

Developing Common Due diligence tools Working Group

The Food Network for Ethical Trade – 24th October – 10.00 -16.00 hrs



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"Today we are meeting to discuss the Food Network for Ethical Trade agenda of Enhanced and Cost Effective Due Diligence

We take competition compliance seriously. Whilst discussions can cover matters of interest to our industry, we cannot discuss or exchange sensitive commercial information.

If at any time during this meeting, you think our discussions may be in breach of competition rules, please inform the Chair. The Chair may close the meeting at any time if she believes that discussions are in breach of competition law"



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Cost Effective & Enhanced Due Diligence

In the context of **ethical due diligence**, **enhanced due diligence** (EDD) refers to a more comprehensive and rigorous process of evaluating a company, individual, or transaction with a focus on ethical compliance. This involves going beyond standard checks to ensure that ethical risks, such as human rights violations, environmental harm, corruption, or unfair labour practices, are thoroughly assessed and where possible, mitigated.

The goal of enhanced due diligence in the ethical context is to ensure that business practices align with ethical principles and to prevent harm to people, communities, and the environment. It helps companies and investors make informed decisions that reflect their values and commitments to corporate social responsibility (CSR), sustain ability, and ethical governance.

KeyA spects of Enhanced Ethical Due Diligence

In-Depth Assessment of Ethical Risks:

• Investigating potential issues such as labour conditions, environmental impact, community relations, and adherence to human rights standards.

Evaluating the ethical practices of suppliers, partners, and subsidiaries, especially in high-risk regions or industries.

Stakeholder Engagement:

Engaging with stakeholders, including local communities, employees, and advocacy groups, to understand their perspectives and concerns regarding the entity or project under review.

Incorporating input from non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and other external experts who specialize in ethical issues.

Verification of Ethical Standards:

Verifying claims made by the company or individual regarding their ethical practices, such as sustainability initiatives, fair trade commitments, or labour policies.
 Reviewing third-party audits, certifications, and compliance reports related to ethical standards.

Ongoing Monitoring and Reporting:

Continuously monitoring the entity's activities to ensure ongoing adherence to ethical commitments and to identify any emerging risks.

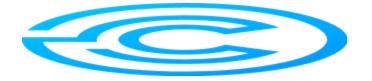
• Regularly reporting on ethical performance to stakeholders, including investors, customers, and regulators.

Mitigation Strategies:

• Developing and implementing strategies to address and mitigate any identified ethical risks, such as revising supply chains, improving labour conditions, or enhancing environmental protections.

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Raising ethical standards within labour supply chains

McDonald's and supermarkets failed to spot slavery



- X Low barrier of entry to work
- X Limited vetting
- X Siloed & retrospective compliance data
- X Tools to support modern slavery training



Recruiters urged to clamp down on exploitation via 'umbrella companies'

14 RECRUITMENT COMPANIES MAKE HMRC SHAME LIST

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More than 200 companies named

for not paying staff minimum wage

Agency Audit Platform

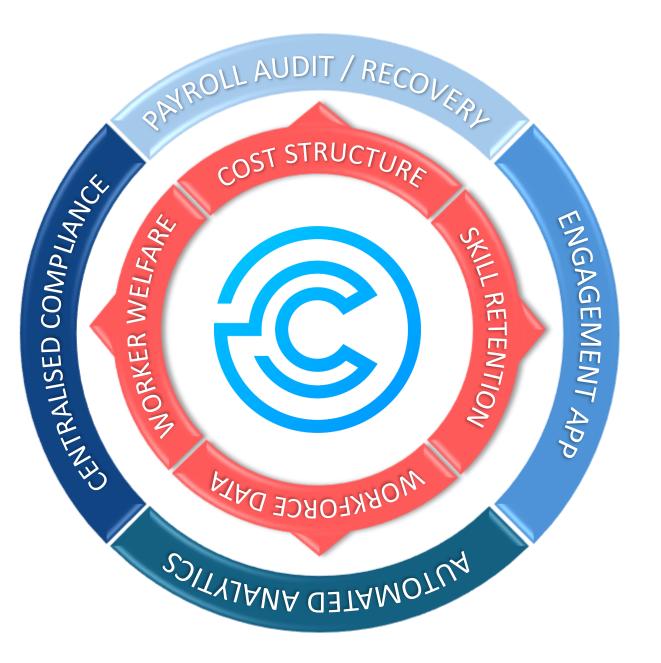
A cloud based, supplier audit and analytics platform elevating transparency within the temporary labour market Enabling business leaders to procure labour in the most transparent & ethical way, whilst enhancing colleague data & experience

