

**Embassy of India  
Budapest**

**ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL REPORT**  
**For the month of NOVEMBER 2023**

**REPORTING PROFORMA FOR COMMERCIAL WINGS**  
*(Data Source: KSH, Central Statistical Office of Hungary)*

**Name of the Mission (Country):** Embassy of India, Budapest

**I. MONTHLY REPORT FOR HUNGARY**

**A. Trade in goods**

**(I) Quantitative data**

**a) Total trade in goods during**

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	<b>export (US\$ mln)</b>	<b>import (US\$ mln)</b>	<b>Status (P) Provisional/ (F) Final</b>
Country's trade with India	29.0	63.0	F
Country's total global trade	12322.5	11597.5	F

Source: KSH.hu Central Statistical Office of Hungary

**b) Preferential trade in goods during**

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S.No	Preferential / Free Trade agreement with India	Preferential imports from India (US\$ mln)	Preferential imports from World (US\$ mln)
1	N.A.		

(Source: Customs/National Trade Statistics of reporting country)

S.No	Preferential / Free Trade agreement with India	Preferential exports to India (US\$ mln)	Preferential exports to World (US\$ mln)
1	N.A.		

(Source: based on Certificate of origin issued by reporting country)

**c) Top 10 items of import from India during**

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S. No.	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Value (US\$ mln)	Quantity (1000 kgs)	Unit of Measurement	% share in total import of the commodity globally
1	850760 Lithium-ion accumulators (excl. spent)	6.9	.1	kgs	4.7%
2	300390 Medicaments consisting of two or more constituents mixed together	6.5	.1	kgs	31.2%
3	852691 Radio navigational aid apparatus	3.3	.0	kgs	31.3%
4	293499 "Nucleic acids and their salts, whether or not chemically defined; heterocyclic compounds	3.1	.0	kgs	31.5%

5	854430 Ignition wiring sets and other wiring sets for vehicles, aircraft or ships	1.9	.0	kgs	2.6%
6	380891 Insecticides (excl. goods of subheading 3808.50)	1.6	.1	kgs	19.2%
7	293339 "Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero-atom[s] o	1.6	.0	kgs	37.1%
8	870840 Gear boxes and parts thereof,	1.2	.1	kgs	1.2%
9	300490 Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes,	1.2	.0	kgs	0.8%
10	293299 Heterocyclic compounds with oxygen hetero-atom[s] only	1.1	.0	kgs	90.8%

(Source: KSH.hu Central Statistical office of Hungary)

d) Top 10 items of export to India during

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S. No	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff)	Value USD mln	Quantity 1000 kgs	unit
1	690919 Ceramic wares for chemical or other technical uses	2.3	.1	kgs
2	853710 Boards, cabinets and similar combinations of apparatus for electric control or the distribution of electricity, for a voltage <= 1.000 V	2.2	.0	kgs
3	870380 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of <10 persons	1.4	.1	kgs
4	220210 Waters, incl. mineral and aerated, with added sugar, sweetener or flavour, for direct consumption as a beverage	1.0	1.2	kgs
5	845710 Machining centres for working metal	1.0	.1	kgs
6	293919 Alkaloids of opium and their derivatives, and salts thereof	.8	.0	kgs
7	870893 Clutches and parts thereof	.8	.1	kgs
8	480640 Glassine and other glazed transparent or translucent papers	.8	.6	kgs
9	848340 Gears and gearing for machinery	.8	.0	kgs
10	292910 Isocyanates	.7	.4	kgs

(Source: KSH.hu Central Statistical office of Hungary)

e) Potential products of imports from India during

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S.No.	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Rationale (Max.200 words)
1	382499 Chemical products and preparations of the chemical or allied industries, incl. those consisting of mixtures of natural products, n.e.s.	Total Hungarian imports for the month were in the value of USD 298.9 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were Nil.
2	851762 Machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data..	Total Hungarian imports for the month were in the value of USD 170.2 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were USD 0.9 mln
3	870899 Parts and accessories, for tractors, motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons	Total Hungarian imports for the month were in the value of USD 149.2 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were USD 0.5 mln.
4	854231 Electronic integrated circuits as processors and controllers	Total Hungarian imports for the month were in the value of USD 188.9 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were USD 0.1 mln.
5	300490 Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products	Total Hungarian imports for the month were in the value of USD 151 mln, while imports from India to Hungary were USD 1.2 mln.

(Source: KSH.hu Central Statistical office of Hungary)

(ii) **Qualitative Feedback**

**1. Market access alerts** (attach copy of notification):

The Director General for Trade of the European Commission in Brussels issues notifications of investigations based on the complaints of the specific industries in various EU countries. The status of the current measures/investigations on India can be accessed on the links:

- EU Tariffs: <https://madb.europa.EU/madb/euTariffs.htm>
- TBT: <http://trade.ec.europa.EU/tidi/completed.cfm>  
<http://ec.europa.EU/growth/tools-databases/tbt/en/>
- RASFF: [https://ec.europa.EU/food/safety/rasff\\_en](https://ec.europa.EU/food/safety/rasff_en)
- <https://webgate.ec.europa.EU/rasff-winebopsdow/portal/?event=SearchForm&cleanSearch=1>
- Taxation and Customs union: [http://ec.europa.EU/taxation\\_customs/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.EU/taxation_customs/index_en.htm)
- Taric Database (Trade Tariffs): [https://ec.europa.EU/taxation\\_customs/dds2/taric/taric\\_consultation.jsp?Lang=en](https://ec.europa.EU/taxation_customs/dds2/taric/taric_consultation.jsp?Lang=en)

a. Alerts on customs tariff changes: -

S.No.	Notification no. and date	HS code	Description	original customs tariff	Present customs tariff	effective from	Remarks if any
Nil at the time of the report							

Source: Market access Map <https://www.macmap.org/en>

b. Alerts on non tariff measures (SPS/TBT/ import and export procedures/ restrictions/ prohibitions, licensing/ STEs etc.)

S.No	Notification no./ date	Measure	HS Codes	effective from	Remarks if any
Nil at the time of the report					

c. Alerts on standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures:

S.No.	Notification no./ date	Standard/ technical regulation/ conformity assessment procedure	HS Codes	effective from	Remarks if any
Nil at the time of the report					

d. Alerts on trade defense measures taken by respective country:

(Safeguards including special safeguard, antidumping, CVD or anti-subsidy)

[https://eur-lex.europa.eu/search.html?](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/search.html?lang=en&text=Trade+Barrier&qid=1592639361096&type=quick&scope=EURLEX&sortone=DD&sortoneorder=desc&sortoneorder=desc&page=2#SearchCriteriaPanel)

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S.No.	Notification no., date or other references	Type (initiation, final, prov., sunset, consultations, new shipper review)	Details of products/ sectors affected (including HS codes)	Effective from	Remarks if any
Nil at the time of the report					

e. Alert on services, regulatory regime, Qualification requirement, licensing procedures, visa regime, barriers etc.

S.No.	Notification no., and date or other references	Service sectors affected	Modes	Effective from	Remarks if any
Nil at the time of the report					

## **Overview of General Barriers to FDI in Hungary:**

**Regulatory barriers** and administrative burden are affecting all sectors but particularly energy, construction, and banking: The overall administrative burden, including start-ups, negatively affects investment decisions. The instability of the regulatory framework, with frequent and unpredictable regulatory changes, creates uncertainty for investors and is hindering both internal investment and FDIs.

The Hungarian government imposes a 100% offset requirement for defined sector investments over HUF 1bln (EUR 2.8 mln). Efficiency of procedures in construction and environmental permits is insufficient; corruption also raises risk for investors. There is no requirement that investors must purchase from local sources, but the EU Rules of origin applies.

### **Ownership restrictions (all non-EU)**

according to the 2014 Land Law, only private Hungarian or EU citizens resident in Hungary with a minimum of three years experience of working in agriculture or holding degree in agriculture can purchase farmland, which is limited to 300 hectares. All others may lease farmland. All farmland purchases must be approved by a local land committee and Hungarian authorities, local farmers and young farmers must be offered a chance to purchase the land first. Up to 1200 hectares for a maximum of 20 years may be leased.

