State of current EU trade and investment agreement negotiations

Table 1: Currently negotiated trade and investment agreements. Three of these agreements deal only with investments (China, Japan, Myanmar). Some of the negotiations have been paused for years (e.g. with the Philippines). Other negotiations are being conducted regularly (e.g. Indonesia). Apart from negotiating investment-only agreements (IIAs) and the comprehensive free trade agreements (FTAs), the EU is also pursuing an upgrade and extension of their Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) and Partnership and Cooperation Agreements (PCAs). They include in addition to trade chapters also international commitments in other areas (e.g. the promotion of democracy, cultural exchange, technology and science).

Table 2: Trade agreement in the scoping stage.

Table 3: Negotiations are currently on hold, usually for political reasons.

Table 4: Trade agreements have recently been ratified or are being provisionally applied.

Table 1 – Free trade and investment agreements currently negotiated by the EU

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Country Name of IIA1/ Start of **Current state** End of **Importance** Links FTA²/ negotiati agreement negotiati PCA³/ ons on EPA 4 expecte d soon? **USA EU-USA Free** FTA Council gives the High importance http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-Ongoing No regions/countries/united-states/; Trade Commission the because of role the discussio Agreement ns mandate in April US plays in regulatory https://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2019/july/tradoc 158268.pd 2019 to negotiate a cooperation. between USA are Europe's http://www.bpb.de/nachschlagen/zahlen-undlimited agreement EU and US on industrial tariffs most important fakten/europa/70585/handelspartner-der-eu and conformity trading partner (20% assessments. Side of all exports) agreements are

¹ International Investment Agreement

² Free Trade Agreement

³ Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

⁴ Economic Partnership Agreement – Preferential Trade Agreement between the EU and countries of the Global South (e.g. Africa, Pacific, Caribbean region)

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					being negotiated on soya and LNG imports from the US.			
2	China	EU-China Investment Agreement	IIA	2013	22. negotiation round took place in July 2019, the next one is scheduled for the end of September. The IIA is supposed to replace 26 BITs between EU MS and China.	No	China is Europe's second most important trade partner (10.5% of all exports in 2017).	https://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2019/july/tradoc 158274.pd f, http://www.bpb.de/nachschlagen/zahlen-und-fakten/europa/70585/handelspartner-der-eu
3	Japan	Japan-EU Investment Agreement	IIA	2012	FTA entered into force on 1. February 2019 (cf table 4). The IIA is still being negotiated – Japan rejects the EU's Investment Court System. Last talks took place in March 2019.	No	Japan is the EU's 6 th most important trading partner and the second in the region (after China).	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc_1182_38.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/in-focus/eu-japan-economic-partnership-agreement/, http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/countries/japan/Interne Dokumente
4	MERCOSUR (Paraguay, Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay) ⁵	MERCOSUR-EU Free Trade Agreement	FTA	1999	A political agreement was reached in June 2019, the text is currently undergoing legal scrubbing.	Negotiati ons seem to have ended, but there are still possibilit ies for textual changes until	European companies are the largest foreign investors in the Mercosur region. Europe is an important destination for agricultural exports from Mercosur	https://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=2039; http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/in-focus/eu-mercosur-association-agreement/ Politico Newsletter 16. September 2019

Venezuela is also part of Mercosur, but was suspended in 2017.

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	5 Mea	exico	EU-Mexico Global Agreement	Renewal of existing FTA and IIA	2016	Political agreement was reached in April 2018, trade negotiations in the final stages.	Yes (potentia Ily end of 2019)	Mexico is among Europe's most important trading partners (1.7% of all exports)	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc 1182 38.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/in-focus/eu-mexico-trade-agreement/
	6 Aus	stralia	EU-Australia Free Trade Agreement	FTA	2018	4. negotiation round took place in July 2019.	No	EU is Australia's second largest trading partner (after China) and among the EU's most important export destinations (1.8% of EU exports).	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc 1182 38.pdf; http://www.bpb.de/nachschlagen/zahlen-und-fakten/europa/70585/handelspartner-der-eu; http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2018/june/tradoc 156941.pd f; http://dip21.bundestag.de/dip21/btd/19/088/1908824.pdf
	7 Mo	orocco	EU-Morocco Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area	FTA and IIA	2013	Paused since 2014, due to impact assessments carried out by Morocco.	No	The EU is Morocco's most important trading partner and Morocco is the 22. largest destination for EU exports.	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc 1182 38.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and- regions/countries/morocco/
	8 Viet	etnam	EU-Vietnam Trade and Investment Agreement	FTA and IIA	2012	Negotiations finished in 2015, signing and ratification by the Council in June 2019. Next up is ratification in the EP (expected in the second half of 2019). FTA will then enter into force. IAA has to be ratified by national parliaments.	Yes	2. most important EU trading partner in ASEAN (after Singapore)	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc 1182 38.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/in-focus/eu-vietnam-agreement/; http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/countries/vietnam/

