

TÜV SÜD's

# Sustainability Reporting Verification Process

Organisations are increasingly implementing systems to monitor and report their social and environmental performance. International working groups have developed guidelines to standardise sustainability reporting, and the Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) recommends that they are independently evaluated to assure stakeholders of the reliability of information within the report. TÜV SÜD's verification methodology ensures the highest level of compliance.

## PROCESS DESCRIPTION

To optimise the efficiency and effectiveness of the verification process TÜV SÜD follows four stages.

## TÜV SÜD'S VERIFICATION METHODOLOGY

Our verification process of GRI indicators guarantees the reliability and accessibility of information within your sustainability report.

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- Company profile
- Perimeter of reporting
- General strategy
- Material topics identification
- Stakeholder engagement



Initial management discussion



Initial stakeholder interaction



Verify material topics

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- Data collection
- Analysis of information and indicators
- Interviews with data owners and process owners
- Focus on specific subjects and sector indicators



Data collection & internal checks



Data & process owner interviews



Data analysis



Focus on KPIs

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- Completion of data sampling
- Revision of what was amended during data collection, analysis, and inputs of data and process owners



Data revision



Data analysis



Focus on KPIs



Stakeholder discussion

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- Final review of organisation's sustainability report
- Assurance statement preparation



Report review



Assurance statement issued

## ASSURANCE STATEMENT

Following completion of the verification process an assurance report is issued. This is integrated with your publicly available sustainability report.



Learn more about our Sustainability Reporting Verification service:  
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