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Know your direct and indirect impacts

Take Solid, Focused Action (materiality) and gain competitive advantage

Learn how to prepare ASAP a GRI Standards CSR/ESG/SDG Sustainability Report

2-day FBRH GRI Standards Certified and IEMA approved CSR/ESG/Sustainability Reporting Course

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Introduction

Learn how to prepare ASAP a GRI Standards CSR/ ESG/ SDG Sustainability Report

Join me on the next FBRH GRI Standards Certified and IEMA approved Course to learn how to take positive sustainability action using the GRI Standards: an all-round, complete, structured, and methodical approach used by 80% of the world’s largest 250 companies.

Beyond reporting - Leveraging the GRI Standards to gain a competitive advantage

This 2-day FBRH GRI Standards Certified and IEMA approved course is not just about helping you prepare, ASAP, a GRI Standards CSR/ ESG/ SDG/ Sustainability report to present your company’s or organisation’s economic, environmental1 and social impacts2. We are transitioning to a green economy. Businesses in all sectors and NGOs are faced with stricter regulations and changing buying and decision-making patterns. Throughout the course, I will be showing you with many examples why a good GRI Standards report will help you understand how your company or organisation will benefit from the transition to the green economy and gain valuable competitive advantage. US$12 trillion is the cherry on the cake³.

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2. B. UN Secretary General: Climate change is moving faster than we are. https://sustaincase.com/un-secretary-general-climate-change-is-moving-faster-than-we-are
3. C. Four former UN climate talks presidents urge action on climate change. The next two years are crucial https://sustaincase.com/urgent-climate-change-action-needed-the-next-two-years-are-crucial/

Opinion: How to use the GRI Standards ASAP to accelerate positive change. https://sustaincase.com/how-to-use-the-gri-standards-asap-to-accelerate-positive-change/


GLOBAL REPORTING INITIATIVE (GRI)
The biggest issue of our time

Population growth: A huge business opportunity but also a tremendous responsibility

The biggest issue of our time, which is even more serious because of climate change, is the growing number of people Earth has to provide for. In 1900 the world population was 1.6 billion people. By 1950, this number grew to 3 billion people and by 2050 it is estimated that 9 billion people will live on this Earth. The tripling of the world’s population within 100 years is massive market potential. Addressing the needs of all these people is a huge business opportunity but also a tremendous responsibility.

Meeting the challenges of today and the future in a clever, sustainable way

The EU, regulators, stock exchanges and governments around the world are taking action so we can meet the challenges of today and the future in a clever, sustainable way. Laws and regulations are continuously tightening in this effort to reach a greener, sustainable economy. Companies need to understand how these changes affect them so they survive.

Are you prepared for changing buying and decision-making patterns?

Companies worldwide are competing for capital, business and talent. They are increasingly judged by important stakeholders that can hold them back of reaching their objectives:

- **Prospective business partners** across supply chains are increasingly scrutinising new members, in their effort to build long-term, trusting and successful win-win business relationships. They need solid sustainable development reports to assess, if you are the right partner.
- **Investors** need you to demonstrate your ability to identify and effectively manage risks. They expect you to be ahead of the curve and need to understand how you will benefit from the transition to the green circular economy. How you respond to climate, demographic, technological change and political developments.
- **Prospective employees** seek to become part of a collective mission and purpose, in which they can believe. Millennials, the biggest generation in the world, who hold our future in their hands, are overwhelmingly pro-sustainability and are showing this with their every action, either as managers or at a personal level.
- **Communities worldwide** need responsible partners, on whom they can count.

A good sustainability report is like having your radar switched on.

It helps business management teams identify key issues and take the right decisions for success in the long term.
License to operate – millennials

- **Morgan Stanley 2017 research results**: Companies must engage with sustainable development or face being left out of investment decisions by Millennials, one of the largest generations in history moving into its prime spending years.
- 84% of Millennial investors interested in sustainable investing (Morgan Stanley).
- There is an accelerating growth of people choosing sustainable brands (Nielsen: 30,000 consumers in 60 countries).
- Millennials love CSR (Chartered Institute of Marketing, UK).

