**Corporate Supply Chain Due Diligence Directive: How Far Can Brussels Reach?**

**Roundtable Discussion**

*\*\*\*Draft Agenda\*\*\**

**Date**: November 16, 2023

**Time:** 2:00 – 3:30 pm CET  
**Location**: Online

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| On 23 February 2022, the European Commission issued a [proposal for a **Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence**](https://commission.europa.eu/publications/proposal-directive-corporate-sustainability-due-diligence-and-annex_en). If adopted, it will require large companies operating in the EU market to identify, prevent, and mitigate any actual or potential adverse human rights and environmental impacts in their own operations, in their subsidiaries, and at the level of their established direct or indirect business relationships in their value chain.  The proposed Directive is **remarkable for its** **extraterritorial scope**: companies not only have to monitor their own impacts and those of their subsidiaries, but also impacts caused by entities that are part of their value chain and with which they have an established business relationship wherever those entities may be located or incorporated. Supporters see this wide geographic remit as a necessity to avoid the offshoring of unethical and unsustainable practices; critics worry about its legal and economic implications, as well as the potential for unintended consequences.  As this legislative proposal advances through the Trilogue process, ERCST aims to inform the political discussion with a report surveying the relevant literature and evaluating the arguments presented for and against the broad scope envisioned under the proposed Directive.  The main findings of that report, which draws on prior consultation with experts and a review of the relevant literature, will be presented during this roundtable to solicit reactions and facilitate a discussion among decision makers and stakeholders with a variety of backgrounds. |

14:00 **Introduction and Presentation**

* A. Marcu, Executive Director, ERCST
* M. Mehling, MIT/Strathclyde University

14:25 **Panelist Reactions**

* Tsvetelina Kuzmanova, E3G
* Jorge Vinuelas Gonzalez, EP
* Evan Williams, American Chamber

15:00 **Roundtable Discussion with Participants**

15:25 **Concluding Remarks**