

Sustainability – A Responsible Conduct of Local Governments for Future Generations

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Abstract: Sustainability is now, more than ever, seen as an integrated part of any system and not just as part of a single project or program. All our actions should be sustainable, and we should think twice if the decision taken today does not affect the rights of future generations. The European Union Directive on corporate sustainability due diligence fosters sustainable and responsible behaviour throughout global value chains. The research questions raised in the paper are: Are the local communities ready to identify actual or potential adverse human rights or environmental impacts? Do they have the necessary mechanism to monitor the effectiveness of the due diligence policy? Are there any administrative remedies? Governments should encourage responsible conduct through different policy areas, such as development cooperation. Local governments should be committed to lead by example in their role as economic actors when they own enterprises, procure goods and services, or provide guidance to businesses. The paper aims to research the web pages of 27 local governments (the European capitals) to discover the current concerns for future generations. The research is triple-folded and will consider the respect for human rights, environmental protection and social responsibility. The research methods are literature and official documents review, comparative analysis and diagnosis analysis of the European Union system. The results will reveal that we should better emphasize the sustainability issues, and within the monitoring and evaluation systems, we should develop mechanisms to overview them.