






## Meeting with ETUC

### Meeting date and place


Meeting held on 12/09/2019 09:30 in Charlemagne

### Participating organisation(s) & representative(s)

	-- EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (TRN: 06698681039-26)	Participant, Requester.
	 EUROPEAN TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (TRN: 06698681039-26)	Participant.

### Main issues discussed



A meeting was held on 12 September 2019 between   DG TRADE and  ETUC. The meeting was also attended by  ETUC and  from DG TRADE.

ETUC representatives asked for information on the political conclusion in June 2019 of the trade part of the Association Agreement between the EU and Mercosur and requested further information it and about envisaged next steps. They also informed on the concerns of their partner organisations in Mercosur countries on the agreement, partly linked to broader political reasons as regards the current Governments in Argentina and Brazil. The main preoccupation related to the agreement for trade unions in Mercosur countries is a possible loss of jobs, while in the EU it is a deterioration of working conditions, in particular lowering of wages, e.g. in the agricultural sector. ETUC representatives specifically enquired about the content of the TSD chapter, the workings of the civil society dialogue and a possibility to establish specialised channels of communication and working structures e.g. for labour issues) under it.  replied to the questions and gave an overview of the state of play and future prospects of the agreement. The participants agreed to stay in contact for future exchanges.

### Directorate or unit

TRADE C/3


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