We strongly support OECD efforts to fight corruption to ensure integrity and a global level playing field.

On 10 December, we presented the business perspective at the annual consultation with the OECD Working Group on Bribery, focusing in particular on enhancing and incentivizing compliance, addressing the demand side of foreign bribery, fostering integrity in state-owned enterprises addressing the needs of SMEs, and non-trial solutions of foreign bribery cases.

Our written contribution to the consultation is available on our website.

CONTACT - Hanni Rosenbaum
SMEs AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
Launch event of the Digital for SMEs Global Initiative

Last month, together with the OECD, we co-hosted the first Roundtable of the Digital for SMEs Global Initiative.

As a first step in a series of annual roundtables, this initiative should enhance a better understanding on how different SMEs can seize the benefits of digitalization, promote knowledge sharing and learning, and offer insights to policy-makers and regulators.

The event gathered Ministers from New Zealand, Korea and Ireland, as well almost 100 participants, including 28 SMEs, 13 large companies, 5 incubators, 4 financial institutions, 23 governments, and participants from academia and business sector associations. Business delegates interested in shaping the next roundtable should contact the Secretariat.

CONTACT - Frederik Lange
This week, we visited top leadership at our Spanish member the Confederación Española de Organizaciones Empresariales (CEOE) in Madrid to deepen our collaboration and identify priority areas for OECD engagement. Welcomed by our Trade Committee Vice-Chair Marta Blanco (Presidenta CEOE Internacional) our Secretary General Russel Mills met with CEOE Secretary General José Alberto González and CEOE Department Directors, and also joined a roundtable with CEOEs Organizations and Enterprises to discuss priorities in our work with OECD.

In preparation for the upcoming OECD Ministerial meeting to be chaired by Spain, we also met with representatives from the Spanish government, including Cristina Serrano (General Director of International Economic Relations, Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Luis Martí (General Director of Economic Policy, Ministry of Economy) and Xiana Méndez (Secretary of State of Commerce).

CONTACT - Ali Karami-Ruiz
HEALTH

Business shares perspectives with OECD Health Committee

Last week, Ali Karami Ruiz presented business views to the OECD Health Committee on how the organization and its member countries can best adopt the OECD Council Recommendation on Health Data Governance, stressing the pivotal importance of improved access and responsible use of personal health data as a means to tangibly achieve better health outcomes.

He also addressed ways to achieve sustainable health financing in the future, and underscored the potential from efficiency gains that partnerships and investing in prevention programs can unlock. He also encouraged OECD to continue its evidence-based work on reducing waste in healthcare systems.

CONTACT - Ali Karami-Ruiz
TAXATION

OECD/G20 Consultations on Digital Taxation

Last month, our Tax Committee held its fall meeting in Paris, assembling 100 tax professionals from companies across sectors. In the context of the ongoing G20/OECD consultations on digital tax, the Committee addressed relevant issues with key OECD representatives including Achim Pross, Head of Division for International Tax Cooperation and Administration.

Business at OECD participated in the Public Consultation on Pillar One of the OECD Digital Taxation project addressing re-allocation of taxing rights. Will Morris, Business at OECD Tax Committee Chair, delivered opening remarks, emphasizing key points of the Business at OECD comment letter for the consultation.

CONTACT - Nicole Primmer
Our business delegation Anne-Gaelle Collot, PlasticsEurope, Jay West, Chair, Chemicals Committee, ACC, Ross Bartley, BIR, Adina Renee Adler, ISRI and Dominik Kümmerle, Business at OECD.

ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY
Facilitating Plastics Trade under the OECD Council Decision on the Transboundary Movement of Waste
Earlier this month, a *Business at OECD* delegation including Jay West (Chair, Chemicals Committee, ACC), Ross Bartley (BIR), Adina Renee Adler (ISRI) and Anne-Gaelle Collot (PlasticsEurope) took part in the negotiations on how to incorporate recent changes to the Basel Convention on plastics waste into the *OECD Council Decision on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Wastes Destined for Recovery Operations*.

