

## BRIEFING

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- Panel Discussion on activities on the DCFTA implementation
- Ukrainian International Trade and Industry Conference
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- Place: Kyiv, Hilton Hotel

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### DEFENSIVES

## *What is the Commission position on the referendum in the Netherlands?*

- The date for the Dutch national referendum on the ratification of EU-Ukraine AA/DCFTA has been set at 6th April 2016.
- The position of the Netherlands government has not changed because of the referendum: it is strongly in favour of the Association Agreement as an essential instrument to support Ukraine in its reform efforts and to create a stable and prosperous EU neighbourhood.
- The Netherlands' government intends to participate in the debate in Dutch society and will continue to explain to Dutch citizens the benefits of the association agreement, so as to have a best possible outcome of the referendum.
- The DCFTA can apply provisionally without any limitation in time so whatever the result of the referendum; this will not impact the application of the DCFTA.

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