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Report from a meeting with SETI-Alliance, 23 March 2015

Participants:

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The Alliance of the Sustainable Energy Trade Initiative (SETI Alliance) is a coalition of businesses, think tanks, and governments that works to promote a scale-up sustainable energy goods and services through trade. The Alliance's activities are managed by the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development (ICTSD) in collaboration with the Global Green Growth Institute. The SETI Alliance presented its mission and activities, and expressed particular interests in the ongoing Environmental Goods Agreement negotiations. Concerning trade in renewable energy products SETI-Alliance raised the issue of local content requirement and trade remedies. SETI-Alliance advocated to finalise the EGA negotiations on tariffs by the end of the 2015 while the discussions on other issues like NTBs (local content requirements, standards, certification) should start immediately after. The Commission presented briefly a state of play of the EGA negotiations, highlighting the importance of services enabling export of environmental goods.

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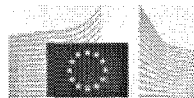
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Present:

Short meeting today between EWEA and Maria Asenius. EWEA explained the role of the wind energy sector as a provider of renewable energy (DE 26%, DK 40% of electricity). EWEA raised the Energy Union and shared the interests they have in the Environmental Goods Agreement (EGA).

As regards the Energy Union they have three concerns: completion of internal market, reaching climate targets and the revision of ETS. They also referred to the future governance of energy and climate in the context of the Energy Union. They handed over a position paper on the Energy Union.

In the context of trade policy, they mentioned that they are supportive of the EGA initiative, with an interest in lowering tariffs but predominantly in liberalising non-tariff barriers (NTB's). In the context of TTIP, they also brought forward the issue of tariff liberalisation and their fear that TTIP may bring down ambitious climate targets. When asked how TTIP could contribute to the development of renewable energy in general and the wind sector specific they mentioned that this is currently debated in the EWEA's trade task force.



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