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The Newsletter of the Portuguese National Contact Point for Responsible Business Conduct (NCP PT) is a biannual online publication, developed by the Directorate-General for Economic Activities (DGAE), which aims to communicate relevant news in the national and international context regarding the activity of the Network of National Contact Points and the OECD Working Party on Responsible Business Conduct (WPRBC). You can access the Newsletter via the NCP PT website, which is also available in Portuguese.

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NCP PT Peer Review Exercise

Between May 23rd and 25th, 2023, the NCP PT carried out its first peer review exercise, marking a significant milestone since its creation. The NCP peer review exercise is a unique opportunity for an exchange of experiences and learning between governments with the aim of allowing them to review their NCP's practices through a constructive process of cooperation.

Led by representatives from the secretariat of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and experts from the NCPs of Spain and Chile, the peer review examined various aspects of the Portuguese NCP's operations, namely its structure, accessibility, involvement with stakeholders, capacity to promote the OECD Guidelines for Responsible Business Conduct and the OECD Sectoral Due Diligence Guides and to deal with specific instances.



This peer review exercise also included the involvement of different entities that collaborated in its preparation and implementation, in particular representatives of companies, workers, civil society and government departments.

This exercise provided valuable information which gave rise to a set of eight recommendations, organized into institutional agreements, promotional activities and treatment of specific instances, which will benefit the activity and capacity of the NCP PT, with the expectation that they will be implemented throughout 2024. The recommendations are available in the "Peer Review Report of the National Contact Point of Portugal", available on the [National Contact Point Peer Reviews page](#) and on the [Reports page](#) of the NCP Portal on the DGAE website.

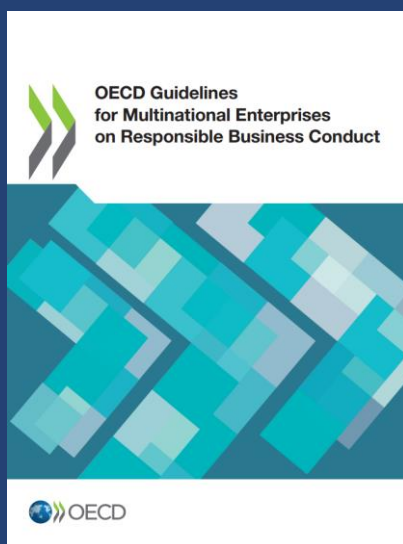
With the publication of the 2023 revision of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct, there is now an expectation that all NCPs will be subject to a cyclical peer review exercise every five years.



2023 update of the OECD Guidelines

The OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct are recommendations addressed by governments to multinational enterprises, which aim to promote positive contributions by enterprises to economic, environmental and social progress, and to minimize adverse impacts on the issues covered by the Guidelines that may be associated with the operations, products and services of enterprises. The Guidelines cover the main areas of corporate responsibility, including human rights, labor rights, the environment, corruption, consumer interests, disclosure, science and technology, competition and taxation.

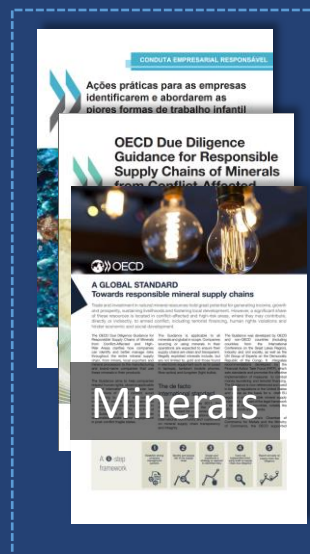
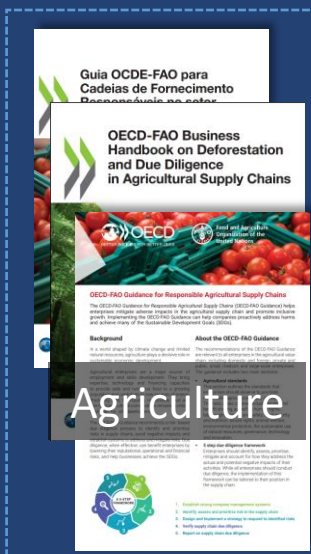
The 2023 edition of the Guidelines presents updated recommendations for responsible business conduct in key areas such as climate change, biodiversity, technology, business integrity and supply chain due diligence, as well as updated implementation procedures for the National Contact Points for Responsible Business Conduct. DGAE's NCP PT team collaborated on the translation of the Portuguese version of the OECD Guidelines. Find out more on the [Guidelines page](#) on NCP PT Website.



