




Civil Society Dialogue Contact Group

Meeting date and place

Meeting held on 05/12/2019 13:00 in Charlemagne

Participating organisation(s) & representative(s)

	-- ACT Alliance Advocacy to the European Union (TRN: 5189768701-12)	Participant,
	-- BUSINESSEUROPE (TRN: 3978240953-79)	Participant,
	-- Bureau Européen des Unions de Consommateurs (TRN: 9505781573-45)	Participant,
	-- Copa-Cogeca	Participant,
	Managing Director - EUROPEAN SERVICES FORUM (TRN: 3562594969-02)	Participant,
	-- EuroCommerce (TRN: 84973761187-60)	Participant,
	-- Eurogroup for Animals (TRN: 6809935493-49)	Participant,
	Representative to the European Union - International Federation for Human Rights (TRN: 97628146980-33)	Participant,
	Senior Legal Advisor - amfori - Trade with Purpose (TRN: 84768556104-35)	Participant,
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Main issues discussed

DG Trade met the CSD Contact Group to discuss the 2020 meeting calendar (see attached table shared with the group). DG Trade also briefed participants on the preparations for WTO MC12, an upcoming study reviewing the CSD and considerations to web-stream CSDs, and upcoming DAG meetings. The group also enquired about the future of the Expert Group.

For the 2020 calendar, organisations welcomed the topics already foreseen by the Commission. In addition, they called for:

- updates on negotiations and agreements under ratification; these updates could either be bundled in a higher-level meeting (Commissioner or Director-General) or by region.
- Meetings on specific (new) issues, e.g. Green Deal and carbon border tariff, international procurement initiative
- Meeting on the use of statistics in trade policy-making

DG Trade took note of these requests and agreed to accommodate these wherever possible. On the question about the future of the Expert Group, DG Trade replied that a decision is still pending and members will be informed of the outcome.

Directorate or unit

TRADE 

Internal participants

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