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Meeting with BusinessEurope

20 November 2020

BusinessEurope raised their views on EU's trade policy review, free data flows, transatlantic relations, EU's relations with China, WTO reform and the EU-US trade and Technology Council.

They introduced the EVP with their position papers in all above-mentioned areas, which can be found on their website.

EU/ EVP indicated that trade policy review will be published in early 2021. Main directions are: open, free and fair trade, and continue to engaging with partners. The EU will use existing network of FTAs. The EU will focus on more effective dispute settlement mechanism and enforcement. The Commission launched SME point and single entry points for complaints.

On the WTO reform – EU is looking forward to engage with the new US administration, including on trade in digital and green products, trade and health initiative, liberalization of environmental goods and services.

EU/EVP on transatlantic relations- dealing with bilateral disputes and WTO reform will be a priority. On digital taxation – the EU will continue negotiations in the OECD. As regards China, both sides are working on CIA. On e-commerce – negotiations are ongoing.