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# Reporting on Sustainability

## A stocktake of EU Institutions and Agencies

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# Main review question

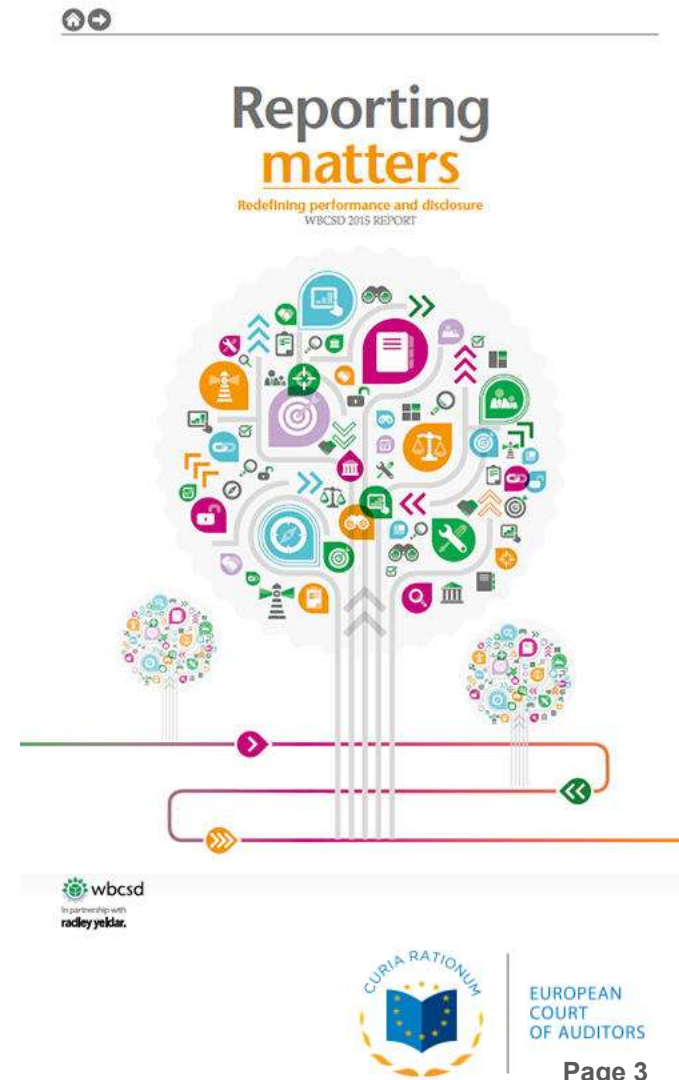
What is the status of reporting on the **achievement of the SDGs** at EU level and **sustainability reporting** by individual **EU institutions and agencies?**



