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The India - EU Free Trade Agreement: State of Play

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India and the European Union have embarked on an increasing collaboration. In 2004, India became one of the EU's strategic partners and in the subsequent year, they both agreed on a Joint Action Plan, which was revised in 2008. In June 2007, the 'two largest democracies in the world' started negotiating on a Free Trade Agreement. This is due to be a multi-billion agreement and the largest of its kind so far. The EU is India's largest trading partner, bilateral trade in 2009-10 aggregating to USD 75 billion. Conversely, India, with 1.2 billion people the second most populous country in the world, is a gigantic market.

The signing of the FTA has regularly been postponed and the outcome of the next EU-India summit, to be held in Delhi on February 10, 2012, remains unclear. This roundtable aims at giving a state of the art and reflecting on the future relation between the EU and India.

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Participation is free, but prior registration is required at
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