

What is at stake?

Webinar on Dec. 2nd, 2024



Insights into the state-of-affairs of
EU-Indonesia Comprehensive
Economic Partnership Agreement

Background

The European Union and the Republic of Indonesia have been negotiating the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) since 2016. The declared aim is to facilitate and create market access, increase trade and investment between the EU and Indonesia and promote sustainable development. The 19th round of negotiations on the agreement took place in July 2024. Both EU Commission President von der Leyen and the new Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto are committed to concluding the negotiations quickly. The agreement is also seen as a building block of the Indo-Pacific strategy.

The negotiations have so far received comparatively little attention from the Indonesian and European public. Representatives of civil society organizations from Indonesia have criticized the lack of transparency in the negotiations and the insufficient involvement of the public. In an open letter published in July 2024, Indonesian and European NGOs expressed concern that the CEPA could have a negative impact in many areas. These include possible price increases for medicines and more difficult access to generics, the risk of an expansion of infrastructure projects that could harm the environment and human rights, risks for smallholder agriculture and problematic provisions on investor-state arbitration, which could lead to a loss of sovereignty for Indonesia.

With this webinar, we would like to explain the content and scope of the planned agreement, critically examine its significance for sustainable development policy and ask what opportunities civil society in Indonesia has to influence the further course of negotiations.

Schedule

Monday - Dec 2, 2024 9:00 - 10:30 CET / 15:00 - 16:30 WIB

9:00 A.M.	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Klaus Schilder: Misereor• N.N. Watch Indonesia
9:10 A.M.	Introduction to background, state of negotiations and challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr. Patrick Ziegenhain: Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, President University, Cikarang
	Discussion
09:30 A.M.	State of negotiations with a focus on labour rights <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tia Mboeik: Mondiaal FNV
	Civil society critique on the CEPA on the background of the new Indonesia government <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rahmat Maulana Sidik: Executive Director, Indonesia for Global Justice (IGJ)
	Discussion
10:25 A.M.	Wrap-up <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alessa Hartmann: PowerShift

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