

ESF Dear all,

On Friday 21 June, [Art. 4.1 b] attended the meeting of the ESF with its members, to present a state of play on the ongoing services negotiations. Most of the time was dedicated to TiSA and TTIP. Sorry for late reporting.

- **TiSA:** The COM (*) informed the committee of the next round of negotiations hosted by the EU. There will be no exchange of offers yet, as there should first be an agreement on text. The COM is now preparing the EU offer. Industry is invited to fill in the public survey on TiSA on DG TRADE's homepage. ESF members questioned the timing of the survey as offers might already be exchanged soon. * explained that the survey focuses more on the EU's offensive interests and in this respect input into the negotiations is still timely. ESF pleaded for the inclusion of the BRICS and ASEAN countries in the RGF group. * agreed with Kerneis. The COM has regular contacts with third countries, incl. China and ASEAN to explain the approach taken in TiSA and diffuse misperceptions BT would like to see Singapore around the table. ESF mentioned dispute settlement and the need to foresee some sort of cross-retaliation beyond services given the limited possibilities for retaliation in services. This is also an issue ESF wants to see addressed in the COM proposal for an enforcement regulation where services are not included for the moment. The COM called the members of ESF to convince CSI and other international business organisations of the EU's proposal for the inclusion of horizontal standards and of a schedule that is as similar as possible to the current GATS schedule.

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