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# Positive Effects of Green HR Practices on Corporate Social Responsibility: Empirical Evidence from Tunisian Business

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## ABSTRACT

When appropriately designed and implemented, the methods of Green Human Resource Management (GHRM) stand to be significant avenues towards Reaching Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This study delves into examining the GHRM practices' effectiveness over the sustainable performance of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). In an evolving economic landscape marked by trends such as globalization, escalating demands from investors and consumers and heightened product competition, governmental entities continuously strive to advance their performance by minimizing costs, renewing products and procedures, and enhancing quality to remain competitive. GHRM represents an initiative that contributes to fostering an eco-friendly workforce capable of understanding and implementing green culture within businesses and institutions. Hence, it is essential to underscore that human resources as well as their systems

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serve as the bedrock of any enterprise. It is a recognized fact that the role of human resources inside an organization is pivotal to plan and to execute these ecological policies in order to foster a green ecology. For our research, a sample size of 100 Enterprises (SMEs) in Tunisia has been chosen. We will conduct factorial analyses and Cronbach's alpha tests using SPSS 20 software to facilitate the aggregation and refinement of items related to the measurement scales of the questionnaire. Subsequently, all research hypotheses were upheld with results indicating that the practical implementation of GHRM such as training (GT), recruitment (GR) and remuneration (GRe) exerts a positive influence on the sustainable performance (SP) of CSR.

Keywords: Sustainable performance; CSR; GHRM; green training; green remuneration; green recruitment.

## 1. INTRODUCTION

In today's economic landscape, businesses are increasingly focusing on mastering technologies and adhering to sustainable development standards to enhance their competitiveness. Integrating responsible human resources into development strategies is essential for improving financial and social performances in terms of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) [1].

In the context of global industrialization, environmental concerns have intensified. necessitating sustainable growth and environmental preservation efforts. Green (GHRM) Human Resource Management practices encourage environmentally respectful actions and align with strategic objectives [2]. Employees play a central role in organizational performance, contributing to competitive advantage through their knowledge, skills, and creativity [3].

The pressing need to solve environmental issues like environmental deterioration and climate change, underscores the need for ecological initiatives and employee training for green performance [4]. Our research aims to explore how enterprise-level GHRM activities are linked economic ecological, social, to and performances within the framework of CSR. Despite abundant literature on the subject, there is no universally recognized theory linking GHRM implementation to CSR improvement. Our study thus seeks to examine the impact of GHRM sustainable ethical on CSR implementation by companies in Tunisia [5].

Recent managerial emphasis on CSR reflects a commitment to ethical business practices and sustainability across ecological, social, and economic dimensions [6]. CSR goes beyond profit maximization to address environmental and social concerns [7]. It integrates social and environmental interests into organizational

strategies [8] and contributes to economic development by improving worker welfare and community well-being [9].

CSR extends beyond philanthropy, incorporating societal and environmental impacts into organizational practices [10]. Employees play a crucial role in CSR implementation and integration [11], with their discretionary attitudes shaping CSR strategies. Organizational culture and strategy should align with legitimate CSR initiatives for competitive advantage [12].

The traditional view of corporate performance, focused solely on short-term financial gains, is evolving to embrace broader sustainability goals encompassing economic, social, and environmental dimensions [13,14]. Sustainable performance integrates financial efficiency with social and environmental responsibility [15,16], aligning with Sustainable Development Goals (UNGA, 2015). However, human activities strain natural resources [17,18], emphasizing the urgency of sustainable practices [19,20].

GHRM, as defined by [21], entails HRM practices facilitating the achievement of fiscal, social, and environmental objectives with longterm impacts both internally and externally. Various HR procedures, such as recruitment, training, compensation, and performance reviews, are tailored in GHRM to assist employees in understanding and promoting green behavior [22].

This entails utilizing HR initiatives to promote environmental sustainability and enhance the sustainable use of resources inside enterprises [22] GHRM is directly responsible for creating a green workforce that understands, appreciates, and practices green enterprise to maintain green objectives throughout HR processes of recruitment, hiring, training, compensation, development, and organizational human capital creation. According to [21] GHRM is the use of HRM to support environmentally friendly practices and raise staff awareness of environmental issues.

