



BUSINESSEUROPE's reply to public consultation on the future of EU-Mexico trade and economic relations

Context of the consultation

Mexico was the first Latin American country to sign a partnership agreement with the EU (in 1997). The Agreement, called the EU-Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement, entered into force in 2000 and has considerably strengthened bilateral relations between the EU and Mexico. The Agreement has established a Free Trade Area (FTA) between the EU and Mexico placing their bilateral trade relations in a preferential framework and helping to enhance their bilateral economic ties. Since the entry into force of the FTA EU-Mexico, trade has increased by 237%, with EU-Mexico trade amounting to 47 billion € approximately in 2014, EU imports from Mexico totaling more than 18 billion € EU exports to Mexico reaching a value of more than 28 billion €. In 2013, the EU was Mexico's third second trading after the US and China (source: Eurostat). The US accounted in 2014 for 80% of Mexico exports and 51% of Mexico imports [1]. Thus, broadening its trade relations with other countries is a key objective for Mexico. Many changes occurred since the entry into force of the 2000 EU Mexico Free Trade Agreement. In 2006, the European Commission adopted a "Global Europe" strategy outlining the contribution of trade policy to stimulating growth and creating jobs in Europe and aiming to ensure that Europe remains open to the world and other markets open to the EU. Based on this strategy, the EU set about modernising its agenda for EU trade policy and seeking deeper trade agreements covering much more than tariff dismantling. The aim is also to address regulatory barriers in goods, services and investment, intellectual property rights, government procurement, the protection of innovation, sustainable development (ie, decent work, including core labour standards and environmental protection) and other important issues. Mexico also became a Strategic Partner of the EU in 2008 (one of only 2 in Latin America). Successive recent EU trade negotiations with Mexico's neighbours in the Americas reflect this ambition. The broadening of EU exclusive competence since the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty in 2009 to cover investment also justifies an update of the Agreement. As the Mexican economy is highly integrated with that of North America (Canada and US), any modernisation of the EU-Mexico Agreement must be considered in the overall context of North America in order to ensure, as far as possible, that the conditions available to investors and trade operators in each of the three countries are broadly comparable. In view of this, the EU and Mexico decided, in the context of the EU Latin America, Caribbean (CELAC) summit in Santiago in January 2013, 'to explore the options for a comprehensive update of the Economic Partnership, Political Co-ordination and Co-operation Agreement between the EU and Mexico'. The understanding was that this exercise could lead to a negotiation for modernising the three pillars of the EU-Mexico Global Agreement. In particular, the trade pillar of the EU-Mexico Global Agreement should be modernised in an ambitious manner, and one which also takes into account other FTAs concluded or in



course of negotiation by each party. The EU and Mexico also decided to establish an EU-Mexico Joint Working Group, including a sub-group on trade and investment. The sub-group decided to launch a scoping exercise (the 'Joint Vision Report'), in order to explore in greater detail the results at which a negotiation on the modernisation of the EU-Mexico Global Agreement should aim. The Joint Vision Report was successfully completed for the EU-Mexico Summit on 12 June. The Presidents on both sides announced a commitment "to launch, in 2015, the process of starting negotiations, according to the legal framework of each side".

Issues for the consultation

The trade pillar of the existing EU-Mexico Global Agreement was quite broad for an Agreement of its kind at the time when it was negotiated. It covers trade in goods and parts of services. It also includes specific chapters on non-tariff measures, government procurement, competition and certain areas of intellectual property rights. However, since it entered into force in 2000, there have been significant trade policy developments for both parties; notably, their conclusions of a number of Agreements with other trading partners. Mexico has for example joined the Pacific Alliance[2] and the Trans-Pacific Partnership[3] negotiations; the EU has concluded a 'new generation' Agreement with South Korea [4], has ended negotiations with Canada [5] and Singapore [6], and has been negotiating with the US (TTIP[7]) since 2013. These Agreements or on-going negotiations go well beyond the existing content of the trade pillar of the EU-Mexico Global Agreement and as a result, Mexico's and the EU's preferential relationship now risks falling behind when compared to their respective relationships with other trading partners. Attempts to modernise the existing Agreement's chapters on agriculture, services and investment in a sectoral manner using the review clauses in the Agreement have so far been unsuccessful. Moreover, since the entry into force of the Lisbon Treaty in 2009, the EU exclusive competence now covers investment; and it is worth noting that there are currently 16 bilateral investment treaties (BITs) between EU Member States and Mexico, differing in their level of ambition and creating potential inconsistencies in the treatment of EU investors in Mexico. The Joint Vision Report reached the conclusion that there is a common understanding between the EU and Mexico as to what an ambitious and modernised FTA should achieve. Modernising the FTA will affect EU and Mexican businesses, including manufacturers, service industries, trading companies and their workforces, all of whom are likely to feel the effects of an updated Agreement, as well as consumers of both parties. This public consultation aims at gathering detailed views relating to the future trade and economic relationship between the European Union and Mexico. The results of the consultation will feed into the Impact Assessment which Commission services are currently preparing. The Impact Assessment will help to shape the position of the Commission with regards to a potential modernisation of the existing FTA between the European Union and Mexico.

