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Memorandum

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EU-US trade talks – 5th round to start in the US on 19 May

A fifth round of EU-US trade talks will take place in Arlington, Virginia from 19 to 23 May 2014. The talks are part of a trade and investment deal, known as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, or TTIP.

Negotiators will discuss trade in goods and services, investment (however without investment protection/ISDS), regulatory issues, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, government procurement, intellectual property rights, electronic commerce and telecommunications, environment, labour, small and medium-sized enterprises, and energy and raw materials.

Consulting stakeholders – Wednesday 21 May

During the talks, EU and US negotiators will host meetings with non-governmental organisations, consumer groups, trade unions, professional organisations, business and other civil society organisations) to update them on the status of the negotiations and hear their views on the talks. This is part of our ongoing efforts to hear from as wide a range of interests as possible as we move ahead in the negotiations. There will be two sessions:

- Stakeholder Policy Presentations – 11.00 a.m. – 2.30 p.m.

Stakeholders will deliver presentations to the negotiators on different policy areas. Stakeholders wishing to present must register by Friday, 9 May 2014. The presentations will be open to the press.

- Chief Negotiators' Briefing – 3.15 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

The EU and US Chief Negotiators will debrief stakeholders on progress to date with the negotiations, and the next steps in the process as they see them. Stakeholders will then be able to put questions directly to the Chief Negotiators, and raise with them issues of concern or interest. Members of the press will not be present at this session.

[Register to the event](#)

Press Conference – Friday 23 May

EU Chief Negotiator Ignacio Garcia Bercero and US Chief Negotiator Dan Mullaney will hold a closing press conference in Washington, D.C.

[Register](#) for the open press components of the round (deadline: 9 May 2014).

[Questions](#) about your registration.

[Live streaming](#) of the press conference via EbS

Background

Talks on a future EU-US trade deal started in July 2013 and are set to continue throughout 2014. An EU-US trade agreement would cut businesses' costs and generate enough growth and jobs to boost the EU economy by up to €120 bn. And it would do so whilst respecting both sides' environmental, labour and consumer protection standards. More details: [memo 13/211](#).

It would also give consumers access to a wider range of high-quality products and services than ever before. The US is already the EU's number one export market. A new pact would offer still further opportunities to EU companies to export to the US - and encourage US firms to invest even more in Europe than they do now. By doing so, it would help generate the taxes that fund public services across the EU, from healthcare to pensions.

Find out more

Visit the EU's [dedicated webpages](#) for:

- updates throughout the week as the negotiations take place
- background information about the EU-US trade talks now underway.

You can also follow the EU's negotiating team on [Twitter](#).

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