



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Cabinet of Executive Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis

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### Meeting with Eurometaux

19-03-2021

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### MINUTES

#### Minutes of the meeting:

Eurometaux supports due diligence legislation, but excessive burdens on companies have to be avoided and a level playing field on the European market needs to be assured. Eurometaux also strongly supports the use of international instruments and standards in DD legislation in order to also guarantee an international level playing field. Furthermore, DD obligations have to apply to all, including SMEs. More important than the size of a company is its risk profile. Eurometaux underlined the importance of coherence between the different DD initiatives at EU and national level. Voluntary industry initiatives companies are important. According to Eurometaux, the Commission should help improving the mining and production conditions and standards in the sourcing countries. The Commission recalled EU SME policies and informed about efforts to support source countries through cooperation programmes.

#### Topics: due diligence

#### TRN:

- Eurometaux: 61650796093-48
- Umicore: 78662404191-38
- Aurubis: 11160169347-78
- WirtschaftsVereinigung Metalle: 9002547940-17
- Association of Finnish Steel and Metal Producers: 865985639510-89

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