For more information or additional questions please contact: TRADE-EU-MEXICO-CONSULTATION@ec.europa.eu



Please submit your replies by **31 August 2015**.

Relevant documents:

[EU-Mexico Trade relations](#)

[EU-Mexico Political relations](#)

[The EU-Mexico Strategic Partnership](#)

[Roadmap on the modernisation of the trade part of the EU-Mexico Global Agreement](#)

[Specific privacy statement](#)

[The consultation webpage](#)

[1] Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía,
<http://www3.inegi.org.mx/sistemas/temas/default.aspx?s=est&c=25824>

[2] The Pacific Alliance is a regional free-trade initiative formed by Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru, with some features of further integration such as economic integration, a visa-free travel area, a common stock exchange, and common external representation for trade matters.

[3] The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) is a proposed Free-Trade Agreement under negotiation between Australia, Brunei, Chile, Canada, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the United States, and Vietnam. It aims at enhancing trade and investment among the TPP countries, promote innovation, economic growth and development and support the creation of jobs in order to integrate the economies of the Asia-Pacific region.

[4] [The EU-South Korea Free Trade Agreement](#)

[5] [The EU-Canada Trade Agreement](#)

[6] [The EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement](#)

[7] [Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership](#).

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* Please indicate your preference:

- My contribution can be published, including my name or the name of my organisation
- My contribution can be published but in an anonymous way
- My contribution cannot be published

About you

* What type of organisation are you?

- Micro Enterprise (less than 10 employees)
- Small Enterprise (between 10 and 50 employees)
- Medium Enterprise (between 50 and 250 employees)
- Large company (over 250 employees)
- Trade Association
- Trade Union, NGO
- Government institution/regulatory authority
- Academic/research institution
- Citizen
- Other

* What are the main areas/sectors of activity/interests of the members which you represent?

- Farming (crop and animal production), hunting
- Forestry and logging
- Fishing and aquaculture
- Mining of coal and lignite
- Extraction of petroleum and gas
- Mining of metal ores
- Other mining and quarrying
- Mining support service activities
- Production of food products



- Production of beverages
- Production of Tobacco products
- Production of textiles
- Production of wearing apparel
- Production of leather and related products
- Production of wood, and products of wood, cork
- Production of paper and paper products
- Printing and reproduction of recorded media
- Production of coke and refined petroleum products
- Production of chemicals and chemical products
- Production of basic pharmaceutical products
- Production of rubber and plastics products
- Production of other non-metallic mineral products
- Production of basic metals
- Production of metal products (excl. electricity, gas, steam & air conditioning)
- Production of computer, electronic and optical equipment
- Production of electrical equipment
- Production of machinery and equipment not covered by any other category listed here
- Production of motor vehicles, trailers and semi-trailers
- Production of other transport equipment
- Production of furniture
- Other manufacturing
- Repair/installation of machinery and equipment
- Electricity, gas, steam and air-conditioning
- Water collection, treatment, disposal, material recovery
- Remediation activities, other waste services
- Construction of buildings
- Civil engineering
- Specialized construction activities
- Wholesale, retail trade of motor vehicles
- Wholesale trade (excl. postal and courier activities)



