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**Background note from DG AGRI**  
**EU-INDIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT**

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**EU-INDIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT (Under Negotiation)**

**1. Parties and regional factors**

- Bilateral FTA negotiations have been taking place between EU and India
- Since election of new government in May 2014, India has been more active in seeking regional Asian partnerships

**2. Dates of negotiation**

- Negotiations were launched in 2007. Negotiations were suspended in mid-2013 pending Indian general elections in May 2014
- Both sides have indicated a political willingness to resume negotiations

**3. Particular issues in negotiation - agricultural trade**

- With regard to market access, the EU is seeking improved access for key products with substantial trade and those with identified potential..
- The EU seeks to obtain protection of a shortlist of EU GIs.
- India seeks improved market access for rice and sugar in particular.