

Dr Claire Bright

Fields of expertise: Business and Human Rights, ESG, Sustainability, Corporate Governance, Environment and Climate Change.

Impact of my work

The impact of the work that I have been carrying out have focused around 3 main pillars:

1. **Informing policy-makers:** the work that I have been carried out has helped shape the laws and policies of various countries (Portugal, Germany, Belgium, Tunisia) and at the European level. This includes, *inter alia*:
 - In Portugal, I led a [study for the Portuguese Government](#) for the development of its First National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights.
 - In Belgium, I co-authored a [study for a consortium of civil society organizations](#) which formed the basis of a legislative proposal on mandatory human rights due diligence in Belgium and am now working in collaboration with the University of KU Leuven to help the Belgium Government in the transposition of the CSDDD.
 - In Germany, I led a study for the GIZ that helped shape certain provisions of the German Supply Chain Due Diligence Act.
 - In Tunisia, I led a research project with the UN Development Programme and [drafted a report as well as led awareness-raising activities](#) to inform the Tunisian Government in the development its first National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights.
 - At the European level:
 - > I co-authored the BIICL-led [study for the European Commission on Due Diligence Requirements through the Supply Chain](#) which forms the basis of the recently adopted Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive.
 - > I co-authored a study for the European Parliament on [Access to legal remedies for victims of corporate human rights abuses in third countries](#).
2. **Capacity building and awareness-raising:** I have put in place and delivered multiple capacity-building initiatives through workshops and trainings in Portugal (within the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry and other business organizations), in the UK (with the British Institute of International and Comparative Law) as well as in Tunisia and Mozambique (as part of projects coordinated the UN

Development Programme and supported by the Government of Japan). These activities have helped companies but also civil society organisations and government members understand the theory but also the practice of corporate human rights and environmental due diligence. These initiatives include, *inter alia*:

- I) [E-course - ESG: Due Diligence and Reporting](#), delivered in Portuguese to over 40 companies and practitioners in September – November 2024.
 - II) [Human Rights Due Diligence training in Tunisia](#), delivered in French to over 80 business representatives (from public and private companies) as well as to government officials in November 2023, January and September 2024, in the framework of a programme coordinated by the UN Development Programme. The training sessions were opened by the Tunisian Minister of the Environment, Mrs Leila Chikhaoui as well as the Japanese Ambassador in Tunisia, Mr Shinsuke Simizu.
 - III) [Business and Human Rights training in Mozambique](#), delivered in Portuguese to about 40 private companies of different sizes and sectors affiliated with to the Confederation of Business Associations of Mozambique (CTA) and the Mozambique-Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry in April 2023.
 - IV) [Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence - Regulatory Challenges](#), training delivered to over 140 business participants from the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry in December 2023.
3. **Creating a platform of exchange for multistakeholders:** I have led awareness-raising activities and organized high-level events, and published podcasts and blog posts featuring perspectives from multistakeholders. This includes over 200 blog posts published on the website of the NOVA BHRE blog and over 30 podcast episodes recorded. In addition, I organise each year a major pluridisciplinary annual conference (the Annual Conference of the NOVA BHRE) have welcomed high level speakers such as the late John Ruggie, the EU Commissioner for Justice, Didier Reynders, the Vice-President of the European Parliament, Heidi Hautala, MEPs, government representatives (including various Portuguese Secretary of State, former ministers and ambassadors) but also UN representatives, business representatives (such as Jerónimo Martins, Microsoft, Mercedes-Benz, etc.), NGOs, trade unions as well as academic from various disciplines. In this way, the Centre acts as a platform for the exchange of ideas, facilitating strong connections and collaborations between multistakeholders.

Academic Career

Current position	Associate Professor (with tenure) in Private Law, NOVA School of Law in Lisbon.
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Founder and Director of the NOVA Centre on Business, Human Rights and the Environment (NOVA BHRE) at [NOVA School of Law](#) in Lisbon

The [NOVA BHRE](#) is a multidisciplinary academic centre within NOVA School of Law whose main goal is to contribute to fostering responsible and sustainable business conduct that upholds respect for human rights, decent work and environmental standards throughout global value chains.

