

Subject: Summary - Meeting with ESF & TPC members 22/11

Dear Colleagues,

On 22 February TRADE colleagues ([Art. 4.1 b] - TRADE.B1; [Art. 4.1 b] - TRADE.B2) participated in an informal meeting between the European Services Forum (ESF) and Member States delegates to the Trade Policy Committee on Services and Investment. The meeting was preceded by an informal exchange between the ESF participants and TRADE.B1.

TRADE gave a brief state of play of negotiations on TiSA. The ESF (Pascal Kerneis) showed its commitment to TiSA and other relevant agreements under negotiation by listing the large number of initiatives it had taken in parallel. It asked participants to reflect on what more could be done in support of trade in services. Industry participants pressed Member States representatives to support a solution on data transfers, which they considered essential for the cross-border provision of services and, more broadly, for the sustainability of EU exports of sophisticated goods.

Member States delegates did not intervene, but the Presidency (TPC S&I Chair) welcomed the ESF's active support for the EU's efforts.

Kind regards,

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