

## Impactful EU Regulations Webinar Series- Implementing the CSRD

### CONTEXT

Anchored by the European Green Deal, the 2030 Climate Targets, and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the second mandate of the Von der Leyen Commission is focused on balancing sustainability, innovation, and economic resilience to enhance Europe's global competitiveness. This ambitious agenda aims not only to accelerate the transition to a climate-neutral economy but also to strengthen the EU's position as a leader in green and digital innovation and sustainable growth.

The Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD) is a cornerstone of this agenda, requiring companies to enhance the transparency and quality of their sustainability disclosures. The first year of CSRD implementation has brought significant challenges and learning opportunities. Companies have had to navigate new reporting requirements, adjust their internal processes, and interpret evolving regulatory expectations. The Omnibus Regulation has further fueled debates around EU directives, including the Taxonomy Regulation and the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive. While some advocate for regulatory simplifications to boost competitiveness, others fear a weakening of sustainability commitments. As companies navigate this uncertain landscape, sustainability remains central to the green transition, with transparency and impact measurement under CSRD being critical.

The focus now is on implementation—ensuring transparency measures are practical, efficient, and integrated into corporate strategy rather than seen as mere compliance. Done right, sustainability reporting can enhance stakeholder credibility, attract investment, and strengthen market positioning, ultimately driving both competitiveness and leadership in sustainability.

### ABOUT THE EVENT

On Wednesday, 26 March 2025, from 10:30 to 12:30 CET, our exclusive webinar will explore the practicalities of CSRD implementation, providing expert insights on the latest regulatory developments, including key updates from the Omnibus Regulation.

This event is part of the *Impactful EU Regulations* series, designed to help National Partner Organisations (NPOs) and their members navigate the evolving regulatory landscape. The session will focus on CSRD implementation, covering regulatory developments, national transposition efforts, and corporate readiness. It will provide a space for NPOs to exchange experiences, challenges, and best practices while also gaining insights from CSR Europe's corporate members.

National Partner Organisations participating in the series are invited to provide an overview of the state of CSRD implementation in their respective countries, with a focus on three key areas:

- **Regulatory Alignment**, including the status of transposition into national law and key challenges or gaps in national implementation.
- **Business Awareness**, assessing the level of understanding and preparedness among businesses regarding the directives, as well as ongoing capacity-building efforts in the country.
- **Challenges and Opportunities**, addressing barriers faced by businesses—such as reporting burdens, lack of expertise, or data availability—while also identifying opportunities for alignment, collaboration, or innovation stemming from the directives.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- Gain insights into the latest CSRD implementation updates and the impact of the Omnibus Regulation.
- Facilitate knowledge sharing among NPOs on individual countries' transposition processes, reporting experiences, challenges, best practices and insights.
- Encourage collaboration and collective problem-solving to enhance CSRD compliance and impact.

**STRUCTURE OF THE EVENT**

The webinar will be structured into two parts. The first session, open to NPOs and their members, will provide a comprehensive discussion on the CSRD transposition, implementation challenges, and corporate experiences. The second session will be a closed debrief exclusively for NPOs, focusing on key takeaways and strategic collaboration opportunities moving forward.

**Part 1 – Open Session for NPOs and NPOs Members**

The event will open with an introduction by CSR Europe, setting the scene by outlining objectives and the agenda. This will be followed by a presentation offering a detailed overview of the CSRD's current state of play, particularly in light of recent developments under the Omnibus Regulation. To build on this, a CSR Europe member will present insights from the first year of CSRD implementation, drawing on early lessons learned and key takeaways.

The discussion will then move to a feedback session, moderated by CSR Europe, where NPOs and their members (TBD) will share their experiences on the transposition of CSRD at the national level, the main challenges encountered, and the best practices emerging to facilitate implementation. An open discussion will follow, encouraging all participants to contribute their perspectives and reflections.

**Part 2 – Strategic Discussion for NPOs Only**

The final 30 minutes of the webinar will be exclusively for NPOs, providing a dedicated space to reflect on the main takeaways from the open session. This will be an opportunity to discuss strategic collaboration opportunities, identify potential areas for cooperation within the NPO network and with CSR Europe, and explore ways to further support businesses in aligning with CSRD requirements and addressing shared challenges.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

National Partner Organisations (NPOs) and their members.

**EXPECTED OUTCOME**

This webinar will provide key insights from NPOs and their members, highlighting lessons learned, main challenges, and solutions to address them. Discussions will also generate key input for future collaboration opportunities. An event report summarizing takeaways and recommendations will be produced.

**DRAFT AGENDA**
**PART 1 – CSRe, CSRe members, NPOs and NPOs members**

TIME (CEST)	SESSION	SPEAKER(s)
10:30 -10:35	<b>WELCOME &amp; INTRODUCTORY REMARKS</b>	<b>Martina Cappelli</b> , Senior Project Manager, CSR Europe
10:35 -10:50	<b>CSRD – KEY UPDATES</b>  <i>The legislative state of play on the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive following the Omnibus Regulation and main implementation challenges and solutions based on insights from sustainability practitioners (insights from CSRe CSO network meeting – March 2025).</i>	<b>Morris Massarutto</b> , Project Manager, CSR Europe <b>Jan Noterdaeme</b> Senior Advisor & Co-Founder, CSR Europe
10:50 -11:00	“The CSRD experience” – hearing from CSRe member Toyota Material Handling	<b>Tom Schalenbourg</b> Sustainable Development Director, Toyota Material Handling
11:00 - 11:10	CSRD implementation in Poland	<b>Irena Pichola</b> , Vice President and Board member, RBF Poland <b>Monika Tenerowicz</b> Climate Officer, Orange Polska
11:10 - 11:20	CSRD implementation in Cyprus	<b>Dr Marinos Voukis</b> , Chair, Board of Directors CSR Cyprus
11:20 - 11:30	CSRD implementation in Germany	<b>Jannis Luca Arnold</b> Project Manager, Econsense
11:30 - 11:40	CSRD implementation in Greece	<b>Alexandra Palli</b> , Chair of the Board of Directors of CSR HELLAS <b>Ms. Katerina Katsouli</b> Alternate Board Member of CSR HELLAS and Principal of ESG & Sustainability Services at Grant Thornton Greece
11:40 – 11:55	Open discussion	NPOs + NPO members Moderated by <b>Jan Noterdaeme</b> Senior Advisor & Co-Founder, CSR Europe
11:55 - 12:00	<b>CONCLUDING REMARKS</b>	<b>Martina Cappelli</b> , Senior Project Manager, CSR Europe

**PART 2 – CSRe, NPOs**

TIME (CEST)	SESSION	SPEAKER(s)
12:00 -12:30	<b>Debrief session and open discussion</b> Key insights from the discussion and exploring collaboration opportunities	<b>CSRe, NPOs</b>