



# EU TRADE POLICY

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# Lectures' and seminars' content

- The main features of the EU foreign trade policy
- The EU foreign investment policy
- Which consequences of the current global health crisis on the EU trade and investment policy?
- The EU digital single market: an introductory overview
- Web-sources and materials on EU trade policy



**Which consequences of the current global health crisis on the EU trade and investment policy?**

## Trade set to plunge as COVID-19 pandemic upends global economy

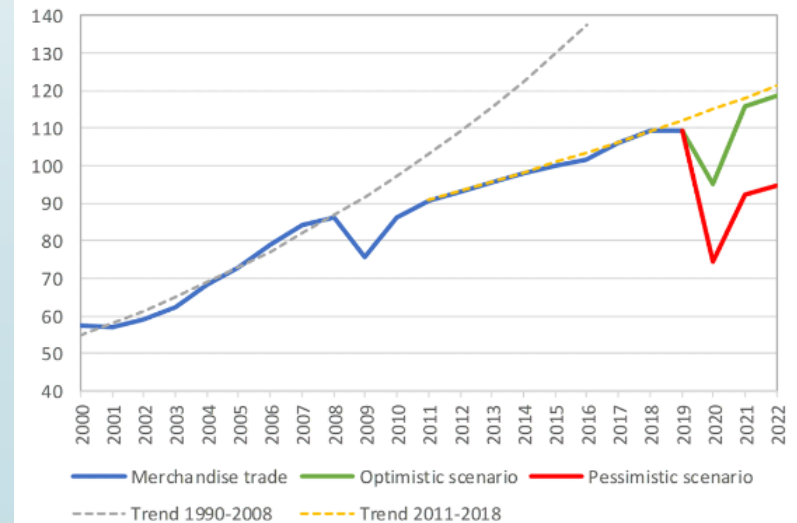
World trade is expected to fall by between 13% and 32% in 2020 as the COVID 19 pandemic disrupts normal economic activity and life around the world.

## COVID-19 EFFECTS ON WORLD TRADE POLICY

- The global COVID-19 pandemic has had, and will continue to have, significant implications for businesses involved in international commerce.
- States around the world are adopting **trade restrictions** on import/export of products (eg health-related products) on the ground of the emergency situations they are facing

Chart 1 - World merchandise trade volume, 2000-2022

Index, 2015=100



Source: WTO Secretariat.

# National COVID-19-related trade policy measures

Some countries have decided to establish **export controls** over certain medical products (eg medical ventilators, certain drugs, personal protective equipment) **in the form of temporary export bans or the addition of licensing/authorisation requirements.**

- *In principle, those measures are WTO-compatible, as they are justified as necessary to protect public health.*

Other countries, concerned with the security of their food supplies, have introduced **export restrictions over specific agricultural products**

- *Joint statement by the Directors-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Health Organization and the World Trade Organization (WTO)  
“uncertainty about food availability can spark a wave of [additional] export restrictions, creating a shortage on the global market”*



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## Agency chiefs issue joint call to keep food trade flowing in response to COVID-19

The heads of the World Trade Organization (WTO), the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) issued a joint statement on 31 March calling on governments to minimise the impact of COVID-19 related border restrictions on trade in food. It is the time to show solidarity, act responsibly and adhere to our common goal of enhancing



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# COVID-19 and world trade

The COVID-19 pandemic represents an unprecedented disruption to the global economy and world trade, as production and consumption are scaled back across the globe.

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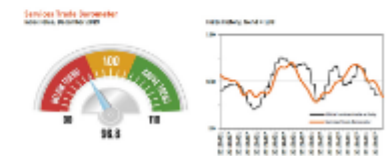
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One of the most effective means of addressing this crisis is through timely, accurate information. An informed public is better positioned to make sound decisions including on questions related to trade. This is why we have created this dedicated page on the WTO website. It will provide up-to-the minute trade-related information including relevant notifications by WTO members, the impact the virus has had on exports and imports and how WTO activities have been affected by the pandemic.

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## WTO TRADE BAROMETERS



The WTO has developed a set of indicators to provide "real-time" information on trends in world trade: the



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# COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak and the EU's response

## Highlight

EU leaders to discuss phasing out measures and the EU's recovery strategy



### Flexibility in EU rules

The EU has enabled **maximum flexibility in the application of EU rules** on:

- state aid measures to support businesses and workers
- public finances and fiscal policies, e.g. to accommodate exceptional spending



# Overview of exceptional measures taken by MS customs authorities during COVID-19 crisis

[https://ec.europa.eu/taxation\\_customs/sites/taxation/files/covid-19-overview\\_exceptional\\_measures\\_ms\\_ctc.xlsx](https://ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/sites/taxation/files/covid-19-overview_exceptional_measures_ms_ctc.xlsx)

For further details, see the country specific sheets.

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## Exceptional temporary measures

### General COVID-19 measures

	AT	BE	BG	CY	CZ	DE	DK	EE	EL	ES	FI	FR	HR	HU	IE	IT	LT	LU	LV	MT	NL	PL	PT	RO	SE
- limited staff in the offices (teleworking, ...)		x							x	x			e		x						x				
- limit physical contacts		x	x		x			x	x	x					x				x		x	x			
- wear protective equipment and to regularly disinfect all public areas					x				x						x										
- avoid paper-based documents			x		x				x						x				x			x			
- reduction of physical checks of goods		x			x				x	x					x										

### Transit

- No additional measures in place						x	x								x		x		x						
- Use of existing electronic system (NCTS, ETD,...)			x												x				x			x			
- Authorised consignor / consignee (no physical contacts)			x		x										x							x			

