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## EU-SINGAPORE FREE TRADE AGREEMENT First Anniversary Event

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# Summary

On Thursday, December 3rd 2020, the European Union in Singapore together with Singapore's Ministry of Trade and Industry celebrated the first anniversary of the EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement. This agreement has heralded a new chapter in EU-Singapore trade and economic relations.

The event was supported by Enterprise Singapore, the Singapore Business Federation and the European Chamber of Commerce in Singapore (EuroCham).

This hybrid event included keynote speeches by Mr S.Iswaran, Singapore's Minister for Communications and Information and Minister-in-Charge of Trade Relations and Mr Valdis Dombrovskis, European Commission Executive Vice-President for An Economy that Works for People.

European Union Ambassador to Singapore Barbara Plinkert and Mr Jaya Ratnam, Singapore's Ambassador to the European Union delivered the opening remarks.



# Summary

## **The Way Ahead – Supporting Business Cooperation**

This also marks the beginning of a new phase in the cooperation between the EU and Singapore - a phase that focuses on supporting business exchanges laying the ground for a resilient and sustainable recovery.

The European Commission, Singapore's Ministry of Trade and Industry and Enterprise Singapore signed an administrative arrangement on Cluster Cooperation. This agreement is a practical instrument to help our business community take advantage of the many opportunities offered by the EUSFTA.

This was followed by a panel discussion on the EUSFTA.

The evening also saw the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Singapore Business Federation and EuroCham Singapore.

This Memorandum of Understanding covers partnership in the marketing and organisation of initiatives related to sustainability, including sustainable employment, as well as driving digital adoption and building digital capabilities among companies.

The First Anniversary Event got exhaustive mainstream as well as social media coverage. The media aspects were handled jointly by the EUDS and the Singapore Ministry of Trade and Industry's Press teams.



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## EU-Singapore trade held steady despite pandemic; both sides must 'stay the course' on free trade: Iswaran

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## EuroCham head calls on Singapore firms to take advantage of EUSFTA

Federico Donato looks forward to a Digital Economy Agreement with Singapore soon. Sustainable banking and digital solutions such as fintech hold great potential for collaboration.

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Federico Donato could be a... [https://www.thebusiness-times.com/.../BTE\\_20201203\\_SINGAPORE\\_4322534.jpg](#)

SINGAPORE is a dream world of 27 countries, Europe has ample opportunities for Singapore business looking to venture abroad, said the head of the European Chamber of Commerce in Singapore (EuroCham).

"There is significant room for production capacity from China to Europe and its domestic markets including Eastern Europe for its cost-effectiveness," said Federico Donato, the full-time president of EuroCham in an interview with The Business Times.

"They are price-competitive and the quality of the output is quite high," he said, describing it as a good compromise between quality and price.

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## Benefits of the EUSFTA

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Benefits of the EUSFTA



### Benefits of the EUSFTA

**Trade in goods**

**Trade in services**

**Investment**

**Dispute resolution**

**Other key features**

**Key statistics**

**Key dates**

## The EUSFTA at a glance

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### The EUSFTA at a glance

**Trade and investment** - A combined 10,000 EU companies in Singapore\*

**RELATIONAL TRADE IN GOODS** - \$593 billion (2019) vs \$541 billion (2018)

**RELATIONAL TRADE IN SERVICES** - \$574 billion (2019) vs \$534 billion (2018)

**INVESTMENT** - \$533 billion (2019) vs \$582 billion (2018)

**THE EU'S SINGAPORE'S** - 4th largest largest foreign investor

**SINGAPORE IS THE EU'S** - largest trading partner largest investment destination

**KEY TRADED PRODUCTS**

## The EUSFTA

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### The EUSFTA

**Introduction of EUSFTA dates**

**Liberal and flexible rules of origin**

**Unrestricted market access to services sectors**

**Reduction of technical and non-technical barriers**

**More government procurement opportunities**

**Better protection of intellectual property rights**

**Key dates**



# The Article

Leading daily The Straits Times covered the event in both its print and online editions.

**THE STRAITS TIMES**

## Two deals inked to facilitate S'pore-EU cooperation

**Choo Yun Ting**

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The EUSFTA kicked in on Nov 21 last year.

