

Context

Responsible sourcing is an increasingly important topic for companies. We are increasingly facing the same challenges; designing similar projects; supporting similar businesses; and searching for the same outcomes and impact. COVID-19 has also presented us with major challenges and the supply chain resilience and rethinking of systems will become even more of an urgency now.

Many companies join sector initiatives to make sure their sourcing is done responsibly. Both CSR Europe/Drive Sustainability and AIM-Progress have quite some experience in facilitating sector initiatives on responsible sourcing and sustainability. CSR Europe's best known project is Drive Sustainability, an initiative of the automotive industry. AIM Progress is an initiative for the consumer goods sector. In our experience and through contacts with other sectors we see a number of common challenges such as:

- Staying compliant with anti-competition law
- The organisation and effectiveness of due diligence approaches
- Creating transparency and traceability
- Working with the suppliers on improvement
- Funding mechanisms to create practical and impactful change at scale

This webinar will explore these challenges and will seek ways to leverage the solutions that emerged from different initiatives. CSR Europe and AIM-Progress see this webinar as an opportunity to facilitate more cross-sectorial learning and collaboration on supply chain sustainability that will more efficiently deliver impact as a result.

A workshop will also be planned in Brussels by the end of June. This webinar is specifically focused on supporting sector and industry associations and initiatives and they are the first target audience. Companies participating in such initiative can also join in.

About the Webinar

In this webinar, we invite sector associations and initiatives to present what they are currently doing in the field of responsible sourcing and what their main challenges are. Based on this exchange, we will discuss opportunities for collaboration.

Join this webinar, in order to:

- ✓ Gain more information on the priority issues and activities in responsible sourcing
- ✓ Exchange with sector associations and sector initiatives on the challenges to implement responsible sourcing practices
- ✓ Find out how collaboration with other sector associations and initiatives could add value to your work

Agenda 6th May 2020

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER(s)
14.00	Welcome & moderation	Oliver Hurrey, AIM-Progress
14:05	The challenges in responsible sourcing, the experience of Drive Sustainability and AIM Progress	Stefan Crets <i>Executive Director</i> CSR Europe David Lawrence <i>Executive Director</i> AIM-Progress
14:20	Presentations by sector associations/initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quick introduction• Activities in responsible sourcing• Challenges	All
15:00	Discussion on opportunities for more collaboration	All
15:25	Next steps	Stefan Crets <i>Executive Director</i> CSR Europe

We look forward to your participation!

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.be/e/webinar-sectorial-approaches-to-responsible-sourcing-registration-99172133521>

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