

Meeting with Notaries - Conseil des Notariats de l'UE - 21 October 2015

- CNUE represents 40 000 notaries across Europe from 22 notary associations (all MS except common law MS UK, IE, CY and Nordic countries who for historical reasons do not know the function of notary: SE, FI, DK)
- CNUE informed that notary services are usually not affected by trade agreements ("pas un secteur de commerce") and are also excluded from the EU Services Directive – in recognition of their special status: notaries are public officers, appointed by governments

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- COM briefly updated on TTIP and
- CNUE was reassured that in the EU TTIP and offer the traditional wording was used, i.e. excluding from the coverage *legal services provided by professionals entrusted with public functions, such as notaries, bailiffs etc.*
- specifically for TTIP, CNUE will provide a paper setting out the difference between "notaries" as we know it in Europe and the much more limited role and responsibility of "notary public" as known in the US [a notary public would e.g. attest that a document is duly signed between both parties but would not advise on or prepare drafting of legal acts, deeds etc].

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