

European Hub on Business and Human Rights Overview



CSR Europe with the national partners Business In The Community (UK), BLF Serbia (Serbia), CSR Sweden (Sweden), CSR Turkey (Turkey), econsense (Germany), FIBS (Finland), Fondazione Sodalitas (Italy), Forética (Spain), Hellenic Network for Corporate Social Responsibility (Greece), IRDO & Network for SR (Slovenia), **are pleased to launch the European Hub on Business and Human Rights.**

The European Hub on Business and Human Rights (“the Hub”) is a platform for companies across Europe to exchange knowledge, learn from peers and experts, share best practices on the topic of business and human rights, and incubate solutions on identified gaps. The focus is on embedding human rights across different departments, including human resources, procurement, and risk assessment.

Organised in the framework of CSR Europe’s Business and Human Rights project led by ArcelorMittal, Hitachi, Vattenfall, Volkswagen and econsense, the Hub builds on National Partners’ and CSR Europe’s work on human rights.

PURPOSE:

The Hub aims to:

- ✓ Engage with CSR, Human Resources, Procurement and Risk Assessment professionals within companies to promote cross-sectorial and peer-to-peer knowledge exchange
- ✓ Provide access to expertise, learning opportunities, and best practice sharing to a wide network of practitioners, building a stronger connection between European and national levels
- ✓ Coordinate approaches and actions to address the gap in practical guidance for companies dealing with human rights, adapting them to national contexts and expectations

To this end, CSR Europe enhances collaboration between National Partner Organisations and their member companies across Europe to create a unique network of business professionals and experts.

ACTIVITIES AND DELIVERABLES FY2014:

Area:	Activities:	Deliverables:
Map company practice	Webinar series: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>28 April</u>: Internal Organization of Human Rights • <u>16 June</u>: Procurement & Human Rights • <u>8 Sept</u>: Human Resources & Human Rights • <u>10 Nov</u>: Risk management & Human Rights 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication on company practice on embedding human rights across Europe
Peer-to-peer exchange	Local events on embedding human rights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Kick off workshops</u>: Greece, Serbia, Slovenia, Turkey • <u>22 Oct</u>: European function-specific workshop (Brussels) • <u>Function-specific workshops</u>: Germany, Italy, Spain, UK, Sweden 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshops summary report
Hub coordination	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner calls to share information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business & Human Rights developments at European & local level