

NATIONAL CONTACT POINT REPORTING QUESTIONNAIRE (2019)

This questionnaire is designed to help National Contact Points fulfil their reporting obligations as described in the Procedural Guidance of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises. The answers to the questions should reflect the nature and results of the activities of the NCP¹.

STRUCTURE

This questionnaire comprises 61 questions and 2 annexes under the following headings:

- A. Contact information
 - B. Institutional arrangements
 - C. Information and promotion
 - D. Specific instances
 - E. Peer learning and peer reviews
 - F. Policy coherence
 - G. Challenges
- Annex 1: NCP PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES
Annex 2: SPECIFIC INSTANCES

TYPES OF QUESTIONS

1. Questions with predefined answers

For most questions, a pre-defined set of answers are provided in a drop-down menu (e.g. Yes-No-N/A). For each of these questions, please select the appropriate answer in the dropdown menu.

Example:

(b) Promotional activities	
19. Did the NCP organise or co-organise events to promote the Guidelines and/or the NCP during the year? <i>If yes, please provide details in table 1 in Annex 1.</i>	Yes/No

2. Open-ended questions

- a) Some questions are open-ended, and in these cases an answer box is provided. Many of these questions are meant to complement a question with predefined answers. Please keep responses precise and short.

Example:

(b) Advisory body	
5. Does the NCP have one or several advisory bodies?	Yes/No

¹ Page 74 of the Procedural Guidance of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises: "Reports should contain information on the nature and results of the activities of the NCP, including implementation activities in specific instances".

If the NCP has several advisory bodies, please specify.

[Click here to enter text.](#)

- b) "Additional comments" boxes are situated at the end of each section. Please feel free to enter any additional information you would like to share in these boxes.

Example:

*Additional comments on **Advisory body***
[Click here to enter text](#)

TERMS USED IN THE QUESTIONNAIRE

A number of terms are used throughout the questionnaire. Definitions are provided below. Please note that these definitions are exclusively intended to assist in clarifying the terms used in this questionnaire. These terms will be underlined the first time they are used in this questionnaire.

- **Structure of the NCP:** The organisational set up of the NCP. Four NCP structures have been pre-identified, but other arrangements are possible:
 - Single-agency: The NCP is composed of one individual in a single ministry, or by a group of individuals belonging to the same service in the same ministry.
 - Inter-agency: The NCP is composed of a group of representatives from several ministries or government agencies.
 - Expert-based: The NCP is composed of experts who are external to government.
 - Multipartite: The NCP is composed of a group of government officials and stakeholder representatives.
- **Secretariat:** Government officials or group of government officials acting as the permanent office of an NCP.
- **Advisory body:** Some NCPs have an advisory body which can be consulted by the NCP on a range of activities and issues on which it provides advice. Advisory bodies can include representatives from trade unions, NGOs, business and/or academia, along with representatives of other government ministries or agencies. They do not normally form part of the NCP and do not have decision-making power on accepting or concluding specific instances. Some advisory bodies also provide oversight to the NCP (see below).
- **Oversight:** Monitoring of the NCP's activities performed by an Advisory body, for example on whether the NCP has followed its own rules of procedures.
- **Dedicated budget:** A budget that is allocated to the NCP on a regular basis (e.g. every year) to carry out its functions and activities.
- **Reporting:** In addition to the present report to the OECD, some NCPs provide a regular account of their activities to their national government or parliament. This reporting can take several forms: ongoing through regular reporting channels, or through the presentation of a periodic report, which may be made public.

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- **Stakeholder meeting:** A stakeholder meeting is a meeting organised by the NCP to exchange with stakeholders, including trade unions, NGOs and the business community that are not part of the main body or of the advisory body of the NCP.

REPORTING PERIOD

The reporting period for this questionnaire is from 1 January to 31 December 2019.

SUBMISSION

The questionnaire should be completed by using this word document and sent by email to: RBC@oecd.org copying nicolas.hachez@oecd.org and kathryn.dovey@oecd.org by **24 January 2020**.

