**WG3 Stakeholder Discussion on trade, investment and resilient value chains between the EU and India – 15 May 2023**

**Main concept:**

The proposed event involves a discussion with a select group of representatives of various EU and Indian business interests with Executive Vice-President Dombrovskis and Indian Commerce Minister Goyal in the margins of the first meeting of the EU-India Trade and Technology Council (TTC) that will be held on 16 May 2023 in Brussels.

The objective of the discussion is to share insights and perspectives on actions that could help create a more favourable environment for bilateral trade, investment and value chain resilience. The actions discussed should focus on the four areas of cooperation identified in the context of Working Group 3 of the TTC for the year ahead, namely: resilient value chains, market access issues, screening of foreign direct investment, and multilateral trade issues. The discussion should concentrate on issues that are complementary and do not overlap with the on-going negotiations for legally-binding agreements on trade, investment protection and geographical indications.

**Date and venue:** 11:00 – 12:30, 15 May 2023, Salle 11, Berlaymont.

**Participants:**

- Indian Commerce Minister Goyal and Executive Vice-President Dombrovskis.
- EU business organisations: BusinessEurope, DigitalEurope, Copa-Cogeca, FoodDrinksEurope, ACEA and EFPIA. (TBC)
- Indian business organisations: (TBC - to be identified by India).

**Format:** Hybrid (physical presence of Indian Minister Goyal and Executive Vice-President Dombrovskis; physical presence of business representatives to the extent possible).

**Length:** 90 minutes

**Proposed agenda outline:** By structuring the discussion around some of the following themes and questions, participants could engage in a more focused and productive conversation that is relevant to the current challenges.

- What are key critical supply chains WG 3 should focus on in the upcoming years? How could their resilience be improved?
- What are the key market access barriers that currently hinder bilateral trade flows?
- What are some of the key challenges and possible elements of cooperation regarding FDI screening?
- What are priority issues to be addressed in the WTO context?
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