

Response statistics for Public consultation on the future of EU-US trade and economic relations

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Search criteria

All data requested

About you

Do you wish your contribution to be made public?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	77	67.54%	67.54%
No	37	32.46%	32.46%

What is your profile?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
Business	28	24.56%	24.56%
Trade association representing business	47	41.23%	41.23%
Trade union or organisation representing trade unions	8	7.02%	7.02%
Consumer protection agency or representative	0	0.00%	0.00%
Government institution or regulator authority	3	2.63%	2.63%
Other non-governmental organisation	5	4.39%	4.39%
Academic/research institution	1	0.88%	0.88%
Citizen	8	7.02%	7.02%
Other	14	12.28%	12.28%

If you are a business, what is your company size?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(28)	% of total number records(114)
Large company (more than 5,000 employees)	13	46.43%	11.40%
Medium Company (≥250 employees ≤5,000)	5	17.86%	4.39%
Small company (less than 250 employees)	9	32.14%	7.89%

What is your main area/sector of activities/interest (up to 3 answers possible)?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
Food, beverages and other agricultural products	34	29.82%	29.82%
Textiles, clothing, leather and footwear	5	4.39%	4.39%
Wood and paper	1	0.88%	0.88%
Chemicals, rubber and plastics (includes pharmaceuticals)	8	7.02%	7.02%
Other non-metallic mineral products	1	0.88%	0.88%
Metals and metal products	5	4.39%	4.39%
Power machinery	0	0.00%	0.00%
Industrial processing machinery	2	1.75%	1.75%
Arms and ammunition	1	0.88%	0.88%
Other Machinery and equipment (domestic appliances, agricultural machinery)	5	4.39%	4.39%
Instrument engineering (medical equipment, optical equipment)	1	0.88%	0.88%
Computers and office equipment	2	1.75%	1.75%
Electrical machinery and equipment	3	2.63%	2.63%
Radio, television and communication equipment	2	1.75%	1.75%
Transport equipment (except railways)	5	4.39%	4.39%
Railway equipment	2	1.75%	1.75%
Furniture and other manufacturing activities	0	0.00%	0.00%
Energy, mining and quarrying	2	1.75%	1.75%
Recycling, waste management and water supply	0	0.00%	0.00%
Construction	4	3.51%	3.51%
Maintenance services	3	2.63%	2.63%
Retail and wholesale trade, hotels and restaurants, real estate	7	6.14%	6.14%
Air transport services	10	8.77%	8.77%

Maritime transport services	2	1.75%	1.75%
Other transport services	1	0.88%	0.88%
Postal, telecommunication, publishing and printing services	2	1.75%	1.75%
Financial services	4	3.51%	3.51%
IT services	3	2.63%	2.63%
Legal, accounting and management consulting services	2	1.75%	1.75%
Architectural and engineering services	2	1.75%	1.75%
Other business services (recruitment, advertising,...)	2	1.75%	1.75%
Other	39	34.21%	34.21%

In which country are your headquarters located?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
A Member State of the European Union	102	89.47%	89.47%
The United States	11	9.65%	9.65%
Other	1	0.88%	0.88%

Priorities for a forward-looking trade relationship with the United States

economic, trade and regulatory dialogues (e.g. Transatlantic Economic Council - TEC, High Level Regulatory Cooperation)

Did the TEC, the HLRCF or other sector specific cooperation between the European Union and the United States bring satisfying results for your

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	9	7.89%	7.89%
No	44	38.60%	38.60%
Do not know / Not applicable	61	53.51%	53.51%

Are there any priority sectors on which economic cooperation should focus?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	72	63.16%	63.16%
No	5	4.39%	4.39%
Do not know / Not applicable	37	32.46%	32.46%

Tariffs

Are you concerned by tariffs in your field of activity?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	52	45.61%	45.61%
No	35	30.70%	30.70%
Do not know / Not applicable	27	23.68%	23.68%

If you are concerned by tariffs, do these tariffs affect your ability to export/import or to do business in the US?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(52)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	41	78.85%	35.96%
No	6	11.54%	5.26%
Do not know / Not applicable	5	9.62%	4.39%

Non-tariff measures for industrial products

Are you concerned by unnecessary regulatory barriers for industrial goods in your field of activity in the European Union or the United States?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	52	45.61%	45.61%
No	31	27.19%	27.19%
Do not know / Not applicable	31	27.19%	27.19%

If you are concerned by regulatory barriers, please specify whether they arise from (multiple answers possible):

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(52)	% of total number records(114)
Technical regulations	39	75.00%	34.21%
Standards	39	75.00%	34.21%
Conformity assessment procedures	28	53.85%	24.56%
Other	19	36.54%	16.67%

Please indicate to which level of government the regulatory obstacles relate (multiple answers possible)?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(52)	% of total number records(114)
US Federal / EU level regulation	43	82.69%	37.72%
US States / EU Member State regulation	22	42.31%	19.30%
Do not know / Not applicable	7	13.46%	6.14%