The outcome of the meeting will be reported for considerations at the next meeting of the OECD Working Party on Resource Productivity and Waste (WPRPW) on February 3-5 in Paris. We encourage members interested in participating to contact the Secretariat.

CONTACT - [Dominik Kümmerle](mailto: Dominik.Kummerle@OECD.org)
DIGITAL ECONOMY
OECD Digital Economy Week


The OECD also held a workshop addressing privacy and personal data protection enforcement, where we submitted Principles for the review of the 2013 OECD Privacy Guidelines, emphasizing the importance of trust, accountability, enforcement, proportionality, and global interoperability in facilitating cross border data flow. We advocate for the OECD Privacy Guidelines must remain a global standard for privacy policy principles in OECD countries and beyond.

CONTACT - Nicole Primmer
ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY
Business contributes to OECD Forum on Greening Heavy and Extractive Industries

Last month, Business at OECD Environment and Energy Committee representatives spoke at the OECD Green Growth and Sustainable Development Forum (GGSD) addressing Greening heavy and extractive industries: innovation and fiscal implications. Committee Chair Hans-Jörn Weddige (thyssenkrupp) held a scene-setting presentation on Greening Extractive Sectors, and our Vice-Chair William Garcia (CEFIC), Åsa Ekdahl (WorldSteel), Adina Renee Adler (ISRI) and Jenny Svärd (Confederation of Swedish Enterprise) contributed to the discussions driving innovation and trade and the circular economy.

The Forum was held back-to-back with our Business at OECD Environment and Energy Committee meeting, which facilitated an exchange with OECD leadership to discuss the strategic directions of OECD work on the environment in 2021-2022.

CONTACT - Dominik Kummerle
TAXATION

Digital Taxation focus on the joint event with the Australian Delegation to the OECD

Alex Robson, Australian Ambassador to the OECD, hosted a joint event together with Business at OECD highlighting business perspectives on the current OECD Secretariat proposals related to digital taxation.

The conversation with OECD Ambassador featured presentations by Spotify, Amazon, Procter and Gamble, Rio Tinto, KPMG and our Business at OECD Tax Committee Chair Will Morris.

The need for impact analysis, tax certainty and rules that promote trade, investment and entrepreneurship including for startups and high growth companies were among the key points emphasized in the presentations and discussion.

CONTACT - Nicole Primmer
EMPLOYMENT, SKILLS AND EDUCATION
Employment Committee to meet in Paris, participate in Migration Policy Forum and Ministerial

On 15 January 2020, our Employment Committee will meet in Paris to address national member and their corporate priorities in the field. We encourage potential members interested in the topics of employee engagement, future of work, skills, and inclusive and dynamic labor markets to participate in this Committee meeting and contribute to ongoing discussions.

As part of our engagement, members will also be able to attend the High Level Policy Forum on Migration and Integration the OECD will host on 16 January. For more information, please contact our Secretariat.

CONTACT - Ali Karami-Ruiz
RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS CONDUCT

Responsible business conduct in public procurement

In OECD countries, public procurement accounts for approximately 12% of GDP. The OECD has launched a new project on how public procurement can be a lever for promoting responsible business conduct.

To drive this project forward, the OECD is carrying out a series of surveys, including among business organizations and companies to provide input to the final report on good practices to be launched in 2020.

CONTACT - Hanni Rosenbaum & Frederik Lange
Season's Greetings!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 2019

16-18
OECD Working Party on Manufactured Nanomaterials

19
France G7 Social High Level Meeting; Follow-up of the G7 Tripartite Declaration

JANUARY 2020

13
Business at OECD Consultation with OECD Leadership and Ambassadors

13-14
OECD Global Conference on Governance Innovation for the digital era

16
Joint BDI - Business at OECD Tax Conference: New World Tax Order for a Digitalised Economy, in Berlin

16
OECD High-Level Policy Forum

21-24
World Economic Forum in Davos

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OECD Private Finance for Sustainable Development Conference

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Business at OECD Development Committee Meeting

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