



# EU negotiations of TSD Chapters

## Update

**TSD Expert Group**  
**7 October 2025**



# Indonesia CEPA

- Finalization of agreement: 23 September 2025
- Comprehensive framework on Trade and Sustainable Growth and Development
  - Strong commitments on non regression
  - Strong commitments on effective implementation of Multilateral Environmental Agreements (incl. Paris, CBD, CITES...)
  - Strong commitments on effective implementation of core labour rights
  - Full standard commitments on Women empowerment, IUU/marine, RBC, etc.
  - Involvement of Civil Society/Domestic Advisory Group
  - Dialogue and cooperation & enforceable commitment (incl. remedies as matter of last resort).
  - Protocol on Palm oil: platform for enhanced dialogue

# Philippines FTA

- **16-20 June 2025: 3<sup>rd</sup> round (Brussels)**
  - Good progress on text based discussions
  - PH proposals during the round
- **Two intersessionals in July/September**
- **20-24 October: 4<sup>th</sup> round (Cebu)**

# SIFAs

- **Cote d'Ivoire: Text proposal ready** (and discussed in ACP WP), CdI engagement to be further confirmed in view of electoral cycle



# Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) SPA/FTA (regional track)

- **Further FTA scoping 24-25 September**
  - No changes since last scoping in January
  - Significant reservation on EU key requests
  - On TSD, interest in cooperation-based approach only

# United Arab Emirates (UAE) FTA (bilateral track)

- **Round 1: 24-27 June (virtual)**
- **Round 2: 15-19 September (Brussels)**
  - TPC-D debrief on 25 Sept
- **Upcoming Round 3: 20-24 October (Dubai)**
  - Seeking cooperation-only model – reduced openness to core EU provisions
  - Key concerns around labour and ratification commitments, DS

# Chile FTA review

- **1 February 2025:** EU-Chile FTA enters into force
- **8 May 2025:** EU proposal sent to Chile
- **14 October 2025:** 1<sup>st</sup> technical discussion

# Bangladesh PCA

- **February 2025:** EU zero draft shared with Bangladesh
- **March 2025:** first comments by correspondence received from Bangladesh
- **April 2025:** first exchange in Brussels
- **October 2025:** online exchanges
- EEAS Chief Negotiator (1 standard TSD article in PCAs)

# India FTA

- **8-12 September 2025: 13<sup>th</sup> Round (Delhi)**
  - Improved text consolidation under new political guidelines
  - Main points of divergence remain
- **6-10 October 2025: 14<sup>th</sup> Round (Brussels)**

# Thailand FTA

- **18-25 June 2025: 6<sup>th</sup> Round on TSD (Bangkok)**
  - Substantive provisions of the TSD Chapter agreed (key EU positions preserved)
- **29 Sept – 3 Oct.: 6<sup>th</sup> Round (Brussels)**
  - Negotiations continue on other matters, such as DS and institutional chapters (incl. DAGs), as well as Paris as essential element

# Malaysia FTA

- **30 June – 4 July 2025: 1<sup>st</sup> Round (Brussels)**
  - Presentation and defence of EU proposal
  - Positive reception but possible concerns on some areas, notably on environmental aspects
- **Intersessionals to speed up explanations**
- **17 – 21 Nov. 2025: 2<sup>nd</sup> Round (Kuala Lumpur)**