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Subject: Meeting with German associations of communes - 12/11/2015

Yesterday [Art. 4.1(b)] met the German associations of communes (Kommunale Spitzenverbände).

We debriefed participants on the state of play in TTIP and TiSA. Overall, a **constructive meeting** as in the past. Associations highlighted their major interest in TTIP and would like to continue the regular dialogue with the Commission.

[Out of scope]

Questions asked:

- Impact of digitalisation on public services, including with regard to new services (example: e-health)
- Regulatory cooperation – how relevant for services?
- ISDS – associations are generally supportive of the new proposal on ISDS, particularly the list of exceptions (public purpose etc). However, the Annex mentions that measures should be "proportionate" – what does this mean, how would this affect the EU?
- Public procurement – will there be compulsory environmental and social criteria?
- [Out of scope]

We agreed to organise a next meeting in February. Associations would appreciate a focus on procurement.