



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 Promotion (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 2025. The questionnaire should be completed online and submitted to the Secretariat by Friday 16 January 2026. 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. NCPs may also use the word version to seek internal feedback or approvals prior to submitting the online questionnaire.

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**



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. If relevant, list the NCP's primary contact first.

A1. Please indicate your country:

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



- Japan
- Jordan
- Kazakhstan
- Korea
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Mauritius
- Mexico
- Morocco
- Netherlands
- New Zealand
- Norway
- Peru
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Tunisia
- Türkiye
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom
- United States
- Uruguay



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

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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 one of the structures above, e.g. promotion done by a single agency body and specific instances handled by independent experts.

| | |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Single agency | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Inter agency | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Expert based | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Multipartite | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hybrid | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Other

B2. 1a. Did the structure of the NCP change in 2025? If yes, please provide details in the comment box.

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 four officers of the Ministry of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment.

A Director has overall responsibility for the NCP as part of a portfolio of duties within the EU and Trade Development 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 is one case officer at the Higher Executive Officer (HEO) level that leads on specific instances, conducting research, drafting initial assessments and final statements, and advising on decision-making. They also help to represent the Ireland NCP at OECD fora and assists 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. Where is the NCP located (indicate the location of the Secretariat if the NCP is not single-agency)?

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

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

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Investment or trade agency

Private entity

Other

Other

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

B7. 4. (Continued) If the NCP has a Secretariat, did the location of the Secretariat change in 2025?

Yes

No

B8. 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.

Law

Decree, order or similar

Other executive decision

Not established by a legal instrument

Not established by a legal instrument



B9. Additional comments on the section Structure, location and composition of the NCP:

The Ireland NCP is located within the EU and Trade Development Division of the Department of Enterprise, Tourism 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 2025? 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.

Advising on promotion

Advising on specific instance handling in general

Advising on individual specific instances

Providing oversight



Other



Other

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:

| | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|

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 2024 (e.g. if the NCP did not handle specific instances).

| | Yes | No | N/A |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Handle specific instances in an efficient and timely manner | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Conduct promotion (organise events, produce materials, etc.) | <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"/> |
| Attend events organised by other government entities | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |



Yes No N/A

Cover professional mediator fees or in-house mediator fees

Conduct fact-finding research into specific instances

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, translation 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?

This includes dedicated NCP webpages as part of the Ministry's website.

- Yes
- No

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

www.enterprise.gov.ie/ocdnpcp



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

The NCP website was created in 2025

The NCP website was renovated in 2025 (excludes routine updates)

The NCP website was not created/renovated in 2025

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 N/A

Information on how to submit a specific instance

An online form to submit a specific instance

The NCP's case-handling procedures

All final statements since 2011



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

Information on promotional activities:

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

General updates to the website routinely take place on a continuous basis.

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

*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 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| No | <input type="checkbox"/> |

In development and will be published on the Ministry website in Q1 2026



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

G6. 22. (Continued) How many posts were made to promote the NCP or the Guidelines in 2025?

1 - 5

5 - 10

10 - 15

15+



G7. 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.

Yes

No

G8. 24. Does the NCP or do other government agencies make available any resources informing about avenues to access remedy, through the NCP or another mechanism?

If relevant, please provide details in the comments box.

Yes

No

G9. 25. Did the NCP hold a stakeholder meeting during the year?

Yes

No

G10. 26. Did the NCP promote the Guidelines among the business community during the year?

Yes

No

G11. 27. Did the NCP carry out any training on the Guidelines aimed at businesses during the year?

Yes

No

G12. 28. Did the NCP promote the Guidelines among NGOs during the year?

Yes

No



G13. 29. Did the NCP promote the Guidelines among trade unions during the year?

Yes

No

G14. 30. 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"/> |
| OECD-FAO Business Handbook on Deforestation and Due Diligence in Agricultural Supply Chains | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

G15. Additional comments on the section Promotional activities:

The NCP hosted a webinar on sustainability in April 2025.

The NCP hosted an event with the OECD and the EU Commission in November 2025 on responsible business initiatives and the responsible business compass project.

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

32. (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. 31. 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. 31. (continued) Are the case-handling procedures aligned with the 2023 version of the Guidelines?

Yes

No



H3. 32. Are the case-handling procedures available online?

Yes

No

H4. 32. (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>

H5. 33. Were the NCP’s case-handling procedures modified this year?

Yes

No

H6. 33. (continued) If yes, were stakeholders consulted?

Yes

No

H7. Additional comments on the section Case-handling procedures:

The NCP launched a public consultation on the updated case-handling procedures in 2025 - <https://enterprise.gov.ie/en/consultations/public-consultation-on-updated-complaint-handling-procedures-for-ireland-ncp-oecd-guidelines-for-multinational-enterprises-on-rbc.html>

The case-handling procedures were updated to align with the updated Guidelines.

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

I1. 34. Has the NCP ever received a specific instance?

Yes

No

I2. 34. (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. 35. 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. 36. 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.

Yes

No

All staff of the NCP completed mediation training in Q4 2025

I5. 37. Did the NCP conduct mediation this year?

Yes

No

N/A

I6. 37. (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:



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

J1. 38. 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. 39. 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. 40. 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. 41. 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. 42. 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.

To get the list of specific instances in the database, filter by your NCP.

Yes

No

N/A

J6. 42. (Continued) Please provide details (missing cases, out of date entries, broken links, etc.) in the box below:

Stryker case - follow up statement not included (email sent on 28 August 2025)
 ESB - final statement not included (email sent on 14 November 2025)
 Temu - final statement yet to be included (email sent on 2 January 2026)

The Ireland NCP received a new complaint on 10 June 2025. Discussions with the US NCP took place on who was best placed to lead handling the complaint. The Ireland NCP will lead and will submit the form shortly to ensure the database is up to date.

