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## ***The Edison CSR Assessment: A pilot project on ISO 26000***

ISO 26000, the standard that provides voluntary Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) guidelines was published on November 1, 2010. The ISO 26000 standard provides organizations with a framework for understanding CSR and to help them integrate, implement and promote socially responsible conduct within the organization and throughout its sphere of influence.

Immediately after the publication of the Guidelines, the Corporate Department Internal Auditing of Edison started an assessment of the social responsibility activities with the support of the CSR Department aimed at assessing how corporate activities, meet the expectations raised by each key topic of ISO Guidelines.

According to information available, Edison is one of the first companies ever, both in Italy and in the international context, undertaking an assessment of their Social Responsibility actions in accordance with ISO 26000 Guidance.

The project launched by Edison is designed to measure to what degree activities already carried meet the expectations of the guidelines for the following six key issues: human rights, labor practices, environment, fair operating practices, consumer issues, community involvement and development.