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NATIONAL CONTACT POINT 2023 REPORT TO THE OECD: NORWAY

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NCP Annual Reporting Questionnaire 2023

Survey response 1

A. Contact information

Please indicate your country:
Norway
Please provide the names, titles and contact information of all the people to be included in the contacts list on the ONE Community:
Names, job titles and emails of all people to be included:
Kristel Tonstad, Policy Director / Head of Secretariat
Åse Kristin Sand, Senior Adviser
B. Institutional arrangements - (a) Structure, location and composition of the NCP
1. What is the structure of the NCP?
Expert based
What is the structure of the NCP? [Other]
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.
No
2. Who are the staff of the NCP? Please describe the functions of the NCP staff.
Secretariat, 3 full time staff: 2 senior advisors, 1 head of secretariat/policy director
3. Please select all groups represented in the NCP structure (excluding advisory body), and list the members. [Business] Yes
3. Please select all groups represented in the NCP structure (excluding advisory body), and list the members. [Business][Comment]
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3. Please select all groups represented in the NCP structure (excluding advisory body), and list the members. [Trade unions]
Yes
3. Please select all groups represented in the NCP structure (excluding advisory body), and list the members. [Trade unions][Comment]
3. Please select all groups represented in the NCP structure (excluding advisory body), and list the members. [Civil society]
Yes
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]

Yes

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

Chair: Judge, appointed by the MFA and Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries

4. Does the NCP have a secretariat?

Yes

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

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- 4. (Continued) If the NCP has a Secretariat, in which ministry or agency is the Secretariat located? [Other]
- 4. (Continued) If the NCP has a Secretariat, in which department of the ministry or agency is the Secretariat located? Department of Sustainable Development
- ${\it 4.}~(Continued)~If~the~NCP~has~a~Secretariat,~did~the~location~of~the~Secretariat~change~in~2023?\\$

No

- 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. 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. [Comment]

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

The Norwegian NCP is established as an impartial, independent public body that gives legally non-binding advice in accordance with the Guidelines. The Secretariat is located in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' offices but is independent of the Ministry. The NCP has four members who are appointed on the basis of their professional expertise and experience. Gender balance is to be sought. The members are nominated by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries, after consultations with the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Labour and Social Inclusion, based on recommendations from business (Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise, NHO), trade unions (Norwegian Confederation of Trade Unions, LO) and civil society organisations (Forum for Development and Environment). The members are appointed by the MFA. The chair is appointed for four years, and the remaining three members for three years at a time. Members may be reelected once.

B. Institutional arrangements - (b) Advisory body

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

No

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

N/A

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] N/A
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]
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] N/A
7. If an advisory body provides oversight, please describe the oversight procedure:
Additional comments on the section Advisory body(ies):
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:
3
9. Does the NCP have dedicated part-time staff members?
No
9. (Continued) Please indicate the percentage of time spent on NCP matters for each part-time staff member:
10.1 Have any full-time staff members joined the NCP during the year?
Yes
10.1 (Continued) Please indicate how many full-time staff members joined the NCP during the year:
1
10.2 Have any part-time staff members joined the NCP during the year?
No
11.1 Have any full-time staff members left the NCP during the year?
No
11.2 Have any part-time staff members left the NCP during the year?
No
12. Did the NCP have a dedicated budget 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 2023 (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 2023 (e.g. if the NCP did not handle specific instances). [Organise promotional events] 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 2023 (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 2023 (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 2023 (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 2023 (e.g. if the NCP did not handle specific instances). [Attend events organised by stakeholders]

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 2023 (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 2023 (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:

The NCP did not need to conduct fact finding research this year.

B. Institutional arrangements - (d) Reporting

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

Yes

14. (Continued) If yes, how often?

On an ongoing basis

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

Νo

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 Norwegian NCP is bound by the Freedom of Information Act and has its own website, www.responsiblebusiness.no. The NCP reports on its activities annually to the public, to the OECD Investment Committee, and to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries, the Ministry of Finance, and the Ministry of Labour and Social Inclusion. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs reports on the activities of the NCP to the Parliament.

