



This online annual reporting questionnaire is designed to help National Contact Points for RBC to fulfil their reporting obligations (Decision of the Council on the Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct, I.3.; Procedures, I.E.; Commentaries on the Implementation Procedures, para. 53)*.

STRUCTURE

A. Contact information B. Institutional arrangements C. Information and promotion D. Specific instances E. Peer learning and peer reviews F. Support for Government Policies to Promote RBC G. Challenges Annex: NCP Promotional activities (Part I) & Specific instances (Part II) Additional materials (optional)*****

REPORTING PERIOD & SUBMISSION DEADLINE

The reporting period for this questionnaire is from 1 January to 31 December 2023. The questionnaire should be completed online and submitted to the Secretariat by Friday 26 January 2024. The word version of the questionnaire (here) may be used as a reference document to complete the questionnaire online, but should not be returned to the Secretariat.

HELP & ASSISTANCE

Please refer to the Guidance and instructions document available on the NCP O.N.E Community Space (here). The document contains instructions for completing the questionnaire as well as definitions for terms used within the questionnaire. It is recommended to have the document open when responding to the questionnaire. The word document of the Annex to be completed and uploaded at the end of the questionnaire (after question 60) can be downloaded on the NCP O.N.E Community Space (here). Please contact emily.halstead@oecd.org for any help or assistance to complete the questionnaire.

*** Procedures, I.E.2: “Reports should contain information on the nature and results of the activities of the NCP, including in specific instances”.**

**** Completed in a word document (here) and uploaded at the end of the questionnaire (see section INSTRUCTIONS in the Guidance and instructions here).**

***** Additional materials, such as those prompted in certain questions during the online questionnaire (ex: case-handling procedures, legislations) or other relevant**



Section A: A. Contact information

Please provide the names, titles and contact information of all the people to be included in the contacts list on the ONE Community:

A1. Please indicate your country:

- Argentina
- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Brazil
- Bulgaria
- Canada
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Croatia
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Egypt
- Estonia
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Japan
- Jordan



A2. Names, job titles and emails of all people to be included:

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Paul McMahon, Deputy Director of Ireland NCP, Paul.McMahon@enterprise.gov.ie
Declan Moran, Case Officer at the Ireland NCP, Declan.Moran@enterprise.gov.ie
Helen Pyke, Case Officer at the Ireland NCP, Helen.Pyke@enterprise.gov.ie
Abigail Martin, Clerical Officer at the Ireland NCP, Abigail.Martin@enterprise.gov.ie

Section B: B. Institutional arrangements - (a) Structure, location and composition of the NCP

B1. 1. What is the structure of the NCP?

Structure of the NCP: The organisational set up of the NCP.

Four NCP structures have been pre-identified, but other arrangements are possible:

Single-agency: The NCP is composed of one individual in a single ministry or government agency, or by a group of individuals belonging to the same service in the same ministry or government agency. Inter-agency: The NCP is composed of a group of representatives from several ministries or government agencies. Expert-based: The NCP is composed of experts who are external to government. Multipartite: The NCP is composed of a group of government officials and stakeholder representatives. Hybrid: A combination of other structures.

- Single agency
- Inter agency
- Expert based
- Multipartite
- Hybrid
- Other

Other

B2. 1a. Did the structure of the NCP change in 2023? If yes, please provide details in the comment box at the end of this section.

- Yes
- No



B3. 2. Who are the staff of the NCP?

Please describe the functions of the NCP staff.

Staff refers to members of the NCP responsible for daily operations (e.g. the Secretariat). This would not refer to members of an intergovernmental, multi-stakeholder, or advisory body that only meets intermittently or is called upon for specific functions.

The Ireland NCP consists of five officers of the Ministry of Enterprise, Trade and Employment.

A Director has overall responsibility for the NCP as part of a portfolio of duties within the Trade Division.

The NCP is managed on a day-to-day basis by the Deputy Director, who guides decision-making with respect to specific instances, including discussions with parties. He represents the NCP at meetings of the WPRBC and the Network of National Contact Points and directs promotional efforts.

An Administrative Officer and a Higher Executive Officer each lead on specific instances, conducting research, drafting initial assessments and final statements, and advising on decision-making. Both officers also help to represent the Ireland NCP at OECD fora and assist with promotional efforts.

A Clerical Officer provides administrative and clerical support for the NCP.