- 2019-2020 **Research Fellow** in Business and Human Rights at the [British Institute of International and Comparative Law](#)
Co-authored a study for the European Commission on Due Diligence Requirements in Global Supply Chains which informed the [Draft Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence](#). The study was [welcomed by the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights](#) which observed that 'it provides a solid and much needed foundation for enhanced policy and regulatory action to address business-related human rights impacts across sectors and global value chains.'
- 2018-2019 **Max Weber Research Fellow** at the [European University Institute](#)
Co-authored a study for the European Parliament on Access to Legal Remedy for Victims of Corporate Human Rights Abuses in Third Countries which was notably referred to in the paper of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) on [Business-related human rights abuse reported in the EU and available remedies](#), as well as in the [Draft Report](#) of the European Parliament's Committee on Legal Affairs with recommendations to the European Commission on corporate due diligence and corporate accountability (2020/2129(INL)).
- 2015-2018 **Lecturer** at the [London School of Business and Management](#)
Module Leader for Land Law, Equity and Trust, Law in Context and Personal Development Planning Coordinator within the LLB.
- 2014-2015 **Associate Lecturer** at the [Oxford Brookes University](#) & [the University of Coventry](#)
Delivered and assessed Land Law and European Law modules
- 2013-2014 **Research Assistant**, at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, [University of Oxford](#)
Involved in Comparative Private Law research projects on alternative resolution schemes in Europe coordinated by Professor Christopher Hodges.
- 2012-2013 **LL.M Programme Coordinator**, [European University Institute](#)
Involved in redesign of LL.M programme and the restructuring of the first year of the PhD programme, administered and promoted the EUI's various course offerings
- 2010-2012 **Research Assistant**, [European University Institute](#)
Involved in the preparation of several postgraduate courses in Private International Law.

Education

- 2008-2013 **European University Institute, Ph.D.**
 Dissertation: *L'accès à la justice civile en cas de violations des droits de l'homme par des entreprises multinationales* [Access to civil justice in case of corporate human rights violations]
 Jury panel: Marie-Ange Moreau (EUI, supervisor), Horatia Muir-Watt (Sciences Po, co-supervisor), Olivier De Schutter (Catholic University of Louvain and UN Special Rapporteur), Francesco Francioni (EUI).
- 2007-2008 **University of La Sorbonne, LL.M** (Private International Law and International Commercial Law) **Distinction**
- 2003-2007 **University Paris-Est, Double bachelor in French and English Laws** (with a two-year exchange in Sheffield) **First Class Honours**
- Other Academic Qualifications:*
- 2010-2011 **University of Urbino**, Postgraduate Diploma in Comparative Law
- 2004-2007 **University Paris-Est**, Certificate in Spanish Legal Studies in Spanish

Academic Awards

Prizes:

- 2024 **Honorary Mention** awarded at the Research Impact Narratives Challenge for the impact in relation to the impact of my research on key legislative and policy developments at the national level in various countries in Europe and in Africa, as well as at the European level, with the recent adoption of the Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence which was grounded on a report on due diligence requirements through the supply chain that she co-authored for the European Commission.
- Award in the "Publications with Impact" category** which rewards NOVA scholars da NOVA with a high Field-Weighted Citation Impact for their scientific publications in the 2021-2023 period.
- 2016 **1st Prize, eLearning Practitioner** awarded by the Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning for use of innovative methodologies in the development and delivery of undergraduate courses
- 2007-2008 **La Sorbonne Merit Prize** awarded in recognition of academic excellence
- 2007 **Russell, Jones and Walker Prize** awarded to "the best student in all years" upon completion of the LL.B.

Skills

- French:** native language
- English:** fluent (C2)

Portuguese: Advanced (C1)

Spanish: Advanced (C1)

Italian: Advanced (C1)

Teaching experience

Undergraduate-level courses:

- Private International Law, NOVA School of Law (2023- present)
- Comparative Legal Systems, NOVA School of Law (2021-present)
- Contract Law NOVA School of Law (2019-2021)
- Equity and Trust, London School of Business and Management (2015-2018)
- Law in Context, London School of Business and Management (2015-2018)
- Land Law, Oxford Brookes University (2014-2015)
- European Law, University of Coventry Management (2014-2015)
- International Business, Spring Hill College (Bologna Campus) (2012-2013)

Postgraduate-level courses:

- Business, Human Rights and Sustainability, NOVA School of Law (2019-present)
- Corporate Governance, NOVA School of Law (2021-present)
- International Commercial Law, NOVA School of Law ((2019-present)
- Risk Management in Financial Contracts, NOVA School of Law (2019-2021)

PhD-level courses:

- Scientific Publications, NOVA School of Law (2021-present)

Specialised Short Courses and Trainings Delivered in Business and Human Rights

Training: [ESG: Due Diligence and Reporting](#), training delivered in Portuguese to over 40 participants (companies and practitioners) to help navigate the evolving legal requirements for companies to align their policies and strategies with ESG criteria in line with the expectations of investors and consumers, Lisbon (online), 25 September – 27 November 2024.

