

Unlocking Government Procurement Opportunities under the EU–Singapore Free Trade Agreement

Webinar

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Government Procurement represents a substantial part of the EU and Singapore economies and international trade, **providing significant business opportunities**. The EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (EUSFTA) entered into force on 21 November 2019 and includes provisions on Government Procurement guaranteeing reciprocal access for EU and Singapore suppliers to each other markets to **provide goods and services to public entities**.

These provisions go beyond the commitments in the World Trade Organization's Agreement on Government Procurement to which both are parties. The EUSFTA provides firms with **additional opportunities to bid for contracts** by central and sub-central procuring entities with lower value thresholds, in more sectors and for more types of public services contracts.

This **webinar** will explore the opportunities created by the EUSFTA and explain **how EU and Singaporean businesses can access the respective markets** in the area of Government Procurement and successfully participate in **public tenders on a non-discriminatory basis**.

Singapore time	Agenda
16.00 – 16.10	Welcome Address H.E. Barbara Plinkert, European Union Ambassador to Singapore
16.10 – 16.40	What does the FTA do for Businesses? The Government Procurement Chapter of the EU-Singapore Free Trade Agreement Ms Ylenia Ariano, Policy Officer in charge of international aspects of public procurement, Directorate-General for Trade (DG TRADE), European Commission Ms Anita Lai, Deputy Director (Procurement Capability Development), Government Procurement Function Office, Ministry of Finance, Singapore
16.40 – 17.00	Q&A Session Moderated by Professor Henry Gao, Associate Professor of Law, Singapore Management University
17:00 – 17.30	Getting to the Contracts: EU Tenders Electronic Daily (TED) & Singapore Government one-stop e-procurement (GeBIZ) Ms Isabel Maria Da Rosa, Digital Procurement Policy Officer, Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW), European Commission Ms Anita Lai, Deputy Director (Procurement Capability Development), Government Procurement Function Office, Ministry of Finance, Singapore
17:30 – 17:50	Q&A Session Moderated by Professor Henry Gao, Associate Professor of Law, Singapore Management University
17:50 - 18.00	Conclusions & Takeaways Ms Justyna Lasik, Head of Economic and Trade Section, EU Delegation to Singapore

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