According to [22], GHRM can take various forms from communication methods to ranging employee selection, training, and reward systems. In the latter, employees are rewarded for being involved with the company's green practices. often receiving incentives [22]. Presently, discourse on GHRM isn't solely about raising awareness of environmental issues but also about broader social and economic welfare of the organization and employees. If properly planned and carried out, GHRM is without a doubt one of the most important strategies for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Linking CSR policy to compensation appears to be the right way to implement it by mobilizing employees and eliciting their commitment to the company's objectives [23]. Chemior et al. [24] believes that Green Reward (GRe) is both a financial and non-financial incentive program designed to capture, conserve, and encourage support for green ecological priorities. Previous literature also confirmed that employees' engagement in ecological and sustainable programs was enhanced when they received compensation for engaging in environmentally friendly activities. For [25], green capability in carrying out work highlights employee satisfaction through green wages and support for green job creation [26]. According to [27] integrating sustainability indicators into executive compensation policies reflects companies' willingness to steer their executives' behavior lona-term goals. towards meetina the expectations of numerous stakeholders with different requirements. Moreover, companies offering CSR-linked compensation have, on average, high levels of social performance. This type of compensation promotes CSR actions. According to [28], executives' fiduciary behavior in CSR helps reduce agency problems and optimize the company's value. For [29], to resolve potential conflicts between investor and executive expectations, companies can index executive compensation to social performance objectives. The findings indicate that there is only a positive impact on social performance when executive compensation is indexed [30]. Several similar work performance results have shown that green rewards and compensation affect the environment. Based on environmental performance, the use of incentives and

recognition has a significant effect on employees' willingness to experiment with green projects [31].

Job applications can be proceeded through the website as a part of an company's environmentally friendly recruitment. However, the selection process involving people who care about the environment interviews can be conducted by phone or online [32]. Employee engagement supports long-term green performance performance. reviews, and educates employees about green company operations such as reducing waste and mitigating environmental damage. Rawashdeh [33] believed this contributes to improving environmental performance. The importance is reinforced through the recruitment and selection process and retention of a conscious workforce. Green hiring emphasizes the organization's desire to collaborate with environmental performance. In their studv on GHR practices and their effect on ecological performance, [34] observed that hired employees according to their environmental expertise show high levels of satisfaction when they are more involved in daily decision-making and operations.

Training can also play a role in raising awareness and involving collaborators. Rawashdeh [33] discuss training methods that aimed to equip employees with basic skills to learn waste data collection in order to raise the level of eco-labelling and improve ecological control within the organisation. Renwick et al. [34] believe that staff training is essential to equip employees with the basic skills and knowledge required to decide on HRM procedures with knowledge. They will therefore be motivated to carry out green activities. In addition, there are other important elements to HRM practice, namely coaching and green development. Training is defined as the process of preparing highly skilled people to improve the skills needed for innovation" [34]. For [32,33], in HRM practices, training includes equipping employees with basic skills, such as teaching them to collect waste information and raise company standards of environmental performance and competence. Chemjor [24], argued that workers' desire to contribute to environmentally friendly efforts requires environmental coaching. Training can help people become familiar with career challenges and transitions. It improves their skills and motivates them to perform tasks [34].

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## 2. METHODS

"This research's primary purpose is explaining the connection between GHR practices and potential CSR accomplishment. Based on our research hypotheses, we have reconstructed our conceptual framework to present all the independent variables that may have a relationship with GHR practices and sustainable CSR performance."

**Hypothesis 1:** The effects of GT on the SP of CSR

**Hypothesis 2:** The GR's effects on the sustainable performance of CSR

**Hypothesis 3:** The effects of GRe on the SP of CSR

In our scientific research, we define our elements as follows. All measurements were conducted using a 5-point Likert scale, evaluating responses across various scales. Our sample represents the population under survey, selected based on three criteria. Firstly, limited to entirely private companies. Secondly, companies of relatively large size. Thirdly, companies demonstrating a commitment to social responsibility. The questionnaire, designed to collect data, was administered to a sample of 100 SMEs within the Tunisian industrial sector, selected from the UTICA database, covering diverse sectors of activity. Our objective is to evaluate the impact of GHRM practices on companies' SP.

The dependent variable comprises indicators for measuring CSR and its SP, as proposed by [36]. These indicators are categorized into pillars of economic, social, and environmentally sustainable development, further subdivided into aspects based on various scholarly works cited [37,38,39,40,41]. A 9-item scale is utilized to measure SP, encompassing Performance Economy, Environmental Performance, and Social Accomplishment.

