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Last Wednesday (16 September) I was a speaker in the event: 'Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP): what does the future hold for legal profession?' organized by the the [UK] Law societies. The objective of the event was to provide an opportunity to discuss the implications of TTIP for the legal profession. Although the event was organized by UK lawyers, participants included representatives of other EU bars.

The main points made by other speakers:

- [Art. 4.1(b)] from the Architects Council of Europe (ACE) shared his organisation's experience on negotiating the mutual recognition agreements (MRAs) that accompany trade agreements. Particularly interesting comments: ACE is very much advanced in the negotiation of MRA with Canada, tentative plan to deliver an MRA in TTIP within 6 months, according to ACE critical mass of US states equals to 50% + 1 state
- [Art. 4.1(b)] from the Law Society of England and Wales (LSEW) presented interesting facts related to the restrictions on practising rights of solicitors in the US. [We should receive the list with all details later on.]
- [Art. 4.1(b)] from the European Services Forum (ESF) presented the basic data on trade in services and especially professional services. He also elaborated on the importance of services in trade and international economy, in particular in relation to TTIP. [Art. 4.1(a)]
- I presented the trade policy priorities of the Commission and shares the latest updates on services negotiations within TTIP (also covering professional services, negotiations with other professions such as accountants, and regulatory cooperation).