

NCP Annual Reporting Questionnaire 2024

Survey response 1

A. Contact information

Please indicate your country:
Ireland
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B. Institutional arrangements - (a) Structure, location and composition of the NCP

1. What is the structure of the NCP?
Single agency
1. What is the structure of the NCP? [Other]
1a. Did the structure of the NCP change in 2024? If yes, please provide details in the comment box.
No
1a. Did the structure of the NCP change in 2024? If yes, please provide details in the comment box. [Comment]
2. Who are the staff of the NCP? Please describe the functions of the NCP staff.
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. There are two case officers at the Higher Executive Officer (HEO) and Administrative Officer level that lead on specific instances, conducting research, drafting initial assessments and final statements, and advising on decision-making. They also helps to represent the Ireland NCP at OECD fora and assists with promotional efforts. At the time of submitting this report to the OECD, the Administrative Officer post is vacant and is due to be filled in 2025. A Clerical Officer provides administrative and clerical support for the NCP.
3. Please select all groups represented in the NCP structure (excluding advisory body), and list the members. [Business]
No

3. Please select all groups represented in the NCP structure (excluding advisory body), and list the members. [Business][Comment]
3. Please select all groups represented in the NCP structure (excluding advisory body), and list the members. [Trade unions]
No
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3. Please select all groups represented in the NCP structure (excluding advisory body), and list the members. [Civil society]
No
3. Please select all groups represented in the NCP structure (excluding advisory body), and list the members. [Civil society][Comment]
3. Please select all groups represented in the NCP structure (excluding advisory body), and list the members. [Government (include ministry/department/agency they represent)]
No
3. Please select all groups represented in the NCP structure (excluding advisory body), and list the members. [Government (include ministry/department/agency they represent)][Comment]
3. Please select all groups represented in the NCP structure (excluding advisory body), and list the members. [Other NCP members]
No
3. Please select all groups represented in the NCP structure (excluding advisory body), and list the members. [Other NCP members][Comment]
4. Does the NCP have a secretariat?
No
4. (Continued) If the NCP has a Secretariat, in which department of the ministry or agency is the Secretariat located?
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. If no link is available, you may upload as an annex.
Not established by a legal instrument
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. If no link is available, you may upload as an annex. [Comment]
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.

B. Institutional arrangements - (b) Advisory body

6. Does the NCP have one or several advisory bodies?
Yes, one advisory body
6. (continued) Was the advisory body added/modified in 2024? Please describe.
Yes

6. (continued) Was the advisory body added/modified in 2024? Please describe. [Comment]
The NCP established an Advisory Body in Q4 2024.
6. (Continued) If the NCP has several advisory bodies, please specify.
6. (Continued) If yes, please describe the advisory body(ies)' functions. [Advising on promotion]
Yes
6. (Continued) If yes, please describe the advisory body(ies)' functions. [Advising on specific instance handling in general]
Yes
6. (Continued) If yes, please describe the advisory body(ies)' functions. [Advising on individual specific instances]
Yes
6. (Continued) If yes, please describe the advisory body(ies)' functions. [Providing oversight]
No
6. (Continued) If yes, please describe the advisory body(ies)' functions. [Other]
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]
Yes
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]
Ibec - Ireland's largest lobby and business representative group
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. [Trade unions]
Yes
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. [Trade unions][Comment]
Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU)
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. [Civil society]
Yes
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. [Civil society][Comment]
Dóchas - The Irish Network for International Development and Humanitarian Organisations
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. [Government]
Yes
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. [Government][Comment]
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine; Department of Environment, Climate and Communications; Department of Finance; Department of Foreign Affairs; Department of Justice
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. [Other]
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. [Other comment]
6. (Continued) Please indicate how often the advisory body(ies) has met in 2024.
Once

6. (Continued) Please indicate how often the advisory body(ies) has met in 2024. [Other]

7. If an advisory body provides oversight, please describe the oversight procedure:

Additional comments on the section Advisory body(ies):

The Ireland NCP chairs meetings of the Advisory body. As the Guidelines cover a broad range of topics, it may be necessary from time to time to invite experts in particular areas who have the knowledge and understanding of the topic to engage with the Advisory Body and/or attend meetings of the group. Any requests of this type will be raised by the Chair.

Membership of the Advisory Body is voluntary and members will not be remunerated for their services.

The role of the Advisory body is as follows:

- * Support and advise the Ireland NCP to promote and raise awareness of the Guidelines and the role of the NCP.

- * Use their own networks, events and publications to promote the Guidelines and the role of the NCP.

- * Recommend and agree changes to the Ireland NCP's complaint handling procedures when necessary to ensure they are understood and assist with the resolution of complaints.