### At customs office of departure

- Set longer time limits on request for certain itineraries (Article 297 IA)	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
- Continued use of paperbased supporting/accompanying documents		x	x		x										x										
- when endorsement is required		x	x		x				x						x										
- upon appointment		x							x																
- left in a special post box in a separate room of the Customs office and picked up by the holder of the procedure					x																				
- Use of electronic documents		x			x			x																	
- trader may add or send scanned documents (transport document,					x			x	x										x			x	x		



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**CUSTOMS GUIDANCE  
FOR TRADE**





# ESM and SURE

- ▶ European Stability Mechanism (**ESM**): the EU bailout fund that already permits Eurozone countries to borrow capital on similar conditions
  - ▶ Article 3 of the ESM Treaty (2012): the ESM's mission is to provide financial assistance to euro area countries experiencing or threatened by severe financing problems. To this end, the ESM shall be entitled to raise funds by issuing financial instruments or by entering into financial or other agreements or arrangements with ESM Members, financial institutions or other third parties.
- ▶ A European instrument for temporary Support to mitigate Unemployment Risks in an Emergency (**SURE**)
  - ▶ financial assistance to Member States (in the forms of loans) to address sudden increases in public expenditure for the preservation of employment. SURE should act as a second line of defence, supporting short-time work schemes and similar measures

# From 'corona bonds' to 'Next Generation EU'

- **"Eurobonds"** or "corona bonds" as a form of long-term common debt instrument that would mutualize Eurozone debt
- Spanish and Italian leaders have called for jointly issued "corona bonds" in order to help their countries. Corona bonds were discussed on 26 March 2020 in a European Council meeting, but Germany and the Netherlands ruled out issuing such bonds.
- Despite the fact that the European Commission and European Central Bank released billions in special funds, relaxed the limits for budget deficits and government debt of EU countries, some members (such as France, Italy, Spain, Belgium, Ireland, Portugal, Greece, Slovenia and Luxembourg) demanded more to be done in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic
- In **July 2020** the European Council agreed to issue **European sovereign bonds of 750 billion €, branded Next Generation EU (one-time Recovery fund)**, to support member states hit by the COVID-19 pandemic
  - NGEU fund goes over the years 2021–2023



# COVID-19 EFFECTS ON EU INVESTMENT POLICY

- ▶ How the Coronavirus pandemic is affecting FDI flows worldwide
- ▶ Which instruments are being adopted at the national and EU levels
- ▶ Which consequences for foreign investors in Europe?



# How the Coronavirus pandemic is affecting FDI flows worldwide

- ▶ UNCTAD's estimates of 26 March 2020 show a dramatic 30% to 40% drop in FDI flows worldwide during 2020-2021
- ▶ The hardest-hit sectors:
  - ▶ energy
  - ▶ basic materials industries (e.g. oil)
  - ▶ airlines
  - ▶ automotive industry


UNCTAD, Coronavirus could cut global investment by 40%, new estimates show [26 March 2020], <https://unctad.org>

# Which instruments are being adopted at the national and EU levels (1)

- ▶ **National measures** affecting future FDI inflows:
  - ▶ incentives to prospective foreign investors
  - ▶ safeguards to national critical infrastructures
    - ▶ state subsidies to support domestic industries
    - ▶ screening mechanisms of FDI to avoid hostile takeovers

UNCTAD, *Investment Policy Monitor* No. 23 [2 April 2020],  
<https://investmentpolicy.unctad.org>

IMF: <https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19>



## Which instruments are being adopted at the national and EU levels (2)

**EU Commission:** *Guidelines for member states on how to apply the FDI Screening Regulation during the COVID-19 pandemic (25 March 2020)*

- ▶ Regulation 2019/452 establishing a framework for the screening of foreign direct investments into the Union (it applies from 11 October 2020)



# Regulation (EU) 2019/452

- ▶ Regulation (EU) 2019/452 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 March 2019 establishing a framework for screening of foreign direct investments into the Union
- The Regulation establishes a 'mechanism for cooperation between Member States, and between Member States and the Commission, with regard to foreign direct investments likely to affect security or public order
- The principal instruments of cooperation are mechanisms for notifications and for sharing information on FDI screening among Member States and between Member States and the Commission and the possibility for the Commission to issue non-binding opinions to Member States regarding the screening of concrete FDI projects

The infographic features the European Commission logo and the text 'STATE OF THE UNION 2017' and 'FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT - AN EU SCREENING FRAMEWORK'. It includes a quote from Jean-Claude Juncker, European Commission President, dated 13 September 2017, stating: 'Let me say once and for all: we are not naive free traders. Europe must always defend its strategic interests. This is why today we are proposing a new EU framework for investment screening. If a foreign, state-owned company wants to purchase a European harbour, part of our energy infrastructure or a defence technology firm, this should only happen in transparency, with scrutiny and debate.'

**Welcoming foreign direct investment while protecting essential interests**

Foreign direct investment from third countries is a source of growth and jobs. The EU has one of the world's most open investment regimes, as acknowledged by the OECD, and we will make sure that it will stay just as open in the future.

