Targeted Consultation of business interests (including SMEs) for an Evaluation of the FTA between the EU and its Member States and Colombia, Peru and Ecuador

Fields marked with * are mandatory.

A Introduction

About the Trade Agreement

Since 2013, the European Union (EU) has a Trade Agreement with Colombia and Peru in place, which Ecuador joined in 2017. The Agreement gradually opens up markets on both sides and increases the stability and predictability of the trade and investment environment. It is also one of the first "new generation" trade agreements of the EU, characterised by their comprehensive scope. In addition to liberalisation of trade in goods and services, the Agreement covers investment, public procurement, competition, intellectual property rights, as well as trade and sustainable development issues.

About the evaluation of the Agreement

After several years of implementation, an evaluation study is currently under way to analyse the economic, social, human rights (including labour rights) and environmental impacts of the implementation of the Agreement. The purpose is to identify areas of strong performance as well as opportunities for improvement in the implementation of the Agreement.

More information about the evaluation is available from a dedicated evaluation study website.

About this survey

The purpose of the present consultation is to understand how businesspeople see the Agreement, its implementation and its effects both on businesses in general and on their own business specifically. SMEs are particularly welcome to fill in the survey.

If you would like to provide your views on the wider effects of the Agreement, please also participate in the <u>g</u> eneral survey.

The questionnaire is available in English and Spanish; responses can be provided in any EU official language. Completing the questionnaire should take no more than 20 minutes.

If you wish to add further information (such as a position paper or letter), you can do so at the end of the questionnaire.

The survey will be available online until 08 April 2021.

* A.1 Publication privacy settings

The Commission will publish the responses to this public consultation. You can choose whether you would like your details to be made public or to remain anonymous

Anonymous: Only generic data on your company, and the contribution will be published. No personal details will be published.

Public: Personal details provided by you (your name and the name of the company) will be published with your contribution. Your email address will NOT be published in any case.

Note: In the first case, you should not include in your submission any data or information that would allow you, or your company, to be identified.

Please note that regardless of the option chosen, your contribution may be subject to a request for access to documents under the EU Regulation 1049/2001 on public access to European Parliament, Council and Commission documents. In such cases, the request will be assessed against the conditions set out in the Regulation and in accordance with applicable data protection rules.

B About you

B.1 Where is your company based? Colombia Ecuador Peru EU Others
B.2 In which EU country? AT - Austria BE - Belgium BG - Bulgaria HR - Croatia CY - Cyprus CZ - Czechia DK - Denmark EE - Estonia FI - Finland FR - France DE - Germany EL - Greece HU - Hungary IE - Ireland IR - Italy LV - Latvia LT - Lithuania LU - Luxembourg MT - Malta NL - Netherlands
PL - PolandPT - PortugalRO - Romania
RO - Romania

SK - Slovak Republic

SI - Slovenia

	ES - Spain
	SE - Sweden
	and the disease shows a secondary
	ease indicate the country
0	9
	Albania
	Algeria
	Andorra
	Angola
	Antigua and Barbuda
	Argentina Armenia
	Australia
	Azerbaijan Bahamas
	Bahrain
	Bangladesh Barbados
	Belarus
	Belize
	Benin
	Bhutan
	Bolivia
	Bosnia and Herzegovina
	Botswana
0	Brazil
	Brunei Darussalam
	Burkina Faso
	Burundi
	Cabo Verde
	Cambodia
	Cameroon
	Canada
	Central African Republic
	Chad
	Chile

ChinaComorosCongoCosta RicaCôte D'Ivoire

Cuba

DjiboutiDominica

Dominican Republic

Democratic Republic of the Congo

\bigcirc	Ethiopia
\bigcirc	Fiji
	Gabon
	Gambia
	Georgia
	Ghana
	Grenada
	Guatemala
	Guinea
	Guinea Bissau
	Guyana
	Haiti
	Honduras
	Iceland
	India
	Indonesia
	Iran
	Iraq
	Israel
	Jamaica
	Japan
	Jordan
	Kazakhstan
	Kenya
	Kiribati
	Kuwait
-	Kyrgyzstan
	Laos
0	Lebanon
0	Lesotho
0	Liberia
0	Libya
0	
0	Madagascar
0	Malawi
0	Malaysia
0	Maldives
0	Mali
0	Marshall Islands
0	
	Mauritius

Mexico

Egypt

EritreaEswatini

El Salvador

Equatorial Guinea

	Micronesia
	Monaco
	Mongolia
	Montenegro
	Morocco
	Mozambique
	Myanmar
	Namibia
	Nauru
	Nepal
	New Zealand
	Nicaragua
	Niger
	Nigeria
	North Korea
	North Macedonia
	Norway
	Oman
	Pakistan
	Palau
	Panama
	Papua New Guinea
	Paraguay
0	
	Qatar
	Republic of Moldova
	Russian Federation
0	
	Saint Kitts and Nevis
	Saint Lucia
	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
	Samoa
	San Marino
	Sao Tome and Principe
	Saudi Arabia
	Senegal
	Serbia
	Seychelles
	Sierra Leone
	Singapore
	Solomon Islands
	Somalia