- * Identify where clarifications or improvements to the Guidelines could be usefully brought to the attention of the Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct or the OECD Investment Committee and make recommendations to the Ireland NCP accordingly.

- * Keep its terms of reference under review and update as necessary.

Regarding complaints received by the NCP, the Ireland NCP will inform the Group when a new complaint is received and will provide updates on the progress of existing complaints without breaching confidentiality or disclosing sensitive information received from the parties during the complaint handling process. The Advisory Group will not make decisions on the issues raised in a complaint. However, it may make recommendations on the procedures for handling complaints to make the process more effective.

The Advisory Group will operate in an open and transparent manner. The Ireland NCP will publish the list of the Group's member organisations.

B. Institutional arrangements - (c) Human and financial resources

8. Does the NCP have dedicated full-time staff members?

Yes

8. (Continued) Please indicate the number of full-time staff members:

2

9. Does the NCP have dedicated part-time staff members?

Yes

9. (Continued) Please indicate the number of part-time staff members:

3

9. (Continued) Please indicate the percentage of time spent on NCP matters for each part-time staff member:

Part time staff#1: 10%

Part time staff#2: 50%

Part time staff#3: 50%

10.1 Have any full-time staff members joined the NCP during the year?

No

10.2 Have any part-time staff members joined the NCP during the year?

Yes

10.2 (Continued) Please indicate how many part-time staff members joined the NCP during the year:
1
11.1 Have any full-time staff members left the NCP during the year?
Yes
11.1 (Continued) Please indicate how many full-time staff members left the NCP during the year:
1
11.2 Have any part-time staff members left the NCP during the year?
Yes
11.2 (Continued) Please indicate how many part-time staff members left the NCP during the year:
1
12. Did the NCP have a dedicated budget this year?
No
12. (Continued) If no, were financial resources for promotional activities allocated on an ad hoc basis when requested by the NCP?
Yes
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
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 2024 (e.g. if the NCP did not handle specific instances). [Handle specific instances in an efficient and timely manner]
Yes
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 2024 (e.g. if the NCP did not handle specific instances). [Conduct promotion (organise events, produce materials, etc.)]
Yes
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 2024 (e.g. if the NCP did not handle specific instances). [Provide support to efforts by their government to develop, implement, and foster coherence of policies to promote RBC]
Yes
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 2024 (e.g. if the NCP did not handle specific instances). [Attend NCP meetings at the OECD]
Yes
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 2024 (e.g. if the NCP did not handle specific instances). [Attend events organised by other NCPs]
Yes
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 2024 (e.g. if the NCP did not handle specific instances). [Attend events organised by stakeholders]
N/A
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 2024 (e.g. if the NCP did not handle specific instances). [Attend events organised by other government entities]
N/A
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 2024 (e.g. if the NCP did not handle specific instances). [Cover professional mediator fees or in-house mediator fees]
Yes

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 2024 (e.g. if the NCP did not handle specific instances). [Conduct fact-finding research into specific instances]

N/A

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

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.

B. Institutional arrangements - (d) Reporting

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

No

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

No

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.

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.

C. Information and promotion - (a) Website

17. Does the NCP have a website?

Yes

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

www.enterprise.gov.ie/oecdncp/

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

The NCP website was not created/renovated in 2024.

18.1 Are the following items available on the NCP website? Information about the Guidelines and the role of the NCP: [The text of the Guidelines]

Yes

18.1 Are the following items available on the NCP website? Information about the Guidelines and the role of the NCP: [A description of the Guidelines]

Yes

18.1 Are the following items available on the NCP website? Information about the Guidelines and the role of the NCP: [The OECD Due Diligence Guidance Documents]

Yes

18.1 Are the following items available on the NCP website? Information about the Guidelines and the role of the NCP: [Explanatory text about due diligence]

Yes

18.1 Are the following items available on the NCP website? Information about the Guidelines and the role of the NCP: [OECD Recommendation on the Role of Government in Promoting Responsible Business Conduct]

