



Implementation of TSD Chapters in EU FTAs

TSD Expert Group
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Andean (Colombia – Ecuador – Peru)

- **TSD Subcommittee and Trade Committee:** first week of December in Lima
- **Targeted update:** technical dialogue on-going
- **SEP TSD complaint against Peru and Colombia:** implementation with Peru of the list of activities. Colombia adoption of limited amendments to the labour code
- **New Complaint against Ecuador:** workers protection in the banana sector

Central America

- **TSD Board:** 23-24 June with bilateral dialogues organised second half of May
- **Targeted update of the TSD aspects:** on-going technical dialogue with an in-person meeting in June followed by online discussion based on EU proposal

Chile

- **Entry into force of the ITA on 1st February 2025**
- **Review of the TSD aspects:** 1st technical discussion on the EU proposal on 14 October
- **First TSD Committee:** 4 November in Brussels

Vietnam

- Adoption of a **new Trade Union Law**: adopted end 2024, published mid-February
- **Two SEP Complaints**: focusing on labor and environmental issues with HR aspects
- **Trade Committee**: 26 September with labour issues (ratification ILO C87) raised by Commissioner
- **TSD Committee**: 26 November
- **Joint Forum** on 27 November

Japan

- **6th Joint Dialogue with Civil Society, 23-24 June**
- **6th Committee and TSD 2 October 2025**
 - Followed agenda proposals from JDACS meeting.
 - Notable positive development: Japan in the process of ratifying C155 on occupational safety and health.
 - Engaging dialogue on green shipping corridors, greenalliance, circular economy, ILO ratifications/forced labour and CSDDD/omnibus.

New Zealand

- **Joint Trade Committee on 25 October (Queenstown)**
- **EU DAG state of play – first meeting in mid-November**

Kenya EPA

- **First TSD special committee after establishment of EPA Council in May 2025**
- **First meeting held virtually on 8 July 2025**
- **Follow up discussion on climate change in autumn**

Ukraine DCFTA

- **TSD Sub-Committee** on 7 November 2025
- **Civil Society Forum** on 12 November 2025
- **Association Committee in Trade Configuration** on 2 December 2025

Republic of Korea FTA

- **TSD Committee** took place on 10 and 11 September 2025 in Brussels
- Korea highlighted policies of new government, including developments on labour rights and on circular economy
- **Civil Society Forum** took place right before (8 and 9 September); the CSF co-chairs presented their Joint Statement to TSD Committee