OVERVIEW OF ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

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CENTRAL AFRICA	Cameroon was the only country in the region to sign the EPA between the EU and Central Africa on 15 January 2009. The European Parliament gave its consent in June 2013. In July 2014, the Parliament of Cameroon approved the ratification of the Agreement and on 4 The ninth meeting of the EPA Committee took place on 4-5 June 2025 in Yaoundé.	The tenth meeting of the EPA Committee is expected to be scheduled in the third quarter of 2026. **7 Member States have not ratified the agreement**: Belgium, Estonia, France, Hungary, Netherlands, Poland, Slovenia.

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WEST AFRICA	EPAs with Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana are provisionally applied. The EPA with Côte d'Ivoire was signed on 26 November 2008, approved by the European Parliament on 25 March 2009, and ratified by the Ivoirian National Assembly on 12 August 2016. It entered into provisional application on 3 September 2016. The eighth meeting of the EU-Côte d'Ivoire EPA Committee took place on 16-17 July 2026 in Abidjan. The EPA with Ghana was signed on 28 July 2016, ratified on 3 August 2016 by the Ghanaian Parliament and approved by the European Parliament on 1 December 2016. It entered into provisional application on 15 December 2016. The sixth meeting of the EU-Ghana EPA Committee took place on 22-23 May 2025 in Accra. Negotiations of the regional EPA covering 16 countries in West Africa were concluded on 30 June 2014. This agreement is yet to enter into force, as the signature and ratification processes have not been completed. All EU Member States and 13 West African Countries signed the EPA in December 2014. The Gambia signed on 9 August 2018 and Mauritania on 21 September 2018. Nigeria is the only country of West Africa that has not signed the EPA. Mauritania and ECOWAS signed an Association Agreement on 9 August 2017 to define the country's participation in ECOWAS' trade policy, including the EPA.	The seventh meeting of the EU-Ghana EPA Committee is expected to be held in Brussels in December 2026. **EU-Côte d'Ivoire interim EPA: 4 Member States have not ratified the agreement**: Belgium, Estonia, Italy and Netherlands. **EU-Ghana interim EPA: 15 Member States have not ratified the agreement**: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Estonia, Ireland, France, Cyprus, Latvia, Malta, Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia and Slovakia.

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EASTERN AND SOUTHERN AFRICA(ESA)	In 2009 Mauritius, Seychelles, Zimbabwe and Madagascar signed an interim Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA). The Agreement is applied provisionally since 14 May 2012. The European Parliament gave its consent on 17 January 2013. The provisional application for Comoros started on 7 February 2019. The inaugural EPA Committee was held in October 2012 in Brussels, and the eleventh EPA Committee meeting took place on 1-2 December 2025 in Seychelles. On 10 June 2026, the EU and four Eastern and Southern African (ESA4) States (Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, and Seychelles) concluded negotiations to enhance the currently implemented Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA). Negotiations for the 'deepening' of the existing agreement were officially launched in Mauritius in October 2019. The enhanced EPA is the first modern and comprehensive free trade agreement between the EU and partners in Sub-Saharan Africa as it covers all trade-related areas such as rules of origin, technical barriers to trade, customs and trade facilitation, sanitary and phytosanitary standards, agriculture, trade and sustainable development, trade in services, investment liberalisation and digital trade, intellectual property rights, transparency in public procurement, and economic and development cooperation. The Agreement remains open to accession by other ESA States,	The eleventh EPA Committee is expected to be scheduled in the last quarter of 2026. Legal review, followed by translations and adoption of Commission proposals for Council Decisions on the signature and conclusion of the Agreement. Work will then start for the signature and ratification procedures.