Additional comments on the section Reporting:

C. Information and promotion - (a) Website

17. Does the NCP have a website?

Yes

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

www.responsiblebusiness.no

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

The NCP website was not created/renovated in 2023.

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]

No

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]

No

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)]

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 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 rules of procedure]

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] Yes

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) Promotional activities*

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]
- 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.
- 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.

LinkedIn: https://www.linkedin.com/company/norges-oecd-kontaktpunkt-for-ansvarlig-n%C3%A6ringsliv/?viewAsMember=true

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

Yes

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

Yes

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

Vac

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

Yes

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

Yes

28. Did the NCP focus on any of the following during promotional activities during the year: [OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct]

Yes

28. 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

28. 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]

28. 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

28. 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

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

Yes

Additional comments on the section Promotional activities:

The NCP normally includes information on the guidance documents in presentations and other promotional activities. However, the OECD Due Diligence Guidance is often main focus in the NCP's promotional activities.

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

29. Does the NCP have case-handling procedures?

Yes

30. Are the case-handling procedures available online?

Yes

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

https://files.nettsteder.regjeringen.no/wpuploads01/blogs.dir/263/files/2014/01/FINAL_KPprosedyreregler_eng_godkj.pdf

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.

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

No

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.

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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. [Comment]

Additional comments on the section Case-handling procedures:

The NCP has started to update the case-handling procedures in accordance with the 2023 version and plans to complete this by the summer of 2024. However, in practice the NCP follows the procedures in the updated OECD Guidelines.

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

32. Has the NCP ever received a specific instance?

Yes

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

Within the last year

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

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

No

35. Did the NCP conduct mediation this year?

Yes

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

Mediation was conducted by a professional mediator.

Additional comments on the section Specific instances in practice:

The NCP engaged two external mediators for mediation in one case. The NCP has engaged two other external mediators for an on-going case with mediation in 2024.

D. Specific Instances - (c) Reporting specific instances

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

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.

Yes

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.

Yes

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.

No

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

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

Additional comments on the section Reporting specific instances:

E. Peer learning and peer reviews

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

No

41. 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

41. 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 41. Did the NCP take part in the following activities with other NCPs during the year: [Provide mentoring/capacity building to another NCP] Yes 41. 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)] 42. Is the NCP interested in hosting an NCP learning/experience-sharing event in 2024? Yes 43. Which topic would the NCP consider to be a priority to cover in a peer learning event? Effective handling of specific instances; updated Procedural Guidelines 44. Is the NCP interested in participating in developing tools for use by NCPs? Yes 45. Did the NCP act as a peer reviewer during a peer review onsite visit in 2023? 46. Did the NCP undergo a peer review (onsite visit) in 2023? No 46. (continued) If yes, please specify the date on which the onsite visit began. 47. Is the NCP interested in acting as a peer reviewer in 2024? Yes 47. (continued) If yes, please specify the semester: From April onwards 47. (continued) If no, please specify the NCP's earliest availability to act as a peer reviewer. Additional comments on the section Peer-learning and peer reviews:

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

48. Did the NCP have resources to provide support for government policies to promote RBC in 2023?
Yes
49. In 2023, did the NCP promote the Guidelines among: [Embassies abroad]
No
49. In 2023, did the NCP promote the Guidelines among: [Trade and investment promotion agencies (or other government entity in charge of trade and investment support)]
No
49. In 2023, did the NCP promote the Guidelines among: [Government agencies]

