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Subject: Meeting scheduled on TTIP 30 January 14.30 with CEEP/Report of discussion today

Le 17 janv. 2014 à 15:14, "LAURINEN Elina (TRADE)" <Elina.Laurinen@ec.europa.eu> a écrit :

Dear all,

We have just had a meeting today with **CEEP (European Centre of Employers and Enterprises providing Public services)**. CEEP represents a wide variety of service providers in various industries (including utilities).

Participants for CEEP: [ART 4.1b] and [ART 4.1b]

Participants for TRADE: Marco Dueerkoop, Marianne Gumaelius and Elina Laurinen

We had a preliminary discussion on the **concerns of their member organisations in TTIP**, which focus in the areas of: **services and public procurement (some questions on investment):**

- There are certain political and emotional fears among public service providers after the adoption of the revised EU Procurement Directives this week (including Concessions).
- There is a risk that the same debate concerning public services (especially concerning the water sector) will repeat in TTIP. An accumulation of unfounded political resistance could follow. Such campaigns should be avoided.
- There may be some expectation on carve outs for certain public services (such as water in procurement) in TTIP.
- Opening up markets through TTIP could lead to de facto privatisation by the back door and therefore job loss. CEEP considers that figures on TTIP job growth are overstated (estimate job growth at 0.1%)
- Also fear that TTIP will undermine existing values and standards. There are also fears with regard to the "negative listing approach".
- In general, TRADE is feared to be too industry oriented.

To alleviate these concerns, to increase transparency, to share views [NOT RELEVANT] on TTIP, CEEP has invited us to a Meeting with their members 30 January 14.30-16.00. Among the participants will be: EDF, German local public utilities (BKU), the German water sector, utilities service and network operators (15-20 heads of networks), with the following items:

- **Presentation by TRADE on TTIP negotiations with focus on services and procurement:**
 - 1) how we work, how negotiations are carried out,
 - 2) why there is a need to protect confidentiality in TTIP (impact on transparency)
 - 3) explain approaches in negative vs positive listing
 - 4) services
 - 5) procurement
 - 6) ISDS case (investment) etc
- **Questions and views followed by discussion**

Marco and myself would at least be participating. Hopefully somebody could join at least for the ISDS-case and E.1, if you could contact Marco to coordinate on the arrangements?

Kind regards,
Elina