B4. 3. Please select all groups represented in the NCP structure (excluding advisory body), and list the members.

Business

Comment

Trade unions

Comment

Civil society

Comment

Government (include ministry/department/agency they represent)

Comment

Other NCP members

Comment

B5. 4. Does the NCP have a secretariat?

Secretariat: Government officials or group of government officials acting as the permanent office of an NCP.

Yes

No



B6. 4. (Continued) If the NCP has a Secretariat, in which ministry or agency is the Secretariat located?

Ministry with an economic focus (economy, finance, treasury, trade, etc.)

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Investment or trade agency

Private entity

Other

Other

B7. 4. (Continued) If the NCP has a Secretariat, in which department of the ministry or agency is the Secretariat located?

B8. 4. (Continued) If the NCP has a Secretariat, did the location of the Secretariat change in 2023?

Yes

No

B9. 5. Has the NCP been established through a legislative, regulatory or administrative instrument (e.g. a statute, a decree, a ministerial decision)? If yes, please provide the name and date of this instrument, and a link if available, in the comments box.

Law

Decree, order or similar

Other executive decision

Not established by a legal instrument



B10. Additional comments on the section Structure, location and composition of the NCP:

The Ireland NCP is located within the Trade Division of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. The NCP is a standalone unit, and the specific instance process and associated decision-making is an exclusive competency of the NCP, with no Ministerial involvement.

Section C: B. Institutional arrangements - (b) Advisory body

C1. 6. Does the NCP have one or several advisory bodies?

Yes, one advisory body

Yes, several advisory bodies

No

C2. 6. (continued) Was the advisory body added/modified in 2023? Please describe.

Yes

No

C3. 6. (Continued) If the NCP has several advisory bodies, please specify.



C4. 6. (Continued) If yes, please describe the advisory body(ies)' functions (e.g. advising on promotion, on specific instance handling in general, on individual cases, providing oversight, etc.)

C5. 6. (Continued) Did the advisory body(ies) contain representatives from the following groups? Please select all that apply and list the members from each group in the adjacent comment box.

Business

Comment

Trade unions

Comment

Civil society

Comment

Government

Comment

Other

Other



D12. 11.2 Have any part-time staff members left the NCP during the year?

Yes

No

D13. 11.2 (Continued) Please indicate how many part-time staff members left the NCP during the year:

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D14. 12. Did the NCP have a dedicated budget this year?

Yes

No

D15. 12. (Continued) If no, were financial resources for promotional activities allocated on an ad hoc basis when requested by the NCP?

Yes

No

D16. 12. (Continued) If no, were financial resources for specific instances allocated on an ad hoc basis when requested by the NCP?

Please select N/A (Not Applicable) if the NCP did not handle specific instances this year.

Yes

No

N/A



D17. 13. During the year, did the human and financial resources available to the NCP allow it to:

Please select "N/A" if the response was not relevant to the NCP's work in 2023 (e.g. if the NCP did not handle specific instances).

	Yes	No	N/A
Handle specific instances in an efficient and timely manner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Organise promotional events	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide support to efforts by their government to develop, implement, and foster coherence of policies to promote RBC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attend NCP meetings at the OECD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attend events organised by other NCPs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Attend events organised by stakeholders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cover professional mediator fees or in-house mediator fees	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Conduct fact-finding research into specific instances	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

D18. 13. (Continued) If you have answered "no" to any of the above, please specify:

D19. Additional comments on the section Human and financial resources:

While there is not a dedicated budget, the NCP has been able to avail of resources as and when needed e.g. external mediation services.

Section E: B. Institutional arrangements - (d) Reporting

E1. 14. Does the NCP report to the executive on its activities?

Yes
No



E2. 14. (Continued) If yes, how often?

- On an ongoing basis
- Less than once a year
- Once a year
- Twice a year
- Three times a year
- More than three times a year

E3. 15. Does the NCP report to the legislative body on its activities?

- Yes
- No

E4. 15. (Continued) If yes, how often?

- On an ongoing basis
- Less than once a year
- Once a year
- Twice a year
- Three times a year
- More than three times a year

E5. 16. Please indicate any other relevant transparency requirement(s) (e.g. access to information or disclosure laws) applicable to the NCP in your country:

The NCP is subject to the operation of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and information/documents etc have the potential to be released under the provisions of that Act.