**Price controls** in consumer facing sectors and others considered to be of strategic importance.

The Hungarian government regulates the prices of certain goods, setting the upper and lower limits to which the private sector must adhere. Sectors include energy, pharmaceuticals. Cuts on regulated utilities prices have put considerable pressure on private utilities companies, decreasing profit margins and adding to an increasingly difficult operating environment.

**State intervention** in Banking, energy, agriculture, media, telecommunications, and retail sectors.

Since 2012 government has invested in state-owned enterprises with the objective of lessening the participation of foreign-owned competitors, especially in the energy sector. From 1 Jan 2019, the chemical industry, the telecom sector, vehicle construction, metallurgy, optics and electric equipment production, the defence industry, water and sewage management, the financial sector, food industry and agriculture, production of construction materials, state administration, health care, wage management, transport and tourism sectors have been added. Foreign investors in the targeted sectors have expressed concerns that the tax regime has become unpredictable and the additional levies appear to have been aimed against some industries with a high level of foreign ownership.

### **Basic Rules of The Protection of Strategic assets Concerning Foreign investments**

The European Commission has issued Communication 2020/C 99 i/01 in which it has given guidance to the Member States of the EU concerning the protection of Europe's strategic assets from the foreign direct investment, ahead of the application of Regulation (EU) 2019/452 (FDI Screening Regulation) which is applicable from 11 October 2020. Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/1298 of 13 July 2020 amended the Annex to Regulation (EU) 2019/452.

Hungary first adopted FDI screening mechanisms by act LVII of 2018 for FDIs violating the security interests of the country, then in the economic crisis caused by COVID-19, further screening rules were adopted for FDIs by Government Decree nr. 227/2020. (V.25.). According to the above, certain transactions concerning Hungarian-seated companies operated in strategic sectors by foreign investors shall be reported to the Minister of Finance and the acknowledgement of the Minister of Finance is necessary for the realisation of the acquisition of the shares until 31 December 2020. These transactions include the acquisition of shares, the increase of the registered capital and the transformation of the company. The strategic sectors specified by the Government Decree include energy, communication, finance, agriculture and food industry, healthcare, construction, transport industry, tourism, IT, mechanical engineering, etc. Those foreign investors that have shares in a company registered in the EU, European economic Community or in Switzerland shall only report the transaction if majority interest will be acquired indirectly. Conversely, the foreign investors wishing to acquire shares in a Hungarian company directly have to report any transactions by which the foreign investor would acquire shares at a ratio of at least 10% and the value of the investment is at least 350 000 000 HUF (appx EUR 1 mln). The Minister of Finance has 45 days or in specific and duly justified cases 60 days to decide on the acknowledgement of the transaction. Should the Minister provide a negative decision, then the exact reason of the prohibition is not required to be mentioned. Aggrieved investor may appeal before The Metropolitan Court for a review of the prohibiting decision.

### **Banking, agriculture, defence and energy**

The Hungarian government has publicly declared that reducing foreign bank market share in the Hungarian financial sector and tightening regulations governing NGOs are key priority areas. Several state-led initiatives over the past several years targeted the banking sector and reduced foreign participation.

**(iii). Other Feedback**

a. Feedback from major Indian industries/other commercial concerns and Indian trade visitors to that country

S. No	Name of business house	activity sector	Trade barrier issues if any (incl. HS codes)	General Feedback (Max.200 words)
NIL at the time of the report				

b. Feedback on major trade activities **including logistic events** (trade fairs/BSM including Indian participation)

S. No	activity (trade fair, BSM etc.)	Date and venue	No of participants from India	Name(s) of large/ key participants from India	Feedback received (Max.200 words)	Source of funding (MAI/TAT/TC)
1	HOMEDesign Autumn	10-12 Nov 2023	Na	Na	-	Na
2	Agromash Expo	24-27 Jan 2024	Na	Na	-	Na
3	Fehova (Hunting)	8-11 Feb 2024	Na	Na	-	Na
4	Budapest Boat Show	22-25 Feb 2024	Na	Na	-	Na
5	Utazas (Travel)	22-25 Feb 2024	Na	Na	-	Na
Hungexpo is the largest fair organizer in Hungary a full list of upcoming events can be found here: <a href="https://hungexpo.hu/en/events/">https://hungexpo.hu/en/events/</a>						

c. Feedback from local commercial visitors to trade fairs in India, including under BSM; nr of Business Visas issued:

S. No	activity (trade fair)	Date and venue	Number of participants from the relevant country	List of large/ key participants from the relevant country	Number of Business Visas issued	Feedback received (Max.200 words)
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(iv) any other submission 3000 char

**1. Number of guest nights at commercial accommodation in Sept increased by 5.8% yr/yr** to 3.4 mln, the KSH said. Foreign guest nights saw a significant 13.3% yr/yr rise to 1.7 mln. The number of foreign guests rose by 22% to 663,000. In the first nine months, the number of guest nights reached 32.5 mln, an expansion of 1.2% yr/yr, as foreign guest nights rose by 12.8% to 15.1 mln, and domestic guest nights dropped by 7% to 17.4 mln.

**2. Inflation falls to single digits:** Yr/yr inflation shrank to 9.9% in October from 12.2% in September, KSH reported. The figure was in line with analysts' estimates and the government's target. Inflation fell to single digits for the first time in 18 months and by 15.8% from its peak of 25.7% in January 2023, due to base effects and measures by the central bank and the government. On a monthly basis, inflation was 0.1% lower. Core inflation, (excluding volatile fuel and seasonal food prices), dropped to 10.9% from 13.1% in September. Food inflation slowed from 15.2% in September to 10.4% in October and the increase in consumer durable prices was just 0.7% on an annual basis. Fuel prices, however, increased by 30.2% yr/yr, as last year's cap on motor fuel prices distorted the base figure. Prices of services increased by 13.2%, slowing from a 13.6% rise in September. According to MNB Deputy Governor Barnabás Virág, inflation could be reach around 7% at the end of the year, said.

**3. Industrial output was down 7.3% yr/yr** in September and 5.8% lower when adjusted for working days. In a more optimistic sign, output grew by 1.2% from the previous month. The production of vehicle and transport equipment, which accounts for 27% of manufacturing output, grew by 1.2% yr/yr, but production of motor vehicles fell by 0.9%. The production of electronic products, with a 10% weight in manufacturing output, shrank by 18.2% in September. The 7.7% yr/yr decline in the volume of industrial exports was accompanied by declines of 16.4% in domestic sales and 6.2% in manufacturing sales. For the Jan-Sep period, industrial production was 4.9% lower than in the same period of 2022, as the volume of export sales, representing 60% of the total, declined by 2.1%, while domestic sales fell by 16.4%.