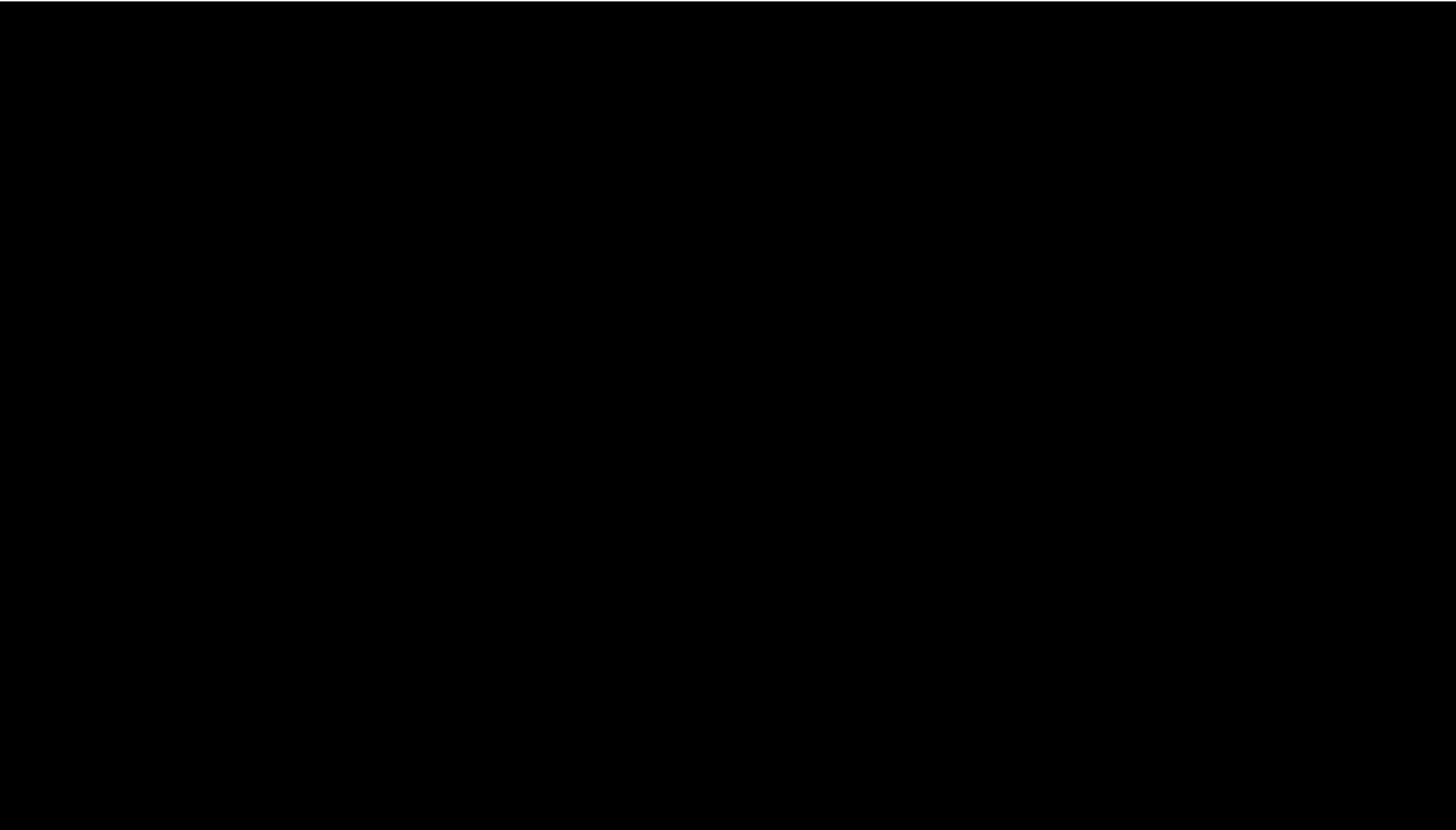
**What is Foreign Direct Investment?**  
These are investments made by companies or individuals from a third country by setting up or buying a business in the EU.

**THE EU IS THE WORLD'S LEADING SOURCE AND DESTINATION OF FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT**

Region	Inward investment in billion EUR (in 2015)
EU	5.7
USA	5.1
CHINA (including Hong Kong)	1.5

The companies controlled by third country investors are still small in number in the EU, but they have a significant economic impact because of their larger than average size and their focus on high-technology sectors.

New investment trends are appearing with some emerging economies, playing an increasing role as providers of foreign direct investment.




<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V2zi6UxZoHA>

# FDI screening mechanism and the protection of the free market principles

EU Commission: *Guidance to the Member States concerning foreign direct investment and free movement of capital from third countries, and the protection of Europe's strategic assets, ahead of the application of Regulation (EU) 2019/452 (FDI Screening Regulation) – 25 March 2020*

- “**restrictions to capital movements** [..] must be **necessary and proportionate** to achieve a legitimate **public policy objective**”
- “Such **objectives should not be purely economic**. [P]ublic security and public health can be relied on if there is a genuine and sufficiently serious threat to a fundamental interest of society”
- “the analysis of justification and proportionality, **restrictions on the movement of capital to and from third countries take place in a different legal context** compared to restrictions to intra-EU capital movements. [...A]dditional grounds of justification may be acceptable [...]. The **permissible grounds of justification may [...] be interpreted more broadly**”

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- ▶ EU – World Bank and COVID-19  
<https://www.worldbank.org/en/region/eca/publication/europe-and-central-asia-economic-update>
  - ▶ EU trade-related actions during COVID-19
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# **The EU digital single market: an introductory overview**