Training: [The CSDDD, the French Duty of Vigilance Law and the German Supply Chain Due Diligence Act and Responsible Contracting](#), training co-delivered with Daniel Schönfelder to members of The Chancery Lane Project, online 7 October 2024.

Specialized Course: [Protecting Human Rights throughout the Value Chain: HRDD-aligned contracts](#), class to be co-delivered with Angelica Bonfanti, in the framework of the Business

and Human Rights Summer School, Temple University, Rome, 19 June 2024.

Guest lecture: [*Introduction to Business and Human Rights*](#), online class delivered in the framework of the Master on Global Economics and Social Affairs, Ca' Foscari, Venice, 12 March 2024.

Guest lecture: [*The European Draft Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence: challenges and opportunities*](#), class delivered (online) in the framework of the module on “The role of the State vis-a-vis corporate sustainability: legislation” conveyed by Professor Humberto Cantú Rivera, University of Monterrey (UDEM) in Mexico, 26 of February 2023.

Training: [*La diligence raisonnable en matière de droits humains*](#) [Human Rights Due Diligence], 4 two-day training sessions co-delivered in French with Anaïs Tobalagba in Tunisia to approximately 80 participants from companies in the public and private sector as well as members of the Tunisian Government, in the framework of a program coordinated by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Tunis, 31 October-4 November 2023 and 29 January-1 February 2023.

Training: “[*Due Diligence de Sustentabilidade Empresarial*](#)” [Due Diligence and Corporate Sustainability], delivered in Portuguese for the staff of the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 14 December 2023.

Specialized Course: [*Supply Chains and Contract Clauses: Implications on Due Diligence and Access to Remedies*](#), course delivered in the framework of the Business and Human Rights Summer School, Mantova, 15 June 2023.

Training: [*Empresas e Direitos Humanos*](#) [Business and Human Rights], delivered in Portuguese in Mozambique to companies in the private sector affiliated with to the Confederation of Business Associations of Mozambique (CTA) and the Mozambique-Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, in the framework of a program coordinated by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Ponta de Ouro, 17-18 April 2023.

Specialized Course: [*Human Rights Due Diligence: Origins and Developments*](#): course delivered in the framework of the European Master’s Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation, Sevilla (online), 4-5 April 2023.

Guest lecture: [*Multinational Enterprises and Due Diligence*](#), course delivered in the framework of the Master on Global Economics and Social Affairs, Ca' Foscari, Venice (online course), 23 March 2023.

Training: [*Due Diligence na Sustentabilidade: Desafios da Regulação*](#) [Sustainability Due Diligence: Regulatory Challenges]: training delivered to the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 12th of December 2022.

Training: [*Transforming Portuguese Companies in Sustainability Leaders*](#): delivered to the *Confederação Empresarial de Portugal* [Portuguese Business Confederation] on the latest legislative developments on sustainability due diligence in France and Germany and their implications for Portuguese companies, 18 October 2022.

Specialized Course: [*Business and Human Rights: Concept and Reality*](#): course delivered in the framework of the Business and Human Rights Summer School, Procida, 29 June 2022.

Specialized Course: [*Business and Human Rights: The 3 pillars of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and their Implementation*](#), course delivered in the framework of the Master of Arts in Human Rights and Conflict Management, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, 5-7 May 2021; 6-8 June 2022; 7-8 June 2023; and 4-6 June 2024.

Training: [*ESG e Normas de Due Diligence*](#) [ESG and Due Diligence standards], training delivered to Portuguese companies of the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce in partnership with PLMJ at the Portuguese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 1 July 2022.

Training: [*Business and Human Rights*](#), training delivered at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, February 2020, October 2020, April 2021, November 2021 and March 2022.

Specialized Course: [*E-Course on Business and Human Rights: Regional Approaches and Developments*](#), 7-11 February 2022.