The administrative agreement will provide a framework for facilitating cooperation and business activities between industry clusters in Singapore and the EU, the Ministry of Trade and Industry and the European Union Delegation in Singapore said in a joint release yesterday.

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Mr Ho Meng Kit, chief executive officer of the SBF, said the MOU is reflective of the strong synergies between Singapore and European businesses and the trusted relationship between the two jurisdictions.

EuroCham president Federico Donato said: "Together, EuroCham and SBF will strengthen the nexus between European and Singaporean businesses, reinforce national commitments to improve trade and investment relations between our countries."

Minister for Communications and Information S. Iswaran, who is also Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations, highlighted how bilateral trade between the EU and Singapore has held steady this year despite the economic and health challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic, with the EUSFTA helping to cushion the impact.

"The EUSFTA is a prime example of a high-quality trade agreement which will bring about many tangible benefits to businesses, especially SMEs (small and medium-sized enterprises), to navigate the current global economic slowdown," he said.

Agreements like the EUSFTA and the new administrative agreement also open up new business opportunities for firms in priority sectors for Singapore and the EU, said Mr Iswaran.

(From left) Enterprise Singapore chief executive Png Cheong Boon, Permanent Secretary for Trade and Industry Gabriel Lim, Minister for Communications and Information S. Iswaran and EU Ambassador to Singapore Barbara Plinkert at the signing of the agreements yesterday. PHOTO: MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY



# The Article

# THE STRAITS TIMES

Singapore, EU ink agreements to drive  
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Bilateral trade between Singapore and the EU has held steady over 2020. ST PHOTO: LIM YAOHUI



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## Ambassador Barbara Plinkert's interview with The Business Times

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A SMOOTH implementation of all the commitments of the EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (EUSFTA) is a key priority for Singapore and the European Union (EU), said the European Union's Ambassador to Singapore Barbara Plinkert.

This continued effort, she said, will allow companies - especially small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) - to enjoy a level playing field and enhanced market access to reap the full benefits of the agreement.

"Thanks to this consolidated effort, the EUSFTA can contribute to creating more jobs and economic growth. I strongly hope that this agreement can result in deeper economic integration of the EU and Singapore for the benefit of all, and convergence in terms of setting standards," she said in an interview with The Business Times.

"Given the present circumstances in which the economic forecast is rather gloomy, FTAs like the one with Singapore can effectively contribute to a sustainable economic recovery after the Covid-19 pandemic," she added.



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Ms Plinkert also expressed hope that the EUSFTA, in tandem with the recently applied EU-Vietnam FTA, can serve as pathfinders for a future free trade deal with the entire Southeast Asia region.

"The recovery in the aftermath of Covid-19 and the adaptation of economic business operations to the new normal are part of our most immediate challenges," she said.

Ms Plinkert began her term as the EU Ambassador to Singapore in 2017 - a significant year as the EU turned 60 while ASEAN celebrated its Golden Jubilee. EU and ASEAN also marked 40 years of relations that year.

## **Key partner**

Singapore is a key partner of the EU, with the Republic now serving a three-year role as ASEAN's coordinator for EU relations since the middle of 2018.

In October 2018, three landmark agreements were signed - the EUSFTA, the EU-Singapore Investment Protection Agreement, and the EU-Singapore Partnership and Cooperation Agreement

Among the 10 Asean member states, Singapore is the largest trade and investment partner of the EU in the region, with an annual bilateral trade in goods and services figure of 100 billion euros (\$160 billion) and EU foreign direct investment stocks in Singapore reaching 191 billion euros.



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Currently, more than 10,000 EU companies use Singapore as a strategic trade, transport and finance hub for their business operations in ASEAN or the wider Asia-Pacific region.

There is an ongoing effort to help more Singapore businesses tap into the benefits of the EUSFTA, said Ms Plinkert.

The EU Delegation to Singapore, European Chamber of Commerce in Singapore, Singapore's Ministry of Trade and Industry, Enterprise Singapore and the Singapore Business Federation have conducted many outreach events to raise awareness of the FTA, and more such events are in the pipeline.

Apart from guidance material online, Singapore and EU exporters can also make use of a free online tool launched recently by the European Commission called.

Access2Markets to understand all the requirements needed to export to the EU and Singapore respectively.