More research: Sustainable Development Makes Good Business Sense

- 2 out of 4 major consumer trends relate to sustainability (Mintel).
- **Mintel research**: Key 2018 consumer trends relate to sustainability.
- Corporate sustainability and profitability are interrelated (Oxford University).
- High Sustainability companies significantly outperform their counterparts over the long-term, both in terms of stock market as well as accounting performance (Harvard Business School).
- Gender diversity across a company increases productivity (MIT News).

(10) Corporate sustainability and profitability are interrelated (Oxford University) [https://sustaincase.com/oxford-university-corporate-sustainability-and-profitability-are-interrelated](https://sustaincase.com/oxford-university-corporate-sustainability-and-profitability-are-interrelated)
Are your competitors better prepared?
Two important questions

1) How will your company or organisation benefit from the transition to the green economy?
2) Are your competitors better prepared, gaining a competitive advantage?

Your competitors will gain a competitive advantage if they are better prepared/preparing for:

• Changes and stricter regulations regarding emissions, adjusting their products and services accordingly.
• Changes in buying patterns and investment decisions taken by newer generations which are overwhelmingly pro-sustainability.
• Stricter stock exchange rules (World Federation of Exchanges (WFE) fully aligned with GRI Standards).
• The EU Directive: Large Companies must report non-financial information.
• Investors who want to see that a company is well-prepared for the foreseeable future.

Ever growing supply chain pressure. Companies are choosing to do business with corporations that can provide sustainability-related information and data and can demonstrate that they are aware of environmental, economic and societal risks, taking continuous action. These companies are looking for long-term, sustainable relationships.

A good GRI Standards CSR/ ESG/ SDG/ Sustainability Report will help you make sound sustainable development decisions and help you gain competitive advantage.

(15) Case studies of companies cleaning their supply chain: https://sustaincase.com/supply-chain/
ABOUT THIS GRI CERTIFIED AND IEMA APPROVED TRAINING COURSE

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The 2-day FBRH GRI Standards Certified and IEMA approved course helps participants prepare, ASAP, a GRI Standards CSR/ ESG/ SDG/ Sustainability report that presents their company’s or organisation’s economic, environmental and social impacts.

1) You will learn how to take solid, focused action (materiality) to address the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the EU Directive for Non-Financial Reporting (2014/95/EU).

2) The course will help you understand how your company or organisation will benefit from the transition to the green economy and gain valuable competitive advantage.

At the end of the 2-day course you will be able to:

- Confidently navigate to find all required information and take action. You will not become an expert, but we have ensured that nobody leaves without a sound understanding of how to prepare a report in accordance with the GRI Standards.
- Understand how to proceed and identify the most important impacts which you should be dealing with (materiality).
- Understand how to take meaningful action using SMART targets.
- Employ the best ways to proceed with stakeholder engagement. Stakeholders are the entities or people you are affecting with your operations and who may, in turn, hold you back or stop you from reaching your objectives.
- Develop focused and high-quality report content. You will learn how to prepare a lean report that is not a box ticking exercise, a report that demonstrates that you are making a difference using the all-round, structured and methodical approach of the GRI Standards.
- Benchmark against companies in your sector. We have specially designed, valuable hands-on exercises which are unique to your sector. Pre-course preparation is of paramount importance and helps us customise training to suit your individual needs and company objectives.
- Communicate your report to your stakeholders.
- Demonstrate to others why a sustainability report is not a nice-to-have but a must-have.
- Have a solid plan of action and proceed ASAP with your report.

More about the FBRH GRI Standards Certified and IEMA approved course:

www.fbrh.co.uk/aboutgritraining

(16) GRI and the UN Global Compact join forces and enable measuring and reporting on the SDGs.

