

Navigating the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD): Implications for Serbian Businesses

Date: November 13, 2024

Venue: Golden Tulip Zira Belgrade, Ruzveltova 35, Belgrade 11000

Working language: Serbian-English with translation provided

Draft Agenda

09:30 – 10:00	Welcome	Registration of Participants
10:00 – 10:30		Welcome notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Matthieu Penot, EU Delegation to Serbia - Anke Konrad, Ambassador, Federal Republic of Germany
10:30 – 11:15	Experts' Input	Let's talk about CSDDD Keynote with two international experts on CSDDD with Q&A session: Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greta Koch, Policy Advisor & Press Officer, Office of Axel Voss MEP, European Parliament - Michaela Streibelt, German Helpdesk for Business and Human Rights, Berlin
11:15 – 11:30	Environmental dimension	Navigating EU environmental requirements: Support for Serbian companies The Responsible Business Hub (RBH) Serbia gives an overview of requirements for Serbian companies exporting to the EU market. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of RBH services and support to the companies - Outlook towards CSDDD Speaker: Tanja Lindell , Responsible Business Hub (RBH) Serbia
11:30 – 11:45	Break	Coffee Break
11:45 – 12:30	Applied Sustainability	Piloting Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence (HREDD) in the Automotive Industry in Serbia Interactive case study on the lessons learned and impact from the pilot project "Strengthening Sustainability Management in the Automotive Industry" Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lenka Vargoncikova Yanfeng, Responsible Supply Chain Initiative (RSCI) auditor - Uros Samardzija, Sustainability consultant - Pasubio, Supplier Representative Serbia (tbc) - Tanja Lindell, Responsible Business Hub - Johanna Wohlmeyer, Initiative for Global Solidarity, GIZ Moderator: Janosch Jerman , Part of the Solution

12:30 – 12:45	Handing over RBH Statement	<p>A joint statement by members of the RBH Network to policy makers and multinational enterprises (MNEs) on the effective implementation of HREDD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tanja Lindell (RBH) – Description of background of the Joint Statement and the key messages that are incorporated in the statement - Handing over ceremony to Greta Koch (Office of Axel Voss MEP, European Parliament)
12:45 – 13:30	Human Rights	<p>Grievance Mechanisms and their role in HREDD Panel discussion on human rights and environmental due diligence (HREDD) with focus on grievance mechanisms and their role in HREDD.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Status quo and current development of grievance mechanisms in Serbia - Which grievance mechanisms stand at the disposal of workers and how does international due diligence legislation change the situation? <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aleksandra Petrovic, International Labor Organization (ILO) Serbia - Tbc, Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA) (tbc) - Tbc, Company PepsiCo (tbc) - Tbc, Representative of Ministry for Human and Minority Rights and Social Dialogue (tbc) - Tijana Jankovic, Executive Director, UN Global Compact <p><i>Moderator: Sanela Bahtijarevic, Initiative for Global Solidarity, GIZ</i></p>
13:30 – 14:00	Refreshments and networking	