

# **Demonstrate your sustainability reporting know-how** Become a GRI Certified Sustainability Professional

Gain a competitive edge by showing your expertise and earning a trusted recognition in sustainability reporting through this professional certification issued directly by GRI, the world's leading standard setter for sustainability disclosure.

The GRI Professional Certification Program offers globally applicable and recognized professional development for individuals operating in the sustainability field, with a focus on enhancing knowledge, expertise and skills required to applying the GRI Standards and improving the quality of sustainability reporting.

### Five reasons to enroll:

- 1. Enhance your knowledge and skills needed to use the GRI Standards.
- 2. Get professional recognition by a trusted source.
- 3. Improve the quality of your sustainability reporting.
- 4. Upskill and gain a competitive edge in your career.
- 5. Strengthen your sustainability reporting credentials.

"Having completed a MSc in Environmental Sustainability in 2019, I wanted to develop my sustainability knowledge further. The Professional Certification Program helped me deepen my understanding of sustainability and it significantly broadened my perspectives. The holistic approach set by the GRI Standards allows one to truly capture an organization's contribution to sustainability and the wider society."

> Alan Reynolds, Head of Regulation and Energy at Panda Power

## Choose your own learning route

**Route A: Online and self-paced learning:** all five courses covering the fundamentals of GRI reporting and the final exam are easily accessible 24/7 through the GRI Academy – GRI's own learning platform. Get started whenever suits you best!

The online courses offer interactive, narrated learning with intermediate checkpoints to monitor progress and help you stay on track.

#### GRI Academy 🔶

**Route B: Blended learning:** opt for the GRI Standards Certified Training Course, our trainerfacilitated online or in-person classroom course, delivered by one of our trusted Certified Training Partners (CTPs) in 57 countries. Follow with the courses of 'Sustainability Reporting Process' and 'Integrating SDGs Into Sustainability reporting' through our CTPs or online, and complete your certification with the final online exam.

Enjoy a highly interactive setting with guidance from your trainer, plus local and context-specific materials and opportunities to broaden your perspectives through knowledge sharing with other participants.

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## **Courses and pricing**

#### Route A: Online and self-paced learning

|  | Learning<br>hours | Price   |
|--|-------------------|---------|
| 1. Introduction to sustainability<br>reporting and the GRI Standards | 6h                | € 300   |
| 2. Stakeholder Engagement  | 1h                | € 100   |
| 3. Materiality   | 1h                | € 100   |
| 4. Sustainability Reporting Process                                  | 2.5h              | € 200   |
| 5. Integrating the SDGs into<br>sustainability reporting             | 3h                | € 200   |
| Certification Exam   | 1h                | € 350   |
| TOTAL  | 14.5              | € 1,250 |

#### **Route B: Blended learning**

If you opt for the blended learning route, you can choose a CTP that offers the GRI Standards Certified Training Course. Courses 4 and 5 can be either completed through a CTP or online - all details are available in the CTP course directory. The certification exam is always online at the GRI Academy.

Check out our CTP courses directory 🔶

Note: GRI Community members get a 25% discount

## Continuous professional development and annual certification renewal

To support your continuous professional development and help you stay up-to-date with the latest trends, news and developments in sustainability reporting and the GRI Standards, we will be releasing new courses on a continuous basis.

GRI certified sustainability professionals are required to annually complete a minimum of eight hours of continuing educational units (CEUs) to stay updated and maintain their status. Some CEU's will be made mandatory, others are free to pick and choose.

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