

# External Assurance for Sustainability Reporting:

## A Comprehensive Guide

*Develop the expertise to strengthen the credibility of your sustainability reports*

### Why this eLearning course matters

As sustainability reporting grows in importance, stakeholders expect independent assurance. Third-party assurance strengthens credibility and transparency, protecting against “greenwashing.” This course introduces the principles, processes, and practices needed to work effectively with assurance providers.

### What you will learn

- Describe the benefits, challenges, process, costs, and timing of sustainability assurance
- Explain assurance-related terms to strengthen communication with auditors and colleagues
- Identify elements of a good reporting system to prepare for assurance
- Align your organization’s needs with the expertise of potential providers

#### COURSE DETAILS

- **Duration:** 2.5 hours
- **Format:** Self-paced online learning
- **Language:** English
- **Prerequisites:** None
- **Certificate:** GRI Academy Certificate of Completion
- **Price:** €250

#### WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

- Sustainability and reporting professionals new to assurance
- Managers working with external auditors
- Financial auditors broadening their assurance knowledge
- Anyone seeking to strengthen reporting credibility

### ABOUT GRI

*The Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) is the **architect of the world’s most widely used sustainability reporting standards**. Since 1997, GRI has provided organizations with a global common language for sustainability impacts, enabling them to create sustainable, long-term value.*

### WHY CHOOSE THE GRI ACADEMY

- | **13,000+** learners trained in **150+** countries
- | **3,000+** certified professionals
- | **99.8%** learner satisfaction rate
- | **30+** sustainability reporting courses available
- | Developed by the organization behind the world’s leading sustainability standards
- | Updated regularly with expert input

## COURSE HIGHLIGHTS & LEARNING EXPERIENCE

### COURSE STRUCTURE

- **Introduction**
- **Part 1:** The what and why of external sustainability reporting assurance
- **Part 2:** Preparing your organization for external assurance
- **Part 3:** Understanding the assurance process
- **Part 4:** Finding the right assurance provider
- **Wrap-up**

## RETURN ON INVESTMENT

### LEARNING BENEFITS (for individuals)

- Gain a solid understanding of sustainability assurance principles and terminology
- Develop confidence in engaging with external assurance providers
- Strengthen professional credibility through recognized expertise

### ORGANIZATIONAL IMPACT

- Improve transparency and reliability of sustainability reports
- Build stronger internal systems to support assurance readiness
- Select the right assurance provider for your organization's needs

### FLEXIBLE LEARNING

- Self-paced format to accommodate busy schedules
- One-year access for ongoing reference

### PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- Globally recognized certificate of completion
- Earn 2 CEUs to maintain your GRI Academy certifications

*Invest in professional skills that advance your organization's sustainability journey.*



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