

TruStone, a unique collaboration

In TruStone, Dutch and Flemish natural stone companies are joining forces, working together with the governments of both countries, NGO's and trade unions on international responsible business conduct (IRBC) in the stone sector. **A unique initiative, in which entrepreneurship with a focus on people and environment is central.**

TruStone meets the increasing demand from consumers for **fair and responsible products**. Much of the

stones used in Europe comes from countries where **the risk of human rights violations are high.**

By working together in TruStone, everyone involved gains a better understanding of the origin of products and the conditions in which they are made.

Having the knowledge is an important first step for companies to start improving working and environmental conditions in the whole supply chain.

Structural better business

To improve the stone sector, TruStone focuses on:

1 Support individual companies to work responsibly, according to international guidelines.

2 Jointly contribute to structural improvements in the entire production chain.

International guidelines

According to the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises, **companies have the responsibility to respect human rights.** Companies can comply by performing due diligence. With due diligence, a company takes responsibility for its way of working. This is a continuous improvement process that looks at potential negative impacts of

business activities and those of suppliers or other business relationships in the production or supply chain.

Because of the involvement of NGO's and trade unions within TruStone, **companies can get a better understanding of their impact on the local situation.**

Joining forces

By joining forces and working together in TruStone, **problems that arise in the sector can be tackled jointly**. This, of course, increases our impact.

Within TruStone, special attention is paid to

the following themes: gender, child labour, forced labour, living wage, freedom of association and collective bargaining, health & safety and land rights and living environment, discrimination.

Natural stone import process

TruStone can be joined by:

- **Dutch and Flemish companies** that import and/or process natural stone;
- **Foreign natural stone companies** that are active on the Dutch and Flemish market;
- **Organizations that purchase natural stone** (products), such as kitchen tops,

garden centres as well as architects that use natural stone in their designs;

- **Contracting authorities**, such as national and local authorities, that purchase natural stone through the tenders they issue;

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participating parties



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If you are interested in TruStone you can find more information on our website:

www.imvoconvenanten.nl/natuursteen

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