



Webinar

Leveraging Learnings from the German LkSG for EU CSDDD: German Industry Insights for CSDDD Regional Preparedness Globally

Thursday, 12 September 2024

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Join us for a unique webinar featuring perspectives and experience sharing from the German Chambers of Commerce Abroad (AHKs).

The session will look at the experiences of the German Chambers of Commerce Abroad (AHKs) in diverse regions. By drawing on their insights into country-specific challenges, cultural context and best practices, the session will explore how companies can prepare for the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD) from the perspective of AHKs who have supported companies in navigating similar requirements through the implementation of the German Supply Chain Due Diligence Act (LkSG).

Background

With the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD) officially entering into force on 25 July 2024, the countdown for EU member states to transpose the Directive into national laws began.

CSDDD will pose a significantly large impact on companies operating within the EU and potentially beyond. While the Directive itself will be adopted by the EU in 2024, EU Member States have two years to transpose it into their national laws before it becomes directly applicable to companies. The current implementation timeline is set to begin in 2027.

The CSDDD mandates a risk-based approach to human rights due diligence, requiring companies to assess not only their own operations but also their global supply chain. This extends even to non-EU subsidiaries of EU companies. Consequently, suppliers outside the EU may be called upon to cooperate in identifying and addressing potential human rights and environmental risks within their regions.

The Directive represents a significant shift in the business landscape, where sustainability becomes a priority alongside profitability for large companies. Conversely, suppliers who proactively implement similar due diligence measures may gain a competitive edge and access new international business opportunities.

German industry holds extensive experience in implementing corporate due diligence in line with the requirements of the LkSG. How can companies leverage the learnings gathered from the LkSG implementation corporate due diligence in the global supply chain?

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Key Discussions:

- **Regional Regulations:** Understanding of country-specific due diligence regulations in various regions by identifying similarities and potential overlaps with the EU's Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD),
- **Regional Challenges:** Explore the unique challenges companies might face when implementing due diligence in various regions,
- **Supplier Collaboration:** Uncover best practices for fostering effective collaboration with regional suppliers throughout the value chain,
- **Implementation Strategies:** Hear about practical experiences in supporting German and local companies in implementing local and international supply chain due diligence requirements.

Agenda

Time	Details
5 mins	Welcoming Remarks: Ute Brockmann – Deputy Director General, AHK India
10 mins	Context Setting: The Scope of LkSG and CSDDD and what it means for Companies Sabrina Abdelatif - Project Director (German) Supply Chain Act, DIHK DEinternational GmbH
60 mins	Panel Discussion: Corporate Due Diligence Perspectives and Experiences from Across AHK Worldwide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hanna Dittmeyer – Head of the Competence Centre Energy, Environment and Sustainable Economy – AHK Services Eastern Africa Ltd • Raymond Chung – Director, Market Entry & Training Services, AHK Hong Kong • Huyen Nhu Lanh – Project Coordinator for Sustainable and Climate Resilient Supply Chains, AHK Vietnam • Carlos Fernandez – Director, Santa Cruz Regional Office, AHK Bolivia • Indras Ghosh – Head, Sustainability, AHK India
15 mins	Question and Answers

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