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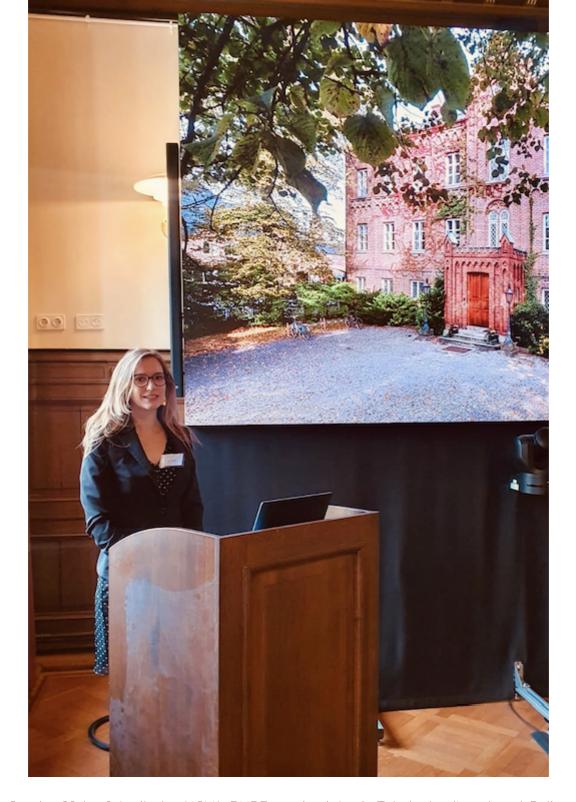
UPCOMING EVENTS

The NOVA BHRE will participate in the Virtual Conference "Responsibility and reparation on business and human rights matters: Exploring the paths towards effective access to justice" (in Spanish) taking place on 9th and 10th May. More information **here**.



ACTIVITIES

On the 29th and 30th of April, the NOVA BHRE took part in the Screening for Sustainability Expert Workshop in Lund University, as Claire Bright delivered the keynote speech presenting the background of the CSDDD, the opportunities and challenges for companies and also the lessons learned from comparative examples to ensure an implementation of the law in line with the spirit of the law and international standards, rather than narrow compliance-orientated application of the



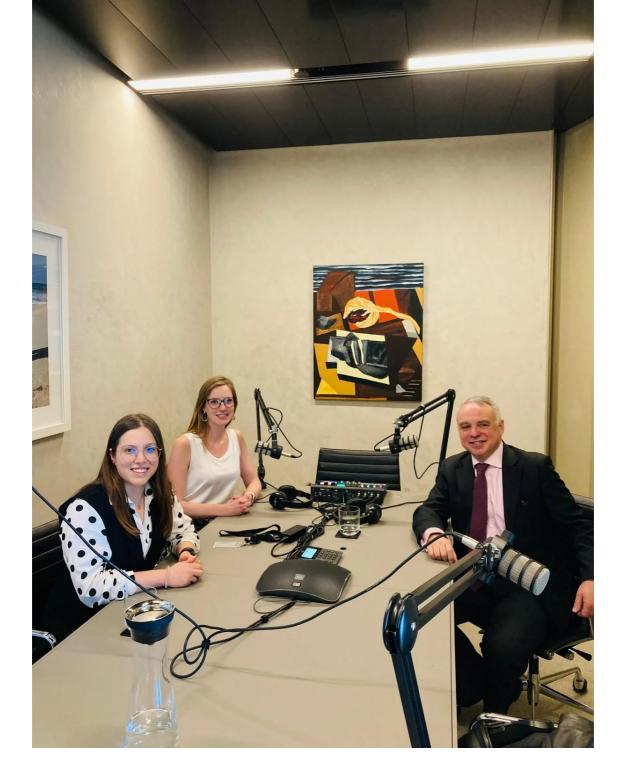
On the 29th of April, the NOVA BHRE received Anaïs Tobalagba (Legal and Policy Researcher at RAID and Visiting Researcher at the NOVA BHRE) for a guest lecture entitled 'Behind the Energy Transition: Human Rights and Environmental Harms at DR Congo's Industrial Cobalt Mines' as part of the module on Business, Human Rights and the Environment coordinated by Claire Bright.



On 23th April, Laura Íñigo Álvarez participated as a guest lecturer of the postgraduate course on Compliance for the Prevention of Corruption at NOVA School of Law with a presentation entitled "Human rights due diligence: international and European Union perspectives".



On the 22nd of April 2024, the NOVA BHRE received the former Secretary of State for Internationalisation, Bernardo Ivo Cruz, for a podcast on the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive and its implications for Portuguese companies, together with Claire Bright. Research Associate Ana Santos Duarte carried out the interview. The podcast will be released soon on the NOVA BHRE. Stay tuned!



On the 4th of April 2024, the NOVA BHRE took part in a virtual roundtable on the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive's Approval organised by Wageningen University in which Claire Bright, Flaviano Bianchini, Elisa Giuliani and Olena Uvarova shared their first reactions on the final text of the CSDDD which was recently approved, in a panel chaired by Nadia Bernaz. More information here.



BLOG POSTS

Luiza Rocha, "The EU CSDD Legislative Proposal: Trialogue between the Parliament, the Council, and the Commission - Article 15: Combating Climate Change", 30 April 2024.

Nadia Bernaz, Flaviano Bianchini, Claire Bright, Elisa Giuliani and Olena Uvarova, "Can the compromised EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive still be effective", Rebalance blog, 24 April 2024.

Juho Saloranta, Anna Hurmerinta-Haanpää, "<u>Proactive contracting principles – How to facilitate companies' human rights due diligence work in global supply chains?</u>", 23 April 2024.

Claire Bright and Ana Santos Duarte, "<u>Sustentabilidade empresarial: onde há vontade, há caminho!</u>" [Corporate sustainability: where is a will there is a way!] Human Resources, 11 April 2024.

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