# Sustainability Reporting

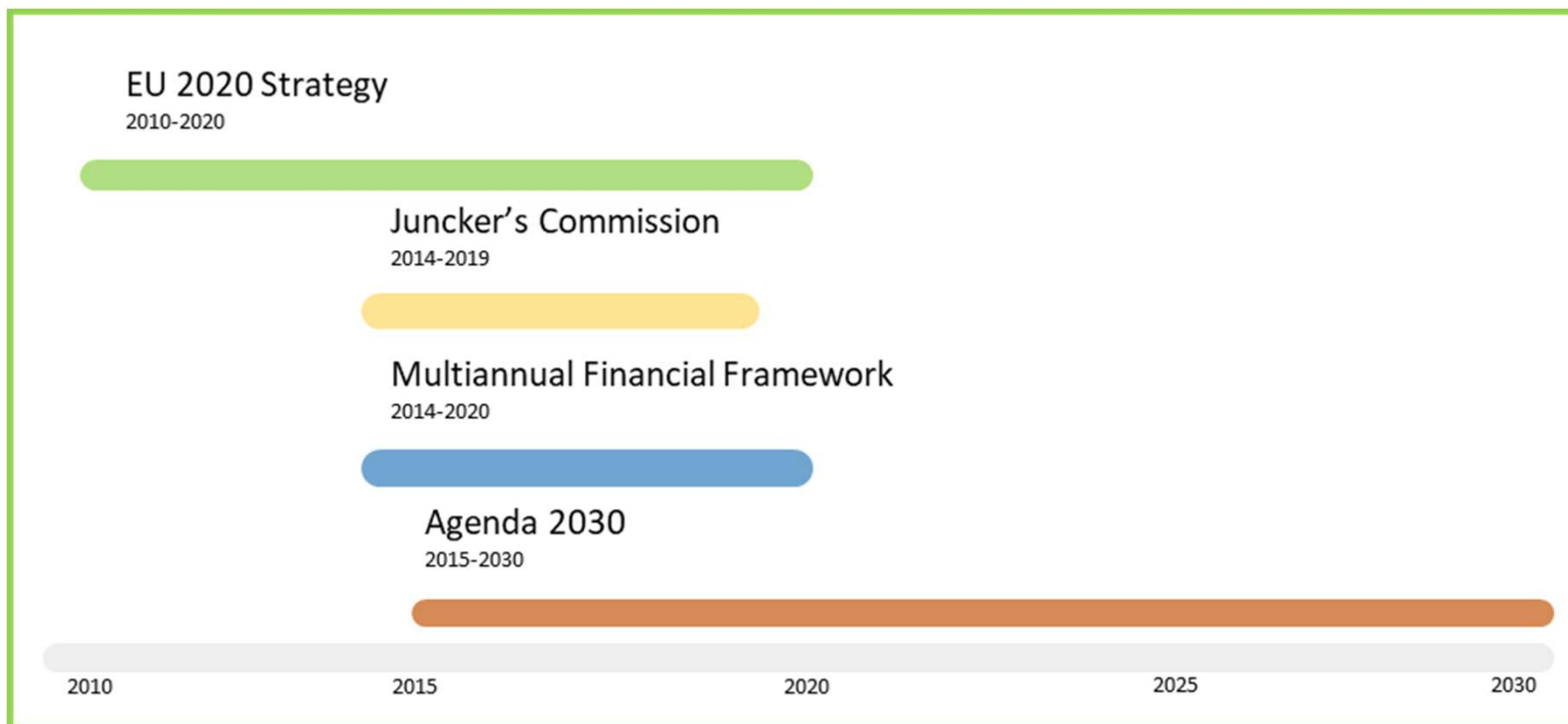
## Reporting on non-financial information

- Reporting on **economic, environmental** and **social** impact
- Organisation's values and governance model, and link between **strategy** and its **commitment** to sustainability
- Not just a report but a process
- Used for decision-making and accountability



# No long-term strategy beyond 2020

No overall EU **strategy** that covers the SDGs up to 2030



# Commission Reflection Paper

January 2019

- Step in the right direction
- **Three scenarios** for a sustainable Europe
- Neither a strategy nor sustainability reporting
- No **analysis** identifying what more needs to be done by the EU



# Eurostat Report

- SDG-related information largely based on statistical data from **Member States**
- “Progress towards the SDGs in an EU context”
- It does not measure the contribution of **EU budget** or **EU policy** to achieving the SDGs



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# Commission Performance Reporting

- EU committed to SDGs and sustainability, so expect reporting
- No reporting on the contribution of EU **budget** and **policy** to achieving SDGs
- **Exception:** performance reporting in external action adapted



