# 2021 GRI STANDARDS CONTENT INDEX



## **The GRI Standards Content Index**

The Global Reporting Initiative (GRI) is an international independent organization that helps businesses, governments and other organizations understand and communicate the impact of business on critical sustainability issues such as climate change, human rights, corruption and many others. GRI's Sustainability Reporting Standards are the world's most widely used standards on sustainability reporting and disclosure, enabling businesses, governments, civil society and citizens to make better decisions based on information that matters.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the GRI Standards: Core option.

This GRI Standards Content Index refers to our 2021 CR Report which can be downloaded here.

| GRI 102: General Disclosures 2021 |                                    |  |           |  |  |
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| GRI standard                      | l Disclosure                       | Page reference or response   | Omissions |  |  |
| 102-1                             | Name of the organization           | Liberty Global plc   |           |  |  |
| 102-2                             | Activities, products, and services | As a leader in converged broadband, video, and mobile communications services our businesses deliver next-generation products through advanced fibre and 5G networks that connect 85 million subscribers across Europe and the United Kingdom. Our businesses operate under some of the best known consumer brands, including Virgin Media in Ireland, Telenet in Belgium, Sunrise UPC in Switzerland and UPC in Slovakia. In addition, Liberty Global owns 50% of Virgin Media-O2, a joint venture in the UK, and 50% of VodafoneZiggo, a joint venture in the Netherlands. We are investing in the infrastructure and platforms that empower our customers to make the most of the digital revolution while deploying the advanced technologies that nations and economies need to thrive. |           |  |  |
| 102-3                             | Location of headquarters           | London, United Kingdom; Denver, Colorado (USA) and Amsterdam, the Netherlands.   |           |  |  |
| 102-4                             | Location of operations             | Liberty Global operates in 7 European countries:<br>Belgium, Ireland, Netherlands, Poland, Slovakia,<br>Switzerland and the United Kingdom.  |           |  |  |
| 102-5                             | Ownership and legal form           | Liberty Global plc is a public listed company traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market.   |           |  |  |
| 102-6                             | Markets served                     | <u>Liberty Global Companies</u>  |           |  |  |
| 102-7                             | Scale of the organization          | <ul> <li>Number of employees: Performance summary, page 27</li> <li>Number of operations: About Liberty Global, page 7</li> <li>Revenues: 2021 Annual Report, page II-8</li> <li>Total capitalisation: 2021 Annual Report, page II-28</li> <li>Quantity of products or services provided: About Liberty Global, page 7, Performance Summary, page 26</li> </ul>  |           |  |  |

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|--------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|
| 102-8        | Information on employees             | Performance Summary, pages 27 – 30  | Employment<br>contracts are not<br>broken down by<br>region or<br>gender. |
| 102-9        | Supply chain                         | Supply chain, our material issues, page 9. For more detail, see 2021 Annual Report and Modern Slavery Act Statement 2021  Our 2022 Liberty Global Modern Slavery Act Statement will be executed in July 2022. The statement will be posted under the Policies and Resources section of our impact page on our website, found here Our Impact - Liberty Global.  |   |
| 102-10       | Significant changes                  | About This Report, page 6.  |   |
| 102-11       | Precautionary Principle              | We address the precautionary principle through our robust risk management processes. For more detail, see Risk Factors in our 2021 Annual Report, page I-27.  |   |
| 102-12       | External initiatives                 | Liberty Global endorses several initiatives designed to promote a digital society and improve the environmental impacts of the ICT sector. These include, among others, the European Green Digital Coalition, EU's Digital Agenda for Europe, the Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition and the Global e-Sustainability Initiative (GeSI).  |   |
| 102-13       | Membership of associations           | Liberty Global holds board positions in a number of social and environmental organizations, and supports others through memberships and ongoing involvement. A sample of such organizations includes: European Green Digital Coalition, The Alliance to Better Protect Minors Online, the EIF (European Internet Foundation), the Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition, GIGAEurope, Street Child, SCTE (Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers) and the World Economic Forum. |   |
| 102-14       | Statement from senior decision-maker | Welcome from our CEO, page 5.   |   |
| 102-16       | Values, principles, standards        | Our values, principles and expected standards of behavior at Liberty Global are encompassed in our Code of Conduct that applies to all of our employees, directors and officers.  We also maintain a specific Code of Ethics for our CEO and senior financial officers.   |   |