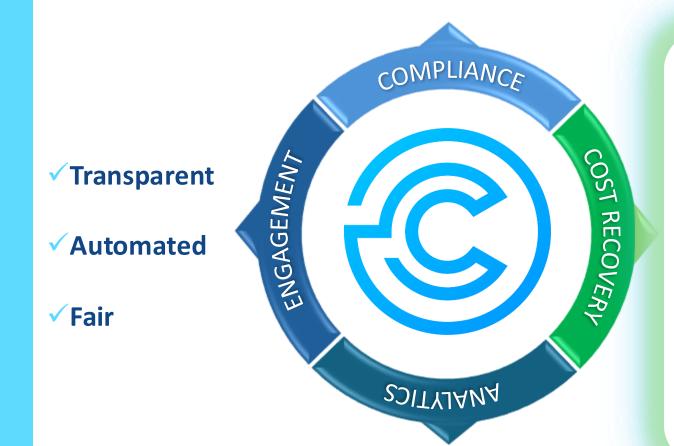






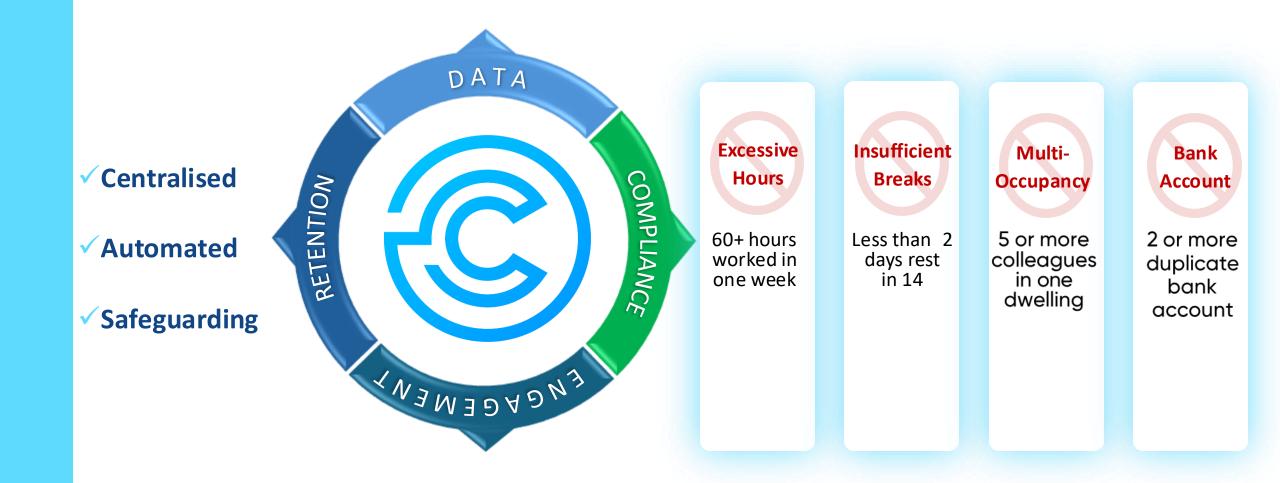
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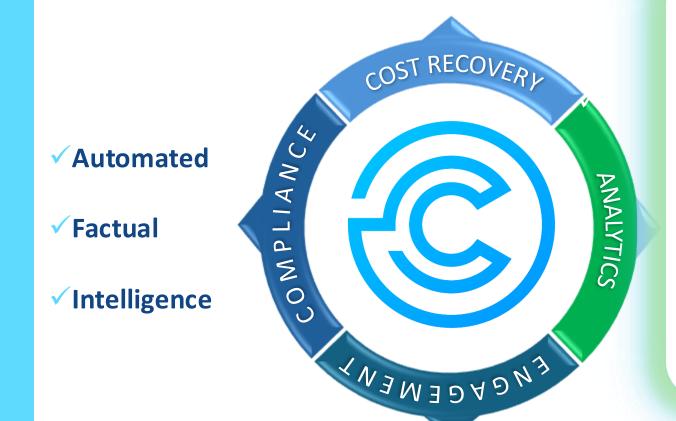


