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BOOST HRDD

The BOOST HRDD program supports the effective implementation of European Human Rights Due Diligence (HRDD) legislation, focusing on the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD). Covering seven key production countries in Asia and Africa, the program strengthens local stakeholders' capacities, gathers on-the-ground insights and connects those to companies and regulators, and fosters collaborative policymaking that ensures HRDD benefits all actors in global supply chains.

OPPORTUNITIES

Empowerment of key stakeholders in production countries: meaningful stakeholder engagement will empower workers and help address key issues, strengthen capacity, and inform risk mitigation.

Good business case: collaboration and strong standards can enhance reputation, partnerships, and market access, making responsible practices a competitive advantage.

More transparency: clear reporting allows stakeholders to hold companies accountable and negotiate better conditions, while suppliers can demonstrate compliance, attract buyers, and secure long-term contracts.

RISKS

Chaotic implementation: without timely technical guidelines, everyone will have their own interpretation. This could create a confusing mix of rules, making it impossible to implement legislation properly.

Conflicting influence of national context – loss of business: high-risk countries are likely to face higher costs because of mitigating these (perceived) risks.

Adverse impact on human rights and freedom of association: national governments and authorities may repress organizations or rights holders that report on risks in specific sectors.

Increase in power imbalance: companies are likely to have their own interpretation of legislation, which will translate into one-sided contractual clauses that put the burden on suppliers, or overburden local stakeholders.

KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

Provide cognizance: all stakeholders must be made aware of and equipped to conduct effective HRDD. All stakeholders need to be included in the process and take an active role in implementation.

Provide clarity: a majority of key stakeholders across the supply chain requested the creation of local service points in production countries. Local contact is important in order to establish trust, transparency, accessibility and visibility.

Provide certainty: sector wide agreements and standardization will massively simplify the implementation of CSDDD.