

Hearing of the Committee on International Trade on TiSA: "Trade in Services Agreement: What's at stake for Europe?"

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General framework and the structure of the specific commitments

- Framework based on GATS
- Commitments follow hybrid approach
 - What is covered by negative list-element?
 - Are future measures exempt?

Domestic regulations and sector-specific reference papers

- Annex on domestic regulation
 - Contains procedural requirements
 - May also contain necessity text
- Sector-specific papers/annexes
 - Should maintain regulatory space
 - Should not contradict regulatory approaches used by Member States

Impact of TiSA on public services

- Governmental authority narrow exemption
- Public utilities needs to be defined
- Publicly-funded services = “services which receive public funding or State support in any form“
- Sector-specific exemptions
- Exemptions for local measures