



National Contact Point for the OECD Guidelines 2021 Activity Report















Activities within the OECD



1.1 NCP's Institutional Activities within the OECD



OECD works about the Guidelines, the Due Diligence and the Specific Instances:

- 2020 Annual Report on the activities carried out by the NCP (21/01/2021)
- Participation to the Stocktaking Exercise (25/02/2021)
- Participation in the works of the Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct (WPRBC) (14/06, 24/06, 18/10, 22-23-24 / 11/2021)
- Participation to the WPRBC Roundtable for Policy Makers (14/06/2021)
- NCP Network (06/29/2021 11/25/2021)
- Investment Committee webinar on the Stocktaking Exercise on the OECD Guidelines (28/06/2021)



<u>Launch of the public consultation - Call for participation with national</u> contributions:

OECD Recommendation to Governments on the Implementation of Responsible Business Conduct (Deadline 16 January, 2022)





1.2 NCP's institutional activities within the OECD

Participation in the Peer Review of the Australian NCP:

In collaboration with the NCPs of New Zealand and Sweden under the coordination of the OECD Secretariat

(several meetings in July, August and September 2021)



Participation to the OECD Fora:

- Forum on Due Diligence in the Garment and Footwear Sector (2-4 February 2021)

Forthcoming event: 23-24 February 2022

- 14th Forum on Responsible Mineral Supply Chains (27-28 March /2021)
- Global Forum on RBC (15-17 June 2021(Forthcoming event: June 2022 Dates tbd)

OECD Consultation on the Stocktaking Report on the OECD Guidelines (June - Sept. 2021)

- Consultation of the OECD Committees
- Promotion of the Public consultation









Institutional activities of the NCP related to the promotion of the due diligence



2.1 Other activities of the NCP



Inter-ministerial Working Group on Business and Human Rights (WGBHR)

- From 22/06: Participation in the meetings of the CIDU-MAECI
- 28/06: Sending the MiSE contribution to the CIDU-MAECI for the drafting of the second BHR National Action Plan (2021-2026)
- 9/9/2021: Participation in the WGBHR discussion meeting after public consultation of the second NAPBHR
- 02/12/2021: Meeting to present the latest version of the NAPBHR
- Publication of the second NAPBHR



<u>Visit by the ad hoc UN Commission for Human Rights to Italy - online meeting</u> with the Italian Inter-ministerial Committee on Human Rights (ICHR)

15/9/2021: Preparation meeting for the following

27/9/2021: Meetings online with the ICHR and meeting in presence with the UN ad hoc Commission for human rights

Visibility problem of the NCP



CEDAW ad hoc Working Group:

 Contribution to the VIII National Report on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)





2.2 Traceability, Transparency, Sustainability and Circularity



UNECE-UNCE/FACT - 27th Session - UN/CEFACT Plenary

Adoption of the «Recommendation No. 46: Enhancing Traceability and Transparency of Sustainable Value Chains in the Garment and Footwear Sector" (19 April 2021)

Toolbox for traceability and transparency of sustainable value chains in the garment and footwear sector: Policy recommendation, call to action, information exchange standards and implementation guidelines to assist policy makers, manufacturers, entrepreneurs and all the stakeholders, providing a framework for implementation. https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-04/ECE_TRADE_C_CEFACT_2021_10E_Rec46-Textile_0.pdf

- UNECE-SDA BOCCONI EVENT: Accelerating actions for the garment and footwear industry for a sustainable and circular future
- Training (21/09/2021)



➤ Launch of the Call to Action to improve traceability, transparency, sustainability and circularity in the value chains of the garment and footwear sector (03/09/2021)

The Call to Action provides a mechanism to monitor and track the implementation of recommended measures and to facilitate the exchange of good practices and lessons learned.

https://unece.org/sites/default/files/2021-03/ECE_TRADE_C_CEFACT_2020_06_Rev1E_1.pdf





2.3 Developments on Mandatory Due Diligence in Europe



<u>EU</u>

European Parliament resolution of 10 March 2021 with recommendations to the Commission on Corporate Due Diligence and Corporate Accountability

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-

content/IT/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52021PC0189&from=EN



"Open letter to President Von der Leyen: time to demonstrate leadership in the Sustainable Corporate Governance Initiative" (8 December 2021)

https://www.business-humanrights.org/en/latest-news/eu-47-csos-write-to-commission-president-raising-strong-concerns-about-delay-of-sustainable-corporate-governance-initiative/

- <u>EC</u>
- ✓ Guidance on the Due Diligence for EU Businesses to address the risk of Forced Labour in their Operations and Supply Chains – DG Trade (10.04.21)
- ✓ Public consultation to improve the quality of company reporting application first results expected by October 2022



<u>Participation in a study commissioned by the EC to</u> assess the level of preparedness of SMEs for DD:

- CSR uptake among SMEs in Italy (April – May 2021)