50. Did the NCP promote the Recommendation on the Role of Government in Promoting RBC among relevant government

officials during the year? No

50. Did the NCP promote the Recommendation on the Role of Government in Promoting RBC among relevant government officials during the year? [Comment] Additional comments on the section Promotional work for policy coherence: F. Support for government policies to promote RBC - (b) RBC policy landscape and the role of the NCP 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; nonfinancial reporting, export credits, public procurement, trade and investment) Yes 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. Lov om offentliggjøring av bærekraftsinformasjon i finanssektoren og et rammeverk for bærekraftige investeringer: https://www.regjeringen.no/contentassets/85b9ade4257f43a0b2ed33d0568b5fec/no/pdfs/prp202020210208000dddpdfs.pdf (Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation and the taxonomy) NOU 2023:6 Ny lov om offentlige anskaffelser — Første delutredning: https://www.regieringen.no/contentassets/f411c47741154052a371fae50f23d5d6/no/pdfs/nou202320230026000dddpdfs.pdf (White paper on new law on public procurement) 51. (continued) Was the NCP involved in and/or consulted during the development of the legislation/regulation/policies/economic agreement? Yes 51. (continued) Does the legislation/regulation/policy/economic agreement make reference to the NCP/give a role to the NCP in its implementation? 52. Did your country adopt a National Action Plan (NAP) on Business and Human Rights or Responsible Business Conduct this year? No 52. (Continued) Please indicate the scope of the National Action Plan: [NAP on Business and Human Rights] N/A 52. (Continued) Please indicate the scope of the National Action Plan: [NAP on Responsible Business Conduct] N/A 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.

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

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

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

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.

52. (Continued) Did the NAP on Business and Human Rights make reference to: [The Guidelines?]

- 52. (Continued) Did the NAP on Business and Human Rights make reference to: [The NCP?]
- 52. (Continued) Did the NAP on Business and Human Rights make reference to: [The Recommendation on the Role of Government in Promoting RBC?]
- 53. Was a NAP in development this year?

Νc

53. (Continued) If yes, please indicate the scope of the NAP: [NAP on Business and Human Rights]

N/A

53. (Continued) If yes, please indicate the scope of the NAP: [NAP on Responsible Business Conduct]

N/A

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?

No

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.

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

The Public Procurement Act does not specifically refer to the OECD GL or OECD due diligence instrument. However, in accordance with § 5, public organisations shall promote respect for human rights in public procurement. Link (Norwegian): https://lovdata.no/dokument/NL/lov/2016-06-17-73.

The Norwegian Agency for Public and Financial Management (DFØ) has templates of contract performance clauses for safeguarding basic human rights in the supply chain. The contract clauses are based on the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for responsible business conduct.

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

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

Yes

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

Presentation at Electronics Watch Conference – session on public procurement

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

No

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

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

Yes

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

Presentation at seminar by Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries for government officials (ownership dep) and civil society

55. Did the NCP share statements, data and other insights with: [Officials in relevant government agencies]

Yes

55. Did the NCP share statements, data and other insights with: [Officials in relevant government agencies][Comment]

The Norwegian Consumer Authority: all data/insights from the NCP's business study. The NCP collaborated with the Authority wrt part of survey concerning the Transparency Act.

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)

No

57. 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

- 57. 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]
- 57. 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]

Yes

57. 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]

Competence Forum (Ministry of Trade); NCP and NHRI organised closed meeting with relevant enterprises, including SOEs, on HR in the green transition; the NCP and Norsif (organisation for Norwegian actors in finance) organised seminar on responsibility in finance; the NCP, Ministry of Trade, NHO and LO organised Conference on Responsible Business Conduct (more information in annex).

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

No

- 57. To what extent has the NCP engaged or exchanged with public procurement officials/practitioners, trade and investment officials, or SOEs officials? [Other][Comment]
- 57. 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]
- 57. 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][Comment]
- 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 Norwegian Agency for Public and Financial Management (DFØ) offers guidance on public procurement and human rights, such as contract performance clauses and a high risk list with information on high risk products: https://anskaffelser.no/english/public-procurement-and-human-rights
- Expert network of public procurers meeting quarterly to discuss using requirements and criteria in public tender in line with the RBC guidelines.
- 59. Please include any other examples of policy coherence activities:
- The Oslo model with social requirements based on the due diligence method of the OECD Guidelines and the UNGPs (updated in 2023): https://einnsyn-fillager-api.api.oslo.kommune.no/fil?virksomhet=976819837&filnavn=3a5c421f4a8e4bebaee25b883104 4608_8b6b3cee84132975dcb8d30fb31905e4.pdf

Additional comments on Engagement with relevant officials

G. Challenges

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

The NCP is handling several complex specific instances. A recurring challenge is to keep the time schedule for the different phases of the case handling. Furthermore, offering professional mediation involving sufficient subject matter expertise has significant budgetary implications.

