

OECD GUIDELINES FOR MULTINATIONAL ENTERPRISES  
**BELGIAN NCP**  
REPORT TO THE OECD  
**2013**

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

Within the Federal Public Service Economy

#### 2. Structure of the NCP

Monopartite  Interagency  Bipartite  Tripartite  Quadripartite  Independent Expert Body

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?

On the government side federal and regional entities are represented with different expertise, and the employers organisations and labour unions are also represented which gives at the same time expertise and balance.

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

A small budget has been foreseen for promotional activities as well as for assistance needed in cases.

8. Does the NCP have dedicated staff?  Yes  No

One extra person will work more than 50 % on the NCP activities

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

Yes  No

We are thinking of an advisory body.

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

Yes  No

The minister of Economy, the Parlement

**B. Information and promotion**

**11. Does the NCP have a dedicated website or dedicated webpages?**

Yes  No

www.oecd-guidelines.fgov.be, available in French and Dutch

**12. Are the 2011 Guidelines available online?**

Yes  No

In English, French, Dutch and German

**13. Are the 2011 Guidelines available in print?**

Yes  No

**14. Did you develop other products to raise awareness of the Guidelines?**

Yes  No

Small brochure with the essence of the Guidelines, in French and Dutch

**15. Is your Annual Report available online?**

Yes  No

[http://economie.fgov.be/fr/entreprises/vie\\_entreprise/responsabilite\\_societale\\_des\\_entreprises/Principes\\_directeurs\\_OCDE\\_entreprises\\_multinationales/Point\\_de\\_contact\\_national\\_OCDE\\_Belgique/rapport\\_annuels/](http://economie.fgov.be/fr/entreprises/vie_entreprise/responsabilite_societale_des_entreprises/Principes_directeurs_OCDE_entreprises_multinationales/Point_de_contact_national_OCDE_Belgique/rapport_annuels/)

**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

For the Belgian government coherence between the different instruments is key.

**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

In all application forms to the export credit agency etc there is a page to sign by the investor that he is aware of the OECD guidelines for multinational enterprises.

**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.**

We did not conduct a survey

**20. Does the NCP have a promotional plan on the Guidelines?**  Yes  No

In June we presented the promotional plan, and some of the actions are already done, others are still to foresee in the next year.

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

Yes  No

<b>Title</b>	<input type="text" value="The Guidelines for multinational enterprises and its NCP"/>
<b>Date</b>	<input type="text" value="June 27th 2012"/>
<b>Place</b>	<input type="text" value="Brussels"/>
<b>Further details</b>	<input type="text"/>

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

Yes  No

<b>Title</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Date</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Place</b>	<input type="text"/>
<b>Further details</b>	<input type="text" value="different small events organized in the context of the broader CSR picture"/>

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

None

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

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

via our website

**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

The persons responsible for the mineral sector.

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

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

Especially in the field of human rights. We did not yet relate in any activities on that specific item.

## 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

with the French and Luxembourg NCP, having a case together

**30. Is the NCP interested in volunteering for a peer evaluation?**

Yes  No

second half of 2014

**31. Is the NCP interested in being part of the team conducting a voluntary peer evaluation?**

Yes  No

second half of 2013 and first semester 2014

## E. Specific instances

**32. Did the NCP develop procedures for handling specific instances?**

Yes  No

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

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<b>Title</b>	mining		
<b>Leading NCP</b>	Belgian		
<b>Supporting NCP</b>			
<b>Description</b>	destruction of houses near the concession, due to police action in 2009		
<b>Theme/s</b>	II. General Policies		
	IV. Human Rights		
<b>Date specific instance received</b>	April 4, 2012		
<b>Host country/ies</b>	RD Congo		
<b>Source</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Trade Union <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NGO <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals <input type="checkbox"/> Business <input type="checkbox"/> Other interested parties		
<b>Industry sector</b>	Mining and quarrying		
<b>Status</b>	Concluded		
<b>Summary</b>	As the action took place in 2009 it was difficult to know what happened exactly and the new GL were not yet in force at that moment		
<b>Initial assessment</b>	<b>Assistance to parties</b>	<b>Conclusion of the procedures</b>	
From date: April	From date: August	From date: December	
To date: August	To date: November	To date: February 12th	
		<a href="http://economie.fgov.be/fr/binaries/Forrest_Kawama_Katanga_RDCong_o_20130212_fr_tcm326-213492.pdf">http://economie.fgov.be/fr/binaries/Forrest_Kawama_Katanga_RDCong_o_20130212_fr_tcm326-213492.pdf</a>	

**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.**



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

Chain responsibility and human rights

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