

The most significant differences between corporate governance practices adopted by U.S. domestic companies under the NYSE standards (Section 303A.11) and those followed by Eni

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#### Independent Directors

In accordance with NYSE standards, the majority of the members on the Boards of Directors of U.S. companies must be independent. A Director qualifies as independent when the Board affirmatively determines that such Director does not have a material relationship with the listed company (and its subsidiaries), either directly, or indirectly. In particular, a Director may not be deemed independent if he or she or an immediate family member has a certain specific relationship with the issuer, its auditors or companies that have material business relationships with the issuer (e.g. he or she is an employee of the issuer or a partner of the Auditor). In addition, a Director cannot be considered independent in the three-year "coolingoff "period following the termination of any relationship that compromised a Director's independence.

In Italy, the Consolidated Law on Financial Intermediation states that at least one of the Directors or two, if the Board is composed of more than seven members, must meet the independence requirements for Statutory Auditors of listed companies. In particular, a Director may not be deemed independent if he/she or an immediate family member has a relationship with the issuer, with its Directors or with the companies in the same group of the issuer that could influence the independence of judgment.

Eni's By-laws require that at least one Director - if the Board has no more than five members - or at least three Directors - if the Board is composed of more than five members – must satisfy the independence requirements. The Corporate Governance Code 2018 provides for additional independence requirements, recommending that the Board of Directors includes an adequate number of independent non-executive Directors. In particular, for issuers belonging to FTSE-MIB index of the Italian Stock Market, like Eni, the Corporate Governance Code 2018 recommends that at least one-third of the members of the Board of Directors shall be independent Directors. In any event, independent Directors shall not be fewer than two. According to new Code, in large companies other than those with concentrated ownership, like Eni, independent directors should account for at least half of the board (this recommendation shall apply starting from the first renewal of the board of directors following December 31, 2020). Independence is defined as not being currently or recently involved in any direct or indirect relationship with the issuer or other parties associated with the issuer and that may influence his/her independent judgment. After the appointment of a Director who qualifies as independent and subsequently, upon the occurrence of circumstances affecting the independence requirements and in any case at least once a year, the Board of Directors assesses the independence of the Director. The Board of Statutory Auditors verifies the correct application of the criteria and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors to evaluate the independence of its members. The Board of Directors shall disclose the result of its evaluations, after the appointment, through a press release to the market and, subsequently, in the Annual Corporate Governance Report. In accordance with Eni's Bylaws, if a Director, who qualifies as independent, does not or no longer satisfies the independence requirements established by law, the Board declares



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	the Director disqualified and provides for their substitution. Directors shall notify the Company if they should no longer satisfy the independence and integrity requirements or if cause for ineligibility or incompatibility should arise.
Meetings of non-executive Directors	
Non-executive Directors, including those who are not independent, must meet on a regular basis without the executive Directors. In addition, if the group of non-executive Directors includes Directors who are not independent, independent Directors should meet separately at least once a year.	Pursuant to Corporate Governance Code 2018 and the new Code, independent Directors shall meet at least once a year without the other Directors.
Audit Committee	
Listed U.S. companies must have an Audit Committee that satisfies the requirements of Rule 10A-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that complies with the provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and of Section 303A.07 of the NYSE Listed Company Manual.	At its Meeting of March 22, 2005, the Board of Directors, as permitted by the rules of SEC applicable to foreign issuers listed on regulated U.S. markets, assigned to the Board of Statutory Auditors, effective from June 1, 2005 and within the limits set by Italian law, the functions specified and the responsibilities assigned to the Audit Committee of such foreign issuers by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and the SEC rules (see "Item 6 – Board of Statutory Auditors" earlier). Under Section 303A.07 of the NYSE Listed Company Manual, audit committees of U.S. companies have additional functions and duties which are not mandatory for non-U.S. private issuers. For further information on the composition of the Board of Statutory Auditors and on its Rules, please refer to the dedicated section of Eni's website.
Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee	

U.S. listed companies must have a Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee (or equivalent body) composed entirely of independent Directors whose functions include, but are not limited to, selecting qualified candidates for the office of Director for submission to the Shareholders' Meeting, as well as developing and recommending corporate governance guidelines to the Board of Directors. This provision is not binding for non-U.S. private issuers.