The demand for guidance and training on the OECD Guidelines and due diligence guidance has substantially increased after the Transparency Act was passed in 2021 and entered into force in July 2022. The NCP also notes an increased demand for guidance in relation to other regulatory developments. Human and financial resources determine the capacity to respond to the demand

NATIONAL CONTACT POINT REPORTING QUESTIONNAIRE 2023

Annex

This document is to provide detailed information on NCP promotional activities (Part 1 below) and on specific instances (Part 2 below).

INSTRUCTIONS

This document should be completed and saved locally on a computer and uploaded from the same computer at the end of the online questionnaire in the section "Annex: NCP Promotional activities & Specific Instances" (after question 60).

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

Guidance and instructions on how to complete the questionnaire (<u>here</u>) and the annex (<u>here</u>) are accessible on the NCP O.N.E Community Space.

HELP & ASSISTANCE

Please contact emily.halstead@oecd.org for any help or assistance to complete the questionnaire.

STRUCTURE

Part 1: NCP PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Part 2: SPECIFIC INSTANCES

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PART 1: NCP PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Please provide information on the events organised or co-organised by the NCP (Table 1), and events in which the NCP has participated (Table 2) to promote the NCP itself, Guidelines and related due diligence guidance.

Please add the indicated information in the table below. Any links to recordings or announcements from events may be included in the comments box. They may also be uploaded as documents with the Annex.

Please add additional lines if needed. (Right click and select insert rows. The selection fields can be copied and pasted into the new rows)

TABLE 1 NCP-organised and co-organised events to promote the Guidelines and/or the NCP

Title	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Location	Type of event	Size of audience	Organised or co-organised? If co-organised, include details of the co- organiser in comments box	Targeted audience Select all that apply.	Theme/Comments e.g. the OECD Guidelines, the NCP activities on sector due diligence guidance documents, etc.
Launch of annual report, including dialogue with the NCP's stakeholders and a panel discussion on RBC in a context of war, conflict and insecurity	19-Apr-2023	Oslo	Conference	50-100	Organised	<pre> ⊠Business MG0s Trade Unions Academia Government Other, please specify: consultants</pre>	Feedback from the NCP's stakeholders on last year's work: confederation of enterprise, confederation of trade unions, and civil society. Panel discussion with other participants from civil society, business and finance
Launch of business survey	12-Jun-2023	Oslo	Conference	50-100	Organised	<pre> ⊠Business ⊠NGOs ⊠Trade Unions ⊠Academia ⊠Government ⊠Other, please specify: consultants</pre>	Launch of survey on Norwegian business leaders' knowledge and work with RBC, OECD GL, DD
OECD's brand new GL: What is new?	15-Aug- 2023	Arendal	Conference	50-100	Organised	⊠Business NGOs □Trade Unions □Academia □Government □Other, please specify	Presentation of and discussion on the updated OECD Guidelines

The Transparency Act, sustainability and RBC	30-31-Aug- 2023	Førde and Sogndal	Meeting	50-100	Co-organised with local chambers of commerce and industry	⊠Business □NGOs □Trade Unions □Academia □Government □Other, please specify	OECD GL, Transparency Act, DD, sustainable development
What is the effect of the transparency act so far?	11-Oct-2023	Oslo	Conference	50-100	Co-organised with Norwegian Business School	<pre> ⊠Business NGOs Trade Unions Academia Government Other, please specify: consultants</pre>	Two panel discussions on: 1) Business experiences with the Act 2) How does the act work: Does it contribute to respect for human rights and the right to information?
Human rigths in the green transition	19-Oct-2023	Oslo	Meeting	10-50	Co-organised with Norwegian NHRI	⊠Business □NGOs □Trade Unions □Academia □Government □Other, please specify	OECD GL, OECD DD Guidance for Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement in the Extractive Sector, experience sharing
The Tromsø region meets the EU: the sustainability journey of the North	02-Nov- 2023	Tromsø	Conference	50-100	Co organised with Troms Chamber of Commerce, Tromsø municipality, LUP – Innovative Procurements	<pre> ⊠Business ⊠NGOs ⊠Trade Unions ⊠Academia ⊠Government ⊠Other, please specify: consultants</pre>	Presentation on OECD GL, Transparency Act and EU regulation
Course in the Transparency Act and RBC	21-Nov- 2023	Tromsø	Other	10-50	Co-organised with the Norwegian Consumer Authority	⊠Business □NGOs □Trade Unions □Academia □Government □Other, please specify	Course on the act, OECD GL, DD, dilemma training
Course in the Transparency Act and RBC	12-Dec- 2023	Stavanger	Other	50-60	Co-organised with the Norwegian Consumer Authority and the Rafto Foundation / Future Proof	<pre> ⊠Business □NGOs □Trade Unions □Academia □Government ⊠Other, please specify: consultants</pre>	Course on the act, OECD GL, DD, dilemma training
Conference on RBC – the updated OECD GL	14-Dec- 2023	Oslo	Conference	170	Co-organised with the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries, Confederation of Norwegian Enterprise, Norwegian	<pre> ⊠Business ⊠NGOs ⊠Trade Unions ⊠Academia ⊠Government ⊠Other, please specify: consultants</pre>	OECD GL, with focus on climate and environment

