

EU-CA TRADE PILLAR, EX-POST EVALUATION

NEWSLETTER

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DEAR STAKEHOLDER,

This is the first newsletter in the EU-Central America ex post evaluation project that the BKP team is carrying out for DG TRADE. The project has started earlier this year. We are pleased to share progress updates with you.

DRAFT INCEPTION REPORT – *Have your say!*

The first report presenting the methodology, the stakeholder consultation programme, and next steps with a timeline, has been published on the study [website](#) and can also be downloaded from the European Commission's [website](#). The report consists of two volumes, [the main report](#) and the annexes ([Annex A](#) and [Annex B](#)). Today the Civil Society Dialogue has taken place. All the stakeholders are invited to comment on the report and express views on the methodology.

Contact us, make your comments and suggestions **until 21st of May!**

KEY DATES - *Every voice counts!*

- **May/June:** launch of the public online survey & business survey (until September)
- **October:** submission of the draft Interim Report to the Commission – followed by the Civil Society Dialogue. Your comments will be welcome again!
- **November / December:** workshops in Central America.

More information will follow.

Stay updated and make yourself heard!



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INFORMATION ON THE STUDY

The Trade Pillar (TP) of the Association Agreement between the European Union and Central America (Costa Rica, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and Panama) has been provisionally applied in 2013. The evaluation shall cover impacts that occurred in the period from 1 January 2014 until the end of the period for which the latest data is available, examining data from 2009 to capture the impact. The project will examine the effectiveness and efficiency of the TP in the view of achieving its policy objectives; the economic, social, human rights and environmental impact of the TP; the relevance of the TP with respect to the current trade and economic needs and challenges facing the EU and Central American countries; and coherence of the TP with the objectives of both EU trade and development policies. Please visit our [website](#) for more information.