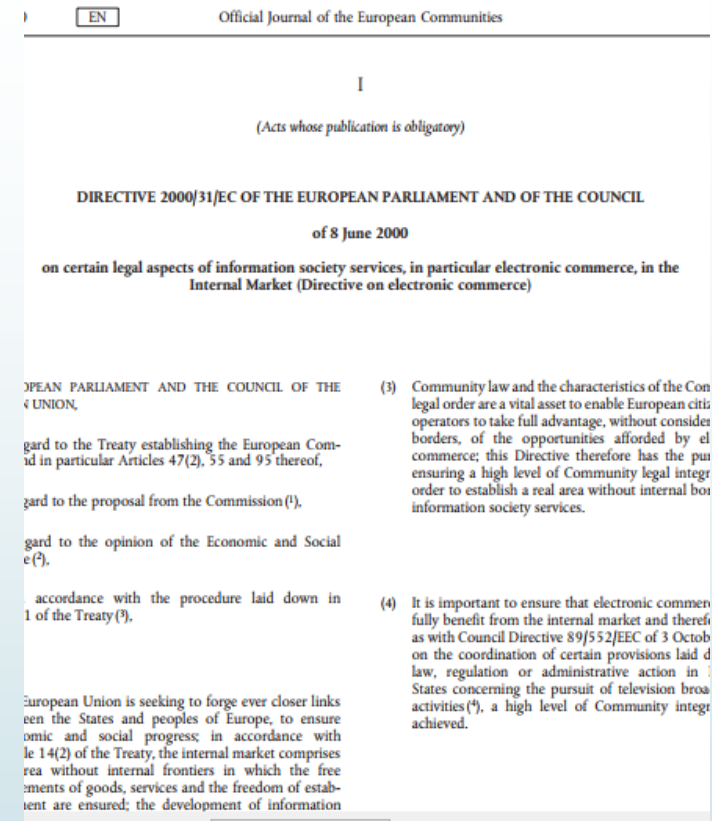
# The EU Digital Single Market

- ▶ One of the 2014-2019 strategy goals of the European Commission
  - ▶ <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/policies/shaping-digital-single-market>
- ▶ The **Digital Single Market** strategy seeks to ensure better access for consumers and business to online goods and services across **Europe**, for example by removing barriers to cross-border e-commerce and access to online content while increasing consumer protection.



# e-Commerce Directive

- **Directive 2000/31/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2000 on certain legal aspects of information society services, in particular electronic commerce, in the Internal Market**
- The purpose of the Directive is to remove obstacles to cross-border online services in the EU and provide legal certainty to business and citizens.
- **Basic rules for e-Commerce**
  - basic requirements on mandatory consumer information,
  - steps to follow in online contracting and
  - rules on commercial communications (e.g. online advertisement).
- **The Internal Market Clause:** ensures that providers of online services are subject to the law of the Member State in which they are established and not the law of the Member States where the service is accessible.
- **Examples of services covered by the Directive**
  - - online information services,
  - - online selling of products and services,
  - - online advertising.



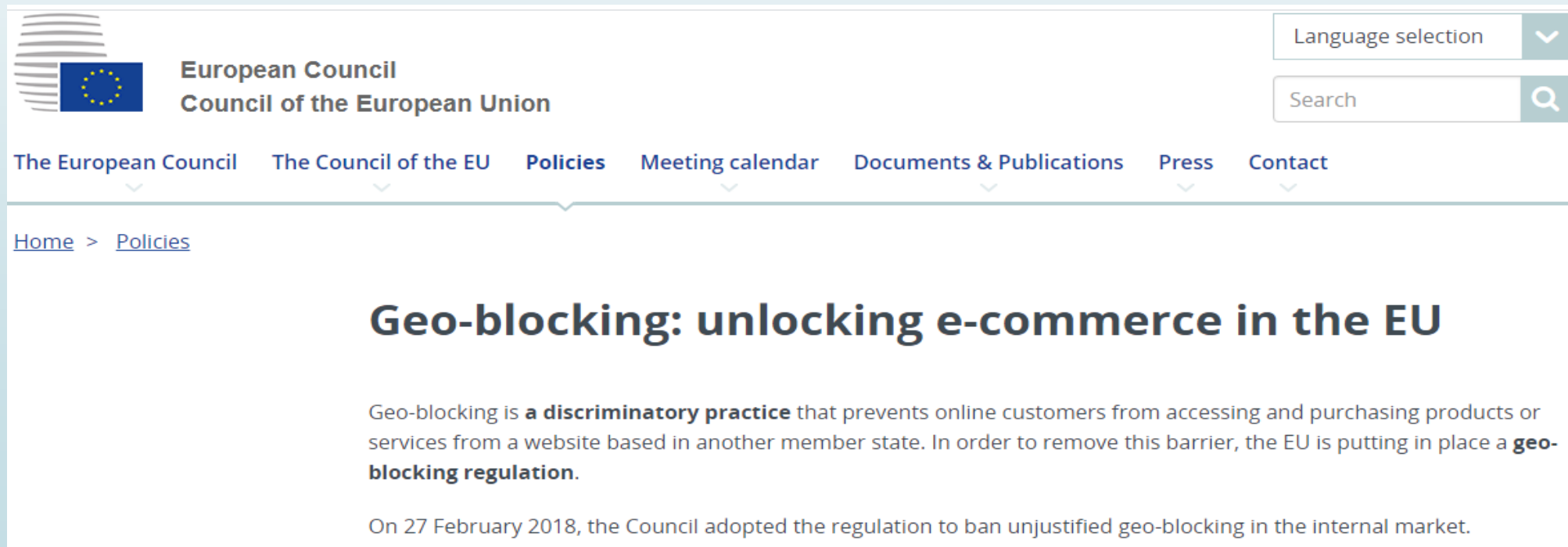


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# Some of the concerns about e-commerce

- ▶ *Geo-blocking*
- ▶ *Clear rules on electronic communications*
- ▶ *Protection of intellectual property rights (IPRs) on-line*



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the European Council website. It includes the European Council logo, the text 'European Council Council of the European Union', a language selection dropdown, and a search bar. Below the navigation bar is a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Policies'. The main heading of the page is 'Geo-blocking: unlocking e-commerce in the EU'. The introductory text states: 'Geo-blocking is a **discriminatory practice** that prevents online customers from accessing and purchasing products or services from a website based in another member state. In order to remove this barrier, the EU is putting in place a **geo-blocking regulation**.' The final sentence reads: 'On 27 February 2018, the Council adopted the regulation to ban unjustified geo-blocking in the internal market.'

