



Negotiations for a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area between the European Union and Tunisia

The EU proposal on transparency

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The present document aims at providing a general overview of the European Union's (EU) proposal for a chapter on transparency in the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) envisaged between the EU and Tunisia. The text of the EU proposal was presented to Tunisian experts in October 2015, updated in May 2018, and is now available on the [website of the European Commission](#).

What is this chapter about?

The chapter on transparency covers access to information and documents such as laws, regulations, judicial decisions, administrative procedures and decisions that may affect trade and investment in the area related to the DCFTA as well as the improvement of transparency in development procedures and in the adoption of regulatory measures.

The aim is to ensure an effective regulatory environment, which is predictable and transparent in all areas covered by this agreement, so that economic operators and the general public are appropriately informed about the regulatory requirements and the administrations in charge. They should also be able to make their points of view known during the procedures for adoption and amendment of relevant laws and regulations.

Proposed rules

The EU's text proposes in principle:

- to **make available the relevant documents** for the implementation of this agreement, if possible

electronically, so that those persons interested in such documents can access them easily and quickly;

- to allow in a simplified way to **identify the competent administration** for the purpose of launching the administrative procedures;

- to set up a **contact point** through which any additional questions relating to issues covered by the agreement could be raised or clarified without cost;

- to allow an **independent and impartial examination of** adopted **administrative measures** that concern matters covered by the agreement;

- to give economic operators and other actors (for example trade unions, employers, civil society) the possibility to **make their views known** when existing rules are modified or new rules are introduced, and thereafter an appropriate period of time to get acquainted to them; and

- to support cooperation between administrations in order to **improve the quality and effectiveness of regulation and to promote good practices and transparency.**

More specific transparency rules are also included in other chapters of the DCFTA.