## **B. Trade and investment:**

The Hungarian investment Promotion agency( HIPA offers) a list of investment opportunities in Hungary on its website: [http://www.investhipa.hu/index.php?option=com\\_iproperty&view=allproperties&itemid=854](http://www.investhipa.hu/index.php?option=com_iproperty&view=allproperties&itemid=854)

### a. Significant trends in trade and investment

(Source: KSH.hu Central Statistical office of Hungary)

S. No	Category	Details of significant trends (Max.200 words)	analysis (Max. 200 words)
1.	Trade in Goods Hungarian imports from India	<b>Total imports from India</b>	The value of imports increased by 1.4% in the Jan-Aug period of 2023 from USD 528.6 mln reaching USD 535.9 mln yr/yr.
		8526 Radar apparatus, radio navigational aid apparatus and radio remote control	The product group <i>decreased</i> by 40.4% in the Jan-Aug period of 2023 to USD 44.3 mln. It represents 8.3% of imports from India to Hungary.
		8507 Electric accumulators, incl. separators therefor	The product group increased considerably in the Jan-Aug period of 2023 to USD 44.3 mln. It represents 8.3% of imports from India to Hungary.
		3003 Medicaments consisting of two or more constituents mixed together	The product group increased by 30.5% in the Jan-Aug period of 2023 to USD 45.8 mln. It represents 8.5% of imports from India to Hungary.
		8708 Parts and accessories for tractors, motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons,...	The product group increased by 27% in the Jan-Aug period of 2023 to USD 25.5 mln. It represents 4.8% of imports from India to Hungary.
		2933 Heterocyclic compounds with nitrogen hetero-atom(s) only	The product group increased by 42% in the Jan-Aug period of 2023 to USD 30.3 mln. It represents 5.7% of imports from India to Hungary.
2.	Trade in Services import of services to Hungary from the World	Total services imports	The import of services increased by 2.2% in the Jan-June period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 from USD 10.6 bln to USD 10.8 bln.
		Travel Services	The service group experienced a 42.6% growth in the Jan-June period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 to USD 1.4 bln. It represents 13% of service imports to Hungary.
		Business and management consulting and public relations services	The service group experienced a <i>decrease</i> of 0.4% in the Jan-June period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 to USD 958.6 mln. It represents 8.9% of service imports to Hungary.
		Provision of customized and non-customized research and development services	The service group increased by 0.6% in the Jan-June period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 to USD 358.5 mln. It represents 3.3% of service imports to Hungary.
		Engineering services	The service group experienced a <i>decrease</i> of 7.9% in the Jan-June period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 to USD 173.2 mln. It represents 1.6% of service imports to Hungary.
		Accounting, auditing, bookkeeping and tax consultancy services	The service group increased by 28.3% in the Jan-June period of 2023 over the same period of 2022 to USD 70 mln. It represents 0.6% of service imports to Hungary.
3.	Investment	Bilateral investment	
		Apollo tyres hires space in Győr	Apollo tyres has opened a 24,500m <sup>2</sup> storage facility and 600m <sup>2</sup> of offices in the VGP Győr Betáthus industrial park, where it will establish its new European sales centre, the Indian company announced. Chairman and CEO Benoit Rivallant of Apollo Tyres Europe said that the facility boasts advanced environmental features and is strategically located with excellent transportation connections, particularly to the Gyöngyöshalász plant. Apollo is modernising all of its European facilities to become more sustainable

			and meet the company's ambitious goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2050.
		Global investment	
	1.	Hankook invests Ft 210bn in Racalmas (appx EUR 550 mln)	Hankook Tire plans to spend Ft 210 bln (appx EUR 550 mln) on expanding its factory in Racalmas, a small town in Fejer county, adding 450 jobs to the current 3,000, Foreign Affairs and Trade Minister Peter Szijjarto announced. The South Korean company will manufacture 800,000 heavy tyres annually specifically for trucks and buses. He added that South Korean companies constitute the fourth-largest investor community in Hungary today.
	2	Eve Power gets ground-work permit for Debrecen battery factory	Chinese company Eve Power has been granted a permit for landscaping and other groundworks for its planned EV battery factory complex in Debrecen. The permit covers the landscaping works on the 281,400m2 site on the edge of the city for a carbon nanotube technology plant, an electrode plant, an assembly plant, a moulding plant and a sorting warehouse. Eve Power is the second Chinese company to begin work on an EV battery plant in the city after CATL. The Ft 400 bln (appx EUR 1.2 bln) project, which creates more than 1,000 jobs, is receiving Ft 14 bln (appx EUR 37 mln) in state help. Eve Power comes to Debrecen at the request of German car maker BMW, which is building an electric car factory in the city.
	3	Audi Hungaria making premium electric engines	Audi Hungaria started the production of premium electric engines in Gyor as the German carmaker celebrated the 30th anniversary of its presence in Hungary. As a result of a Ft 70 bln (appx EUR 184 mln) development project, 700 workers will produce 2,000 engines daily in three shifts. A new 15,000m2 production area was established in an existing building. Since coming to Hungary in 1993, Audi has invested over EUR 12 bln in the country, making it one of the largest foreign investors here.

b. Opportunities for investments/ assets on offer/major company divestment:

S.No	Sector Name	Particulars of the asset /company	Contact details
1.		NIL at the time of the report	

[http://www.investhipa.hu/index.php?option=com\\_iproperty&view=allproperties&itemid=955](http://www.investhipa.hu/index.php?option=com_iproperty&view=allproperties&itemid=955)

c. information on tender Notices for projects and procurements of interest to Indian project exporters/ suppliers (USD15 mln & above)

- a.) The Hungarian Public Procurement authority is the official body for public procurement tenders: <http://www.kozbeszerzes.hu/english/>, <https://ekr.gov.hu/>
- b.) European union Tenders electronic Daily, the main official database of English language public procurement tenders from Hungary: <https://ted.europa.eu/TED/search/search.do>
- c.) Tenders may be also found on the Procurement Map, which provides detailed information for public tenders and contract awards. <https://procurementmap.intracen.org/>
- d.) Tenders up from € 15 mln uploaded on the India Trade Portal /[www.indiantradeportal.in](http://www.indiantradeportal.in)

S.No.	Tender/ procurement notice No and date	Sector	Value of tender/ procurement
1	NIL at the time of the report	-	-

d. Trade Queries for imports/ exports (if not uploaded on the Indian trade portal).  
For the month the Mission received 50 trade inquiries from India and 0 from Hungary

### Indian Trade inquiries

S. No	enquiry originator	Product with HS codes		Nature import/export)	Value (US\$ mln)	Action Taken (Max.200 words) (List of companies sent)
1	Techsavvy Mechanicals		Engineering: pressure vessels, heat exchange columns	Export		Query received: 1/11/23 Query answered: 02/11/23
2	Rajvarsh Industries		Packaging	Export		Query received: 2/11/23 Query answered: 02/11/23
3	Nature Exports		Agro vege	Export		Query received: 2/11/23 Query answered: 02/11/23
4	Adarsh Chemical		Chemicals	Export		Query received: 2/11/23 Query answered: 02/11/23
5	Yara Engineering	8413, 8483, 8501	Engineering: electrical machinery	Export		Query received: 02/11/23 Query answered: 03/11/23
6	Amity Corporation		Textiles: Cototn yarn	Export		Query received: 02/11/23 Query answered: 06/11/23
7	Orgentek Agri Products		Agro: vegetable	Export		Query received: 02/11/23 Query answered: 06/11/23
8	Trump Crown		Chemicals	Export		Query received: 02/11/23 Query answered: 06/11/23
9	SeaWay Corporation		Paper	Export		Query received: 06/11/23 Query answered: 06/11/23
10	Aar Ess Enterprises	85043100	Engineering : current transformers	Export		Query received: 03/11/23 Query answered: 06/11/23
11	Metal Coat Engineers		Engineering goods	Export		Query received: 04/11/23 Query answered: 06/11/23
12	Meta Aerospace		Engineering: Steel and metal	Export		Query received: 06/11/23 Query answered: 06/11/23
13	SAK Export		Textiles: garments	Export		Query received: 06/11/23 Query answered: 07/11/23
14	Yesha Engineering		Engineering	Export		Query received: 06/11/23 Query answered: 07/11/23
15	SeaWay Corporation		home textiles	Export		Query received: 08/11/23 Query answered: 08/11/23
16	Hydraulink India		Engineering	Export		Query received: 08/11/23 Query answered: 08/11/23