Sanitary and phytosanitary obstacles

Are you concerned by unnecessary sanitary and phytosanitary regulatory obstacles?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	25	21.93%	21.93%
No	39	34.21%	34.21%
Do not know / Not applicable	50	43.86%	43.86%

If you are concerned by sanitary and phytosanitary regulatory obstacles, please specify from where they arise (multiple answers possible):

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(25)	% of total number records(114)
Non-processed animal products	11	44.00%	9.65%
Non-processed plant products	11	44.00%	9.65%
Processed products	18	72.00%	15.79%

For non-processed animal products (multiple answers possible):

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(11)	% of total number records(25)
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Insufficient or lack of transparency of import requirements	3	27.27%	12.00%
Divergences of Federal standards compared to EU standards	9	81.82%	36.00%
Divergences of State/local standards within the US	3	27.27%	12.00%
Setting up procedure of import requirements	2	18.18%	8.00%
Approval facilities	4	36.36%	16.00%
Inspections and controls at border inspections post	3	27.27%	12.00%
Other	2	18.18%	8.00%

For non-processed plant products (multiple answers possible):

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(11)	% of total number records(25)
Insufficient or lack of transparency of import requirements and of which Federal competent authority is responsible.	4	36.36%	16.00%
Divergences of Federal standards compared to EU standards	8	72.73%	32.00%
Divergences of State/local standards within the US	2	18.18%	8.00%
Setting up of import requirements	5	45.45%	20.00%
Approval facilities	0	0.00%	0.00%
Inspections and controls at border inspections post	5	45.45%	20.00%
Other	3	27.27%	12.00%

For processed products (multiple answers possible):

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(18)	% of total number records(25)
Insufficient or lack of transparency of import requirements and of which Federal competent authority is responsible.	5	27.78%	20.00%
Divergences of Federal standards compared to EU standards	16	88.89%	64.00%
Divergences of State/local standards within the US	10	55.56%	40.00%
Setting up of import requirements	10	55.56%	40.00%
Approval facilities	8	44.44%	32.00%

Inspections and controls at border inspections post	6	33.33%	24.00%
Other	3	16.67%	12.00%

Customs procedures, border enforcement and trade facilitation

Are you concerned by current practices in customs procedures and border enforcement?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	43	37.72%	37.72%
No	24	21.05%	21.05%
Do not know / Not applicable	47	41.23%	41.23%

Protection of Intellectual Property Rights

Are you concerned by problems of protection and enforcement of intellectual property rights in your field of activity?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	44	38.60%	38.60%
No	39	34.21%	34.21%
Do not know / Not applicable	31	27.19%	27.19%

Are you concerned by problems of protection for Geographical Indications or trademarks in your field of activity?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	26	22.81%	22.81%
No	47	41.23%	41.23%
Do not know / Not applicable	41	35.96%	35.96%

Trade in services

Are you concerned by barriers to trade in services in your field of activity?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	28	24.56%	24.56%
No	32	28.07%	28.07%
Do not know / Not applicable	54	47.37%	47.37%

If you concerned by barriers to trade in services, which ones are the most important ones (multiple answers possible)? Please clarify whether:

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(28)	% of total number records(114)
They derive from local regulation being applied differently to you compared to domestic firms?	8	28.57%	7.02%
They discriminate against cross-border service provision	19	67.86%	16.67%
They affect your ability to establish physical outlets in the country and supply services through these outlets	15	53.57%	13.16%
They affect the price of the services you provide	12	42.86%	10.53%
They have other restrictive impacts	13	46.43%	11.40%

If you are concerned by barriers to trade in services, please indicate to which level of government the obstacles relate (multiple answers possible)?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(28)	% of total number records(114)
US Federal / EU level regulation	24	85.71%	21.05%
US States / EU Member State regulation	11	39.29%	9.65%
Do not know / Not applicable	2	7.14%	1.75%

Investment

Are you concerned by barriers to direct investments in your field of activity?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	23	20.18%	20.18%
No	34	29.82%	29.82%

Do not know / Not applicable	57	50.00%	50.00%
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If you are concerned by barriers to investment, please indicate to which level of government the regulatory obstacles relate (multiple answers)

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(23)	% of total number records(114)
US Federal / EU level regulation	17	73.91%	14.91%
US States / EU Member State regulation	11	47.83%	9.65%
Do not know / Not applicable.	4	17.39%	3.51%

Public Procurement

Are you concerned by restrictions in public procurement in your field of activity?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	30	26.32%	26.32%
No	32	28.07%	28.07%
Do not know / Not applicable	52	45.61%	45.61%

If you are concerned by restrictions in public procurement, please indicate to which level of government the obstacles relate (multiple answers)

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(30)	% of total number records(114)
US Federal / EU level regulation	23	76.67%	20.18%
US States / EU Member State / local level regulation	16	53.33%	14.04%
Do not know / Not applicable	5	16.67%	4.39%

Competition issues

Are there fields where the European Union should seek to increase cooperation with the United States?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	39	34.21%	34.21%
No	12	10.53%	10.53%