- ✓ Automated Weekly Payroll Audit
- Itemised National Insurance Costs
- Itemised Pension Status
- Tracking Holiday Payments
- ✓ Cost Recovery (£0.57 p/hr average)
- Contract Governance
- ✓ Fair & Sustainable Supplier Margins





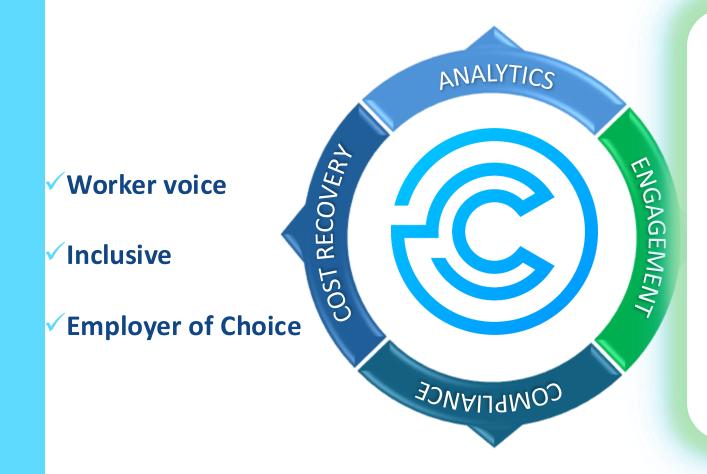






- ✓ Automated Workforce Data
- Agency Spend & Hours
- Workforce Demographics
- Labour Pool Management
- Balanced Agency Scorecard
- Leaver Information
- Agency Scorecard
- Trend & Forecast Analysis





- Enhance New Starter Experience
- Replicate Perm Colleague Engagement
- Understand Your Workforce
- Act Upon Direct Colleague Feedback
- Extended Support
- ✓ Data Driven Retention Strategies
- Inclusive Workplace Culture







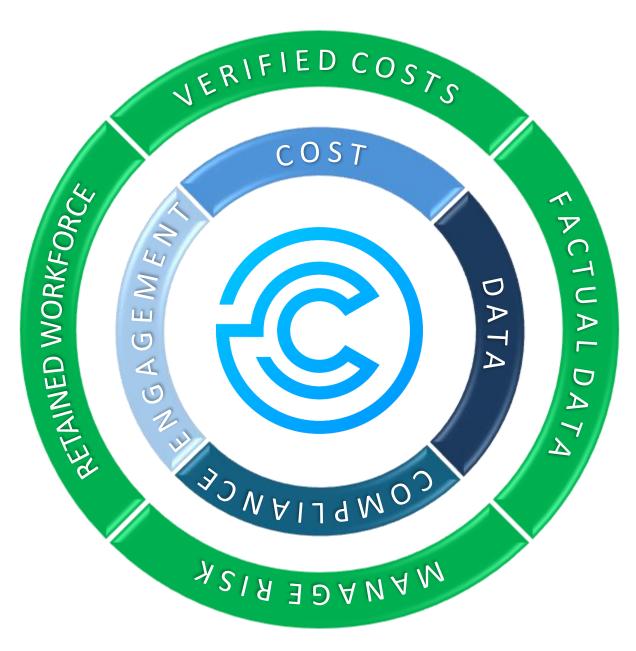


Transparency

✓ Automation

✓ Factual

✓ Equitable





What our customers say

THG

Whilst The ClearVue has certainly delivered our objective of ensuring contract governance is properly maintained, the additional value they have brought has been excellent.

Both the granularity and accuracy of contract workforce and compliance data has complemented our operational decision making and the guidance given to navigate key labour strategies has been of valuable support.." **Ian Cross Chief Procurement Officer**



The commercial benefits have been a pleasant surprise, making it an easy decision to roll The ClearVue out across the business.

More importantly, the compliance & welfare data has enabled us to take immediate action to address & reduce modern slavery risk which has been recognised in our ethical audits. We are looking forward to starting the app roll out in the coming weeks to enable direct colleague feedback and the implementation of strategies to enhance welfare and satisfaction. **Steve Ryder Procurement Category Manager**



"The ClearVue team were straightforward to work with, and their platform was very easy to implement for our UK sites.