Should you have any questions on how to fill this questionnaire, please contact nicolas.hachez@oecd.org.

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A. CONTACT INFORMATION	
<i>Please provide the contact information of the person filling in the questionnaire.</i>	
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B. INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS	
(a) Structure, location and composition of the NCP	
1. What is the <u>structure</u> of the NCP?	Single-agency
2. Who are the members of the NCP? <i>Please describe the functions of the members of the NCP and the ministry/organisation they represent. No names are required.</i>	Deputy Director, Trade Policy Unit Administrative Officer, Trade Policy Unit
3. If the NCP is not a <u>single-agency NCP</u> , does it have a <u>secretariat</u> ?	Choose an item.
If yes, in which ministry or government body?	Click here to enter text.
If yes, in which department of the ministry or government body?	Click here to enter text.
4. Has the NCP been established through a legislative, regulatory or administrative instrument (e.g. a statute, a decree, a ministerial resolution)?	No
If yes, please provide the name and dated of this instrument, and a link if available	Click here to enter text.
<i>Additional comments on Structure, location and composition of the NCP</i> The IE NCP is located within the Trade Policy Unit of the Department of Business, Enterprise and Innovation, with two staff members working in a part-time role alongside other work areas.	
(b) Advisory body	
5. Does the NCP have one or several <u>advisory bodies</u> ?	No
If the NCP has several advisory bodies, please specify.	Click here to enter text.
If yes, please describe the advisory body(ies)' functions (e.g. advising on promotion, on specific instance handling in general, on individual cases, providing <u>oversight</u> , etc.)	Click here to enter text.
If yes, please list the names of organisations that are represented on the advisory body(ies) and the type of organisation. (e.g. government, NGO, trade union, business, business organisation, academic, consumer organisation, etc.)	Click here to enter text.
If yes, please indicate how often the advisory body(ies) meets	Choose an item.

6. If an advisory body provides <u>oversight</u> , please describe the oversight procedure	Click here to enter text.		
<i>Additional comments on Advisory body:</i> Click here to enter text.			
(c) Human and financial resources			
7. Does the NCP have dedicated full-time staff? <i>If yes, please indicate the number.</i>	No	NCP role is part of responsibilities in Trade Policy Unit	
8. Does the NCP have dedicated part-time staff? <i>If yes, please indicate in the second box the number of part-time staff members and in the third box the percentage of time spent on NCP matters for each part-time staff member.</i>	Yes	2	<i>Deputy Director & Administrative Officer, Trade Policy Unit</i>
9. Have any full-time or part-time staff members joined the secretariat/support office during the year? <i>If yes, please indicate how many.</i>	No	Click here to enter text.	
10. Have any full-time or part-time staff members left the NCP during the year? <i>If yes, please indicate how many.</i>	No	Click here to enter text.	
11. Did the NCP have a <u>dedicated budget</u> this year?	No		
If no, were financial resources for promotional activities allocated on an ad hoc basis when requested by the NCP?	Yes		
If no, were financial resources for specific instances allocated on an ad hoc basis when requested by the NCP?	Yes		
12. During the year, did the human and financial resources available to the NCP allow it to:			
Handle specific instances in an efficient and timely manner	Yes		
Organise promotional events	Yes		
Attend NCP meetings at the OECD	Yes		
Attend events organised by other NCPs	Yes		
Attend events organised by stakeholders	Yes		
Cover professional mediator fees or in-house mediator fees	Yes		
Conduct fact-finding research into specific instances	Yes		
If you answered no to any of the above, please specify	Click here to enter text.		
<i>Additional comments on Human and financial resources:</i> Human and financial resources are allocated as required according to demands on the NCP.			
(d) Reporting			

