

# How RE100 members are held to account

## Credibility and comparability through public messaging and annual disclosure

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### Introduction

This guidance outlines the approach RE100 takes to supporting public messaging by RE100 members about their consumption of renewable electricity (RE), including their achievement of an RE100 target.

Part of the support RE100 gives its members with public messaging is through the RE100 annual disclosure reports, which present findings from each year's CDP disclosure cycle. RE100 members all commit to having a minimum amount of information made public about their RE consumption each year.

This guidance is important for RE100 members who wish to:

- Publicly announce meeting their RE100 target or interim target or generally promote their RE consumption.
- Learn how their disclosures are assessed by RE100 and presented in RE100 annual disclosure reports.

This guidance aims to ensure that RE100 can report and celebrate its members' achievements while maintaining its call for policy change, and that RE100 members use RE100's endorsements in consistent, transparent, comparable, and credible ways.

## How RE100 endorses its members' own announcements

RE100 supports members' announcements which are supported by **twelve months** of disclosures submitted to the initiative. These can come from the most recent CDP full corporate questionnaire response or can be submitted on-demand outside of the CDP disclosure cycle through the RE100 Spreadsheet. See page 3 for more details on the data needed for RE100 to endorse announcements.

### Required transparency in announcements

Members' announcements must transparently acknowledge if the RE100 technical criteria were not met, and ideally where they were not met. This is not to penalize members: it is essential for amplifying calls for policy change where the technical criteria cannot be met.

Members should consider the below principles to draft announcements which RE100 must approve before endorsing those announcements.

#### If the RE100 target has been met

*[RE100 member name] has met its RE100 target.*

#### If the RE100 target has not been met globally

*As a minimum, the announcement **must** state either:*

- The markets or regions in which the RE100 technical criteria were not met; or
- The global percentage which met the RE100 technical criteria.

*Encouraged, additional transparency includes:*

- Both the minimum transparency features; and
- The nature of the barriers faced.

These principles can be adapted for interim targets.

Some examples of announcements developed using these principles would look as follows:

*[RE100 member name] has met its RE100 target, except in [markets or regions affected].*

*[RE100 member name] has procured 98.5% renewable electricity meeting the RE100 technical criteria.*

*[RE100 member name] has met its RE100, except in [markets or regions affected]. This was equivalent to 98.5% of its global electricity consumption. 1.5% of [RE100 member name]'s electricity consumption was not met with procurement of renewable electricity meeting the RE100 technical criteria because of [barriers].*

## How to submit data for RE100 to support an announcement

**All announcements must be supported by twelve months of disclosures submitted to RE100.**

RE100 requires two weeks to assess disclosures before it can agree to support announcements. This period may be extended at RE100's discretion, especially at busy times (such as the October-December period when RE100 prepares the annual disclosure report), or when RE100 has questions about the disclosures it is assessing.

RE100 uses the methodology published in the annual RE100 reporting guidance to assess members' disclosures.

### As part of annual reporting

Members may use the CDP annual disclosure cycle to submit disclosures for assessment. The announcement will then also be consistent with the member progress table for that annual reporting cycle.

Annual reporting happens through the CDP full corporate questionnaire. Please refer to the [RE100 reporting guidance](#) for more information.

### Outside of annual reporting

Members may submit data on-demand through the RE100 Spreadsheet.

The announcement may not be consistent with a RE100 annual disclosure report, because RE100 annual disclosure reports are derived only from data submitted during annual reporting cycles.

Please contact [re100@cdp.net](mailto:re100@cdp.net) to request a copy of the RE100 Spreadsheet which your organization can fill in and request assessment outside of the annual reporting cycle.

### What period of data should be used for a given announcement?

An announcement relating to a given 'year' must be based on twelve months of data with most of it falling into the year the announcement describes. For example, an announcement relating to '2025' must be based on twelve months of consecutive data with at least six of those months falling in 2025 itself.

## 2024 RE100 member progress table

The 2024 member progress table (published in February 2025) will make the following public about each member:

- The member's name.
- The country or area the member is headquartered in.
- The year the member joined RE100.
- The RE100 target year. This will be published solely based on Climate Group's records and may differ from what is stated in the most recent CDP response. Review *1.10 Changes to your RE100 target details* in the RE100 reporting guidance for more information.
- Details of any interim targets. This will be published solely based on Climate Group's records and may differ from what is stated in the most recent CDP response. Review *1.10 Changes to your RE100 target details* in the RE100 reporting guidance for more information.
- The % progress towards the RE100 target for the reporting period **self-reported to RE100**.
  - This is taken from Column 12 of 7.54.1 in the CDP 2024 full corporate questionnaire.
- The % progress towards the RE100 target for the reporting period **that is supported by disclosures to RE100**.
  - This is based on an assessment of disclosures in 7.30.16, 7.30.17, and 7.30.19 in the CDP 2024 full corporate questionnaire. An assessment methodology is included in the RE100 reporting guidance.
- The % progress towards the RE100 target supported by disclosures to RE100 in 2022 and 2023.
- The % progress towards the RE100 target self-reported to RE100 in 2021, 2020 and 2019.
- Four impact metric columns that are populated **only where the CDP response is public**. If the response is non-public, the columns are blank. The following information is presented:
  - A % RE procured through project-specific procurement, including self-generation, physical or financial/virtual power purchase agreements, and project-specific contracts with suppliers (see questions 7.30.17 and 7.30.19).
  - A % RE purchased from projects commissioned or re-powered in the last 15 years (see Column 8 in 7.30.17).
  - A % RE procured associated with an ecolabel (e.g. Green-e® certification) (see Column 11 in 7.30.17).
  - A % RE procured through granular matching (see '24/7 procurement' or 'granular matching' in the RE100 reporting guidance).