- Land transport and transport via pipelines
- Water transport
- Air transport
- Warehousing and support for transportation
- Postal and courier activities
- Accommodation
- Food and beverages services activities
- Publishing activities
- Motion picture, video, TV and music activities
- Programming and broadcasting activities
- Telecommunications
- Computer programming consultancy
- Information and communication technology
- Financial service activities (other professional, scientific and technical activities)
- Insurance, reinsurance and pension funding
- Activities auxiliary to finance and insurance
- Real estate activities
- Legal and accounting activities
- Professional activities and head offices; management consultancy
- Architecture and engineering; technical testing
- Scientific research and development
- Advertising and market research
- Other professional, scientific and technical activities
- veterinary activities
- Rental and leasing activities
- Employment activities (including recruitment activities)
- Travel agency, tour operator, reservation services
- Security and investigation activities
- Services to buildings and landscape activities
- Office administration and other business' support activities
- Education



- Human health and social work activities
- Arts, entertainment and recreation
- Other services activities
- Accommodation and food services, non-market services
- Other

* If Other, please specify activity

* As applicable: What is your place of residence (individuals) or where are the headquarters of your organisation situated?

- In one of the 28 EU Member States
- Mexico
- USA, Canada
- EFTA country (Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland)
- Turkey
- Other

THE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EU AND MEXICO – options for its modernisation

Are you aware of the existence of a free trade agreement between the EU and Mexico – the EU-Mexico Economic Partnership, Political Coordination and Cooperation Agreement?

- Yes
- No

Should the current Agreement be reviewed, as foreseen in the review clauses of the current agreement, aiming for further liberalisation limited to the areas of agriculture, services, and investment?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

The current Agreement between Mexico and the EU contains specific clauses which state that a review may be undertaken looking at further steps in the process of liberalisation of trade and tariff quota quantities between the Community and Mexico in the areas of agriculture, services and investment. These were areas where it was recognised in 2000 that further progress could be possible in the years to come.



* What should be the objectives and priorities of the future EU-Mexico trade and economic relations?

The EU-Mexico FTA should ideally mirror the level of ambition of recent EU FTAs, for example CETA. It should address inter alia tariffs and non-tariff barriers, services, procurement, investments (including ISDS), IPRs and competition, promoting innovation and economic growth in both Mexico and the EU while catering for the needs of SMEs. It should improve the business environment, taking into account both global value chains and the NAFTA, paving the way for a truly integrated Trans-Atlantic market: it should ensure EU imports are not at disadvantage compared to US and Canadian imports and should address rules of origin in the Northern American continent in a consistent manner to ensure compatibility between the systems put in place by the different free trade agreements among and with Canada, the US and Mexico.

* Should the EU and Mexico modernize the existing EU-Mexico Agreement to achieve a "comprehensive and ambitious" agreement which would cover a broad range of issues, including matters which are outside the scope of the current agreement, with the objective of further deepening bilateral trade and investment relations?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

Which topics should be covered by a "comprehensive and ambitious" Agreement according to you?

	Yes	No	No opinion
*Market access in agriculture and fisheries	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Trade in services	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Investment	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Technical barriers to trade	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Sanitary and phytosanitary measures	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Intellectual property rights (including Geographical Indications)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Government procurement	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Trade facilitation	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Mediation	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Competition	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Trade and sustainable development	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Other	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



Investment protection

TRADE IN GOODS

TARIFFS

Agriculture and fisheries are the only sectors where tariff barriers remain in place following implementation of the Agreement between Mexico and the EU. Questions 7 and 8 therefore apply to trade in products only from the agricultural and fisheries sectors.

* Do you consider that tariffs or measures of equivalent hinder trade between the EU and Mexico?

- Yes
- No

* Do you use the tariff preferences set by the existing EU-Mexico Agreement?

- Yes
- No

RULES OF ORIGIN

* Do you consider that there are problems with rules of origin in the context of the existing EU-Mexico Trade Agreement?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

* If you encounter problems with rules of origin, how do you think they should they be addressed?

- By reviewing the rules of origin requirements and certification procedures in line with the latest developments in EU trade agreements with other countries
- By facilitating the obtention of certificates of origin
- By "extension of cumulation" (see below) to third countries that have a preferential trade agreement with both the EU and Mexico.



- Other

‘Extension of cumulation’ allows products of one country of a free-trade zone to be further processed or added to products in other countries of that zone as if they had originated in the latter countries. Production may be aggregated with other countries’ inputs without losing originating status, which offers additional opportunities to source input materials.

