

European Hub on Business and Human Rights Overview



CSR Europe and 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), CSR Hellas (Greece), Respack (Austria), **have teamed up for the launch of 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 company functions.

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.

THE PURPOSE

The Hub aims to:

- ✓ Engage with professionals in companies (e.g.: CSR, Human Resources, Procurement, Risk, R&D) 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 local 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 FY2016-2017:

Area:	Activities carried out by the hub partners:
Support companies' embedding efforts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blueprint For Embedding Human Rights in Key Company Functions • Capacity building for HQ through webinars, tailored to different levels of maturity of companies' approach to human rights • Capacity building for affiliates through local trainings, tailored to local specificities and to different functions
Advance policy discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue Insights on policy developments at European and national level • Policy Fora and national workshop to support wider impact and accelerate progress on the ground