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GRI Taxonomy
Deloitte Innovation XBRL Team
- Involved in XBRL since 2007
- GRI – taxonomy architect
- Dutch Government – taxonomy design for grant requests using XBRL formula
- Deloitte – XBRL instance creation application design

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Outline

- GRI Taxonomy
- GRI Taxonomy development approach
  - Interoperability in architecture
  - Interoperability in implementation
- Standardisation issues in sustainability reporting
The Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) is a non-profit organisation that provides a comprehensive sustainability reporting framework that is widely used around the world.
Requirements

1. The GRI Taxonomy MUST contain all concepts needed to create a full GRI report in XBRL
2. Conformance to Interoperable Taxonomy Architecture (ITA)

Reviewed by and discussed with Taxonomy Review Team

Conformance to ITA checked using the Global Filing Manual rules and documented in Architecture Guide

Decision to use typed dimensions explained in detail.

Also addresses how other initiatives or regulators could reuse the taxonomy
Implementation Guide

Written with comparability in mind

- Guidance on using typed dimensions
  - typed id must be a sequence number

- Limited guidance on identifying the reporter

- Guidance on using units
Standardisation issues in sustainability reporting

- Domain
- Architecture
- Units
- Identifiers