

4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the  
EU DAG under the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA)  
6 September 2022, 09:30-12:30

Short note after meeting for EU DAG members

## Main takeaways of meeting

1. The 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the EU DAG set up under the EU-UK TCA was dedicated to:
  - An in-depth discussion with Mr Iruarrizaga Diez, DG TRADE, on the list of issues, questions and recommendations advanced by DAG members over TCA implementation;
  - The preparation of the upcoming DAG to DAG meeting and Civil Society Forum (CSF).
2. Mr Iruarrizaga Diez expressed the EC appreciation for DAG's inputs, which are duly noted and incorporated in their interaction with UK counterparts whenever possible. As a general principle, he stressed that priority is given to full application of all TCA provisions before any expansion/integration.
3. Mr Iruarrizaga Diez provided a detailed and extensive feedback on the list of issues, questions and recommendations shared by the DAG members. He addressed the main points sector by sector with reference to TCA provisions themselves, UK counterparts' actions and positions, and ongoing discussions.
4. More specifically to the issue of TCA implementation and the related DAG's scope and possibility of action, the DAG members expressed frustration over the narrowly defined scope of their competences. They stressed that as the DAG is the only dedicated venue to exercise those functions, it needs a wider scope and range of action to remain relevant and keep members invested - the relationship with UK being larger than the TCA.
5. DAG members also noted that the EC responsiveness to the DAG itself and its constituencies should improve. In terms of modalities, members expressed a clear preference for written replies; however, the EC prefers to keep a more agile format. The same positions were registered concerning the monitoring of UK legislation.
6. With the DAG-to-DAG meeting and the CSF incoming, DAG members agreed that it is key to determine the UK side's intentions and complaints, with the aim of finding a common ground and publish a Joint Statement.