J7. 43. 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

No

N/A



J8. Additional comments on the section Reporting specific instances:

Section K: E. Peer learning and peer reviews

K1. 44. 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input 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"/> |
| Participate in a peer review as a peer reviewer NCP | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Participate in a peer review as the NCP under review | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

K2. 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

K3. 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. 46. In 2025, did the NCP promote the Guidelines and/or the OECD due diligence guidance instruments among:

| | Yes | No |
|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Trade and investment promotion agencies (or other government entity in charge of trade and investment support) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Embassies abroad | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Public procurement agencies/professionals | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| State-owned enterprises (or government agency responsible for SOEs) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Development cooperation agency/professionals | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other relevant government agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

L2. 47. 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

L3. 48. Did the NCP carry out any activity to promote its role and mandate with other relevant government agencies during the year?

Yes
 No

The NCP has been involved in the drafting of the NAP on Business and Human Rights, providing it with an opportunity to promote its role and mandate with other government agencies.



L4. 49. Beyond the NCP’s work, to your knowledge, did your government establish any mechanisms for dialogue and engagement with relevant stakeholders on RBC-related policies and issues?

If yes, please describe.

Yes

No

Work was ongoing during 2025 to draft a NAP on Business and Human Rights. This has involved engagement with stakeholders on RBC-related policies and issues.

L5. Additional comments on the section Promotional work for policy coherence:

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

M1. 50. 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. Please also mention in case you are aware of any coordination mechanisms related to RBC that the NCP is not a part of.

Yes

No

The NCP is working with the OECD and the EU Commission in the development of a Responsible Business Compass. In 2025, the NCP with the OECD and EC hosted a policymakers workshop and an event to gather feedback and insights on the compass. A public consultation by the OECD on the compass is currently underway and work on the compass will continue in 2026.



M2. 51. Does the NCP coordinate its action / cooperation with other state-based non-judicial grievance mechanisms (e.g. NHRI, due diligence regulation supervisory authority, etc.), for example through a policy strategy to enable access to remedy?

If yes, please explain how.

Yes

No



M3. 52. 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 other relevant government agencies (including other state-based non-judicial grievance mechanisms)



Comment



M4. 53. 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, export credits, or other benefits)**

Yes

No

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

M5. 54. 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.

M6. 55. Please include any other examples of policy support activities:

The NCP staff are also responsible for coordinating on Responsible Business Conduct matters within the Ministry of Enterprise, Tourism 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.

M7. Additional comments on Engagement with relevant officials



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

N1. 56. 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

No

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.

N2. 57. 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/action plans in force or in development?

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

Yes

No

N3. 57. (continued) A reference was included in a legislation, regulation, policy or economic agreement pertaining to:

Due diligence obligations

Trade and investment

Development Co-operation

Incentives

Public procurement

SOEs

Export credits

NAP



Other



Other

N4. 57. (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.

N5. 57. (continued) Was the NCP involved in and/or consulted during the development of the legislation/regulation/policies/economic agreement?

Yes

No

N6. 57. (continued) Does the legislation/regulation/policy/economic agreement make reference to the NCP/give a role to the NCP in its implementation?

If yes, please provide details in the comments box.

Yes

No

N7. 58. Which of the following mechanisms or policies exist in your country to provide access to remedy to affected persons?

Courts and tribunals competent for RBC issues

Supervisory authorities created by regulations specific to RBC



- Other administrative authorities (e.g. consumer authorities, labour inspectorates, environmental agencies, etc.)
- NHRIs and ombudspersons
- Business-led grievance mechanisms as mandated by law
- Other

Other

N8. Additional comments on the section RBC policy landscape and the role of the NCP

Section O: G. Challenges

O1. 59. 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 2025.

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. In addition, the issue of the Guidelines going beyond Irish law (regarding collective bargaining) continued to be a challenge.

The NCP has also found it challenging balancing the rights of complainants to campaign, with the requirement of parties to participate in the case handling process in good faith.



Section P: 50th Anniversary of the Guidelines

P1. 60. Is the NCP planning any promotional activity in relation to the 50th anniversary of the Guidelines?

Yes
 No

P2. 60. (continued) Please provide details on the planned activity.

The NCP will highlight the anniversary via social media and is considering hosting a webinar to mark the anniversary.

P3. 60. (continued) Does the NCP anticipate asking the Secretariat to engage in the event?

Yes
 No

P4. 60. (continued) Please specify the proposed engagement of the Secretariat (an invitation for participation should still be sent to confirm availability).

Remote participation in a webinar

Section Q: 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.

Q1. Does the NCP have promotional activity and/or specific instance activity to report in 2025?

You will not be prompted to upload an Annex if you select 'No'.

Yes
 No



Q2. 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 2025 Annex document.

Instructions:

Download the NCP Reporting Questionnaire Annex 2025 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.

Please note that only word files (.doc or .docx) can be uploaded.

Please contact emily.halstead@oecd.org for assistance in downloading and/or uploading the document.

Section R: Additional materials

R1. Please upload any additional materials relevant to this questionnaire (ex: case-handling procedures, flyers, etc). Please ensure your file names reflect the name of the document before uploading.

Section S: Last page before submission

You have reached the last page of the questionnaire before submitting your responses to the OECD Secretariat.

Before submitting the questionnaire, please review your responses using the "**Question index**" menu. You will be prompted to save and print your responses after hitting submit.

Please click on "Submit" to submit the questionnaire.

Thank for submitting the OECD RBC NCP Annual Report Questionnaire 2025.

Before closing this page, please export your responses as a PDF by clicking on "Print your answers" below.

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