



EU negotiations of TSD Chapters

Update

TSD Expert Group
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India FTA

- **22 January 2026:** TSD Chapter closed
- **27 January 2026:** Negotiation concluded (EU-India Summit)
- **28 January 2026:** Technical meeting with EU MS
- **Next steps:** scrubbing, approvals, signature, ...

ESA5 EPA

- **March 2025:** Substantive provisions of the TSD Chapter basically concluded
- **29 January 2026:** TSD Chapter closed. Dispute settlement Chapter, Institutional Chapter (incl. DAGs), Paris as essential element, secured
- **Next steps:** Finalise last issues and conclude negotiations

Thailand FTA

- **18-25 June 2025:** TSD Chapter closed
- **2-6 February 2026: 8th Round (Thailand)**
 - Dispute settlement Chapter, Institutional Chapter (incl. DAGs), Paris as essential element, secured
- **Next steps:** Negotiations continue on other issues

Indonesia CEPA

- **23 September 2025:** Negotiation concluded. Strong TSD chapter.
- **On-going and next steps:** scrubbing, approvals, signature, ...

Philippines FTA

- **20-24 October 2025: 4th Round (Cebu):** TSD chapter closed with high standards. All EU offensive issues covered, including Paris as an essential element.
- **Next steps:** Negotiations continue on other issues, such as Dispute settlement and Institutional chapters (incl. DAGs)

Malaysia FTA

- **17-20 November 2025: 2nd Round (Kuala Lumpur):** Extensive explanations and clarification on the EU text addressing Malaysia questions and noting initial sensitivities expressed.
- **9-13 February 2026: 3rd Round (Brussels):** Initial suggestions and proposals from Malaysia. Start of text-based discussions.

United Arab Emirates (UAE) FTA

- **2-6 February 2026: 5th Round (Dubai)**
 - Negotiations advancing at varying pace across topics
 - On TSD, UAE pursues additional approach, still some distance from EU asks re: binding commitments
 - Crosscutting issues incl. Dispute settlement, Essential Elements, transparency and civil society participation

Ecuador SIFA

- **28 January:** Negotiations concluded with strong TSD commitments (as for Angola SIFA)



Signature & Ratification

- **Mexico FTA:** pending signature (concluded 17.1.2025)
- **Tajikistan EPCA:** pending signature (concl. 18.07.2025)
- **Mercosur FTA:** pending ratification (signed 17.01.2026)
- **Uzbekistan EPCA:** pending ratification (signed 24.10.25)
- **Kyrgyzstan EPCA:** pending ratification (signed 25.6.24)