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**Attachments:** Bruegel Policy Contribution - The EU's growing innovation divide.pdf; EuropaBio - Oral Hearing Dow-DuPont planned merger - Presentation 9 Jan 17.pdf; 161211 FT Trump picks Dow Chemical's Liveris.docx; 170205 FT Dow and DuPont seek to address Brussels' antitrust concerns.docx

**Meeting of Head of CAB Maria Åsenius with Dow Chemicals, 7 February 2017, 10.30-11.00**

**Dow:** Howard Chase, Director Government Affairs Europe, accompanied by Dirk Hudig, Fipra International (Public Policy & Regulatory Advisers)

**COM:** Maria Åsenius, Head of CAB of Trade Commissioner Malmström; Pedro Velasco Martins, Member of CAB Malmström; \* DG TRADE G.3

- Mr. Chase underlined **Dow's continued support for the EU's trade policy agenda**, including with regard to the ongoing bilateral FTA negotiations with Japan, countries in South East Asia, GCC as well as Mercosur. He stressed that the close EU-US relationship will remain crucially important for the company, notwithstanding the fate of the TTIP negotiations; Mr. Chase also referred to the **recent appointment of Dow Chairman and Chief Executive Andrew Liveris as Head of the Manufacturing Council**, a private sector group that advises the U.S. Secretary of Commerce. See <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-trump-liveris-idUSKBN13Z01U> as well as the enclosed FT article.
- Mr. Chase outlined some key aspects of the ongoing **Dow/Du Pont merger proceedings** where the Commission decision on the approval of the planned merger is now expected for early April (see the enclosed Financial Times article of 5 February 2017).

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Out of the scope of the request

[Redacted content] Dow also handed over the enclosed Bruegel Policy Contribution titled "The European Union's growing innovation divide".