

Panel discussion on “safeguarding human rights in simplification: the EU’s proposal to amend the CSDDD” (23 September 2025)



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Key messages to EU legislators

1

Simplification ≠ deregulation. Sustainability and competitiveness go hand in hand. Competitiveness can be achieved alongside respect for human rights and the protection of the environment.

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Maintain a risk-based approach, protect workers, and prevent them from being subjected to modern slavery.

3

Business resilience goes through all steps of the supply chain. Thinking long-term means maintaining a risk-based approach.

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Simplification should not come at the expense of the CSDDD's objectives. Keep in mind who ultimately bears the costs of simplification.

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Ensure open and inclusive stakeholder consultations in the due diligence process. Participation of those who are closest to victims and survivors is essential.

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Listen to practitioners and experts to generate a law capable of achieving the objective of effectively addressing business impacts on people and the planet.

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Align with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, so that the authoritative standards in this area are applied accurately.



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