

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 first newsletter of the EU-India impact assessment project that the Trade Impact team is carrying out for DG TRADE. The project started in January 2023. Via this medium, we are pleased to share progress updates with you.

UPCOMING STEPS – *Have your say!*

We want to inform you about key stakeholder activities for this study:

- The **website** for this study is online and can be found [here](#). Please visit and look at the objectives, resources, timeline, and consultations outlook.
- The **draft Inception Report** (with methodology, stakeholder consultation plan, next steps, and timeline), will be published in early March. We will keep you posted and ask you to provide comments in due course.
- **On 21 March 2023** from 14.30 till 16.30, the **EU Civil Society Dialogue** on the EU-India Trade SIA will take place online to discuss the draft Inception Report. The event is for EU stakeholders who can register [here](#).
- The **open public consultation** as well as the **business/SME surveys** will go online in early March and will be available for 16 weeks. They allow you to share your inputs and views on the ongoing negotiations in a focused way.
- All stakeholders can provide written inputs to the study and comment on the draft Inception Report by email: contact@eu-india-tsia.eu

FURTHER INDICATIVE TIMELINE

- **April 2023:** Delivery of the 'heat map of sustainability issues', presenting the key issues linked to the FTA and summarising main findings from first screening analysis and initial consultations with key stakeholders.
- **May 2023:** submission of the draft Interim chapters to the Commission – followed by the EU Civil Society Dialogue meeting. Your comments will be welcome again!
- **September 2023:** submission of the draft final report to the Commission – followed by the EU Civil Society Dialogue meeting.

Stay updated and make yourself heard!



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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). Please see details regarding the ongoing negotiations [here](#).

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.