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Total number of events:	11						

TABLE 2

Presentations by the NCP to promote the Guidelines and/or the NCP in events organised by others

Title	Date (dd/mm/yyyy)	Location	Type of event	Size of audience	Targeted audience Select all that apply.	Organiser(s)	Theme of the intervention
People. Planet. Profit.	12-Jan-2023	Oslo	Meeting	10-50	⊠Business □NGOs □Trade Unions □Academia □Government ⊠Other, please specify: public sector	Sustainability Network no. 17	Transparency Act, due diligence
The Transparency Act unpacked	19-Jan-2023	Oslo	Meeting	50-100	<pre> ⊠Business ⊠NGOs □Trade Unions □Academia □Government ⊠Other, please specify: designers, consultants</pre>	Designit Oslo	Transparency Act, OECD GL, tools
Competence forum	25-Jan-2023	Oslo	Meeting	50-100	□Business ⊠NGOs □Trade Unions □Academia ⊠Government □Other, please specify:	The Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries, Ownership department	Human rights and labour rights
Due diligence	31-Jan-2023	Oslo	Webinar	130	⊠Business □NGOs □Trade Unions □Academia □Government □Other, please specify:	Virke, Federation of Norwegian Enterprise	Due diligence
Risk mapping and stakeholder engagement	10-Mar-2023	Bergen	Meeting	10-50	⊠Business □NGOs □Trade Unions □Academia □Government □Other, please specify:	Future-Proof (Bergen Chamber of Commerce and the Rafto Foundation)	OECD GL, due diligence, stakeholder engagement, example of specific instances
The Bar Association's Human Rights Seminar	19-Apr-2023	Oslo	Meeting		□Business □NGOs □Trade Unions □Academia □Government	The Bar Association	

