

Aiming for 'meaningful' deal with India, says EU trade commissioner

Days ahead of the next round of negotiation, India and the European Union (EU) are working together to firm up a 'commercially meaningful' trade deal, which will open up markets for goods and services, Maros Sefcovic (*pictured*), Commissioner of the European Commission for Trade and Economic Security said on Thursday.

The 11th round of negotiation of the India-EU trade deal is scheduled to begin in New Delhi on May 12 as both sides have agreed to accelerate efforts to advance the negotiations. "Glad to host Minister - and my friend - Piyush Goyal. In today's uncertain times, our

businesses are looking for opportunity, access, and predictability. And that's exactly what we're working to deliver: a commercially meaningful deal, opening up markets for goods and services," Sefcovic said on X.

Earlier this year, both sides decided to set an ambitious deadline to sign the long-pending free trade agreement (FTA) by 2025-end. Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal is currently on a five-day visit to European cities of London, Oslo and Brussels to boost trade and investment ties with the nations. One of the key areas of discussion in the three visits have been on FTAs.



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