(17) EU Directive: Large Companies must report non-financial information
The course we provide is highly focused to deliver training to suit individual participants’ needs. With registration, we will send to you login details for the pre-course questionnaire, to help you provide us with the right information so we can customise training to suit your individual needs and company objectives, with benchmarking exercises that are specific to your sector/clients’ sectors (and help you start reporting ASAP). Simon, who will be conducting the training, will examine the information and liaise with you.

www.fbrh.co.uk/en/pre-course-questionnaire-login
FBRH 2-day GRI Standards Certified Course Programme Plan

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GRI Standards and IEMA Certificates

In addition to the GRI Standards Certificate, you will also receive a Certificate to show that you have completed an Institute of Environmental Management & Assessment (IEMA) approved course.
The Free FBRH online mock exam is not part of the GRI-Certified course. No certificate is awarded by FBRH. The FBRH online mock exam will be a good tool for participants in the FBRH 2-day GRI Standards Certified course to reinforce the knowledge they have gained during the course.

Exclusive for FBRH GRI Certified Training Participants

Because the learning in the FBRH 2-day GRI Standards Certified Training Course is intense, we strive to help participants, at no further cost, reinforce the knowledge they have gained during the seminar and begin their reporting process as soon as this is possible, with no further assistance. This is why we have developed the FBRH multiple choice mock exam19.

Participants will be able to take this 90-minute online mock exam (60 questions randomly selected out of 190) as many times as they wish, during 15 days (additional time can be provided upon request). Test results are available, so participants can see their progress.

https://fbrh.co.uk/en/gri-certified-training/fbrh-exclusive-mock-exam-for-gri-certified-course

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Successfully completed the FBRH GRI Standards Certified Course

Companies or organisations whose executives successfully completed the 2-day FBRH GRI Standards Certified Course include:

- Aramco
- Aston Martin Lagonda
- BlackRock
- Deloitte
- Engie
- ERM CVS
- European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- KPMG
- London School of Economics (LSE)
- Lundin Petroleum
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Mondi Group
- Netherlands Enterprise Agency
- Norwegian Property ASA,
- Phillips Lighting
- Premier Oil PLC
- PwC
- Suez Recycling and Recovery UK
- Telenor ASA
- United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)
- University of Southampton
- Volkswagen Group UK Limited
- Walgreens Boots Alliance
- World Business Council For Sustainable Development (WBCSD)
Course Reviews ★★★★★

"You can know nothing about the GRI Standards and in 2 days you will be ready to advise clients or run a reporting project for your company."
Laurence Cox
(Salterbaxter MSL Group)

"I really enjoyed the course. Very helpful for everyone approaching the GRI Standards. Thank you!"
Maria Cristina Cifala
(Walgreens Boots Alliance)

"The training sessions enabled me to take our GRI report to the next level. Simon is knowledgeable and very helpful - an excellent teacher. I truly recommend this course by FBRH!"
Sara Hauge
(Vinmonopolet)

"It was a life-changing course for me."
Prof. Venancio Tauringana
(Professor & Head of Department of Accounting, University of Southampton)

"Thank you very much for a very insightful training last week. You made the content and process very clear and easy to understand!"
Mylene Hours-Makris
(Global Sustain)

"Thanks for a phenomenal training!"
Rosario Galvan

"It was the best intense course I have ever taken! Course materials, course planning, time management, method of teaching, all were great. I learned a lot without getting confused or becoming exhausted."
Azar Safari
(Leiden University)

"A big ‘thank you’ for last week’s training. All my training objectives were met."
Johanna Tähtinen
(World Business Council For Sustainable Development (WBCSD))

More participant reviews:
https://www.fbrh.co.uk/reviews
Registration and cost

The cost per participant is 1000£+VAT (two days of training, 1200£ total).

**The cost includes:**
- Training material (course manual, slide manual)
- All catering (coffee breaks, lunch - both days)
- Exclusive for FBRH GRI Standards Certified and IEMA Approved Course participants: Hands-on benchmarking exercises adapted to the participants’ sectors. These exercises can also take you further and help you continually improve your reporting practice.
- **Online mock exam** to help participants embed key knowledge

**All participants gain GRI Standards and IEMA Certificates**

You can pay via bank transfer or major credit cards / PayPal

[https://www.fbrh.co.uk/registergritraining](https://www.fbrh.co.uk/registergritraining)
Venue: London School of Economics

The London School of Economics Lincoln’s Inn Fields Building is located on the south side of Lincoln’s Inn Fields at the junction with Serle Street and enjoys views over London’s largest garden square.