The independent variables are measured as follows: GRe salary, based on the work of [42]. using 6 measurement elements. Examples include "Employees who are praised for making suggestions to improve environmental programs" and "Employees who meet or exceed their environmental goals and are rewarded with other monetary incentives." bonuses or Examples include "This organization provides GT to all employees" and "Environmental training is a priority in this organization." Here are some examples: "This organization places emphasis on hiring and selecting employees with green interests, knowledge and attitudes," which is reflected in the recruitment process, where preference is given to candidates with environmental knowledge, attitudes and concerns.

Control variables include Experience, as emphasized by [43], highlighting the significance of securing activity in fostering experience conducive to overall performance. Education, as underscored by [44], where education is seen as instrumental in building self-esteem, enhancing autonomy, and facilitating social integration. Education is regarded as essential for economic development, with both authors advocating for education's role in promoting liberation and equality of opportunity [45].

We will refer to the SPSS 20 software. We will present the tests of homogeneity of the constructs, and we will test the hypotheses resulting from our research model. Exploratory factor analysis was used to identify the underlying factors explaining the correlations between several variables, such as 'green 'green training'. recruitment'. 'areen remuneration' 'sustainable CSR and performance'. In addition, principal component analysis, a specific variant of exploratory factor was used to determine which analysis, components explained the most variance in the data. This approach was supported by tables showing the explained variance, eigenvalues, KMO values and Cronbach's alpha coefficients for each variable. Finally, multiple linear regression was performed to model the relationship between sustainable CSR performance (dependent variable) and several independent variables. including training, recruitment and green pay, as well as control variables such as age, experience and education. Overall, this combined approach of statistical techniques different aims to understand the underlying structure of the data, assess the reliability of the measurement scales, identify the factors influencing sustainable CSR performance, and evaluate the model's ability to explain and predict this performance. This will enable us to move on to the aggregation and purification items relating of to the questionnaire's measurement scales. For our questionnaire, certain ordinal or 5-point Likerttype scales (1 means "strongly disagree" and 5 means "strongly agree"), as in the case of our study, are most often considered to be metric scales.

## 3. RESULTS OF THE EXPLORATORY FACTOR ANALYSIS

Study of the one-dimensionality of measurement scales and reliability: The scale's one-dimensionality was verified by PCA. It is a very useful way to refine the measurement of each retained variable. We retained items with factorial contributions that are greater than 0.4 and factors with eigenvalues that are greater than 1. Statistical analysis results were performed by PCA to structure the research's

variables model. The Reliability test is presented below.

**The training variable green:** The training variable consists of 4 items. The outcomes indicated that the value of the KMO equals 0.714. Therefore, this value is acceptable since it is greater than 0.5. The quality of the items' representation is also satisfying as it has communities greater than 0.4. Hence, the conditions for applying PCA are met (see Table 1).

The one-dimensionality is quite strong since the existence of a single factor makes it possible to recover 60.642% of the variance explained. With regard to the factor contributions, we noted a positive and strongly elevated correlation of the item (GT 1) (0.574) in relation to the other items (see Table 1).

Cronbach's alpha coefficient is 0.780, which certifies the reliability of the scale for measuring resource availability. We confirm the onedimensionality of this scale. The training variable's results of the principal component analysis are presented in the Table 1.

**The variable GR:** The recruitment variable consists of 4 items. The results indicated that the KMO value is equal to 0.739. This is acceptable because the value is greater than 0.5. The quality of the items' representation is pleasing with communities which are greater than 0.4. Hence, the conditions for applying PCA are made (see Table 2).

The one-dimensionality is quite strong, since the existence of a single factor makes it possible to recover 64.457% of the variance explained. With regard to the factor contributions, we note a positive and highly elevated correlation of the item (GR3) (0.749) compared to the other items which have a positive and average correlation (see Table 2).

Table 1. Principal component analysis applied to "green training"

Items	Quality of representation	Factor contribution
GT1	0.330	0.574
GT2	0.621	0.788
GT2	0.665	0.816
GT4	0.810	0.900
Total variance explained	60.642%	
Eigenvalue	2.426	
KMO	0.714	
CRONBACH'S ALPHA	0.780	

Items	Quality of representation	Factor contribution
GR1	0.561	0.749
GR2	0.626	0.791
GR3	0.815	0.903
GR4	0.576	0.759
Total variance explained	64.457%	
Eigenvalue	2.578	
КЙО	0.739	
Cronbach's Alpha	0.815	

#### Table 2. Principal component analysis applied to "Green recruitment"

Table 3. Principal component analysis applied to "green remuneration"

Items	Quality of representation	Factor contribution
GRe1	0.727	0.852
GRe2	0.675	0.822
GRe3	0.652	0.808
GRe4	0.650	0.811
Total variance explained	68.463%	
Eigenvalue	2.054	
КЙО	0.692	
Cronbach's Alpha	0.769	

Cronbach's alpha coefficient is 0.815. It shows the reliability of the scale for measuring the resource availability. Therefore, we confirm this scale's one-dimensionality. The recruitment variables' results of the principal component analysis are presented in the Table 2.

