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# Did you know there will be major changes to the GRI reporting framework on 1 Jan 2023?

GRI Standards 2021 is effective for sustainability reports published on or after 1 January 2023. GRI had published its revised GRI Standard 2021 (on 5 October 2021) which requires companies to increase their level of transparency and further resources into non-financial reporting on 1 January 2023.

Key changes are summarised as follows:

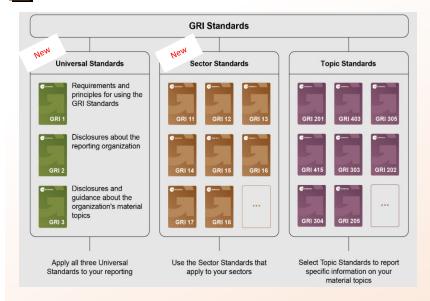


## GRI Standards 2021

# Main Changes (Effective 1 January 2023)

- Changes to Reporting Approach (Please see Point 3 below)
- Major changes within former GRI 201 (now GRI 2) Requires mandatory disclosures
- Revised approach in determining materiality of topics
- Embed mandatory human rights-related disclosures for all reporting orgainsations
- Increased focus on impact reporting
- Introduction of sector-specific standards

# **Modular Structure of GRI Standard 2021**



#### **Universal Standards**

- **GRI 1: Foundation**
- **GRI 2: General Disclosures**
- **GRI 3: Material Topics**

#### Sector Standards

- GRI to release 40 Sector Standards
- Issuers reporting "in accordance with" GRI Standards are required to use the applicable Sector Standard when determining material topics and disclosures

#### **Topic Standards**

- Organised into 3 series Economic, **Environmental and Social**
- Report specific information on issuer's material topics

# Reporting Approach (Effective 1 January 2023)

- Elimination of "Core" and "Comprehensive" reporting methodology.
- Introduction of "In accordance with" and "With reference to" reporting methodology.

### Approach A: Reporting in accordance with the GRI Standards

Requirement 1: Apply the reporting principles

Requirement 2: Report the disclosures in GRI 2: General Disclosures 2021

Requirement 3: Determine material topics

Requirement 4: Report the disclosures in GRI 3: Material Topics 2021

Requirement 5: Report disclosures from the GRI Topic Standards for each material topic

Requirement 6: Provide reasons for omission for disclosures and requirements that the organization cannot comply with

Requirement 7: Publish a GRI content index

Requirement 8: Provide a Statement of use

[Name of organization] has reported in accordance with the GRI Standards for the period [reporting period start and end dates].

Requirement 9: Notify GRI (reportregistration@globalreporting.org.)

- The legal name of the organization.
- The link to the GRI content index.
- The link to the report, if publishing a standalone sustainability report.
- The statement of use
- A contact person in the organization and their contact details.

### Approach B: Reporting with reference to the GRI Standards

Requirement 1: Publish a GRI content index

Requirement 2: Provide a Statement of use

[Name of organization] has reported the information cited in this GRI content index for the period [reporting period start and end dates] with reference to the GRI Standards.

Requirement 3: Notify GRI (reportregistration@globalreporting.org.)

- The legal name of the organization.
- The link to the GRI content index.
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### **Useful References:**

Revised GRI Standards 2021 (Please click <u>here</u>) GRI 2021 FAQ (Please click <u>here</u>) GRI Sector Standards Please click here)

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