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- ▶ Clear rules on electronic communications
  - ▶ European Electronic Communications Code of 11 December 2018 (which needed to be transposed into national law by 21 December 2020)
- ▶ Protection of intellectual property rights (IPRs) on-line
  - ▶ General Data Protection Regulation (25 May 2018)

# Communication of the EU Commission: A Digital Single Market Strategy for Europe (6 May 2015)



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Brussels, 6.5.2015

COM(2015) 192 final

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL,  
THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS**

**A Digital Single Market Strategy for Europe**

{SWD(2015) 100 final}

A Digital Single Market is one in which the free movement of goods, persons, services and capital is ensured and where individuals and businesses can seamlessly access and exercise online activities under conditions of fair competition, and a high level of consumer and personal data protection, irrespective of their nationality or place of residence. Achieving a Digital Single Market will ensure that Europe maintains its position as a world leader in the digital economy, helping European companies to grow globally.

## Annex: Roadmap for completing the Digital Single Market

Actions <sup>22</sup>	Timetable
Better access for consumers and businesses to digital goods and services across Europe	
Legislative proposals for simple and effective cross-border contract rules for consumers and businesses	2015
Review the Regulation on Consumer Protection Cooperation	2016
Measures in the area of parcel delivery	2016
A wide ranging review to prepare legislative proposals to tackle unjustified Geo-blocking	2015
Competition sector inquiry into e-commerce, relating to the online trade of goods and the online provision of services	2015
Legislative proposals for a reform of the copyright regime	2015
Review of the Satellite and Cable Directive	2015/2016
Legislative proposals to reduce the administrative burden on businesses arising from different VAT regimes	2016
Creating the right conditions for digital networks and services to flourish	
Legislative proposals to reform the current telecoms rules	2016
Review the Audiovisual Media Services Directive	2016

Comprehensive analysis of the role of platforms in the market including illegal content on the Internet	2015
Review the e-Privacy Directive	2016
Establishment of a Cybersecurity contractual Public-Private Partnership	2016
Maximising the growth potential of the Digital Economy	
Initiatives on data ownership, free flow of data (e.g. between cloud providers) and on a European Cloud	2016
Adoption of a Priority ICT Standards Plan and extending the European Interoperability Framework for public services	2015
New e-Government Action Plan including an initiative on the 'Once-Only' principle and an initiative on building up the interconnection of business registers	2016

# Roadmap for a EU digital single market

**Connectivity:** Meeting Europe's growing connectivity needs, including in rural and remote areas and boosting competitiveness by 2020.

- 700 MHz
- Wholesale roaming
- Wifi4EU
- Telecoms Code (incl. spectrum)
- BEREC

**e-Commerce:** Making it easier to buy and sell online across borders.

- Consumer protection cooperation
- Geoblocking
- VAT e-commerce (2 proposals)
- Cross-border parcel delivery
- VAT e-books
- Contact rules for digital content and goods (2 proposals)
- Platform-to-business

**Data:** Creating a competitive data economy within the Digital Single Market.

- Free flow of non-personal data
- High-performance computing
- Public sector information

**Media/copyright:** Promoting European content and providing citizens with more choice and access.

- Portability of online content
- Marrakesh Treaty (2 proposals)
- Audiovisual media services directive
- Broadcasting (SatCab)
- Copyright

**Trust:** Strengthening trust and EU's capacity to respond to cyberattacks.

- Data protection rules for EU Institutions
- .eu
- Cybersecurity Act
- non-cash payments

**e-Gov:** Making it easier for citizens to deal with public administrations online.

- Single Digital Gateway



# Digital single market and cybersecurity

- ▶ **National security is in the hand of Member States**, not of the European Union, under Article 4, par. 2, TEU.
  - ▶ But cybersecurity is not only an issue involving national security; it is a basic element of the European Single Market.
- ▶ *As the digitalisation and interconnection of the economy and society have global reach, the dimension of the problems goes well beyond the territory of a single Member State.*
- ▶ The **EU legal patchwork** is composed by several pieces:
  - ▶ the EU Regulation 2016/679 (GDPR), already entered into force and applicable from 25 May 2018
  - ▶ the NIS (network and information system) Directive 2016/1148
  - ▶ Cybersecurity Act (Regulation of 17 April 2019)
    - ▶ new cybersecurity certification framework to assist Member States in effectively responding to cyber-attacks with a greater role in cooperation and coordination at Union level.
    - ▶ new **framework for European Cybersecurity Certificates** for products, processes and services that will be valid throughout the EU



## Article 4 TEU

[...]

2. *The Union shall respect the equality of Member States before the Treaties as well as their national identities, inherent in their fundamental structures, political and constitutional, inclusive of regional and local self-government. It shall respect their essential State functions, including ensuring the territorial integrity of the State, maintaining law and order and safeguarding national security. In particular, **national security remains the sole responsibility of each Member State.***

[...]





# The Digital Services Act package

- ▶ On 15 December 2020, The European Commission proposed two proposals for regulations: the Digital Services Act (DSA) and the Digital Markets Act (DMA)
  - ▶ Next steps: ordinary legislative procedure (Council of the EU and the European Parliament)
- ▶ The DSA and DMA have two main goals:
  - ▶ to create a safer digital space in which the fundamental rights of all users of digital services are protected
  - ▶ to establish a level playing field to foster innovation, growth, and competitiveness, both in the European Single Market and globally

# The Digital Services Act (1)



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Brussels, 15.12.2020

COM(2020) 825 final

2020/0361(COD)

