

Guide: How to use My Trade Assistant for Services and Investment

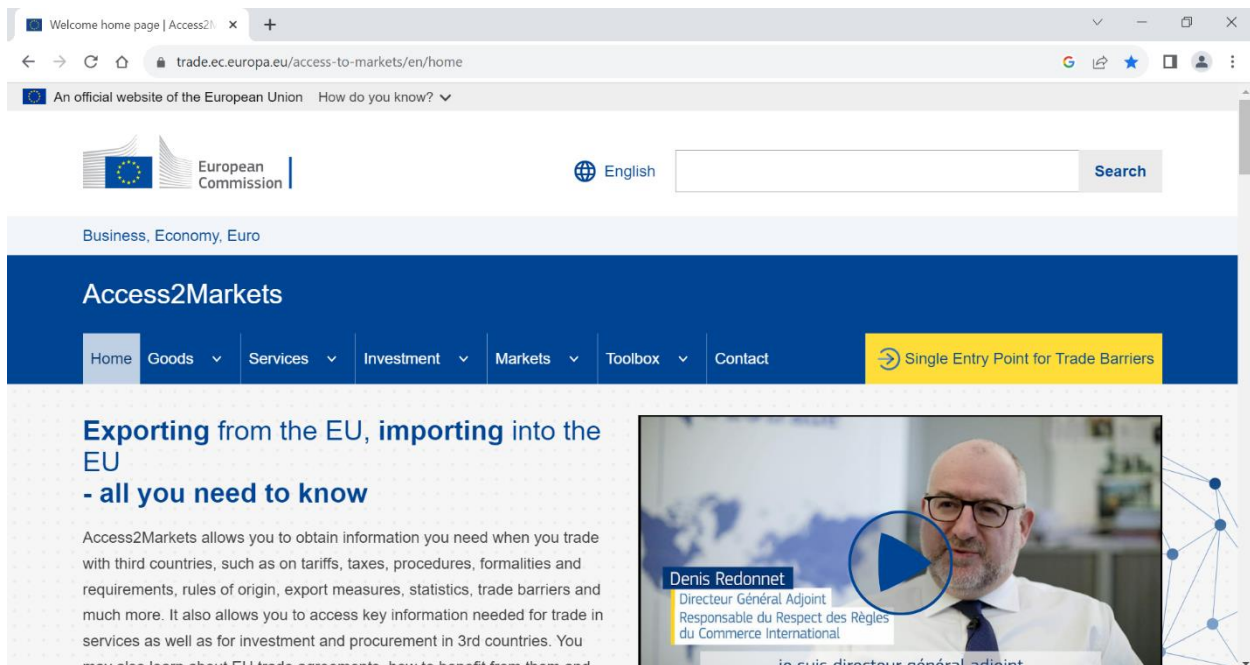
[My Trade Assistant for Services and Investment](#) includes comprehensive information for EU services suppliers that want to export to **Canada, Japan, Switzerland and the UK**. Partial datasets are also available for **Norway, Hong Kong – China, and the US**.¹

EU suppliers will be able to find information on the requirements they need to meet if they want to export services in these countries. The coverage is broad: information is offered in **24 languages** for **100 services sectors** and **25 market access requirements**, categorised per mode of supply. Where relevant, information is also found for the country's sub-national levels. Finally, the contact details of the regulatory authorities responsible are also available.

The process to access information on the requirements EU services suppliers need to meet to export to one of the covered markets is relatively simple. It includes the following steps:

1) Connect to the “[Access2Markets](#)” portal of the European Commission

- <https://trade.ec.europa.eu/access-to-markets/en/home>



¹ State of play in September 2024.

2) Scroll down to reach the section “My Trade Assistant”

The screenshot shows the 'My Trade Assistant' section on the trade.ec.europa.eu website. At the top, there is a banner for the 'Directeur Général Adjoint' (Deputy Director General) responsible for international trade rules, with the text 'je suis directeur général adjoint à la DG Commerce de la Commission Européenne'. Below the banner, the 'My Trade Assistant' title is followed by four main categories: 'Goods + ROSA' (yellow), 'Services and Investment' (light blue), 'Procurement' (dark blue), and 'Restrictions imposed by Russia / Belarus' (orange). The 'Goods + ROSA' category is selected, showing a search form with fields for 'Product name or HS code', 'Country from', and 'Country to', and a 'Search' button. A 'Top' button is visible in the bottom right corner.

