

# EU-Singapore Economic & Trade relations

Webinar on market access information for the EU-Singapore Matchmaking Event

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### Singapore: key partner in SEA



Presence of over 10,000 European companies

Key trade, transport and financial hub

Largest EU Trade & Investment Partner in Southeast Asia

### **Strong bilateral & regional ties**





### **Key trade & investment figures**

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#### Trade in Goods

- EU Exports to Singapore (2022): €31.7 billion
- EU Imports from Singapore (2022): **€20.7 billion**



#### **Trade in Services**

- EU Exports to Singapore (2021): €25.1 billion
- EU Imports from Singapore (2021): €32.4 billion

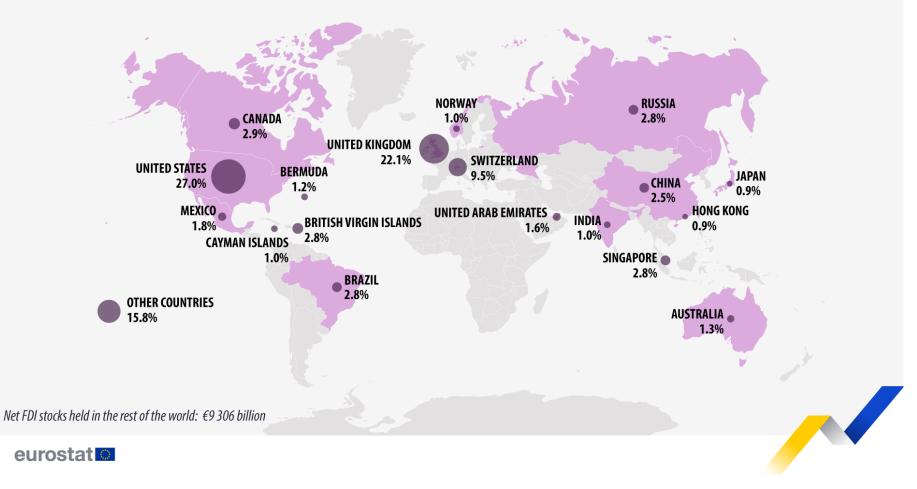


#### **Foreign Direct Investment**

EU FDI Stocks in Singapore (2021): **€263 billion** Singapore FDI Stocks in EU (2021): **€171 billion** 



#### Share of FDI stocks held by the EU in the rest of the world, 2021





## **Timeline EUSFTA - EUSIPA**

2009: Launch negotiations
2012: Conclusion Goods & Services negotiations
2014: Conclusion Investment Chapter negotiations
2017: Opinion ECJ – splitting agreement
19 Oct 2018: Signature EUSFTA - EUSIPA





13 Feb 2019: Consent European Parliament
8 Nov 2019: Final approval Council
21 Nov 2019: Entry into force EUSFTA

**Ratification EUSIPA ongoing** 



### **EUSFTA in a nutshell**







### **Comprehensive Market Access**

- Goods
- Services
- Government Procurement

### **Enhanced rules and cooperation**

- Customs and trade facilitation
- Rules of Origin
- Technical Barriers to Trade
- Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures



## **EUSFTA** in a nutshell

### **Innovation & emerging areas**

- Intellectual Property Rights
- E-commerce

### **Sustainability**

- Environment
- Labour rights
- Renewable Energy Generation





## **Implementation EUSFTA**

### **Trade Committee**

#### **Specialised committees**

- Committee on Trade in Goods
- Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
- Committee on Customs
- Committee on Trade in Services, Investment and Government Procurement

**Board on Trade and Sustainable Development** 

**IP dialogue** 





### First EU-Singapore Trade Committee

NEWS ARTICLE 7 December 2021 Brussels Directorate-General for Trade

#### Joint Statement: EU and Singapore agree to strengthen bilateral partnership on digital trade

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# **EU-Singapore Digital Partnership**

Signature: 1 February 2023

### **Priorities 2023:**

- Al governance and standards
- Digital identities
- E-invoicing and trade facilitation
- Digital transformation SMEs
- Digital skills





# **Digital trade**

- Adoption Digital Trade principles (1 February 2023)
  - Digital Trade Facilitation
  - Data governance
  - Consumer trust
  - Business trust
  - Cooperation on digital trade



Launch negotiations Digital Trade Agreement
 (20 July 2023)



## **Useful links**

### **\* DG TRADE:**



https://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/in-focus/eu-singaporeagreement/

EU Delegation website:

www.europe.sg

**Access2Markets:** 



https://trade.ec.europa.eu/access-to-markets/en/home



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