**Variable GRe:** The remuneration variable is a construct that is made up of 4 items. The results indicated that the KMO's value equals 0.692. The value is reasonable since it is greater than 0.5. The quality of the items' presentation is also satisfactory. It has communities which are greater than 0.4. Hence, the conditions for applying PCA are met (see Table 3).

The one-dimensionality is quite strong given the existence of a single factor which recovers 68.463% of the variance explained with an eigenvalue of 1.857. With regard to the factor contributions, we note a positive and strongly elevated correlation of the items. Cronbach's alpha coefficient is 0.769. This shows the reliability of the scale for measuring resource availability. We therefore confirm the one-dimensionality of this scale. The remuneration variable's results of the principal component analysis are presented in the Table 3.

The variable of sustainable CSR performance: The CSR variable is its SP and it

consists of 4 items. The results show that the KMO value is 0.614. Therefore, the value is accepted as it is greater than 0.5. The quality of the item's presentation is also satisfactory with a community greater than 0.4. From these values, the conditions for applying PCA are met.

The one-dimensionality is quite strong given that the existence of a single factor makes it possible to recover 50.882% of the variance explained with an eigenvalue of 3.048.

After examining the factor contribution, there is a strong and positive correlation between the ECO, ENVI and SOC items, with values of 0.589, 0.551, 0.847 and 0.811 respectively. Cronbach's alpha coefficient is 0.672. This shows the reliability of the scale for measuring resource availability. Hence, we confirm the one-dimensionality of this scale. The results for the environmental and social performance variable are shown in the Table 4.

Checking the conditions for applying regression and the quality of the model: The software (SPPS20.0) was used to check the situations for applying linear regression. The conditions which relate to the model's linearity, the residuals' normality and the absence of bivariate and multivariate multicollinearity are well checked.

Items	Quality of representation	Factor contribution
SP1	0.357	0.598
SP2	0.303	0.551
SP3	0.717	0.847
SP4	0.650	0.811
Total variance explained	50.882%	
Eigenvalue	2.027	
KMO	0.614	
CRONBACH'S ALPHA	0.672	

Table 5. Analysis of the results of the multiple linear regression of the model

Explanatory variables	Coef.	T-Student	p-value
Constant	-0.473	-0.900	0.372
GT	0.105	5.495	0.000
GR	0.173	1.573	0.065
GRe	0.182	1.979	0.047
AGE	0.008	0.693	0.491
EXP	0.002	1.880	0.086
EDUC	0.282	1.157	0.252
R2 0.445 Adjusted R2 0.112 F 2.304			

The results show that 44.50% of the variation in the SP's level is explained by GRHM variables and by control variables. The Fisher statistic (F) that is equal to (2.304), confirms the model's good quality at a significant level which is less than 5%. As a result, the model's explanatory power appears satisfying since the Fisher F statistic is significant at the 5% threshold.

We can conclude that the model is statistically significant. It explains the phenomenon under study. Concerning the independent variables' significance, we noticed that all the independent variables are statistically significant. With regard to the control variables present into the model, the results reveal that the AGE variable is statistically insignificant. However, the experience and education variables are significant.

The Table 5 shows the model's explanatory power. The beta coefficients, the student's t are for all the explanatory variables in the model. Whereas, the F statistic and its significance as well as a summary of the regression results.

**The results of the assumptions:** After checking statistical tests, it is obvious that this variable has a favorable and considerable impact on the CSR SP's variation. Testing the cause shows that the association coefficient between GT and SP of CSR is positive (0.105). It is also statistically significant (the associated t-

value is 5.495 with p0.000 significant at the 10% level).

**Hypothesis 1:** The effects of GT on the SP of CSR: Confirmed.

The statistical tests' checking shows that this variable considerably and significantly affects the SP of CSR. Testing the causal effect behind that shows that the statistical coefficient associated with the GR variable has a positive value (0.173). Furthermore, it is statistically significant (the associated t-value is 1.753 with a significant p-value of 0.065 at the 10% level). This means that GR has a positive and significant impact on the SP of CSR.

