

Context

The European Commissioner for Justice, Didier Reynders, committed to a legislative initiative on mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence for companies in early 2021. Within an estimated population of 450 million people working in global supply chains, the number and the vulnerability of those facing reduced income or job loss are dramatically increasing as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. This unprecedented situation is only adding to the already growing expectations faced by policymakers and industry around the world concerning the creation of mandatory laws requiring companies to undertake environment and human rights due diligence: new legal steps that are seen by many to make the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights more actionable.

About the Webinar

Organised in the framework of [CSR Europe's Community of Practice 'Beyond Due Diligence'](#), this webinar will explore the key elements to make a legislative approach to corporate due diligence impactful toward more sustainable supply chains and materials.

In order to promote an in-depth conversation on the topic of due diligence, CSR Europe has recently published a **draft discussion paper "For a Coherent and Integrated EU Approach to Due Diligence"** ([available here](#)). The objective of this webinar is to bring together the intelligence of key supply chain actors working on the ground to gather their feedback on this first version of the discussion paper and develop an improved second version.

Key questions for the dialogue are:

1. What are the most critical elements in a EU environmental and human rights due diligence legislation that will drive change at the local level?
2. What other policies needed to make such a legislation successful?
3. In which context does such a legislation need to be implemented?

Who should join?

- Sector initiatives and their companies
- Sector associations and their companies
- CSR Europe's and Drive Sustainability corporate members

Agenda 16 September 2020

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER(S)
16.00 16.05	Welcome & Introduction	Stefan Crets <i>Executive Director</i> CSR Europe
16.05 16.15	Keynote: What is needed to drive impact in sustainable supply chains?	Adrian Greet <i>Director General</i> SAI Platform
16.15 17.00	<p>Panel Discussion moderated by Stefan Crets, Executive Director, CSR Europe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the most critical elements in an EU environmental and human rights due diligence legislation that will drive change at the local level? • What other policies needed to make such a legislation successful? • In which context does such a legislation need to be implemented? 	<p>Bart Devos <i>Director</i> Responsible Business Alliance</p> <p>Iris Van der Veken <i>Executive Director</i> Responsible Jewellery Council</p> <p>Kathy Roussel <i>Policy & Government Affairs Manager, amfori</i></p> <p>Didier Bergeret <i>Director, Social Sustainability & SSCI</i> Consumer Goods Forum</p>
17.00 17.15	<p>Interactive Discussion & Conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feedback from the audience 	<p>Claire Methven O'Brien <i>Strategic Advisor</i> Danish Institute for Human Rights</p> <p>All Participants</p>

We look forward to your participation!

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