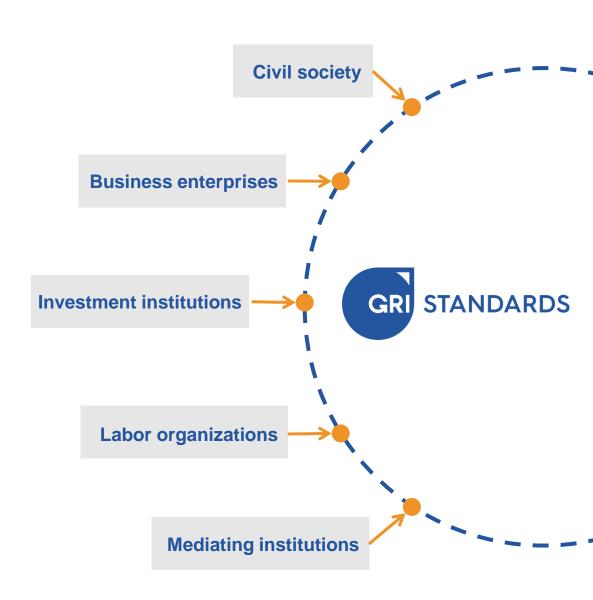


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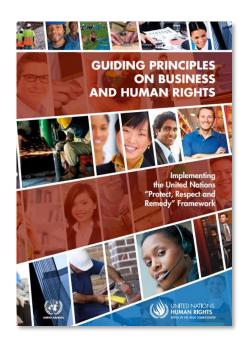
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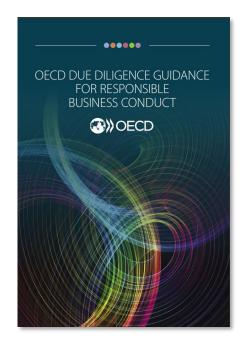
- Sustainability reporting standards that allow organizations to publicly report impacts in a transparent & structured way
- Materiality is determined based on impacts on the economy, environment, and people
- Developed through a transparent, multistakeholder process
- Can be used by any organization
- The world's most widely adopted sustainability reporting framework
- Headquartered in Amsterdam but with networks in Latin America, Africa and Southeast Asia, South Asia





Authoritative Instruments



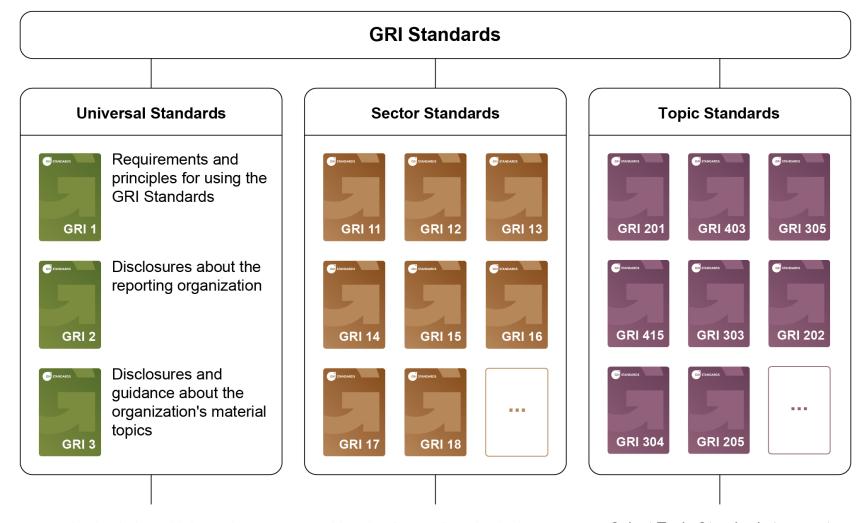




The structure of the GRI Standards



A modular system



Apply all three Universal Standards to your reporting

Use the Sector Standards that apply to your sectors

Select Topic Standards to report specific information on your material topics

The GRI Standards in the reporting landscape



Often known as sustainability disclosures

FINANCIAL MATERIALITY

Financial reporting

Information about the reporting entity's assets, liabilities, equity, income and expenses

Sustainability disclosures for the financial markets

Reporting on sustainability-related risks and opportunities that effect an organization

IMPACT MATERIALITY

Sustainability reporting

Information about an organization's outward impacts on the economy, environment, and people

IFRS SASB ISSB

GRI Standards

European Sustainability Reporting Standards

US GAAP

GRI Textiles and Apparel Sector Standard



- Since 2023 GRI has been developing a sector standard for Textiles and Apparel, which includes a topic on Hazardous Chemicals
- Public comment period expected to be held July-September (2025) – We encourage as many of you as possible to participate
- GRI will launch the Textiles and Apparel Sector Standard in 2026

• See our website to learn more and be kept informed:



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Related published Topic Standards



- GRI 101: Biodiversity 2024
- GRI 305: Emissions 2016
- GRI 303: Water and effluent 2018
- GRI 403: Occupational Safety and Health 2018
- GRI 301: Materials 2016
- GRI 306: Waste 2020
- GRI 416: Customer health and safety 2016