E6. Additional comments on the section Reporting:

The Ireland NCP can and does report to the Management Board of the Ministry on an ad-hoc basis.



Section F: C. Information and promotion - (a) Website

F1. 17. Does the NCP have a website?

Yes

No

F2. 17. (Continued) If yes, please provide the link:

<https://www.enterprise.gov.ie/oecdncp/>

F3. 17. (continued) Was the website created/renovated this year?

The NCP website was created in 2023.

The NCP website was renovated in 2023 (excludes routine updates).

The NCP website was not created/renovated in 2023.

F4. 18.1 Are the following items available on the NCP website?

Information about the Guidelines and the role of the NCP:

Yes No N/A

The text of the Guidelines

A description of the Guidelines

The OECD Due Diligence Guidance Documents

Explanatory text about due diligence

OECD Recommendation on the Role of Government in Promoting Responsible Business Conduct

Ministerial Declaration on Promoting and Enabling Responsible Business Conduct in the Global Economy

Information on the NCP and its mandate

The NCP Annual Report submitted to the OECD

The NCP's Report to the executive and/or legislative (if applicable)

The NCP's peer review report (if applicable)



F5. 18.2 Are the following items available on the NCP website?

Information about specific instances

	Yes	No
Information on how to submit a specific instance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
An online form to submit a specific instance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The NCP's rules of procedure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All final statements since 2011	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

F6. 18.3 Are the following items available on the NCP website?

Information on promotional activities:

	Yes	No
The NCP's promotional plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Information on upcoming events promoting the Guidelines	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Information on past events promoting the Guidelines	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

F7. 18.4 Are the following items available on the NCP website?

Contact information:

	Yes	No
Information on how to make an enquiry to the NCP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
A phone number to reach the NCP directly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
An email address to reach the NCP directly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

F8. Additional comments on the section NCP website:

A distinct URL was created to make the website more accessible –
<https://www.enterprise.gov.ie/oecdncp>



Section G: C. Information and promotion - (b) Promotional activities*

*Attendance of NCP meetings held at the OECD and other OECD events such as the Global Forum on Responsible Business Conduct are not considered to be promotional activities.

G1. 19. Does the NCP have a promotional plan for the coming year(s)? If yes and it is public, please provide a link in the comments box.

Yes

No

A promotional plan to capture the broader RBC agenda is being devised with officials in the Ministry. The NCP is taking a central role in it.

G2. 20. Did the NCP organise or co-organise events to promote the Guidelines and/or the NCP during the year?

If yes, please also provide details in the NCP Reporting Questionnaire Annex document that will be uploaded at the end of the questionnaire.

Yes

No

G3. 21. Did the NCP make a presentation to promote the Guidelines and/or the NCP in events organised by others?

If yes, please also provide details in the NCP Reporting Questionnaire Annex document that will be uploaded at the end of the questionnaire.

Yes

No

G4. 22. Did the NCP make use of social media to communicate on NCP promotional activities during the year?

Yes

No



G5. 22. (Continued) If yes, please list the accounts from which the NCP posts.

<https://twitter.com/DeptEnterprise>
<https://www.linkedin.com/company/department-of-enterprise-trade-and-employment>

G6. 23. Did the NCP hold a stakeholder meeting during the year?

Yes

No

G7. 24. Did the NCP promote the Guidelines among the business community during the year?

Yes

No

G8. 25. Did the NCP carry out any training on the Guidelines aimed at businesses during the year?

Yes

No

G9. 26. Did the NCP promote the Guidelines among NGOs during the year?

Yes

No

G10. 27. Did the NCP promote the Guidelines among trade unions during the year?

Yes

No



G11. 28. Did the NCP focus on any of the following during promotional activities during the year:

	Yes	No
OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains in the Garment and Footwear Sector	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Due Diligence for Responsible Corporate Lending and Securities Underwriting and/or Responsible Business Conduct for Institutional Investors and/or Responsible Business Conduct Due Diligence for Project and Asset Finance Transactions	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement in the Extractive Sector	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
OECD-FAO Guidance for Responsible Agricultural Supply Chains	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

G12. Additional comments on the section Promotional activities:

Section H: D. Specific Instances - (a) NCP case-handling procedures for specific instances

30. (continued) If no, please upload a copy of the case-handling procedures in the Additional Materials section at the end of the online questionnaire.

