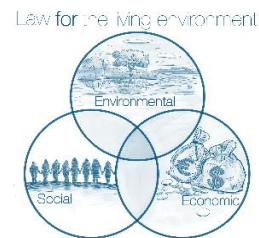


Panel discussion

Responsible business conduct for the post-war recovery of Ukraine: a call from civil society

September 28 2023
13.00-18.00 (Kyiv time)



Co-organisers: [Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University](#), [International lab on business and human rights](#) and [Law Group of the Wageningen University](#)

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This year, the Panel Discussion on Business and Human Rights presents a national dialogue on the concept of responsible business conduct in the process of Ukraine's post-war recovery. Civil society organizations of Ukraine, business associations, professional unions, academic community are invited to participate.

The main goal is to involve civil society in discussing how responsible business conduct how to ensure responsible business conduct, what are the gaps and barriers, what can be the role of civil society organizations in ensuring responsible business conduct.

The discussion will be built around [an open call to recover Ukraine on the basis of responsible business conduct](#).

We invite all Forum's participants to sign the statement!

Attention will also be paid to [the tools that civil society can use to ensure responsible business conduct](#).

We will also discuss:

- the latest business and human rights developments, including the draft EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive
- how corporate responsibility to respect for human rights correlates with sanctions (what is the role of civil society organizations and business associations here)
- the 2023 edition of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises on Responsible Business Conduct
- how the OECD sees the role of civil society organisations and business associations in the recovery process of Ukraine.

Based on the results of the event, we plan to prepare the brochure "Responsible business conduct for the recovery of Ukraine: the vision of civil society" and distribute it among international and national partners in two languages – Ukrainian and English.

To do this, please send information to the e-mail of the panel discussion coordinator Olena Uvarova (o.o.uvarova@nlu.edu.ua) in the following format:

- field of activity
- organization name / title
- a brief summary about your organization
- contacts of your organisation
- vision of your organization regarding the priority areas of ensuring responsible business conduct in the process of recovery of Ukraine
- vision of the role of your organization in promoting responsible business conduct in Ukraine
- if there are real situations when, during the Russian war in Ukraine, business shows or does not show responsible behavior – please share the link or briefly describe.

Please provide this information by September 25, 2023.

Program of the event

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| 13.00 – 14.30 | <i>General discussion: Why is the reconstruction of Ukraine impossible without responsible business conduct?</i>
<i>1st session: Standards of responsible business behavior and drivers of their implementation in Ukraine</i>
<i>2nd session: Does Ukraine's recovery program take into account the standards of responsible business conduct?</i> |
| 14.30 – 16.00 | Discussion of proposals, cases and a road map of cooperation between NGOs, business and government |
| 16.30 – 18.00 | Cooperation between civil society and universities in ensuring responsible business conduct |

We expect the Panel Discussion to achieve these results:

- The catalogue of civil society organizations, business associations, trade unions, universities and research centers with identified roles they can play in ensuring / promoting responsible business conduct in the recovery process
- Mapping of problematic moments, collection of practical cases
- Discussed and approved call on ensuring responsible business conduct in the process of recovery of Ukraine.

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