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Multinational Enterprises**

FINLAND

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2013 REPORT TO THE OECD

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FINLAND NCP
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National Contact Points must report annually to the OECD Investment Committee on the nature and results of their activities to further the effectiveness of the Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, including implementation activities in specific instances.

A Common Reporting Framework, based on the Implementation Procedures of the Guidelines, assists NCPs prepare these reports. This information is the basis for the Chair's Annual Report to the OECD Council.

Common Reporting Framework

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Common framework for annual reporting by National Contact Points

The role of National Contact Points is to further the effectiveness of the Guidelines by undertaking promotional activities, handling enquiries and contributing to the resolution of issues that arise relating to the implementation of the Guidelines in specific instances. NCPs will operate in accordance with core criteria of visibility, accessibility, transparency and accountability.

A. Institutional arrangements

1. Governmental location of the NCP

CSR issues are dealt with in the Committee on Corporate Social Responsibility which works under the Ministry of Employment and the Economy. The Committee is as an advisory body that supports decision-making. It also acts as the Finnish National Contact Point for the implementation and promoting of the OECD Guidelines together with the Ministry of Employment and the Economy (Government Decree 591/2008). Upon request of the Ministry, the Committee gives its opinion on whether the enterprise has complied with the guidelines or not.

2. Structure of the NCP

Monopartite Interagency Bipartite Tripartite Quadripartite Independent Expert Body

The NCP is chaired by the State Secretary of the Ministry of Employment and the Economy.

Members: Several ministries and civil society partners, as business and labour organizations, NGOs: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Environment, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, the Confederation of Finnish Industries (EK), Federation of Finnish Enterprises, the Finnish Section of the International Chamber of Commerce, the Central Organisation of Finnish Trade Unions (SAK), the Finnish Confederation of Professionals (STTK), AKAVA- Confederation of Unions for Professionals and Managerial Staff, the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland, the Finnish Consumer's Association, Finnwatch ry, WWF Finland. Experts: Ministry of Justice, Finnish Business in Society (FIBS ry), Aalto University

3. Does the NCP have an advisory body? Yes No

4. Does the NCP have an oversight body? Yes No

5. Was the NCP structure modified in the reporting period? Yes No

6. How does this structure enable the NCP to operate effectively?

The organizational quadripartite structure guarantees visibility, accessibility, transparency and accountability in the activities of the NCP.

7. Does the NCP have an allocated budget? Yes No

8. Does the NCP have dedicated staff? Yes No

9. Are changes in the structure or resources available to the NCP contemplated in the near future?

Yes No

10. Does the NCP report within the Government on its activities?

Yes No

B. Information and promotion

11. Does the NCP have a dedicated website or dedicated webpages? Yes No

12. Are the 2011 Guidelines available online? Yes No

13. Are the 2011 Guidelines available in print? Yes No

14. Did you develop other products to raise awareness of the Guidelines? Yes No

15. Is your Annual Report available online? Yes No

16. Is your Annual Report available in print? Yes No

17. Does the NCP coordinate with other government activities on responsible business conduct?

Yes No

18. Does the NCP, together with appropriate state entities (export credits agency, investment state-owned enterprises, overseas investment guarantee and inward investment promotion programs ...), inform prospective investors about the Guidelines and their implementation?

Yes No

19. If the NCP conducted surveys or collected data documenting enterprises' awareness and use of the Guidelines, such as references in corporate codes of conduct, provide details.

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20. Does the NCP have a promotional plan on the Guidelines?

Yes No

21. Did the NCP organise any event to promote the Guidelines and their implementation procedures?

Yes No

22. Did the NCP participate in any event organised by stakeholders or other entities to promote the Guidelines and their implementation procedures?

Yes No

Title

Date

Place

Further details

23. What use has been made of embassies, notably in emerging markets and other non-adhering countries, for raising awareness and promoting the Guidelines?

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24. Does the NCP have a direct relationship with OECD partner organisations and/or other leading responsible business conduct instruments:

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| ILO? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| UN Global Compact and its local networks? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| UN Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| National Institution for the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Global Reporting Initiative? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| ISO26000? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

25. Does the NCP or another government agency promote the OECD Risk Awareness Tool for Multinational Enterprises in Weak Governance Zones?

- Yes No

26. Does the NCP or another government agency promote the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High Risk Areas?

- Yes No

27. Were enquiries received on the Guidelines and their implementation procedures

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| From other NCPs? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| From the business community? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| From labour organisations? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| From non-governmental organisations? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| From governments of non-adhering countries? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Other | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

C. Proactive agenda

In accordance with the Investment Committee's proactive agenda, NCPs should maintain regular contact, including meetings, with social partners and other stakeholders in order to: a) consider new developments and emerging practices concerning responsible business conduct; b) support the positive contributions enterprises can make to identify and respond to risks of adverse impacts associated with particular products, regions, sectors or industries

28. Did the NCP identify new emerging challenges for enterprises, or engage in any related activities?

Yes No

D. Co-operation and peer learning

In addition to contributing to the Committee's work to enhance the effectiveness of the Guidelines, NCPs will engage in joint peer learning activities. In particular, they are encouraged to engage in horizontal, thematic peer reviews and voluntary NCP peer evaluations. Such peer learning can be carried out through meetings at the OECD or through direct co-operation between NCPs.

29. Did the NCP engage in direct co-operation with other NCPs? Yes No

30. Is the NCP interested in volunteering for a peer evaluation? Yes No

31. Is the NCP interested in being part of the team conducting a voluntary peer evaluation? Yes No

E. Specific instances

32. Did the NCP develop procedures for handling specific instances? Yes No

- are they available online? Yes No

- in which language/s ?

- do procedures take into account the 2011 Procedural Guidance? Yes No

33. How many new specific instances did the NCP receive in the reporting period?

Title	Xayaburi Dam in Laos
Leading NCP	Finland

Supporting NCP		
Description		
Theme/s	II. General Policies	
	IV. Human Rights	
	VI. Environment	
Date specific instance received	11 Jun 2012	
Host country/ies	Lao People's Democratic Republic	
Source	<input type="checkbox"/> Trade Union <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NGO <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Other interested parties	
Industry sector	Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply	
Status	In progress	
Summary	Accepted on 16 October 2012 with the aim to be completed by July 2013.	
Initial assessment	Assistance to parties	Conclusion of the procedures
From date: 11 Jun 2012	From date:	From date:
To date: 16 Oct 2012	To date:	To date:

Title	Automotive sector in Mexico	
Leading NCP	Mexico	
Supporting NCP	Finland	
Description		
Theme/s	V. Employment and Industrial Relations	
Date specific instance received	28 Aug 2012	
Host country/ies	Mexico	
Source	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade Union <input type="checkbox"/> NGO <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Other interested parties	
Industry sector	Manufacturing	
Status	In progress	
Summary	To be dealt with by the Mexican NCP.	
Initial assessment	Assistance to parties	Conclusion of the procedures
From date:	From date:	From date:
To date:	To date:	To date:

34. Do you have any updates on specific instances that were reported and not concluded in the previous reporting period?

Yes No

F. Useful experiences and future work

35. Provide any other information on the nature and results of NCP activities during this implementation cycle of the updated Guidelines, including on any useful experiences and/or difficulties encountered in carrying out the duties of the NCP.

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36. Based on your recent activities, what issues might deserve particular attention during the 2013-2014 implementation cycle of the OECD Guidelines?

Transparency and protection of sensitive business information; NCPs experiences and ways of confidentiality in specific instances.

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