



NOVA BHRE Newsletter
May 2024

ACTIVITIES

On the 27th and 28th of May, the NOVA BHRE was at UNIDROIT in Rome to participate in an Exploratory Workshop on Corporate Sustainability in Global Value Chains, to discuss the development of guidance on how to operationalize contractually human right and environmental due diligence requirements in global value chains.



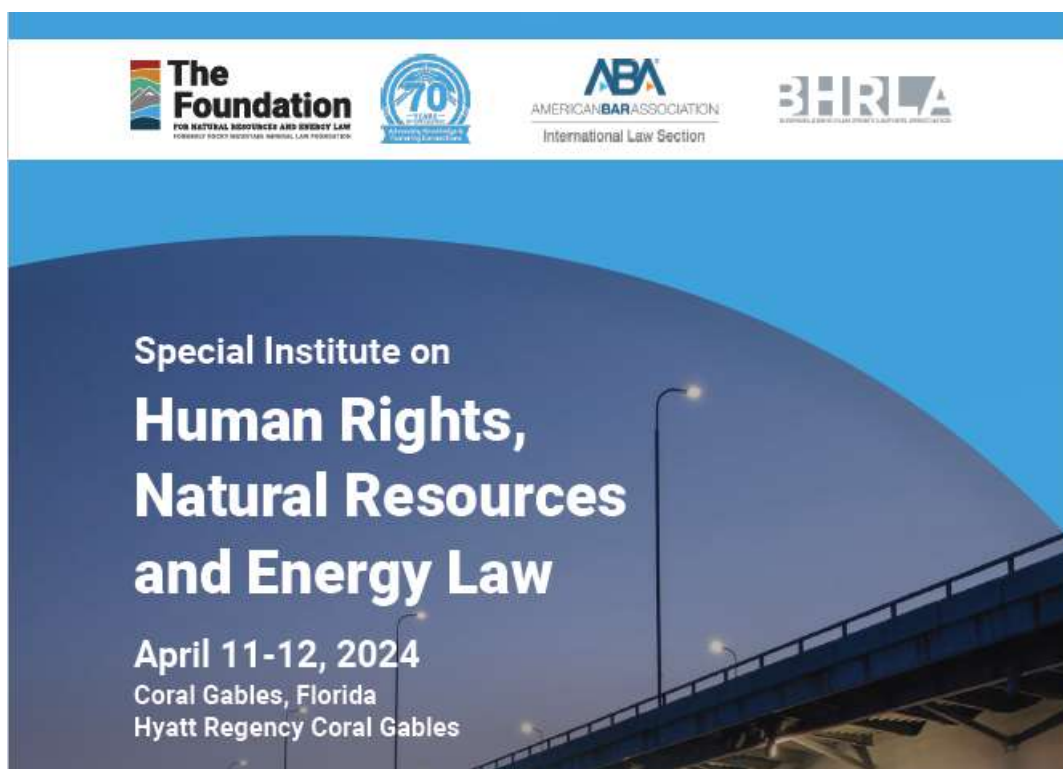
On the 16th of May, the NOVA BHRE participated in the launch of the book 'Sustainability: a collective challenge', edited by the former Secretary of State for Internationalization, Bernardo Ivo Cruz and Diana Marques Brás, which took place in the Portuguese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Claire Bright, Ana Duarte Santos and Sara Pacheco wrote a chapter in the book exploring the implications of the regulatory developments in Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence for Portuguese companies.



On the 15th and 16th of May 2024, the NOVA BHRE participated in the conference on the French due diligence law co-organised by Antoine Duval from the T.M.C. Asser Instituut and Nadia Bernaz from the Wageningen University Law Group on the loi sur le devoir de vigilance through an intervention by Céline da Graça Pires.



