endorsement set out in Regulation (EC) No 1606/2002 (see Beyond the GAAP no. 104, October 2016). This preliminary document was to be followed by additional outreach with users of financial statements, as required by the European Commission, and an economic study on the effects of the new standard.

The new draft reflects comments from stakeholders on the assessment of whether the standard meets the technical criteria, and presents the additional analyses required by the European Commission. On 22 February 2017, EFRAG also published the economic impact assessment for the standard.

In the draft endorsement advice to the European Commission, EFRAG emphasises the fact that timely endorsement of IFRS 16 is very important to some stakeholders, so that they can apply IFRS 16 at the same time as IFRS 15 (i.e. on 1 January 2018).

The draft endorsement advice for IFRS 16 is available via the following link :

<http://www.efrag.org/Assets/Download?assetUrl=%2Fsites%2Fwebpublishing%2FsiteAssets%2FIFRS%252016%2520Draft%2520Endorsement%2520Advice.pdf>

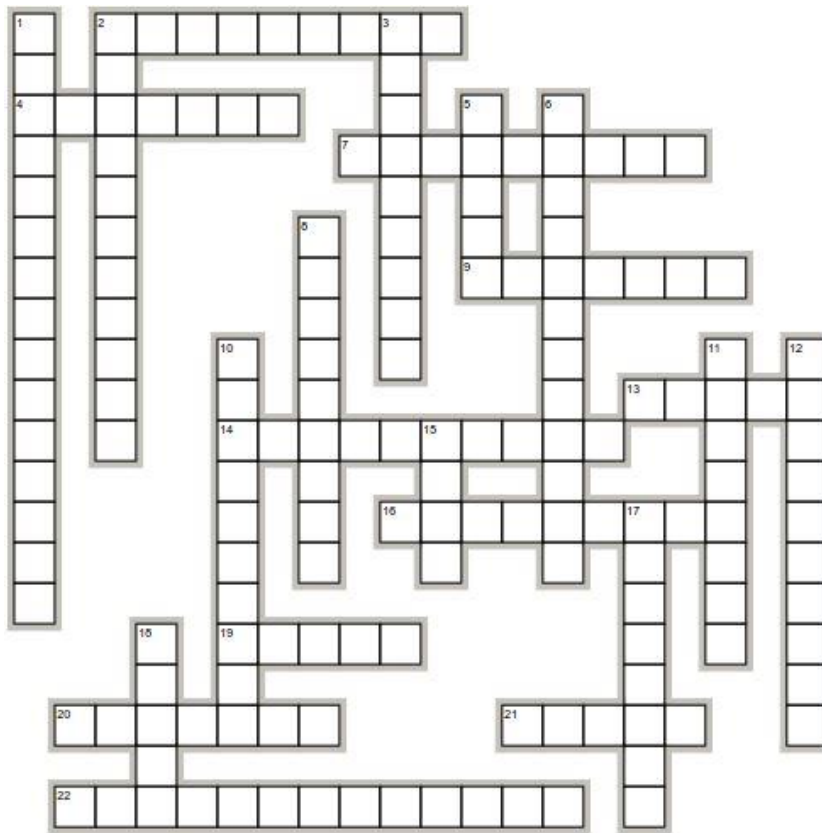
The economic impact assessment is available here:

<http://www.efrag.org/Assets/Download?assetUrl=%2Fsites%2Fwebpublishing%2FsiteAssets%2FIFRS%252016%2520-%2520Europe%2520Economics%2520-%2520Ex%2520ante%2520Impact%2520Assessment%2520%2822%2520February%25202017%29.pdf>

## Crossword: last month's solution



# Crossword: Decoding acronyms



Place the word represented by the letter indicated from the corresponding acronym:

## Down:

1. The second I in IFRS IC
2. P in APM
3. A in AFS
5. V in FVH
6. O in EIOPA
8. G in GAAP
10. X in XBRL
11. A in CMAC
12. S in SEC
15. I in ITG
17. E in EFRAG
18. F in ASAF

## Across:

2. The second P in SPPI
4. T in FVTPL
7. F in FASB
9. E in TEG
13. H in CFH
14. T in TRG
16. P in GPF
19. B in IASB
20. M in ESMA
21. O in OCI
22. C in SCI

# Events and FAQ

## Frequently asked questions

### IFRS

- Disclosures on executive compensation;
- Retirement benefits: modifying a company-level agreement;
- Deferred tax and tax rates enacted or substantively enacted;
- Accounting treatment of costs incurred in a share buyback programme;
- Distinguishing between a business combination and an asset purchase;
- Presentation in the cash flow statement of activities falling within the scope of IFRS 5.

## Upcoming meetings of the IASB, IFRS Interpretations Committee and EFRAG

| IFRS        |             | EFRAG           |             |
|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| IASB        | Committee   | Board           | TEG         |
| 20-24 March | 14-15 March | 16 and 22 March | 29-30 March |
| 24-28 April | 3 May       | 11 April        | 10-12 May   |
| 15-19 May   | 13-14 June  | 31 May          | 28-30 June  |

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