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DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR INTERNAL POLICIES

POLICY DEPARTMENT A: ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC POLICIES

WORKSHOP: Competition Policy in International Agreements

- Programme -

Thursday, 28 May 2015, 9.00 to 12.00 hrs., European Parliament, Brussels

Room ASP 5 E 2, no interpretation, EN only, the event is public and will be web-streamed

9.00 - 9.05 hrs.

Welcome and Introduction: Markus FERBER,
ECON Vice-Chair and Chair of the ECON Working
Group on Competition Policy

9.05 - 10.30 hrs.

Session I: International Cooperation in the Area of Antitrust Investigations

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Possible points/issues to be discussed:

- Has the agreement with Switzerland been implemented smoothly? Are preparatory works on time?
- What are the expected benefits, chances, caveats?
- How many cases are likely to be covered?
- Are there any first experiences? For instance relating to the exchange of data?
- Are there any best practices on international level that could be used?
- For which countries would similar agreements make sense?
- Are there any similar agreements already planned (or revisions of existing agreements scheduled)?

10.30 – 11.55 hrs.

Session II: Competition Policy in TTIP

Hendrik BOURGEOIS

Chairman of TTIP Task Force at the American Chamber of Commerce to the EU and Vice President European Affairs at General Electric, Brussels

Ioannis LIANOS

Professor in Global Competition Law and Public Policy at the Faculty of Laws, University College London

Blanca RODRIGUEZ GALINDO

Head of Unit International Relations, Directorate General for Competition, European Commission

Christophe KIENER

Chief negotiator for competition in TTIP, Directorate General Trade, European Commission

Possible points/issues to be discussed:

- In how far will competition policy be covered in TTIP? What will be the impact of the competition chapter in TTIP?
- In how far would TTIP be different than existing international agreements covering competition policy?
- To what extent would TTIP affect other existing international agreements?
- What will be the implications for transatlantic merger control?
- Will there also be a cooperation agreement to enforce competition laws?
- Exchange of data?

11.55 - 12.00 hrs.

Closing remarks by Markus FERBER, ECON Vice-Chair and Chair of the ECON Working Group on Competition Policy