# Individual reporting

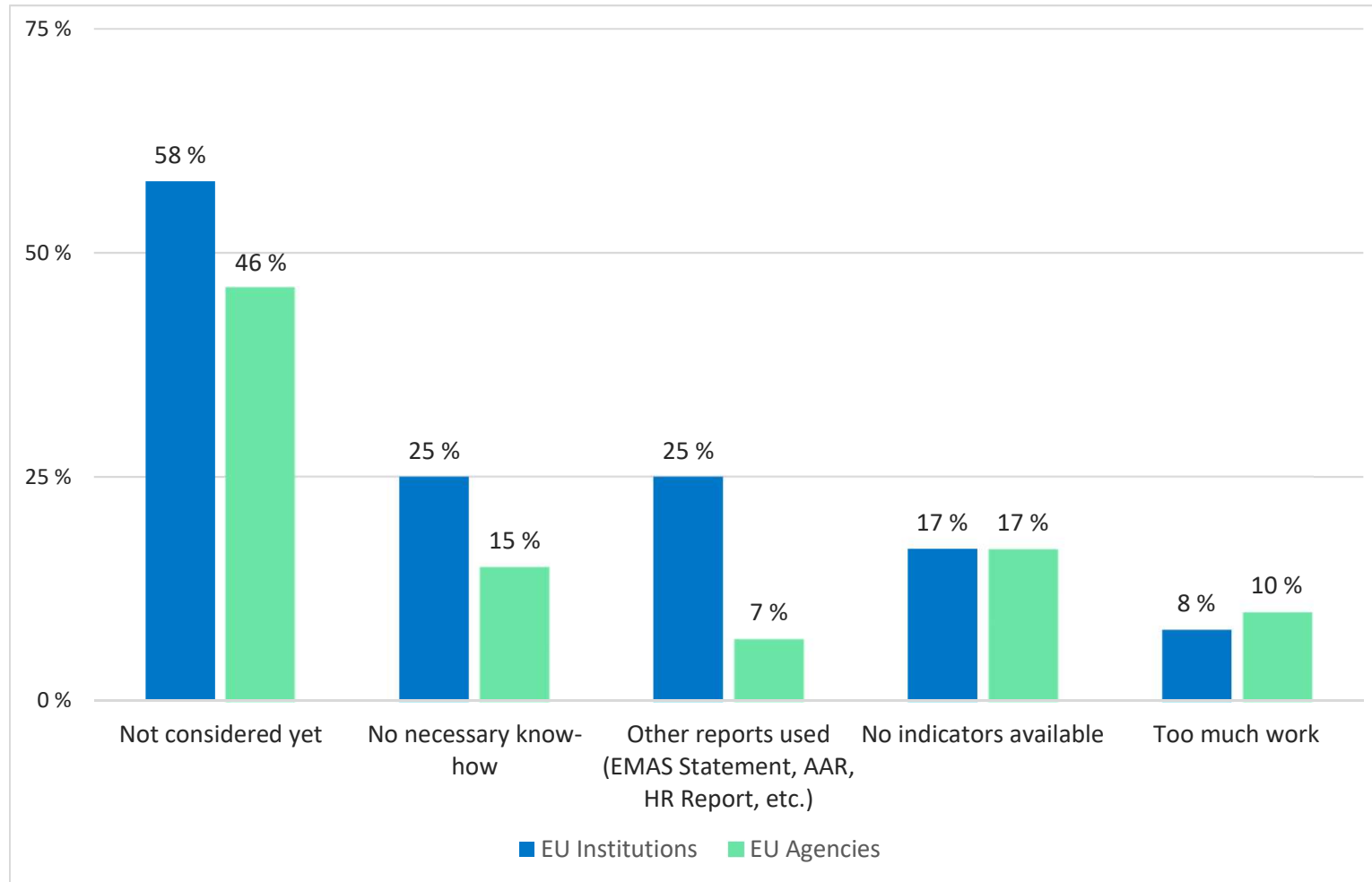
## by EU institutions and agencies

- Covered: 12 Institutions and 41 agencies
  - Two EU bodies publish **sustainability reports**
    - European Investment Bank (EIB)
    - European Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO)
  - Others:
    - Information incomplete and piecemeal
    - Focus on running of organisation (e.g. paper use) rather than how sustainability integrated in strategy & activities
- => risk: important issues not covered



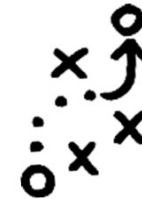


# Key reasons for not publishing a sustainability report



# Four major challenges

1. Developing an **EU strategy** post 2020 that covers the SDGs and sustainability



2. Integrating sustainability and SDGs into the **EU budget** and the **performance** framework



3. Developing sustainability **reporting** in EU institutions and agencies



4. Increasing the credibility of sustainability reporting through **audit**