17	Arora Connects	90183990	Pharma and surgical	Export	Query received: 08/11/23 Query answered: 08/11/23
18	Sri Packaging	4821	Packaging labels	Export	Query received: 08/11/23 Query answered: 09/11/23
19	Elke Anton Co		Leather	Export	Query received: 10/11/23 Query answered: 10/11/23
20	The Export House		Miscellanaous	Export	Query received: 11/11/23 Query answered: 13/11/23
21	Sanpra Global		Miscellanaous	Export	Query received: 13/11/23 Query answered: 13/11/23
22	Ecosite international		Agro commodities	Export	Query received: 13/11/23 Query answered: 13/11/23
23	Gemcorp Recycling and Technologies		Ceramic tiles	Export	Query received: 15/11/23 Query answered: 15/11/23
24	Clearway Retails	63026090, 48239019	Home textiles, laminates	Export	Query received: 16/11/23 Query answered: 16/11/23
25	Pratap Enterprises		Textiles, Fabrics	Export	Query received: 16/11/23 Query answered: 16/11/23
26	AAAN Exports		Pharma, Ayurvedic, Wellness	Export	Query received: 16/11/23 Query answered: 16/11/23
27	Shreeji Agencies		Miscellanaous	Export	Query received: 17/11/23 Query answered: 20/11/23
28	Omnipresent Exim		Miscellanaous	Export	Query received: 18/11/23 Query answered: 20/11/23
29	Harisun Ceramic		Ceramic tiles	Export	Query received: 20/11/23 Query answered: 20/11/23
30	ALPS Cotton Apparel		Textiles: hats and caps	Export	Query received: 21/11/23 Query answered: 21/11/23
31	Shree Ram Daliya Industries		Agro: vege, spice	Export	Query received: 21/11/23 Query answered: 21/11/23
32	Ascend Global Trade	630260	Home textiles	Export	Query received: 22/11/23 Query answered: 22/11/23
33	Nimble Overseas		Agro: spice, nuts	Export	Query received: 22/11/23 Query answered: 23//11/23
34	Iconic Ceramica	4808	Paper	Export	Query received: 23/11/23 Query answered: 23//11/23

35	Sparshak International		Incense sticks	Export	Query received: 23/11/23 Query answered: 23/11/23
36	Siddhi Vinayak Trading Co		Agro: vege, spice, cotton	Export	Query received: 23/11/23 Query answered: 24/11/23
37	DTC Lace	6003,5806,5804	Textiles: lace, fabric	Export	Query received: 24/11/23 Query answered: 24/11/23
38	Young Yield Ventures	53050040	Coir peat	Export	Query received: 24/11/23 Query answered: 24/11/23
39	Pziff Impex		Chemicals	Export	Query received: 24/11/23 Query answered: 24/11/23
40	Hindustan Manufacturing		Construction materials	Export	Query received: 25/11/23 Query answered: 28/11/23
41	Coeus International		Misc	Export	Query received: 26/11/23 Query answered: 28/11/23
42	Firestone Metal	76042990	Engineering: Aluminium products	Export	Query received: 27/11/23 Query answered: 28/11/23
43	Utthan International		Textiles: garments	Export	Query received: 27/11/23 Query answered: 28/11/23
44	Shree Ram Daliya Industries		Agro: nuts, spice	Export	Query received: 27/11/23 Query answered: 28/11/23
45	Khodiyar Textile	5407	Textiles: fabrics	Export	Query received: 29/11/23 Query answered: 29/11/23
46	Monostone International		Ceramic tiles	Export	Query received: 29/11/23 Query answered: 29/11/23
47	Misom Labs		Pharma	Export	Query received: 29/11/23 Query answered: 29/11/23
48	Yaj Exim	09102010, 20	Agro: spice	Export	Query received: 30/11/23 Query answered: 04/12/23
49	Shrestha Bio Organic.		Fertilizer	Export	Query received: 30/11/23 Query answered: 04/12/23
50	Chitkara Exports	3304, 3305	Cosmetics	Export	Query received: 30/11/23 Query answered: 05/01/23

### Hungarian Trade enquiries

Enquiry originator	Product with HS codes	Nature import/ export)	Value (US\$ mln)	Action Taken (Max.200 words) (List of companies sent)
	Nil at the time of the report			

**E. Important India related statements of commercial significance by political leaders, think tanks, chambers, associations etc. / Significant stories/features on India related trade, investment, services and logistic sector, published in foreign journals/dailies, etc.:**  
(Max. 500 words)

A visit of Hon'ble Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture of India Smt Meenakashi Lekhi was made on 27-29 November 2023 on the occasion 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between India and Hungary on the invitation of the Hungarian side.

The Hungarian Institute of International Affairs organized a conference on 28<sup>th</sup>. The participants praised India's role in Hungary's international relations and the growing importance of India in the world.

HIIA made the following assessment on India:

1. As one of the fastest-growing economies in the world, India is expected to emerge as the world's third-largest economy by 2027.
2. The country is a key player in both the BRICS, which includes China and Russia, and the Quad, which involves the United States and Australia.
3. India, like Hungary, resists bloc formation and is navigating the multipolar world on the basis of its national interest.
4. Since the announcement of Hungary's Eastern Opening in 2012, trade with India has nearly tripled.
5. With a complex economy and favorable business environment, Hungary continues to be an important gateway for India's investment into Europe.

**C. Tourism**

**(a) Tourist Visa issued: NOVEMBER 2023**

S. No	No. of Tourist Visa issued during the month	No. of Tourism Visa issued during the same month last year	No. of tourist Visa issued cumulatively during the year (2023 Jan->)	No. of Tourist Visa issued cumulatively during the last year (2022 Jan->)
1	9	8	51	52

**(b) Indian tourism Promotion events held/organized**

S. No	Details of event	Theme	Avg. No. of Participation
1	NIL		

**(c) use of Social Media/Print/Media/electronic Media for Promoting Tourism:**

Activity	Print	Electronic (*)	Instagram	Facebook	Twitter	Youtube	Any other
No. of posts	Na	1	0	9	9	Na	Na
No. of impressions (Reached)	-	Appx 250000	-	3457	-	-	-
No. of Likes	-	-	-	30	-	-	-

**(d) any advisory issued by the country for travelling to India (230 char):**

s.No.	advisory	Reason	action taken
1	NIL at the time of the report  More details available at: <a href="https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/utazasi-tanacsok-orszagonkent/india">https://konzinfo.mfa.gov.hu/utazasi-tanacsok-orszagonkent/india</a>	-	With effect from 16 Mar 16 2022 regular visa services have been restored.

**(e) interactions held with Tour operators for promoting tourism in India**

S.No.	Tours operator	No. of interactions held
1	NIL at the time of the report	

**(f) any other information (3000 char)**

Mission placed a Hungarian language Incredible India! ad on into the Travelo.hu website between 7-14 November to increase awareness of tourism opportunities of the state of Sikkim.

**D. Transfer of Technology to India****(a) New Technology identified/covered in Press:**

S. No.	Name of Technology	Details (500 char)	usage (Short desc)	Sector	Company
1	5G positioning system	Positioning software which is suitable for determining the position of a significantly larger number of devices than at present, and is able to determine this position with an accuracy of metres or even centimetres in some cases.	Ericsson Magyarország has developed a new 5G-based location service, During the 42-month project a positioning software was developed, which is suitable for determining the position of a significantly larger number of devices than at present, and is able to determine this position with an accuracy of metres or even centimetres in some cases. Ericsson will offer this new product globally. (17 Nov HAC)	Software	Ericsson Hungary <a href="https://www.ericsson.com/en">https://www.ericsson.com/en</a> Magyar tudosok korutja 11. 1117 Budapest Phone: +36 1 437-7100

**(b) any interest received from Foreign Companies for Technology Transfer:**

S.No.	Name of Company	Sector	Details
Nil			

**(c) any query received from Indian company seeking technological solutions:**

S.No.	Name of Technology	Sector	Details
Nil			

**(d) any science/technology exhibition held:**

S.No	Details	Sector	Participation	Participation from India
Nil				

**(e) any press coverage on new patents / designs / IPR filed / granted:**

S.No.	Name	Date	Sector	Name of applicant
Nil				

**(f) any other information (250 char)**

NIL
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### E. Details of trade research, Information dissemination activity of the commercial wing

S.No.	Nature of activity (trade research, Information dissemination, seminars etc)	Details of Seminar/ conference (date/ venue, no of participants) or research (Max.200 words)	Details of trade research (title of the report, executive summary, date of publication) (Max.200 words)
1	Information dissemination	IESS SourceX 11Edition Coimbatore Mar 4-6 2024	Information was circulated on 14 Nov to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), Hungarian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (HCCI), Budapest Chamber of Commerce and industry (BCCI), Hungarian Investment Promotion Agency (HIPA), Hungarian Export Promotion Agency (HEPA), Engineering and construction associations MEK, MMK, MAGEOSZ. Information was placed on the website of the Mission.
2	Information dissemination	12th CII Excon 12-16 Dec 2023	Information was circulated on 14 Nov to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), Hungarian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (HCCI), Budapest Chamber of Commerce and industry (BCCI), Hungarian Investment Promotion Agency (HIPA), Hungarian Export Promotion Agency (HEPA), Engineering and construction associations MEK, MMK, MAGEOSZ. Information was placed on the website of the Mission.
3	Information dissemination	Bharat Tex 2024 26-29 Feb 2023	Information on the event was circulated on 22 Nov to Hungarian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (HCCI), Budapest Chamber of Commerce and industry (BCCI), Hungarian Export Promotion Agency (HEPA) and the Textile Association (TMTE). Information on the event was placed on the website of the Mission.