"The first anniversary of the entry into force of the agreement (on November 21, 2020) provides a great opportunity to step up the efforts in advertising the EUSFTA and its benefits to the general public," said Ms Plinkert.

"The EU Delegation is currently organising a series of sectorial outreach events to explain to business representatives and relevant stakeholders the specific provisions of the EUSFTA and how they can benefit from them," she added.



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Asked about the biggest challenges and opportunities for EU-Singapore trade in the coming years, Ms Plinkert said that both parties must continue the hard work to preserve the multilateral trading system in times of rising protectionism.

"The EUSFTA is already a proof of our joint commitment to open and free trade. Sustainability is another key aspect of our trade relations, and we must ensure that increased trade goes together with enhanced environmental and labour standards, so it can benefit companies, small businesses, workers, consumers and civil society at large," she said.

While she noted that the Covid-19 pandemic has negatively affected trade flows in the region, there are also opportunities over the longer term for the EU to engage in new initiatives to boost bilateral and regional relations.

This, said Ms Plinkert, is in addition to the existing cooperation at the regional level with ASEAN and in multilateral settings such as the World Trade Organization and the Group of 20.

"The pandemic calls for a coordinated approach and response by all international actors. Relaunching the economy does not mean going back to the status quo before the crisis, but bouncing forward by investing in our long-term future for new generations," she said.



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"The recovery must be green, taking into account the challenges linked to climate change, geared towards the digital transition, and be inclusive, to make sure nobody is left behind.

"Strong international alliances will be needed to make sure we can fight climate change and achieve our global Sustainable Development Goals. Ultimately, the pandemic also gives us opportunities to further strengthen our relations with Singapore in areas of common interest."



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The SBF and the EuroCham have committed to deepening collaboration in the areas of sustainability, digitalisation, internationalisation and corporate social responsibility.

The partnership under the MOU covers cross-marketing and co-organisation of initiatives related to sustainability. It also includes cooperation in internationalisation and EUSFTA outreach activities.



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"Like the EUSFTA, the MOU will be a win for the business community and pave the way for deeper and more multifaceted collaboration among our businesses," he said.



# Key Social Media Highlights



**Valdis Dombrovskis** @VDombrovskis · 4h

Productive 1st exchange with Mr S Iswaran, #Singapore Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations and Minister for Communications & Information. We agreed to work together to reap full benefits of EU-Singapore free trade agreement for our economies and SMEs in particular. #EUTrade

EU Trade and European External Action Service - EEAS

5:49 PM · Nov 24, 2020 from European Commission - Berlaymont · Twitter for iPhone

**Barbara Plinkert** @BPlinkertEU · 4h

Our Free Trade Agreement has turned 1! Executive Vice-President @EU\_Commission @VDombrovskis @Trade\_EU and Minister S. Iswaran in charge of trade relations @MTL\_Sg emphasise the importance of EU-Singapore trade relations for a green and digital recovery. #EUSFTA



**Singapore Trade in Brussels** @BrusselsMTI · Nov 25

Singapore Minister for Communications and Information, and Trade Relations S Iswaran spoke virtually with EVP Valdis Dombrovskis about a range of trade issues, continuing many years of strong relations and dialogue at the highest levels! #eu #singapore #eusfta #wto

**Valdis Dombrovskis** @VDombrovskis · Nov 24

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**Valdis Dombrovskis** @VDom... · 14h

Replying to @BPlinkertEU @EU\_Commission and 2 others

As we mark the 1yr anniversary of EU-Singapore #EUSFTA, we should continue the necessary work to bring us closer to an EU-#ASEAN trade agreement.

An important step in this direction was taken on 01/12 when we upgraded our relations to that of "Strategic Partnership"

at European Commission - Berlaymont

6 retweets, 11 likes

**Justyna Lasik** @justyna\_lasik · 3h

More than just #EUSFTA celebration - promoting future business cooperation

**Isabella pirolo** @Isabellapirolo1 · 5h

Signed! The Cluster Cooperation arrangement will open new opportunities for #EU & #Singapore companies and #SMEs! Well done @EU\_Growth @MTL\_Sg #enterprisesg @EUinSingapore

Covid-19 will not stop our determination to move forward! #EUSFTA @Clusters\_EU

**EU in Singapore** @EUinSingapore · Nov 28

On Dec 3rd, marking the 1st anniversary of #EUSFTA with @MTL\_Sg. See programme & registration link below.

