



The EU is the world’s largest trader of services. EU-Singapore trade in services totalled almost €57 billion in 2019, positioning Singapore as the EU’s sixth largest trade partner when it comes to services.

The EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (EUSFTA), which entered into force on 21 November 2019, offers **enhanced and significant business opportunities** for both EU and Singapore providers of services. The commitments under the EUSFTA cover provisions including cross-border supply of services, market access and commercial establishment provisions in a wide range of services sectors.

This **webinar** will give practical insights on how the EUSFTA provisions on **services and commercial establishment** can help EU and Singapore companies to increase trade in services in sectors such as professional, computer, business, telecommunication, environmental, tourism, transport and manufacturing services. A special focus will be on maritime transport services, professionals and their qualifications, and the movement of businesspeople.

Singapore time	Agenda
4.00 – 4.05 pm	Welcome Address Iwona PIÓRKO, European Union Ambassador to Singapore
4.05 – 4.15pm	Singapore’s perspectives on Trade in Services in the EUSFTA Speaker: » CHUA Shun Loong, Director, North America and Europe Division, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore
4.15 – 4.30 pm	1. Trade in Services under the EUSFTA: Concepts, Commitments, Opportunities Speaker: » Presentation by Eugene LIM, Team Leader, Policy Support Facility Project to the implementation of the EUSFTA (Co-Founder & Principal, Taxise Asia - WTS Taxise) This session will look at: » Explaining services classifications and modes of supply of services » Providing an overview of commitments of services in the EUSFTA » Explaining the concepts of market access, national treatment and domestic regulation » Giving practical insights on the benefits of the EUSFTA for service suppliers
4.30 – 5.00 pm	2. In focus: Maritime transport services – Providing international maritime transport services under the EUSFTA Speakers:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Presentation by Claire WHITTAKER, Directorate-General for Trade (DG TRADE), European Commission <p>Industry's Perspective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Moderated discussion with Stéphane COURQUIN, CEO of CMA CGM Asia Pacific <p>This session will look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Explaining the rights and obligations undertaken by the international maritime transport text and the relevant market access commitments included in the EUSFTA
5.00 – 5.40 pm	<p>3. In focus: Professionals and their qualifications – How to provide services as a professional in the EU and Singapore under the EUSFTA? How can recognition of professional qualifications take place under the EUSFTA?</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Presentation by Thorsten BEHNKE, DG TRADE, European Commission <p>Industry's Perspective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Presentation by Noel CLEHANE, Chairman, European Services Forum <p>This session will look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Explaining the provision of professional services under the EUSFTA » Explaining the procedures envisaged in the EUSFTA on recognition of professional qualifications
5.40 – 6.00 pm	<p>4. In focus: Moving businesspeople – Temporary presence of natural persons for business purposes</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Presentation by Jan SAVER, DG TRADE, European Commission » Presentation by Mark BUCHANAN, Managing Director, Fragomen <p>This session will look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Explaining the different provisions related to temporary presence of natural persons for business purposes in the EUSFTA
6.00 pm	<p>Conclusions & Takeaways</p> <p>Mr Hannes SCHLOEMANN, Team co-leader, Policy Support Facility Project to the implementation of the EUSFTA (Director, WTI Advisors and Partner, Bernzen Sonntag Rechtsanwälte)</p>

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