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I had a meeting with the German Confederation of skilled crafts and small business (ZDH) on TTIP.

ZDH's main concern is that the "Meister" certificate could be weakened by TTIP. I reassured them that discussions in TTIP on recognition of professional qualifications are very limited in terms of scope and do not affect this issue. Other issues covered: visas (I encouraged ZDH to come forward with concrete examples of problems of their members) and the SME chapter (where ZDH signalled interest in an ambitious approach for a comprehensive help desk covering also information about states).