



## KBC MODERN SLAVERY ACT STATEMENT 2018

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KBC is an integrated bank-insurance group, catering mainly for retail, private banking, SME and mid-cap clients. Our core markets are Belgium, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria and Ireland. We are also present to a limited extent in several other countries to support corporate clients from our core markets.

As a financial institution, we are an important driving force for the real economy. By contributing to the economic well-being of companies, private individuals and governments, we can increase their ability to achieve better social outcomes. Moreover, through our lending, insurance and asset management activities, we can direct the social and environmental influence of our operations. This is why our sustainability strategy is integrated into our overall corporate strategy and day-to-day business. We refer to the [KBC Sustainability Report 2018](#) for more in-depth information on our sustainability approach.

We are committed to fully respect and support the UK Modern Slavery Act 2015 and we work together with all our stakeholders to combat any kind of modern slavery within our business activities. Modern slavery covers various aspects of labour exploitation, including slavery, human trafficking, the worst forms of child labour and forced sexual exploitation.

Since 2006 KBC has been signatory of the UN Global Compact Principles. Therefore KBC supports and complies with these Principles of the United Nations Global Compact in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption.

In 2016, KBC has redefined its sustainability strategy and clearly communicated on the refined and strengthened KBC sustainability policies in its group-wide [Sustainability Framework](#). We undertake actions in this field towards our stakeholders, including customers and suppliers.

The [KBC Corporate Sustainability Framework](#) was last updated in March 2019. In this framework we have implemented strict policies in respect of human rights, the environment, business ethics and sensitive/controversial societal issues in all our activities.

We consider modern slavery as an integral part of our [Human Rights policy](#) (and due diligence process), which was last updated in June 2018. Our Human Rights policy covers all our activities, including credits, insurance, asset management activities and proprietary

investments. We refer to the [KBC Sustainability Report 2018](#) in which the process of due diligence is explained.

Other relevant policies include, but are not limited to:

- the [KBC Group Policy on Blacklisted Companies](#);
- the [KBC Group Mining Policy](#);
- the [Code of Conduct for KBC Group Employees](#);
- the [KBC Group Supplier Policy](#);
- the [Policy for the Protection of Whistleblowers in KBC Group](#);
- our [UN Global Compact Communication on Progress 2018](#).

Our formal training programs also encompass ethical behavior, code of conduct, whistleblowing etc. Apart from the formal training programs, KBC has different awareness campaigns and communications about responsible behavior in the broadest sense.

KBC commits to further integrate modern slavery in its sustainability policies at the next updates.



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