Yes

18.1 Are the following items available on the NCP website? Information about the Guidelines and the role of the NCP: [Ministerial Declaration on Promoting and Enabling Responsible Business Conduct in the Global Economy]
Yes
18.1 Are the following items available on the NCP website? Information about the Guidelines and the role of the NCP: [Information on the NCP and its mandate]
Yes
18.1 Are the following items available on the NCP website? Information about the Guidelines and the role of the NCP: [The NCP Annual Report submitted to the OECD]
Yes
18.1 Are the following items available on the NCP website? Information about the Guidelines and the role of the NCP: [The NCP's Report to the executive and/or legislative (if applicable)]
N/A
18.1 Are the following items available on the NCP website? Information about the Guidelines and the role of the NCP: [The NCP's peer review report (if applicable)]
Yes
18.2 Are the following items available on the NCP website? Information about specific instances [Information on how to submit a specific instance]
Yes
18.2 Are the following items available on the NCP website? Information about specific instances [An online form to submit a specific instance]
Yes
18.2 Are the following items available on the NCP website? Information about specific instances [The NCP's case-handling procedures]
Yes
18.2 Are the following items available on the NCP website? Information about specific instances [All final statements since 2011]
Yes
18.3 Are the following items available on the NCP website? Information on promotional activities: [The NCP's promotional plan]
No
18.3 Are the following items available on the NCP website? Information on promotional activities: [Information on upcoming events promoting the Guidelines]
Yes
18.3 Are the following items available on the NCP website? Information on promotional activities: [Information on past events promoting the Guidelines]
Yes
18.4 Are the following items available on the NCP website? Contact information: [Information on how to make an enquiry to the NCP]
Yes
18.4 Are the following items available on the NCP website? Contact information: [A phone number to reach the NCP directly]
No
18.4 Are the following items available on the NCP website? Contact information: [An email address to reach the NCP directly]
Yes
Additional comments on the section NCP website:

C. Information and promotion - (b) Promotion*

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
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. [Comment]
A promotional plan for the NCP and the broader RBC is being devised with officials in the Ministry. The NCP is taking a central role in it and, once finalised, it will be published on the NCP website.
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
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.
No
22. Did the NCP make use of social media to communicate on NCP promotional activities during the year?
Yes
22. (Continued) If yes, please list the accounts from which the NCP posts.
https://x.com/DeptEnterprise https://www.linkedin.com/company/department-of-enterprise-trade-and-employment
22. (Continued) How many posts were made to promote the NCP or the Guidelines?
15+
23. Did the NCP produce other materials to promote the Guidelines and/or the NCP during the year (includes: flyers, brochures, email campaigns, newsletters, videos, etc.)? If yes, please provide details in table 3 in Annex 1.
No
24. Did the NCP hold a stakeholder meeting during the year?
No
25. Did the NCP promote the Guidelines among the business community during the year?
Yes
26. Did the NCP carry out any training on the Guidelines aimed at businesses during the year?
No
27. Did the NCP promote the Guidelines among NGOs during the year?
Yes
28. Did the NCP promote the Guidelines among trade unions during the year?
Yes
29. Did the NCP focus on any of the following during promotional activities during the year: [OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct]
Yes
29. Did the NCP focus on any of the following during promotional activities during the year: [OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains in the Garment and Footwear Sector]
Yes
29. Did the NCP focus on any of the following during promotional activities during the year: [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]
Yes
29. Did the NCP focus on any of the following during promotional activities during the year: [OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas]
Yes
29. Did the NCP focus on any of the following during promotional activities during the year: [OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement in the Extractive Sector]
Yes

29. Did the NCP focus on any of the following during promotional activities during the year: [OECD-FAO Guidance for Responsible Agricultural Supply Chains]

Yes

29. Did the NCP focus on any of the following during promotional activities during the year: [OECD-FAO Business Handbook on Deforestation and Due Diligence in Agricultural Supply Chains]

Yes

Additional comments on the section Promotional activities:

The NCP hosted three webinars in 2024.
Responsible Business initiatives: New developments, February 2024
Responsible Business initiatives: Rising expectations, May 2024
Responsible Business Initiatives: Environment, November 2024

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

30. Does the NCP have case-handling procedures?

Yes

31. Are the case-handling procedures available online?

Yes

31. (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>

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

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

No

32. (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.

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32. (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. [Comment]

A draft update has been completed and the NCP will launch a public consultation in January 2025. The final draft will be published in Q1 2025.

Additional comments on the section Case-handling procedures:

D. Specific Instances - (b) Specific instances in practice

33. Has the NCP ever received a specific instance?

Yes

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

1-5 years ago

34. 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

No

35. Has the NCP staff undergone training in dispute resolution or problem solving during the year (e.g. mediation)? If yes, please provide details in the comments box.

No

35. Has the NCP staff undergone training in dispute resolution or problem solving during the year (e.g. mediation)? If yes, please provide details in the comments box. [Comment]

36. Did the NCP conduct mediation this year?

Yes

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

Mediation was conducted by a professional mediator.

Additional comments on the section Specific instances in practice:

The Ireland NCP availed of the OECD's Roster of Mediators to assist with a specific instance.

D. Specific Instances - (c) Reporting specific instances

37. 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.