Extension of cumulation essentially widens the definition of originating products, and provides flexibility in the development of economic relations between countries within a free trade zone. It therefore promotes economic integration among member countries of a free trade zone.

CUSTOMS PROCEDURES, BORDER ENFORCEMENT AND TRADE FACILITATION

* Do you consider that there are problems with current practices in customs procedures and border enforcement in the context of the existing EU-Mexico Trade Agreement?

- Yes
 No
 No opinion

* If your answer is ‘yes’, in which areas do you experience problems

- Transparency/publication of and access to trade regulations
 Documentary requirements/unproportionate administrative burden
 Data requirements
 Fees and charges imposed in connection with import or export
 Pre-shipment inspections
 Other inspections and controls during clearance
 Obligation to go through a customs broker
 Other customs procedures
 Mutual recognition of authorised economic operators
 Discriminatory treatment



- Lack of uniformity in application of procedures
- Customs valuation
- Co-ordination between the different border agencies
- Use or non-use of information technology
- Application or non-application of relevant international standards
- Procedures for legal recourse/appeal
- Other
- * If Other, please specify

Complexity and inconsistent interpretation of requirements (paper document requirements, increase of data and original documents to be provided); inefficiency, and non-transparency of procedures cause delays and counter to business objectives of reducing barriers and simplifying trade. Furthermore border controls should be strengthened and improved to fight illegal trade, as Mexico increasingly serves as a transit country for counterfeit products that are subsequently transported to the US.

NON-TARIFF MEASURES

'Technical barriers to trade' are technical regulations and product standards that may vary from country to country. Having many different regulations and standards makes life difficult for producers and exporters. If regulations are set arbitrarily, they could be used as an excuse for protectionism. However some measures are put in place to achieve legitimate policy objectives, such as the protection of human health and safety, or the environment.

- * Does the difference between EU and Mexican regulation or standards hinder trade activities?
 - Yes
 - No
 - No opinion

If your answer is 'yes', please specify whether they arise from:

- Divergent standards



- Technical regulations
- Conformity assessment procedures (including technical specifications, testing and certifications)
- Sanitary or Phytosanitary (SPS) related barriers
- Other

* If "Other", please specify

If the technical barriers to trade were to be included in a modernised trade agreement between Mexico and the EU, which issues should be addressed to facilitate trade?

* Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)

- No opinion
- Increase transparency
- Promote good regulatory practice
- Seek compatibility and convergence of technical regulations through the application of international standards
- Streamline testing and certification requirements through the adoption of risk based conformity assessment procedures
- Promotion of self-certification where possible and appropriate
- Acceptance of test results
- Promote the use of accreditation
- Improve the dissemination of information between exporters and importers
- Other

* If "Other", please specify

* Sanitary and phytosanitary measures (SPS)

- No opinion
- Ensure that SPS measures applicable to trade are based on international standards
- Establish appropriate mechanisms to facilitate trade (such as: harmonisation; equivalence; risk analysis and assessment; regionalisation; control, inspection, and approval procedures; audits (including allocation of costs); import checks (including inspection fees); alternative and/or emergency measures; recognition of the EU as a single entity; the possibility for approval of establishments without prior inspection)



Incorporate animal welfare aspects

Other

If "Other", please specify

* Barriers to trade

No opinion

Address measures designated to protect, favour or stimulate domestic operators at the expense of imported goods, services or foreign-owned or foreign-developed intellectual property

Other

TRADE IN SERVICES

* Do you consider that there are barriers to trade in services between the EU and Mexico?

Yes

No

No opinion

If there are barriers to trade in services, what are their effects/impacts?

they discriminate in favour of domestic services suppliers;

they discriminate against cross-border service provision;

they affect your ability to establish physical outlets, and to supply services through these outlets;

they affect the price of the services you provide;

* they have other restrictive impacts

Other

* If "Other", please specify

Barriers to trade in services should be addressed. The revised agreement should include a comprehensive chapter on Digital Economy and provisions to increase market access and ensure national treatment.

* If you are affected by barriers to trade in services, what is your estimate of the additional costs which they impose (for instance in ad valorem equivalent or in



percentage of exports/imports loss?)

INVESTMENT

Do you consider there are barriers to direct investment flow between the EU and Mexico? Please specify the location of these barriers (if any).

