

Call for Contributions: Article for the CS3D blog series of the Research Network Sustainable Global Supply Chains

Following a period of turmoil and subsequent re-negotiation, the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CS3D) was adopted by the European Parliament on April 24, 2024. The focus now lies on its implementation and the scientific evaluation of its effects. Consequently, there is a pressing need for scholarly contributions that highlight sector-specific challenges as well as cross-cutting issues to inform the political debate.

For this reason, the [Research Network Sustainable Global Supply Chains](#) is launching a **blog series focused on challenges associated with the implementation of the CS3D**. The inaugural article [„The European CSDDD law is coming after all – What can we make of the compromise?“](#) compares the initial CSDDD agreement of December 2023, the final version adopted in April 2024, and the German Due Diligence Law, and sets the stage for a series of forthcoming blog posts. Over the coming months, we will publish articles aimed at enriching the political discourse on due diligence regulations with scientific research findings. We invite researchers from our network as well as other researchers working in the field of GVCs, international relations, sustainable development and international economics to submit their ideas for an article to be featured in the blog series.

Contributions may focus on issues such as

- What does the implementation of the CS3D mean for different industrial sectors?
- Will the CS3D really create a level playing field within the EU?
- How will it affect producer countries and EU supply chains with suppliers outside of the EU? What will be the regulatory response internationally, particularly in important supplier countries?
- How effective is the CS3D in promoting compliance throughout the entire global value chains and will it ultimately benefit workers and the environment in supplier firms?
- How can we scientifically measure the effects of the CS3D on global supply chains?
- Will companies and value chains be re-organised to circumvent regulatory requirements? If so, how important will trade and investment diversion effects be in economic terms?
- How can political decision-makers support the implementation of the Directive?

Articles may focus on a **specific sector** or present a **comprehensive, cross-sector analysis** of the questions raised above. Applicants should note that the following themes will already be covered in the blog series and will therefore not be considered for another contribution, unless they focus on a specific commodity or supply chain stage: mining, agriculture, textiles.

The proposal should include (1) an abstract of the article (max. 400 words) indicating the theme/main research question(s) of the blog article, and (2) a brief description of the researcher(s). We kindly ask to send bids by **August 2, 2024** to the following e-mail address: LeaMaria.Strack@swp-berlin.org.

Guidelines for the blog are presented below. We are looking forward to your proposals!

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Blog article guidelines

- around 1000 words (800 to 1500)
- based on ongoing or recently concluded research
- clearly carve out key findings and ideally some policy messages
- can be a standalone analysis or a summary of multiple existing pieces
- while based on rigorous research they should be written in an inclusive language such that anyone will find it easy to grasp
- preferably accompanied by 1-2 graphs.