

TTIP – Addressing the criticism and looking ahead

Thursday, 11 December 2014

12.00–14.00h

Venue: Thon Hotel EU, Rue de la Loi 75, 1040 Brussels

About the event

When announcing the launch of negotiations between the EU and the US on a comprehensive free trade agreement – the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) – European and American policy-makers had the ambition to conclude the negotiations by the end of 2014. However, growing criticism and opposition to the agreement as a whole and to certain aspects of the negotiations have underlined how ambitious this target was in the first place. In view of the increasing criticism from across the political spectrum, the European Council has finally allowed the publication of the negotiation mandate as well as to open a public consultation on Investor State Dispute Settlement mechanisms.

This event aims at discussing the progress in negotiating what would become the biggest ever concluded free trade agreement and to shed light on the challenges ahead.

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Welcome

Hans Stein

Director International Political Dialogue, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom

Opening remarks

Cecilia Malmström

European Commissioner for Trade

Speakers

Prof. Dr. Karl-Heinz Paqué

Minister of Finance (ret.), Saxony-Anhalt
Dean, Faculty of Economics, University of Magdeburg
Vice President, Board of Directors, Friedrich Naumann Foundation

Marietje Schaake MEP

Member of the Committee on International Trade
Member of the Delegation for relations with the United States

Ken Levinson

Executive Director, Washington International Trade Association

Louisa Santos

Director of International Affairs, BUSINESSEUROPE

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Pieter Cleppe

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