

CONTEXT

In general, supply chains pose specific challenges for individuals, groups, and businesses. These include the potential for environmental damage, violations of human rights, and difficulties with transparency and traceability. But most importantly they contribute or jeopardise the potential for people to improve their living and environmental conditions.

The pressure on regulations from national and European policy-makers is helping to level the playing field for businesses doing business in the European Union. A horizontal framework is being established by the Proposed Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CS3D) to encourage businesses operating in the EU single market to contribute to the protection of human rights and the environment both within their own operations and throughout their value chains. In addition to the CS3D, the European Commission put up several pieces of legislation to support its legislative initiatives for supply chain accountability and transparency. They include proposals for regulations on batteries, products created without contributing to deforestation, and products that cannot be sold on the Union market because of their use of forced labour.

ABOUT THE EVENT

Aim of the event:

This meeting will provide participants with insights into the Legislative Process leading to the finalisation of the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive, as well as into the other key legislative text that build the EU Agenda for Sustainable Supply Chains. 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:

- Learn about the EU policy agenda striving for sustainable supply chains.
- Understand how these measures interact with each other and which are the main similarities and differences.
- Hear from leading companies on their best practices and 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
- Public Affairs Managers
- CSR Managers

DRAFT AGENDA

TIME (CEST)	SESSION	SPEAKER(s)
11:00 - 11:05	WELCOME & INTRODUCTORY REMARKS	CSR Europe
11:05 - 11:35	<p>POLICY UPDATE:</p> <p><i>The legislative state of play on the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive, the Deforestation Regulation, and the Forced Labour Regulation</i></p>	<p>MEP Heidi Hautala, Chair, Responsible Business Conduct Working Group</p> <p>Helge Elisabeth Zeitler, Deputy Head of Unit, DG ENV, European Commission</p> <p>Raluca Ipate, Policy Officer, DG GROW, European Commission</p>
11:35 - 12:15	<p>PANEL DISCUSSION</p> <p><i>Moderated by Jan Noterdaeme, Senior Advisor and Co-founder, CSR Europe</i></p>	<p>Peter Hofland, EU Market and Trade Policy Advisor, Cargill</p> <p>Helene de Rengerve, Senior EU Adviser, Anti-Slavery International</p> <p>Anke Schulmeister – Oldenhove, Senior Forest Policy Officer, WWF</p>
12:15 - 12:25	<p>Enhancing the livelihoods: what else beyond compliance?</p> <p><i>Introduced by Jan Noterdaeme, Senior Advisor and Co-founder, CSR Europe</i></p>	<p>Daan Van-Thiel, Policy Advisor, DG INTPA, European Commission</p>
12:25 - 12:30	CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS	CSR Europe