South AfricaSouth KoreaSouth SudanSri LankaSudan

	Suriname
	Switzerland
	Syrian Arab Republic
	Tajikistan
	Tanzania
	Thailand
	Timor-Leste
	Togo
	Tonga
	Trinidad and Tobago
	Tunisia
	Turkey
	Turkmenistan
	Tuvalu
	Uganda
	Ukraine
	United Arab Emirates
	United Kingdom
	United States of America
	Uruguay
	Uzbekistan
	Vanuatu
	Venezuela
	Viet Nam
	Yemen
	Zambia
0	Zimbabwe
B 4 H	ow large is your company?
	Micro (1-9 employees)
0	Small (10-49 employees)
0	Medium-sized (50-249 employees)
0	Large (250 or more employees)
	Large (250 of more employees)
B.5 Is	your company women-owned (i.e. women own more than 50% of the company)?
	Yes
0	No
B.6 Is	your company women-led (i.e. the top manager is a woman, or women have a majority among top
	gement)?
	Yes
	No
5 - ·	
B.7 In	which sector(s) do you operate?
	Agriculture: fruit and vegetable production
	Agriculture: other crops (incl. cereals, oilseeds, sugar)

Agriculture: livestock raising, meat production, dairy and other animal products	
Other agriculture and food products (incl. beverages)	
Forestry, wood and wood products	
Fishing and aquaculture	
Mining and quarrying	
Leather, footwear, textiles and garments	
Chemical, plastics and rubber products	
Electrical equipment and machinery	
Automotive and transport equipment	
Other manufacturing	
Utilities (gas, electricity, water supply, urban transport, railways, airports and ports)	
Construction	
Wholesale and retail trade	
Transportation and storage	
Tourism, accommodation and hospitality services	
Information and communication services	
Financial and insurance services	
Business services (including professional services)	
Other services	
B.8 What is your name?	
B.9 What is your company's name?	
B.10 If you are, in principle, available to respond to follow-up questions, please provide your email address (this will not be published).	
C Your commercial experience with countries that are Party to the Agreement	
C.1 Has your company been involved in trade with the EU recently?	
C.1 Has your company been involved in trade with the EU recently? No, never	
No, never	
No, neverNo, but we used to trade with the EU in the past	
 No, never No, but we used to trade with the EU in the past Yes, as importer only (including sourcing of raw materials/inputs) 	
 No, never No, but we used to trade with the EU in the past Yes, as importer only (including sourcing of raw materials/inputs) Yes, as exporter only 	
 No, never No, but we used to trade with the EU in the past Yes, as importer only (including sourcing of raw materials/inputs) Yes, as exporter only 	

We started	I after the Agreemer	nt started to be applied ((2013 for Colombia and	Peru, 2017 for Ecuador)
No No Yes, we ha	ave subsidiaries in t	ompany (or more)? he EU or investments in EU firm or have EU sha		
Since befo	re the Agreement s	lliated with the EU contarted (2013 for Colomb rted to be applied (2013	ia and Peru, 2017 for E	,
No, never No, but we Yes, as im Yes, as ex Yes, as an	used to in the past porter only (includin porter only importer and expor	g sourcing of raw mater	rials/inputs)	
	Most important	2nd most important	3rd most important	No trade
Colombia	0	0	0	0
Ecuador	0	0	0	0
Peru	0	0	0	0
Since befo We started C.8 Are you affili No Yes, we ha	re the start of the Agreement after the Agreement ated with a compa	with any of the three Agreement (2013 for Colont's application (2013 for any (or more) from Colont least one of the three colons in one of the three colons.	ombia and Peru, 2017 for Colombia and Peru, 2017 for Colombia and Peru, 2017 for Colombia, Peru or Ecuad countries or investment	or Ecuador) 017 for Ecuador) or? s in them
C.9 In which of the Colombia Ecuador Peru	ne three countries	do you have affiliated	companies?	
Since befo	re the Agreement s	ffiliated with the compa tarted (2013 for Colomb rted to be applied (2013	ia and Peru, 2017 for E	cuador)

C.11 Why have you never traded (or why have you ceased trading) with the EU (if you are based in
Colombia, Ecuador or Peru)/ with the three Andean partner countries (if you are based in the EU)?
Other markets (or suppliers) are more interesting, including our own domestic market (comparing benefits and costs)
Administrative requirements are too cumbersome (e.g. obtaining quotas, meeting rules of origin requirements)
This trade relation is too costly for us (e.g. market research, maintaining business contacts, trade finance)
We cannot meet market requirements (e.g. standards, consumer preferences)
Other
C.12 Please briefly explain
C.13 Do you know about the Trade Agreement that the EU, Colombia and Peru have had in place since
2013, and which Ecuador joined in 2017?
Yes, very well, e.g. our company has used it for trade
I know it reasonably well
I have heard about it but don't know any details
I had not heard about it prior to this evaluation/survey
D Impacts of the Agreement on your operations

D.1 How do you think the Agreement has affected the following aspects of your company's operations or performance?