### F. Details of activities conducted out of Trade promotion budget:

BE for current financial year (2023-24) Rs	RE for current financial year	amount utilised	Details of activity (Max.200 words)
300,000		209,545	Purchase of Make in India Bags and reprint of Geographical Indicators of India booklet
	<b>Total Rs:</b>	209,545	

### G. Action taken on the previous JWGs, Joint Commissions, Sub-Commissions etc.

(issues that Mission had to follow up with host government):

S.No.	Detail of JWG/JEC with date and venue	Action Point (Max. 200 word)	Action Taken (Max. 200 words)
1	11 <sup>th</sup> India-Hungary Joint S&T Committee Meeting [online] held on 29 July 2020, hosted by NRD1 office, Hungary education, cultural relations -apart from multilateral and regional issues	-Future cooperation possibilities 7 joint projects were identified in the fields of energy, environment, Water, Biotech, Agriculture, Food, with other 4 potential projects under discussion. Also discussed was the -Eli Alps laser research centre -Broader areas of cooperation	Mission informed of areas of possible cooperation in the field of digitalization, pharma, film production, renewable energy, solar energy, water management, agricultural and food processing, health/medical devices, digital technologies, AI, etc.
2	6 <sup>th</sup> JCEC Meeting 17-18 Oct 2022	1. Trade and investment 2. Agriculture 3. Collaboration between HAKI and ICAR 4. Water Management 5. Culture and Tourism 6. Science and Technology 7. Digital Technology	The 6th Session of the India-Hungary Joint Commission on Economic Cooperation (JCEC) was held in Budapest on 17-18 Oct 2022. The Indian delegation was led by Mr. Rajendra Ratnoo, Joint Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce & Industry. He was

		<p>8. Energy  9. Education  10. Food processing  11. Health Industry  12. Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices</p>	<p>accompanied by Mr. Y.P. Deval, Director, DoC, Ministry of Commerce &amp; Industry, Mr. Shatrughna Sinha, Director (CE), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Ms. Sunaina Khanna, Sr. Manager, Invest India. The JCEC took place in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade where discussions were held on 17th October 2022 with experts and counterparts. Ms. Martina Laura Kasnyik, HoD, Department for Joint Economic Commission, Ministry of Foreign Affairs &amp; Trade led the Hungarian side.</p> <p>At the Experts' Level meeting, Hungarian and Indian experts discussed areas of trade cooperation, policy reforms, business environment, ease of doing business, cooperation in various fields like agriculture, finances, science &amp; technology etc. The meeting was held in hybrid format in which some experts from both sides could join online also. From the Indian side, delegates from from the Ministry of Commerce &amp; Industry, New Delhi, ICAR, and Ministry of Information Technology (MeITY) as well as representative from the Embassy of Hungary, New Delhi joined. From the Hungarian side also there were representatives from various departments and concerned institutions. The discussions were completed in a friendly and congenial atmosphere. Both sides agreed on the need to further deepen cooperation in areas of mutual interest.</p> <p>Followed by a brief panel discussion between the two sides, the final Protocol was signed by H.E. Mr. Peter Sztaray, State Secretary for Security Policy and Energy Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Mr. Rajendra Ratnoo, Joint Secretary, DPIIT on 18th October 2022. The Indian delegation met with investors and some members of the Indian business community in Hungary on the evening on 17th October. Mr. Ratnoo give a brief overview of the business environment in India, the policy initiatives of the Government of India and the economic growth and prospects of India. He mentioned several schemes open for investors to take advantage of in India like the Make in India initiative, Smart Cities, New Logistics Policy, Atma Nirbhar Bharat, PM Ghati Shakti, productivity Linked incentive schemes etc. The delegation also had a meeting with HIPA on 18th afternoon where they discussed ideas how to enhance investments and promote cooperation between the two countries.</p>
3.	1 <sup>st</sup> JWG on Water	<p>Six areas of priority for cooperation were identified and agreed upon namely, Management of extreme Phenomenon, Exploration and management of ground water, Rejuvenation of rives and water bodies, Mitigation of impact of climate change on water resources,</p>	<p>The 1st JWG meeting was held in Delhi on 25-27 April 2023. A Working Programme plan for Bilateral Cooperation for the period 2023-2025 was signed during the event (on 25 April).</p>

		protection and preservation of the quality of water resources, and training and capacity building.	
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#### H. Complaints from foreign buyer/supplier on Quality and trade dispute:

Name of Indian exporter/importer	Address & contact of foreign buyer/supplier	Brief description of complaint (240 char)	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred.	any outcome (200 char)

#### i. Complaints of Indian exporter/importer:

Name of Indian exporter/importer	Address & contact of foreign buyer/supplier	Brief description of complaint (240 char)	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred.	any outcome (200 char)
NIL at the time of the report				

#### J. Any other issue of importance (Max. 3000 characters)

**1. The European Commission authorised the release of EUR 900 mln** to Hungary from its RePowerEU fund founded to assist the transition away from fossil fuels. The payments do not require that Hungary satisfy the rule-of-law conditions attached to other forms of EU funding, but the Commission must approve Hungary's plans for spending the money. The government has said it will use the money for the modernisation of its electricity sector and digitalisation of energy companies. The government's plans for the money include the strengthening of the electricity network, energy efficiency measures, increasing production of renewable energy, re-training of the workforce, decarbonisation of the industry and the green transition of several industries. The member states must officially approve the release of the funds within a month, although this is expected to be only a formality

**2. The MNB's monetary council reduced the base rate by 75 basis points to 11.5%**, in line with analysts' expectations. The overnight lending rate was cut also by the same amount to 12.5% and the overnight deposit rate to 10.5%. The MNB also slashed the base rate by 75 basis points in October, lowering it from 13% to 12.25%. "Strong disinflation and the stability of the financial markets allow the MNB to further reduce the base rate, but at the same time, external risks still justify maintaining a cautious approach," the Monetary Council said in its announcement.

**3. Bill tightens rules on guest workers :** The government has put forward a new comprehensive alien policing bill which tightens the conditions for non-EU foreigners in Hungary, particularly guest workers. The bill stipulates that foreigners may only be hired for a position if no Hungarian takes the job. If a position becomes available, the employer must first ascertain whether any Hungarian can be hired for the post. If so, then the Hungarian must be hired. If not, then guest workers may be employed. The draft states that there can only be as many guest workers in Hungary as there are unfilled vacancies. Guest workers will be granted residence permits for periods of up to 90 days, or four years, or indefinitely. The preamble states that residence in Hungary for the citizens of foreign states is not a fundamental right, and that foreigners may only stay in Hungary under conditions approved by the Hungarian state.

**4. SS(COM&HOC) gave a speech on Trade and investment** relations between India and Hungary on 21 Nov at Hungarian Export Promotion Agency as part of the Target Market Training Seminar on India. The aim of the seminar was to introduce India to the Hungarian companies who would be interested to export and invest into the country. Highlights included growth of bilateral trade, huge internal market, government initiatives and investment opportunities.

