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2022/2023



ABOUT THE PROJECT

Lighthouse-keepers: Business and Human Rights Cooperation Network

30 December 2021 – 31 July 2023



The objective of the project was **to create and develop a network of BHR experts** and **to raise awareness of business and human rights in the region of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia.**

The project was led by the Polish Institute for Human Rights and Business (PIHRB), joined by:

- the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University (Ukraine),
- the ALDA Association for Sustainable Democracy (Iceland),
- the Icelandic Ombudsman for Children.

In this booklet we have assembled the key publications and teaching resources available to all who would like to deepen their understanding of human rights in the business context.

1. Drafting of materials in **Polish** and **Ukrainian** about human rights and business.
2. A study visit and two workshops (and **report**) (28-29.06.2022 and 21.09.2022 Reykjavik, Iceland).
3. **Core Summer Academy of Human Rights and Business** (21-27.09.2022 online).
4. **A series of thematic webinars** (27.10.2022-06.12.2022).
5. **A case studies e-publication.**
6. **International conference on BHR in CEE&CA region** (1-2.06.2023; hybrid).

For more information visit [the project's website...](#)

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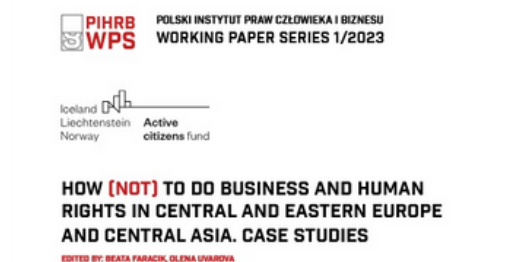
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Beata Faracik & Olena Uvarova (eds.) (2023). *How (not) to Do Business and Human Rights in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Case Studies.* PIHRB Working Paper Series 1/2023 (ENG/RUS/UKR/PL)

This Working Paper Volume comprises 15 Business & Human Rights (BHR) case studies from Central & Eastern Europe and Central Asia developed by the participants of the first edition of the Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia Summer Academy on Business and Human Rights (2022).

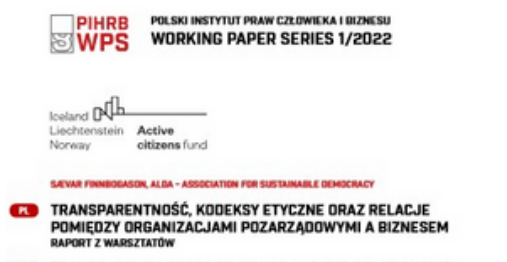
This publication is intended to be used as self-learning or/and teaching material so that when teaching BHR in a region, references can be made to region-specific situations that are more tangible, relevant, and easier to relate by learners than cases from other parts of the world. Each case study starts with a short context description, followed by questions addressing core Human Rights Due Diligence (HRDD) elements that any company finding itself in such a situation should ask itself and be able to answer.



Sævar Finnbogason (2022). *Transparency, codes of ethics and relationship between NGOs and business.* PIHRB Working Paper Series 1/2022 (PL/ENG/RUS)

There is an increasing pressure on NGOs to diversify the sources of their funding and to take into account cooperation with the business sector. At the same time, it is expected of NGOs to remain independent, transparent and to operate in such a way that is consistent with their vision, mission (or purpose) and values.

This report - based on discussions during the two workshops regarding the Icelandic experience in shaping relations between NGOs and businesses, as well as inputs from participants from Poland and Ukraine, is an attempt to draw some preliminary conclusions as to the state of these issues in Iceland, as well as considering some more general lessons which may be drawn from the discussions.





27.10.2022

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion...

Corporate actors play a very important role in advancing equal treatment, diversity, and inclusion for all groups in society, including indigenous communities, women, persons with disability, people of colour, religious minorities, and others. There is a growing need to seek to shape inclusive corporate cultures, business models and societies.

Business and Human Rights, on the one side, and diversity and inclusion, on the other, are closely interconnected but do not have the same agendas.

In this webinar we explore both, trying to shed light on similarities and differences.

During the webinar we are also presented a toolkit ***D&I Step by step*** available in PL, ENG and RUS.



8.11.2022

Ethical Principles of Business and NGO Cooperation

There is an increasing pressure on NGOs to diversify the sources of their funding and to take into account cooperation with the business sector. At the same time, NGOs are expected to be transparent and to operate in a way that is consistent with their vision, mission (or purpose) and values.

In this webinar we explore the best ways of ensuring ethical frameworks for civil society and business cooperation.



24.11.2022

Holding Corporations Accountable...

The webinar is focused on the judicial and non-judicial mechanisms and practices of their operations to establish the liability of corporations in aiding and abetting human rights violations. A special emphasis is placed on barriers to access to justice in different countries of the region in cases of business related human rights violations. Also discussed is when a parent company can be held liable under the law of civil remedies for the wrongful acts and/or omissions of a subsidiary or independent contractor in a supply chain.



6.12.2022

Children's Rights and Business

Children are one of the vulnerable groups in the societies of Eastern Europe and Central Asia. All children, no matter where they live and no matter their circumstances have the right to be protected, nurtured, and to be free from violence, abuse, neglect, maltreatment, and exploitation, as the Convention on the Rights of the Child sets out. Businesses affect children's rights in several dimensions. As for the normative framework for children's rights, companies need to consider the Convention on the Rights of the Child as part of the international framework in which they operate.