**Hypothesis 2:** The GR's effects on the sustainable performance of CSR: Confirmed.

Examining statistical tests shows that this variable affects positively and statistically the SP of CSR. Testing the variable shows that the statistical coefficient associated with the green compensation variable has a positive value (0.182). Additionally, the significance of this coefficient was determined by Student's t test. The t value is 1.979, p = 0.047. It is significant at 10%. This means that GRe has a positive and significant impact on the SP of CSR.

**Hypothesis 3:** The effects of GRe on the SP of CSR: Confirmed.

Analysis of the control variables' effect: Our study indicates that age has a positive relationship with corporate social responsibility. But it is not significant. Checking results shows that the relative coefficient of the company's age is positive (0.008). However, it is not significant (Student's t-value = 0.693, p= 0.491).

Experience Regarding this control variable, the results' examination shows that the experience's relative coefficient is positive (0.002) and significant (Student's t-value = 1.880, p= 0.086). This shows that experience has a positive and favorable relationship with corporate social responsibility."

**The education variable:** Our study indicates that education has a positive but a non-significant influence on corporate social responsibility. Examining results shows that the relative coefficient of the company's education is positive (0.288) but it is not significant (t-student value = 1.157 and p = 0.252).

Discussion of the Results: In this context, sustainable HRM should contribute to the development of economically, ecologically and socially sustainable business organisations and HRM systems themselves make more sustainable [46,47,48]. According to [49], green compensation management, green training and engagement and green recruitment have an impact on business performance. In addition [50] argues that HRM is the triggering force for implementing HRM that promotes the economic and environmental sustainability of the business undertaking change and developina bv environmental conditions.

The objective of this inquiry is acquiring a better understanding of the GHR's role, such as GRe, GT, GR and the SP of CSR in maintaining sustainable performance. The empirical study demonstrate a significant positive results relationship between the various examined variables. We believe that GHRM assist employees in conceptualizing and implementing sustainable practices which will subsequently lead to higher economic, environmental and social accomplishment. Ehnert et al. [51,52] supported these previous studies. According to [53] it has been suggested that a significant organizational challenge in implementing socially responsible practices is the limited awareness and knowledge among managers in the field of CSR.

CSR is an essential element for the company's success. Kim et al. [54] think that CSR actions

affect the job searchers' expectations regarding the career success. The results show that using a well-planned CSR program that can arouse transcendent emotions in employees to create a sustainable environment [55]. It should be noted that the theoretical discussion supports the positive impact of CSR on employee behavior, particularly in shaping their environment-related behavior [56]. For example, CSR activities involve social responsibility [57] and, therefore, can lead employees to adopt positive behaviors towards the environment and the community. Additionally, CSR practices can provide a high level of care for employees and their needs [58]. HR operations include hiring coaching performance management and retaining the people who have the potential to contribute to CSR initiatives. According to [59], it has been suggested that when HR places an importance on social responsibility, it has the potential to foster synergy between CSR and HR strategies.

By focusing on the different results of the linear regression, we firstly observed the importance of the GT variable which had the most influence on SP. The positive relationship and influence of training on the SP of CSR were significantly confirmed. It helps to enhance the environmental knowledge, to develop the employees' skills and capabilities and to fulfill their needs. Employees are encouraged to grasp all the subtleties of their profession to explore every conceivable technique, to constantly update themselves on new advancements, to be able to innovate, design, undertake, and to complete all the tasks that their profession entails.'

Secondly, the GR variable is a positive influencing factor on SP of CSR. Indeed, the results demonstrate that green recruitment has more weight and influence on CSR sustainable performance than other variables. This confirms our previous inclusion that GR has a positive relationship or impact on SP of CSR. SMEs are increasingly adopting recruitment strategies that help weed out employees who may harm the environment and the workplace ambiance. according to [35] Green recruitment highlights an organisation's willingness to cooperate for the benefit of environmental performance by recruiting and keeping a likeness with employees. Green recruitment induction helps assess long-term job performance and educates employees about green business efforts such as reducing waste and environmental damage. This in turn improves environmental performance [32].

