AGENDA
OPEN WEBINAR – EU Mandatory Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence Legislation
10.03.2022, 11:00-12:30 CET

CONTEXT

The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the fragility of global supply chains and dramatically worsened the living conditions of miners, farmers, and workers around the world. Recovering fully from the effects of the pandemic will require a deep change, towards a value chain that safeguards the environment, human rights and is inclusive towards local communities.

To foster this change, the European Commission and several Governments around the world have started and/or accelerated the process to create mandatory due diligence obligations for companies to address the human rights and environmental impacts in their global supply chains.

At EU level, this process started with the publication in February 2020 of a study on options for regulating due diligence requirements through the supply chain, which highlighted that voluntary regimes across Europe had failed to change the way businesses managed their corporate governance responsibilities. As a consequence, in April 2020 Didier Reynders, the European Commissioner for Justice, announced that the European Commission would introduce new legislation on mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence for companies.

Building on the results of a public consultation which ended in February 2021 and the non-binding recommendations from the European Parliament in March 2021, the European Commission published a new legislative proposal on due diligence on 23rd February 2022.

ABOUT THE EVENT

Aim of the event:

This meeting will provide participants with insights into the European Commission’s new proposal on due diligence, which impacts it will have on businesses and what the next steps of the legislative process are. The webinar will explore what the best way forward for companies is. The participants will also be able to share their feedback on how to go beyond compliance and act together to improve the livelihoods of the most fragile actors in the supply chains.

Key learning points:

Attend this meeting to:

• Understand the impacts on your company of the new upcoming EU requirements on human rights and environmental due diligence.
• Discuss with peers about the main common challenges and collaborative solutions to go beyond compliance and have tangible impacts on the ground.
• Understand the next steps of the EU legislative process.

Who should join:

• Sustainability officers
• Procurement officers
• Policymakers
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| 11:00 - 11:05 | WELCOME & INTRODUCTORY REMARKS | GIORGIA MICCOLI  
Project Manager  
CSR Europe |
| 11:05 - 11:20 | POLICY UPDATE:  
The proposal for a new EU due diligence law | ANNA ATHANASOPOULOU  
Head of Unit  
European Commission, DG GROW |
| 11:20 - 11:30 | PANEL DISCUSSION ON MAIN CHALLENGES  
• What does it mean for a company? Are you ready for these new requirements? (e.g., how to go beyond tier 1?; how to implement a grievance mechanism?; etc.)  
Moderated by:  
Stefan Crets, Executive Director, CSR Europe | YVES NISSIM  
Vice President, Head of Transformation and operation in CSR  
Orange |
| 11:30 - 12:20 | HOW TO ACHIEVE IMPACT ON THE GROUND  
• How to improve the livelihoods of the most vulnerable actors in the supply chain?  
Moderated by:  
Stefan Crets, Executive Director, CSR Europe | CÉCILE BILLAUX  
Head of Unit  
European Commission, DG INTPA |
| 12:20 - 12:25 | Q&A | All |
| 12:25 - 12:30 | CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS | JAN NOTERDAEME  
Co-Founder and Senior Advisor  
CSR Europe |