Dear colleagues,

Please find below a report from the last Steel day organised by Eurofer on 28 May in Brussels.

Kind regards,

EUROFER STEEL DAY
28 May 2015

The annual Steel day organised by Eurofer took place on 28 May in Brussels. The event was well attended and generated interesting debates on trade-related issues relevant for the steel sector. The three main topics of discussions were: energy and climate change; trade; and the circular economy.

The Steel day was articulated around two panel discussions, a conference and a press conference.

The first panel was dedicated to Trade issues. The participants were: Maria Asenius (Head of Cabinet to Commissioner Malmström), Andreas Goss (CEO ThyssenKrupp Europe and Eurofer Vice-President); (US trade lawyer and former Head of Import Administration of the US Department of commerce); (trade expert at NCTM law firm) was the moderator.

The main highlights of the discussion are as follows:
Ms. Asenius pointed out that the most important elements in the TTIP for steel producers are:

- Eurofer expressed its support for the TTIP as it will accelerate transatlantic trade; the negative impact of excess capacity in China on the capacity/demand balance was raised again, the increased level of Chinese steel exports and the need to carefully consider the issue of MES and possible trade diversion effects.

[Art. 4.1(a) and 4.3]