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Jean Monnet Trade in Services Visiting Fellowship

Applications due by 16 December 2018

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The ANU Centre for European Studies (ANUCES) has been awarded an EU Jean Monnet grant to investigate the potential for improved trade in services between Australia and the European Union (EU). The project will make use of the OECD's Services Trade Restrictiveness (STR) database to identify barriers to enhanced services trade in specific service industries. This will provide a sound quantitative basis for developing the negotiating agenda for the proposed Australia–EU trade treaty.

ANUCES is seeking a Visiting Fellow to undertake this core work. The position would particularly suit a postgraduate, post-doctoral or recently retired researcher with some background in services research and the quantitative skills to use the OECD's STR database. Ideally this work will be undertaken between January and April 2019.

The Visiting Fellow will be expected to map information from the OECD's STR database against information on EU service industries to identify where there are significant barriers to enhanced trade in services. Comparison of the outcomes of this analysis with Australian services export strengths will assist in identifying priorities for services trade negotiations.

The Visiting Fellow will be required to produce a Briefing Paper summarising the results of this work. This will feed into a workshop to subject the findings to critical analysis both with relevant academics and policy and trade negotiation experts. The Visiting Fellow will also be expected to present the results of their work at two Policy Forums, one in Canberra and one in Brussels. There will, of course, also be opportunities for the preparation of material for publication in academic journals.

Funds are available for a 3-month Visiting Fellowship. These funds (of up to \$A12,000) would cover travel to/from Canberra, accommodation and living expenses. An option of a further (unfunded) period as an official visitor at ANUCES is possible during which time the person can undertake any research project with a link to issues of relevance to the EU.

The occupant of the position will be a key participant in the Trade in Services Academic Workshop which will take place in Canberra, between April and June 2019. S/he will also attend the associated Policy Forum. This Academic Workshop is aimed at empirical services researchers and service policy advisers and trade negotiators. The objective is to share the knowledge summarised in the Background Paper and to expose useful new research that has not yet reached publication stage. By involving policymakers in the workshop, the discussion will focus on the policy implications of findings. A key output from the workshop will be an initial draft set of priorities for services trade negotiations.



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Jean Monnet Project

EU–Australia Trade in Services

Project summary

This project focuses on planned services trade liberalisation negotiations between Australia, New Zealand and the European Union (EU). It will investigate trade barriers in different service industries using the quantitative analyses of services trade restrictions prepared by the OECD and cross-matching this with actual services trade.

The outcome of this analysis will provide practical insights for trade negotiators. The project will disseminate the evidence through local and European networks to academic researchers, policymakers and trade negotiators. This will build a network of experts in services trade.

Project background and rationale

The services sector contributes more to economic growth and employment than any other sector in the EU, Australian and New Zealand economies. Services trade is often cited as a potential source of large gains in trade treaties.

The services sector covers diverse industries, and for many of these, domestic regulations are designed to achieve a range of important social, economic and political outcomes (e.g. health and education).

Preparation for services trade negotiations needs careful analysis of regulatory issues, how these constitute impediments to trade in services, and how these play out in domestic regulatory debates.

Project objectives

The EU–Australia Trade in Services project (EUOzTiS) will result in a deeper understanding of the nature and process of services trade liberalisation. It will clarify and highlight the types of regulatory structures that impact on services trade liberalisation in different service industries and different countries. It will also assess the source of potential regulatory impediments to trade.

This will provide policymakers with a better understanding of the kinds of regulatory reform that will actually enhance services trade. It will also create a broader common understanding of the nature and types of restrictions to services trade, forming a basis for domestic discussion of the need for regulatory reform.

By building on the OECD's work in developing the Services Trade Restrictiveness Index (STRI), the project will promote use of the STRI tools and may also feed back into improving how the STRI is used.

Intended project outcomes

Building on the OECD's work on quantifying restrictions to services trade, the EU–Australia Trade in Services project will:

- > update previous compilations of knowledge about trade in services and the types of regulations that can impede or promote such trade;
- > identify key researchers working on services trade liberalisation and regulatory cooperation;
- > create accessible information for policymakers and trade negotiators;
- > increase understanding of trade negotiators regarding the nature of regulatory cooperation and regulatory friction;
- > expand the range of academic effort on liberalisation of services trade.

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