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9	Tunisia	EU-Tunesia Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area	FTA and IIA	2015	4. negotiation round took place in April/May 2019, a date for the next one has not been set yet.	No	The EU is Tunisia's most important trading partner but plays a minor role for EU exports.	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc 1182 38.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/countries/tunisia/
10	New Zealand	EU-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement	FTA	2017	4. negotiation round took place in May 2019.	No.	The EU is New Zealand's third most important trading partner, but plays a minor role for EU exports.	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc_1182 38.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/in-focus/eu-new-zealand-trade-agreement/; http://www.bpb.de/nachschlagen/zahlen-und-fakten/europa/70585/handelspartner-der-eu; http://dip21.bundestag.de/dip21/btd/19/088/1908824.pdf
11	Indonesia	EU-Indonesia Free Trade Agreement	FTA and IIA	2016	8. negotiation round took place in June 2019, 9. Round is planned for September 2019.	No	EU is Indonesia's fourth largest trading partner.	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc 1182 38.pdf http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2019/april/tradoc 157838.pd f; http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/countries/indonesia/
12	Chile	EU-Chile Free Trade Agreement	Renewal of FTA	2017	5. negotiation round took place in June 2019	unclear	The EU is Chile's third most important trading partner	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc 1182 38.pdf; https://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2019/april/tradoc 157867.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/countries/chile/
13	Philippines	EU-Philippines Free Trade and Investment Agreement	FTA and IIA	2015	2. negotiation round took place in February 2017, no further rounds planned at the moment.	No	EU is the fourth most important trading partner for the Philippines and the biggest investor.	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc 1182 38.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/countries/philippines/
14	Azerbaijan	EU-Azerbaijan Partnership and Cooperation Agreement	Update of existing PCA	2017	Last negotiation round took place in April 2019, a new negotiation round has not been announced.	unclear	Azerbaijan is not an important trading partner for the EU, but EU is Azerbaijan's biggest export market.	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc_1182 38.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and- regions/countries/azerbaijan/
15	Kyrgyzstan	EU-Kyrgyzstan Enhanced Partnership and	Update of existing PCA	2017	The 6. round took place in April 2019.	unclear	Economically not important for the EU.	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc 1182 38.pdf

		Cooperation Agreement						
16	East Africa (Kenia, Tanzania, Burundi, Ruanda, Uganda)	EU-East African Community Economic Partnership Agreement	EPA	k/A	Ratified by three of six members of the East African Union. Clarification of technical points envisaged for 2019.	Yes	Economically not important for the EU	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2009/september/tradoc 144 912.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and- regions/regions/eac/
17	Myanmar	EU-Myanmar Investment Protection Agreement	IIA	2014	4. negotiation round in April 2017, so far no further negotiation round planned.	No	Economically not important for the EU	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc 1182 38.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/countries/myanmar/
18	Malaysia	EU-Malaysia Free Trade Agreement	FTA and IIA	2010	Negotiations were briefly restarted in 2016, but currently no new rounds have been scheduled.	No	No indications so far that the negotiations are going to resume/speed up	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc 1182 38.pdf

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Table 2 – Scoping for trade agreements with the EU

	Country	Name of Agreement	FTA / EPA?	Begin of negotiations	Current state	Importance	Links
1	Southern and	EU-Southern	EPA	Still in the	Ongoing scoping	Still in the scoping	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2009/september/tradoc_144912.pdf
	Eastern	and Eastern		scoping stage	exercise, start of	phase	
	Africa	Africa			negotiations is		
	(Mauritius,	Economic			expected to start in		
	Seychelles,	Partnership			2019. It's an extension		
	Madagascar,	Agreement			and deepening of the		
	Zimbabwe)				existing EPA.		

Table 3 – Negotiations for EU trade agreements that are currently on hold

Country Name of the	? Start of the	Current state	state Lir
agreement	negotiations?		

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1	USA	Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)	FTA and IIA	2013	Negotiations were paused in 2016 and in April 2019 a new mandate was agreed by the Council – without ISDS. However, the 2013 mandate has not been withdrawn.	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc 118238.pdf
2	India	EU-India Free Trade Agreement	FTA	2007	Paused in 2013 after 12 rounds	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc 118238.pdf
3	TISA with 23 WTO members	Trade in Services Agreement (TISA)	ТА	2013	Negotiations stopped after the election of Donald Trump n 2016	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc 118238.pdf
4	ASEAN (Singapore, Vietnam, Indonesia, Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Thailand, Philippines)	EU-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement	FTA and IIA	2007	Was paused in favour of bilateral negotiations with ASEAN member states. Since 2017 there is an attempt to re-kindle the plurilateral negotiations.	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc_118238.pdf
5	Thailand	EU-Thailand Free Trade Agreement	FTA (no information about an IIA)	2013	Negotiations were paused in 2014 because of the military coup. In 2017 the EU decided to resume negotiations as soon as a democratically elected government is in power again.	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc_118238.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and- regions/countries/thailand/
6	Bahrain	EU-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement	FTA	1990	Negotiations were paused in 2008.	http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/negotiations-and-agreements/# being-negotiated
7	Kuwait	EU-Kuwait Free Trade Agreement	FTA	1990	Negotiations were paused in 2008.	http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/negotiations-and-agreements/# being-negotiated