13. Does the NCP <u>report</u> to the government on its activities?	No
If yes, how often?	Choose an item.
14. Does the NCP report to parliament on its activities?	No
If yes, how often?	Choose an item.
15. Please indicate any other relevant transparency requirement applicable to the NCP in your country	Click here to enter text.
<p><i>Additional comments on Reporting:</i> Click here to enter text.</p>	

C. INFORMATION AND PROMOTION	
(a) NCP website²	
16. Does the NCP have a website? If yes, please provide the link in the second box.	Yes <input type="text" value="Click here to enter text."/>
If yes, was the website created/renovated this year?	No
17. 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
A description of the Guidelines	Yes
The OECD Due Diligence Guidance Documents	No
Explanatory text about due diligence	No
Information on the NCP and its mandate	Yes
The NCP Annual Report submitted to the OECD	No
The NCP's Report to government and/or parliament (if applicable)	N/A
The NCP's peer review report (if applicable)	N/A
Information about specific instances	
Information on how to submit a specific instance	Yes
An online form to submit a specific instance	No
The NCP's rules of procedures	Yes
All final statements since 2011	No
Information on promotional activities	
The NCP's promotional plan	No
Information on upcoming events promoting the Guidelines	No
Information on past events promoting the Guidelines	No
Contact information	
Information on how to make an enquiry to the NCP	Yes

²

This includes dedicated NCP webpages as part of the Ministry's website.

A phone number to reach the NCP directly	Yes
An email address to reach the NCP directly	Yes
<i>Additional comments on NCP website:</i> The NCP will review its website as part of its work programme for 2020 in light of the type of information provisions being suggested should obtain in this Annual Report.	
(b) Promotional activities³	
18. Does the NCP have a promotional plan for the coming year(s)?	No
19. Did the NCP organise or co-organise events to promote the Guidelines and/or the NCP during the year? <i>If yes, please provide details in table 1 in Annex 1.</i>	No
20. Did the NCP make a presentation to promote the Guidelines and/or the NCP in events organised by others? <i>If yes, please provide details in table 2 in Annex 1.</i>	Yes
21. Did the NCP make use of social media to communicate on NCP promotional activities during the year?	No
22. Did the NCP hold a <u>stakeholder meeting</u> during the year?	No
23. Did the NCP promote the Guidelines among the business community during the year?	Yes
24. Did the NCP carry out any training on the Guidelines aimed at businesses during the year?	No
25. Did the NCP promote the Guidelines among NGOs during the year?	No
26. Did the NCP promote the Guidelines among trade unions during the year?	Yes
27. Did the NCP promote the Guidelines among government agencies during the year?	Yes
28. Did the NCP promote the Guidelines among embassies abroad during the year?	No
29. Did the NCP promote the Guidelines to investment promotion agencies during the year?	Yes
30. Did the NCP focus on any of the following during promotional activities during the year:	
OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Business Conduct	No

³ Attendance of NCP meetings held at the OECD and other OECD events such as the Global Forum on Responsible Business Conduct are not considered to be promotional activities.

OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains in the Garment and Footwear Sector	No
Due Diligence for Responsible Corporate Lending and Securities Underwriting and/or Responsible Business Conduct for Institutional Investors	No
OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas	No
OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Meaningful Stakeholder Engagement in the Extractive Sector	No
OECD-FAO Guidance for Responsible Agricultural Supply Chains	No
<p><i>Additional comments on the section Promotional activities:</i> Click here to enter text.</p>	

D. SPECIFIC INSTANCES	
(a) NCP rules of procedure for handling specific instances	
31. Does the NCP have rules of procedure describing the handling of specific instances?	Yes
32. Are the rules of procedure available online? <i>If yes, please provide a link in the second box. If no, please attach a copy of the rules of procedure to this questionnaire</i>	Yes https://dbei.gov.ie/en/Publications/Procedures-for-handling-the-OECD-Guidelines-for-Multinational-Enterprises-MNEs-.html
33. Were the NCP's rules of procedure modified this year?	No
<p><i>Additional comments on the section Rules of procedure:</i> Rules of Procedure to be updated as part of the NCP's 2020 work programme.</p>	
(b) Specific instance practicalities	
34. Does the NCP confirm receipt of a specific instance submission?	Yes
35. Does the NCP request feedback from the parties on the procedure following the conclusion of a specific instance?	No
36. Has the NCP staff undergone training in dispute resolution or problem solving (e.g. mediation)?	Yes
37. Did the NCP engage professional mediators during the year?	No