3) Click on the tab “Services and Investment”

The screenshot shows the 'My Trade Assistant' section with the 'Services and Investment' tab selected. The search form is now for services, with fields for 'Service', 'Country*', and 'Jurisdiction', and a 'Search' button. The 'Service' field is labeled 'Service name'. A note indicates '* mandatory field'. The 'Top' button is still visible in the bottom right corner. At the bottom of the page, there is a blue bar with the 'Single Entry Point' logo and a 'Top' button.

4) Type in the relevant boxes your search criteria

- You will need to encode the following information: 1) the specific service sector for which you would like to have information; 2) the export country for which you would like to have information; 3) if applicable, the specific jurisdiction for which you would like to have information. The example below shows the following search criteria: 1) Engineering services; 2) United Kingdom; 3) England

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trade.ec.europa.eu/access-to-markets/en/home

My Trade Assistant

Goods + ROSA

Services and Investment

Restrictions imposed by Russia / Belarus

Find information on the requirements you need to comply with when exporting services outside the EU

Service: Engineering services

Country*: United Kingdom

All jurisdictions

England

Northern Ireland

Scotland

Wales

England

Disclaimer

Search

* mandatory field

Single Entry Point

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- Note that when several services sectors match your search criteria, you will be requested to further browse the full list of services and select the services you are interested in.

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trade.ec.europa.eu/access-to-markets/en/services-search?service=Engineering%20services&country=GB&jurisdiction=

Service search

We found multiple matches to your search criteria. Continue browsing the list of services and select the service you are interested in.

Browse list of services

Browse the full list of services

- Business and professional services
 - Engineering services
- Construction and related engineering services
 - Building completion and finishing work
 - General construction work for buildings
 - General construction work for civil engineering
 - Installation and assembly work

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5) Select the “Mode of supply” for which you want to have information

- There are three Modes of supply covered in My Trade Assistant for Services and Investment:
 - Cross-border supply of services covers situations where the service supplier and the client are in different countries and where the service is provided on a cross-border basis without the physical movement of the provider or the client (e.g., a French translator sends the translation of a text to a client in the UK by e-mail).
 - Commercial presence covers situations where a service supplier creates a branch, a subsidiary, or any other type of establishment abroad in order to provide services locally (e.g., a German law firm opening an office in Switzerland).
 - Movement of professionals covers situation where service suppliers travel temporarily to another country to provide their services locally (e.g., a Spanish engineer flies to Japan to supervise the installation of offshore wind turbines).
- Once the mode of supply of interest has been selected, the results corresponding to the search appear on the screen. The different types of Market access conditions are displayed on the left-hand side of the screen. Select the type of Market access conditions you are interested in to have access to specific information.

Results for "Engineering services" in United Kingdom, England

Mode of supply:

Cross-border supply of services | Commercial presence | Movement of professionals

Cross-border supply of services takes place when a company is based in one country and supplies services to a customer in a different country, and only the service – not the provider or the consumer - crosses the border. This usually takes place online, via phone or email.

Market access conditions:

- Data transfer restrictions and data localisation requirements
- Licensing, authorisation and registration requirements
- Local presence
- Qualification requirements
- Quantitative restrictions
- Taxation and other financial

Data transfer restrictions and data localisation requirements

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This market access condition concerns any restrictions by the third country on inbound or outbound data transfers and any requirements to store data, to process data or to localise servers in the third country, including obligations to keep copies of the transferred data in its territory.

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Jurisdiction	
	Northern Ireland, England, Wales, Scotland.

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- Click on the arrow at the bottom of each result to access complementary information on: i) the legal basis corresponding to the information; ii) the sources where the information has been found and; iii) the regulatory authority responsible.

GDPR) legislation, this means that data from the EU can now be sent to the UK without the need for additional safeguards. Cross-border transfers of personal data from the UK to the EU need to follow the measures set in the UK GDPR legislation. As the UK has made an adequacy decision for the EU, these transfers to the EU are allowed without additional safeguards.

The UK GDPR also applies to controllers and processors of data based outside of the UK if the processing of data is related to offering services to individuals in the UK.

For more information on EU-UK cross-border data transfers, see [ICO's Guidance on Data protection in the UK and the EU](#).

Data localisation requirements

UK does not have applicable requirements on data localisation.

Legal basis	Data Protection Act 2018 (United Kingdom); The Data Protection, Privacy and Electronic Communications (Amendments etc) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (United Kingdom)
Sources	Information Commissioner's Office © Information Commissioner's Office Open Government Licence v3.0
Regulatory authority	Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) https://ico.org.uk/

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