	Yes	No	No opinion
*EU	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Mexico	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Do you consider there are problems as regards investment protection and/or discriminatory treatment of investors/investments in the EU or Mexico? Please specify the location (if any).

	Yes	No	No opinion
*EU	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Mexico	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If your answer is 'yes', have you been able to successfully deal with these problems following contact with the authorities (even through legal/administrative proceedings presented to competent legal jurisdictions)?

<input type="radio"/>	Yes
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	No

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS 'IPR' (INCLUDING GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS)

Do you consider there are problems of protection and enforcement of IPR in the EU or Mexico? Please specify the location of these barriers (if any).

	Yes	No	No opinion
*EU	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Mexico	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



If your answer is 'yes', which specific areas or issues should be addressed in a modernised agreement?

- Copyright and related rights
- Trademarks
- Geographical indications
- Designs
- Patents
- Digital environment
- Regulatory data protection
- Plant variety
- Border measures
- Enforcement
- Other

GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT

Do you consider there are difficulties for EU companies to access government procurement in Mexico, or Mexican companies to access government procurement in the EU. Please specify the location of these barriers (if any).

	Yes	No	No opinion
*EU	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Mexico	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

* Please specify the types of difficulties:

- Lack of transparency on procurement opportunities (for example information on public procurement contracts not easily accessible)
- Lack of clarity of the applicable rules and/or on the applicable procedures
- Lack of clarity of the technical specifications (technical specification overly vague)
- Discrimination in technical specifications



- Local content requirements (requirement to include local goods/services or to locally subcontract)
- Preferential regime for domestic suppliers
- Other discriminatory practises

COMPETITION POLICY

* Do you consider that the regulatory framework ensures fair competition in the EU and Mexico?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

* If your answer is 'no', please indicate which of the following situation you have encountered:

- Cartels
- Abuse of a dominant position
- Vertical or horizontal restrictions of competition
- State aid
- State-owned enterprises
- Enterprises granted special or exclusive rights or privileges
- Other

SMEs

* Which parts of the existing Agreement should be developed further to solve the particular problems of EU or Mexican SMEs?

- None
- Tariff barriers
- Rules of origin



- Customs procedures
 - Technical barriers to trade
 - Services
 - Investment
 - Intellectual property
 - Government procurement
 - Dispute settlement
 - Competition policy
 - Other
- * What potential benefits should a possible modernisation of the EU Mexico trade Agreement bring to SMEs?
- None
 - More output/employment due to higher exports;
 - Cheaper production costs through cheaper imports;
 - Converging of standards will facilitate trade with other countries;
 - Technology transfer;
 - Possibility to move from lower to higher value added products/services;
 - Lower costs for import requirements (e.g. formalities, tests, inspections)
 - Increased business cooperation between EU and Mexican SMEs
 - Other benefits

Consumers

- * In your opinion, could there be an impact on consumers from the reduction of barriers to trade and investment between the EU and Mexico?
- Yes
 - No
 - No opinion

What would be the impacts, positive or negative of further liberalisation of EU-Mexico trade? Please specify this for the EU and Mexico respectively.



For the EU

	Yes, positively	Yes, negatively	No	No opinion
*Availability of essential goods or services	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Affordability of essential goods or services	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Prices of goods or services for end-users	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Choice of goods or services available to consumers	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Quality of goods or services available to consumers	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Safety of goods or services available to consumers	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Information available to consumers	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Protection and enforcement of consumer rights	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If "Other", please specify

For Mexico

	Yes, positively	Yes, negatively	No	No opinion
*Availability of essential goods or services	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Affordability of essential goods or services	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Prices of goods or services for end-users	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Choice of goods or services available to consumers	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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*Information available to consumers	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Protection and enforcement of consumer rights	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If "Other", please specify



Add further comments on overall impact on consumer:

TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

All countries, in an increasingly globalised economy, have a shared responsibility to achieve social cohesion and promote full and productive employment and decent work for all. Environmental concerns – whether of a purely domestic or trans-boundary/global nature) (e.g. fight against climate change and adaptation to its consequences, biodiversity loss and natural resource depletion) - pose a threat to the prosperity and well-being of people in rich and poor countries alike.

Trade policy can support green and inclusive growth around the globe.

