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TEACHING ACTIVITY 3 Reading list

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This reading list provides some key documents that the students who have been selected to participate in the Account4GreenEco Teaching Activity 3 should read in advance to benefit the most from their involvement in the activity.

Unit 1.1 Accounting and the Anthropocene

Key readings

Antonini, C., & Larrinaga, C. (2017). Planetary boundaries and sustainability indicators. A survey of corporate reporting boundaries. *Sustainable Development*, 25(2), 123-137. <https://doi.org/10.1002/sd.1667>

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Unit 1.2 The sustainability reporting landscape

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Unit 2.2. Social and environmental impact measurement

Key readings

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Unit 3.1. Sustainability management accounting

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Unit 3.1. Sustainability management control

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- Dijkstra-Silva, S., Schaltegger, S., & Beske-Janssen, P. (2022). Understanding positive contributions to sustainability. A systematic review. *Journal of Environmental Management*, 320, 115802. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jenvman.2022.115802>

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