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| GRI standard                      | Disclosure                                     | Page reference or response  | Omissions |  |  |
|                                   |  | Proxy Statement , pages 13 - 14     Corporate Governance Guidelines     Overview Board of Directors and Executive Leadership Team   |           |  |  |
| 102-18                            | Governance structure                           | Liberty Global's Board of Directors consists of 10 persons: 8 are both independent and non-executive directors; one is a non-executive director and one is an executive director. The executive director is the only director who is an employee of Liberty Global. 9 directors are male and 1 is female and all 10 directors (100%) are over 50 years old. |           |  |  |
|                                   |  | For more information, please visit <u>Liberty Global</u><br><u>Leadership</u>   |           |  |  |
| 102-22                            | Composition of the highest governance          | Overview Board of Directors and Executive<br>Leadership Team  |           |  |  |
| 102-40                            | List of stakeholder groups                     | GRI Content Index, pages 5 - 7  |           |  |  |
| 102-41                            | Collective bargaining agreements               | 26% of our FTE employees were covered by collective bargaining agreements in 2021.  |           |  |  |
| 102-42                            | Identifying and selecting stakeholders         | GRI Content Index, pages 5 - 7  |           |  |  |
| 102-43                            | Stakeholder engagement                         | GRI Content Index, pages 5 - 7  |           |  |  |
| 102-44                            | Key topics and concerns raised                 | GRI Content Index, pages 5 - 7  |           |  |  |
| 102-45                            | Entities included                              | About this Report, page 6   |           |  |  |
| 102-46                            | Report content and topic boundaries            | Our Material Issues, page 9   |           |  |  |
| 102-47                            | List of material topics                        | Our Material Issues, page 9   |           |  |  |
| 102-48                            | Restatements of information                    | About this Report, page 6   |           |  |  |
| 102-49                            | Changes in reporting                           | In 2021 we had operational control changes, as detailed in the following documents:  Liberty Global Environmental Reporting Criteria 2021  Liberty Global Community Investment Criteria 2021  |           |  |  |
| 102-50                            | Reporting period                               | About this Report, page 6   |           |  |  |
| 102-51                            | Date of most recent report                     | 2021  |           |  |  |
| 102-52                            | Reporting cycle                                | About this Report, page 6   |           |  |  |
| 102-53                            | Contact point                                  | cr@libertyglobal.com  |           |  |  |
| 102-54                            | Reporting in accordance with the GRI Standards | About this Report, page 6   |           |  |  |

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| GRI standard                      | Disclosure         | Page reference or response  | Omissions |  |  |
| 102-55                            | GRI content index  | GRI Content Index, pages 2-10   |           |  |  |
| 102-56                            | External assurance | We engaged KPMG LLP to undertake an independent limited assurance engagement, reporting to Liberty Global plc, using the assurance standards ISAE 3000 and ISAE 3410 covering the greenhouse gas emissions, energy consumption and community investments as presented in Liberty Global plc's Annual Report and Accounts for year ending 31 December 2021.  The KPMG Independent Limited Assurance Statement can be found here. |           |  |  |

# 102-44 Stakeholder engagement topics by stakeholder group

## Communities and civil society organizations

How we engage:

- We work with organizations that support some of our most strategic issues, such as developing digital skills. We
  listen to what these organizations (e.g. CoderDojo, SOZIALHELDEN, Scope) needs, and collaboratively identify
  the best ways of supporting them to meet our shared objectives.
- We identify new ways to help keep children safe online through work with partners such as European Schoolnet.
- We enable discussions on some of the biggest issues facing society, through the creation of our flagship community investment program Digital Imagination.
- We work with NGOs such as SCTE and CableLabs input on our product development.

