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**Subject:** TTIP - maritime transport. Meeting with BE Gov. and BE Industry on dredging

COM (Levie, Dueerkop, Poli, Fadina) met yesterday with the Belgian industry providing dredging services: DEME ([ **ART 4.1b** ]) and JAN DE NUL ([ **ART 4.1b** ]) accompanied by the European Dredgers Association-EUDA ([ **ART 4.1b** ]).

The meeting was organised and hosted by the Flemish Government (Buyse, Geehland de Merxem), the BE TPC deputy (Van Gheel) and TPC-SI delegate (Diels) were present.

The Flemish Government and the industry highlighted the importance of dredging and enquired about what they could expect from the TTIP negotiations.

COM (Levie) gave a general overview of the TTIP process [ **NOT RELEASABLE – Part 1** ]. COM (Dueerkop) summarised the state of play on services negotiations, [ **NOT RELEASABLE - Part 2** ].

[ **NOT RELEASABLE - Part 3** ]

COM insisted on the importance of having in-depth legal analysis on what are the specific dredging activities which can be addressed [ **NOT RELEASABLE - Part 4** ]. A study providing more insight on the US legislation and existing implementation rulings might be helpful, given the high complexity of the matter. One could consider having a public event in due course, but this aspect was not discussed further. [ **NOT RELEASABLE - Part 5** ].

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