

Environmental Goods Agreement Trade SIA

March 2016

Project Timeline (Jan 2015- Mar 2016)

- Jan '15** Kick off steering committee meeting and launch of project
- Mar '15** Draft Inception Report [click here to view](#)
- Mar '15** Inception steering committee meeting. Civil Society Dialogue, Brussels. Presentation and minutes available online [click here to view](#)
- Apr '15** Launch of stakeholder questionnaire
- Apr '15** Final Inception Report [click here to view](#)
- Sep '15** Southeast Asia regional workshop Malaysia [click here for more information](#)
- Sep '15** Latin American regional workshop, Mexico City [click here for more information](#)
- Oct '15** Draft Interim Report [click here to view](#)
- Oct '15** Deadline for Stakeholder questionnaire
- Oct '15** Final Interim Report [click here to view](#)
- Feb '16** Final steering committee meeting. Civil Society Dialogue, Brussels
- Mar '16** Draft Final Report [click here to view](#)
- Mar '16** Final Report

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Welcome to the third and final 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

The second Draft Final Report for the EGA Trade SIA was published on our website on March 8th 2016. We welcome your comments and input on this report. The deadline for final comments is March 22nd 2016. Please share your comments and queries with us by e-mailing the project team at: egatradesia@development-solutions.eu. You can also add us on [LinkedIn](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).

INTRODUCTION TO THE EGA TRADE SIA

The Trade Sustainability Impact Assessment (Trade SIA) on the Environmental Goods Agreement (EGA) is a project commissioned by the European Commission (EC) to analyse the impacts of trade liberalisation in environmental goods and services and seek broad stakeholder input on the agreement.

This project is in support of the ongoing negotiations between 17 countries* to reduce to zero tariff barriers on environmental goods. Negotiating parties hope to further address barriers to trade in complementary environmental services and non-tariff barriers (NTBs) to trade. Together, these countries account for the majority of the world trade in environmental goods.

For a more detailed introduction to our project please refer to our first newsletter, available on our project website at www.egatradesia.com.

UPDATE ON EGA NEGOTIATIONS

Negotiations on the Environmental Goods Agreement were formally launched on July 8th 2014, after which twelve rounds of negotiations have taken place. The negotiations are building on the groundwork laid by the 2012 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) agreement to reduce tariff barriers on environmental goods classified under 54 tariff lines to a maximum 5 per cent or less, and to address non-tariff barriers to trade in such goods. The EGA will be a more ambitious and comprehensive agreement reducing tariffs to zero on a much larger list of goods.

The twelfth and most recent round of negotiations took place in Geneva from March 2-4 2016. This round served to agree on the process for the coming months, to discuss the draft EGA legal text and to continue technical work related to customs classification. The participating

* Parties currently negotiating the EGA: Australia, Canada, China, Costa Rica, Chinese Taipei, the European Union, Hong Kong (China), Iceland, Israel, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Norway, Switzerland, Singapore, Turkey and the United States.

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countries have expressed their commitment to intensify the work in 2016 in order to conclude the EGA negotiations in a timely manner.

For the EC report from the 12th EGA round see:

http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2016/march/tradoc_154346.pdf

The thirteenth round of negotiations is scheduled for the week of April 18th 2016 in Geneva.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Our Trade SIA project questionnaire was closed on October 19th 2015. The questionnaire was launched in April 2015 and received 92 responses from government, civil society and industry stakeholders. A report presenting input received via this questionnaire is now online on the project website [here](#).

DRAFT FINAL REPORT – MARCH 2016

The Draft Final Report for the EGA Trade SIA was published on our website on March 8th 2016. We welcome comments and input on this report prior to publication of our Final Report later this month. The deadline for final comments is March 22nd 2016.

CIVIL SOCIETY DIALOGUE

1 FEBRUARY 2016

On February 1st 2016, representatives from the European Commission and the Project Team met with civil society in Brussels to present the Draft Final Report for critical review.

The minutes of the Civil Society Dialogue meeting and the presentation are available on the project website [here](#).

REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

One full-day regional workshop was held in Southeast Asia (September 10th 2015) and one in Latin America and the Caribbean (September 25th 2015). The workshops were designed to promote dialogue and gather the perspectives of relevant parties to the EGA.

The presentations given at these workshops and reports of input received from stakeholders are available on the project website. The Southeast Asia webpage is [here](#). The Latin America webpage is [here](#).

EGA TRADE SIA KEY EXPERTS

Team Leader – Joachim Monkelbaan



Joachim Monkelbaan, is an independent consultant specialised in trade and sustainable development. Monkelbaan works as a Senior Consultant for UNEP's Trade Unit. He was a Senior Programme Officer on trade, investment and climate change at the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) in Geneva.

Senior Industry Expert - Peter Brun



Peter Brun has worked with public and regulatory affairs his entire career. Brun in March 2013 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) advocating for an international environmental trade agreement.

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 deal. 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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