



Navigating EU Supply Chain Laws:

- A comprehensive training program for exporters from the Western Balkans-

The implementation of environmental and social standards is becoming an increasingly relevant aspect in business relationships across global supply chains. Many German and European companies face legal obligations to implement human rights and environmental due diligence processes and to collaborate with companies in their supply chains on relating topics. In many cases, buyers consider the implementation of the ESG requirements to be an important requirement for the (continuation of the) business relationship.

This training supports exporters from the Western Balkans to implement an effective ESG management system in preparation for growing buyer expectations and to position themselves as the supplier of choice.

Module 1 : Putting Human Rights Due Diligence into Practice

implemented by German Helpdesk Business and Human Rights

28th of August 2025, 10h - 12h (UTC+2)

This **free-of-charge** online-training will guide you through the practical aspects of implementing human rights and environmental due diligence. Register here for Module 1.

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Module 2: Follow-Up In-Depth Training with Coaching

Take your commitment to the next level by joining our exclusive **10-hour in-depth training** on, specifically designed for companies eager to establish robust risk management systems, Action Plans, and Codes of Conduct. This opportunity includes **individual coaching sessions** with experienced professionals, tailored to your company's specific needs.

In the three sessions, selected companies will receive targeted support in:

• Establishing their own risk management system

1st Session: 17th of September 2025, 10h - 12h (UTC+2)

Defining individualized Action Plans
 2nd Session: 23rd of September 2025, 10h - 12h (UTC+2)

Drafting their own Code of Conduct
 3rd Session: 30th of September 2025, 10h - 12h (UTC+2)

This training is available to **30 small and medium-sized companies** in the Western Balkans, especially for those in the agricultural, food, and related sectors (cosmetics, flowers, wood, pharmaceutics, etc.). <u>Apply here for Module 2.</u> Businesses from other sectors are also welcome to apply.

On 1.9.2025 (13h -13:30h, UTC+2) we offer an info session on Module 2: structure and expectation. Register by using this link: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/AggHGRpESg2YdkijnFiS9g

The cost for Module 2 amounts to 50 Euro per participant. Apply by submitting your application form and company profile. Selected companies will be notified.

Module 3: In-Person Roundtable

Will be organized by the Responsible Business Hub, as an in-person roundtable and follow-up forum to Modules 1 and 2, to capture companies' and organizations' regional perspectives, opportunities and challenges with ESG. The roundtable will take place in October in Serbia. The cost for Module 3 amounts to 50 Euro.

The cost for Module 3 amounts to 50 Euro per participant. If you participate in Module 2 and Module 3, the cost amounts to 80 Euro per participant.

For more information, get in touch with Tanja Lindell (tanja.lindell@pks.rs).

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