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# GRI Topic Standard Project for Economic Impact

## Economic Impact Project Working Group: Candidate Application Form

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### IMPORTANT NOTE

In submitting this form, please ensure that you have the necessary internal approval(s) for participating in the Economic Impact Working Group, including, at a minimum, availability to commit sufficient time to prepare for and attend meetings as specified in the [Terms of Reference](#).

The Global Sustainability Standards Board (GSSB) will discuss and approve the final composition of the Economic Impact Working Group at one of its public meetings. Your organization, position, stakeholder group and country, as well as a summary of your background and experience may be shared publicly with the GSSB to inform decision-making. The GSSB and the Standards Division will not use your email address or other personal information for any purpose other than for the recruitment of the Economic Impact Working Group. To learn more about GRI's Privacy Policy click [here](#).

# Background

The GRI Topic Standards Project for Economic Impact focuses on the revision and update of the set of GRI topic standards related to economic impact, which includes *GRI 201: Economic Performance 2016*, *GRI 202: Market Presence 2016*, and *GRI 203: Indirect Economic Impacts 2016*, among others, for commencement in 2023. Economic growth and resilience are key themes in the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Both governments and private sector organizations are being called upon to realize SDG 8 and SDG 9. SDG 8 focuses specifically on decent work and economic growth, and it aims to promote sustained, inclusive, and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment, and decent work for all. SDG 9 seeks to build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation.

In addition, the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct set clear expectations for businesses to take responsibility for the impacts they cause and those they contribute to or are linked to their business relationships. In the context of GRI's economic disclosures, organizations are expected to report their impacts on the economic conditions of their stakeholders and economic systems and productive capacity at local, national, and global levels.

GRI Standards are issued by the Global Sustainability Standards Board (GSSB), GRI's independent standard-setting body. The GSSB oversees the development of the GRI Standards according to a formally defined [Due Process Protocol](#). The GSSB has identified the set of economic impact topics as a priority for revision. They are a part of the family of GRI Standards, completing and strengthening the current framework and further alignment with global authoritative frameworks.

The purpose of the Economic Impact Standard Project Working Group (WG) is to contribute expertise to the revision of topic standards related to the direct and indirect economic impacts of an organization, for the consideration of the GSSB.

For more information on the Economic Impacts standards project and the purpose of the WG please read the [Project Proposal](#) and the [Terms of Reference](#). These documents contain important information that will assist in the completion of this application.

# How to participate

Interested parties are invited to nominate themselves for participation in GRI Economic Impact Standards Working Group by submitting this application (interactive PDF) and a CV, in English, to the GRI Standards Division at [economicimpact@globalreporting.org](mailto:economicimpact@globalreporting.org). The deadline for applications is 24:00 CET on **19 October 2023**.

## *Submitting your application*

**Important:** To fill in the form, you will need to have [Adobe Acrobat](#) installed on your computer.

**Please do not fill in the form in your website browser – your data will not be saved.**

1. Download and save a copy of the Candidate Application Form on your desktop.
2. Open the Form using Adobe Acrobat and type your responses in the comment boxes.
3. Once you have completed the form, click save and email it, along with your CV to [economicimpact@globalreporting.org](mailto:economicimpact@globalreporting.org).

**If you have any questions about how to use the Candidate Application Form, please send an email to [economicimpact@globalreporting.org](mailto:economicimpact@globalreporting.org).**

Before completing this application, please read the Economic Impact Standard [Project Proposal](#) and the Working Group [Terms of Reference](#). These documents outline the mandate of the WG, including its composition, selection criteria, commitments and project timeline.

The final selection of WG members will be based on the criteria outlined on page 5 of the [Terms of Reference](#).

The Global Sustainability Standards Board (GSSB) will determine the final composition of the Economic Impact Standards Working Group.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a 30-minute telephone interview. For more information please contact the Standards Division at [economicimpact@globalreporting.org](mailto:economicimpact@globalreporting.org).

## Planned schedule

- Open call for nominations: 19 September –19 October 2023
- Interviews with candidates: 20 October – 19 November 2023
- GSSB approval of Economic Impact WG membership (expected): 14 December 2023

# Personal details

Please fill in your information:

<b>Full Name</b>	
<b>Organization</b>	
<b>Position</b>	
<b>Stakeholder group</b> Please select the group that best describes you/your organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Business enterprise <input type="checkbox"/> Investment Institution <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Mediating Institution <input type="checkbox"/> Civil Society Organization <input type="checkbox"/> Other
<b>If other is selected above, please specify</b>	
<b>Country (or geographical location) of work</b>	
<b>Country (or geographical location) of residence</b> (please also indicate your <b>time zone</b> , as this will help organize calls/interviews)	
<b>Language(s) spoken</b>	
<b>Email</b>	
<b>Work phone</b> (including country code)	
<b>Personal mobile phone</b> (including country code)	
<b>Additional information or comments on personal details</b>	
<b>Would you like to receive updates from the Standards Division on this project?</b>  By selecting 'YES' you agree to receive updates from GRI Standards via email	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

# Consent

The GSSB will determine the final composition of the Economic Impact Standards WG at one of their public meetings. This is expected to take place at the meeting taking place on 14 December 2023. The agenda, meeting materials and the recording of this meeting will be made publicly available in accordance with the [Due Process Protocol](#). As an applicant to the Economic Impact Standards WG, your organization, position, stakeholder constituency, country of residence, and summary of your background and experience may be presented to the GSSB in meeting documentation and published on the GRI website.

**Do agree to have your organization, position, stakeholder constituency, country of residence, and summary of your background and experience, included in meeting documentation that will be presented to the GSSB and made publicly available on the GRI website?**

Yes

No

*Please note that names or other personal information will not be published or used for any other purposes.*

*If 'Yes' is not selected above, a separate email will be necessary to solicit your consent to use your personal information (as outlined above).*

# Candidate background and experience

## Question 1

As outlined in the [Terms of Reference](#), the Working Group will be appointed by GSSB (in line with the GSSB [Due Process Protocol](#)). The principal criterion for selecting members is relevant knowledge and experience of a broad range of sustainable development issues regarding the direct and indirect economic impact of organizations on society.

**Please provide a brief description of your most relevant knowledge and experience related to an organization's impact on the economy (250 words maximum):**

## Question 2

In addition, to the above, a number of other criteria will be considered for selecting Working Group members including:

- relevant knowledge of sustainability reporting for the economic impact topics; and
- familiarity with the needs of users of sustainability reports.

**Please briefly describe your knowledge and experience related to sustainability reporting (250 words maximum):**

### Question 3

The role of the Working Group is to contribute their expertise to the revision of a set of Economic Impact topic standards, for the consideration of the GSSB. This includes the identification and description of emerging topics for an organization related to its impact on the economy, and the development and revision of relevant disclosures for reporting on those topics, from a sustainable development perspective.

**In your opinion what are the three of the most urgent issues or stakeholder concerns related to each of the following topics:**

- **Economic performance,**
- **Anti-corruption,**
- **Anti-competitive behavior,**
- **Responsible political engagement (lobbying)**

**Please outline these issues and provide a brief justification of why they are a priority. (500 words maximum):**

### Question 4

In developing the topic standards, the Working Group should seek to develop content that aligns with key authoritative instruments (such as inter-governmental instruments of the United Nations, the International Labor Organization, and the OECD) and consider the content of other reporting frameworks.

**Please provide a brief description of your knowledge and experience of working with international standards, frameworks and authoritative sources related to an organization's impact on the economy, particularly in the context of economic performance, anti-corruption, anti-competitive behavior and responsible political engagement. (250 words maximum):**