**5. Average Monthly exchange rates NOVEMBER 2023**

1US\$= 350.475 HUF

1EUR= 378.996 HUF

Source: Hungarian National Bank [www.mnb.hu](http://www.mnb.hu), <https://statisztika.mnb.hu/adatok-idosorok>

**EMBASSY OF INDIA  
BUDAPEST**

**ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE MONTH of NOVEMBER 2023**

**REPORTING PROFORMA FOR COMMERCIAL WINGS**

(Data Source: international Trade Centre: Calculations based on Eurostat statistics <http://www.intracen.org>,  
<http://www.Trademap.org>)

Name of the Mission (Country): Embassy of India, Budapest

I. **MONTHLY REPORT FOR BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

A. **Trade in goods**

(i)  
Quantitative Data

(a) Total trade in goods during

1	2	2	0	2	2
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	Export (US\$ mln)	Import (US\$ mln)	Status (P) Provisional/ (F) Final
Country's trade with India	0.2	19.5	F
Country's total global trade	761.2	1325.9	F

(Source: international Trade Centre: Calculations based on Eurostat statistics <http://www.Trademap.org>)

(b) Preferential trade in goods during

1	2	2	0	2	2
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S.No	Preferential / Free Trade agreement with India	Preferential imports from India (US\$ mln)	Preferential imports from World (US\$ mln)
1	N/a		

(Source: Customs/National Trade Statistics of reporting country)

S.No	Preferential / Free Trade agreement with India	Preferential exports to India (US\$ mln)	Preferential exports to World (US\$ mln)
1	N/a		

(Source: based on Certificate of origin issued by reporting country)

## (c) Top 10 items of import from India during

1	2	2	0	2	2
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S. No.	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Value (US\$ mln)	Quantity (1000 kgs)	Unit of Measurement	% share in total import of the commodity globally
1	760110 Aluminium, not alloyed, unwrought	5.9		Kgs	21.1%
2	251611 Granite, crude or roughly trimmed (excluding already with the characteristics of setts, curbstones ...	1.8		Kgs	94.1%
3	090111 Coffee (excluding roasted and decaffeinated)	1.5		Kgs	30.7%
4	851713 Smartphones for wireless networks	1.3		Kgs	21.6%
5	760511 Wire of non-alloy aluminium, with a maximum cross-sectional dimension of > 7 mm (excluding ...	.8		Kgs	14.1%
6	690721 Ceramic flags and paving, hearth or wall tiles, of a water absorption coefficient by weight ...	.8		Kgs	24.2%
7	390761 "Poly"ethylene terephthalate", in primary forms, having a viscosity number of >= 78 ml/g"	.6		Kgs	43.4%
8	401180 New pneumatic tyres, of rubber, of a kind used on construction, mining or industrial handling ...	.5		Kgs	44.1%
9	841490 Parts of: air or vacuum pumps, air or other gas compressors, fans and ventilating or recycling ...	.5		Kgs	18.6%
10	790111 Unwrought zinc, not alloyed, containing by weight >= 99,99% of zinc	.4		Kgs	44.7%

(Source: international Trade Centre: Calculations based on Eurostat statistics <http://www.Trademap.org>)

## (d) Top items of export to India during

1	2	2	0	2	2
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S. No	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff)	Value USD mln	Quantity 1000 kgs	unit
1	440792 "Beech "Fagus spp.", sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, ...	0,000		Kgs
2	410150 "Whole raw hides and skins of bovine "incl. buffalo" or equine animals, whether or not dehaired ...	0,034		Kgs
3	480421 Unbleached sack kraft paper, uncoated, in rolls of a width > 36 cm (excluding goods of heading ...	0,030		Kgs
4	790700 Articles of zinc, n.e.s.	0,030		Kgs
5	842199 Parts of machinery and apparatus for filtering or purifying liquids or gases, n.e.s.	0,016		Kgs
6	284210 Double or complex silicates of inorganic acids or peroxyacids, incl. aluminosilicates whether ...	0,015		Kgs
7	510119 Greasy wool, incl. fleece-washed wool, neither carded nor combed (excluding shorn wool)	0,008		Kgs
8	842123 Oil or petrol-filters for internal combustion engines	0,004		Kgs
9	903180 Instruments, appliances and machines for measuring or checking, not elsewhere specified in ...	0,003		Kgs
10	841490 Parts of: air or vacuum pumps, air or other gas compressors, fans and ventilating or recycling ...	0,001		Kgs

(Source: international Trade Centre: Calculations based on Eurostat statistics <http://www.Trademap.org>)

## (e) Potential products of imports from India (Dec 2022)

S.No	Commodity (6 digit HS tariff line)	Rationale (Max.200 words)
1	'60110 Aluminium, not alloyed, unwrought	Total BiH imports for the month were in the value of USD 28.1 mln while imports from India were USD 5.9 mln

2	760120 Unwrought aluminum alloys	Total BiH imports for the month were in the value of USD 14.5 mln while imports from India were NIL.
3	300490 "Medicaments consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic purposes, ...	Total BiH imports for the month were in the value of USD 21.1 mln while imports from India were USD 0.2 mln.
4	870332 Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons,	Total BiH imports for the month were in the value of USD 23.4 mln, while imports from India were NIL.
5	740811 Wire of refined copper, with a maximum cross-sectional dimension of > 6 mm	Total BiH imports for the month were in the value of USD 12.6 mln, while imports from India were NIL.

(Source: international Trade Centre: Calculations based on Eurostat statistics <http://www.Trademap.org>)

(ii)

## Qualitative Feedback

### Market access alerts (attach copy of notification):

BiH is a member of Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA). No specific market access alerts for India.

Ministry of Foreign Trade and economic Relations of BiH, Department of Foreign Trade Policy and Control and Protection Measures deals with such issues. Information may be accessed on the following links:

- <http://www.mvteo.gov.ba/>
- <http://www.mvteo.gov.ba/search/Results?searchTerm=India>
- <http://www.mvteo.gov.ba/Search/Results?searchTerm=customs>

Published date	Title	Category
1/10/2020	Decision on the Determination of the Customs Tariff for 2020 ( official Gazette of BiH no. 85/19)	Customs tariff

Regulations on VAT and Customs may be found at the website of the indirect Taxation authority of BiH

- <http://www.new.uino.gov.ba/en>

#### a. Alerts on customs tariff changes:

(Top 10 items of import from India)

S.No.	Notification no. and date	HS code	Description	Original customs tariff	Present customs tariff	Effective from	Remarks if any
Nil at the time of the report							

Source: Market access Map <https://www.macmap.org/en>

#### b. Alerts on non-tariff measures (SPS/TBT/ import and export procedures/ restrictions/ prohibitions, licensing/ STEs etc.)

S.No	Notification no./ date	Measure	HS Codes	effective from	Remarks if any
NIL at the time of the report					

#### c. Alerts on standards, technical regulations and conformity assessment procedures:

S.No.	Notification no./ date	Standard/ technical regulation/ conformity assessment procedure	HS Codes	effective from	Remarks if any
NIL at the time of the report					

#### d. Alerts on trade defense measures taken by respective country:

(Safeguards including special safeguard, antidumping, CVD or anti-subsidy)

S.No.	Notification no., date or other references	Type (initiation, final, prov., sunset, consultations, new shipper review)	Details of products/ sectors affected (including HS codes)	effective from	Remarks if any
NIL at the time of the report					

- e. Alert on services, regulatory regime, qualification requirement, licensing procedures, visa regime, barriers etc.

S.No.	Notification no., and date or other references	Service sectors affected	Modes	effective from	Remarks if any
NIL at the time of the report					

### **Tariff and Non-Tariff Barriers to Trade:**

**import Tariffs:** The tariff rate on imports averages a comparatively low 1.1% of the value of goods (for international trade), which is the lowest figure regionally and third lowest figure in the whole emerging Europe region. Bosnia's import tariffs are harmonised each year with the combined nomenclature of EU and legislative regulations.

