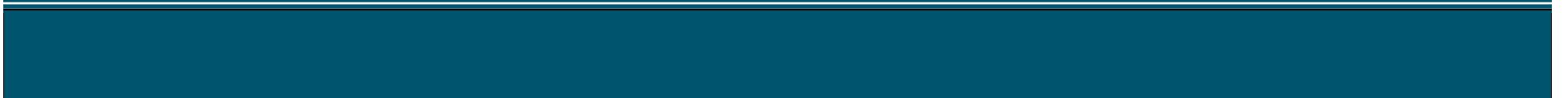




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## ➤ **Key Facts**

- Participant profiles vary, but companies are the majority
- Number of participants in the Local Networks range from 17 to 421
- Governance structure vary: some have steering committees, some have boards, or other structures
- The majority have some kind of voluntary or mandatory membership fees
- None of them is hosted by UN organizations: some are independent organizations or hosted by national organizations



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## ➤ Main Activities

- Communication was a priority for many countries: development of local websites, newsletters, publications and ongoing information flow to members
- Different levels of support and methodologies in COPs: online templates, individual assistance, (peer) revision and feedback processes
- Several meetings were held in all countries to raise awareness and discuss CSR and GC issues
- Other activities include: development of SME guidance material, development of arbitration structures, network liaison with emerging networks and work in support of promotion of CSR in new member states
- Only one country reported partnership projects



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# Local Network Austria

## Key Facts

- Number of participants: 21
- Fee: yes
- Focal Point: CSR organization

## ➤ Main Activities

- Published a folder in German and English for distribution among Austrian companies
- Presented the GC during the 2 CSR-Days in Vienna (2006 and 2007)
- Provided best-practices workshops on issues linked to the GC's 10 principles
- Communicates with member companies on a regular basis

## ➤ Main Challenges

- Show companies how the UNGC can be implemented in daily business



# Local Network Belgium

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## ➤ **Key Facts**

- Since June 2006
- Formed by representatives from different industry sectors, civil society, business associations, the Belgian government and the European Commission
- Efforts are currently underway to strengthen the network in Belgium



# Local Network France

## Key Facts

- Launched: January 2004
- Number of participants: 421
- Fee: voluntary contribution
- Focal Point: Business

## ➤ Main Activities

- Held or participated in several meetings at national and regional levels about CSR-related issues and to promote the GC in France
- Developed a French website
- Released 3 e-newsletters in 2006
- Provided individual assistance to members in different issues, specially the elaboration of COPs



# Local Network Germany

## Key Facts

- Number of participants: 115
- Fee: no
- Focal Point: GTZ

## ➤ Main Activities

- 2 Learning and 10 outreach events
- 2 Policy dialogue events
- Approximately 10 partnership projects and 2 cooperation with other networks
- Regular conferences to discuss adaptation of GC to local reality
- Ongoing support to members on preparing COPs
- Signed a MoU with OECD Guidelines National Contact Point for arbitration in cases of non-compliance with the GC Principles
- Elected a Steering Committee (July 2007)



# Local Network Italy

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## ➤ **Key Facts**

- Since 2001-2002
- Multi-stakeholder Steering Committee
- Focal point recently moved from ILO to Active Citizenship Foundation (FONDACA)
- Efforts are currently underway to strengthen the network in Italy



# Local Network Netherlands

## Key Facts

- Launched: April 2006
- Focal Point: Business
- Network Management: Steering Committee with 10 members

## ➤ Activities

- Network jointly founded by ABN AMRO, Shell, TNT and Unilever
- First network event held in May 2007, with 60 participants from business, government and civil society



# Local Network Nordic Countries

## Key Facts

- Number of participants: 66
- Fee: yes
- Focal Point: Business association

## ➤ Main Activities

- 2 learning events
- Ongoing updating members on UNGCO's activities
- Participated on the GC Leaders Summit in Geneva
- Participate in several meetings to promote the UNGC



# Local Network Spain

## Key Facts

- Launched: November 2004
- Number of Network participants: 201
- Fee: yes
- Focal Point: ASEPAM

## ➤ Main Activities

- 4 Dialogue sessions
- 3 Learning forums
- Created an on-line COP template to support members
- Created a COP revision and feedback process that largely increased the quantity and improved the quality of COPs submitted by members



# Local Network United Kingdom

## Key Facts

- Launched: 2003
- Number of participants: 40
- Fee: yes
- Focal Point: Business

## ➤ Main Activities

- COP working group: ongoing support to members on the elaboration of COPs and use of peer review of COPs in the process of mentoring
- Communication working group: maintained the UK Network website
- SME working group: developed new guidance for SMEs signatories
- Network liaison working group: provided outreach to other countries in Europe, including Lithuania and Poland
- Event in Edinburgh to advance the reach of the UK network



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