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Appeal Arisa to companies to join the TruStone Initiative

In order to achieve the greatest possible impact, it is essential that a large number of Flemish and Dutch companies and contracting authorities sign up to the TruStone Initiative.

Participation is essential to ensure maximum impact in the value chain. Customers and municipalities are also increasingly demanding sustainable natural stone. Perhaps the most important stakeholders in this sector are government authorities. We are already seeing that a growing number of public procurement agencies require that companies have done their due diligence and know where the stones are coming from.



Businesses that sign up to this Initiative will be assisted in organising and implementing such a due diligence processes. In this way, they will help bring about improvements - as working conditions - in the value chain, and increase their chances of winning contracts.

Arisa, CNV and FNV are calling on companies to join the TruStone Initiative! **Support our appeal by Retweeting our Tweets:** <https://twitter.com/arisafoundation/>!

For more information on the TruStone Initiative, visit:
https://www.imvoconvenanten.nl/natuursteen/initiatief/meedoen?sc_lang=en.

Successful collaborations with the private sector in *Getting Down to Business*

An external evaluation of the *Getting Down to Business* programme that took place from July 2017 up to July 2019, was carried out by the consultancy firm ACE Europe. The evaluation concluded that Stop Child Labour (SCL) has been very successful in setting up collaborations with the private sector in different supply chains and working with different approaches tailored to that specific context. The evaluation team also applauds the creative and innovative strategies of SCL in identifying unusual leverage points such as through working with associations of tenants or working with teacher unions.



Read here the full SCL Management Response and the Evaluation Report:
<https://stopchildlabour.org/external-evaluation-confirms-successful-collaborations-with-the-private-sector-in-getting-down-to-business-programme/>.

