

Trade Sustainability Impact Assessment in support of negotiations of a DCFTA between the EU and Jordan

Dear reader,

Ecorys Netherlands B.V. has been contracted by the European Commission to conduct a study on the potential effects of establishing a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area between the EU and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Please visit www.trade-sia.com/jordan for more background information about the study. By means of this newsletter, we are happy to inform you about the progress made in the past period, and we would like to give you the opportunity to provide comments and feedback on the study itself or the topics treated in the study.

Local stakeholder workshop in Jordan

As part of the civil society consultations, Ecorys together with its local partner ISSNAAD Consulting organised a stakeholder workshop in Amman since our last Newsletter. The aim of this workshop was to create an interactive dialogue with the civil society and key stakeholders, share with them the preliminary results from the Interim Technical Report and gather their views and comments, as well as to inform them about the TSIA methodologies and goals. The presentation and minutes of the workshop are available online, click [here](#) to download them.

Key results of Phase 2 and 3 of this study are now available online

The Interim Technical Report presented the overall impacts of the DCFTA (phase 1). The Draft Final Report is now also available online and also includes the results of phase 2 and 3 (the in-depth analyses as well as the policy recommendations). In this second phase, four sectors or horizontal (cross-cutting) issues that are of particular interest in the context of the potential DCFTA between the EU and Jordan were analysed in more detail: Pharmaceuticals, Financial Services, Telecom Services, and Water and Energy. The Draft Final Report also presents policy recommendations resulting from the entire Trade SIA analysis. We invite you to read this draft final reports, which you can download [here](#).

To give you an insight into the type of analyses conducted, the schematics below present some key issues or impacts identified for the analysed Jordanian sectors and/or horizontal issues. For a complete overview of the findings, the reader is referred to the final report.

Jordan in-depth analysis of sectors and horizontal issues:

Pharmaceuticals	Financial services	Telecom services	Water and energy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge intensive, human capital intensive and export oriented sector. • Higher IP protection is expected to reduce the possibilities to manufacture and market generics, will lead to higher prices of medicines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The sector is well established with a liberal regulatory environment and moderately low trade restrictiveness. • The economic effects of the DCFTA are expected to be low. • The social impact can be positive on sectoral employment, wages, prices, education and skills and consumer choice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jordan has one of the most developed telecommunication markets in the MENA region. • As part of its GATS commitments, Jordan has fully liberalised its telecommunication sector. • Hence, the impact of the DCFTA will only be indirect through additional demand for its services from an expanding economy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water and energy scarcity in Jordan may limit the exploitation of the economic opportunities from the DCFTA. • The DCFTA will likely result in a decrease of water demand and a slight increase in energy demand.

Public meeting for civil society organisations in Brussels

The next occasion where European civil society, key stakeholders and the project team can meet and discuss the effects of a future DCFTA between the EU and Jordan is on the 18th of September in Brussels. The subject of this meeting will be a presentation and discussion of the Draft Final Report. Click [here](#) for more details about the exact time and place of this public meeting.

Feedback

We value an interactive dialogue with civil society very strongly. Specifically, input from you on specific issues gives us the opportunity to place our results in a proper perspective; in addition your advice on the issues that are most relevant in the DCFTA in your view allows us to have a better focus in the study. Examples of relevant feedback could be:

1. Your feedback on the individual sector analyses;
2. Your view on economic, social and/or environmental impacts of the DCFTA;
3. Your perspective on the proposed policy recommendations and any additional considerations.

To gather your views and comments regarding the study, we provide several feedback channels that are open for continuous feedback (next to meetings mentioned above):

- Email: tsiajordan@ecorys.com
- Website: www.trade-sia.com/jordan
- Social media:



Thus, please feel free to leave any comments through one of the channels listed above.

We look forward to hearing from you!

The Ecorys team
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