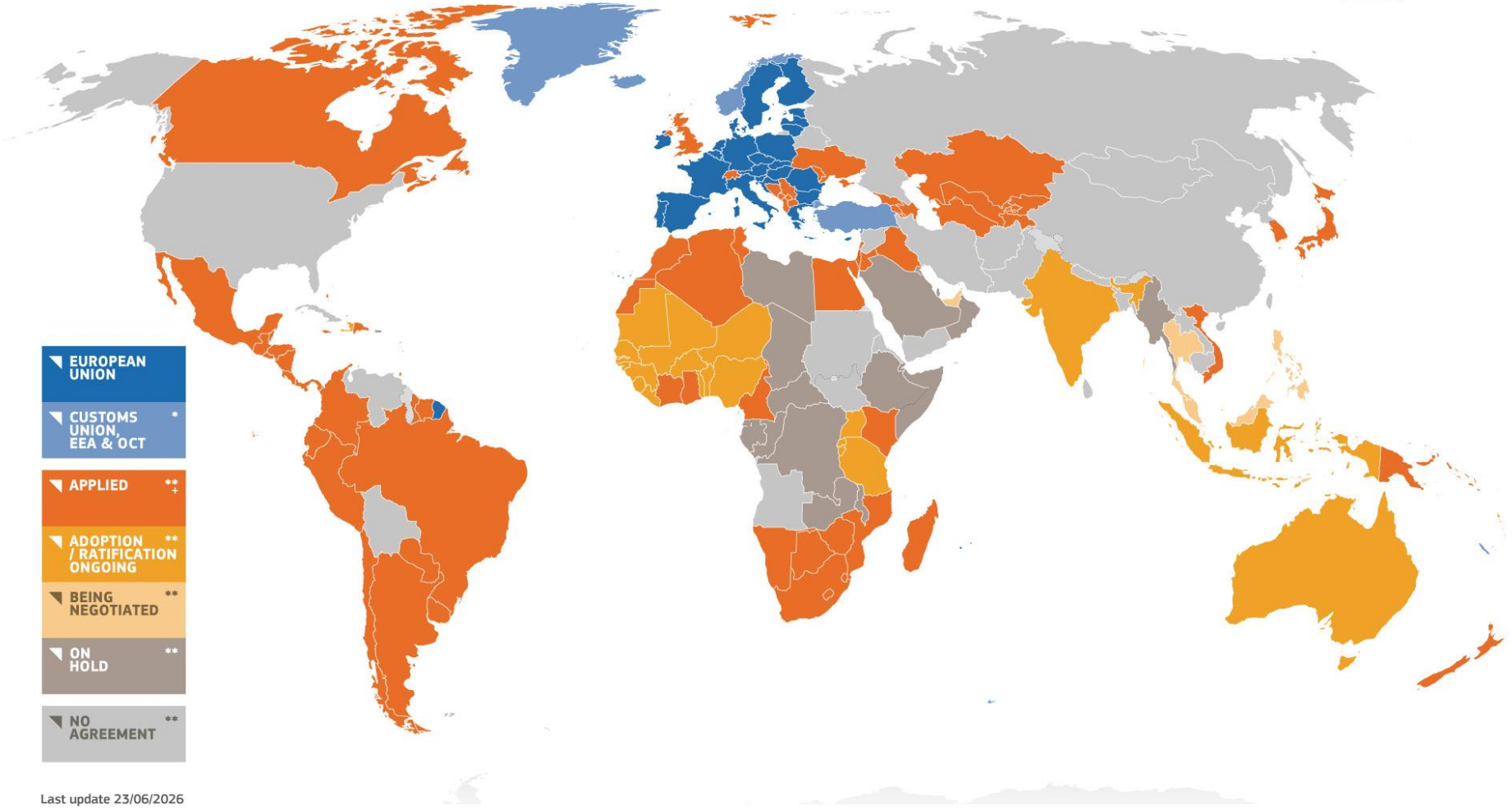
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EASTAFRICAN COMMUNITY (EAC)	The negotiations of the Economic Partnership Agreement between the EU and the East African Community were concluded on 16 October 2014. On 1 September 2016, Kenya and Rwanda signed the regional EPA. All EU Member States and the EU have also signed the Agreement. All EAC members need to sign and ratify the EPA for the agreement to be implemented. In February 2021, the Eastern African Community (EAC) leaders decided to give green light to its members wishing to engage with the EU with a view to implementing the EAC-EU EPA based on the principle of variable geometry. Kenya submitted a formal request to implement this agreement bilaterally. On 17 February 2022, EU and Kenya launched talks on the bilateral implementation by Kenya of the EU-EAC EPA with sustainability provisions. The political conclusion of the negotiations took place on 19 June 2023 in Nairobi, and the agreement was signed on 18 December 2023 also in Nairobi. The European Parliament gave its consent on 29 February 2024. The agreement introduces the necessary adjustments for the implementation of the regional EPA by an individual EAC member and is open to any other EAC country to join in the future. (Reports of negotiation rounds can be found at the EU-Kenya agreement: Documents web page and the text of the agreement at the EU-Kenya: Text of the Agreement web page). The EU-Kenya EPA entered into force on 1 July 2024. The first EU-Kenya EPA Joint Council at ministerial level took place on 12 May 2025 in Nairobi. The second EU-Kenya EPA Senior Officials Meeting was held on 10-11 March 2026 in Nairobi. The first meeting of the Trade and Sustainable Development Committee was held virtually on 8 July 2025. The first meeting of the Special Sub-committee on Customs and Trade facilitation took place on 11-12 September 2025 in Nairobi.	

