

**Report on meeting with Business Europe on TTIP and data flows / data protection**  
**(16/12/2013)**

**Participants**

***Business Europe***

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**DG TRADE:** Rupert Schlegelmilch, [ ART. 4.1b ]

**Main points**

- At the request of Business Europe (BE), Rupert provided an update about the state of play of TTIP and the safe harbour discussions.
- BE asked how data protection relates to data flows. Rupert explained that personal data is a sub-set of all data that flows. Protection of personal data as such is non-negotiable and excluded from the scope of TTIP. In this regard, BE mentioned the wide scope of the definition of data protection.
- BE drew out attention to problems with the flow of customs data which can be of a personal and/or confidential nature. Rupert encouraged BE to make us aware of all obstacles to data flows that European companies are facing.

**Follow-up:** it was agreed to stake stock of the developments in a couple of weeks. [ NOT RELEVANT ]

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