

Human Rights in Supply Chains: Compliance and Best Practices

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Time	Title	What will be covered?	Lead
9.00am	Welcome and introductions		
9.10am	The issue of modern slavery and labour exploitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The scale of the issue, the human impact of the issue The role business can play The global response 	OSCE (Kari Johnstone) & SFA if needed
9.40am	The business case for taking action on human rights in supply chains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The legal perspective: Definition of forced labour German laws and regulations addressing forced labour Reputation management complementing existing laws 	Noerr (Dr. Ingo Theusinger)
10.20am	Modern slavery and labour exploitation risks in Germany	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industries, job roles and work demographics where there is a high risk of modern slavery/ labour exploitation Case studies Practical actions to help mitigate the risks 	SFA & Noerr
11am	Break – refreshments		
11.30am	Beyond blind spots: AI-powered visibility for conflict-free and ethical supply chains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The critical role of sub-tier visibility in supply chains Real-world examples of effective risk management Actionable strategies for identifying blind spots, mitigating risks, and ensuring regulatory compliance 	Everstream & industry partner
12.00pm	Identifying and mitigating modern slavery risks in global supply chains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessing the complexity In some countries, laws and policies enable modern slavery; what enhanced due diligence measures can be implemented in these situations? How to recognise indicators of forced labour and develop strategies to mitigate risks across their supply chains 	Löning (Markus Löning)
12.30pm	Beyond Traceability: Towards More Comprehensive Solar Supply Chain Due Diligence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The issues of forced labor in the solar supply chain and the (European) solar industry' dependence on China Current political environment/regulations Concept of Responsible Solar, including zero tolerance for forced labor, ESG standards Responsible sourcing program & comprehensive supply chain management (from screening and auditing to transparent reporting) Case study: RBA VAP audits in First Solar's global manufacturing facilities 	First Solar (Anja Lange)
1pm	Lunch		
2pm	Reporting obligations – Germany & EU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSRD, CSDD and LkSG: How social matters and human rights entered into reporting Stakeholder engagement: Promoting companies to enter into the dialogue Disclosure requirements on human rights: Fostering rethinking and transparency 	Noerr (Ira Tsoures)
2.30pm	Modern slavery and labour exploitation prevention resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resources to support businesses in the areas of policy, due diligence and remediation. 	Lex Mundi (Eric Staal)
2.45pm	Panel discussion and audience questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key challenges that businesses face on human rights due diligence & reporting. What does good practice and best practice look like (with practical examples) What is next for businesses operation in Germany, and with legislation? 	Noerr, SFA, Markus Löning & Anja Lange
3.30pm	Closing speech and networking drinks		Noerr



Event summary

You are invited to join us on 16th October 2024 at the Noerr Offices in Munich to gain crucial insights into what businesses can do to protect themselves and their supply chains against the risk of modern slavery and labour exploitation. Hear expert discussion on the German Supply Chain Due Diligence Act and the upcoming EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD), the business case for proactive human rights measures, and practical actions for risk mitigation. Learn from industry leaders, gain access to valuable resources, and network with peers who are driving ethical practices in supply chains globally and in Germany. Don't miss this opportunity to lead your organisation towards a more responsible and compliant future.

This event is designed for senior executives and leaders, such as General Counsel, Procurement Directors, and other high-level professionals responsible for human rights within their organisations.