**Jean Pierre De Meirleer Sánchez** @JeanpDMS · Nov 27

Join the virtual First Anniversary Event of the EU-Singapore FTA on 3 Dec organised by @MTL\_Sg @EUinSingapore #EUSFTA

The EU & Singapore will also sign an Administrative Arrangement on Cluster Cooperation @EU\_Growth

Programme & registration zoom.us/webinar/regist..



# Key Social Media Highlights



## Ambassadors and Embassy Tweets



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**Noel Clehane** @NoelClehaner · 51m  
Happy Birthday #EUSFTA! 🎉

A particularly ambitious #Trade agreement for #services and #SMEs with excellent arrangements to facilitate 🇪🇺 and 🇸🇬 businesses, especially SMEs, take full advantage of the deal! @Trade\_EU @BrusselsMts @MTL\_Sg @EUinSingapore @Trade\_EU @EuroChamSG

**Isabella pirolo** @Isabellapirolo1 · 5h  
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**Justyna Lasik** @justyna\_Lasik · 4h  
(1/2) #EUSFTA 🇪🇺 🇸🇬 1st Anniversary event in full swing: after welcome remarks by Amb. Plinkert and Ratnam, keynotes by Minister S. Iswaran & EVP Dombrovskis,

**Ewa Synowiec** @EwaSynowiec · 3h  
Congratulations! #Singapore is one of the key @Trade\_EU 🇪🇺 partners and free trade under the #EUSFTA 🇪🇺🇸🇬 creates new opportunities for the mutual benefit of our economies. We also work together to strengthen the multilateral trading system embedded in #WTO

**rupert schlegelmich** @rupertschlegelmich · 31m  
#EUSFTA years ahead of its time: includes a dedicated chapter on tackling non tariff #barriers to #trade and #services in #renewableenergy generation...long before we invented the #GreenDeal

EU Trade @Trade\_EU · 21h  
🇪🇺🇸🇬 Happy Anniversary to our Trade Agreement with Singapore! We've made you a present to remind the world of this success. Keep the trade going! #EUSFTA

**Eva Revilla** @EvaRevillaP · 5h  
🎉 Today @EU\_Growth and @MTL\_Sg sign an Administrative Arrangement on #EU-🇸🇬 #SingaporeCluster Cooperation that will seek to grow the cooperation between industry clusters in Singapore and the EU. Great news for @Clusters\_EU 🙌🏻

EU in Singapore @EUinSingapore · Dec 2  
Just a day to go...have you signed up? The EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement turns 1 🎉  
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**Jean Pierre De Meerleer Sánchez** @JeanpDMS · 8h  
A strong partnership for a resilient and sustainable recovery! EU Ambassador @BPlinkerEU opens the First Anniversary Event of the #EUSFTA 🇪🇺🇸🇬 @EUinSingapore

**Deepika Shetty** @oleepkashetty13 · 1h  
Who would have thought it would take just a year of waiting to hold a microphone again? Thank you @justyna\_Lasik @BPlinkerEU @MTL\_Sg for this. #EUSFTA First Anniversary Event - truly an honour & a privilege to witness such a momentous day on & off stage. 🙏

**ECCP** @Clusters\_EU · 21h  
Who is joining the virtual 1st-anniversary event of the EU-Singapore FTA?  
Tune in to see the participation of industry leaders who will share their views on supporting business cooperation and the opportunities in the #EUSFTA and beyond.

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EU in Singapore @EUinSingapore · 2d  
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**WTI Advisors** @WTIAdvisors · 5h  
Agreement signed - congrats, and thumbs up for Cluster Cooperation between the EU and Singapore! #EUSFTA

**Jean Pierre De Meeler Sánchez** @JeanpDMS · 6h  
Minister for Communications and Information, Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations of Singapore S Iswaran @SingaporeMCI @MTL\_Sg says the 🇪🇺 & 🇸🇬 are strong like-minded partners at the vanguard in upholding an open and rules-based order for global prosperity 🌍 #EUSFTA

