

Report Meeting: JLD at the International Relations Committee of BusinessEurope 28 February 2012

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To the remarks made on possible opportunities in regulatory harmonization (as trade prospects through tariffs are limited) in case an **EU-US FTA** is envisaged, JLD replied that this is precisely the reason why we should aim for a deep and comprehensive FTA. Separate agreements will not be sufficient and will add extra procedural costs as they will have to pass through the European Parliament and Congress. He highlighted the need to be realistic but also ambitious since there is momentum we have not seen before. He called for business to support high ambition and be vocal about it, and provide its input regarding the identification of the most important problems they face (commonly discussed with US business), notably on the regulatory side, but also and most importantly indications on how to solve such problems in a practical way.

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