



INDIA EUROPE BUSINESS AND SUSTAINABILITY CONCLAVE

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in partnership with Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India organised the maiden edition of CII India Europe Business & Sustainability Conclave held on 28 February - 1 March 2023.

The Conclave was one of the largest congregations of senior ministers, policy makers and business leaders from European Countries and India, cutting across sectors.

India-EU FTA 'game-changer': EAM

Capacity building is the key to sustain India-Europe cooperation, said Dr S Jaishankar, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, at the inaugural session of the CII India Europe Business and Sustainability Conclave. Dr Jaishankar emphasized that "the India-EU FTA could be a game changer" for India and Europe.

The discussions at the session focussed on enhancing economic and trade ties between India and Europe, future areas of collaboration, building on the sustainability agenda, and the possibilities of implementing India's digital models across the world.



Mr Chandrajit Banerjee, DG, CII; HE Lars Løkke Rasmussen, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Denmark; Dr S Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs Government of India; H E Mr Jan Lipavský Minister of Foreign Affairs Government of the Czech Republic; Mr Sanjiv Bajaj President Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) & Chairman & MD, Bajaj Finserv Ltd at the Inaugural Session

Sustainability is Key Aspect of India-Europe Partnership

Addressing the CII India-Europe Business and Sustainability Conclave, Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textiles, India, underscored the importance of the India-Europe partnership in ensuring sustainability and inclusive growth.



Mr Sanjiv Bajaj, President, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) & Chairman & MD, Bajaj Finserv Ltd; H E Mr Josep Borrell, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs & Security Policy and Vice President, European Union; Rt Hon Mr James Cleverly MP, Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, UK; Mr Piyush Goyal, Minister of Commerce & Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and Textiles, Government of India; H E Mr Wopke Hoekstra, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Foreign Affairs, The Netherlands; H E Mr Silvio Schembri, Minister of Economy, European Funds and Land, Malta; Mr Chandrajit Banerjee, DG, CII, at the Special Plenary Session



200+
Indian
delegates

250+
International Delegates
from 37 countries

75+
Speakers

35
European
Speakers

3 Country Sessions
Denmark, Czech
Republic and Malta

12 Focused Sessions
on 4 tracks: Sustainability, Digitalization,
Trade & Investment and Future Business

Leaders Speak



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The business communities in
India and Europe will have a
large stake and will play an
important role in enabling the
India-Europe transition.”

Dr S Jaishankar
Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs
Government of India



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Business leaders and the global political
leadership must come together for
driving collective efforts in transitioning
towards a greener future.”

Shri Piyush Goyal
Hon'ble Minister of Commerce & Industry
Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
and Textiles, Government of India



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As the 5th largest economy,
India is an indispensable and
strategic partner for the EU.”

H E Mr Josep Borrell
High Representative of the European
Union for Foreign Affairs &
Security Policy and Vice President
European Union



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EU and India can create
cheaper energy alternatives
for the world.”

H E Mr Wopke Hoekstra
Deputy Prime Minister &
Minister of Foreign Affairs
The Netherlands



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Denmark - India green strategic
partnership has become a cornerstone
of our relationship. We recognize the
importance of India in achieving the
world's sustainability goals.”

H E Lars Løkke Rasmussen
Hon'ble Minister for Foreign Affairs
Kingdom of Denmark



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In times of social and economic
turbulence, trusted partners need to
work closely, therefore G20 is relevant.”

Rt Hon Mr James Cleverly MP
Secretary of State for Foreign
Commonwealth and
Development Affairs, UK



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Denmark and India have engaged
for energy since 2018. India has the
scale and Denmark has the skills.”

H E Lars Aagaard Møller
Hon'ble Minister for Climate
Energy and Utilities
Kingdom of Denmark



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The Czech Republic and India can
partner in areas such as telemedicine,
microelectronics, and biomedicine. Our
collaboration can be focused on
science, innovation and technology.”

H E Mr Jan Lipavský
Minister of Foreign Affairs
Government of the Czech Republic



“Malta and India's 60-year strong ties can be deepened further with economic partnerships in areas such as technology, pharmaceuticals, aviation, and the film industry.”

H E Mr Silvio Schembri
Minister of Economy
European Funds and Land, Republic of Malta



“Recent crises have shown that global supply chains are not as resilient as we had thought.”

H E Mr Karolis Žemaitis
Vice Minister at the Ministry of the Economy and Innovation
Republic of Lithuania



“Our ambitious targets for climate action opened new opportunities for businesses. India has shown the best climate performance amongst G20 countries and is World Number 4 for renewable energy and solar power.”