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		Trade Agreement			in 2008.	agreements/#_being-negotiated
9	Qatar	EU-Qatar Free Trade Agreement	FTA	1990	Negotiations were paused in 2008.	http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/negotiations-and-agreements/# being-negotiated
10	Saudi Arabia	EU-Saudi Arabia Free Trade Agreement	FTA	1990	Negotiations were paused in 2008.	http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/negotiations-and-agreements/# being-negotiated
11	United Arab Emirates	EU-United Arab Emirates Free Trade Agreement	FTA	1990	Negotiations were paused in 2008.	http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/negotiations-and-agreements/#_being-negotiated
12	Turkey	EU-Turkey Free Trade Agreement	FTA	2016	Negotiations were paused in June 2018 because the gap between the European and Turkish position had become too big.	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc_118238.pdf
13	Belarus	EU-Belarus Partnership and Cooperation Agreement	PCA	k/A	The ratification of the agreement which was negotiated in 1995 was put on hold because of the political situation in Belarus.	http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/countries/belarus/
14	Egypt	EU-Egypt Free Trade Agreement	FTA	2013	No negotiation rounds scheduled and no information available if rounds have happened since 2013.	http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/countries/egypt/
15	Jordan	EU-Jordan Free Trade Agreement	FTA	2012	No negotiation rounds scheduled and no information available if rounds have happened since 2013.	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc_118238.pdf

Table 4 – Recently ratified/provisionally applied trade agreements of the EU

	Country	Name of	IIA / FTA /	Start of	Current state	(provisionally)	Links
		Agreement	PCA / EPA	Negotiations		applied since	
1	Canada	Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)	FTA and IIA	2009	Has been provisionally applied since 2017. ECJ affirmed compatibility of investment chapter with EU law. Ratification by 13 national parliaments still pending. For the investment chapter to enter into force, all national parliaments need to have ratified the agreement.	2017	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc 118238.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/in-focus/ceta/
2	Japan	EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement	FTA	2012	FTA has been applied since 1.2.2019. IIA is still being negotiated, Japan rejects the EU proposal for an Investment Court System.	2019	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc 118238.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/in-focus/eu-japan-economic-partnership-agreement/
3	Singapore	EU-Singapore Free Trade and Investment Protection Agreement	FTA (IIA still needs to be ratified by national parliaments)	2010	FTA was ratified by the European Parliament in February 2019 and will be in force once internal procedures in Singapore have	Ratified by the EU in February 2019	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2006/december/tradoc 118238.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/in-focus/eu-singapore-agreement/

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					been completed. IIA still needs to be ratified by national parliaments in Europe.		
4	West Africa (13 countries without Nigeria)	EU-West Africa Economic Partnership Agreement	EPA	Depends on the country	Still needs to be ratified. It already entered into force in some countries (Ghana, Ivory Coast).	pending, Ghana and Ivory Coast ratified in 2016	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2009/september/tradoc 144912.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/regions/west-africa/
5	Southern and Eastern Africa (Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Zimbabwe)	EU-Southern and Eastern Africa Economic Partnership Agreement	EPA	k/A	Provisionally applied since 2012, for the Comoros since 2017	2012	http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2009/september/tradoc 144912.pdf; http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/regions/esa/
6	Andean Community (Colombia, Peru, Ecuador)	EU-Andean Community Free Trade Agreement	FTA	k/A	Provisionally applied with Colombia and Peru since 2013. Ecuador joined in 2017.	2013	http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/regions/andean-community/
7	Armenia	EU-Armenia enhanced partnership and cooperation agreement	Renewal of the PCA	k/A	Provisionally applied since 2018.	2018	http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/countries/armenia/
8	Central America (Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Panama,	EU-Central America Association Agreement	Association Agreement	k/A	Provisionally applied since 2013.	2013	http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/regions/central-america/

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	Costa Rica, El Salvador)						
9	Iraq	EU-Iraq Partnership and Cooperation Agreement	PCA	k/A	Provisionally applied	2012	http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/countries/iraq/
10	Kazakhstan	EU-Kazakhstan enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement	PCA	k/A	Provisionally applied	2016	http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/countries-and-regions/countries/kazakhstan/