Specialized Course: [*The Codification of the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights*](#), PhD Seminar on Companies and Markets 2021: European Company Law, University of Oslo, 14 October 2021.

Specialized Course: [*International and European Developments on Business and Human Rights*](#), 3rd International Summer School on Human Rights Law in Context - Special Focus: Business and Human Rights, organised by the Centre for Human Rights Erlangen-Nürnberg (CHREN) in cooperation with the European Centre for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR), 14 September 2021.

Specialized Course: [*The EU Proposal on Mandatory Human Rights and Environmental Due Diligence*](#), jointly presented with the Vice-President of the European Parliament, Heidi Hautala, 4th edition of the Business and Human Rights Summer School, Online, 29 June 2021.

Specialized Course: [*E-course on Women's Rights and Gender Equality*](#), coordination of the course and delivery of a session on Business and Human Rights and Gender Equality, Jurisnova, Nova School of Law 24-28 May 2021.

Specialized Course: [*Public Procurement and Human Rights Due Diligence in Supply Chains*](#), delivered in the framework of the course on "The challenges of public procurement and the circular economy, Jurisnova, Nova School of Law, 21 May 2021.

Specialized Course: [*Corporate Due Diligence and Access to Remedy*](#), course delivered in the framework of the European Master's Programme in Human Rights and Democratization, Global Campus of Human Rights, Venice (online course), April 2021 and April 2022.

Guest lecture: [*Business and Human Rights*](#), course delivered in the framework of the European and International Law LL.M, University of Minho, (Braga, 2 March 2020 and 28

May 2021).

Guest lecture: [*Human Rights Issues in Global Value Chains*](#), course delivered to students from the Instituto de Direito Público of Brasília, Brasil, 23 January 2020.

Training: [*Regulatory Developments in the area of Corporate Governance and Sustainability*](#), delivered in the framework of the Paradigm Shift Executive Training, Nova SBE, 24 November 2020.

Guest lecture: [*Corporate Complicity in Human Rights in Global Value Chains*](#), course delivered in the framework of the Business and Human Rights Summer School, Temple University (Rome, 28 June 2019).

Guest lecture: [*Corporate Complicity in International Crimes and Human Rights Violations*](#), course delivered in the framework of the Master on Global Economics and Social Affairs, Ca' Foscari University (Venice, 4 April 2019).

Specialized Course: [*The State Duty to Protect Human Rights in International Law and Access to Remedy*](#), course delivered in the framework of the Venice Summer School of Human Rights, European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation (Venice, 13 June 2018).

Guest lecture: [*The Implications of Brexit for Fundamental Rights*](#) - course delivered to undergraduate and post-graduate students at the University of Florence (Florence, 20 April 2017)

Guest lecture: [*The Concept of Equity in Common Law and Civil Law Systems*](#), course delivered to undergraduates students at the University Paris-Dauphine - London Campus (London, 11 April 2016)

Guest lecture: [*The Alien Tort Statute and Transnational Human Rights Litigation*](#), course delivered to postgraduate students at the *London School of Economics* (London, 11 December 2013)

Guest lecture: [*Corporate Human Rights Abuses and the Regulatory Gap*](#), course delivered to postgraduate students at *Gonzaga University - Florence Centre* (Florence, June 2010, June 2011 and June 2012)

Other Academic and Advisory Roles

2024 - present	Senior Business & Human Rights Advisor, Responsible Contracting Project. <i>Supporting the Responsible Contracting Project (RCP) in building awareness and increasing the uptake and implementation of responsible contracting principles.</i>
2023 - present	Member of the European Working Group on European Model Clauses for Responsible and Sustainable Supply Chains

Contributed to development of a set of [European Model Clauses for Responsible and Sustainable Supply Chains](#) designed to align with the [EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive \(CSDDD\)](#).

2023 -
present

Sustainability Officer, NOVA University

Designed the sustainability strategy for NOVA School of Law, and drafted the annual Sustainability Report.

2022-
present

Member of the core group of external stakeholders of the Mercedes-Benz Group

Active member of a Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group giving feedback on the policies, processes, risks and measures to mitigate those risks of the Mercedes-Benz Group.

2022-
present

Member of the Corporate Governance and Corporate Responsibility Committee, Jerónimo Martins

Active member of the committee advising the board of directors of the company Jerónimo Martins in relation to their Corporate Governance and Corporate Responsibility strategies and policies.