2.6 The Responsible Business Conduct (RBC) in the international processes



- Council of Europe. CAHAI /Third (virtual) coordination meeting Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Artificial Intelligence meeting (26/05/2021)
- Ministerial Conference "Artificial intelligence Intelligent politics Challenges and opportunities for media and democracy" (10 June 2021)
- G20, Digital Economy Working Group, approved Declaration "Leveraging Digitalisation for a Resilient, Strong, Sustainable and Inclusive Recovery", with a focus on sustainability through digitalisation and with a clear commitment to inclusive connectivity (Trieste, 5 August 2021)
- G20 contributions to achieving the SDGs
 https://www.oecd.org/g20/topics/agenda-2030-development/G20-SDG-Report.pdf
- <u>Digital Transformation in Production for Sustainable Growth thanks to a human-centered approach on Al: G20 Policy Examples on How to Enhance the Adoption of Al by MSMES and Start-ups</u> (Annex 1 to the Declaration)
- <u>G20 High Level Principles for Children Protection and Empowerment in the Digital Environment</u> (Annex 2 to the Declaration)













Promotion of the OECD Guidelines – Tools

3.1 Interventions at seminars and webinars





<u>Promotion of the Due Diligence: OECD Guidelines, General Guide, Specific Instances:</u>

- ILO Interview "Tools to support the adoption of Corporate Social Responsibility in Italy" (9
 February 2021)
- Responsible Business Conduct in the Netherlands and Italy Sharing experiences in Textile & Fashion - Embassy of the Netherlands in Rome (25 March 2021)
- Productivity and sustainability: the challenge of cooperatives MiSE Invitalia (30 March 2021)
- UNECE Regional Forum: Roundtable 2 Supply Chain Traceability and Sustainability (20 April 2021)
- Impact of the pandemic on the specific instances of the OECD Guidelines and on the Due Diligence of companies – ISGI/CNR – MiSE (28 May 2021)
- "Mezzogiorno and Corporate Social Responsibility in the European perspective of Sustainability Reporting" PA Forum (25 June 2021)
- TUAC Working Group on Multinational Enterprise and Responsible Business Conduct, (22 September 2021)
- Visit un Special Working Group on Business and Human Rights (27/9 6/10/2021)
- Global Compact Network Italy (19 October 2021)
- 9th CSRMed Mediterranean Exhibition of Shared Social Responsibility (27 October 2021)



3.2 Formazione, Peer Learning, Collaborations



Continuing training of members of the NCP Secretariat:

ILO Training Course: Labour Law Issues in the Responsible Enterprise Guide and International Labour Standards (February - March 2021)

Peer Learning Activities:

ILO: Presentation of the experiences of the Italian, Belgian and Finnish NCPs in the collaboration between international organizations for the development of business and decent work (16 February 2021)

Surveys:

Sustainable businesses: Inventory of Italian corporate social responsibility practices (ilo.org) (10 March 2021)



Collaboration with the academic world:

Presentation of the NCP and the Due Diligence at the SiLFiM Master - Bicocca University— Milan (22 January and 5 November 2021)

Reception of 5 students of the Master of the Polytechnic University of Milan in internship at the PCN (February – July 2021)





Need to increase collaboration activities with the members of the NCP Committee because the level of awareness of the OECD GL is still unsatisfactory







Mandatory Due Diligence in the EU Focus on Regulation (EU) 2017/821 – 3TGs



4.1 EU Responsible Sourcing of 3TGs



MED - National Competent Authority for the implementation of Reg. (EU) 2017/821 – 3TG <u>autoritacompetente.3TG@mise.gov.it</u>



<u>Development of regulatory activities in coordination with the Inter-ministerial Committee chaired by the MED:</u>

First meeting of the ANC3TG Committee: establishment and start of works (31 March 2021)

 Second meeting of the ANC3TG Committee: Dialogue with the National Customs for the exchange of data and information on importers involved in the application of the obligations deriving from the Regulation (21 June, 2021)

Legislative and reporting activities:

- Definition of the Regulatory framework; Legislative Decree N. 13 of 02/02/2021 defining the of NAC ex-post checks administrative procedures;
- Annual Report to the European Commission (June, 2021)



4.2 Communication, information and awareness-raising action



https://anc3tg.mise.gov.it

Creation of the ANC3TG website:

Front Office for the promotion of ANC3TG activities (online) **Back Office** for the management of anC3TG activities, exchange of information at institutional level, Committee Members, WMD, controllers (in progress)

Participation in institutional meetings at EU level:

- Meetings of the EC Expert Group for the implementation of the 3TG Regulation (27 May and 14 December, 2021)
- Meetings of the informal group of EU Member States (10 June and 11 November 2021)

Collaboration with trade associations, economic operators and sectors impacted by the Regulation:

- Federorafi (02 March 2021)
- ANTICO (30 March 2021)
- Unione Industriale di Torino (15 April '21)

Meetings with Stakeholders:

Meeting with representatives of civil society

- FOCSIV Event (09/12/2021)









Managing the Specific Instances

2021 Specific Instance Management





Ikeinghenbiri Community vs. ENI International S.p.A

- Formally closed due to waiver by the parties (30 April, 2021)

Communications Workers of America (CWA), IUE-CWA, divisione industria di CWA, American Federation of Labour and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO) e IndustriALL Global Union vs. EssilorLuxottica SA

 Complaint submitted to the National Contact Points of Italy, France and United States on the 15 July, 2021

New Specific Instance

- With reference to Regulation (EU) 2020/852 (6 December 2021)

AAEFTA vs. RINA

- In waiting for the parties follow-up notes one year after the conclusion (by 8 February 2022)





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