Since implementation of The ClearVue platform we identified immediate benefits in contract labour cost mitigation, in addition to gaining the assurance that our contract terms were being correctly applied"

Neil Bradford Procurement & Sustainability Director

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2 Sisters Food Group Human Rights Due Diligence approach

Rachel Hackett 12.10.24

2 Sisters Food Group



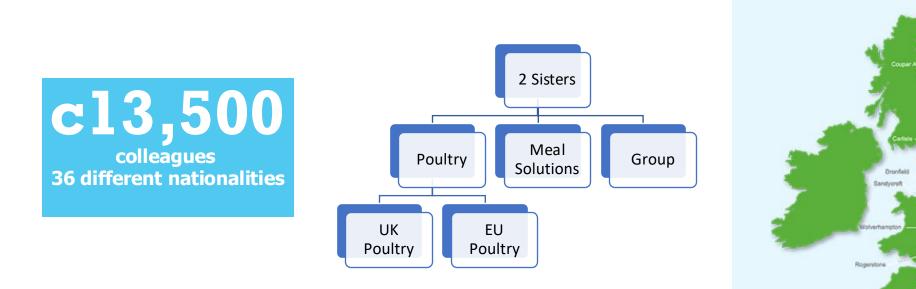
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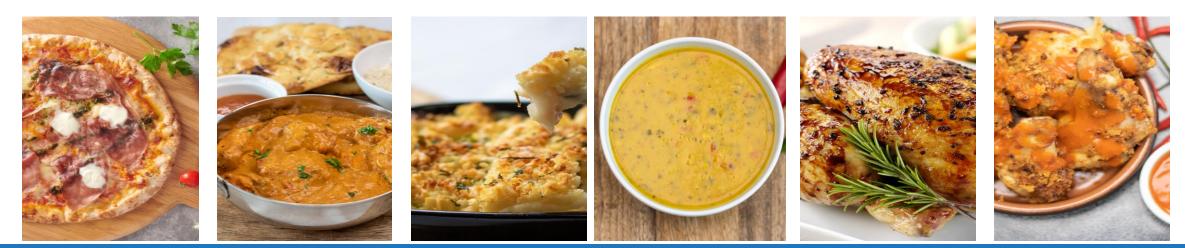
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Diverse product range, predominately own label





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Policy and Accountability - Actions



Supplier Sustainability Code of Practice

- Adherence to Human Rights & Ethical Trading policy
- SEDEX registration & SAQ completion
- Independent ethical audit if assessed as high risk
- Banned & restricted countries

Supplier onboarding

Ensuring understanding of requirements (and beyond initial on-boarding)

Communication

• Enable more rapid communication to suppliers

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Traceability & Risk Assessment



	CURRENT	ASPIRATION	ACTIONS
Prioritisation	 Internal raw material risk assessment based on environmental and human rights risks Climate risk assessment for CFD reporting Water risk assessments using WWF Risk Filters 	 Full transparency of supply chains Understand and map future climate risks and impacts Regular review of human rights and environmental risks 	 Join up human rights and environmental risk assessment Deepen understanding of high risk supply chains Collaborative actions through industry organisations/partnerships
Traceability	 Documented traceability system in place Full supply chain map for certain raw materials 	 Traceability system reaches back to farm for at-risk raw materials (from both an environmental and Human Rights perspective) 	 Supplier engagement on challenges and transparency



	Product Sustainability Issues								
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Climate Change & Air Quality	Water Use	Nutrient Loading & Eutrophication	Pesticides & Toxicity	Biodiversity Loss & Conversion	Labour	Local & Indigenous Communities	Society & Consumers	Soil Erosion / Degradation	Disease & Animal Care
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- Drinks •
- Egg & Egg products ٠
- Fish & shellfish .
- Fruit & vegetables ٠
- Key environmental risks

Aligned with FIIN categories

- Climate change •
- Water availability and water quality •
- **Biodiversity loss**

Key human rights risks

- Forced labour ٠
- Child labour ٠
- Poor working conditions ٠

- & poultry
- Other ٠
- Soups, broths & sauces ٠

Prevention and mitigation



	CURRENT	ASPIRATION	ACTIONS
PREVENTION AND MITIGATION	 Actions in place to mitigate human rights and environmental risks in operations: Modern Slavery Awareness training Site modern slavery risk assessments and action plans Human Rights and environmental management requirements set out in Supplier Sustainability COP at onboarding Actions in place to mitigate human rights and environmental risks in supply chains: SEDEX requirements Labour provider audits Collaboration through collective action - FNET, MSIN 	 Human rights and environmental risks and approach embedded in all purchasing decisions and supplier on-boarding 	 Deepen understanding of product environmental and human rights impacts