Anti-dumping and countervailing duties: in 2009 Bosnia introduced a law for the protection of domestic products against imports from Croatia and Serbia.

The law stipulates that safeguard measures were necessary owing to the influx of imports and the dumping of particular agricultural products from Croatia and Serbia, as well as a conceivable decrease in exports from Bosnia to Serbia.

Customs and Non-tariff Barriers: as a result of BiH not having EU member status event though the majority of its trading partners are EU member states, export and import supply chains will face more onerous border and documentary times and costs when compared with those of EU states.

The most salient risk is the high cost associated with import border compliance processes, which is higher than that of countries such as North Macedonia and contributes towards Bosnia's status as regional under performer in relation to customs burdens.

Businesses operating in BiH face a high import burden as infrastructural development, industrial capacity and diversification remains weak because of a dearth of fixed capital formation and a lack of political resolve in the country. Imports are driven by the country's need for complex machinery and its energy requirements, such as oil and gas, as well as metals and manufactured goods that cannot be produced locally.

To spur trade, Bosnia has exempted tariff payments from certain equipment that is being imported as part of share capital, with the exceptions of passenger vehicles and slot or gambling machines. To enjoy this benefit, foreign investors must submit a written request to the appropriate customs authority, along with evidence of the investment arrangement and registration of the foreign share. Alternatively, imports into one of Bosnia's four free trade zones are exempt from customs duties and fees. These zones can be found at Vogosca, Visoko, Mostar and Holc Lukavac and clearly mitigate cost risks for businesses seeking to trade internationally with Bosnia.

Bosnia has applied to join the EU, and accession would open up trade, investment and growth opportunities for the economy. The country has already made good strides in establishing free trade and preliminary agreements to speed up the process of EU accession although, political instability threatens the prospect of EU membership in the medium term. Bosnia is also currently discussing the possibility of the creation of a Western Balkans Customs union with its South eastern-Europe counterparts.

**(iii) Other Feedback**

a.) Feedback from major Indian industries/other commercial concerns and Indian trade visitors to that country

S.No.	Name of business house	Activity sector	Trade barrier issues if any (incl. HS codes)	General Feedback (Max.200 words)
NIL at the time of the report				

b.) Feedback on major trade activities **including logistic events** (trade fairs/BSM including Indian participation)

S. No .	Activity (trade fair, BSM etc.)	Date and venue	Number of participants from India	Name(s) of large/ key participants from India	Feedback received (Max.200 words)	Source of funding (MAI T/ATC)
1	International Tourism and Hospitality Management Congress (Sarajevo)	18 - 22 Oct 2023 Virtual Event	Na	Na	-	Na
2	Bosnia Healthcare and Services Expo 2023 (Sarajevo)	17 - 18 Nov 2023	Na	Na	-	Na

c.) Feedback from local commercial visitors to trade fairs in India, including under BSM; nr of Business Visas issued:

S.No.	Activity (trade fair)	Date and venue	Number of participants from the relevant country	List of large/ key participants from the relevant country	Number of Business Visas issued	Feedback received (Max.200 words)
					0	

**(iv) Any other submission** (3000 char):

Nil at the time of the report
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**B. Trade and investment:**

Foreign investment Promotion agency (FIPA) provides a database of investment projects in BiH  
[www.fipa.gov.ba](http://www.fipa.gov.ba)

Delegation of the European union to BiH Tenders (Europeaid tenders): [http://europa.ba/?page\\_id=320](http://europa.ba/?page_id=320)

a.) Significant trends in trade and investment

(Sources: international Trade Centre: Calculations based on Eurostat statistics <http://www.Trademap.org>)

S. No.	Category	Details of significant trends (Max.200 words)	analysis (Max. 200 words)
1.	Trade in Goods BiH imports from India	Total imports	The value of imports from India increased by 221.3% considerably in the Jan-Dec period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 reaching USD 447.8 mln.
		7601 unwrought aluminium	The product group increased considerably in the Jan-Dec period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 to USD 332.1 mln. It represents 74.2% of imports from India to BiH.
		0901 Coffee, whether or not roasted or decaffeinated	The product group increased by 86.6% in the Jan-Dec period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 to USD 16.2 mln. It represents 3.6% of imports from India to BiH.

		2516 Granite, porphyry, basalt, sandstone and other monumental or building stone, whether or not ...	The product group increased by 141% in the Jan-Dec period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 to USD 7.2 mln. It represents 1.6 % of imports from India to BiH.
		8517 Telephone sets, incl. telephones for cellular networks	The product group increased considerably in the Jan-Dec period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 to USD 6.8 mln. It represents 1.5% of imports from India to BiH.
		8414 Air or vacuum pumps	The product group increased by 5.8% in the Jan-Dec period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 to USD 8.3 mln. It represents 1.8% of imports from India to BiH.
2.	Trade in Services: Import of services to BiH from the World	Total Service types	The import of services increased by 21.8% in the Jan-Sept period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 from USD 543.4 mln to USD 661.9 mln.
		Commercial services	The import of services increased by 22 % in the Jan-Sept period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 to USD 657.3 mln. It represents 99% of all imported services.
		Travel	The import of these services increased by 32% in the Jan-Sept period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 to USD 227.5 mln. It represents 34% of all imported services.
		Transport	The import of these services increased by 26.7% in the Jan-Sept period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 to USD 269.8 mln. It represents 41% of all imported services.
		Government goods and services n.i.e.	The import of these services fell back by 0.4% in the Jan-Sept period of 2022 over the same period of 2021 to USD 4.6 mln. It represents 1% of all imported services.
3.	Investment	Bilateral investment	
		ArcelorMittal Zenica temporarily suspends production	ArcelorMittal Zenica has temporarily suspended production due to the bad conditions prevailing on the steel market, the company announced. In a press release, it is stated that after careful consideration and evaluation of all available options, on November 11, 2023, the operation of the Blast Furnace was temporarily suspended, after which production was successively suspended in other facilities as well. Production at Valjaonice was suspended on November 2, 2023. ArcelorMittal Zenica intends to resume normal operations as soon as demand recovers to a level that enables sustainable operations. The European steel market is currently in decline, with an immediate reduction in steel consumption starting in the second quarter of 2022, due to the conflict in Ukraine, unprecedented increases in energy prices, production costs and inflation, all amid growing economic uncertainty. Demand conditions deteriorated significantly in the second half of 2023, and this negative cycle is expected to continue, driven by continued economic uncertainty resulting from high inflation, the company said.
		Global investment	
		RS is especially open to Chinese investors	The Minister of Trade and Tourism of the Republika Srpska (RS) Denis Sulic said on 8 November that the RS is open to all investments, especially when it comes to investors from China. Denis Sulic was part of the delegation of Republika Srpska on a multi-day visit to China paying a visit to the International Import and Export Fair in Shanghai, which gathered more than 500 Chinese officials and businessmen. Speaking with the representatives of the Chinese city of Haning, he pointed out that it is necessary to further develop cooperation between the RS and China at all levels. During the visit the RS delegation also met with representatives of Chinese companies in the fields of medicine and bio-medicine.

b. Opportunities for investments/ assets on offer/major company divestment:

S.No.	Sector Name (List attached)	Particulars of the asset /company	Contact details
NIL at the time of the report			

- c. information on tender Notices for projects and procurements of interest to Indian project exporters/ suppliers (USD15 mln & above)  
Foreign investment Promotion agency (FIPA) provides a database of investment projects in BiH [www.fipa.gov.ba](http://www.fipa.gov.ba)  
Delegation of the European union to BiH Tenders (Europeaid tenders):  
[http://europa.ba/?page\\_id=320](http://europa.ba/?page_id=320)  
<https://ted.europa.eu/TED/search/search.do>

S.No.	Tender/ Procurement notice No and date	Sector	Value of tender/ procurement
1.	Improvement and expansion of accommodation capacities of Mljecanica Spa e-mail: <a href="mailto:fipa@fipa.gov.ba">fipa@fipa.gov.ba</a>  <a href="http://www.fipa.gov.ba/investinbih/index_htm_files/Mljecanica%20Spa,%20Kozarska%20Dubica.pdf">http://www.fipa.gov.ba/investinbih/index_htm_files/Mljecanica%20Spa,%20Kozarska%20Dubica.pdf</a>  Uploaded on Trade Portal 22 Nov 2023	Health Tourism	EUR 5 mln or USD 5.4 mln

- d. Trade queries for imports/ exports (if not uploaded on the Indian trade portal): In the month, Embassy of India has received 5 queries from India and NIL from BiH.