					⊠Other, please specify: lawyers		
The Transparency Act	15 – May - 2023	Oslo	Meeting	50	<pre> ⊠Business □NGOs □Trade Unions □Academia □Government ⊠Other, please specify: consultants</pre>	Econa (employer organisation for economists)	OECD GL, due diligence
Nordic Baltic Network Meeting	22-23-May- 2023	Reykjavik	Meeting	10-50	□Business □NGOs □Trade Unions □Academia □Government ⊠Other, please specify:NCPs	NCP Iceland	Business study, handling of specific instances, outreach
The Transparency Act	30-May- 2023	Oslo	Webinar	600	⊠Business □NGOs □Trade Unions □Academia □Government ⊠Other, please specify: consultants	The Norwegian Consumer Authority	Due diligence
Breakfast meeting: Social sustainability	31-May- 2023	Oslo	Meeting	10 – 50	⊠Business □NGOs □Trade Unions □Academia □Government ⊠Other, please specify: consultants	Henning Larsen (Scandinavian architecture company)	
The Transparency Act	06-Jun-2023	Oslo	Webinar	250	⊠Business □NGOs □Trade Unions □Academia □Government □Other, please specify:	Spekter (employer organisation)	OECD GL, due diligence, examples of specific instances
Human rights in the green transition	13-Jun-2023	Oslo	Meeting	10-50	⊠Business ⊠NGOs □Trade Unions □Academia □Government □Other, please specify:	Coalition for RBC	Human rights and environment in the OECD Guidelines
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Sustainability fairytale	19-Jun-2023	Oslo	Webinar	1100	□Trade Unions ☑Academia □Government □Other, please specify:	Podcast by two professors at Norwegian School of Economics	The Transparency Act
One year with the Transparency Act: what have learned and what is good practice?	15-Aug- 2023	Arendal	Conference	120	<pre> ⊠Business ⊠NGOs □Trade Unions □Academia □Government ⊠Other, please specify: consultants</pre>	Ethical Trade Norway	Panel discussion: companies' account of due diligence – do they include the real and difficult challenges?
Knowledge of and Work with the OECD GL for RBC among Norwegian Business Leaders	16-Aug- 2023	Oslo	Meeting	10-50	□Business □NGOs □Trade Unions ☑Academia □Government □Other, please specify:	Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo	OECD GL, NCP, business study, examples of specific instances
Promoting the OECD Guidelines in Norway	17-Aug- 2023	Oslo	Meeting	10-50	□Business □NGOs □Trade Unions ☑Academia □Government □Other, please specify:	Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo	OECD updated GL, Transparency Act, regulatory developments
OECD Guidelines and due diligence	29-Aug- 2023	Førde	Meeting	10-50	□Business □NGOs □Trade Unions □Academia □Government ⊠Other, please specify: Norec staff	Norec- Norwegian Agency for Exchange Cooperation	OECD GL, Transparency Act, regulatory developments
Intensive Course in Human Rights	07-Sep- 2023	Oslo	Other	10-50	□Business □NGOs □Trade Unions ☑Academia □Government □Other, please specify	Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo	OECD GL,complaint mechanism, group work on specific instances
The Transparency Act and the OECD Guidelines for MNEs	08-Sep- 2023	Oslo	Meeting	200	□Business □NGOs □Trade Unions □Academia □Government □Other, please specify	Gyldendal (publishing company)	OECD Guidelines and Transparency Act
Course for foreign service trainees	27-Sep- 2023	Oslo	Meeting	10-50	□Business □NGOs	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	OECD GL, due diligence, specific instances

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Master course: Business and Human Rights	10-Oct-2023	Bergen	Webinar	50	□Business □NGOs □Trade Unions ☑Academia □Government □Other, please specify	University of Bergen	OECD GL, NCP, due dilgence
Virtual Summit: Advancing workers' rights in public buyers' supply chains: the potential of the new regulatory environment	14-Nov- 2023	Oslo	Webinar	50-100	⊠Business □NGOs □Trade Unions □Academia ⊠Government □Other, please specify	Electronics Watch	Transparency Act, OECD GL and regulation
Sustainable value chains	16-Nov- 2023	Oslo	Meeting	10-50	<pre> ⊠Business □NGOs □Trade Unions □Academia □Government ⊠Other, please specify: consultants</pre>	PwC	Updated OECD GL
Due diligence	27- November- 2023	Oslo	Course	10 – 50	⊠Business □NGOs □Trade Unions □Academia □Government ⊠Other, please specify Lawyers	Lawyers' Centre of Education (Juristenes utdanningssenter)	Due diligence according to the OECD Guidelines for MNEs, Transparency Act
Sustainability Reporting	28-Nov- 2023	Oslo	Conference	300	⊠Business □NGOs □Trade Unions □Academia □Government □Other, please specify: consultants, accountants	Academy for Sustainability Reporting (Collaboration between: The Norwegian Institute of Public Accountants, KPMG, BDO, Deloitte, EY and PwC)	Due diligence
OECD Guidelines and the Transparency Act	12-Dec- 2023	Oslo	Meeting	<10	□Business □NGOs ⊠Trade Unions □Academia □Government □Other, please specify	NITO (Norwegian Society of Engineers and Technologists)	OECD Guidelines and Transparency Act

Additional comments:	The NCP had an outreach to almost 4000 people through both own and other actors' events.
Total number of events:	26

PART 2: SPECIFIC INSTANCES

Please provide details of the following in the table below:

- 1. Specific instances **in progress** during the year (specific instances received and pending initial assessment, or found to merit further examination after the initial assessment and under consideration by the NCP).
- 2. Specific instances concluded during the year (specific instances that the NCP found to merit further examination after the initial assessment and that have subsequently been closed).
- 3. Specific instances not accepted during the year (specific instances that the NCP found not to merit further examination after initial assessment).
- 4. Specific instances for which **follow up** was performed during the year (the NCP monitored whether the agreement reached by the parties or its recommendations to the parties have been implemented)

Please add additional lines if needed.