Remedy



	CURRENT	ASPIRATION	Actions
REMEDY	 Formal grievance mechanisms and whistleblowing hotlines in place in own operations Supply chain Labour providers Modern slavery remediation policy Employee app 	 Effective human rights remediation mechanisms in place within own operations and supply chain 	 Understand effectiveness of current grievance mechanisms

Tracking performance/monitoring

	CURRENT	ASPIRATION	Actions
TRACKING PERFORMANCE/	 Operations Monitoring & reporting human rights performance: Modern slavery KPIs Ethical audit Training and roll out of EDI strategy Labour provider audits Supply chain Monitoring human rights performance Supplier compliance with SEDEX requirements 	 Improvement across supply chain and risk reduction Single report collating human rights and environment data. 	 Internal communication and information sharing e.g Quarterly report to Procurement

Communication



Communication and engagement

- Board sub-committee
- Technical Leadership Team
- Supply Chain Ethical/Integrity Forum
- Food Integrity Forum
- Specific supplier issues Technical/Sustainability/Procurement
- Quarterly Sedex review Group Procurement

2 Sisters Food Group: SEDEX October 2024 Review Summary



Cross functional groups

Supply Chain Ethical/Integrity Forum

Chair: Group Sustainability Director

Sustainability, Group Technical Services, SMEs, Group Integrity lead

Sustainability COP compliance

Labour providers/other service providers

Current raw material issues; human rights or integrity issue monitoring

Food Integrity Forum

Chair: Group Integrity Lead

Divisional Technical teams, Group Technical, SMEs, Procurement, Sustainability

Horizon scanning

Surveillance updates

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The Perception Verses Reality: Supply Chain Due Diligence

Jenni Edwards ESC International

Pilots

- Food production businesses
- Labour agencies
- Service providers
- Waste businesses
- Hospitality business





Perception V Reality

• Perception:

"Many companies within supply chains believe they have strong supply chain controls in place based on Codes of Conduct and supplier self-reported compliance. These assessments often report 90%+ compliance, giving the impression that risks are well-managed."

. Reality:

"Our pilots revealed that the actual risk control performance is far lower—typically between 15-25%. These discrepancies highlight the limitations of current due diligence methods, leaving businesses exposed to significant risks."



Key Challenges

Challenge 1:

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- "Lack of visibility into actual supplier practices beyond reported compliance or a snapshot audit."
- . Challenge 2:
 - 。 "Inconsistent risk management standards across different regions and sectors."
 - Challenge 3:
 - "Difficulty in monitoring and enforcing continuous compliance without a robust system."



Challenges of SCDD

Companies often rely on self-assessments and Codes of Conduct (CoCs) or snapshot risk assessments to manage supply chain risks. However, these methods fail to capture the full scope of human rights risks, leaving businesses vulnerable to gaps in their risk control.