	Strongly decreased/ worsened	Somewhat decreased/ worsened	No change	Somewhat increased /improved	Strongly increased /improved	l don' t know
Exports to the EU/to the three Andean countries	0	0	0	0	0	0
Imports from the EU /to the three Andean countries	•	0	0	0	•	0
Level of output	0	0	0	0	0	0
Profits	0	0	0	0	0	0
Employment	0	0	0	0	0	0
Production costs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Access to raw materials	0	0	0	0	0	0
Access to technology /innovation capacity	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investment from the partner region into our firm	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investment by us in a partner region firm	0	0	0	0	0	0

the Agreement has had any other impacts on your business, please also describe them here.	triirik triat
D.3 Overall, how has the Agreement affected your company?	
Very negatively	
Somewhat negatively	
Not at all	
Somewhat positively	
Very positively	
D.4 Please describe the most important positive or negative effects on your company.	
E Your experience with the Agreement	
E.1 Have you traded making use of the tariff preferences offered under the Agreement?	
Yes, we always do	
Yes, for some of our exports/imports	
O No	
O I don't know	
E.2 Why have you not (always) used the tariff preferences?	
Our products are not eligible for the preferences (e.g. because of rules of origin)	
We were not aware of tariff preferences	
We don't know how to make use of the preferences	
The administrative cost of using the preferences (e.g. obtaining a certificate of origin) is higher that	n the
benefit for us	
E.3 Please briefly explain the most important issue. If there are any other problems with using the	
preferences, please also describe them here.	

E.4 Based on your experience, to what extent to do agree with the following statements on some implementation aspects of the Agreement?

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	I don't know/ no opinion
Customs issues i) The cost of complying with customs requirements on the EU side has reduced	0	0	0	0	0	•
ii) The cost of complying with customs requirements on the Colombia/Ecuador/Peru side has reduced	0	0	0	0	0	0
iii) The time needed to comply with customs requirements on the EU side has reduced	0	©	0	©	0	•
iv) The time needed to comply with customs requirements on the Colombia/Ecuador/Peru side has reduced	0	0	0	0	0	0
v) The paperwork needed to comply with customs requirements on the EU side has reduced	0	0	0	0	0	0
vi) The paperwork needed to comply with						

customs requirements on the Colombia/Ecuador /Peru side has reduced	•	0	0	0	©	0
vii) We have faced issues with post-clearance audits by EU customs authorities	0	•	•	•	0	•
viii) We have faced issues with post-clearance audits by Colombia/Ecuador/Peru customs authorities	0	•	0	•	•	0
ix) Overall, customs requirements and procedures under the Agreement are easy to fulfil	©	•	0	•	©	0
Rules of origin x) Rules of origin are easy to understand	0	0	0	0	©	0
xi) Rules of origin are easy for us to meet	0	0	0	0	0	0
xii) Obtaining certificates of origin is easy	©	0	0	0	©	0
Tariff rate quotas (TRQs) xiii) Applying for allocation of quotas is easy	•	•	•	•	0	•
xiv) The allocation of quotas is transparent	0	0	0	0	0	0

Standards xv) The Agreement has made it easier for us to meet standards and technical requirements in the partner country(ies)	•	©	0	©	©	•
Public procurement xvi) The Agreement has made it easier for us to participate in public procurement proceedings in the partner country(ies)	•	©	0	©	©	•
Marketing and distribution issues xvii) As a result of the Agreement, buyers in the partner country(ies) have shown more interest in our products and services	•	©	0	•	•	•
xviii) Business trips have become easier because of the Agreement	0	0	0	0	0	0
xix) As a result of the Agreement, logistics for bilateral trade have improved	0	©	0	0	0	0
Business environment and regulation xx) Our domestic business						
	©	©	0	©	©	©

environment has improved because of the Agreement						
xxi) The Agreement has led to additional regulatory burden for us	•	•	0	0	©	•

E.5	Please specify at which level (central-level entities, subcentral-level entities) and for which sectors the
Agr	eement has made it easier for your company (or not) to participate in public procurement procedures
E.6	What have been the most salient effects of the Agreement? Please explain briefly.
E.7	What aspects of the Agreement's implementation should be improved, and how?

