

The liberalisation of transport related services as a tool to facilitate trade

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Trade is part of the story...

- Transport and logistics related services in the EU are important
- A lot of work is going into facilitating trade, transport, logistics, etc.
- Many DGs are involved: TREN, INFSO, TAXUD, etc
- Important part of the work relate to intra-EU

Looking beyond EU borders...

- But transport and transport related services are not only important inside the EU.
- These sectors are also important areas of activity for European firms in countries outside the EU.
- Important EU business and employment interests

What is at stake...

CLECAT members

EU maritime service providers

Airport operators

Postal, courier, express delivery

EU air transporters

etc....



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So what does DG TRADE do for you?



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To sum it up...

Liberalisation of services and investment conditions
while avoiding unwanted impacts to EU interests

Multilateral level...

- Key ambition in WTO
- Integral part of the DDA
- Friends of maritime transport (EU, Japan, Korea, China...)
- Friends of air transport (EU, CHY, NZ, Australia)

Bilateral level...

- FTAs/bilateral agreements
- Association agreements
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- Alonstanding agreements (maritime or air transport)

Which sectors...

- International Maritime transport services
- Internal waterways transport services
- Road transport services
- Rail transport services
- All the connected auxiliary services

Existing agreements with maritime transport service components...

- EU-Algeria Association Agreement
- EU-Bangladesh: Cooperation Agreement
- EU-CARIFORUM: Economic Partnership Agreement
- EU-Chile Association Agreement
- EU-China: Agreement on Maritime Transport
- EU-Jordan: Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement
- EU-Korea FTA,
- EU-Russia Partnership and Cooperation Agreement
- EU-South Africa: Agreement on Trade, Development and Cooperation
- EU-Vietnam market access agreement

Ongoing negotiations with maritime services components...

- FTA negotiations with Colombia, Peru, Mercosur, Canada, Singapore, Central America
- EU-India agreement on Maritime transport

Air transport agreements...

- Existing agreements: US, Canada, Morocco, Western Balkans
- Ongoing open sky negotiations: Australia, New Zealand, Ukraine, Jordan, Israel, Georgia

Key objectives...

- Door-to-door delivery and multimodal transport
- Principle of free right of establishment
- Ban cargo sharing
- Access to Port services
- Establishment and cross-border services for maritime transport of goods and passengers and key related services

Key negotiating objectives...

- Auxiliary services Maritime agency, freight forwarding, freight transport agency, cargo-handling, customs clearance, storage and warehousing, airport operation, groundhandling



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Thank you for your attention!