

THE EU-MERCOSUR AGREEMENT

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO FOSTER TRADE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

FACTSHEET 6. BRAZIL AND LABOR STANDARDS AT THE EU-MERCOSUR AGREEMENT

The EU-Mercosur Agreement comprises the labor agenda enshrined at the International Labor Organization (ILO), its Conventions and its work towards promoting labor and human rights.

In comparison to countries with which the EU has trade agreements, Brazil has implemented more of ILO Conventions.

ILO's Fundamental Conventions in force in Brazil and in key countries, and year of entry into force

ILO's Fundamental Conventions	Australia	Brazil	Canada	China	Indonesia	Mexico	N. Zealand	S. Korea	Singapore	Vietnam
Forced Labour Convention, 1930	✓ 1932	✓ 1957	✓ 2011	✗	✓ 1950	✓ 1934	✓ 1938	✗	✓ 1965	✓ 2007
Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organize Convention, 1948	✓ 1973	✗	✓ 1972	✗	✓ 1998	✓ 1950	✗	✗	✗	✓ 2019
Right to Organize and Collective Bargaining Convention, 1949	✓ 1973	✓ 1952	✓ 2017	✗	✓ 1957	✓ 2018	✓ 2003	✗	✓ 1965	✓ 1997
Equal Remuneration Convention, 1951	✓ 1974	✓ 1957	✓ 1972	✓ 1990	✓ 1958	✓ 1952	✓ 1983	✓ 1997	✓ 2002	✓ 2020
Abolition of Forced Labour Convention, 1957	✓ 1960	✓ 1965	✓ 1959	✗	✓ 1999	✓ 1959	✓ 1968	✗	✗	✗
Discrimination (Employment and Occupation) Convention, 1958	✓ 1973	✓ 1965	✓ 1964	✓ 2006	✓ 1999	✓ 1961	✓ 1983	✓ 1998	✗	✓ 1997
Minimum Age Convention, 1973	✗	✓ 2001	✓ 2016	✓ 1999	✓ 1999	✓ 2015	✗	✓ 1999	✓ 1932	✓ 2003
Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention, 1999	✓ 2006	✓ 2000	✓ 2000	✓ 2002	✓ 2000	✓ 2000	✓ 2001	✓ 2001	✓ 2006	✓ 2000

Source: NORMLEX – Information System on International Labour Standards (2021).



What is the relation between labor and the SDGs?

Trade and social issues are intertwined agendas, and the rules addressing them at the EU-Mercosur Agreement will work as a permanent and common basis to achieve the SDG 8 (decent labor) in its entirety.



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