H1. 29. Does the NCP have case-handling procedures?

Case-handling procedures (formerly Rules of Procedure): Procedures the NCP follows in handling specific instances.

Yes

No

H2. 30. Are the case-handling procedures available online?

Yes

No

H3. 30. (Continued) If yes, please provide a link in the text box.

<https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/publications/procedures-for-handling-the-oecd-guidelines-for-multinational-enterprises-mnes-.html>

H4. 31. Were the NCP's case-handling procedures modified this year?

Yes

No



H5. 31. (continued) If yes, are they aligned with the 2023 version of the Guidelines?

Yes

No

H6. 31. (continued) If yes, were stakeholders consulted?

Yes

No

H7. 31. (continued) If no, what are the NCP's plans to update its case-handling procedures in alignment with the 2023 version of the Guidelines?

Please indicate estimated completion date and provide relevant details in the comments box.

Q1 2024

Q2 2024

Q3 2024

Q4 2024

2025 or later

The NCP is also in the process of establishing an advisory body. Once this process is complete, the procedural guidance will be updated to align with the updates and the establishment of the advisory body. Stakeholders will be consulted as part of this process.

H8. Additional comments on the section Case-handling procedures:

Section I: D. Specific Instances - (b) Specific instances in practice

I1. 32. Has the NCP ever received a specific instance?

Yes

No



I2. 32. (continued) If yes, how many years ago did the NCP receive its most recent specific instance?

- Within the last year
- 1-5 years ago
- 5-9 years ago
- More than 10 years ago

I3. 33. Does the NCP request feedback from the parties on the procedure following the conclusion of a specific instance?

Please select N/A if the NCP has never received a specific instance

- Yes
- No
- N/A

I4. 34. Has the NCP staff undergone training in dispute resolution or problem solving (e.g. mediation)?

- Yes
- No

I5. 35. Did the NCP conduct mediation this year?

- Yes
- No
- N/A

I6. 35. (continued) If yes, who conducted the mediation?

- The NCP conducted the mediation.
- Mediation was conducted by a professional mediator.
- Mediation in some cases was conducted by the NCP and in other cases by professional mediators.

I7. Additional comments on the section Specific instances in practice:

The NCP is developing a feedback form for parties to complete following conclusion of the specific instance process.



Section J: D. Specific Instances - (c) Reporting specific instances

J1. 36. Did the NCP receive new specific instance submissions during the year?

If yes, please also provide details in the NCP Reporting Questionnaire Annex document that will be uploaded at the end of the questionnaire.

Yes

No

J2. 37. Did the NCP close specific instances during the year?

If yes, please also provide details in the NCP Reporting Questionnaire Annex document that will be uploaded at the end of the questionnaire.

Closed: includes both specific instances that have been concluded and specific instances that have not been accepted.

Yes

No

J3. 38. Of the specific instances that were already in progress at the start of the year, are there any that are still ongoing at the end of the year?

If yes, please also provide details in the NCP Reporting Questionnaire Annex document that will be uploaded at the end of the questionnaire.

Select N/A if no specific instances were in progress at the start of the year.

In progress: Specific instances that are not yet closed, pre- or post-initial assessment.

Yes

No

N/A



J4. 39. Did the NCP follow up on a case during the year?

If yes, please also provide details in the NCP Reporting Questionnaire Annex document that will be uploaded at the end of the questionnaire.

Select N/A if no specific instances were concluded before the start of the year.

Follow-up: assessment of the implementation of recommendations or agreement after a specific instance has been closed.

Yes

No

N/A

J5. 40. Is the OECD database of specific instances accurate and up to date with regard to cases handled by the NCP?

Select N/A if the NCP has never received a specific instance.

Yes

No

N/A

J6. 40. (Continued) Please provide details (missing cases, out of date entries, broken links, etc.) in the box below:

A number of updates submitted to the dedicated mailbox appear not to have been reflected in the database. These updates will be resent to the Secretariat so that the cases are up to date.