What they told us and what we are doing:

- Our CoderDojo experience told us that there was an opportunity to combine the development of global
  citizenship with the needs to make coding engaging. We have further launched our digital skills programs in four
  of our markets, Belgium, The Netherlands, Poland and Ireland.
- European Schoolnet informed us of the need to raise awareness to teachers on the educational resources
  available for them to help them address the online issues young people are facing. While the teen handbooks
  have been in high demand for many years, the launch of the <u>educator handbook</u> in 2019 forged a close and
  unique collaboration with <u>the eTwinning network</u>, facilitating hands-on involvement and engagement from
  teachers and pupils across Europe. In 2020, we furthered our collaboration on a <u>new guide for educators and
  schools</u> centered around privacy & GDPR training which was launched in 2021.

## **Customers and consumers**

How we engage:

- We use the Net Promoter Score (NPS) to gauge the strength of our relationship with customers.
- We respond to requests from our customers for environmental information relating to purchased goods and services.

What they told us and what we are doing:

- We use NPS to monitor our customers' experiences from purchase through product use to paying their bill, and
  use the data in our process for testing new products. For example, we invited customers to test our Connect
  Box before launch.
- What customers told us influenced our decisions, from the look and feel to the packaging of the product. As a
  result, the Connect Box has the highest NPS of all of our WiFi modems.
- We have linked our global NPS targets to the remuneration of Liberty Global employees.

## **Employees**

How we engage:

• Spark is Liberty Global's innovation initiative designed to source ideas to tackle real business challenges, using the collective innovative spirit of our employees.

- Launched internal documentary called the Human Connection, a short film exploring topics surrounding diversity, equity and inclusion by speaking to experts, and our own people with lived experience. Teams then took a collective moment to reflect on the themes explored in the film and start the dialogue around DE&I, creating a safe space where everyone can share their perspectives and experiences.
- Expanded our engagement strategy with the launch of our first dedicated DE&I survey, called Vibe, partnering with Laws of Attraction. A survey designed to get insight into how diverse, equitable and inclusive our people view life at Liberty Global. The aim of collecting this insight was to inform our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion strategy and create actions that will drive a more inclusive culture. We asked people to be straight up (one of our values) and took measures to ensure complete confidentiality. Over 1,200 colleagues (60%) completed Vibe and as well as sharing results with colleagues we ran listening sessions with leaders and employees to delve deeper into the feedback.

## What they told us and what we are doing:

- Spark has driven many campaigns, one of which, "Help our Street Cabinets beat the heat," led to the testing
  and implementation of Phase Changing Material being used in our street cabinets to help reduce the heat
  which can lead to outages during the hotter summer months.
- Another campaign in 2019 focused on the automation of reoccurring tasks throughout the business; Meet
  F.R.I.D.A.Y Fast Reliable Intelligent Digital Assistant for You. The campaign received over 25 ideas; of which
  six have been implemented thus far. From these ideas we have already saved over 500 hours, equivalent to
  around 25K.
- Our Spark innovation training program (Matchbox) which launched in 2009 was implemented across our entire
  footprint in 2019; further supports and invests in our employees utilizing digital technology to solve social
  problems and inspire change.

#### **Governments and policy makers**

How we engage:

- We help influence EU policy makers through our support of the alliance of industry and NGOs for a better internet for children.
- We participate in policy conversations and programs that help deliver the priorities of the EC's Digital Skills and Jobs Coalition to encourage digital skills development in Europe.

## What they told us and what we are doing:

- The issue of child safety online is as pressing as ever. We are therefore continuing to invest in tools and information to keep children safe. We continue to support Safer Internet Day and promote the education and use of the safety features in our equipment.
- We continued to scale our Future Makers program in our markets encouraging young people to use their digital skills to solve social issues.

## **Industry peers**

How we engage:

- We address the key issue impacting our business through our membership and participation in several organizations.
- We are working towards a more sustainable cable industry as members of the Society of Cable
  Telecommunications Engineers' (SCTE)'s Energy 20/20 program. In partnership with other key cable system
  operators and vendor companies, we aim to increase the efficiency and reduce the impact of our sector by
  developing energy management standards, technology innovation, organizational solutions and training.
- We are also influencing the establishment of standards for network improvement with the European Telecommunications Standards Institute (ETSI).

