

Focus

The EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement: a landmark deal



Dear Reader,

The EU and Japan have concluded the largest bilateral trade agreement ever covering almost 30% of global GDP and bringing the economies of over 600 million people closer. The European Parliament has the final say and is scrutinising the final outcome thoroughly. For this purpose, INTA has travelled to Japan in September and is putting forward an accompanying resolution, which exerts

political pressure on both parties to deliver on the commitments made.

To get more insight the INTA Committee has commissioned a quality study to assess the deal, notably in comparison to other recent trade agreements concluded by the EU. The study evaluates its economic impact, outlines its innovative elements (SME, climate change, corporate governance provisions) and stresses that the EPA will boost EU's economic presence and political relevance in Asia.

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The EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement

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The EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement is a comprehensive and ambitious framework to further boost trade and economic ties.

The Agreement is the largest bilateral trade deal ever concluded by the EU in terms of market size, covering close to 30 % of global GDP. It is expected to

offer benefits beyond trade and economic ones, as the closer cooperation between the EU and Japan reinforces their capacity to shape the course of global developments, based on common values and the rules-based systems.

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Fighting child poverty: the role of EU funding

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Member States use EU funding to improve the situation of children at risk of poverty and social exclusion, particularly those living in severe material deprivation. Based on the identified gaps but also good practices across Member States, this study commissioned by Policy Department A for the EMPL committee provides a list of recommendations on how to better address child poverty as an issue of specific concern in the post-2020 EU funding period.



Audiovisual sector and Brexit: the regulatory environment

Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion Policies

October 2018



The form Brexit will take is especially relevant for the audiovisual sector because the UK is quantitatively the most important hub for AVMS providers. This study provides analysis of the likely impacts of various Brexit scenarios on the EU regulatory environment for the audiovisual sector. It focuses on a comprehensive EU-oriented overview of the issues related to specific provisions of the AVMS Directive and to the screen sector-specific copyright rules.



Collective redress in the Member States of the EU

Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs

October 2018



Collective redress mechanisms at national level vary considerably. This heterogeneity is problematic as not all EU citizens are awarded the same level of protection. The study requested by JURI evaluates the current state of play of collective redress at national level and looks at the opportunities of a European intervention. The authors suggest that EU action should take the form of a "hybrid" regulation harmonising certain features of collective redress.



Financial implementation of ESIF

Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs

June 2018



This research paper provides an informative overview of the state of play of the financial implementation of European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF). The report is based on desk-review research. It considers financial implementation in the 2007-2013 funding period, before focusing on implementation thus far in the 2014-2020 period. It identifies and analyses factors that influence the pace of ESIF financial implementation.



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