

2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the  
EU DAG under the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA)  
4 February 2022, 10:00-13:00

Short note after meeting for EU DAG members

## Main takeaways of meeting

1. The Presidency team reported on the various outreach activities they had carried out, notably engagement with the press and key institutional players, as the EU DAG was creating interest.
2. The bulk of this 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the EU DAG set up under the EU-UK TCA was devoted to members sharing their One Year assessment, with officials from the Commission observing, of the TCA implementation and arising issues, as well as areas of concerns for the near future:
  - the level playing field: concerns of UK deregulation and divergence agenda, the impact on workers' rights, European Works Councils (EWCs) and the issues linked to the UK not being part of the Lugano Convention;
  - Sanitary and Phyto-sanitary controls;
  - Customs, Transport and logistics;
  - Participation in EU programmes;
  - Civil society access to information from the TCA Specialised Committees;
  - Impact of UK trade negotiating agenda on the EU-UK trade relation and the implementation of the TCA;
  - Northern Ireland and the impact on the TCA implementation.
3. The outcome of this exchange would form the basis of the EU DAG's outreach and communication strategy, including with their respective communities. Members contributed ideas on how to track progress (dashboard for internal exchanges, compiling enquiries to and follow-ups with the Commission...) and the Presidency would work on proposals with the secretariat.
4. Furthermore, the EU DAG adopted rules of procedures capturing the aspirations of many organisations to join in on the important work of the DAG, all the while ensuring a flexible and manageable group to move forward.
5. The engagement with the Chief trade enforcement officer, Denis Redonnet, and the EU Ambassador to the UK, Mr João Vale de Almeida, was postponed to a near future date, to be decided once there would be clarity over the date of the Civil society forum and the setting up process of the UK-side DAG.