

Item 12 – GRI Topic Standard Project for Pollution – Proposed member for Working Group

For GSSB approval

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Project	Topic Standard Project for Pollution
Description	This paper presents an additional nomination to the Pollution Working Group for information and approval by the GSSB.

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1. Background

The GSSB approved the project proposal for the GRI Topic Standard Project for Pollution following its meetings on 14 March 2024 and 20 June 2024.

In line with the [GSSB Due Process Protocol](#), the GSSB has formed a multi-stakeholder working group (WG) to provide input for developing and revising disclosures of pollution-related sustainability reporting on 16 October 2024. The GSSB also requested that additional candidates be sought to represent the Middle East and Oceania. These candidates were approved during the GSSB meeting in January 2025.

Currently, one of the WG members will be stepping down. The member represented the business enterprise constituency and had specific expertise in the field of chemicals. A new candidate has been identified with a similar profile and will help the WG maintain balance in terms of constituencies and expertise.

This document presents the additional candidate to the Pollution Working Group for information and approval by the GSSB. The nominated member has confirmed their availability and interest in participating in the WG.

2. Selection process and criteria

As per the due process protocol, WG members are appointed by the GSSB and should reflect a balance of multi-stakeholder constituencies on which GSSB membership is based: business enterprise, civil society, investment institution, labor, and mediating institution. In addition, geographical, gender, and cultural diversity will be encouraged.

The pie charts in Section 4 provide an overview of the proposed and nominated WG, totaling 20 members. The nominated member has a similar profile to the member stepping down and has followed the project from the sidelines as a supervisor of Melani Papapanou.

3. Proposed WG composition

Table 1. Proposed working group composition

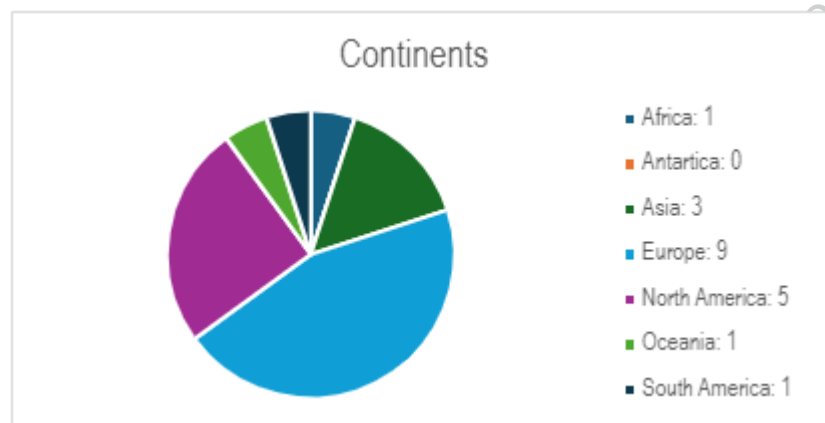
#	Title	Organization	Constituency	Region	Extract of background and experience
1	Director Sustainability	Cefic (European Chemical Industry Council)	Business	Europe	<p>Director sustainability within Cefic, aligning Cefic activities & opinions with the objectives formulated in the Cefic sustainability charter addressing the role of the sector in sustainable transition. In depth analysis of challenges and opportunities for the chemical sector related to sustainability related topics for example sustainability reporting, circular economy, corporate and product footprinting and accounting, sustainable products are on the agenda. The candidate has a long history in sustainability reporting and was actively involved in dialogues with EFRAG and GRI discussing sustainability reporting standards.</p> <p>The candidate was CSR Manager within the Antwerp Port Authority, coordinating the sustainability reporting process for the port of Antwerp. He was one of the driving forces of the World Ports Sustainability Program of the IAPH and was involved in the Environmental Committee of PIANC developing sector specific guidance for sustainability reporting. Before he was Professor at the Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development of the University of Antwerp focusing on</p>

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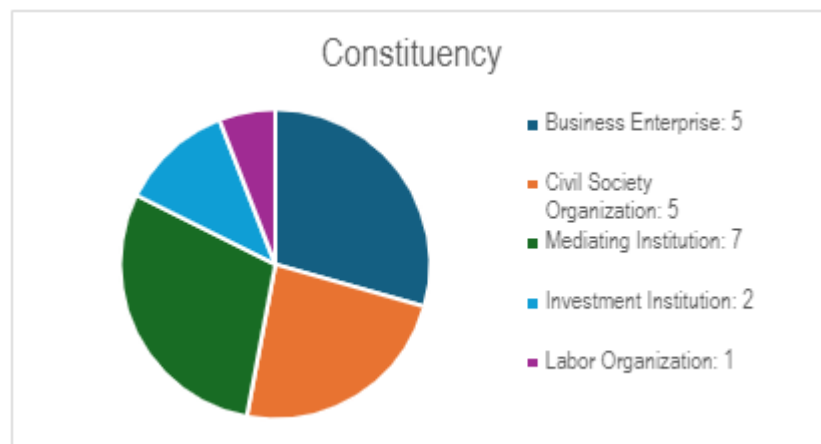
					<p>sustainable sediment management and integrated water management. In this position the candidate was involved in several European and regional research projects focusing on the impact of pollution on the ecosystem.</p> <p>He holds a MSc in Environmental Science and a PhD in Mathematical and Natural Sciences.</p>
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4. Representation per continent, GRI constituency and technical expertise

The pie charts below indicate the representation per continent, GRI constituency, and technical expertise of the proposed working group. NB: the number for technical expertise does not add to the total number of experts, as some experts have expertise in more than one subtopic.



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