Pursuant to the Corporate Governance Code 2018 and the new Code, the Board of Directors shall establish among its members a nomination committee the majority of whose members shall be independent Directors. The Nomination Committee of Eni is made up of three to four Directors, a majority of whom shall be independent in accordance with the recommendations of the Corporate Governance Code 2018<sup>1</sup>. On May 14, 2020, the Board of Directors of Eni established the Nomination Committee, chaired by Ada Lucia De Cesaris (independent Director) and composed of Pietro Guindani (independent Director) and Emanuele Piccinno (non-executive Director independent pursuant to law).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> - The Committee is currently made up of three Directors, all independent pursuant to law and two out of three independent also pursuant to Corporate Governance Code.



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### Remuneration Committee

U.S. listed companies must have a Remuneration Committee composed entirely of independent Directors who must satisfy the independence requirements provided for its members. The Remuneration Committee must have a written charter that addresses the Committee's purpose and responsibilities within the limit set forth by the listing rules. The Remuneration Committee may, in its sole discretion, retain or obtain the advice of a compensation consultant, independent legal counsel or other adviser and shall be directly responsible for the appointment, compensation and oversight of the work of any compensation consultant, independent legal counsel or other adviser retained by it. These provisions are not binding for non-U.S. private issuers.

Pursuant to the Corporate Governance Code 2018, the Board of Directors shall establish among its members a Remuneration Committee made up of three to four non-executive Directors, all of whom shall be independent or, alternatively, a majority of whom shall be independent. In the latter case, the Chairman of the Committee shall be chosen from among the independent Directors. Pursuant to the Code, the remuneration committee is made up of non-executive directors, the majority of whom are independent, and is chaired by an independent director. At least one of the Committee's members shall have an adequate understanding of and experience in financial matters or compensation policies. First established by the Board of Directors in 1996, the Remuneration Committee is currently chaired by Director Nathalie Tocci. The other members include Directors Karina A. Litvack, and Raphael Louis L. Vermeir. The composition and functions of the Remuneration Committee are outlined in the committee charter ("Rules") available on the Company's website.

## Code of Business Conduct and Ethics

The NYSE listing standards require each U.S. listed company to adopt a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for its Directors, Officers and employees, and to promptly disclose any waivers of the code for Directors or Executive Officers. The Board of Directors of Eni, at its meetings of December 15, 2003 and January 28, 2004, approved an organizational, management and control model pursuant to Italian Legislative Decree No.231 of 2001 (hereinafter "Model 231") and established the associated 231 Supervisory Body of Eni SpA, with the role of supervising the effectiveness of Model 231 and of assessing its suitability to prevent crimes provided in the Italian Legislative Decree No. 231 of 2001.

The Model 231 was most recently updated by resolution of the Board of Directors, in the meetings of March 18, 2020 and June 4, 2020, taking into account the experience gained, amendments to Legislative Decree no. 231/2001, and the corporate organizational changes of Eni SpA.

The autonomy and independence of the 231 Supervisory Body are guaranteed by the position recognized to it within the organizational structure of the Company, and by the requisites of independence, good standing and professionalism of its members.

Furthermore, the Board of Directors, in its meeting of March 18, 2020, approved the new version of Eni's



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	Code of Ethics, that has been updated to become a modern and effective Charter of Values, designed to inspire and guide the conduct of all members of the administrative and control bodies and employees of Eni and its stakeholders. Eni's Code of Ethics sets out a clear definition of the value system that Eni recognizes, accepts and upholds and the responsibilities that Eni assumes internally and externally in order to ensure that all its business activities are conducted in compliance with the law, in a context of fair competition, with honesty, integrity, correctness and in good faith, respecting the legitimate interests of all the stakeholders with whom Eni interacts on an ongoing basis. These include shareholders, employees, suppliers, customers, commercial and financial partners, and the local communities and institutions of the countries where Eni operates. All Eni personnel, without exception or distinction, starting with Directors, senior management and members of the Company's bodies, as also required under SEC rules and the Sarbanes- Oxley Act, are committed to observing and enforcing the principles set out in the Code of Ethics in the performance of their functions and duties.