S. No.	enquiry originator	Product with HS codes		Nature (import/export)	Value (US\$ mln)	Action Taken (Max.200 words)
1	SeaWay Corporation		Paper	Export		Query received: 06/11/23 Query answered: 06/11/23
2	Vin Zen Expo		Misc	Export		Query received: 04/11/23 Query answered: 06/11/23
3	Meta Aerospace		Engineering: Steel and metal	Export		Query received: 06/11/23 Query answered: 06/11/23
4	SAK Export		Textiles: garments	Export		Query received: 06/11/23 Query answered: 07/11/23
5	Paayo Solutions	69072100	Ceramic tiles	Export		Query received: 17/11/23 Query answered: 20/11/23

**4. important India related statements of commercial significance by political leaders, think tanks, chambers, associations etc. / Significant stories/features on India related trade, investment, services and logistic sector, published in foreign journals/dailies, etc.:**  
(Max. 500 words)

NIL at the time of the report

### C. Tourism

**(a) Tourist Visa issued NOVEMBER 2023:**

S. No	No. of Tourist Visa issued during the month	No. of Tourism Visa issued during the same month last year (2022)	No. of tourist Visa issued cumulatively during the year 2023 Jan->	No. of Tourist Visa issued cumulatively during the last year 2022 Jan->
1	0	0	0	0

**(b) Indian tourism Promotion events held/organized**

S. No	Details of event	Theme	Avg. No. of Participation
Nil at the time of the report			

**(c) use of Social Media/Print/Media/electronic Media for Promoting Tourism:**

Activity	Print	Electronic (*)	Instagram	Facebook	Twitter	Youtube	Any other
No. of posts	Na	Na	0	9	9	Na	Na
No. of impressions (Reached)	-	-	-	3457	-	-	-
No. of Likes	-	-	-	30	-	-	-

**(d) any advisory issued by the country for travelling to India:**

s.No.	Advisory	Reason	action taken
	NIL at the time of the report. <a href="http://www.mvp.gov.ba/konzularne_informacije/vize/">http://www.mvp.gov.ba/konzularne_informacije/vize/</a>		

**(e) interactions held with Tours operators for promoting tourism in India**

S.No.	Tours operator	No. of interactions held
NIL at the time of the report		

**(f) any other information (max 3000 char)**

NIL at the time of the report
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**D. Transfer of Technology to India****(a) New Technology identified/covered in Press:**

S. No	Name of Technology	Details	usage	Sector	Company
NIL					

**(b) Any interest received from Foreign Companies for Technology Transfer:**

S.No.	Name of Company	Sector	Details
NIL			

**(c) Any Query received from Indian company seeking technological solutions:**

S.No.	Name of Technology	Sector	Details
NIL			

**(d) Any science/technology exhibition held:**

S.No.	Details	Sector	Participation	Participation from India
NIL				

**(e) Any press coverage on new patents / designs / IPR filed / granted:**

S.No.	Name	Date	Sector	Name of Applicant
NIL				

**(f) Any other information** (250 char)

NIL
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**E. Details of trade research, Information dissemination activity of the commercial wing**

S.No.	Nature of activity (trade research, Information dissemination, seminars etc) (Max.200 words)	Details of Seminar/ conference (date/ venue, no of participants) or research (Max.200 words)	Details of trade research (title of the report, executive summary, date of publication) (Max.200 words)
1	Information dissemination	IESS Sourcex 11Edition Coimbatore Mar 4-6 2024	Information was circulated on 14 Nov to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Komorabih), Foreign Investment Promotion Agency (FIPA). Information on the event was placed on the website of the Mission.
2	Information dissemination	12th CII Excon 12-16 Dec 2023	Information was circulated on 14 Nov to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Komorabih), Foreign Investment Promotion Agency (FIPA). Information on the event was placed on the website of the Mission.
3	Information dissemination	Bharat Tex 2024 26-29 Feb 2023	Information on the event was circulated on 22 Nov to Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Komorabih), Export Promotion Agency (BHEPA), Foreign Investment Promotion Agency (FIPA). Information on the event was placed on the website of the Mission.

**F. Details of activities conducted out of Trade promotion budget:**

BE for current financial year Rs	RE for current financial year	Amount utilised	Details of activity (Max.200 words)
300,000	...		
		NIL	

**G. Action taken on the previous JWGs, Joint Commissions, Sub-Commissions etc. (issues that Mission had to follow up with host government):**

S. No	Detail of JWG/JEC with date and venue	Action Point (Max. 200 word)	Action Taken (Max. 200 words)
1	Third meeting of the Joint Committee on Trade took place in Sarajevo on 25 September, 2012. Deputy Minister of Foreign Trade and economic Relations of BiH, Mr. Mato Franjicevic, who is the Co-Chair of the Joint Committee from the BiH side, led a delegation to India in January 2016 and held a meeting with the Co-Chair from the Department of Commerce in India. The next meeting is proposed to be held in Sarajevo, for which dates will be decided through mutual consultations.		Embassy is starting to contact concerned Ministries, including the MFA of BiH for implementation of bilateral agreements/decisions. Mission followed up on the termination of the existing BiT and proposed new BiT with Bosnia.

**H. Complaints from foreign buyer/supplier on Quality and trade dispute:**

Name of	Address & contact details	Name & address of	Brief description of	The authority to whom the matter was	Any outco
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Foreign buyer/supplier	of foreign buyer	Indian exporter	complaint	referred and the date on which the matter was referred.	me
Nil at the time of the report					

**i. Complaints of Indian exporter/importer:**

Name of Indian exporter/importer	Address & address of foreign buyer/supplier	Brief description of complaint	The authority to whom the matter was referred and the date on which the matter was referred.	any outcome
Nil at the time of the report				

**J. Any other issue of importance (Max. 3000 char)**

**1. Projection of economic activity in 2023 unchanged 1.6%:** Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina (CBBH) kept the estimate of economic activity in 2023 unchanged, at the level of 1.6%, while the projection of inflation was corrected down to 6.3%. In the next two years, the recovery of economic activity, and further weakening of inflationary pressures is expected. In 2024 a 2.1% economic growth is projected. According to the first estimates, the growth of economic activity in 2025 could be 3.5%. In 2023, inflation is expected at 6.3%, which is 1.4% lower than the earlier projections from May 2023. It is also emphasized that the macroeconomic variables are exposed to a high degree of uncertainty. Global geopolitical risks put pressure on the prices of energy and other raw materials on the global market. Also, the most of the inflationary pressures are, at the moment, the consequence of the rise in domestic prices, and a further rise in energy and labor prices on the domestic market is also possible.

**2. Foreign exchange reserves** of the Central Bank of Bosnia and Herzegovina (CBBH) at the end of September 2023 amounted to KM 15.92 bln (EUR 8.14 bln). Compared to the previous month, an increase in foreign exchange reserves of KM 44.2 mln or EUR 22.6 mln (0.3%) was recorded. In the structure of foreign exchange reserves, on a monthly level, investments in securities increased by KM 140.8 mln or EUR 80 mln (2.1%), while deposits with non-resident banks decreased by KM 92.8 mln or EUR 44.5 mln (1.1%), data from the Central Bank of BiH shows.

**3. Average Monthly Exchange Rates NOV 2023:**

1US\$= 1.812228 KM

1EUR= 1.955830 KM

Source: Central Bank BiH <http://cbbh.ba>

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