

Context

In 2020, the European Commission has committed to a **legislative proposal on human rights and environmental due diligence in 2021**. Many stakeholders are starting to discuss the human rights and environmental due diligence legislation from the perspective of addressing the **structural issues in complex global supply chains**.

The COVID-19 pandemic has drastically laid bare the precarious nature of global value chains and shown just how critical it is to support the most vulnerable across the whole value chain (in particular women, youth and indigenous groups). **It is therefore certain that this legislation alone would not be enough to properly identify supply chain risks and ensure a positive impact on producers and the environment.**

To recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic a deeper change is needed, obliging all of us to move towards a value chain that safeguards the environment, human rights and is inclusive of local communities. To achieve this, it is not only important to create a level playing field but also to foster impact-oriented actions at scale.

The practice of due diligence is not without its own risk when companies take a [risk](#) avoidance approach to [supply chain management](#) at the expense of proactively enabling the inclusion of those small producers who will find it harder to comply with due diligence expectations. To provide a better future for all actors along the value chain an **inclusive due diligence** process focused on farmers, artisanal miners, local traders, communities, SMEs and other local actors is needed. To do so, companies, EU policymakers, local authorities and civil society organisation should work more closely together to become catalysts for change.

Companies at all stages in the value chain as well as civil society and duty bearers have a key role to play to achieve impact; due diligence compliance checks alone will not deliver what is needed. Companies often struggle to understand where to start and how to go beyond a mere tick box exercise or a risk avoidance approach when doing due diligence. How can they engage with producers and local stakeholders in a meaningful and impactful way? How can purchasing departments in companies engage? What role do public-private partnerships play? And how can (cross-)sectorial initiatives play a stronger role?

About the Webinar

There is a risk that downstream companies will focus on compliance and reporting and will not engage in advancing real change on the ground. Too often supply chain due diligence could be considered primarily as a tool to ensure compliance and manage risks, making it more likely to sit only within legal and compliance teams instead of embedding the concept of supply chain due diligence throughout all relevant business operations.

Co-organised by [CSR Europe](#) and [Levin Sources](#), this webinar aims to:

- Provide examples of how downstream companies can further engage with their upstream supply chain on how to build the appropriate corporate strategies and processes and how to align with corporate values.
- Discuss how policymakers can create an enabling environment for impact at the local level.

Join this webinar to:

- ✓ Exchange with supply chain initiatives, sector associations and civil society organisations on how to establish management processes, investments and collaborative efforts that drive the change towards inclusive and sustainable supply chains.
- ✓ Acquire knowledge about what an effective (but also inclusive) framework should look like, considering the mandatory and voluntary initiatives (smart mix of tools)

Who should join?

- Top managers and company leaders
- Sustainability, sales and procurement managers
- Responsible sourcing specialists
- Supply chain sector initiatives members
- Sector associations
- Civil society organisations
- EU Policymakers
- Public actors

Draft Agenda

TIME (CET)	TOPIC	SPEAKER(s)
11:00-11:05 (5')	<u>Welcome</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stefan Crets <i>Executive Director, CSR Europe</i>
11:05-11:15 (10')	<p><u>Keynote presentation: Inclusive supply chains and corporate HRDD</u></p> <p><i>Smart mix of measures</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hannah Koep-Andrieu <i>Manager, Responsible Mineral Supply Chains and Alignment Practice, OECD Centre for Responsible Business Conduct</i>
11:15-11:35 (20')	<p><u>Keynote presentation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>The upcoming EU due diligence legislation: Can we avoid unintended consequences for producers but drive positive change on the ground?</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Nemitz <i>Principal Adviser, European Commission, Directorate General for Justice and Consumers (DG JUST)</i> Cécile Billaux <i>Head of Unit, European Commission, Directorate-General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA)</i>
11:35-12:00 (25')	<p><u>Panel Discussion: Practical examples of how to raise the floor, not just the bar</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>How to build an inclusive due diligence process to improve the situation of unreached farmers and miners?</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isaac Gyamfi <i>Regional Director, Solidaridad West Africa</i> Norman Mukwakwami <i>Artisanal Mining and Due Diligence Specialist</i> <p>Moderated by Estelle Levin-Nally, Levin Sources</p>
12:00-12:30 (30')	<p><u>Panel Discussion: The Way forward</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Examples of inclusive approaches at company level, sectorial/cross- sectorial level, etc. OR Collaborative approaches as a solution</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> James Nicholson <i>Head of Corporate Responsibility, Trafigura</i> Eleonora Pessina <i>Group Sustainability and Diversity Officer, Pirelli</i> Franziska Killiches <i>Strategy Procurement Group/Brand, Sustainability in Supplier Relations, Volkswagen AG</i> <p>Moderated by Stefan Crets, CSR Europe</p>
12:30-12:45 (15')	<p><u>The Way Forward: Preconditions to systemic change</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gert van der Bijl <i>Senior EU Policy Advisor, Solidaridad</i>
12:45-12:50 (5')	<u>Q&A</u>	All
12:50-13:00 (10')	<u>Conclusions and Next Steps</u>	<p>Estelle Levin-Nally <i>CEO & Founder, Levin Sources</i></p>

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