



Confederation of Indian Industry



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SERVICES EXPORT PROMOTION COUNCIL

Closed Door Roundtable: European Services Forum – India

16th May 2018, Bmbay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai
1400 - 1530 hrs

The EU is one of leading trading partners of India in both goods and services. The bilateral trade in services almost tripled in the past decade, increasing from €10.5billion in 2005 to €28.1 billion in 2015. EU investment stocks in India amounted to €51.2 billion in 2015, increasing from €44.2 billion in the previous year. Given the strong linkages and complementarity in services sector, the European service industries, notably through the European Services Forum (ESF) and India are keen to further deepen this relation. In this regard, the ongoing bilateral trade and investment negotiations between the EU and India is extremely crucial. Both ESF and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) are keen to see the early resumption of trade talks and subsequent conclusion with an ambitious trade liberalisation in services sector. The two organisations strongly believe that they will help in anchoring the trade and investment flow between EU and India.

The closed-door roundtable will delve and discuss:

- i) Institutional reforms to improve the ease of doing business including infrastructure bottlenecks, administrative and regulatory transparency
- ii) Facilitating FDI in a range of services sector and bolstering investment protection
- iii) Further improving the ability of foreign financial institutions to operate in India with an aim to improve the overall financing of the investment.
- iv) Facilitating the movement of services providers including the ability of European companies to expeditiously obtain visas and work permits in India and conversely the ability of highly qualified Indian business personnel to access the EU market

Welcome Address

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

Presentation on Bilateral Trade between India and EU

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Interaction and Q & A

Special Remarks

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Concluding Remarks

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