#### What they told us and what we are doing:

- We have learned a great deal as part of Energy20/20, from best practice sharing to managing energy whilst increasing bandwidth. We're discussing the different approaches with our peers to explore how we can implement this both in the near future but also long term.
- We work closely with the SCTE and CableLabs to ensure we maintain a full view of the energy landscape of the cable network including Customer Premise Equipment (CPE). The partnership ensures the evolution of network and CPE features and operational efficiencies.
- We are sharing our own best practices, such as our use of Phase Changing Material (PCM). In the Netherlands, we are using PCM alongside Free Air to maintain optimal temperatures in our edge technical facilities and reduced our energy use at this site by 40%. Watch our <u>video</u> for the full story. We are also now trialing PCM in our street cabinets to help mitigate potential outages due to overheating on days when the outside temperature is abnormally high.
- As leading member of the SCTE Energy20/20 program, we are helping develop standards for cable operators to measure and manage their energy and power consumption.

## **Investors**

#### How we engage:

One of the main ways we engage with investors is by responding to their socially responsible investment
questions through our submission to the Dow Jones Sustainability Index (DJSI), CDP Climate Change Program,
FTSE4Good, and Newsweek Green Ranking. We also actively engage in MSCI ESG & Sustainalytics
questionnaires.

### What they told us and what we are doing:

- We continue to engage with DJSI and CDP on how to improve our performance. In 2021, we received 62 points in the DJSI World Index in our industry, placing us in the 78<sup>th</sup> percentile.
- We recognize that investors are able to make more informed investment decisions based on our submissions.
   In 2021, we continued to make our CDP submission public to improve transparency for SRI investors and analysts; we achieved a C- score, putting us in the leadership category as part of CDP's Climate Change Program.

#### **Suppliers**

## How we engage:

- We engage with our suppliers both directly and through the EcoVadis assessment platform to align on key ESG topics and to address risks
- We are also in dialogue with suppliers to identify opportunities to use new technology to improve our impacts.

#### What they told us and what we are doing:

- Through the EcoVadis assessment, we identify improvement areas that can present risks for our company.
   Based on this, we raise corrective actions with suppliers to help them improve their performance and mitigate risk
- We explore ways to implement improvements identified through our Product Sustainability Scorecard or LCA processes.

| Materiality        | GRI<br>Standard              | Management<br>Approach: Page | Specific GRI<br>Disclosure        | Page | Omissions  |
|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------|--|
| Business<br>Ethics | GRI 415:<br>Public<br>Policy | 101:1-3: Page 9              | 415-1: Political<br>Contributions |      | At our 2021 annual general meeting we requested that our company and its subsidiaries generally and unconditionally be authorized, for purposes of Part 14 of the Companies Act, to make or incur payments not to exceed \$1 million in the aggregate for political donations (including donations to political organizations and political parties) and political expenditures. No contributions were made in 2021. |