**All webinars (ENG and RUS version) are available on [the PIHRB website](#).
You are also welcome to visit [our channel on YouTube](#).**

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

1 – 2 JUNE 2023, WARSAW & ONLINE



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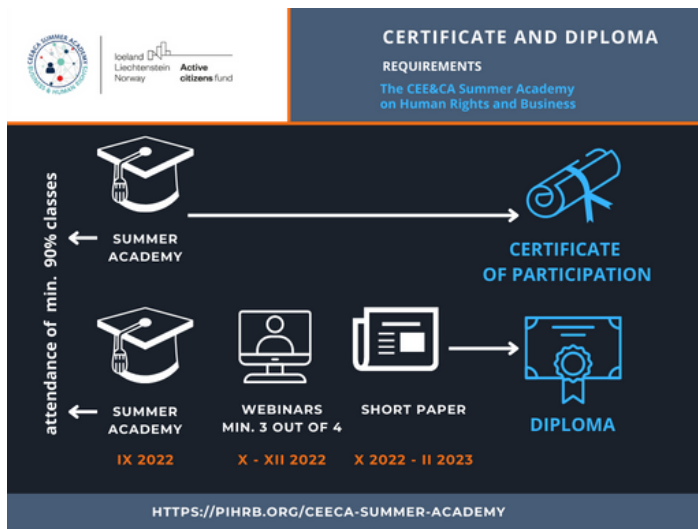
The conference provided opportunity to explore the situation in the region but also discuss legislation and trends that do or will have impact on it.

The presentations made during the event addressed inter alia the following issues:

- **Role of domestic regulations in advancing Human Rights Due Diligence. Case study of the German Supply Chain Law and its impact on CEE and CA;**
Prof. Dr. Markus Krajewski, Centre for Human Rights Erlangen Nürnberg;
Friedrich-Alexander-Universität.
- **Reimagining the built environment for a rights-respecting green transition;**
Annabel Short, Research Fellow, Institute for Human Rights and Business.
- **Ensuring access to remedies through the effective functioning of the OECD National Contact Point for the RBC grievance mechanism;**
Jacqueline Kacprzak, PhD, Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy,
Polish OECD National Contact Point for Responsible Business Conduct.
- **Case study presentations.**

You can watch the first day of the conference at:

<https://pihrb.org/ceeca-conference> and on [YouTube](#).



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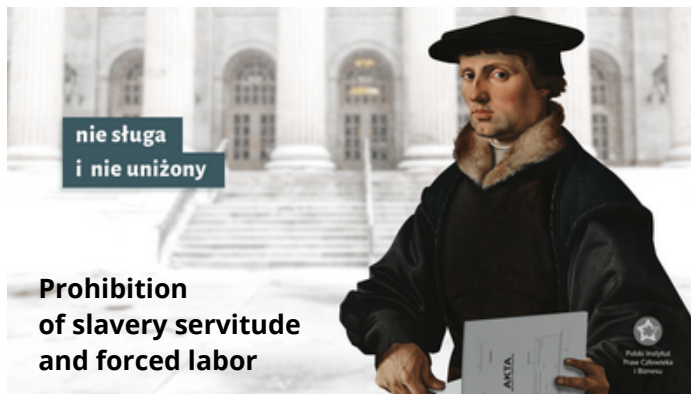
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The Human Rights in Business Information Sheets

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The Art of Human Rights

The BHR Information sheets provide explanation of core human rights in a concise and accessible manner, one by one. The aim is to raise general public awareness of human rights and empower people to stand up for them.

Currently 34 Information sheets are available in Polish, as well as partially in English and Russian. We plan to develop the remaining information sheets in the months to come.

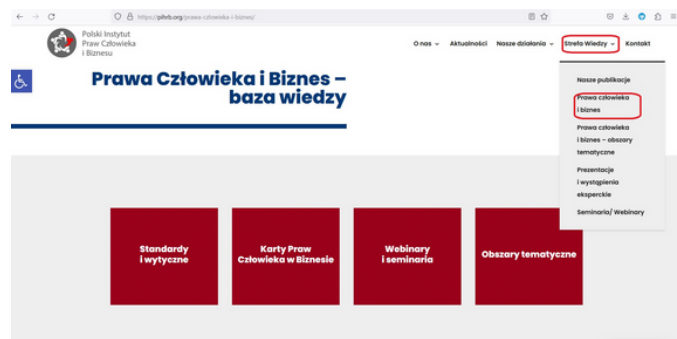
Development of the Human Rights in Business Information Sheets into English was made possible thanks to an ECCJ sub-grant, with the translations into English and Russian made possible thanks to ECCJ and CIPE grant funding.

Visit the website:

<https://pihrb.org/karty-praw-czlowieka>

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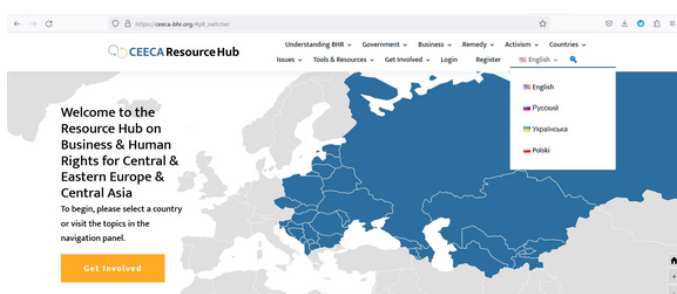
In our Knowledge Zone you will find:

- collection of key standards and tools,
- links to specific subportals like BHR Information Sheets,
- more in depth information about specific issues e.g. forced labour or HRDD,
- recordings of our webinars/seminars, allowing you to explore additional areas of BHR,
- our publications.

Visit the website: <https://pihrb.org>

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About the CEECA Resource Hub

The Central & Eastern Europe & Central Asia Resource Hub on Business & Human Rights (CEECA Resource Hub) is a collaborative space for activists, practitioners, businesspersons, governments, affected communities, and other stakeholders to share their insight and experience on topics related to business and human rights.

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Visit the website: <https://ceeca-bhr.org>



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