Mr Sanjiv Bajaj
President, CII



“India-Europe Conclave will enable new partnerships for Europe and India as well help in India in its G20 leadership this year.”

Mr Chandrajit Banerjee
Director General, CII

Country Sessions

Czech Republic



Kingdom of Denmark



Republic of Malta



Focussed Sessions

Transitioning to Clean Energy Together



Ms Gitte Lillelund Bech, Former Minister of Defence, Kingdom of Denmark, mentioned that India's role towards the green transition is important owing to its innovation and production capacity.

The session was also addressed by : H E Lars Aagaard, Minister for Climate, Energy and Utilities, Ministry of Energy, Utilities and Climate, Denmark, • Henrik Stiesdal, Founder, Chief Technical Officer and Board Member, Stiesdal • Dr Ajay Mathur, Director General, International Solar Alliance, India • Caroline Pontoppidan, EVP, Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, A.P. Møller-Mærsk, Denmark • Morten Dyrholm, Global MarCom, Sustainability & Public Affairs, Vestas • Therese Bording Hermann, Director of Global Public Affairs, Topsoe A/S • Mr Petrick Clerens, Secretary General, The European Storage Association and Rajiv Ganju, Sr Vice President Global Supply Chain, Luminous Power

Partnership for Sustainable and Reliable Water

"We are grateful for long & fruitful collaboration with India for water. We have partnerships on city level, state level and on the national level as well as strategic sector cooperation between the Danish Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Jal Shakti of India," said Christian Vindahl Vind, Permanent Secretary of State, Ministry of Environment, Kingdom of Denmark.



The session was also addressed by : H P Nanda, Executive Vice President & Divisional CEO, Water Utility, GRUNDFOS, India • Mette Vestergaard, CEO DHI, Denmark • Mr Hans Engrob, CEO, Lyninco ApS • Rajneesh Chopra, Global Head, Business Development, VA Tech WABAG ; and moderated by Emil Fannike Kjær, Deputy Director General, Confederation of Danish Industries

Green Urban Infrastructure



Robert Demann, Head of Smart Industries, Siemens Limited, India said, "In future about 40% of Indian population will be living in cities. That means a huge demand in energy. We must deploy technology to achieve decarbonisation of energy to enable true energy efficiency."

The session was also addressed by: José Antonio Fernandez Usón, Director IDOM, Spain • Pierre de Rancourt de Mimerand, Managing Director, COWI, Denmark • Nina Fenton, Head of Regional Representation, South Asia, European Investment Bank • Ravi Purushothaman, President, Danfoss India; and moderated by Gurjot Bhatia, MD, Project Management, India, South-East Asia, Middle East and Africa, CBRE.

Clean Technologies and Circular Economy

Mr Ignacio Rodríguez Pastor, Managing Director- India, Técnicas Reunidas, Spain said "India has a great opportunity & a challenge in waste management & circularity. We are working towards reusing plastic by turning them into olefins thus reducing our carbon footprint. These technologies will enable us to be ecologically responsible and more sustainable in the future."



The session was also addressed by: Markus Alholm, Chief Executive Officer, Chempolis, Finland • Mr Uffe Hansen, Chief Executive Officer, M&J Recycling, Denmark • Mr Krishna Kant Jha, CEO, Biomass; and moderated by Seema Arora, Deputy Director General, CII & CEO, CII ITC Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Development (CESD).

Business of Sustainability



"The Indian Government is working along three pillars of climate action; 1. What we do internally as a country, 2. Our international commitment/goals 3. Channelling international cooperation to meet the goals," said Mr Sandeep Chakravorty, Joint Secretary, Europe West, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India during a session on 'Business of Sustainability'.

The session was also addressed by: Sanjay Singh, CEO & Head of Territory, BNP Paribas • Sanjiv Kanwar, Managing Director, Yara Fertilizers, India • Sanjay Aggarwal, Managing Director, Fortum Group & Chairperson, Fincham India • Arnab Roy, Group CFO of Schneider Electric-Greater India Zone • Vaishali Nigam Sinha, Chief Sustainability Officer, ReNew and Chair, ReNew Foundation; and moderated by Dilkhush Cooper, Head of Business Development and Strategy, BNP Paribas

Recalibrating Global Value Chains

Delivering his special address, Mr Peeyush Kumar, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India said, "Global trade has seen many disruptions and there is room for like-minded countries to align, forge better alliances, and safeguard supply chains. Building sustainable partnership between India and EU can benefit the world order."



