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Sustainability, Ethics, ESG and Diligence: The Implementation of European Directives

Call for Papers

Due Diligence in Europe and Beyond: Practices, Liability, and Legal Developments

The organisers invite submissions for a seminar devoted to corporate due diligence in Europe and beyond. The event will examine the evolution of due diligence obligations following the adoption of the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD), as well as the changes brought by the recent Omnibus package (and in particular Directive EU n. 2026/470). We are also welcome contributions addressing alternative legal models that, even in the absence of specific due diligence legislation, seek to advance corporate responsibility across supply chains, such as the Public Civil Action recently employed by the Brazilian Labour Prosecutor's Office.¹

The seminar aims to bring together scholars of labour law, comparative private law, business and human rights.

We welcome papers addressing, inter alia, the following themes:

- national experiences with due diligence legislation before and after the adoption of the CSRD and the CSDDD;
- civil, administrative, and other forms of liability arising from breaches of due diligence obligations;
- legal strategies aimed at preventing labour exploitation, forced labour and human trafficking in the supply chains;
- access to effective remedies for victims of labour rights violations in supply chains;
- non-EU approaches to supply-chain due diligence and corporate responsibility.

¹Haidar, Daniel. "Cargill Convicted for Neglecting Slave and Child Labour at Cacao Farms." *Repórter Brasil*, 27 Sept. 2023, reporterbrasil.org.br/2023/09/cargill-convicted-for-neglecting-slave-and-child-labour-at-cacao-farms/.

Submission guidelines

Please submit an abstract of 300-500 words and a short bio.

Scholarships

To encourage the participation of scholars from developing countries the Chair offers three scholarships of €500 each for the three best contributions selected for in-person presentation, in order to partially cover participation costs.

See the list of countries available at

<https://www.imf.org/en/publications/weo/weo-database/2025/april/groups-and-aggregates>

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