38. Did the NCP staff or members conduct mediation this year?	No
<p><i>Additional comments on the section</i> Specific instance practicalities: Click here to enter text.</p>	
(c) Reporting specific instances	
39. Did the NCP receive new specific instance submissions during the year? <i>If yes, please also provide details in Annex 2</i>	No
40. Did the NCP close specific instances during the year? <i>If yes, please also provide details in Annex 2</i>	No
41. 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 calendar year? <i>If yes, please also provide details in Annex 2</i>	Yes
42. Did the NCP follow up on a case during the year? <i>If yes, please also provide details in Annex 2</i>	No
43. Is the OECD case database accurate and up to date with regard to cases handled by the NCP?	No
<p><i>Additional comments on the section</i> Reporting specific instances: Click here to enter text.</p>	

E. PEER LEARNING AND PEER REVIEWS	
44. Did the NCP take part in the following activities with other NCPs during the year:	
Host a peer learning activity	No
Participate in peer learning activities hosted by other NCPs	<i>N/A: The NCP was not invited to such an activity this year</i>
Co-operate with other NCPs in handling specific instances	Yes
Provide mentoring/capacity building to another NCP	No

45. Is the NCP interested in hosting an NCP learning/experience-sharing event in 2020?	No
46. Which topic would the NCP consider to be a priority to cover in a peer learning event?	Capacity experiences of part-time NCPs
47. Is the NCP interested in participating in developing tools for use by NCPs?	No
48. Is the NCP interested in acting as a peer reviewer in the future?	No
If yes, please specify the semester and the year	Click here to enter text.
<i>Additional comments on the section Peer-learning and peer reviews: IE NCP has indicated a preference for Q1 2021 as a time for it to be peer reviewed.</i>	

F. POLICY COHERENCE ⁴	
49. Have the Guidelines been referred to in relevant national legislation/regulations/policies adopted during the year? <i>(e.g. on responsible business conduct; non-financial reporting, export credits regulation, public procurement)</i>	Yes
If yes, please provide a short summary and a link to the legislation. <i>If a link is not available, please attach a copy of the legislation to this questionnaire.</i>	(Policy) CSR Check 2019 link
50. Did your country adopt a National Action Plan (NAP) this year? <i>If yes, please indicate which type of NAP</i>	No <input type="checkbox"/> Choose an item. <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please provide a link	Click here to enter text.
If yes, does the NAP make reference to the Guidelines?	Choose an item. <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, does the NAP make reference to the NCP?	Choose an item. <input type="checkbox"/>
51. Was a NAP in development this year? <i>If yes, please indicate which NAP.</i>	No <input type="checkbox"/> Choose an item. <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, did the NCP participate in the development of the National Action Plan?	Choose an item. <input type="checkbox"/>
52. Did the NCP communicate public statements on specific instances to officials responsible for trade missions?	N/A: the NCP did not publish any statement this year

⁴ Paragraph 37 of the Commentary on the Implementation Procedures of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises: "Statements and reports on the results of the proceedings made publicly available by the NCPs could be relevant to the administration of government programmes and policies. In order to foster policy coherence, NCPs are encouraged to inform these government agencies of their statements and reports when they are known by the NCP to be relevant to a specific agency's policies and programmes [...]."