2022-
present

Member of the Advisory Group of the OECD-FAO Guidance for Responsible Agricultural Supply Chains

Active member of a Multi-stakeholder Advisory Group supporting the development and implementation of the OECD-FAO Guidance for Responsible Agricultural Supply Chains which was approved in 2016. Providing substantive input to follow-up measures to effectively promote and implement the OECD-FAO Guidance, including helping develop best practice in implementing the SDGs.

2020-
present

Founder and Director of the NOVA Centre on Business, Human Rights and the Environment (NOVA BHRE)

Created and direct the NOVA BHRE, a multidisciplinary academic centre within the NOVA School of Law whose main goal is to contribute to fostering responsible and sustainable business conduct that upholds respect for human rights, decent work and environmental standards throughout global value chains, thereby also advancing the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The main pillars of the activities of the NOVA BHRE are threefold: (i) conduct and disseminate high quality and impactful research on the topic (ii) to promote awareness and capacity building around key issues of sustainable business conduct; and (iii) to serve as a platform of exchange, facilitating strong connections and collaborations between multi-stakeholders.

2020 -
present

Coordinator of the Master's degree in Law and Management, NOVA School of Law

Overall planning of the course, selection of incoming students, supervision, organisation and assessment of master thesis' dissertations and their public defence, and to the overall coordination of the Master.

2020-present

Member of the Governance Committee of the Teaching Business and Human Rights Forum

Organisation of events hosted by the Forum (founded by Joanne Bauer and Anthony Ewing from Columbia University) in order to promote and strengthen business and human rights education by fostering collaboration amongst teachers.

2019-present

Academic Coordinator for the THEMIS Network Agreement, NOVA School of Law

Participation in the overall coordination of the Themis programme (a network of universities offering a joint international certificate to postgraduate students from the network in business law).

2015-2018

Personal Development Planning Coordinator within the LLB, London School of Business and Management

Encouraged and facilitated the students' reflection upon their learning experience and helped students plan for their personal, educational and career development.

2015-2018

Member of the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Team, London School of Business and Management

Drafted the LSBM policies and procedures on equality, diversity and inclusion.

2015-2018

Member of the Course Development Committee, London School of Business and Management

Participated in the development of the LL.B - drafting module and assessment briefs, and the validation process of the new LSBM degree in Law.

2009-2012

Member of the Editorial Board of the European Journal of Legal Studies

Commissioned, reviewed and edited articles for publication in the Comparative Law section of the journal.

2009-2012

Co-founder and coordinator of the Working Group on Private International Law and International Commercial Law, European University Institute

Organised seminars, workshops and conferences with a number of high profile international events.

Research Publications

PhD Thesis:

[L'accès à la justice civile en cas de violations des droits de l'homme par des entreprises multinationales](#) [Access to Civil Justice in case of Corporate Human Rights Violations] [Online], Cadmus. Florence: European University Institute, 2013.

Studies and Policy Reports

[The impacts of the French Duty of Vigilance Law on Internal Corporate Practices](#), co-authored with Luca Tenreira, March 2024, Study for the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, March 2024.

This report analyses the evolution of corporate practices and policies before and after the French Duty of Vigilance Law was introduced. The aim is to inform the design and implementation of more effective mandatory human rights and environmental due diligence laws.

[Rapport préliminaire pour l'adoption d'un plan d'action national relatif aux entreprises et aux droits de l'Homme en Tunisie](#) [Preliminary report for the adoption of a National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights in Tunisia], Study for United Nations Development Programme, co-authored with Luca Tenreira, July 2023.

This report for the UNDP Tunisia aims at supporting the Tunisian Government in the development of its first National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights, informing about the process, methodology and content. It was complemented by capacity building sessions with members of the Tunisian Government and also informed training courses on Human Rights Due Diligence (HRDD) that I delivered to Tunisian public and private companies.

[Responsible Business Conduct in Mozambique: a context assessment of human rights risks of Japanese companies and their suppliers](#), Study for the United Nations Development Programme, project 'Promoting Responsible Business Conduct in target countries where Japanese companies operate, with a particular focus on promoting human rights due diligence in global supply chains and leveraging the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights for a just recovery', co-authored with Inês Crispim, December 2022.