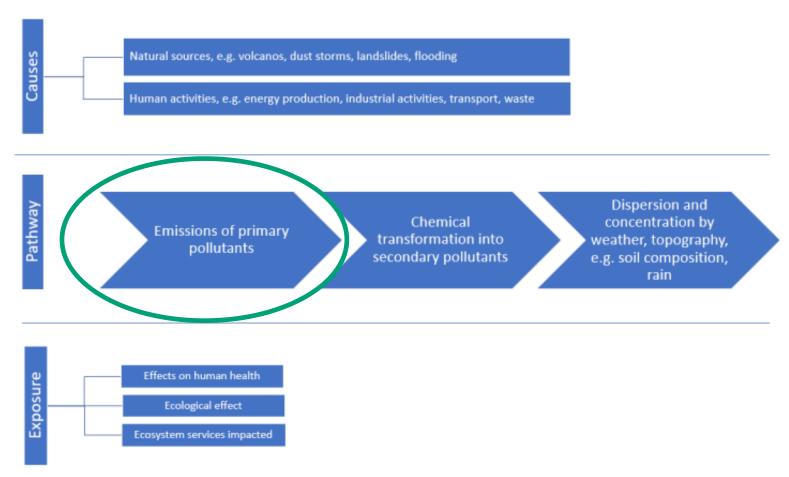
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Pathway to pollution



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Figure 1. Pollution to air, water and soil



Source: adapted from United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Towards a Pollution-Free Planet. Background Report. 2017.

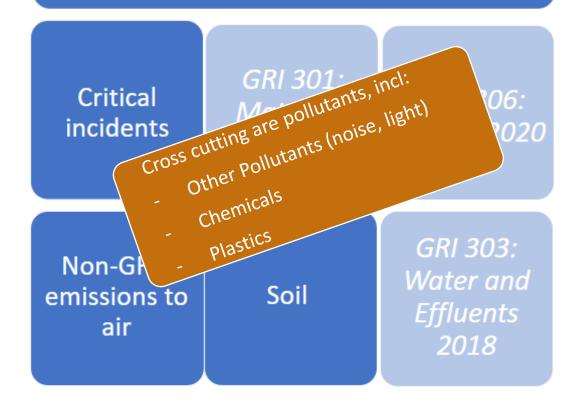
Overview of (future) pollution-related GRI Topic Standards/disclosures





Not part of pollution project

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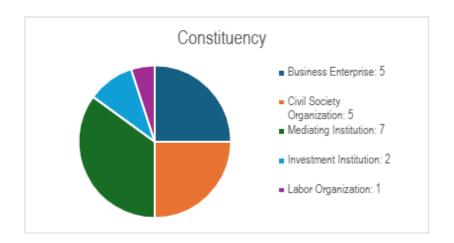


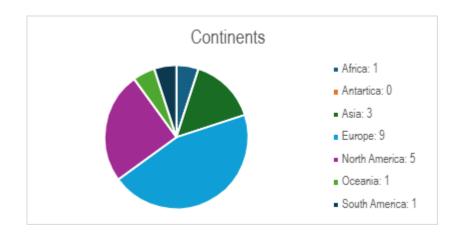
- Disclosure 306-3 Significant spills
- Disclosure 305-6 Emissions of ozone-depleting substances (ODS)
- Disclosure 305-7 Nitrogen oxides (NO_x), sulfur oxides (SO_x), and other significant air emissions

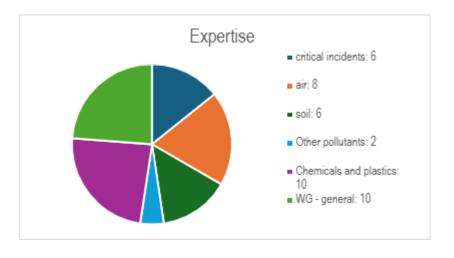
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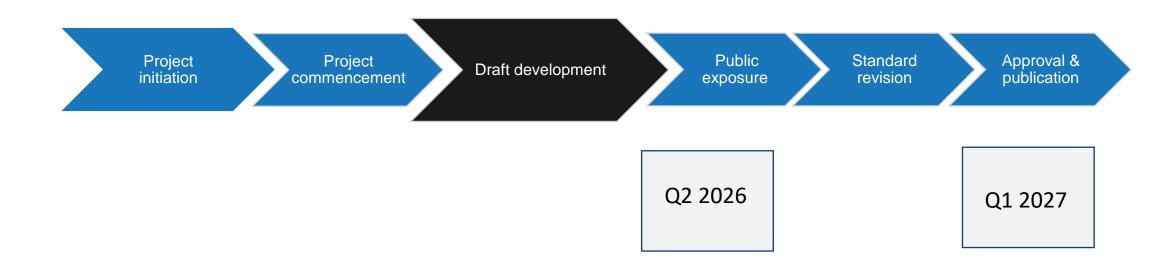




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Project update



Uptake



During development and after publication

Interoperability:

- Eye on other relevant frameworks and Standards, e.g. Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures (TNFD), European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS),...
- Taxonomy
- Interoperability tables

Capacity building:

- Translations into 10 languages
- GRI Academy
- Community of Practice
- GRI Local networks: Latin America, Africa and Southeast Asia, South Asia

THANK YOU

