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Overview

➔ **NCP** (creation and structure)

➔ **Rules of Procedure**

NCP – current status

- ➔ Established on the 16th of October 2013 by a governmental decision (resolution nr. 779) as a permanent working group within the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic
- ➔ Purpose – Implementation of the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises
 - Raising awareness about the Guidelines among the concerned public
 - If necessary, helping to find amicable solutions in specific cases concerned with the implementation of the Guidelines by multinational enterprises
 - Inquiry point for questions relating to the implementation of the Guidelines
 - Cooperation with other NCPs

NCP - structure

- ➔ Structure of the NCP is established by its Statute
- ➔ Quadripartite Structure (only in Czech Republic and Finland)
- ➔ Before the transformation in 2013 the Czech NCP was organized as a single department (monopartite structure), initially within the Ministry of Finance, later within the Ministry of Industry and Trade
- ➔ From the outset the Czech NCP fully cooperated with Czech representatives in BIAC, TUAC and OECD-Watch
- ➔ Close cooperation in the past enabled us to restructure the NCP in the current format rather unique quadripartite format and officially integrate our main stakeholders in its work

NCP - structure

- ➔ Quadripartite Structure (only in Czech Republic and Finland)
 - ▶ State representatives (Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Justice, Czech National Bank, NCP can be extended if specific instance so requires)
 - ▶ Representatives of employers (Confederation of industry of the Czech Republic – CZ Member in BIAC)
 - ▶ Representatives of employees (Czech-Moravian Confederation of Trade Unions – CZ Member in TUAC)
 - ▶ Representatives of the non-governmental sector (Frank Bold – CZ Member in the OECD WATCH)

NCP - structure

➡ Secretariat of the NCP

- ▶ The NCP is assisted in its work by the Secretariat, which is established at the Ministry of Industry and Trade, European and International Law Department

Rules of Procedure

- ➔ Regulates the procedures of the NCP and of the Secretariat of the NCP conducted in the exercise of the powers given by the Guidelines
- ➔ NCP meets as necessary, at least once a year (last meeting took place May 18, 2015, regular consultations on working level are held when appropriate)
- ➔ Secretariat – the „executive body“:
 - If a power is not specifically conferred to the NCP, it is exercised by the Secretariat
 - The meeting of the NCP is convened by the Secretariat and is presided by the Head of the Secretariat Dr. David Muller



Rules of Procedure

- ➔ The NCP should strive to **adopt all its decisions by a consensus**
- ➔ The consensus principle is not however the only possibility for adoption of decisions
- ➔ As the NCP should operate effectively, in case that a consensus cannot be reached the decision can be adopted by a **simple majority**
- ➔ Distribution of voting rights:
 - ▶ Representatives of employers, employees and non-governmental sector each have one vote
 - ▶ Representatives of state have three votes

Thank you for your attention

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<http://www.mpo.cz/dokument75865.html>



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