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The recovery and development of Ukraine's economy hinge upon the robust participation of the private sector.

Ukraine holds significant promise and potential in key sectors including agriculture, energy, green metallurgy, mechanical engineering, manufacturing, information technology, defense, and pharmaceuticals. These industries will serve as the cornerstone for Ukraine's post-war reconstruction efforts.

As might be expected, EU companies will play an active role in the reconstruction of Ukraine. Some have already begun despite the ongoing full-scale war. That's why it is of paramount importance that all participating companies adhere to the highest sustainable standards.

While operating in a war-torn environment presents significant challenges, businesses can contribute to the restoration of normalcy for the affected society. In the case of Ukraine, responsible business conduct is vital in supporting the nation's recovery and reconstruction efforts.

That's why the adoption of the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD) is so crucial. This piece of legislation serves as a cornerstone in ensuring that European companies involved in the reconstruction of Ukraine conduct their operations responsibly.

This proposal marks a significant shift in how companies conduct their business activities across their global supply chains. More specifically, this entails enhancing the protection of human rights as outlined in international conventions. For instance, it ensures that workers have access to safe and healthy working conditions.

During times of war, it is crucial for economic recovery in Ukraine that international businesses act responsibly and adhere to human rights.

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