Do not know / Not applicable	63	55.26%	55.26%
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Anti-trust			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(39)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	24	61.54%	21.05%
No	3	7.69%	2.63%
Do not know / Not applicable	12	30.77%	10.53%

Mergers			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(39)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	20	51.28%	17.54%
No	4	10.26%	3.51%
Do not know / Not applicable	15	38.46%	13.16%

Liberalisation			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(39)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	30	76.92%	26.32%
No	5	12.82%	4.39%
Do not know / Not applicable	4	10.26%	3.51%

State Aid			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(39)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	18	46.15%	15.79%
No	7	17.95%	6.14%
Do not know / Not applicable	14	35.90%	12.28%

Facilitating the participation of small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in the transatlantic market place

Impact on Consumers

In your view, would the elimination of barriers to trade and investment between the EU and the US have an effect on Consumers?

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	75	65.79%	65.79%
No	4	3.51%	3.51%
Do not know / Not applicable	35	30.70%	30.70%

If yes, what impact do you expect?

Lower Prices

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(75)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	55	73.33%	48.25%
No	7	9.33%	6.14%
Do not know / Not applicable	13	17.33%	11.40%

Higher prices

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(75)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	6	8.00%	5.26%
No	48	64.00%	42.11%
Do not know / Not applicable	21	28.00%	18.42%

Larger choice of products

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(75)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	61	81.33%	53.51%

No	6	8.00%	5.26%
Do not know / Not applicable	8	10.67%	7.02%

Smaller choice of products			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(75)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	6	8.00%	5.26%
No	54	72.00%	47.37%
Do not know / Not applicable	15	20.00%	13.16%

Other			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(75)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	29	38.67%	25.44%
No	1	1.33%	0.88%
Do not know / Not applicable	23	30.67%	20.18%

Environmental Impact

Do you expect impacts on the environment in the context of an enhanced EU-US trade cooperation?			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	49	42.98%	42.98%
No	18	15.79%	15.79%
Do not know / Not applicable	47	41.23%	41.23%

What impacts on the environment in the context of an enhanced EU-US trade cooperation do you expect ?

Air pollution			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(49)	% of total number records(114)
Positive	17	34.69%	14.91%

Negative	15	30.61%	13.16%
Do not not / Not applicable	17	34.69%	14.91%

Water pollution			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(49)	% of total number records(114)
Positive	13	26.53%	11.40%
Negative	14	28.57%	12.28%
Do not not / Not applicable	22	44.90%	19.30%

Ground pollution			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(49)	% of total number records(114)
Positive	13	26.53%	11.40%
Negative	15	30.61%	13.16%
Do not not / Not applicable	21	42.86%	18.42%

CO2 emissions			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(49)	% of total number records(114)
Positive	20	40.82%	17.54%
Negative	17	34.69%	14.91%
Do not not / Not applicable	12	24.49%	10.53%

Impact on bio-diversity			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(49)	% of total number records(114)
Positive	15	30.61%	13.16%
Negative	15	30.61%	13.16%
Do not not / Not applicable	19	38.78%	16.67%

Other			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(49)	% of total number records(114)

Positive	11	22.45%	9.65%
Negative	8	16.33%	7.02%
Do not know / Not applicable	14	28.57%	12.28%

Social Impact

Are you concerned by (trade-related) problems of protection or enforcement of labour and social rights in the United States or the EU in your field of			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
Yes	29	25.44%	25.44%
No	30	26.32%	26.32%
Do not know / Not applicable	55	48.25%	48.25%

ment in the European Union or United States respectively could be affected, positively or negatively in the context of ar

In the EU:			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
Positively	56	49.12%	49.12%
Negatively	14	12.28%	12.28%
No change	6	5.26%	5.26%
Do not know / Not applicable	38	33.33%	33.33%

In the US:			
	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
Positively	57	50.00%	50.00%
Negatively	6	5.26%	5.26%
No change	8	7.02%	7.02%
Do not know / Not applicable	43	37.72%	37.72%

Is the European Union or United States respectively could be affected, positively or negatively in the context of an enhanced cooperation?

In the EU:

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
Positively	29	25.44%	25.44%
Negatively	13	11.40%	11.40%
No change	13	11.40%	11.40%
Do not know / Not applicable	59	51.75%	51.75%

In the US:

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
Positively	30	26.32%	26.32%
Negatively	9	7.89%	7.89%
No change	15	13.16%	13.16%
Do not know / Not applicable	60	52.63%	52.63%

Is the European Union or United States respectively could be affected, positively or negatively in the context of an enhanced cooperation?

In the EU:

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
Positively	22	19.30%	19.30%
Negatively	14	12.28%	12.28%
No change	18	15.79%	15.79%
Do not know / Not applicable	60	52.63%	52.63%

In the US:

	Number of requested records	% Requested records(114)	% of total number records(114)
Positively	22	19.30%	19.30%
Negatively	6	5.26%	5.26%

No change	21	18.42%	18.42%
Do not know / Not applicable	65	57.02%	57.02%

Other issues

Meta Informations