| Materiality                                | GRI Standard                                      | Management<br>Approach: Page              | Specific GRI<br>Disclosure  | Page   | Omissions  |
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| Privacy and data security                  | GRI 418:<br>Customer<br>Privacy                   | 101:1-3: Page 9                           | 418-1: Substantiated complaints concerning breaches of customer privacy and losses of customer data | Customer privacy<br>and data<br>security,<br>page 9                                    |  |
|  | GRI 404:<br>Training and<br>Education             | 101:1-3: Pages 9, 10,<br>21 – 25          | 404-1: Average hours of training per year per employee  | Page 28  | Breakdown by<br>gender and<br>employee category<br>is not available. |
| Talent attraction and development          | GRI 401:<br>Employment                            | 101:1-3: Pages 9,<br>10, 21 - 25          | 401-1: New<br>employee hires and<br>turnover  | Page 28  |  |
| development                                | GRI 404:<br>Training and<br>Education             | 101:1-3: Pages 9,<br>10, 21 - 25          | 404-3: Employees receiving performance reviews  | Page 29 - 30   | Breakdown by<br>gender<br>and employee<br>category is<br>unavailable |
|  |   | 101:1-3: Pages 9,<br>10, 16 - 19, 31 - 32 | 302-1: Energy consumption within the organization   | Page 31 - 32   |  |
| Energy<br>efficiency                       |   |   | 302-3: Energy intensity   | Page 31 - 32   |  |
|  |   |   | 302-4: Reduction of energy consumption  | Page 31 - 32   |  |
| Diversity & Inclusion                      | GRI 405:<br>Diversity and<br>Equal<br>Opportunity | 101:1-3: Pages 9,10,<br>23 - 24           | 405-1: Diversity of governance bodies and employees   | Performance<br>Summary, pages<br>27 - 28 and<br>GRI Content<br>Index 102-18,<br>page 4 |  |
| Environmental<br>Product<br>Sustainability | GRI 301:<br>Materials                             | 101:1-3: Page 3, 9,<br>10,16, 19          | 301-3: Reclaimed products and their packaging materials   | Page 3, 19, 32   |  |
|  | GRI 306:<br>Effluents and<br>Waste                | 101:1-3: Pages 3, 9, 10, 16, 19           | 306-2: Waste by type and disposal   | Page 3, 19, 32   |  |
| Electronic<br>waste<br>reduction           | GRI 306:<br>Waste                                 |   | 306-1: Waste generation and significant waste-related impacts                                       | Page 3, 19, 32   |  |
|  | GRI 306:<br>Waste                                 |   | 306-2: Management of significant wasterelated impacts   | Page 3, 19, 32   |  |
|  | GRI 306:<br>Waste                                 |   | 306-3: Waste generated  | Page 32  |  |

| Materiality                            | GRI Standard                                     | Management<br>Approach: Page | Specific GRI<br>Disclosure                | Page       | Omissions  |
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| Electronic<br>waste<br>reduction       | GRI 306:<br>Waste                                |                              | 306-4: Waste<br>diverted from<br>disposal | Page 3, 32 |  |
|  | GRI 306:<br>Waste                                |                              | 306-5: Waste directed to disposal         | Page 32    |  |
| Labor<br>Practices and<br>Human Rights | GRI 403:<br>Occupational<br>Health and<br>Safety | 101:1-3: Pages 9,<br>28      |   | Page 28    | Data on the types of injury is unavailable. Aside from total employee figures, breakdown of data on outsourced employees is not available. |

| Additional<br>Performance<br>indicators*                 | Performance Indicators             | Page / Link for DMA and Performance Indicators | Omissions |
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| 203-2:<br>Significant<br>indirect<br>economic<br>impacts | GRI 203: Indirect economic impacts | Pages 11 - 14                                  |           |
| 303-3: Water withdrawal                                  | GRI 303: Water and Effluents       | Performance Summary, page 33                   |           |
| 305-1: Direct<br>(Scope 1)<br>GHG<br>Emissions           | GRI 305: Emissions                 | Performance Summary, page 32                   |           |
| 305-2: Energy indirect (Scope 2) GHG emissions           |                                    | Performance Summary, page 32                   |           |
| 305-3: Other indirect (Scope 3) GHG emissions            |                                    | Performance Summary, page 32                   |           |
| 305-4: GHG<br>emissions<br>intensity                     | GRI 305: Emissions                 | Performance Summary, page 32                   |           |
| 305-5:<br>Reduction of<br>GHG<br>emissions               |                                    | Performance Summary, page 32                   |           |

| Additional<br>Performance<br>indicators* | Performance Indicators                     | Page / Link for DMA and Performance Indicators | Omissions |
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| 403-9:<br>Work-related<br>injuries       | GRI 403: Occupational Health and Safety    | Page 28  |           |
| 403-10<br>Work-related<br>ill health     | GRI 403: Occupational Health<br>and Safety | Page 28  |           |

<sup>\*</sup>These additional performance indicators are not considered as our most material issues for the purposes of this report and the GRI Standards requirement for "in accordance", core option. However, we have included this data for the benefit of stakeholders who require additional information.