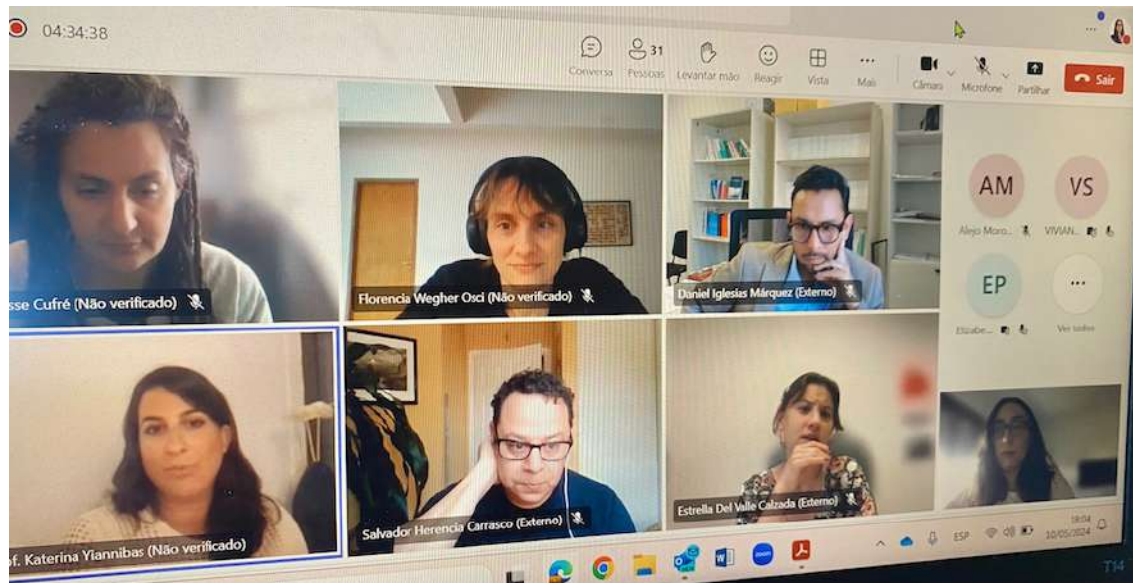
On the 11th and 12th of April 2024, the NOVA BHRE was in Florida as Céline da Graça Pires shared practical insights on the "Role and Process of Stakeholder Engagement" panel at the Special Institute on Human Rights, Natural Resources, and Energy Law, which took place in Coral Gables. This event brought together leading experts from companies within the natural resources and energy sectors, BHR lawyers and advisors, academia, government, and civil society to address the practical implications of trends in corporate human rights risk.



On 9th and 10th May the NOVA BHRE participated in the virtual international conference "Responsabilidad y reparación en materia de empresas y derechos humanos: Explorando los caminos hacia el acceso efectivo a la justicia" (Responsibility and reparations on business and human rights matters: Exploring the paths towards effective access to justice) organised by the Universitat Rovira i Virgili (Tarragona, Spain) under the direction of Daniel Iglesias Márquez and Estrella del Valle Calzada.

Céline da Graça Pires presented about the developments and practical challenges of the implementation of the French Duty of Vigilance Law in the first panel on access to justice and reparations through human rights and environmental due diligence.

Laura Íñigo Álvarez contributed as member of the Scientific Committee of the Conference and moderated panel 5 on non-judicial remedies for business-related human rights abuses with the participation of Florencia Wegher Osci, Denisse Cufre, Katerina Yannibas and Salvador Herencia Carrasco.



**CONGRESO INTERNACIONAL
VIRTUAL**

**RESPONSABILIDAD Y
REPARACIÓN EN MATERIA
DE EMPRESAS Y
DERECHOS HUMANOS:
EXPLORANDO LOS
CAMINOS HACIA EL
ACCESO EFECTIVO A LA
JUSTICIA**

9 Y 10 DE MAYO

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Actividad organizada en el marco del proyecto
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On the 6th of May, the NOVA Centre on Business, Human Rights and the Environment received Carla Pinto and Pedro Marques from the Directorate for Corporate Sustainability from the Portuguese Ministry of Economic Activities to talk about their role as the OECD National Contact Point for Portugal as well as their work in the drafting of the Portuguese National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights. The students had the opportunity to experience what a OECD special instance looks like in practice through role plays.



BLOG POSTS

Claire Bright, Céline da Graça Pires, Michaela Streibelt and Daniel Schönfelder, "[A Comparative Analysis between the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive and the French and German Legislation](#)", May 2024.

Luís Prata e Castro, "[The EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive: Articles 10 and 11](#)", May 2024.

