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On 28/10/2016 Lindsay Lewis (Executive Director), [REDACTED] and Michael Quigley (Director of the European Office) from PPI came to see me to discuss the general political situation on both sides of the Atlantic and trade policy developments in the US and the EU.

In the first half of the meeting the discussion centred on the (at that time) up-coming US elections, not only the presidential ones, but also the Congressional ones. At the time of the meeting it was still considered likely that the Senate would flip back to the Democrats.

In the second half of the meeting trade policy was the dominant issue. PPI informed about the chances of TPP ratification in the lame duck period which were already seen as slim back then. I informed them on the state of the TTIP negotiations and the process in the Council which lead to the CETA signature which happened two days after the meeting.
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