



EU-Mercosur trade agreement - Sustainability issues - Meeting request with NGOs

Meeting date and place

Meeting held on 20/09/2019 11:30 in Charlemagne

Participating organisation(s) & representative(s)

[REDACTED]	ClientEarth (TRN: 96645517357-19)	Participant,
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[REDACTED]	- - Conservation International Europe (TRN: 70299514465-38)	Participant, Requester, Contact,
[REDACTED]	- - Eurogroup for Animals (TRN: 6809935493-49)	Participant,
[REDACTED]	- - Fern (TRN: 40538475090-82)	Participant,
[REDACTED]	- - WWF European Policy Programme (TRN: 1414929419-24)	Participant,

Main issues discussed

A meeting was held on 20 September 2019 between [REDACTED] for the EU in the negotiation with Mercosur [REDACTED] in DG TRADE and representatives of 5 different environmental NGOs - Client Earth, WWF, Conservation International Europe, Fern and Eurogroup for Animals. The meeting was also attended [REDACTED] from DG TRADE.

NGO representatives enquired about the political conclusion in June 2019 of the trade part of the Association Agreement between the EU and Mercosur and requested information on the current state of play and envisaged next steps. They further enquired about the finalization of the SIA and how its findings were taken into account during the negotiations. They expressed concerns about the agreement in its current form, mainly linked to TSD enforcement which was not sufficient in their view, but clearly stated that they are not against the agreement as such. They asked the Commission to explore the idea of promoting trade in products with no impact on deforestation. [REDACTED] gave an overview of the state of play and future prospects of the agreement and replied to the questions with a particular focus on explaining the functioning of the TSD dispute settlement mechanism and civil society dialogue. The participants agreed to stay in contact for future exchanges.

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TRADE C/3

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