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Last week I gave a presentation on TTIP to the European Committee of the Confederation of skilled crafts and small business of Nordrhein-Westfalen. I gave a general overview about TTIP (objective, content) and addressed the main concerns flagged by the public at large (transparency, regulatory cooperation, public services, ISDS). I stressed in particular the fundamental difference between a trade agreement and the internal market to counter the usual argument that TTIP would undermine the "Meister" certificate.

I also mentioned the SME chapter which could be of use for the confederation's members in terms of access to information.

One participant expressed interest in improving the situation in the US with regard to visas which constitutes a major obstacle for SMEs in the sector.

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