

Webinar for WPRBC delegates and NCPS: EU proposal for a Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence

29 March 2022

12.00 – 16:00 CET

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| 12:00 - 12:15 | Welcome & Opening Remarks |
| 12:15 - 13:00 | <p>Presentation and Q&A on the proposal of the European Commission for a Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence (CSDD)</p> <p><i>With presence of institutional stakeholders BIAAC, TUAC and OECD Watch</i></p> |
| 13:00 - 13:45 | <p>In-depth Q&A Questions and discussion on the Commission's proposed CSDD Directive</p> |
| 13:45 - 14:00 | BREAK |
| 14:00 - 15:00 | <p>The role of NCPs What is the potential impact of the proposed CSDD Directive on the work of NCPs? What is the relevance of NCPs vis-à-vis implementation of the Directive?</p> |
| 15:00 - 16:00 | <p>The way forward What role should NCPs, Delegates and the OECD play in contributing to alignment of the CSDD Directive with the OECD MNE Guidelines?</p> |

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Welcome Remarks

- **Christine Kaufmann**, Chair, OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct
- **Allan Jorgensen**, Head of Responsible Business Conduct Centre, OECD

12:15 - 13:00

Proposal of the European Commission for a Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence (CSDD)

On 23 February 2022, the European Commission published a [legislative proposal for an EU Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence](#). The proposal is currently being reviewed by the European Parliament and the Council. In this session the European Commission will present and explain the key elements of its proposal. It will also provide an opportunity for the European Parliament's rapporteur and current and future Presidencies of the EU Council to share their reactions to the proposal and explain next steps. Stakeholders are also invited to comment on the legislative proposal.

Moderated by **Tyler Gillard**, Head of Due Diligence, Responsible Business Conduct Centre, OECD

PRESENTATION OF EUROPEAN COMMISSION PROPOSAL

Zsofia Kerecsen Team leader on Corporate Governance, DG JUST, European Commission
Alexandra Kuxová, Policy officer, DG GROW, European Commission

Interventions from:

- **Lara Wolters, MEP**, Rapporteur for the Commission proposal on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence and Vice-chair of the Legal Affairs Committee
- **Anselme Mialon**, Deputy Head of Unit, Sustainable Finance, corporate law, accounting and corporate governance, DG Treasury, France
- **Lucie Slavíková**, Lawyer in Legislative Department, Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic
- **Cecilia Ekholm**, Ambassador for Sustainable Business, Ministry for Foreign Affairs Sweden

COMMENTS FROM STAKEHOLDERS (OECD Watch, BIAC, TUAC)

13:00 - 13:45

In-depth Q&A Questions and discussion on the Commission's proposed Directive

This session will provide NCPs and Delegates with the opportunity to discuss and ask questions about the Commission's proposal.

DISCUSSION WITH NCPS AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

13:45 - 14:00

Break

14:00 - 15:00

The role of NCPs: What is the potential impact of the proposed CSDD Directive on the work of NCPs? What is the relevance of NCPs vis-à-vis implementation of the Directive?

The Commission proposes, as part of accompanying measures, that Member States will provide information and support to companies covered by the directive and their business relationships to help them fulfil their obligations (Art. 14). It also proposes that Member States designate a supervisory authority to ensure effective enforcement of the Directive (Art. 17-20), and adapt their rules on civil liability to cover cases where damage results from failure by a company to comply with due diligence obligations (Art. 22). At the European level, the Commission proposes establishing a European Network of Supervisory Authorities that will bring together representatives of the national bodies, in order to ensure a coordinated approach and enable knowledge and experience sharing (Art. 21). This session will explore the role that NCPs can play in supporting the European Commission and EU Member States in this context.

Moderated by **Barbara Bijelic**, Lead Financial Sector and Regulatory Engagement, Responsible Business Conduct Centre, OECD

PRESENTATIONS BY

- **Nicolas Hachez**, Head of Access to Remedy, Responsible Business Conduct Centre, OECD
- **Maylis Souque**, Secretary-General of the French National Contact Point

DISCUSSIONS WITH NCPS AND GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

15:00 - 16:00

The way forward: What role should NCPs, Delegates and the OECD play in contributing to alignment of the CSDD Directive with the OECD MNE Guidelines?

This session will explore the potential role that delegates should play in the EU legislative process, including to promote greater regulatory cooperation and coordination. The session will offer Delegates the opportunity to present and explain their contribution to the legislative file so far, and their planned involvement over the coming months.

Moderated by **Christine Kaufmann**, Chair, OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct

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