



GRI Certified Software and Tools Program

Pricing Policy

This policy applies to third parties using GRI Copyright Protected Content in software and tools. It covers both certification and copyright fees for including GRI's copyright protected content. Stichting Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) is the owner of any part of the GRI Standards and other GRI publications and all organizations planning to include any GRI copyright material must get their software and tools certified by GRI.

Article 1

Definitions

Certification Process Fee	Covers the costs of certifying the software or tool. This is a one-time fee to be paid at the start of the Certification Process. The calculation of this fee is outlined in Article 3 of this document.
Initial Copyright Permission Fee	This fee is due after the certification process has been successfully completed, for the purpose of permitting the usage of GRI certified content in the software or tool for a period of twelve (12) months. The amount is equal to 50% of the " <i>Certification Process Fee</i> ".
Renewal Copyright Permission Fee	A recurrent fee that is charged if the Client chooses to prolong the permission to use GRI certified content for an additional period of twelve (12) months and if no modifications have been made to the certified GRI content in the software or tool. The fee does not cover updates or changes to the GRI Standards. The level of fee is the same as the " <i>Initial Copyright Permission Fee</i> ".
Reduced Certification Process Fee	In case the GRI Copyright Protected Content, as used in the original certified Product, is changed in a new version or variation of the original Product, a new certification process is required at a "Reduced Certification Process Fee".
Corporate (Type of Organization)	Companies that have an annual turnover of 10 million Euro or more.
SME (Type of Organization)	Companies that have an annual turnover of less than 10 million Euro.
Startup (Type of Organization)	A company focused on developing a single product or service to bring to the market under conditions of extreme uncertainty and that has been in business for less than 3 years.
Not-for-profit (Type of Organization)	Organizations that do not distribute their surplus funds to owners or shareholders now and/or in future, but instead use them to help pursue their goals.

Article 2

Factors that determine the price

Certification by GRI of all software and digital tools that are intended for commercial use is subject to the payment of a fee. In the context of the CST program, 'commercial use' covers all situations in which the digital product is being intended to deliver either 'direct' or 'indirect' commercial benefits, or both:

- Direct commercial benefits are derived from selling a digital product directly to consumers.
- Indirect commercial benefits are derived from tools that enable or support paid-for services or advice delivered to customers or clients.





The price calculation is determined by the following factors:





1. Type of organization.
2. Location of the organization. If a company or organization is based in a non-OECD country, they receive an additional 10% discount.
3. Number of Standards and languages used.

Software and Tools that are offered as a free public tool and are not intended for commercial use are categorized as 'not for profit' for the purposes of fee calculation.

Article 3

Fees for certification of initial language version

CERTIFICATION FEE (only once)			
 <p>Corporate</p> <p>€ 30,000</p>	 <p>SME</p> <p>€ 20,000</p>	 <p>Startup</p> <p>€ 15,000</p>	 <p>Not-for-profit</p> <p>€ 17,500</p>
Administration fee € 15,000	Administration fee € 5,000	Administration fee -	Administration fee € 2,500
GRI Universal Standards € 5,000	GRI Universal Standards € 5,000	GRI Universal Standards € 5,000	GRI Universal Standards € 5,000
GRI Topic specific standards (>20) € 10,000	GRI Topic specific standards (>20) € 10,000	GRI Topic specific standards (>20) € 10,000	GRI Topic specific standards (>20) € 10,000
GRI Topic specific standards - up to 20 € 7,500	GRI Topic specific standards - up to 20 € 7,500	GRI Topic specific standards - up to 20 € 7,500	GRI Topic specific standards - up to 20 € 7,500
GRI Topic specific standards - up to 10 € 5,000	GRI Topic specific standards - up to 10 € 5,000	GRI Topic specific standards - up to 10 € 5,000	GRI Topic specific standards - up to 10 € 5,000

COPYRIGHT PERMISSION FEE (yearly fee)			
 <p>Corporate</p> <p>€ 15,000</p>	 <p>SME</p> <p>€ 10,000</p>	 <p>Startup</p> <p>€ 7,500</p>	 <p>Not-for-profit</p> <p>€ 8,750</p>
50% of Certification fee	50% of Certification fee	50% of Certification fee (in the first 2 years of certification)	50% of Certification fee

Timelines and Fast Track

On average, the content certification process consists of 2-3 rounds of feedback and each round normally takes between **15 to 20 working days**. With the fast-track option, our feedback time is reduced to **10 working days** at an additional cost equal to 30% of the original Certification Process fee.

REGULAR TIMELINE	FAST TRACK TIMELINE
15 to 20 working days per round	10 working days per round
Certification Process Fee (as per article 3)	+30% on Certification Process Fee

Transition from Standards 2016 to Standards 2021

For current Certified Software and Tools Partners, transitioning to the revised Universal Standards 2021 will come at a “*Reduced Certification Process Fee*” equal to **25%** of the original “*Certification Process Fee*”.

Sector Standards

If your organization caters for customers in a certain sector, you must include the relevant Sector Standards, as these are required to report in accordance with the GRI Standards. Certifying the Oil and Gas Sector Standard will come at an additional price of € 5,000. (The pricing policy will be updated as new Sector Standards will be released.)

OIL AND GAS SECTOR STANDARD	
For all types of organization	€ 5,000

Certification of additional language versions

Each language version of the GRI Standards content will be certified separately. The price calculation for the first language version is described in the general scheme, as set out in article 3 above. It serves as the basis for calculating fees for the additional languages where a proportion of the original Certification Fee determines the “*Additional Language Certification Process Fee*”.

Number of additional language versions	Additional Language Certification Process Fee (calculated as % from the original certification process fee)
1st and 2nd	30% of the Certification Process Fee per language
3rd and 4th	25% of the Certification Process Fee per language
5th and any additional	20% of the Certification Process Fee per language

The “*Initial Copyright Permission Fee*” and the “*Renewal Copyright Permission Fee*” for multiple languages are equal to 50% of the total of the original “*Certification Process Fee*” plus the “*Additional Language Certification Process Fee(s)*”.

Stay in touch

Barbara Strozzilaan 336
1083 HN Amsterdam
The Netherlands
www.globalreporting.org