Proposal for a

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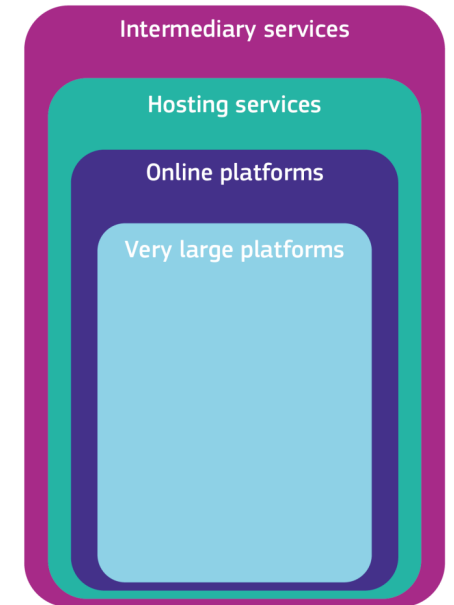
**on a Single Market For Digital Services (Digital Services Act) and amending Directive 2000/31/EC**

(Text with EEA relevance)

{SEC(2020) 432 final} - {SWD(2020) 348 final} - {SWD(2020) 349 final}

# The Digital Services Act (2)

- ▶ Which providers are covered?
- ▶ **Intermediary services offering network infrastructure:** Internet access providers, domain name registrars, including also:
  - ▶ **Hosting services** such as cloud and webhosting services, including also:
    - ▶ **Online platforms** bringing together sellers and consumers such as online marketplaces, app stores, collaborative economy platforms and social media platforms.
      - ▶ **Very large online platforms** pose particular risks in the dissemination of illegal content and societal harms. Specific rules are foreseen for platforms reaching more than 10% of 450 million consumers in Europe.

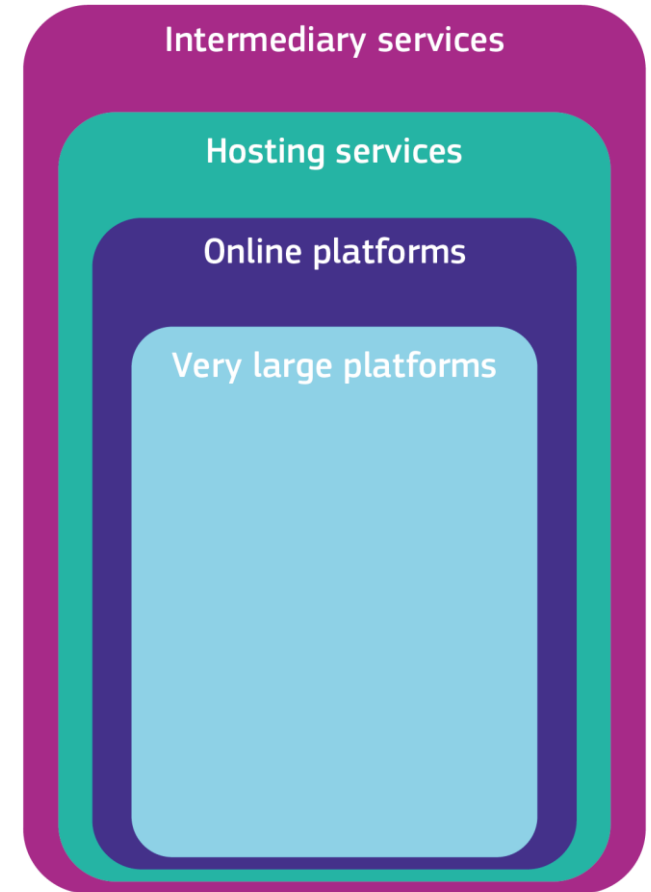


# The Digital Services Act (3)

- New obligations:
  - Transparency reporting
  - Cooperation with national authorities
  - Obligation to provide information to users

For online platforms, in particular:

- Reporting criminal offences



# The Digital Markets Act (1)



EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Brussels, 15.12.2020

COM(2020) 842 final

2020/0374(COD)

Proposal for a

**REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL**

**on contestable and fair markets in the digital sector (Digital Markets Act)**

(Text with EEA relevance)


{SEC(2020) 437 final} - {SWD(2020) 363 final} - {SWD(2020) 364 final}

# The Digital Markets Act (2)

- Establishes a set of narrowly defined objective criteria for qualifying a large online platform as a so-called “**gatekeeper**”:
  - has a strong economic position, significant impact on the internal market and is active in multiple EU countries
- **New rules for gatekeepers** (in order to avoid unfair commercial practices)
  - prohibition to discriminate in favour of own services
  - obligation to share, in compliance with privacy rules, data that is provided or generated through business users' and their customers' interactions on the gatekeepers' platform
  - prohibition to prevent users from un-installing any pre-installed software or app if they wish so
- **New role of the EU Commission:**
  - qualify companies as gatekeepers
  - update the obligations for gatekeepers when necessary
  - design remedies to tackle systematic infringements of the Digital Markets Act rules

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Microsoft



## **Web-sources and materials on EU and international trade and investment policies**

# EU Commission

The screenshot shows the EU Commission website's 'Trade Policy' page. At the top left is the European Commission logo. To its right is a language selector set to 'English' with a speech bubble icon. Further right is a search bar with a 'Search' button. Below the header is a blue navigation bar with the breadcrumb 'Home > Trade > Policy'. The main content area is divided into three columns. The left column is a navigation menu with categories: Trade, Policy (highlighted), Policy making (with sub-items: Analysis, Sustainable development, Enforcement and protection), EU position in world trade (with sub-item: Statistics), EU and WTO (with sub-item: Doha Development Agenda), Countries and regions (with sub-items: Negotiations and agreements, Development, Statistics), and Accessing markets (with sub-items: Goods and services, Public procurement). The middle column features a 'Policy' header, a large image of a hand pointing to the word 'policy' on a document, and text explaining that EU trade policy sets the direction for trade and investment in and out of the EU. It also states that the Directorate-General for Trade develops and puts into practice EU trade and investment policy along with the EU's Trade Commissioner. Below this is a section titled 'Areas of EU trade policy:' with two sub-sections: 'Global trade' (text: EU trade policy makes sure that Europe's trade adapts to a fast-changing world.) and 'Opening foreign markets' (text: The EU opens markets by making trade deals with partner countries or regions.). The right column contains social media icons for LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter, followed by a 'Commissioner website' section featuring a photo of Cecilia Malmström and her title 'EU Trade Commissioner'. Below that is a 'Director-General meetings' section with a 'List of meetings' link, and a 'Latest news' section with two news items: one dated 08 Apr 2019 about requirements for EU goods exported to the UK in case of a hard Brexit, and another dated 15 Mar 2019 about Commissioner Malmström visiting Ghent.

