The fourth round of EU-India IPA negotiations took place in Brussels between 20 and 24 March 2023. The round was held in-person, with the participation of additional colleagues joining by videoconference.

Discussions were constructive and allowed for a deeper understanding of each side’s positions. The EU and India continued discussions on standards of protection, identifying elements for consolidation. The two sides also undertook a side-by-side comparison of their respective proposals on exceptions and definitions which allowed to better identify areas of convergence and divergence.

Negotiators agreed to hold intersessional talks. The fifth round of the EU-India IPA negotiations is scheduled for 26-29 June 2023 in Delhi.