



An initiative of the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment

4th Meeting DETE Responsible Business Forum

Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment, 23 Kildare Street, Room 110

8 May 2024 @ 11.00am

Attendees

Forum Members:

American Chamber of Commerce	Ellen McGrath
British Irish Chamber of Commerce	Aidan Finnegan
British Irish Chamber of Commerce	Cillian Molloy
Business in the Community Ireland	Bernadette Phelan
Construction Industry Federation	PJ Ryan
Enterprise Ireland	Joanne Sheehan
Fáilte Ireland	Caeman Wall
The Family Business Network Ireland	John McGrane
Ibec	Patrick Duffy
IDA Ireland	Cillian Harford
Incoming Tour Operators Association	Rob Rankin
Irish Exporters Association	Simon McKeever
Irish Exporters Association	Karl Picard
Irish Tourism Industry Confederation	Eoghan O'Meara Walsh
NI Department for the Economy	Victoria Trimble
Primark	Aidan O'Connor
RGDATA	Tara Buckley
Small Firms Association	Jonathan McDade

External Presenter:

Open Doors Initiative	Jeanne McDonagh
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DETE Officials:

Ronnie Downes (Assistant Secretary, Trade Division - Chair), Eoghan Richardson (Trade Compliance and Responsible Business Unit), Declan Moran (Responsible Business Coordination Unit), Abigail Martin (Responsible Business Coordination Unit), Aisling Byrne (Company Law Review Unit), Stephen Walsh (Climate Action and Energy Policy Unit), Alan Power (Single Market and Strategic

Resilience Unit), Sandra Mullen (Retail and Locally Traded Enterprise Unit) and Marian Cassidy (Retail and Locally Traded Enterprise Unit).

Items

1. Members were welcomed to the fourth meeting of the Forum. The Chair introduced the agenda items and passed on the apologies of the Minister, who was unable to attend.
2. The agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting of the Forum were agreed.
3. The Chair introduced a presentation on the proposed EU regulation on prohibiting products made with forced labour on the Union market. The presentation provided an overview of the operation of the proposed regulation, including its underlying principles, the enforcement mechanisms and Government supports for business.
4. The Chair introduced a presentation on the proposed Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD), outlining the current status of negotiations, the aims, enforcement and scope of the Directive and its relationship to the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD).
5. The Chair introduced a presentation on the Open Doors Initiative. This presentation outlined the work of the Open Doors Initiative the concept of corporate social justice and its importance to business success.
6. Officials highlighted webinars offered to businesses to provide information on relevant topics. Business representatives were encouraged to attend the series of Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment webinars on Responsible Business, with the next instalment to be held on 22 May. Enterprise Ireland noted their webinar on scope 3 emissions. Both the Department and Enterprise Ireland have made their webinar materials available on their respective websites.
7. The Chair thanked attendees and concluded the Forum.