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**Areas of EU trade policy:**

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08 Apr 2019  
Commission releases detailed information on requirements for EU goods exported to the UK in case of a hard Brexit

15 Mar 2019  
EU Commissioner for Trade Cecilia Malmström visits Ghent, winner of Fair and Ethical Trade City Award 2018

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## Countries and regions

The EU is firmly committed to the promotion of open and fair trade with all its trading partners.

The EU has specific trade policies in place for all its partners and abides by the global rules on international trade set out by the World Trade Organisation.

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### Ukraine



The EU and Ukraine have provisionally applied their [Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement](#) (DCFTA) since 1 January 2016. This agreement means both sides will mutually open their markets for goods and services based on predictable and enforceable trade rules.

This is part of the broader [Association Agreement](#) (AA) whose political and cooperation provisions have been provisionally applied since November 2014.

Autonomous Trade Measures (ATMs) for Ukraine topping up the concessions included in the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement/its Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) for several industrial goods and agricultural products entered into force in October 2017.

### Trade picture

- The EU is Ukraine's largest trading partner, accounting for more than 40% of its trade in 2016. Ukraine accounts for 0.9% of EU's total trade, with a turnover of €29.6 bn in 2016.



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The EU has become deeply integrated into global markets.

The openness of our trade regime has meant that the EU is the biggest player on the global trading scene and remains a good region to do business with.

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# EEAS - Permanent Mission of the European Union to the World Trade Organization



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# Council of the European Union



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**Why free trade?**

Free and fair trade helps raise living standards and ensures growth and jobs.

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The next INTA Committee meeting will take place in July 2019.

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Access to the case-law by case number makes it possible to find information relating to every case brought before the Court of Justice and the General Court between 1953 and the present day, and before the Civil Service Tribunal between 2005 and 2016.

Cases are listed by number in the order in which they were lodged at the relevant Registry.

Cases may also be located by party names using the "Find" (or Ctrl+F) function on the toolbar.

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The historic case law selected for the 2004 accession countries consists of 948 judgments, opinions and orders of the Court of Justice and the Court of First Instance (1956 - April 2004). In 2001, an initial tranche of 869 documents was officially sent to the Translation Centres of the candidate countries.

In April 2002, the Commission (TAIEX) set up a project to support the translation of historic case law into the new languages. 57 of the 869 decisions were translated at the Commission's expense and revised by revisers in the Translation Centres in the course of a number of seminars organised at the Court and financed by TAIEX. That project gave the translation of historic case law in the acceding States the necessary impetus and fostered cooperation between the Directorate-General for Translation at the Court and the national Centres. In the course of that supporting action, TAIEX, in collaboration with the Court, also developed a documentary database, [Jurisvista](#), which sets out the legal and documentary information available on the judgments, opinions and orders that have been selected.

The texts of the 57 decisions initially translated and revised by the national Centres have been finalised by the Court's language units and are available using the following link:

[List of the 57 judgments from 1954 to 2000 in the languages of the 2004 accession countries](#)

A second tranche of 79 decisions covering the period 2001 to April 2004 was translated by the Court's language units. They are available using the following link:

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03 MAY 2019

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# The European Union and the WTO


This page gathers key information on the European Union's participation in the WTO. The European Union (until 30 November 2009 known officially in the WTO as the European Communities for legal reasons) ([more info](#)) has been a WTO member since 1 January 1995. The 28 member States of the EU are also WTO members in their own right. The EU is a single customs union with a single trade policy and tariff. The European Commission — the EU's executive arm — speaks for all EU member States at almost all WTO meetings.

## European Union site

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# DS8: Japan – Taxes on Alcoholic Beverages

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Short title:	Japan – Alcoholic Beverages II
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<a href="#">Article 21.3(c) Arbitration Report</a> circulated:	14 February 1997

# UNCTAD



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**Coronavirus: News, Analysis and Resources**

