

Trade Sustainability Impact Assessment in support of the FTA and IPA negotiations between the EU and India

NEWSLETTER

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DEAR STAKEHOLDER,

This is the second newsletter in the EU-India impact assessment project, focusing on today's launch of the online surveys that provide you with a great opportunity to input into the study and share insights with the study team.

ONLINE SURVEYS – *Every voice counts!*

The **general survey** (for citizens and organisations with an interest in trade between the EU and India) and **business survey** (for enterprises, notably micro-small and medium-sized ones (MSMEs)) and representatives of business associations) have been published today, on **10 March 2023**, and will be online **until 26 June 2023**.

Please participate and share your views! The **public survey** can be found [here](#), and the **business survey** can be found [here](#).

To access the surveys, make sure that you are registered on the EU survey website. An ECAS account is necessary to access the questionnaires.

We also welcome additional written contributions (e.g. reports, data, position papers, opinions) related to EU-India trade and potential economic, social, environmental and human rights impacts of the Agreements (FTA and IPA under negotiation). They can be submitted at the end of the survey or sent by email to the project team: contact@eu-india-tsia.eu

KEY DATES AND INDICATIVE TIMELINE

- **March:** publication of the draft Inception Report (it will be communicated in a separate Newsletter).
- **21 March:** EU Civil Society Dialogue meeting 14.30-16.30 (CET). Register [here](#).
- **April:** submission of draft 'heat map of sustainability issues'.
- **May:** submission of the draft Interim chapters to the Commission – followed by a Civil Society Dialogue.
- **September:** submission of the draft final report to the Commission – followed by a Civil Society Dialogue.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE STUDY

In 2022, the European Union (EU) and the Republic of India formally relaunched EU-India negotiations on a comprehensive and mutually beneficial Free Trade Agreement (FTA) and launched separate negotiations on an Investment Protection Agreement (IPA).

Trade Sustainability Impact Assessment (SIA) is a robust analysis of the potential impact that the FTA and IPA negotiated between the European Union and India could have on the economy, society, environment and the enjoyment of human rights in India or the EU.

Related to the impact areas, the analysis consists of four sustainability areas: economic, social, environmental and the one related to human rights.

The assessment relies on economic modelling, literature review, statistical data analysis and continuous consultations.



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