

Trends in ESG reporting and their implications for water

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Three trends

1. Easier access to information

2. Integrated reporting

3. Focused principle/process based reporting



2. Integrated Reporting

- Combining Financial & Non-Financial
- Strategy / Business Model at the core
- Material Impacts and related Risks and Opportunities
- Backward & Forward looking information

Implication:

Companies will have to answer the question is water a material issue and explain the relationsships between business model, strategy and material water impacts.



1. Easier access to information

- Data Consolidation
- Comparability
- Instant access
- Strong Investor focus

Implication:

Water related performance information is will/be more readily available & comparable. Contextual information needed to help investors understand the information.



3. Focused Principle/Process based reporting

- Organization specific assessment
- Disclose process & outcomes
- Focused reporting

Implication:

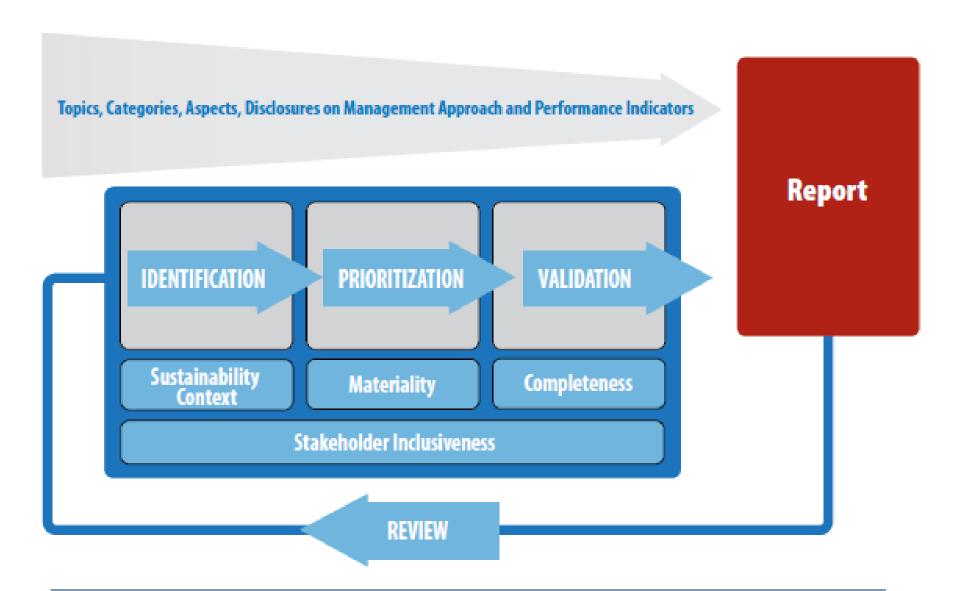
Companies will have to demonstrate that an organization specific assessment has taken place in which both, stakeholder input and good practice principle based guidance, has been considered.



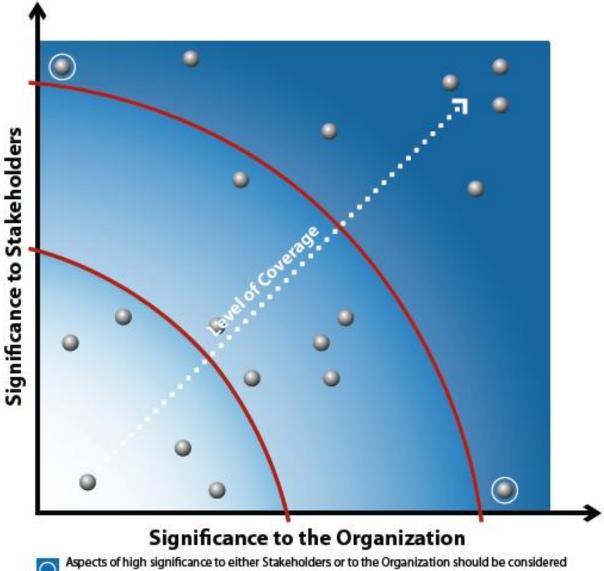
GRI's Technical Protocol

- Reporters found defining content difficult
- Technical Protocol Applying the Report Content Principles
 - Process guidance
 - Step by step
 - To be used with G3 and G3.1 Guidelines











Aspects of high significance to either Stakeholders or to the Organization should be considered for reporting





Thank You!

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