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**Question for written answer E-004061/25
to the Commission
Catarina Vieira (Verts/ALE)
(15 October 2025)**

Subject: Public consultation on the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive guidelines

Under Article 19 of the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive ⁽¹⁾ (CSDDD), the Commission is required to issue implementing guidelines in consultation with stakeholders. To this end, the Commission announced a public consultation for Q4 of 2024, a date which has now passed. ⁽²⁾ The Commission proposed to bring forward the deadline to publish the CSDDD guidelines on how to conduct due diligence back to July 2026 through an omnibus proposal, which would leave less than 10 months to complete the entire process. ⁽³⁾ There is an urgent need for guidelines to provide stakeholders, especially small and medium-sized enterprises, smallholder farmers, and rights-holders with clarity.

Therefore:

1. On what date will the Commission launch the announced public consultation?
2. If there is still no fixed date, can the Commission describe what actions have been taken so far and what actions will be taken in the coming months to ensure that small and medium-sized enterprises, smallholder farmers and rights-holders can share their views despite ongoing regulatory uncertainty?
3. Can the Commission confirm that it is on track to finalise the CSDDD guidelines within a potentially shorter timeframe, as introduced in the Omnibus proposal?

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**Answer given by Mr McGrath on behalf of the European Commission
(1 December 2025)**

Under the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD), the Commission is required to issue implementing guidelines in consultation with Member States, stakeholders, and specific institutions, as outlined in Article 19(1). This stakeholder consultation is a legal requirement under the directive, and the Commission is committed to fulfilling this obligation.

There has been a considerable level of interest from stakeholders in the upcoming guidelines. This interest comes from various groups, including businesses and rights-holders (impacted individuals and communities) and their representatives.

To effectively inform the preparation of guidelines, the Commission acknowledges the necessity for outreach to the widest possible range of stakeholders.

It has not been possible to consult on the future guidelines during the ongoing legislative negotiations on the Omnibus proposal, given that these negotiations may result in changes to the CSDDD that impact the content and timeline of the guidelines.

However, the Commission is taking all possible preparatory steps to ensure an efficient and timely process for the consultation and adoption of the future guidelines once the legislative negotiations are concluded.

In doing so, we are cooperating with partners such as the EU Fundamental Rights Agency and the Responsible Contracting Project, and we look forward to engaging with Member States and the other stakeholders on the future guidelines as soon as possible.

¹ Directive (EU) 2024/1760 of 13 June 2024 on corporate sustainability due diligence and amending Directive (EU) 2019/1937 and Regulation (EU) 2023/2859 (OJ L, 2024/1760, 5.7.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2024/1760/oj> (<http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2024/1760/oj>)).

² <https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14445-Corporate-sustainab...>

³ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/892fa84e-d027-439b-8527-72669cc42844_en?filename=COM_2025_81_EN.pdf.