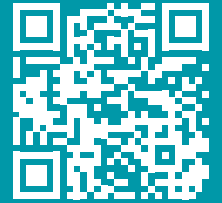




3 December 2024 | Free Webinar

The Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive – an overview



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On 25 July 2024, the Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence (CSDDD, Directive 2024/1760) entered into force. The CSDDD will impose rigorous sustainability and human rights due diligence obligations on a broad scope of companies operating within the EU. It requires companies to identify, prevent, and mitigate potential or actual adverse human rights and environmental impacts connected with their operations upstream and downstream. Companies have to publicly communicate on sustainability due diligence, establish a complaints procedure and can face far-reaching penalties. It also provides access to grievance mechanisms and legal remedies by introducing a civil liability scheme with the right to full compensation and enables trade unions and NGOs to enforce those rights. The effects on companies in scope as well as SMEs will be relevant soon and affect procurement, quality & security, legal etc. The CSDDD as an EU directive must be transposed into national law, which will lead to relevant changes to the German Supply Chain Due Diligence Act (LkSG).

Programme

Tuesday, 3 December 2024 | 10:00 – 11:00 CET

Welcome address and introduction

The topics:

- Core elements of CSDDD
- Scope of application & transposition
- New company obligations under the CSDDD
- Risk management in the supply chain
- Identifying actual and potential adverse impacts
- Prevention and remedial measures
- Notification mechanism and a complaints procedure

- Reporting and public communication
- Civil liability and legal remedies
- Obligations to combat climate change
- Penalties and enforcement mechanisms
- Legal consequences
- The role of multi-stakeholder initiatives
- The indirect impact on SMEs and non-EU companies
- How can companies prepare best?
- Practical experiences from Germany

Questions and answers

With expertise from:



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