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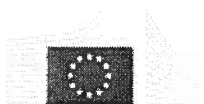
IGB briefly presented the state of play and next steps in the negotiations. He also provided an overall update on the outcome of the first round.

BDI signalled its big expectations from TTIP and its strong interest on the regulatory elements of the negotiations. Other areas of discussion or questions were the following:

- Questions about the internal coordination within the Commission between the trade negotiators and other regulatory DGs as well as how it can be ensured that US regulatory agencies engage in the negotiations
- Transparency of the negotiations: Commission plans for stakeholder and industry debriefings, how could industry contribute to the outreach on the potential positive impact of TTIP, what is the best strategy for industry to give input, etc
- In addition to regulatory convergence, where the main question is how the Commission thinks it could work in practice, other areas of interest for BDI were financial services, procurement, rules of origin and IPR

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