No

38. 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.

Yes

39. 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.

Yes

40. 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.

No

41. 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

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

42. Did the NCP submit keywords to be included in all specific instances available in the OECD case database? If not, please submit a keyword reporting form for each public specific instance.

Yes

Additional comments on the section Reporting specific instances:

E. Peer learning and peer reviews

43. Did the NCP take part in the following activities with other NCPs during the year: [Host a peer learning activity]

No

43. Did the NCP take part in the following activities with other NCPs during the year: [Participate in peer learning activities hosted by other NCPs]

Yes

43. Did the NCP take part in the following activities with other NCPs during the year: [Co-operate with other NCPs in handling specific instances]

Yes

43. Did the NCP take part in the following activities with other NCPs during the year: [Provide mentoring/capacity building to another NCP]
Yes
43. Did the NCP take part in the following activities with other NCPs during the year: [Participate in/host a meeting of regional networks of NCPs (excluding during the NCP meetings at the OECD)]
No
44. Is the NCP interested in hosting an NCP learning/experience-sharing event in 2025?
No
44. Is the NCP interested in hosting an NCP learning/experience-sharing event in 2025? [Comment]
45. Which topic would the NCP consider to be a priority to cover in a peer learning event?
Dealing with the challenges that arise because parties view the complaint handling process from a legal perspective
46. Is the NCP interested in participating in developing tools for use by NCPs?
Yes
47. Did the NCP act as a peer reviewer during a peer review onsite visit in 2024?
Yes
47. (continued) If yes, indicate how many.
1
48. Did the NCP undergo a peer review (onsite visit) in 2024?
No
48. (continued) If yes, please specify the date on which the onsite visit began.
Additional comments on the section Peer-learning and peer reviews:

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

49. In 2024, did the NCP promote the Guidelines and/or the OECD due diligence guidance instruments among: [Trade and investment promotion agencies (or other government entity in charge of trade and investment support)]
Yes
49. In 2024, did the NCP promote the Guidelines and/or the OECD due diligence guidance instruments among: [Embassies abroad]
No
49. In 2024, did the NCP promote the Guidelines and/or the OECD due diligence guidance instruments among: [Other relevant government agencies]
Yes
50. Did the NCP promote the Recommendation on the Role of Government in Promoting RBC among relevant government officials during the year?
Yes
50. Did the NCP promote the Recommendation on the Role of Government in Promoting RBC among relevant government officials during the year? [Comment]
The NCP contributed an article on the Recommendation to the Ministry's monthly email newsletter. This Recommendation is available on the NCP webpage.
51. Did the NCP carry out any activity to promote its role and mandate with other relevant government agencies during the year?
Yes

51. Did the NCP carry out any activity to promote its role and mandate with other relevant government agencies during the year? [Comment]

Additional comments on the section Promotional work for policy coherence:

F. Support for government policies to promote RBC - (b) Engagement with relevant officials

52. Is the NCP involved in any intergovernmental coordination mechanism regarding policy areas covered by the Guidelines and/or relevant for RBC? If yes, please provide a short description of these mechanisms and the NCP's participation therein.

No

52. Is the NCP involved in any intergovernmental coordination mechanism regarding policy areas covered by the Guidelines and/or relevant for RBC? If yes, please provide a short description of these mechanisms and the NCP's participation therein. [Comment]

53. Does the NCP coordinate its action / cooperation with other state-based non-judicial grievance mechanisms? If yes, please explain how.

No

53. Does the NCP coordinate its action / cooperation with other state-based non-judicial grievance mechanisms? If yes, please explain how. [Comment]

54. Did the NCP share statements, data and other insights with: [Officials responsible for public procurement]

No

54. Did the NCP share statements, data and other insights with: [Officials responsible for public procurement][Comment]

54. Did the NCP share statements, data and other insights with: [Officials responsible for trade and investment support (including trade missions)]

Yes

54. Did the NCP share statements, data and other insights with: [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

54. Did the NCP share statements, data and other insights with: [Officials responsible for SOEs]

No

54. Did the NCP share statements, data and other insights with: [Officials responsible for SOEs][Comment]

54. Did the NCP share statements, data and other insights with: [Officials in relevant government agencies (including other state-based non-judicial grievance mechanisms)]

No

54. Did the NCP share statements, data and other insights with: [Officials in relevant government agencies (including other state-based non-judicial grievance mechanisms)][Comment]

55. Did the NCP inform officials responsible for reviewing eligibility for government support and services* of companies' involvement/engagement in specific instances? *(e.g. such as trade advocacy, economic diplomacy, or other benefits)

