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DG TRADE was invited by Business Europe to discuss the topic "access to energy" in international context (WTO rules, ECT and of course TTIP). Well attended event (30 participants), chaired by [Art 4.1b] from CEFIC. BASF, REPSOL and Toshiba were present as energy related companies.

We explained the different strands on which we are working (multilateral, plurilateral and bilateral). Explained the history, the issues being discussed and the state of play of negotiations. Much attention of course for TTIP. In that context, there was interest for the export restrictions (is US gas really going to come to the EU?, aren't the restrictions incompatible with GATT?, does nuclear energy play a role in TTIP? and on rules on local content. Especially regarding the latter there seemed to be great interest by industry.

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