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Proposal for a Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence

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Current status of the proposal for a Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence (CSDD)

At Competitiveness Council on 1st of December 2022 a General Approach on the CSDD file was agreed. The file is currently being considered by the European Parliament.



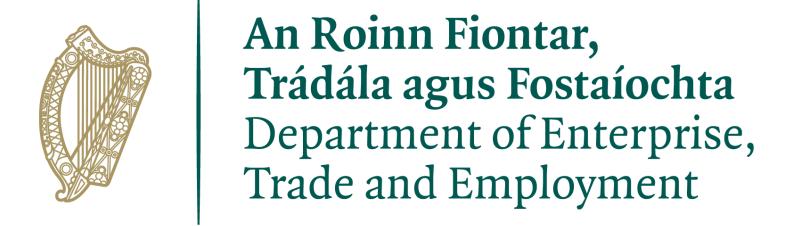
What is the proposal for a Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence?



The proposal for a Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence - part of the broader ESG landscape

The CSDD proposal will join a variety of other ESG measures that the EU is putting in place to promote greater accountability, transparency and sustainability. Among the other initiatives that are already in place or in train are:

- Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive,
- EU Taxonomy,
- Proposal for a Regulation banning goods made from forced labour
- Sector Specific initiatives such as the Conflict Minerals Regulation, etc.



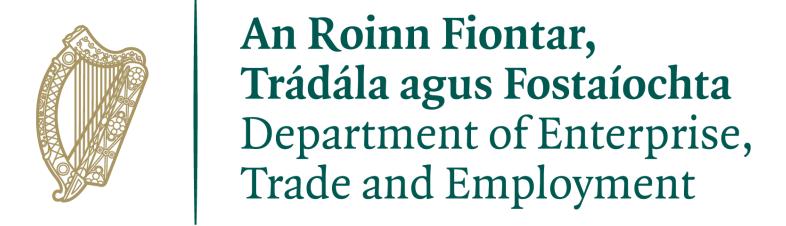
What companies are covered?

The proposal will apply to particular EU and non-EU companies.

For EU companies, those within scope are (i) companies with 500+ employees and a net worldwide turnover of €150 million or more, (ii) companies with 250+ employees and a net worldwide turnover of €40 million or more, of which at least 50% of the turnover is generated in specified high-impact sectors.

Non-EU companies within scope are those (i) who have a net turnover of €150 million or more within the EU, (ii) a net turnover of €40 million or more within the EU provided that at least 50% of net worldwide turnover is generated from specified high-impact sectors.

SMEs are not directly within scope but may be indirectly affected if involved in the chain of activities of larger companies.



What does this mean for companies who are within scope of the CSDD proposal?



Next Steps

It is expected that trilogue negotiations between Council, the European Parliament and the European Commission will commence in the Summer with a final proposal expected by the end of the year.

Member States will then have two years to transpose the final Directive into national law.