No

55. Did the NCP inform officials responsible for reviewing eligibility for government support and services* of companies' involvement/engagement in specific instances? *(e.g. such as trade advocacy, economic diplomacy, or other benefits) [Comment]

56. To what extent has the NCP engaged or exchanged with public procurement officials/practitioners, trade and investment officials, or SOEs officials? [As part of a public procurement process]
No
56. To what extent has the NCP engaged or exchanged with public procurement officials/practitioners, trade and investment officials, or SOEs officials? [As part of a public procurement process][Comment]
56. To what extent has the NCP engaged or exchanged with public procurement officials/practitioners, trade and investment officials, or SOEs officials? [As part of dedicated events or training]
No
56. To what extent has the NCP engaged or exchanged with public procurement officials/practitioners, trade and investment officials, or SOEs officials? [As part of dedicated events or training][Comment]
56. To what extent has the NCP engaged or exchanged with public procurement officials/practitioners, trade and investment officials, or SOEs officials? [Other]
Yes
56. To what extent has the NCP engaged or exchanged with public procurement officials/practitioners, trade and investment officials, or SOEs officials? [Other][Comment]
Limited engagement to date
56. To what extent has the NCP engaged or exchanged with public procurement officials/practitioners, trade and investment officials, or SOEs officials? [N/A: the NCP has not engaged or exchanged with officials/practitioners in this context]
No
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57. 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 staff also acts as secretariat for the Responsible Business Forum whereby key external business stakeholders meet with the Ministry 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 join meetings on an ad-hoc basis.
58. Please include any other examples of policy coherence activities:
The NCP staff are also responsible for coordinating on Responsible Business Conduct matters 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 CSRR and CSDD Directives, Eco-design, Forced Labour, 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.
Additional comments on Engagement with relevant officials

F. Support for government policies to promote RBC - (c) RBC policy landscape and the role of the NCP

59. Does the NCP follow and/or provide input, or is the NCP consulted, on policy or regulatory developments to promote RBC? If yes, please provide a short explanation of how this is done in practice.
Yes
59. Does the NCP follow and/or provide input, or is the NCP consulted, on policy or regulatory developments to promote RBC? If yes, please provide a short explanation of how this is done in practice. [Comment]
As part of Responsible Business Coordination within the Ministry, key officials working on legislation etc regularly engage with the NCP to provide updates and insights into the development of policies and regulations. The NCP provides feedback as necessary.

60. Have the Guidelines and/or the OECD due diligence instruments 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) [The Guidelines]

No

60. Have the Guidelines and/or the OECD due diligence instruments 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) [The OECD due diligence instruments]

No

60. Have the Guidelines and/or the OECD due diligence instruments 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) [The Recommendation on the Role of Government in Promoting RBC]

No

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Yes

60. Have the Guidelines and/or the OECD due diligence instruments 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) [N/A: no relevant national legislation/regulations/policies/economic agreements were adopted during the year.]

No

60. (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.

61. Did your country adopt a National Action Plan (NAP) on Business and Human Rights or Responsible Business Conduct in 2024.

No

61. (Continued) Please indicate the scope of the National Action Plan: [NAP on Business and Human Rights]

N/A

61. (Continued) Please indicate the scope of the National Action Plan: [NAP on Responsible Business Conduct]

N/A

61. (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.

61. (Continued) Did the NAP on Responsible Business Conduct make reference to: [The Guidelines?]

61. (Continued) Did the NAP on Responsible Business Conduct make reference to: [The NCP?]

61. (Continued) Did the NAP on Responsible Business Conduct make reference to: [The OECD due diligence instruments?]

61. (Continued) Did the NAP on Responsible Business Conduct make reference to: [The Recommendation on the Role of Government in Promoting RBC?]

61. (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.

61. (Continued) Did the NAP on Business and Human Rights make reference to: [The Guidelines?]
61. (Continued) Did the NAP on Business and Human Rights make reference to: [The NCP?]
61. (Continued) Did the NAP on Business and Human Rights make reference to: [The OECD due diligence instruments?]
61. (Continued) Did the NAP on Business and Human Rights make reference to: [The Recommendation on the Role of Government in Promoting RBC?]
62. Was a NAP in development in 2024?
Yes
62. (Continued) If yes, please indicate the scope of the NAP: [NAP on Business and Human Rights]
Yes
62. (Continued) If yes, please indicate the scope of the NAP: [NAP on Responsible Business Conduct]
No
62. (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
62. (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
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

G. Challenges

63. 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 2024.
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.
The NCP would also like to highlight the challenge of parties approaching the NCP process in a legalistic manner. This creates many challenges for the process itself and can impinge upon the benefits of the NCP system.