Reporting 2025: Frequently Asked Questions

Why has GRI launched Reporting 2025?
GRI’s mission has always been underpinned by a belief that sustainability reporting is an essential first step in the process by which organizations take action to create a truly sustainable global economy. Going forward, in order for reporting to maintain its relevance for organizations and its usefulness in contributing to sustainable development, it is important to examine how the reporting practice is evolving. Reporting 2025 aims to promote an international discussion with business and thought leaders in various fields to explore answers to this question. By doing so, we also want to motivate others to promote this conversation in their regions and to contribute to the search for answers.

How does the Reporting 2025 project work?
Reporting 2025 project looks ahead at what business and thought leaders expect to be the main issues on companies’ agendas – and in their reports – ten years from now. Through a series of in-depth interviews with thought leaders in various fields, GRI is convening an open discussion that will form the basis for meaningful future corporate disclosures, which can accelerate the transition to a sustainable economy.

The highlights of these interviews and supplemental materials will be posted on the Reporting 2025 section of the GRI website, on a monthly basis. Each quarter, GRI will publish analysis of the main trends identified in these interviews, with a list of references. In January 2016, a comprehensive publication will present a roadmap for the future of reporting.

The Reporting 2025 Project Committee is responsible for the development of the project in terms of content production and dissemination. The Committee consists of representatives from GRI staff, project sponsors and invited corporate representatives.

How long will the project run?
The first stage of the Reporting 2025 project will be conducted over the course of the year 2015. In 2016, the project will enter a second stage, in which GRI will work with contributing corporations as well as members of the Corporate Leadership Group, to begin examining how the initial findings can be implemented and to set the project’s agenda for 2016.

How can I participate in the discussion?
Individuals and organizations can participate in the Reporting 2025 discussion by sharing their views or letting us know about an issue they believe will – or should be – at the center of companies’ agendas and their public reports ten years from now. Comments can be contributed via email to the Reporting 2025 project team and these will inform how the project progresses as well as how the input is analyzed. Individuals and organizations can also contribute by promoting discussions in their regions using the content posted on the Reporting 2025 section of the GRI website. The minutes and conclusions of the discussions should be submitted via email to the Reporting 2025 project team.
Corporations that are ready to take the lead in steering the discussion in 2015 and exploring the trends in more depth in 2016, can also take part in the project as part of the GRI Corporate Leadership Group on Reporting 2025. For more information please contact Elena Pérez Vega, Senior Coordinator Corporate & Stakeholder Relations.

**Is GRI accepting suggestions for thought leaders to be interviewed for the Reporting 2025 project?**

Yes. Suggestions should be sent to the Reporting 2025 project team. Please include the name, job title and place of employment of the person being suggested for an interview. Also submit a short statement explaining why this person could make a positive contribution to the Reporting 2025 project.

**Do I need to get GRI’s permission to disseminate the published materials?**

GRI wants the content produced during the Reporting 2025 project to be disseminated widely and for it to be the basis of discussions around the globe. In that respect, all materials published in the Reporting 2025 section of the GRI website may be disseminated freely, as long as the materials are properly attributed to Reporting 2025 and GRI. It is still necessary to request permission to use the GRI logo in any way shape or form. For more information on GRI’s trademark and copyright policy, please click here.

**Who is GRI collaborating with in Reporting 2025 project?**

Boston College – Center for Corporate Citizenship, Enel, and SAP are global sponsors of the Reporting 2025 project.

**Can other organizations collaborate in Reporting 2025 project?**

Other organizations can explore opportunities for collaboration in the project by sending an email to the Reporting 2025 project team.

**How will the results of this project influence the future development of GRI’s Reporting Standard?**

The Reporting 2025 project is not linked to the development of GRI’s standard. Under GRI’s governance structure any and all updates or changes to GRI’s standard will be the result of decisions made by the Global Sustainability Standards Board (GSSB), an independent body. For more information about GRI’s governance structure please visit the Governance section of the GRI website.