For the third variable. GRe primarily aids in encouraging and motivating employees through monetary or non-monetary rewards. It also contributes to their environmental awareness if companies provide incentives for those who respect the environment. This further supports our previous inclusion that GRe has a positive relationship or impact on SP of CSR. Empirical results corroborate research efforts like [33] Green ability to do work highlights employee satisfaction with green rewards and compensation in establishing environmental performance. In theoretical studies of GHRM and its effects on environmental performance, they have noted that employees recruited for their ecological knowledge achieve high and satisfactory levels when they are more involved in daily decisions and operations. Because [60], employee-centered sustainable practices are organizational practices adopting HR techniques that contribute to the achievement of economic, social and environmental objectives. HRM improves the quality of life and work of employees.

HR departments can inform employees about CSR issues and participate in educating them to become more socially responsible in achieving economic, social as well as environmental outcomes. Researchers concluded that staffing is a key factor for better management strategies. We believe that HR facilitates the design and implementation of CSR activities by employees. Thereby employees will deliver a better economic. environmental and social performance. Ehnert et al. [51], Ojo et al. [52], Brammer et al. [61] confirmed this view. Ojo et al. [62] found that green HR helps transform CSR strategies. Newman et al. [63] asserted that GHR helps organizations fulfill their social responsibilities by decreasing pollution and its social costs. Pham et al. [64] noted that GHR provides strategic and operational support for CSR. (64) found that GR has a positive impact on the job search intention. Newman et al. [63] claimed that the efficiency of these GT strategies, participation in green projects, green salaries and prizes help evaluate the extent to which GHR attracts potential candidates. Yafi et al. [65] conducted a study on the GHR's impact on the job search intention for university students in Malaysia. Their results showed a positive relationship between GRe and the jobseeking propensity. For Nabi et al. [66], potential candidates who learnt about the company's ecological fulfillment on GHR are willing to apply for jobs focusing on sustainability [67-69]."

## 4. CONCLUSION

An environmental perspective is increasingly crucial in adopting national, organizational and personal policies. This research represents a significant study which examines the GHRM's impact on the SP of CSR within the context of the Tunisian Company. The empirical results show a significant and favorable relationship between GHRM such as GT, GRe, and GR with the SP of CSR. This underscores the importance for environmentally conscious employers and job seekers to collaborate and find solutions that address environmental and social needs. Aligning with ecological values is crucial for retaining employees and enhancing their workplace satisfaction. To encourage GR. GRe. and GT, it is suggested that an effective GHRM should consider the pro-environmental beliefs and socio-environmental needs of job seekers. This study indicates that the green HR practice's role is pivotal to shape and to implement activities related to CSR and SP. GHRM is a burgeoning field within HR practice which has previously received contributions from authors. The latter studied how GHRM affects the employees' ecological attitudes, hiring, the candidate intentions and the organizational achievement. Douglas et al. [22] explains that GHRM refers to the use of human resource management methods to enhance sustainable ecological practices and to increase the participation employee's in environmental sustainability. This is done through considering management concerns and taking environmental impact seriously when adopting HR initiatives which resulted in greater efficiency and better environmental performance. This field of research remains exciting for researchers. Exploring GHRM in Tunisia may cause the spread of environmentally friendly practices that attract skilled employees and boost the productivity, and organizational profitability overall, the business performance. In our future research, we aim at investigating the role of digitalization in the talent's attraction and the organizational performance enhancement."

## 5. IMPLICATIONS

Practitioners and decision-makers will acquire a deeper understanding about the importance of green HR practices in building SP of CSR. They could assist companies in developing more targeted HR strategies to enhance their environmental, social and economic performance. Companies should actively

integrate GHRM into their human resource management strategy. This can be achieved by creating training programs to raise employees' awareness of environmental issues, establishing performance-related incentive policies linked to environmental outcomes and promoting a sustainability-focused corporate culture. Βv adopting these practices, companies could enhance their environmental performance. Furthermore, they could bolster their reputation for corporate social responsibility. This could lead to competitive advantages such as increased attractiveness to talent, enhanced employee retention, and improved relationships with stakeholders, including customers and investors." To truly encourage green HRD (Green Human Resource Development), the Tunisian government must play a vital role. They can achieve this by developing policies and regulations that incentivize companies to adopt green HR practices. This could include tax breaks, subsidies, or streamlined permitting processes for companies with strong green HR programs. Furthermore, providing funding and grants for companies or institutions to develop and implement green HRD programs is crucial. It is also important to support the development of educational programs and training courses on green HR practices for HR professionals and employees.

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