This study for the UNDP Mozambique aimed at identifying the industry-specific human rights challenges faced by Japanese companies operating in Mozambique. The study mapped the presence of Japanese companies in Mozambique and analysed their risks, as well as the ones of their supply chains partners in terms of impacts on human rights, the environment and peace. The study additionally informed training courses on Human Rights Due Diligence (HRDD) that I delivered to Japanese and Mozambican companies.

['50 Billion Euros: Europe's Child Labor Footprint in 2019'](#), Study on trade policy and child labour prepared for the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament, June 10 2021, 1 – 181, co-authored with Chris Bayer, Irene Pietropaoli, Eliana Gonzalez Torres, Justine Vinet and Derrill Watson.

This study, commissioned by the MEP Saskia Bricmont, sought to provide evidence-based policy options to enhance the EU's position to reduce child labour through its demand in traded goods. It explored the relevant instruments at the disposal of policymakers, their advantages, and limitations.

[The EU's Draft Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive](#), Report for FairWear and ETI analysing the strong points and weaknesses of the Draft Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence, October 2022 and July 2022, co-authored with Lise Smit.

These reports, commissioned by FairWear and ETI, analysed the initial version of the European Commission of the Draft Directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence and proposed a number of amendments in order to ensure a better alignment of the text with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights and inform the policy developments at the European level.

['Mapping Human Rights Due Diligence Regulations and Evaluating their Contribution in Upholding Labour Standards in Global Supply Chains'](#), study for the International Labour Organization (ILO) published in G. Delautre, E. Echeverría Manrique and C. Fenwick, *Decent work in globalised economy: Lessons from public and private initiatives*, ILO 2021, 75-108, also available in [French](#).

This study, commissioned by the ILO with the support of the French Government, provided a framework, which can be used to inform policy-makers and other stakeholders in the evaluation of new legislation seeking to improve labour standards and decent work in global supply chains. Based on extensive desk-based research and comparative analysis, it proposed a mapping of key existing legislation and legislative initiatives at the national level. It compared and assessed the effectiveness of the various approaches based on an analysis of selected criteria and examined the lessons that can be drawn from legislations and legislative initiatives analysed.

['Panorama du cadre normatif relatif au devoir de vigilance en matière de droits de l'homme dans les chaînes d'approvisionnement mondiales'](#), [Overview of the regulatory framework for human rights due diligence in global supply chains], published in the 2020 study by Entreprises pour les droits de l'Homme (Edh) entitled 'Etude: Application de la Loi sur le devoir de vigilance – Plans de vigilance parus en 2019-2020', December 2020, 11-13.

This study for the French NGO Edh aimed to provide an overview of the legislative developments in human rights and environmental due diligence and compare them with the French Duty of Vigilance Law.

[Study on the concept of safe harbour regarding mandatory corporate due diligence](#), GIZ, November 2020, co-authored with Lise Smit.

This Study commissioned by the German development agency (GIZ) aimed to inform the legislative developments in Germany as the Due Diligence Act was being developed. It focused more specifically on the 'safe harbour' provision that had originally been envisaged and proposed to limit the liability of companies which "join and implement an officially recognised (industry) standards" to civil liability for intent and gross negligence. To that end, the study delved into the origins and various uses of the concept of safe harbour, and analysed its limitations in relation to corporate liability and human rights due diligence. It examined multi-stakeholder industry standards and their limitations and also explored the shortcomings of audits and made concrete recommendations to German policy makers.

['Options for Mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence in Belgium'](#), Study for the 11.11.11 and the Working Group on Corporate Accountability, June 2020, co-authored with Diana Lica, Axel Marx, and Geert Van Calster.

The report commissioned by the NGO CNCD-11.11.11 and the members of the Working Group on Corporate Accountability provides a series of options to pursue mandatory human rights due diligence legislation in Belgium, based on an analysis of similar initiatives in surrounding countries

and an analysis of possible 'anchors in Belgian law. The report forms the basis of a legislative proposal currently being discussed in Belgium.

['Study on Due Diligence Requirements through the Supply Chain'](#), Study for the European Commission, February 2020, 1-572, co-authored with Lise Smit, Robert McCorquodale, Matthias Bauer, Hanna Deringer, Daniela Baeza-Breinbauer, Francisca Torres-Cortés, Frank Alleweldt, Senda Kara, Camille Salinier and Héctor Tejero Tobed. The study itself is composed of the following 5 parts (1,172 pages in total):

['Final Report'](#), 1-572

['Part I. Synthesis Report'](#), 1-85.