OECD Due Diligence Guidance

The OECD has produced the OECD Due Diligence Guide for RBC that aims to address adverse impacts related to the chapters of the guidelines on Human Rights, Environment, Employment and Labor Relations, Combating Bribery and Other Forms of Corruption, Consumer Interests and Disclosure.

In addition, the OECD has also launched sectoral guides dedicated to the implementation of due diligence in the Financial sector, Extractives, Clothing and Footwear, Agriculture, Mineral Supply Chains (and the extraction of Minerals in High Risk areas). See these documents in [Due Diligence Guides](#).



NCP PT Activity

You can consult all the NCP PT activities in more detail on the [NCP PT Activities](#) page.



Organization of the 1st PCN PT webinar on "The Role of the National Contact Point for Responsible Business Conduct".

13/04



Participation in the discussion session on the Proposal for the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive.

15/05



Participation of PCN PT in the Third Annual Conference of NOVA BHRE, dedicated to the theme "Due Diligence of Corporate Sustainability: From Law to Practice".

26/09

24/11

Participation in the workshop organized by the *Instituto dos Mercados Públicos do Imobiliário e da Construção, I.P.* with the aim of developing a dialogue on the importance of promoting strategic public procurement in environmental, social and innovation matters.



29/11

Information session with students from the European Law Students' Association on the targeted update of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct.



13/12

Organization of the 2nd PCN PT Webinar on "Responsible Business Conduct in Portuguese Business Activity".



NCP PT Awareness Resources

You can consult these, and other resources produced by PCN PT on the [Relevant Documents](#) page.

[Video Tutorial of the OECD Guidelines for RBC: Chapter I \(2011 edition\)](#)



[Flyer: NCP PT PT Version EN Version](#)

[Brochure: Responsible Business Conduct and the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises](#)





Declaration on Promoting and Enabling Responsible Business Conduct in the Global Economy (Unofficial PT translation)

Recommendation on the Role of Government in Promoting Responsible Business Conduct (Unofficial PT translation)



Brochure: An Overview of the Recommendation on the Role of Government in Promoting Responsible Business Conduct Portuguese version English version

NCP PT Promotional Activities Plan

Promotional activity is essential for effectiveness and for the implementation of the Guidelines and due diligence guides and contributes to the functional equivalence of NCPs by making them more visible, accessible and transparent.

At the beginning of 2023, the NCP PT developed a promotional activities plan using as a reference the note "Developing Promotional Plans for NCPs", prepared by the WPRBC Secretariat and presented at the NCP Network meeting in June 2022. This note presents a set of considerations that are relevant to the construction of an NCP Promotional Activity Plan and highlights the factors to be considered when planning promotional activities.

Following consultation with stakeholders, the NCP PT is now launching the Promotional Activities Plan for 2024, available on the [Promotional Plan](#) page.

In summary, the following activities are planned for 2024:

1. Updating the NCP PT website (PT and EN versions) and the AICEP website with content about the NCP PT.
2. Publication of the biannual NCP PT Newsletter
3. Preparation of 2 videos presenting the Guidelines, focusing on Chapter I "Concepts and Principles" and Chapter II "General Policies" (Videos in PT, subtitled in EN)
4. Organization of the annual NCP PT Webinar
5. Organization of 13 Awareness Raising Sessions aimed at stakeholders in the NCP activity, General Public, Academia, Workers' Representatives, Public Administration and Civil Society

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