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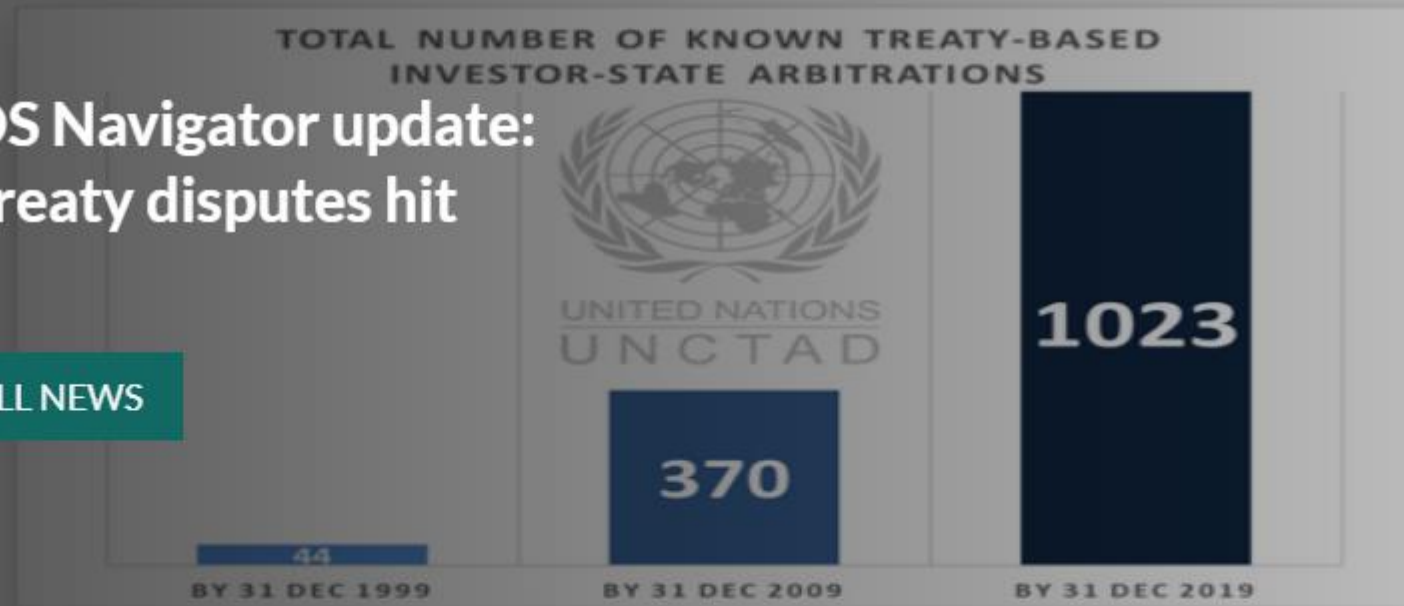


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### Canada

18 Apr 2020

#### Enhanced scrutiny of foreign investment during the COVID-19 pandemic

On 18 April 2020, the Canadian Government published its Policy Statement on Foreign Investment Review and COVID-19 that announced an "enhanced scrutiny" of "foreign direct investments of any value, controlling or non-controlling, in [...]"



### Italy

06 Apr 2020

#### Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government strengthens its special powers in strategic sectors

On 6 April 2020, the Italian Cabinet approved the expansion of the special power regime in strategic sectors that require prior approval for any foreign investment. The scope of the FDI screening will now also cover, inter alia, the [...]"



# International Investment Agreements Navigator

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Total: 2898  
Total in force: 2339

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Total: 390  
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2	Japan - Morocco BIT (2020)	Signed (not in force)	Japan, Morocco	08/01/2020		Full text: en



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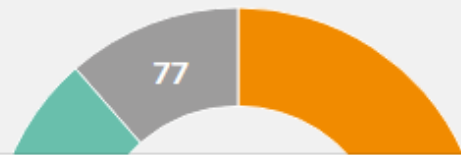
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Total: 1023  
Pending: 343  
Concluded: 674  
Unknown: 6

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Results: 1023

Case name  Case number

NO.	YEAR OF INITIATION	SHORT CASE NAME	APPLICABLE IIA	ARBITRAL RULES	SUMMARY	OUTCOME OF ORIGINAL PROCEEDINGS
1	2019	Alcosa v. Kuwait	Kuwait - Spain BIT (2005)	UNCITRAL	Investment: Investments in Public Services Company (PSC), a local entity providing health insurance services.  Summary: Claims arising out of the Government's termination of certain health services contracts between the Ministry of Health and local entity PSC	Pending

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■ GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 73/210 OF 20 DECEMBER 2018 - AMENDED REGULATIONS TO GIVE EFFECT TO ARTICLE 102 OF THE CHARTER

During its seventy-third session and following the Sixth Committee's debate on the agenda item entitled "Strengthening and promoting the international treaty framework", the General Assembly adopted on 20 December 2018 the Resolution 73/210, to which newly amended Regulations were annexed. This fourth amendment, which became **effective on 1 February 2019**, adapts the Regulations to developments in the registration practice and information technology, and ensures

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The International Law Commission was established by the General Assembly, in 1947, to undertake the mandate of the Assembly, under article 13 (1) (a) of the Charter of the United Nations to "initiate studies and make recommendations for the purpose of ... encouraging the progressive development of international law and its codification".



International Law Commission, July 2018.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution [73/265](#) of 22 December 2018, the International Law Commission will hold its seventy-first session at the United Nations Office at Geneva from 29 April to 7 June and from 8 July to 9 August 2019 (11 weeks):

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» [Open letter from the Chair of the ILC](#) regarding the arrest of Prof. Maurice Kamto (former member of the Commission).

The following topics are on the programme of work of the Commission:

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### PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

1 May 2019 | The Commission considered the report of the Drafting Committee on the topic ([A/CN.4/L.911](#)), which had been taken note of at the seventieth session, and adopted Part Four and draft principles 19 to 21.

### CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY

29 April 2019 | The Special Rapporteur, Mr. Sean D. Murphy, introduced his fourth report on the topic ([A/CN.4/725](#) and [Add.1](#)). The Commission began its consideration of the report.

### PROGRAMME OF WORK

29 April 2019 | The Commission adopted its agenda ([A/CN.4/723](#)).

### PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

25 April 2019 | The second report on protection of the environment in relation to armed conflicts by Marja Lehto, Special Rapporteur, has been issued



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Upon receiving comments from Governments on its draft articles, the Commission prepares a final draft and explanatory report, which it submits with its recommendations to the General Assembly (article 22 of its Statute). The Commission may recommend to the General Assembly: (a) to take no action, the report having already been published; (b) to take note of or adopt the report by resolution; (c) to recommend the draft to Members with a view to the conclusion of a convention; or (d) to convoke a conference to conclude a convention (article 23, paragraph 1).

Since its establishment, the International Law Commission has prepared and submitted a number of final reports, in some cases, together with draft texts, some of which (as indicated) were adopted as international conventions or other instruments.

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