

Reaching IFRS 17 Implementation

At a recent webinar, Legerity’s CEO Jeremy Wood was joined by Legerity’s Global IFRS 17 Lead Mark Miller and PwC’s Richard Hart, for a webinar providing insight and practical implementation guidelines from assessment to deployment for IFRS 17.

Pedalling with the Pack

Richard Hart, IFRS 17 Lead at PwC, used a Tour de France metaphor to place the six main market participant groups into context, based on their readiness for the incoming IFRS 17 accounting standard.

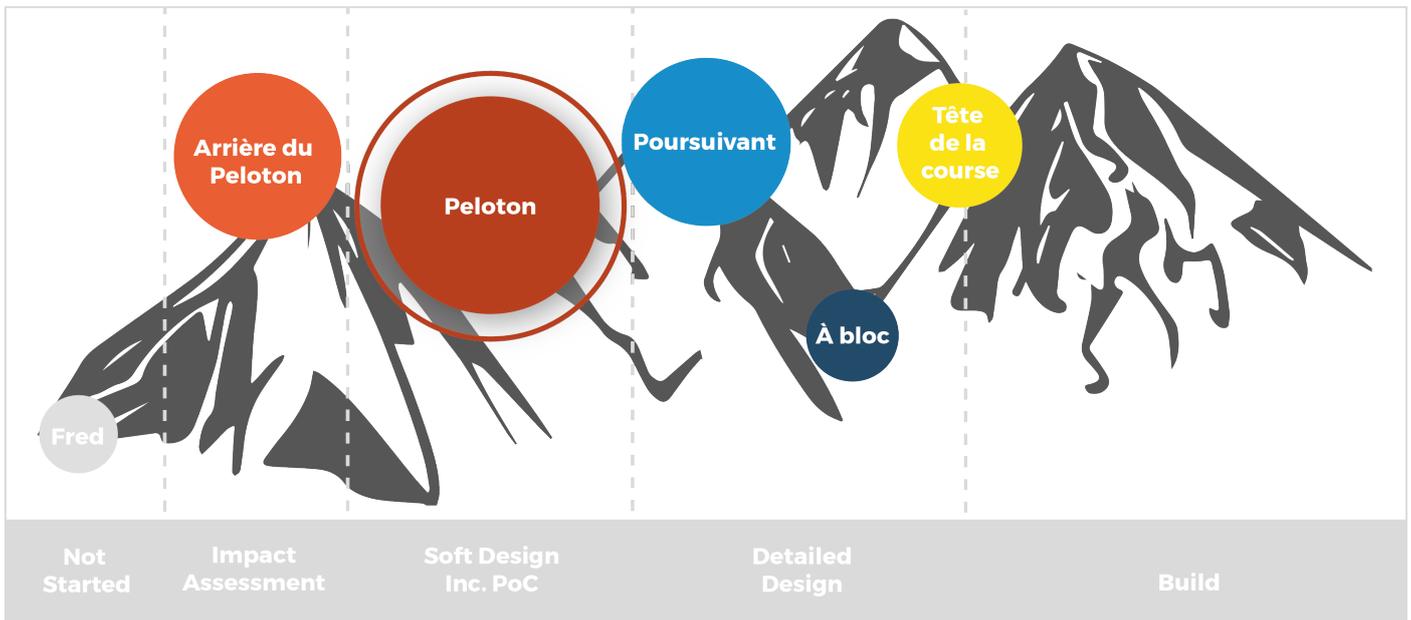


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The majority of the market is at the ‘Peloton’ stage: focussing on the changes that are necessary to meet IFRS 17 compliance. Legerity’s FastPost accounting rules and calculation engine is ideally positioned to help these firms deliver Compliance and pivot towards a more value added approach - delivering ‘Compliance Plus’ business benefits.

Group	Stage they are at
Tête de la course	Many of these firms started early and have maintained a steady pace. They are now well placed with their programs and into the 'build' phase. This represents only a very small part of the market.
À bloc	Started later than the leaders and pushed incredibly hard to catch up. They envisage full modernisation - a clean IFRS 17 compliant infrastructure of data and systems that will be ready in time. They are in a difficult place, realising that while full modernisation is valuable, there's a lot more work to do with their legacy systems to make sure they will be compliant.
Poursuivant	Firms that are going above just compliance, but not undergoing complete digital transformation.
Peloton	Pushing ahead of pace. Well into their technical papers, performing impact assessments and heavily into soft design with the associated design requirements and data activities. Also starting Proofs of Concept.
Arrière du peloton	Just completing their impact assessment. Great opportunity to draft the Peloton. Insurers that have stalled on their impact assessments will soon be left behind.
Fred	Firms yet to begin conducting an Impact Assessment.



The market is seeing firms at different stages of readiness.

Take Legerity's Solution for a Test Drive

Legerity's approach to both business and technology is to minimise risk for our clients – both in terms of achieving compliance with IFRS 17, and in integrating new technologies into clients' existing estates. Our Proof of Concept (PoC) offering and methodology provides firms with tangible, hands-on experience on the technology's functionality and the benefits it delivers. The full end-to-end process is delivered in a time-boxed project, covering the core GMM, PAA and VFA models, and working through specific relevant scenarios.

Benefits of the PoC:

- IFRS 17 Pre-configured sand box
- Model 5 Scenarios GMM, PAA, VFA
- End-to-end Process - Data to Disclosure
- Time boxed for fast results
- Cloud based for fast and non disruptive delivery
- Best practice IFRS 17 templates
- Validate data requirements
- Scalable and flexible

Trialling FastPost: The Results

Legerity packaged and delivered an IFRS 17 PoC programme for a global Insurance company, covering five multi-year Insurance scenarios including GMM and PAA. The PoC modelled the full end to end processing from Cashflow to final Disclosure. The PoC even included IFRS 4 comparisons, enabling clients to see the key differences and help define the next logical steps in the project.



Software as a Service

Legerity's FastPost accounting rules and calculation engine leverages the very latest developments across Open Source technology, in-memory computing and elastic Amazon Web Service (AWS) processing power – delivered through a non-disruptive, Software as a Service model.

Insurance providers can use FastPost to process massive volumes of data and perform computer-intensive tasks in the blink of an eye. By reducing the time and effort required to comply with IFRS 17, Legerity enables Actuarial and Finance teams to free up time to perform value-add activities in others areas of the business.

Modernisation within the Industry

With under-investment in back-office systems a challenge facing the global Insurance industry, IFRS 17 presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to modernise. Legerity FastPost enables firms to go beyond box-ticking compliance, whilst also avoiding the risk and expense of full digital transformation. The middle ground delivers comprehensive, pragmatic IFRS 17 compliance, along with several business benefits:

- Simplified end-to-end processing
- Faster close
- Future proof scalability
- Lower operating costs
- Greater business insight
- Rapid reaction to business change

Legerity call this: **Compliance Plus.**