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From Readiness to Reporting: RESPONSE Project Unveils Practical ESG Solutions for SMEs at Dublin Event

DUBLIN, IRELAND – Navigating the evolving landscape of European sustainability regulations can be a daunting task for smaller businesses. To bridge this gap, the Erasmus+ co-funded RESPONSE project recently hosted a major public event in Dublin, gathering industry experts, policymakers, and local enterprises to present accessible, cost-free ESG reporting solutions developed by project partners.

Hosted by the Dublin Chamber at the Chartered Accountants House, the session was officially opened by Chamber CEO Mary Rose Burke. The core objective of the day was to discuss the EU's regulatory framework and the new voluntary sustainability reporting standards for SMEs (VS). Attendees gained strategic policy and ESG reporting insights from high-level guest speakers, including Fiona Campbell, Director of Public Affairs at Drury, and Pádraic Ó hUiginn from the National Standards Authority of Ireland (NSAI). Grounding these theoretical concepts in practical business reality, Courtnee Kyle from PTSB shared a compelling industry perspective on executing double materiality assessments.

A central highlight of the morning was the anticipation of the RESPONSE project's ESG+ Toolbox. Designed specifically to alleviate the administrative and financial burden on micro and small enterprises, the toolkit features intuitive self-assessment guidelines, ESG KPIs calculators, and tailored reporting templates. Rather than relying on expensive external consultancies, SMEs were shown how to leverage their existing internal data to meet the growing ESG demands of supply chains and financial institutions. RESPONSE consortium will complete the development phase of the ESG+ Toolbox within the end of 2026, starting to test it with real SMEs in the first months of 2027.

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About RESPONSE

The RESPONSE project is a thirty-month project, co-funded by Erasmus+ Programme, running from September 2025 to February 2028 that focuses on developing a set of tools to support ESG reporting in European SMEs. The partnership includes the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Vratsa, Fondazione ISI, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Dublin Chamber and Cámara Valencia.

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