

UNDERSTANDING EU SUSTAINABILITY DUE DILIGENCE OBLIGATIONS: THE CORPORATE SUSTAINABILITY DUE DILIGENCE DIRECTIVE (CSDDD) PREPARE NOW FOR THE UPCOMING CHANGES



AUDIENCE

Board Members and executives, policymakers, lawyers & lobbyists



DURATION

Half day (2-4 hours, depending on desired depth)



FORMAT

Interactive workshop (face-to-face recommended)



MATERIALS

Training handbook Access to additional resources and templates

The EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (**CSDDD**) represents a significant shift in corporate responsibility, mandating businesses to adopt a proactive approach to environmental and human rights issues across Europe and beyond.

Failure to comply with the CSDDD (whose detailed and wide-ranging obligations apply as early as end of July 2028 to certain companies, whether EU-based or not) can entail significant fines and other sanctions by EU regulatory bodies, damages claims, as well as reputational damage.

Now is the time for your company to transform these regulatory requirements into opportunities for sustainable growth and responsible business practices, and familiarizing yourself with the latest requirements in this fast-paced area.



Sample Agenda

This agenda is designed to foster engagement and interaction among participants, ensuring that they all leave with a clear understanding of the directive and actionable insights for their organizations.

It can be adapted to your organization's individual needs as every training includes a video (call) to optimise the training for you. For an optimal learning effect, we recommend face-to-face trainings, however, trainings can also be held online.

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM | Welcome and Introduction

- Objectives of the training
- Overview of the agenda

09:15 AM – 10:00 AM | Understanding the new EU Sustainability Due Diligence Obligations

- Presentation on the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive
 - Key objectives and principles
 - Overview of main obligations
 - Consequences of getting it wrong
 - Outlook: suggested changes under the Omnibus Package
 - Application to your company & timescales
- Discussion: Initial thoughts and questions

10:00 AM - 10.30 AM | Implications for Corporate Governance

- How the Directive affects your responsibilities
- Integrating sustainability into corporate strategy

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM | Coffee break

10:45 AM – 11:30 AM | Risk Management and Reporting

- Framework for identifying and assessing sustainability risks
- Reporting obligations interaction with the Corporate Sustainability Due
 Diligence Reporting Directive (CSRD) and other EU sustainability legislation as
 well as upcoming changes under the Omnibus Package
- Leveraging new technologies



11:30 AM - 12:00 PM | Stakeholder Engagement and Communication

- Importance of stakeholder dialogue in due diligence
- Strategies for effective communication and transparency
- Practice examples: Engaging with stakeholders

12:00 PM - 12.30 PM | Action Planning and Next Steps

- Developing a roadmap for implementation
- Resources and tools available for support

12.30 PM - 1.00 PM | Closing remarks

- Summary of key takeaways
- Feedback and evaluation





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