

bizpando and P.E.G. eG support large healthcare providers in the implementation of the German Supply Chain Act

- Compliance platform and purchasing association expand existing cooperation to include LkSG services
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- Service provider 3Txpert GmbH takes over the entire supplier invitation process
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Hünenberg/München/Bremen, September 14, 2023: The B2B compliance platform bizpando and P.E.G. eG, the purchasing association for clinics, healthcare and social institutions, are intensifying their cooperation to support German healthcare providers in implementing the German Supply Chain Compliance Act (LkSG). In order to make the administrative effort of the LkSG efficient and cost-effective, the following clinics, among others, have decided in favour of the bizpando platform: the Barmherzige Brüder Krankenhausverbund, the ISAR Klinikum, the Johannesbad Group, the Universitätsmedizin Rostock, the Waldburg-Zeil Kliniken and the Westpfalz Klinikum.

As part of the cooperation, the service provider 3Txpert GmbH handles the entire supplier invitation process, from the initial contact to identify the right contact person to the final platform onboarding. In addition to other companies from the healthcare, industrial technology, trade and food wholesale sectors, the first auditors are already using the bizpando platform for their network.

Jasper Bhaumick, CEO of bizpando AG, emphasises: "Patient-related service providers in the healthcare sector, such as hospitals, are facing a particularly great challenge as a result of the LkSG. bizpando enables companies from all sectors to analyse and improve compliance with human rights and basic environmental standards efficiently and cost-effectively. We are delighted to expand our existing partnership with P.E.G. eG and to provide hospitals with process support from 3Txpert GmbH in addition to the platform solution during this crucial phase."

As the former CIO of one of the largest municipal hospital associations in Germany, Bhaumick has a deep understanding of the requirements and limitations of the sector. "Budgets are tight, especially in the patient-centred areas of the healthcare sector. We offer our platform at low cost, or even offer the basic functions free of charge, so that the additional expenditure under the LkSG is channelled into improving working conditions along the supply chain and not into administration. This allows healthcare providers and other companies to utilise their

resources efficiently and offer suppliers a transparent process with just a few clicks," explains Bhaumick.

Andreas Wolf, Administrative manager of ISAR Klinikum, says: "As we have more than 600 suppliers, we decided in favour of bizpando for reasons of efficiency, like many other healthcare providers, as it creates transparency regarding compliance throughout the entire supply chain with minimal effort."

"It is very important to us that the self-disclosure is digital. With the bizpando platform, we have found a digital solution where suppliers only have to enter their details once, so that all customers can access the same information with just a few clicks. The LkSG can only be managed in terms of effort if we proceed in a joint and standardised manner," says **Nadja Schmidt, Head of Central Purchasing & Logistics at Rostock University Medical Centre**.

Gerhard Heß, member of the management and procurator of P.E.G. eG, adds: "For us, sustainable management in the healthcare sector takes centre stage. It requires reliable partners, because only together can we achieve more. With this conviction, we select sustainable solutions for our members in the healthcare sector as well as for our cross-sector customers. By working with bizpando, we ensure that clinics, healthcare and social institutions fulfil the requirements of the LkSG on the one hand and internalise and live the core values of P.E.G. eG on the other: solidarity, trust and continuity."

Based on the sharing economy, users of the bizpando platform gain insight into the LkSG compliance of their suppliers at all levels of the supply chain. Companies register there free of charge and then complete a self-disclosure form on human rights and environmental standards. This is easy to use for corporate groups as well as small and medium-sized suppliers.

Companies only have to register once on the platform and complete the self-disclosure form once. This minimises their workload and their customers can use the platform to report on their suppliers' compliance with just a few clicks.

If companies already have LkSG certification, they can also disclose this in the questionnaire. When implementing the LkSG with bizpando, clinics benefit from the fact that different suppliers can also share already available certificates and their existing compliance status on the platform with little effort.

About bizpando:

bizpando is a B2B platform on which supply chain laws can be implemented in a smart and collaborative way. With just a few clicks, companies can bring transparency to their entire supply chain. Based on the principle of the sharing economy, all information only needs to be entered once and is then digitally available to stakeholders. Free basic functions such as self-disclosure using standardised questionnaires and supplier registration simplify the process for suppliers and customers alike. Auditors and companies can contact each other via the platform. The auditors can then document the results of the orders digitally on bizpando so that the companies can share the certificate they have received with their digital supply chain. With the help of the whistleblower function "whistlehorn", bizpando users can also report whistleblower cases quickly, easily and securely, process them themselves or use external service providers to do so. Further information can be found at www.bizpando.com.

About P.E.G. eG:

As the first purchasing group for clinics, healthcare and social facilities on the German market, PEG can now look back on more than 50 years. Based in Munich, it has around 650 co-owners and supports over 3,200 healthcare and social facilities, including facilities in the acute, rehabilitation, senior citizens and care sectors as well as the partial and non-stationary market. With the values of solidarity, trust and continuity, it grows with its members. In the area of procurement management, it makes a valuable contribution to improving the German healthcare system and the quality of treatment. PEG specialises in supporting healthcare facilities with cross-sector services and actively accompanying them on their path to climate neutrality.

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