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Subject: meeting with CEEP (Central European Energy Partners) on TTIP - energy

We met today with CEEP. CEEP is a fairly new organisation representing energy companies and extensive energy consumers (e.g. Achema, Azoty the fertilizers in Poland, but also Arcelor Mittal in Poland) in Central and Eastern Europe (with a focus on Poland for the time being). CEEP feels it is not really aware of what is happening in TTIP, moreover, communication with governments not optimal. CEEP thinks that TTIP may have (positive) consequences for access to new energy supply and may stop or mitigate the leakage of investments to the US. So, it is of their concern.

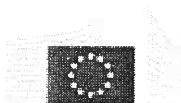
Upfront, we explained them that we are carrying out the most open negotiations ever, with stakeholder events, consultations and even having a specific Advisory Committee. We also referred to all information that is available on the Internet (they had not seen the non-paper on RM & E). We explained the process/state of play of TTIP, the three pillar structure (market access, regulatory and global rules), the substance (by reference to the non-paper that is on our web site). We also discussed the potential consequences of US lifting the export restrictions.

CEEP satisfied with the meeting and asked whether we would be willing to contribute to their monthly magazine, explaining TTIP and energy. I said that I could not promise, but that I would discuss this. It could be helpful, but happy to hear your views (we would need to check this with Ignacio and Lutz, I guess). CEEP also referred to an event to be organised with the Atlantic Council in Washington, DC to be held at the end of March/in the beginning of April. He asked whether we could be present (or for that matter somebody from US DEL). They will send an invitation. Finally, they asked for an opportunity to participate in the next stakeholder event and make a presentation. We will check.

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