

Should France approve the EU / MERCOSUR
Trade Agreement?

Europe



MERCOSUR



Europe

27 country

Main institutions

40 trade agreements

Mercosur presentation

Key dates: 1985 – initial idea; 1991 – official name; 1995 – Asunción treaty, official creation

Mercosur (South American free trade area): Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela suspended (2016), Bolivia (2023)

Mercosur–EU: Agreement Signed in 2019 in order to promote trade

French Opposition: Rejection for environmental reasons in 2019

Current state: Agreement approved in 2025 and waiting ratification by the EU

MAIN POINTS OF THE TREATY

Tariffs: gradual removal, EU industrial ↔ Mercosur agricultural

Public Procurement: easier access for companies

Geographical Indications: 357 EU products protected

Environment: respect laws, prevent deforestation

Dispute Settlement: fair conflict resolution



POSITIVE ASPECTS / IMPACTS

- Better access to markets
- French agri-food export
- Stronger European presence



- Increase resilience (diversification)
- Stable business relation

NEGATIVE ASPECTS / IMPACTS

- Risks for French farmers
- Weak environmental guarantees
- Differences in health and safety standards
- Sovereignty and social fairness



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