F Effect of the Agreement on micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) generally

F.1 To what extent do you agree with the following statements about the way the Trade Agreement has affected MSMEs in the EU?

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	l don' t know
MSMEs have exported more that they would have without the Agreement	0	0	0	0	0	0
MSMEs have faced stronger competition from imported goods or services	0	0	0	0	0	0
The involvement of MSMEs in global value chains (or bilateral value chains) has increased	0	•	0	0	0	0
MSMEs have benefited less from the Agreement than large companies	0	0	0	0	0	0
More MSMEs have started to export	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overall, MSMEs have benefited from the Agreement	0	0	0	0	0	0
MSMEs have obtained better access to new technologies	0	•	0	•	0	0

MSMEs have attracted investment	0	0	0	0	0	0
The business environment for MSMEs has improved because of the Agreement	•	0	0	0	0	0
The administrative requirements for trading under the Agreement are too burdensome for MSMEs	0	•	•	•	0	0

F.2	Please	explain	how (thro	ough what	mecha	nism) the	Agreeme	nt has l	led to th	nese effe	ects.	lf you	think th	at
the	Agreem	ent has	had any	other effe	cts for I	MSMEs ir	n the EU, p	olease a	also de:	scribe th	nem h	ere.		

F.3	To what extent	do you agree	e with the follow	ving statements	about the way	y the Trac	le Agreement	has
affe	cted MSMEs in	the three A	ndean partner	countries?				

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neutral	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree	l don' t know
MSMEs have exported more that they would have without the Agreement	0	0	0	0	0	0
MSMEs have faced stronger competition from imported goods or services	0	0	0	0	0	0
The involvement of MSMEs in global value chains (or bilateral value chains) has increased	0	•	•	•	0	0
MSMEs have benefited less from the Agreement than large companies	0	0	0	0	0	0
More MSMEs have started to export	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overall, MSMEs have benefited from the Agreement	0	0	0	0	0	0
MSMEs have obtained better access to new technologies	0	0	0	0	0	0

	The business environment for MSMEs has improved because of the Agreement	0	0	0	0	0	0
	The administrative requirements for trading under the Agreement are too burdensome for MSMEs	0	•	0	•	0	0
the	Please explain how (through w Agreement has had any other n here.					-	
F.5	Do you have any recommenda	ations on hov	v the Agreeme	nt could be	tter support MS	SMEs?	
G	Social, human rights a	and envir	onmental	issues r	elated to t	he Agre	ement
	Has your company, as a result consibility, human rights, emplo	•					
		•	oour standards		nvironmental p	oolicies?	l don' t know
		oyment or lab	oour standards	policy or e	nvironmental p	oolicies?	l don'
	consibility, human rights, emplo	oyment or lab	oour standards	policy or e	nvironmental p	oolicies?	l don'
	Corporate social responsibility/business conduct	yment or lab	oour standards	policy or e	nvironmental p	ened No	l don'
	Corporate social responsibility/business conduct Human rights policy	yment or lab	oour standards	policy or e	nvironmental p	ened No	l don'
resp	Corporate social responsibility/business conduct Human rights policy Employment or labour standard	Responsible	Introdi	policy or e	Strengthe	ened No	l don'
resp	Corporate social responsibility/business conduct Human rights policy Employment or labour standard Environmental policy	Responsible	Introdi	policy or e	Strengthe	ened No	l don'
G.2	Corporate social responsibility/business conduct Human rights policy Employment or labour standard Environmental policy Please describe the measures	Responsible	Introduce or impr	policy or e	Strengthe Strengthe	ened No onsibility	l don'
G.2	Corporate social responsibility/business conduct Human rights policy Employment or labour standard Environmental policy	Responsible	Introduce or impr	policy or e	Strengthe Strengthe	ened No onsibility	l don'

MSMEs have attracted

	ease describe the measures taken to introduce or improve a corporate employment or labour ards policy
G.5 PI	ease describe the measures taken to introduce or improve a corporate environmental policy
H Co	oncluding Questions
1.1 O	verall, what are the most negative aspects of the Agreement for your company?
1.2 O	verall, what are the most positive aspects of the Agreement for your company?
1.3 W	hat are the most negative aspects of the Agreement for businesses in your country generally?
H.4 W	hat are the most positive aspects of the Agreement for businesses in your country generally?
	you think there is a need for improvement in the operation of the Agreement? No Yes, implementation needs to improve Yes, parts of the Agreement should be revised Yes, implementation needs to improve, and certain parts should be revised I don't know
H.6 W	hat aspects of the Agreement should be the focus for improvements?
	re there any other comments you would like to make on EU-Colombia/Ecuador/Peru trade or the ment?

H.8 If you would like to upload any documents, such as position papers on EU- Colombia/Ecuador/Peru trade relations, please do so here.

The maximum file size is 1 MB

Many thanks!