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### Project Timeline (Mar 2015- Jan 2016)

- March 11 Draft Inception Report  
Click [here](#) to view
- March 25 Civil Society Dialogue  
Presentation available  
[here](#)
- April 10 Launch of stakeholder  
questionnaire on our  
website
- April 30 Final Inception Report  
online
- Spring Southeast Asia regional  
workshop (date and  
location TBC)
- September Latin America regional  
workshop, Mexico City
- September Draft Interim Report  
online
- November Draft Final Report online
- November Civil Society Dialogue
- January Final Report online

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*Welcome to the introductory issue of the newsletter for the Trade Sustainability Impact Assessment (SIA) on the Environmental Goods Agreement (EGA), a project funded by the European Commission (EC) and implemented by DEVELOPMENT Solutions (DS). Our aim is to provide you with the most up-to-date information about the EGA Trade SIA and advise you regarding previous and upcoming project events and activities.*

#### HAVE YOUR SAY

*Please share your comments and queries with us on our discussion forum on our website ([www.egatradesia.com](http://www.egatradesia.com)) or by e-mailing the project team at: [egatradesia@development-solutions.eu](mailto:egatradesia@development-solutions.eu). You can also join our [Linkedin Group](#), and follow us on [Twitter](#).*

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE EGA TRADE SIA

At the 2014 World Economic Forum in Davos, the EU and 13 other WTO members agreed to launch negotiations aimed at liberalising trade in environmental goods with the ultimate objective of "achieving global free trade in environmental goods."

The Trade SIA in support of negotiations on the Environmental Goods Agreement will be carried out during the trade negotiations and completed within one year. It will assess how liberalisation of trade in environmental goods and services under a negotiated agreement could affect economic,

environmental and social issues.

The Trade SIA analysis will cover two complementary components: First, a set of assessments will be conducted to measure how the liberalisation of trade in environmental goods and services under the negotiated agreement could impact a range of environmental, economic and social factors. These assessments will focus on particular categories of environmental goods and services, examining effects of trade liberalisation on regional, sector-specific as well as project-specific levels. In addition, a quantitative analysis will be carried out using macroeconomic modelling, which will further predict the impacts of trade liberalisation.

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The Project Team will be conducting a thorough consultation process involving a diverse range of potential stakeholders. The outreach activities will seek to include all stakeholder groups to seek feedback and further opportunities for information-gathering and dissemination. Studies from different regions as well as countries from different development-levels will be included, and a broad range of environmental goods and services will be looked at.

The key outputs of the Trade SIA will be a set of highly specific case studies and a series of complimentary policy recommendations, which will be designed to help negotiators in the development of the EGA.

### **CIVIL SOCIETY DIALOGUE, MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>, BRUSSELS**

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, representatives from the European Commission and the Project Team met with civil society in Brussels to present our Draft Inception Report for critical review. The project's Team Leader Joachim Monkelbaan and Senior Industry Key Expert Peter Brun presented to an audience of business and NGO stakeholders, who provided valuable feedback on the project, including suggestions for target countries for case studies.

### **CASE STUDIES**

The Trade SIA Project Team is actively seeking case studies demonstrating the potential effects of this agreement on the ground and in practice around the world. If your organization has any such case studies that you could share, please contact us.



### **SENIOR EXPERTS**

#### ▶ **Team Leader – Joachim Monkelbaan**

Joachim Monkelbaan, is an independent consultant specialised in trade and sustainable development. Monkelbaan currently serves as a Senior Consultant to UNEP's Trade Unit and previously served as Senior Programme Officer on trade, investment and climate change at the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) in Geneva. This year, he is set to receive his Ph.D. in Environmental Science from the University of Geneva.



#### ▶ **Senior Industry Key Expert – Peter Brun**

Peter Brun has worked both in the public and private sector on regulation affecting the green industry. He headed Vestas' Group Government Affairs Department for 7 years and has had several trusted positions in trade and interest associations worldwide. In March 2013 Brun joined the International Center for Trade and Sustainable Development in Geneva with the specific task of managing the alliance of the Sustainable Energy Trade Initiatives (SETI Alliance). Brun also works as an independent consultant.



#### ▶ **Senior Modelling Expert – Hector Pollitt**

Hector Pollitt is Director and Head of International Modelling at Cambridge Econometrics. Hector is currently contributing to the Trade SIA of the EU-US trade agreement. In 2015 he will publish an analysis of proposed trade deals in East Asia in the forthcoming book E3 Modelling for a Low Carbon, Sustainable Future in East Asia.

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