['Part II. Survey Results Statistics'](#), 1-98.

['Part III. Country Reports'](#), 1-322.

['Part IV. Annexures'](#), 1-95.

This study explored the market practices on human rights and environmental due diligence in Europe on the basis of wide scale surveys and interviews, and analysed the regulatory gaps in existing legal frameworks through desk top research and comparative analyses. It then examined the regulatory options, at the EU level, for the introduction of due diligence requirements for companies based or operating in Europe and proposed options for legislative intervention at the EU level based on the analysis of the study and extensive stakeholder consultation. The mandate for this study derived from Action 10 of the European Commission Action Plan on Financing Sustainable Growth of 8 March 2018.

['Access to Legal Remedy for Victims of Corporate Human Rights Abuses in Third Countries'](#) Study requested by the European Parliament's Sub-Committee on Human Rights, 2019, co-authored with Axel Marx and Jan Wouters.

This study mapped out the relevant cases filed before EU Member States courts on the basis of alleged corporate human rights and environmental abuses by European companies which occurred outside of the EU. It also provided an in-depth analysis of 12 cases and identified the various obstacles (legal, procedural and practical) faced by claimants in accessing legal remedy in concrete cases. On the basis of these findings, the study made a number of recommendations to the EU institutions in order to improve access to legal remedies in the EU for victims of human rights abuses by European based companies in third countries, several of which were subsequently followed.

Journal Articles

[Corporate Due Diligence and Migrant Workers: the Case-study of Vinci in Qatar](#), co-authored with Samentha Goethals, under revision.

[Muddying the waters: The concept of a 'safe harbour' and corporate liability](#), co-authored with Lise Smit and Stuart Neely, 8(1) *Business and Human Rights Journal* (2023), 1-17.

[From 'Due Diligence' to Zero-Harm: Towards Mandatory Human Rights and Environmental Insurance for Corporations](#), co-authored with Stephen Turner, 24 *International Community Law Review* (2022), 144-164.

[Rumo a uma obrigatoriedade de diligência ambiental e de direitos humanos](#) [Towards Mandatory Environmental and Human Rights Due Diligence], co-authored with Benedita Sequeira, *Revista de Direito Comercial*, 2022, 1407-1444.

[Risk-Based Due Diligence, Climate Change, Human Rights and the Just Transition](#), co-authored with Karin Buhmann, 13(18) *Sustainability* (2021), 1-18.

[Private International Law Issues in the Second Draft of the Legally Binding Instrument on Business and Human Rights](#), 39/1 *Nederlands Internationaal Privaatrecht* (NIPR) [Netherlands Private International Law] (2021), 35-52, co-authored with Maria Chiara Marullo and Francisco Javier Zamora Cabot.

[Empresas, Derechos Humanos y la COVID-19: El deber del estado de proteger la salud laboral y el empleo](#) [Business, Human Rights and COVID-19: The State Duty to Protect Workers' Health and Employment], *Revista Española de Derecho Internacional (REDI)* [Spanish Review of International Law], Sección Foro, Vol. 73/1, 2021, 319-328, co-authored with Nicolas Bueno and Irene Pietropaoli.

[Towards a Corporate Duty for Lead Companies to Respect Human Rights in their Global Value Chains?](#), 22(4) *Business and Politics* (2020), 667-697, co-authored with Axel Marx, Nina Pineau and Jan Wouters.

[Implementing Human Rights Due Diligence Through Corporate Civil Liability](#), 69(4) *International & Comparative Law Quarterly* (2020), 789-818, co-authored with Nicolas Bueno.

[Business Views on Mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence Regulation: a Comparative Analysis of Two Recent Studies](#), *Business and Human Rights Journal*, 2020, 1-9, co-authored with Lise Smit, Irene Pietropaoli, Peter Hood and Julianne Hughes Jennett.

[Corporate Accountability Mechanisms in EU Member States for Human Rights Abuses in Third Countries](#), *European Yearbook of Human Rights*, 2019, 157-185, co-authored with Axel Marx, Nina Pineau and Jan Wouters

[Le devoir de diligence de la société mère dans la jurisprudence anglaise](#) [The due diligence duty of the parent company in English case-law], 10 *Droit Social*, 2017, 828-833.

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Book Chapters

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