**Singapore Trade in Brussels** @BrusselsMI · 5h  
Today also marks the signing of a Administrative Arrangement with @EU\_Growth on cluster cooperation. This will allow for #Singapore and #EU to deepen our exchanges in industry areas, working off the #EUSFTA

**Jean Pierre De Meeler Sánchez** @JeanpDMS · 12h  
The EU & Singapore stand together as strong partners to promote free, fair & open trade #EUSFTA 🇪🇺 🇸🇬

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EU-Singapore FTA continues to open doors for companies a year ... A FORTNIGHT ago, the free trade agreement between tiny Singapore and the 27-member European Union (EU) quietly passed...  
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**Singapore Trade in Brussels** @BrusselsMI · 5h  
Signed by Enterprise Singapore, @MTL\_Sg and EU Ambassador @BPNierEU

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Executive Vice-President for an Economy that works for people @EU\_Commission @VDombrovskis @Trade\_EU highlights the #EUSFTA as a strong partnership between two like-minded partners for a sustainable, green and digital recovery 🇪🇺 🇸🇬

**Singapore Trade in Brussels** @BrusselsMI · 6h  
Happening now! A Covid-friendly event to celebrate the #EUSFTA's first anniversary. Watch live here: [link.in/sg/UYqk](#)

**Singapore Trade in Brussels** @BrusselsMI · 5h  
@Trade\_EU EVP @VDombrovskis note the many ways that #Singapore and the #EU can continue to collaborate and work together as like-minded partners on trade. #EUSFTA

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5 THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR THE 1ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE EUSFTA  
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On Dec 3rd, marking the 1st anniversary of #EUSFTA with @MTL\_Sg. See programme & registration link below.

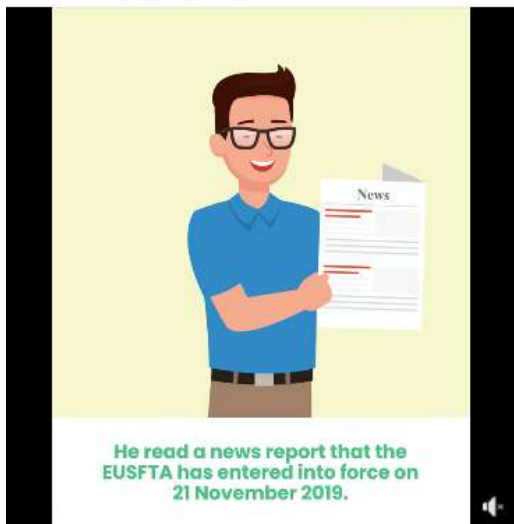
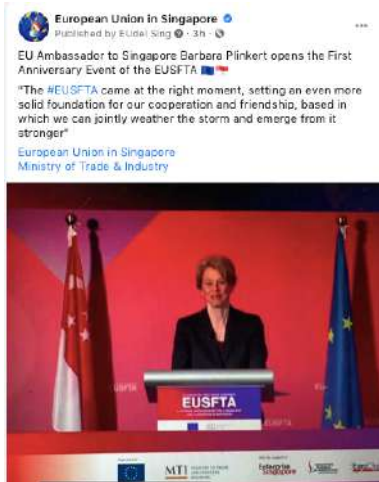
**Jean Pierre De Meeler Sánchez** @JeanpDMS · Nov 27  
Join the virtual First Anniversary Event of the EU-Singapore FTA on 3 Dec organised by @MTL\_Sg @EUinSingapore #EUSFTA 🇪🇺 🇸🇬

The EU & Singapore will also sign an Administrative Arrangement on Cluster Cooperation 🇪🇺 #EU\_Growth

Programme & registration [zoom.us/webinar/regist...](#)



# Key Social Media Highlights



# Key Links

## Channel NewsAsia

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r3KfNjJBfPA&feature=youtu.be>

## The Business Times

[https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/search/eusfta?page=1&filter=headline\\_en](https://www.businesstimes.com.sg/search/eusfta?page=1&filter=headline_en)

## The Straits Times

<https://www.straitstimes.com/business/singapore-eu-ink-agreements-to-drive-collaboration-business-activities>

## Ministry of Trade and Industry Singapore (MTI)

<https://www.mti.gov.sg/Newsroom/Press-Releases/2020/12/Celebrating-the-first-anniversary-of-the-EU-Singapore-Free-Trade-Agreement>

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