Free Wi-Fi Internet Connection
_thecloud free wifi internet is used throughout the LSE Campus. Please register at [https://service.thecloud.net/service-platform/](https://service.thecloud.net/service-platform/) so you can gain access.

Address
32 Lincoln’s Inn Fields London WC2A 3PH

Key Facts
- Addressing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Key facts about the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI)
- Who should report?
- Key facts about the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA)
- EU Directive: Large Companies must report non-financial information

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London cycle hire schemes
Santander Cycles - Transport for London
This is a public bicycle sharing scheme for short journeys in and around central London. There are three cycle hire stations near 32 Lincoln’s Inn Fields Building: Houghton Street, Sardinia Street and Portugal Street. The bicycles are available 24 hours a day, all year round. There is no need to book and access to the bikes is self-service, so just turn up and go whenever you get the urge. The first 30 minutes of each journey are free. For more information about the scheme, hire/access fees and usage charges see the web page about the scheme on the Transport for London website.

Mobike
So how does it work?
Simply download the Mobike app
Pay a refundable deposit
Locate a bike and scan its QR code

By Air
The Venue is also a 30’ walk from Kings Cross Station which is well connected to London’s five international airports. They are all within the hour and there are direct connections to Heathrow, Gatwick and Luton.

Eurostar
Travel from Europe with Eurostar
St Pancras International is home to Eurostar which connects the UK to the continent by high-speed rail. There are direct services to the centre of Paris, Brussels and Lille.
https://www.kingscross.co.uk/international-rail
https://www.eurostar.com/rw-en/

For detailed information regarding transportation please follow this link:
https://fbrh.co.uk/GRI-london-LSE-venue
Venue well-placed at the heart of London

11 min walk - Covent Garden: Shopping, Food & Cultural Destination, London

A short walk away from the venue, Covent Garden is renowned for its luxury fashion and beauty stores as well as award-winning restaurants and theatres.

https://www.coventgarden.london

10 Top-Rated Attractions in London
1. Buckingham Palace and the Changing of the Guard
2. The Tower of London and Tower Bridge
3. The British Museum
4. Big Ben and Parliament
5. National Gallery
6. The Victoria and Albert Museum
7. Piccadilly Circus and Trafalgar Square
8. The Two Tates: Tate Britain and Tate Modern
9. Westminster Abbey
10. Kew Gardens
Accommodation

Good quality accommodation

Our effort with this page is to provide participants guidance to good quality accommodation\(^{20}\) at a range of prices and which are not far away from the London School of Economics (32 Lincoln’s Inn Fields London WC2A 3PH).

Club Quarters hotel Lincoln’s Inn Fields
- [https://clubquartershotels.com/locations/club-quarters-hotel-lincolns-inn-fields-london](https://clubquartershotels.com/locations/club-quarters-hotel-lincolns-inn-fields-london) 3min

Premier Inn Hotels:

Travelodge:
- [https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/391/London-Central-Tower-Bridge-hotel](https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/391/London-Central-Tower-Bridge-hotel) 43min 26min
- [https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/258/London-Central-Kings-Cross-hotel](https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/258/London-Central-Kings-Cross-hotel) 26min 16min
- [https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/44/London-Central-Liverpool-Street-hotel](https://www.travelodge.co.uk/hotels/44/London-Central-Liverpool-Street-hotel) 40min 18min

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Addressing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

GRI Standards:
The only framework to address all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The GRI Standards provide a comprehensive framework for addressing all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and is recommended by the UN Global Compact.

Understand why the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) matter for business
"Implementation" is the key word in the effort to understand what the future will look like. What is essential to note is that the implementation of the SDGs by governments, organisations, regulators, stock exchanges, local government and business is already taking place, with regulations becoming ever stricter. Companies and organisations that are not prepared are taking a tremendous risk.