ARTICLES

☐☐ Claire Bright and Ana Santos Duarte, "[Responsabilidade das empresas na UE: uma nova era da sustentabilidade](#)", Público, May 2024.

☐☐ Claire Bright, Ana Santos Duarte, and Sara Rentroia Pecheco, "Responsabilidade social, o setor privado e o desenvolvimento sustentável", in Bernardo Ivo Cruz and Diana Marques Brás (ed.), *Sustantabilidade: um Desafio Coletivo: Elementos de uma Estratégia ESG para as PME*, May 2024.

Claire Bright, Ana Duarte and Sara Pacheco, "[Human Rights Due Diligence: From Expectations to Obligations](#)", PLMJ Think Tank, March 2024.

PODCASTS

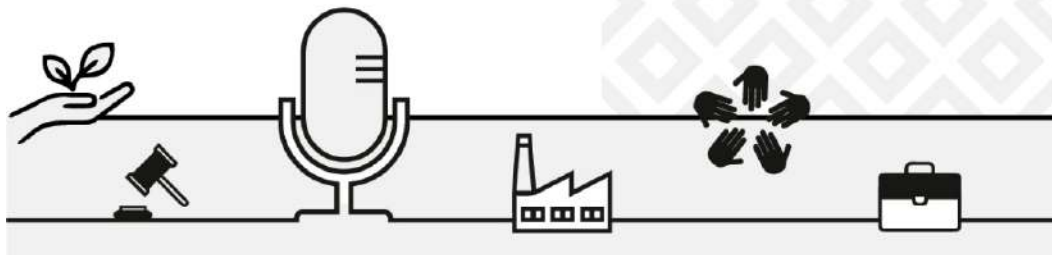
On the day in which the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive received its final approval by the Council of the European Union, we published our latest podcast episode in which we welcome the Former Portuguese Secretary of State for International Trade and Foreign Investment, Dr. Bernardo Ivo Cruz together with our Founding Director Claire Bright to discuss, the implementation of the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive for Portuguese companies and the national strategy to advance sustainability in Small and Medium Enterprisiers. The interview is conducted by Ana Duarte Santos, master's student at NOVA School of Law and research associate at the NOVA BHRE.

Youtube: <https://youtu.be/r7KqQ-obKdY>
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On our latest podcast episode, we welcomed Dr. Maria Manuel Leitão Marques (Member of The European Parliament since 2019, Professor at the University of Coimbra, former Minister of the Presidency and of Administrative Modernization in Portugal from 2015 to 2019 as well as co-rapporteur of the EU Forced Labour Regulation) to discuss the new EU Forced Labour Regulation which bans products made with forced labour from the EU market, its role in upholding human rights in global supply chains, and its synergies with the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive. The interview was conducted by Luís Prata Castro, master's student at NOVA School of Law and research associate at the NOVA BHRE.

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In this new podcast episode, we discuss the Nevsun Ruling of the Supreme Court of Canada and its implications for corporate accountability. It counts with the participation of Errol Mendes (Professor at the University of Ottawa) and our interviewer (Master's student at NOVA School of Law and research associate of the NOVA BHRE), Luís Prata Castro.

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VISITING RESEARCHERS

Laura Arenas Peralta is a doctoral researcher in advanced studies in Human Rights at the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid. Her research focuses on Business, Human Rights and Displacement. She holds a law degree from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Colombia and a masters in international law from the Université de Poitiers in France. She has experience working as a research assistant in subjects related to human rights law, international law and business and human rights.



Anaïs Tobalagba is a Business and Human Rights Consultant and a Visiting Researcher at the NOVA Centre on Business, Human Rights and the Environment. With expertise in human rights and environmental due diligence in the context of extractive industries and the energy transition, she currently conducts legal and policy research for UK-based corporate watchdog Rights and Accountability in Development (RAID). Anaïs also specialises in bringing a gender dimension to the business and human rights debate. She holds a PhD in International Human Rights Law from the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) where she researched the potential of international business and human rights standards to prevent violence against women. She has published and co-published articles on women's rights in business in blogs and journals that include the Interpreter, Third World Quarterly and the Australian Human Rights Journal, among others.



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