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SOUTH AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY (SADC) EPA Group	EPA negotiations between the EU and the SADC EPA Group comprising Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Eswatini were concluded in South Africa on 15 July 2014. The agreement was signed by the EU and the SADC EPA group on 10 June 2016, and the European Parliament gave its consent on 14 September 2016. Pending ratification by all EU Member States, the agreement came provisionally into force as of 10 October 2016. The provisional application for Mozambique started on 4 February 2018. A first Joint Council meeting at Ministerial level took place on 19 February 2019 in Cape Town and put in place the institutional and dispute settlement framework. The tenth meeting of the Trade and Development Committee took place on 8-9 February 2024 in Durban, South Africa. On 26 July 2022, the EU-SADC EPA Joint Council adopted the decision on Angola's Accession to the EU SADC EPA, enabling Angola to start negotiations for accession to the EU-SADC EPA. On 14 June 2019, the EU requested formally dispute settlement consultations with SACU over their safeguard measure on EU poultry. In August 2022 the arbitration panel issued the final report. The panel found that the safeguard had been imposed in violation of the principles of article 34 of the EU-SADC EPA on safeguards and was therefore illegal.	The eleventh EU-SADC EPA Trade and Development Committee is expected to be held in Brussels in October 2026. The 5-year EPA review was launched in November 2021 and is ongoing. **12 Member States have not ratified the agreement** Belgium, Bulgaria, Ireland, Italy, France, Cyprus, Malta, Netherlands, Austria, Poland, Slovenia and Slovakia.

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CARIBBEAN	The EU-CARIFORUM EPA was signed on 15 October 2008 and entered into provisional application on 29 December 2008. The European Parliament gave its consent on 25 March 2009. The EPA has a comprehensive institutional structure, and the EPA joint institutions have met regularly since 2010: • The fifth EU-CARIFORUM EPA Joint Council (Ministers) met on 19 June 2026, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. • The twelfth meeting of the EU-CARIFORUM EPA Trade and Development Committee was held via videoconference on 13 May 2026. • The ninth Consultative Committee representing civil society took place on 12 June 2026 in Brussels. • The second Services Committee took place on 14 November 2025 via videoconference. Negotiations on an agreement to protect geographical indications (GIs) are ongoing. The last round took place via videoconference on 19 May 2026.	**On the EU side,** Hungary has not ratified the agreement. On the **CARIFORUM** side, Bahamas, Jamaica, Haiti, Suriname and Trinidad and Tobago have not ratified the agreement.

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PACIFIC	The EU and Papua New Guinea (PNG) signed the interim EPA on 30 July and Fiji on 11 December 2009. The EP gave its consent on 19 January 2011. The Parliament of PNG ratified the EPA on 25 May 2011. On 17 July 2014, Fiji decided to start provisionally applying the Agreement. Samoa and Solomon Islands acceded to the EPA on 21 December 2018 and 17 May 2020, respectively. The eleventh meeting of the EU-Pacific EPA Committee took place on 29-30 January 2026 in Suva, Fiji.	Niue, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu will start applying the agreement 10 days after they notify the completion of their internal adoption procedures to the EU, following the EU Council of Ministers' adoption of their accessions to the EPA on 27 January 2025 (Niue, Tonga, Tuvalu) and 18 October 2025 (Vanuatu). The Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Timor-Leste and the Cook Islands are at the initial stages of the accession process. Kiribati also has expressed its interest to join the EPA.

EU Trade agreements



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* European Economic Area (EEA) / Overseas Countries and Territories (OCT).
** Free Trade Agreement (FTA), Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA), Enhanced Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (EPCA), Partnership and Co-operation Agreement with preferential element (PCA).
+ The updated agreements with Tunisia, and Eastern and Southern Africa are currently being updated; the updated agreement with Chile is under ratification. The DCFTA with Georgia does not apply in South Ossetia and Abkhazia.
Mercosur: The interim trade agreement applies as of 1 May 2026. The interim trade agreement will be superseded by the EU-Mercosur Partnership Agreement, once the latter enters into force.

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