We encourage all NCPs to inform the OECD Secretariat on received specific instances and to provide statements as soon as they become available, in order to keep the OECD database updated at all times. For all specific instances that have not yet been reported to the OECD Secretariat, please complete and send this <u>form</u> to <u>ncp-specific-instances@oecd.orgmailto:</u>1.

According to paragraph 53 of the Commentaries on the Implementation Procedures of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct, "[...] NCPs will submit their annual report to the WPRBC and the Investment Committee in order to include in the Annual Report on the OECD Guidelines information on all specific instances that have been initiated by parties. The WPRBC will provide the Committee with an analysis of NCP annual reports to include in the Annual Report on the Guidelines. NCP annual reports should include specific instances in Coordination, Initial Assessment, Good offices, Conclusion or Follow-up."

For all specific instances that are currently IN PROGRESS:

Names of parties ²	Date received (dd/mm/yyyy)	Submitter type (NGO, trade union,, etc—see list in reporting form)	Industry sector (Construction, manufacturing, etc—see list in reporting form)	Country/ies where the issues are taking place	Themes (MNE Guidelines chapters)	Date of initial assessment (leave blank if pre-IA)	Link to OECD database and/or public statement, if available	Did the NCP coordinate with other NCPs in the handling of this specific instance? If yes, which NCP(s).
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Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations (SOMO) on behalf of 474 civil society organisations in Myanmar vs Telenor	date. 27-Jul-2021	NGO	Information and communication	Myanmar	Ch II, III, IV	enter a date. 27-Sep-2021	Instances - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (oecd.org)	No
Civil Society Coalition on Natural Resources, Global Idé, Norwegian Church Aid, Liech Victims Voices, Norwegian Peoples Aid, PAX, South Sudan Council of Churches og Swedwatch	31-May- 2022	NGO	Other: oil	Norway	Ch II, IV	27-Feb-2023	Instances - Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (oecd.org)	No
Two groups vs. one company (not public)	14-Sep- 2023	Other interested parties	Construction (dam projects)	Chile	Ch I, II, III, IV, VI	Not finalised		Yes, Chile.

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² If the NCP's case-handling procedures prevent disclosing such information while the case is pending, please include generic information such as 'a company active in such sector' or 'an environmental NGO'.

For all specific instances that were CONCLUDED during the year:

Names of parties	Date recei ved (dd/m m/yyyy)	Date concl uded (dd/mm/ yyyy)	Submitter type (NGO, trade union., etc—see list in reporting form)	Industry sector (Construction, manufacturing, etc—see list in reporting form)	Country/ies where the issues are taking place	Themes (MNE Guidelines chapters)	Link to OECD database if available	Outcomes achieved	Does the final statement plan for a follow up?	Did the NCP coordinate with other NCPs in the handling of this specific instance? If yes, which NCPs.	Were parallel proceedings involved while handling the specific instance? If yes, please select the type.
KTNC Watch, Workers Support			NGO NGO and a	Construction Accident on a	South Korea	Ch II, III, IV					Domestic legal systems
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For all specific instances that were NOT ACCEPTED during the year:

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³ If, following an initial assessment, the NCP has decided not to disclose the name of one or several parties pursual to paragraph 40 of the Procedures, please include generic information for that/those party/ies such as 'a company active in such sector' or 'an environmental NGO'.

For all specific instances for which FOLLOW UP was performed during the year:

Names of parties	Date received (dd/mm/yyyy	Date concluded (dd/mm/yyyy)	Date of follow up (dd/mm/yyy y)	Submitter type (NGO, trade union,, etc—see list in reporting form)	Industry sector (Construction, manufacturing, etc— see list in reporting form)	Country/ies	Themes (MNE Guidelines chapters)	Was a public follow up statement issued?	Link to the follow up statement, if applicable
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