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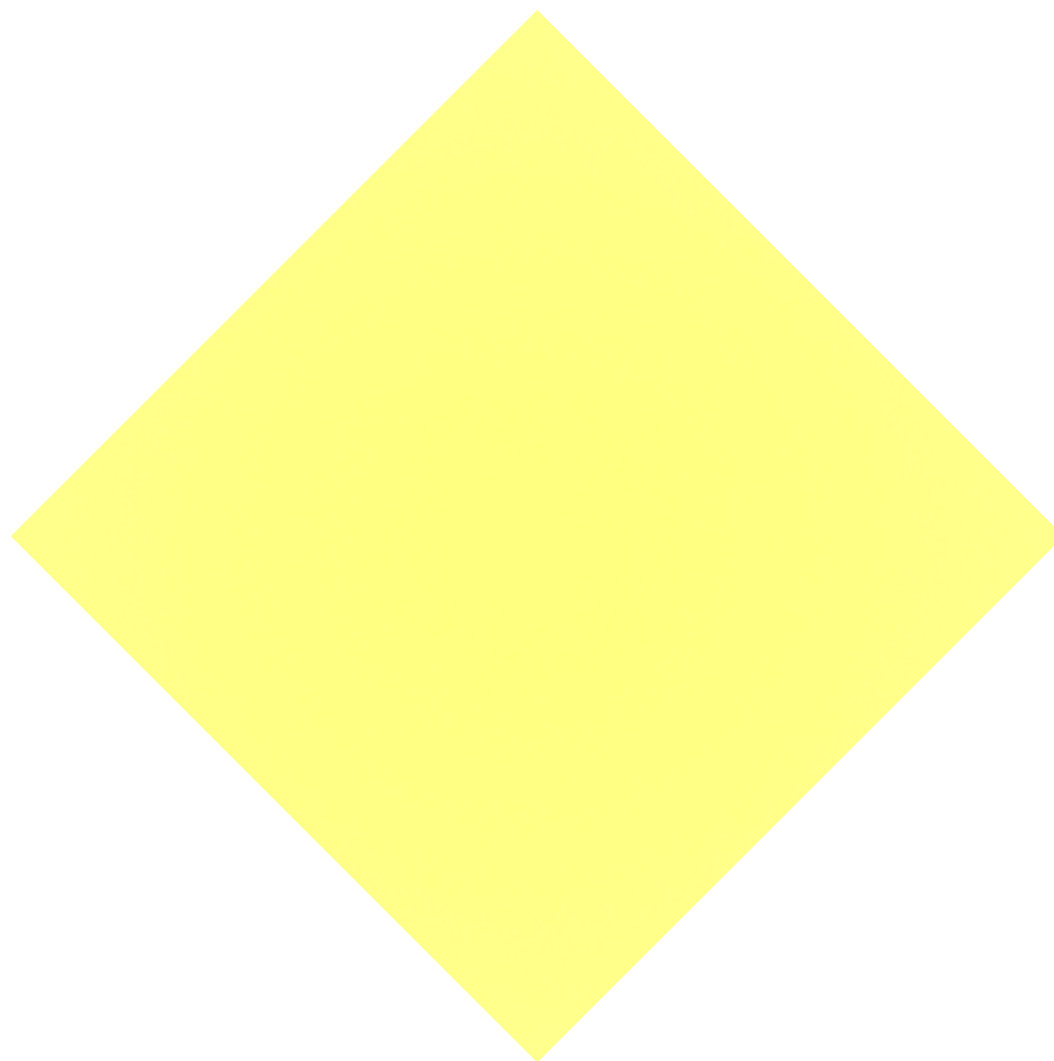


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The EU positions itself as a major actor on the international scene by systematically founding its approach to the reform processes of rules and procedures of global economic governance on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the UN 2030 Agenda. The EU's trade policy thus appears the most articulate, complete and innovative in the world, producing advanced free trade agreements with highly relevant trade and sustainable development chapters. These agreements combine free trade and investment promotion with environmental protection, the respect of fundamental rights, forestry, biodiversity, the fight against climate change and the attention to gender and cultural diversity issues, developing unilateral tools such as the due diligence proposal, the carbon border adjustment mechanism, the deforestation regulation. Such tools are the most innovative sustainability documents brought to the WTO reform process. Alongside the EU Green Deal and the reform initiatives proposed for the Energy Charter Treaty, the EU also faces huge challenges in the economic sanctions against Russia and the energy and food crisis. ImprovEUorGlobe provides a critical interdisciplinary overview of the SDGs-oriented EU trade policy, considering the participation of civil society to the shaping and implementation of the EU trade policy and tools.

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