- * In your opinion could there be a social impact from the reduction of barriers to trade and investment between the EU and Mexico?
 - Yes
 - No
 - No opinion

Do you think that the following areas related to social issues (including human rights and gender effects) (in the EU and/or in Mexico) could be affected, positively or negatively by updated EU-Mexico trade liberalisation?

For the EU: Social issues and labour rights

	Yes, positively	Yes, negatively	No	No opinion
* *Employment (number of jobs)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* *Employment (quality of jobs)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* *Wages	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* *Household income	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
* *Core labour standards: (i) Freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining (ii) The elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour (iii) The effective abolition of child labour (iv) The	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation

*Social protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Social dialogue	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Poverty reduction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Gender-related issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If "Other", please specify

If negatively impacted, how could those impacts be mitigated?

For the EU: Human rights

	Yes, positively	Yes, negatively	No	No opinion
*Right to enjoyment of just and favourable conditions of work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Right to social security, including social insurance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Right to an adequate standard of living	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Right to enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Rights of indigenous peoples	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

If "Other", please specify

If negatively impacted, how could those impacts be mitigated?

For Mexico: Social issues and labour rights

	Yes, positively	Yes, negatively	No	No opinion
*Employment (number of jobs)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Employment (quality of jobs)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



*Wages	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Household income	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Core labour standards: (i) Freedom of association and the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining, (ii) The elimination of all forms of forced and compulsory labour, (iii) The effective abolition of child labour, (iv) The elimination of discrimination in respect of employment and occupation	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Social protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
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*Poverty reduction	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Gender-related issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If "Other", please specify

If negatively impacted, how could those impacts be mitigated?

For Mexico: Human rights

	Yes, positively	Yes, negatively	No	No opinion
*Right to enjoyment of just and favourable conditions of work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Right to social security, including social insurance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Right to an adequate standard of living	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Right to enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
*Rights of indigenous peoples	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If "Other", please specify

If negatively impacted, how could those impacts be mitigated?



Please add any further comments on overall social impacts
 Please add any further comments on impacts on human right

* In your opinion could there be an environmental impact from the reduction of barriers to trade and investment between the EU and Mexico?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

Do you think that the following areas related to the environment (in the EU and/or in Mexico) could be affected, positively or negatively by updated EU and Mexico trade liberalisation?

For the EU: Environmental issues

	Yes, positively	Yes, negatively	No	No opinion
*Environmental quality	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Natural resources (including biodiversity, wildlife, forestry and fisheries)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Climate change including greenhouse gas emissions	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Pollutants (air, water, waste management, chemicals etc.)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
*Greening of the economy	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If "Other", please specify

If negatively impacted, how could they be mitigated?

For Mexico: Environmental issues

Yes, positively	Yes, negatively	No	No opinion
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- *Environmental quality
- *Natural resources (including biodiversity, wildlife, forestry and fisheries)
- *Climate change
- including greenhouse gas emissions
- *Pollutants (air, water, waste management, chemicals etc.)
- *Greening of the economy
- Other

Please add any further comments on environmental impacts

If you consider that the EU and Mexico should co-operate further to promote adherence to internationally recognised principles, rights and agreements on labour and environment, please explain how

* Should the EU and Mexico co-operate further to promote adherence to internationally recognised principles, rights and agreements on labour and environment?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

OTHER ISSUES

* Do you think that a revised trade agreement between the EU and Mexico should include specific provisions on energy (for example, measures aimed at increasing transparency, ensuring non-discrimination and limiting anti-competitive practices)?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

The revised agreement should increase transparency, ensure non-discrimination



- * **and tackle and prevent anti-competitive practices.**

Do you think that a revised trade agreement between the EU and Mexico should include specific provisions on improving future regulatory coherence (for example, measures providing for cross-cutting disciplines in order to develop and implement more efficient and more compatible regulations)?

- Yes
- No
- No opinion

A mechanism for an enhanced regulatory cooperation dialogue should be established that can address existing barriers to trade and prevent new ones from arising, including in the realm of customs and trade facilitation.

If there are any other issues that should be addressed in the context of trade relations between the EU and Mexico, please mention them below. These can be issues not mentioned in the questionnaire or you can expand on issues included in the questionnaire in more detail.

- * Can the Commission contact the respondent if further details are needed?

- Yes
- No