The session was also addressed by: H E Karolis (Use the designation from previous draft, Lithuania Vice Minister), Shireesh Joshi, Chief Business Officer and President-Network Expansion, Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), India • Mr Michael Koch, Head of Unit, National Board of Trade, Sweden • Fredrik Andren-Sandberg, Head of Public Affairs APAC, Vestas, Denmark; and moderated by Mr Vinod Sharma, Chairman, CII National Committee on ICTE Manufacturing & Managing Director, Deki Electronics, India

India EU FTA: The Game Changer



"We need to meet demands of current & future job markets, with investment in education/training programs aligned to needs of the workforce. Traditional broad-based education w/o specialisation is not sufficient," said Nidhi Mani Tripathi, Joint Secretary and Chief Negotiator-India-UK and India-EU FTA Negotiation, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

The session was also addressed by: Poul V. Jensen, Managing Director, European Business Technology Centre (EBTC), Belgium • Renita Bhaskar, Minister Counsellor, Delegation of the European Union (EU), EU Commission • Deep Kapuria, Co-Chairman, CII International & Trade Policy Council & Chairman, The Hi-Tech Group • James J. Nedumpara, Professor and Head & WTO Chair, Centre for Trade and Investment Law, Ministry of Commerce and Industry; and moderated by Sumanta Chaudhuri, Principal Adviser - International Trade Policy, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

Education and Skill Development: Leveraging Complementarities

Dr Mohan Kaul, President, Indian Partnership Forum, UK stated, "Indian diaspora is playing a major role in each sector in the UK. We are especially focused on supporting technology startups & entrepreneurs with skilling, funding, partnerships to innovate & manufacture in India, for the world."



The session was also addressed by: Edith Nordmann, Chairman, NICCT, The Netherlands. • Ranjita Raman, Chief Executive Officer, jaro education, India ; and moderated by Aman Aditya Sachdev, Director & Regional Head, Ecole Hoteliere De Lausanne, Switzerland (EHL).

Food Productivity – Next Practices

“Food is not only a necessity, but also the need of the hour. We must strive for agricultural advancement, production and sustainable consumption to create a resilient global food supply chain,” said Mr Amit Sawhney, Managing Director, Nippon Global SL, Spain



The session was also addressed by: Guido Mangnus, Managing Director, Geo4A • Rijit Sengupta, Chief Executive Officer, Centre for Responsible Business • Rajiv Wahi, Escorts Kubota Ltd, Atul Chhura, Chief Business Officer, Star AgriBazaar Pvt Ltd; and moderated by Piruz Khambatta, Chairman & MD, Rasna International Pvt Ltd

Future of Mobility



“Forty kWh battery of an electric vehicle can become a potential storage of solar energy while it is stationary during peak generation time (day) and can feed it back to the grid in the peak demand time (evening)”, said Awadhesh Kumar Jha, Executive Director, Fortum Charge & Drive India during a session on ‘Future of Mobility’.

The session was also addressed by: Awadhesh Kumar Jha, Executive Director, Fortum Charge & Drive India • Javier Martínez Ojinaga, Chief Executive Officer, CAF GROUP, Spain • Mars Geuze, Co-Founder and Chief Commercial Officer, Hardt Hyperloop, The Netherlands • Rajeev Mahajan, Manager (Head) - Project Finance, Private Sector Facility, Green Climate Fund, South Korea ; and moderated by Vipin Sondhi, Chairman, CII National Committee on Future Mobility and Battery Storage and CII National Committee on Technology, R&D and Innovation

Shaping the Digital Transformation Revolution

“Sustainability is the biggest business challenge of our time, and India is leading the way with a focus on responsibility, impact, & opportunity. It is time to move beyond being sustainably profitable and strive for being profitably sustainable” stated, Dr. Lovneesh Chanana, Sr Vice President & Head of Government Affairs, Asia Pacific and Japan, SAP, Singapore



The session was also addressed by: Prof Dr Cristina Vanberghen, Senior Advisor, European Commission, Belgium • Ms Anna Andersone, CEO, Riga TechGirls, Latvia • Mr Tejpreet Chopra, President & CEO, BLP Group, India • Mr Winston Green, International Counsel, PIERSTONE, Belgium; and moderated by Dr. Rishi Mohan Bhatnagar, Co- Chair, IOT Working Group of CII Centre for Digital Transformation & Board Member & President, Aeris Communications India Pvt. Ltd

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