3	 2. Management Representative Identify a management representative who has clearly defined responsibility and authority for delivering human rights and ethical employment practices within your organisation. 3. Risk Assessment The organisation shall operate a procedure(s) to: Identify human rights and ethical employment practices relate to the organisation Risk assess the extent to which human rights and ethical employment practice abuses do, or could, occur within: 	 A named 'Human Rights and Ethical Employment Champion' has been identified by top management 'This person has a clearly defined responsibility and authority for: The establishment, implementation and maintenance of an effective human rights and ethical employment practices management programme Benntinn on ethical ethical employment nractice 'The organisation has undertaken and documented a high level human rights and ethical employment practices risk assessment 'Issues and risks of modern slavery and/or illegal unethical employment practices in products and services within the UK and overseas have been identified. 	 The organisation meets all the requirements as stated for Level 1 It can be demonstrated that sufficient resources (i.e. funding, training) have been made available for the establishment, implementation and maintenance of an effective human rights ethical employment practices management programme The organisation meets all the requirements as stated in Level 1. A clear procedure is followed to ensure a consistent approach to undertaking a human rights and ethical employment practices risk assessment at appropriate intervals Regular reviews of expenditure and a risk assessment undertaken of the findings. The employment practices of high risk suppliers and labour providers are monitored: Ethical employment forms a standard agenda item for all contract meetings/reviews for suppliers and labour providers identified as relevant via the risk assessment 	 The organisation meets all requirements as stated in Levels 1& 2 It can be demonstrated that there is continued commitment to having a named management representative (with sufficient resources and authority to maintain and enhance an effective ethical employment standards management programme) The organisation meets all the requirements as stated in Level 1& 2. It can be demonstrated that an effective process is in place for gaining the views of relevant stakeholders and key interested parties Any suppliers and labour providers identified as high risk are investigated through direct engagement with workers where possible Demonstrate that broader research and review into human rights and ethical employment standard risks and common issues are occurring, in addition to how these may be relevant to the organisation's activities 	 The organisation meets all the requirements as stated in Levels 1, 2 & 3 The management representative responsible for human rights and ethical employment standards is a member of the highest management level within the organisation (e.g. Board of Directors) The organisation meets all the requirements as stated in Levels 1, 2 & 3 Full traceability exists to cover principle stages of any manufacture and/or high risk stages of the supply chain and labour supply chain, including the sub-contracting of any part of the activities Any issues of illegal and unethical practice is rectified through direct engagement with the supplier
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Option 1: Direct Delivery for Your Business

- What We Offer: Full management system review of your supply chain to assess risks for human rights and labour standards.
- Value: Provides insight into supply chain risk management, helping businesses take control and upskill suppliers.
- o **Ideal For:** Businesses aiming to manage their supply chains independently and proactively.



Option 2: Pilot Programme with BSI

- What We Offer: Pilot programme using the BSI platform to share supplier data across multiple businesses.
- Value: Provides collective data sharing, training, and cost-effective solutions through shared suppliers.
- o **Ideal For:** Companies looking for collaborative supplier improvement.



Option 3: Integrated FNET Solution

- What We Offer: FNET tools included in the BSI for measurable supplier risk assessments and management system assessments.
- Value: Fully scalable and measurable solution for continuous improvement across supply chains.
 Real data for FNET members
- Ideal For: Organisations needing a holistic, measurable solution that integrates with existing FNET approach .



The future of supply chain due diligence lies in shifting from reactive assessments to proactive, ongoing management. Let's close the gap between perception and reality and build a supply chains that upholds human rights and ethical standards."







Thoughts captured from the morning sessions

WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED?

WHAT CAN YOU USE IN OWN OPERATIONS?

HAVE YOU ANY FURTHER INSIGHTS

Time to relax, catch up on mail, network & enjoy some fabulous Samworth Group hospitality



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What are the expected outputs for the day? -

How do we turn knowledge into action?

How do we measure impact? What are our WG KPI's?



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Common Due Diligence Tools Plan – Project Status

Project	Status	Date Completed	Output	Comments
FNET Resolution of Ethical audit issues guidance	Completed and Updated		Guidance Document	
HRDD Framework (Word)	Completed and issued – used by FNET team for all new member assessment	Jan 2024	HRDD V1 on website	Requested further developments
Develop Guidance on Low Leverage	Completed – waiting for Responsible Exit & Design	May 2024	Guidance Document	
FNET Risk Assessment Tool Updated for 2024	Anthesis Work Completed	October 2024	FNET Risk Assessment Tool	On budget
	Front End Sign for Macros – brief to be raised	Estimate November 2024	Updated RAT 2024	
	Training Video	Estimate December 2024	Training Video for members	Rick Fletcher
HRDD Framework separate to own operations and supply chains and Excel	Pending	Estimate December 2024	An Excel version for on ops and supply chains	Naomi Kirkwood to complete
Cost Effective Enhanced DD & options for mitigation	Q3 Workshop in place – Training and knowledge sharing	October 2024	To be confirmed	
Guidance on Human Rights Risk Assessments	Not started		Guidance/Training/ Knowledge sharing	
Develop a roadmap for Responsible Business Journey	Not started			

Discussion – What Next for Common Due Diligence Working Group Plan for 2025/26

What do we want to consider for 2025/26 workplan?

Consider what emerging issues, future requirements, impact of SMETA 7, what else?

Note: we are running a table session in the All-Member day to help frame some activities for the next year in the work plan.

- How are you progressing with Human rights DD
- What is holding you up?
- o What can FNET do to help?

