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## Sustainability Reporting News

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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the June edition of the GRI Newsletter. This month, you can read about the Public Comment Process for a new governance structure within GRI, two event launches in our network – one in Colombia for a new Focal Point and the other in Taiwan for the G4 Traditional Chinese translation – SDGS and the importance of accountability, and the publication of GRI's own Sustainability Report 2012/13, among other news items.

### **Public Comment Process now running for new governance structure**

While GRI has long been accepted as 'de facto standard setter' in providing sustainability reporting guidance, formal recognition of GRI's standard role needs to be further strengthened.

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### **GRI's Business Transparency Program provides invaluable support for first-time reporters**

Many companies and organizations have realized the benefits of GRI's Business Transparency Program, which introduces sustainability reporting to small and medium enterprises (SMEs), and groups in a company's supply chain.

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### Celebration in Colombia!

GRI is officially launching its seventh Focal Point this month, with events in Bogotá and Medellín.

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### GRI Deputy Chief Executive addresses the UN General Assembly on SDGS

As the target date for achieving the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) draws nearer, attention is now being increasingly focused on the preparation of the proposed Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and their integration in a post-2015 Development Agenda.

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### This month's featured report - spotlight on Banco Galicia

Banco Galicia is an Argentinian bank based in Buenos Aires. Read on to find out why sustainability reporting is important to the company, and the stages it goes through to gather information.

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### GRI's Sustainability Report now available

In what might seem like an exercise in 'practice what you preach', GRI is delighted to announce the publication of its own Sustainability Report for 2012/13.

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### G4 in Traditional Chinese translation

The latest translation of the G4 Guidelines was unveiled before an audience of 200 thought leaders and sustainability practitioners at a launch event in Taipei, Taiwan, on 15 May.

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### Steps towards standardization

The growing need to recognize GRI as a formal standard for



the disclosure of non-financial information was highlighted recently by a response from GRI's Chairman, Christianna Wood, to an article published in the Financial Times (FT) on 20 May.

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### Last call for open call!

There's just one week left to submit nominations for a new member for GRI's Board of Directors, and eleven new members for its Stakeholder Council – two of the governance bodies that oversee GRI's reporting guidance and activities. The deadline for submissions is midnight (CET) on 10 June 2014. For full details see this [page](#).



### Upcoming events

- 4 - 5 June, [RI Europe 2014: The Investor – Corporate Summit, Long- Term Sustainable Capitalism](#). London, UK  
GRI speaker: Nelmara Arbex  
Event Organizer: Responsible Investment
- 11-12 June, [Sustainability Reporting for Sustainable Development](#). Mumbai, India  
GRI Speaker: Aditi Haldar, Teresa Fogelberg  
Event Organizer: GRI
- 16-18 June, 2014 [ICGN Annual Conference](#), International Corporate Governance Network

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