

# Tackling supply chain management – the EU Due Diligence & Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directives

**08. June 2021**

**12.00 – 13.30 h**

**Online Event via Zoom**

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## Invitation

Not one but two EU Commissioners are currently setting out to address the management of supply chains with new legislative initiatives. Financial Affairs Commissioner McGuinness and Justice Commissioner Reynders are working on a new corporate due diligence and a corporate sustainability reporting directive (CSRD) respectively. The aim is to build “a consistent framework on corporate reporting, and on sustainable corporate governance”.

Moving beyond voluntary measures, the laws would require companies to scrutinize their own social and environmental impact all over the world, and to identify, prevent and remedy any harm to human rights or the environment their operations may cause. On the national level, too, governments are attempting to introduce new regulations on the transparency of supply chain production and working conditions. While large multinational companies already have to report on non-financial issues, the new regulations also target SMEs.

*But what would be the impact for activities of SMEs in third countries? How will companies from third countries be treated when attempting to access the EU’s single market? What responsibilities lie with governments? Could sector-specific approaches be a more efficient solution?*

We kindly invite you to join our online conference where we will discuss these questions with our panelists, **Lucrezia Busa**, Member of Commissioner Reynders Cabinet at the European Commission, **Antje Gerstein**, Managing Director of the German Retail Federations Brussels Office and **Dr. Adriana Neligan**, a senior economist from the German Economic Institute.

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## Program

12.00 h

**Welcome**

**Dr. Hardy Ostry**

Head of the European Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

12.10 h

**Statements**

**Lucrezia Busa**

Member, Cabinet of Commissioner Didier Reynders

**Antje Gerstein**

Managing Director, Brussels Office of the German Retail Federation (HDE)

**Dr. Adriana Neligan**

Senior Economist, German Economic Institute (IW)

13h00 h

**Discussion and Q&A, chaired by  
Sandra Parthie**

Head, Brussels Office of the German Economic Institute (IW)

13h30 h

**End of event**

**Information on registration and participation:**

Please register by entering your name, e-mail address, organization and position. You will then receive a confirmation of your registration and further information about participation in the online event. You can use your computer's microphone and speakers.

**During the online event:**

You will not be connected via video and muted by the host during the meeting. After the brief statements from the speakers, you are welcome to join the conversation: You can ask the speakers a written question (click the chat symbol in the toolbar) OR raise your hand (click the hand mark in the toolbar) to speak. The presenter will unlock the microphone for you and you can ask your question or comment in person. Remember to switch your microphone back on when verbally contributing and then mute it again afterwards. Please make sure that there is no background noise. Please introduce yourself briefly (name and company/organization) and let us know to whom your question is directed.