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Kosovo requires use of the IFRS for SMEs

Small and medium-sized entities (SMEs) in Kosovo are required to use the *IFRS for SMEs* starting 1 January 2015. That requirement was adopted by the Kosovo Council for Financial Reporting (KCFR)—the accounting standard setter in Kosovo—pursuant to Law No. 04/L-014 on accounting, financial reporting and audit.

Consequently, Kosovo now has a three-tier accounting standards structure as follows:

- Large commercial companies must use full IFRS. Those are companies that meet two of the three following criteria: annual turnover (net): greater than €4,000,000; total assets greater than €2,000,000; and average number of employees greater than 50.
- Micro-sized entities must use standards developed for them by the KCFR. Micro-sized entities are
 those with annual turnover €50,000 or less; total assets €25,000 or less; and average number of
 employees not more than 10.

 SMEs must use the IFRS for SMEs. These are all business entities that are neither large nor micro sized.

SMEs and micro-sized entities may use full IFRS if they wish.

Adoption of the IFRS for SMEs proposed in Pakistan

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP) has proposed adoption of the *IFRS for SMEs*, and the matter is under consideration by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Pakistan.

The IFRS for SMEs would replace the Pakistani Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards for Medium Sized Entities issued by the ICAP. Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards for Small Sized Entities (SSEs) will continue to be applicable to small companies.

Upcoming amendments to the IFRS for SMEs

The IASB has finalised its discussions on the amendments to the *IFRS for SMEs* resulting from the initial comprehensive review of the *IFRS for SMEs*. The final amendments are expected to be issued in late May/early June 2015.

More information on the initial comprehensive review is available on the **SME webpages** of the IASB website (**www.ifrs.org**).

Upcoming 'train the trainers' workshops

For more details, click here.

Eastern Europe

Date: 16 to 18 September 2015

Location: Pristina

Instructors: Darrel Scott (IASB member and Chairman of the IASB's SME Implementation Group) and

Michael Wells (Director, IFRS Education Initiative, IASB)

Language: English

Sponsoring organisations: Society of Certified Accountants and Auditors of Kosovo (SCAAK)

Asia

Date: 13 October 2015 **Location**: Hong Kong

Instructors include: Darrel Scott, Fanny Hsiang (Director, Head of Technical & Training Department,

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Language: English

Sponsoring organisations: Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants (HKICPA)

IFRS for SMEs translations: status report

Here is the current status of the *IFRS for SMEs* translations that have been approved by the IFRS Foundation:

Completed: Albanian*, Arabic, Armenian*, Bosnian*, Bulgarian*, Chinese (simplified)*, Croatian*, Czech*, Estonian*, French*, Georgian, German, Hebrew*, Italian*, Japanese*, Kazakh*, Khmer*, Lithuanian*, Macedonian*, Mongolian*, Polish*, Portuguese*, Romanian*, Russian*, Serbian, Spanish*, Turkish* and Ukrainian*.

In progress: Azeri and Turkmen.

*Available for free download **here** (for translations not marked with an * please see our **webshop** for details on how to purchase a hard copy).

Where to obtain IFRS for SMEs materials

- The Standard online (available in multiple languages)
- The Standard in hard copy
- Information about the SME Implementation Group (SMEIG)
- Information about the comprehensive review of the IFRS for SMEs
- Information about guidance for micro-sized entities applying the IFRS for SMEs
- The Exposure Draft of proposed amendments to the IFRS for SMEs
- Q & As
- 'Train the trainers' workshops and presentation slides
- Training materials in PDF format
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