53. Did the NCP communicate public statements on specific instances to officials responsible for foreign trade and investment incentives?	N/A: the NCP did not publish any statement this year
54. Did the NCP communicate public statements on specific instances to public procurement officials?	N/A: the NCP did not publish any statement this year
55. 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
If yes, please provide a link to the legislation. <i>If a link is not available, please attach a copy of the legislation to this questionnaire.</i>	Click to enter text.
56. Have public procurement officials/practitioners consulted the NCP on the Guidelines and OECD due diligence instruments or involved the NCP in specific public procurement opportunities?	No
57. Were public procurement officials involved in any of your training/outreach activities?	No
58. What tools or projects does the NCP develop to support public procurement practitioners on RBC and OECD due diligence?	Click to enter text.
59. Please flag any specific initiatives/good practice involving public procurement and RBC in your country.	Public procurement guidelines reference OECD Guidelines for Fighting Bid Rigging in Public Procurement and Managing Conflicts of Interest in the Public Service
60. Please indicate any other examples of policy coherence activities.	Click to enter text.
<i>Additional comments on Policy Coherence:</i> Click here to enter text.	

G. CHALLENGES	
61. Has the NCP faced any particular challenge(s) it would like to highlight this year?	Click here to enter text.
<i>Additional comments on Challenges:</i> The NCP role is part-time and must be managed alongside other work priorities in the Trade Policy Unit which has a very broad remit.	

Annex 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 to promote the Guidelines (Table 2).
 Please select the event type, size and type of audience as well as the theme from the dropdown menus for each event.
 Please add additional lines if needed.

Table 1

NCP-organised and co-organised events to promote the Guidelines and/or the NCP							
Title	Date <i>(dd/mm/yyyy)</i>	Location	Type of event	Size of audience	Organised or co-organised?	Targeted audience <i>e.g. Business representatives, NGOs, Trade unions, Academia, General public, Government representatives, etc.</i>	Theme <i>e.g. the OECD Guidelines, the NCP activities on sector due diligence guidance documents, etc.</i>
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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 <i>e.g. Business representatives, NGOs, Trade unions, Academia, General public, Government representatives, etc</i>	Organiser(s)	Type of intervention	Theme of the intervention
OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises	5 March 2019	Bank of Ireland Headquarters, College Green, Dublin	Meeting	50-100	CSR Stakeholders – Business, Trade unions, Government Departments and Agencies	National CSR Stakeholder Forum	Presentation	Overview of Guidelines and NCP role
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Annex 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 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).
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 Secretariat on received specific instances and to provide a final statement as soon as it becomes available, in order to keep the OECD database updated at all times. For all specific instances that have not yet been reported to the Secretariat, please complete and send this [form](#) to Alison.holm@oecd.org and Kathryn.dovey@oecd.org⁵.

For all specific instances that are currently IN PROGRESS:

Names of parties	Date received <i>(dd/mm/yyyy)</i>	Is the initial assessment publicly available?	Link to OECD database if available	Did the NCP co-operate with other NCPs during the handling of this specific instance? If yes, please describe.
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⁵ According to paragraph 42 of the Commentary on the Implementation Procedures of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, “[...] NCPs will report to 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, including those that are in the process of an initial assessment, those for which offers of good offices have been extended and discussions are in progress, and those in which the NCP has decided not to extend an offer of good offices after an initial assessment”.

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For all specific instances that were CONCLUDED during the year:

Title	Date received (dd/mm/yyyy)	Date concluded (dd/mm/yyyy)	Link to OECD database if available	Outcomes achieved	Does the final statement plan for follow up?	Did the NCP co-operate with other NCPs during the handling of this specific instance? If yes, please describe.
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For all specific instances that were NOT ACCEPTED during the year:

Title	Date received <i>(dd/mm/yyyy)</i>	Link to OECD database if available	Reasons for not accepting the specific instance	Did the NCP co-operate with other NCPs during the handling of this specific instance? If yes, please describe.
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For all specific instances for which FOLLOW UP was performed during the year:

Title	Date concluded <i>(dd/mm/yyyy)</i>	Date of follow up <i>(dd/mm/yyyy)</i>	Was a public follow up statement issued?	Link to the follow up statement, if applicable
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