J7. Additional comments on the section Reporting specific instances:



Section K: E. Peer learning and peer reviews

K1. 41. Did the NCP take part in the following activities with other NCPs during the year:

	Yes	No
Host a peer learning activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Participate in peer learning activities hosted by other NCPs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Co-operate with other NCPs in handling specific instances	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provide mentoring/capacity building to another NCP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Participate in/host a meeting of regional networks of NCPs (excluding during the NCP meetings at the OECD)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

K2. 42. Is the NCP interested in hosting an NCP learning/experience-sharing event in 2024?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

K3. 43. Which topic would the NCP consider to be a priority to cover in a peer learning event?

K4. 44. Is the NCP interested in participating in developing tools for use by NCPs?

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

K5. 45. Did the NCP act as a peer reviewer during a peer review onsite visit in 2023?

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

K6. 45. (continued) If yes, indicate how many.

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K7. 46. Did the NCP undergo a peer review (onsite visit) in 2023?

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>



K8. 46. (continued) If yes, please specify the date on which the onsite visit began.

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K9. 47. Is the NCP interested in acting as a peer reviewer in 2024?

Yes

No

K10. 47. (continued) If yes, please specify the semester:

Q2-Q3

K11. 47. (continued) If no, please specify the NCP's earliest availability to act as a peer reviewer.

K12. Additional comments on the section Peer-learning and peer reviews:

Section L: F. Support for government policies to promote RBC* - (a) Promotional work

*Paragraph 54-55 of the Commentaries on the Implementation Procedures of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct: "The Decision recognises the support NCPs can provide in the development, administration and coherence of government policies and programmes that promote responsible business conduct, where appropriate and in agreement with relevant government agencies. I [...]."

L1. 48. Did the NCP have resources to provide support for government policies to promote RBC in 2023?

Yes

No

L2. 49. In 2023, did the NCP promote the Guidelines among:

Yes No

Embassies abroad

Trade and investment promotion agencies (or other government entity in charge of trade and investment support)

Government agencies



L3. 50. Did the NCP promote the Recommendation on the Role of Government in Promoting RBC among relevant government officials during the year?

If yes, please specify.

Yes

No

L4. Additional comments on the section Promotional work for policy coherence:

Section M: F. Support for government policies to promote RBC - (b) RBC policy landscape and the role of the NCP

M1. 51. Have the Guidelines and/or the Recommendation on the Role of Government in Promoting RBC been referred to in national legislation/regulations/policies/economic agreements adopted during the year?

(e.g. on responsible business conduct; non-financial reporting, export credits, public procurement, trade and investment)

Yes

No

N/A



M2. 51. (Continued) Please provide a short summary and a link to the legislation/regulation/policies/economic agreement.

If a link is not available, please upload a copy of the legislation at the end of the questionnaire, on the "Additional materials" page.

M3. 51. (continued) Was the NCP involved in and/or consulted during the development of the legislation/regulation/policies/economic agreement?

Yes

No

M4. 51. (continued) Does the legislation/regulation/policy/economic agreement make reference to the NCP/give a role to the NCP in its implementation?

Yes

No

M5. 52. Did your country adopt a National Action Plan (NAP) on Business and Human Rights or Responsible Business Conduct this year?

Yes

No

M6. 52. (Continued) Please indicate the scope of the National Action Plan:

NAP on Business and Human Rights

NAP on Responsible Business Conduct

M7. 52. (Continued) Please provide a link to the NAP on Responsible Business Conduct:

If a link is not available, please upload a copy of the legislation at the end of the questionnaire, on the "Additional materials" page.



M8. 52. (Continued) Did the NAP on Responsible Business Conduct make reference to:

	Yes	No
The Guidelines?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The NCP?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Recommendation on the Role of Government in Promoting RBC?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

M9. 52. (Continued) Was the NCP involved and/or consulted in the development of the NAP on Responsible Business Conduct? If yes, please specify the role of the NCP in the comments at the end of this section.

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

M10. 52. (Continued) Please provide a link to the NAP on Business and Human Rights:

If a link is not available, please upload a copy of the legislation at the end of the questionnaire, on the "Additional materials" page.

M11. 52. (Continued) Did the NAP on Business and Human Rights make reference to:

	Yes	No
The Guidelines?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The NCP?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Recommendation on the Role of Government in Promoting RBC?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

M12. 52. (Continued) Was the NCP involved and/or consulted in the development of the NAP on Business and Human Rights? If yes, please specify the role of the NCP in the comments at the end of this section.

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

M13. 53. Was a NAP in development this year?

Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>



M14. 53. (Continued) If yes, please indicate the scope of the NAP:

NAP on Business and Human Rights

NAP on Responsible Business Conduct

M15. 53. (Continued) Did the NCP participate in the development of the NAP? If yes, please specify the role of the NCP in the comments box at the end of this session.

Yes

No

M16. 53. (continued) Is there a role foreseen for the NCP in the implementation of the NAP?

Please add details in the comments box at the end of the section.

Yes

No

M17. 54. Does your national legislation or policy on public procurement refer to the Guidelines and/or OECD due diligence instruments and/or to the NCP process?

Yes

No

M18. 54. (Continued) Please provide a link to the legislation.

If a link is not available, please upload a copy of the legislation at the end of the questionnaire, on the "Additional materials" page.

M19. Additional comments on the section RBC policy landscape and the role of the NCP

The NCP is supporting the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the development of a new business and human rights action plan. NCP officials are members of the Business and Human Rights stakeholder forum, involving representatives of Government, civil society and business, including officials from both Ministries.



Section N: F. Support for government policies to promote RBC - (c) Engagement with relevant officials

N1. 55. Did the NCP share statements, data and other insights with:

Please provide details for each selection

Officials responsible for public procurement

Comment

Officials responsible for trade and investment support (including trade missions)

Comment

Briefing material and speaking points on the NCP and Responsible Business provided to Government Ministers

Officials responsible for SOEs

Comment

Officials in relevant government agencies

Comment

N2. 56. Did the NCP inform officials responsible for reviewing eligibility for government support and services* of companies' engagement in specific instances?

***(e.g. such as trade advocacy, economic diplomacy, or other benefits)**

Yes

No

N/A: The NCP has not handled a specific instance

N3. 57. To what extent has the NCP engaged or exchanged with public procurement officials/practitioners, trade and investment officials, or SOEs officials?

Select all relevant responses and provide details in the comments box.

As part of a public procurement process

Comment



As part of dedicated events or training



Comment

Other



Comment

Limited engagement to date

N/A: the NCP has not engaged or exchanged with officials/practitioners in this context



Comment

N4. 58. Please identify any specific initiatives/good practices in your country, involving RBC and other policy areas like public procurement, trade and investment, and/or SOEs.

The NCP has established a Responsible Business Forum whereby key external business stakeholders meet with the Ministry at least once a quarter. The aim of the group is to inform stakeholders and capture the views, concerns, and suggestions of the enterprise sector, as appropriate connected to RBC matters. Officials from other Ministries and agencies may join meetings from time to time, where relevant.

N5. 59. Please include any other examples of policy coherence activities:

The NCP has taken on the role of Responsible Business Coordination within the Ministry of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. This involves bringing together key officials in the Ministry with responsibility for Responsible Business matters such as the upcoming CSRD and CSDD Directives, Eco-design, etc., and working with our Communications team to ensure that the Ministry provides advice and information to the public as clearly and concisely as possible.

The NCP is supporting the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the development of a new business and human rights action plan and are members of the Business and Human Rights stakeholder forum, involving representatives of Government, civil society and business, including officials from both Ministries.

N6. Additional comments on Engagement with relevant officials



Section O: G. Challenges

O1. 60. Has the NCP faced any particular challenge(s) it would like to highlight this year?

There have been challenges with the cases the NCP has handled in 2023. This has included availing of the services of external mediators with relevant experience on RBC matters.

The NCP has found it challenging to progress Specific Instances according to the timelines set out in both the Procedural Guidance in the Guidelines themselves and the NCP's own Procedural Guidance, whilst also allowing sufficient time to the parties to respond and participate in the Specific Instance process.

Section P: Annex - NCP Promotional activities and Specific instances

Additional materials (e.g. case-handling procedures, legislations, flyers, other promotional materials) may be uploaded on the next page.

P1. Please provide detailed information on NCP promotional activities (Annex Part I) and on specific instances (Annex Part 2) by filling out and uploading the NCP Reporting Questionnaire 2023 Annex document.

Instructions:

Download the NCP Reporting Questionnaire Annex 2023 word document available here on the NCP O.N.E Community Space. Fill in the document and save it locally on your computer. Upload the document by clicking on the "Upload files" button below.

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Section Q: Additional materials

Q1. Please upload any additional materials relevant to this questionnaire (ex: case-handling procedures, flyers, etc):



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