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<b>Brief Introduction</b>	<p data-bbox="469 517 587 546"><b>Foreword</b></p> <p data-bbox="469 618 842 801">The work of the High-Level Group of EU Member States representatives for corporate social responsibility (CSR) consistently illustrates the commitment of many Member States to furthering CSR in their own countries and in the EU. In a European Union of 27 Member States, things never remain the same for very long. For the sake of completeness and transparency, regular updates of Member States' CSR activities are requested by Member States themselves and by the Commission's wider groups of CSR stakeholders.</p> <p data-bbox="469 824 842 875">For this reason, the Commission has chosen to write a new Compendium of CSR public policies in the EU, by way of update on the last one that was written in 2007.</p> <p data-bbox="469 898 842 1039">Unlike the 2007 compendium though, the Commission has decided to change the format from a Member State focus to a thematic focus. The themes covered reflect the breadth of issues that CSR touches on today. Human rights, reporting and disclosure, climate change, SME issues, socially-responsible investment, education, and public procurement all receive specific attention in this document.</p> <p data-bbox="469 1061 842 1173">The Compendium grapples with the different kinds of tools Member States use, whether these are legal instruments (legislation), economic and financial instruments (incentives), informational instruments (awareness-raising), partnering instruments (multi-stakeholder encouragement), or "hybrid" instruments (a combination of the above).</p> <p data-bbox="858 618 1232 801">A rich variety of examples are presented, that in combination reflect an array of initiatives of different Member States. Not only does the thematic focus provide a means of comparison, but an index of initiatives and relevant websites present complementary Member State-by-Member State information. It is to be expected that some Member States are more active than others, which is reflected in the Compendium. But the final product aims to validate all Member States activities and at the same time be a point of reference in peer learning.</p> <p data-bbox="858 824 1232 936">The Commission would like to thank our consultants from adelphi and their colleagues for pursuing the relevant information and arranging it in a readable way. And the Commission would especially like to thank the members of the High-Level Group for CSR for all their information provision and support.</p> <p data-bbox="858 958 1232 1025">CSR continues to attract and deploy. This Compendium provides a contemporary snapshot of the wealth of CSR activity in the Member States of the EU, and acts as a reminder that there is more to be achieved and built up.</p> <p data-bbox="858 1048 1232 1077">I commend this document to for your in-depth reflection or skimming-through, whatever your information need may be.</p> <div data-bbox="1082 1115 1232 1189" style="text-align: right;">   <b>László Andor</b> </div> <p data-bbox="1027 1211 1232 1240" style="text-align: right;">Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion</p>