Is your business prepared with a plan of action?

Are you prepared for stricter regulations on waste and emissions, for example?

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership. They recognize that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.

https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs
Key facts about the Global Reporting Initiative

- 80% of the world’s 250 largest companies issue Sustainability/ESG/Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) reports using GRI’s Sustainability Reporting Guidelines.

- The GRI Standards can be used by any organisation, regardless of sector, size and location.

- **GRI and the UN Global Compact have joined forces**\(^{(11)}\) to enable measuring and reporting on the SDGs with the use of the GRI Standards.

- Under the terms of a Memorandum of Understanding signed in 2010, the **UN Global Compact adopts the GRI Standards as the recommended reporting framework**\(^{(12)}\) for companies to communicate on progress made.


- GRI is focused on **taking action on what matters where it matters (materiality)**: Sustainability reporting can help organisations measure, understand and communicate their economic, environmental, social and governance performance, and then set goals, and manage change more effectively.

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\(^{(11)}\) GRI and the UN Global Compact join forces and enable measuring and reporting on the SDGs

\(^{(12)}\) In a historic alliance the world’s two largest corporate responsibility initiatives have joined forces to build a universal framework for corporate sustainability performance and disclosure, aiming to transform business practices on a global scale.
https://www.unglobalcompact.org/news/50-06-24-2010
Who should report?

Sustainability reports are released by companies and organizations of all types, sizes and sectors, from every corner of the world. Thousands of companies across all sectors have published reports that reference GRI's Sustainability Reporting Guidelines.

GRI's Sustainability Disclosure Database features all known GRI-based reports.

List of sectors with companies or organisations which report using the GRI Standards

- Agriculture
- Automobile
- Aviation
- Chemicals
- Commercial Services
- Computers
- Conglomerates
- Construction
- Materials
- Consumer Durables
- Energy
- Energy Utilities
- Equipment
- Financial Services
- Food and Beverages
- Products
- Forest and Paper
- Healthcare Products
- Healthcare Services
- Household and Personal Products
- Logistics
- Media
- Media Products
- Mining
- Non-profit services
- Public Agency
- Railroad
- Real Estate
- Retailers
- Technology Hardware
- Telecommunications
- Textiles and Apparel
- Tobacco
- Tourism and Leisure
- Toys
- Universities
- Waste Management
- Water Utilities

GRI has specific guidance for the following sectors

GRI’s sector guidance is used to focus reporting for organizations in diverse sectors. Originally developed for use with the G4 Guidelines, the G4 Sector disclosures remain valid are recommended for use with the GRI Standards.

The following Sector Disclosures are currently available:

- Airport Operators
- Electric Utilities
- Event Organizers
- Media
- Financial Services
- Mining and Metals
- Food Processing
- NGO
- Oil and Gas

Global Reporting Initiative (GRI): www.globalreporting.org
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The Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA)

• Is the largest professional body for environmental practitioners in the United Kingdom and worldwide, with nearly 15,000 members in over 100 countries, working together to make businesses and organisations future-proof.

• Approves training course providers to deliver environmental training.

• Is in the process of applying for a Royal Charter. As a chartered body, IEMA would be formally recognised by the UK Government to develop and regulate the profession (corporate sustainability, environmental management, and impact assessment). If IEMA achieves a Royal Charter it will become CIEMA – the Chartered Institute of Environmental Management & Assessment.

https://www.fbrh.co.uk/IEMA
https://www.iema.net/training/training-course?course_id=51
EU Directive: Large companies must report non-financial information

The directive requires large companies to disclose relevant non-financial information, to provide investors and other stakeholders with a more complete picture of their development, performance and position - and of the impact of their activity.

Specifically, large companies must provide a review of policies, principal risks, and outcomes, including on:

• environmental matters;
• social and employee aspects;
• respect for human rights;
• anti-corruption and bribery issues;
• diversity of boards of directors.

EU member states had to incorporate Directive 2014/95/EU in their national law by 6 December 2016.

EU Directive: Large companies must report non-financial information:
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