



## **GRI Certified Training Partners course participants' FAQs**

**Have you got questions about the GRI Certified Training Program?**

**Here are answers to some of the most frequently asked questions. If you still can't find the answer you need, please get in touch with [GRI](#)**

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## **WHERE CAN I ATTEND A GRI CERTIFIED TRAINING COURSE?**

Click [here](#) for an overview of all GRI Certified Training Partners.

## **DO I RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE IF I ATTEND A GRI CERTIFIED TRAINING COURSE?**

Upon completion of the training course, you will be asked to fill out GRI's quality control questionnaire. Once you fill in and submit the questionnaire via your GRI Academy account, you will receive a digital certificate of completion. Hardcopies of the certificate are not issued.

## **DOES THE CERTIFICATE MEAN THAT I AM GRI CERTIFIED?**

No. The certificate of completion received after attending the GRI certified training course states that you have successfully completed the course. To obtain the status of 'GRI Certified Sustainability Professional,' you need to complete the full learning path and pass the certification exam. You can find more information [here](#).

## **HOW DO I IDENTIFY A GRI CERTIFIED TRAINING?**

A GRI Certified Training is delivered by a Certified Training Partner. A list of all certified organizations per region may be found [here](#). A GRI Certified Training offers training materials that have been certified by GRI and carry the approved content mark. The approved content mark is region specific so make sure the region where you are taking the course is the one listed on the mark. At the end of each GRI Certified Training participants will receive an email with a link to the questionnaire once completed and submitted the questionnaire the participant will receive the GRI Certificate of completion.

## **WHAT IS THE ADDED VALUE OF TAKING A TRAINING COURSE WITH A CTP?**

There is a lot of added value to attending a course through a Certified Training Partner including:

- Local context: The materials created by the Training Partners are certified by GRI and include local cases and examples tailored to the region where the course is being offered. Often, it is also offered in the local language.

- Peer-to-peer learning: CTPs provide opportunities for peer-to-peer learning, which is invaluable.
- Networking opportunities: Through the set-up of face-to-face or remote training sessions, the participants get networking opportunities through the CTP courses.
- Practical learning: The GRI online courses cover the essentials of reporting, but without the learner practicing the presented concepts. The CTP courses provide practical exercises and case studies.
- Access to a trainer: The participants get access to the trainer (an experienced sustainability professional) throughout the CTP courses, which is not the case with the online GRI Academy courses.

## **HOW DOES GETTING MY GRI PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION (ROUTE B) WORK – THROUGH CERTIFIED TRAINING PARTNERS?**

GRI's Certified Training Course is a customized training course in a peer-to-peer learning environment, offering networking opportunities and locally tailored content, and is delivered by close to a hundred training partners in almost 50 countries across the world.

If you opt for Route B, the GRI Standards Certified Training course is equivalent to the first two courses of the Route A certification path:

- 1) "Introduction to sustainability reporting and the GRI Standards 2021 Update" and
- 2) "Reporting with GRI Standards 2021 Update".

Some CTPs also license the two remaining courses of the certification path:

- 3) "Reporting on Human Rights with GRI Standards 2021 Update" and
- 4) "Integrating the SDGs into sustainability reporting"

In that case, these courses can also be taken through a CTP. Otherwise, you can complete your learning path by taking these courses on the GRI Academy.

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