

Summary of TTIP negotiations with relevance to J&E's focus of interest

Negotiating Rounds

Number	Foreseen date	Actual date	General issues	Environmental issues	Energy issues	Organizational issues including ISDS	Procedure including transparency
1		07/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>focus on procedure and not on specific issues yet</li> <li>difficulties to achieve regulatory cooperation</li> <li>political commitment should prevail over technical expert views</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>steps to increase transparency: US released names of negotiators, EU released position papers</li> <li>US spying on EU modified the atmosphere of talks</li> </ul>
2	10/2013	11/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>discussions on the actual treaty text</li> <li>strong US interest in regulatory cooperation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GMOs not discussed because it is controversial</li> <li>negotiators assured that TTIP will not undercut environmental regulations</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>discussions on introducing an ISDS continues</li> <li>consumer groups are against ISDS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>US spying on EU still modifies the atmosphere of talks</li> <li>transparency of talks is under scrutiny</li> <li>WikiLeaks leaked documents</li> <li>civil society calls for more transparency of the talks</li> </ul>
3	12/2013	12/2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>regulatory issues remain the most important ones</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>likely divergence in GMO issues between the EU and the US</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>200 NGOs protested against ISDS</li> <li>negotiators assured that</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>both sides commit to transparency</li> <li>NGOS call for more</li> </ul>

						ISDS will be part of TTIP	transparency demanding open negotiations and access to draft text versions
4	early 2014	03/2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• final document language is being prepared</li> <li>• progress made in regulatory cooperation</li> <li>• sector-specific approaches for regulatory issues</li> <li>• EP elections resulted in more EU skepticism</li> </ul>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ISDS issues is on hold</li> <li>• EU is having a public consultation including an online forum, a stakeholder meeting including NGOs</li> <li>• US wants improved ISDS that keeps state rights to regulate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• both sides held stakeholder meetings including NGOs</li> </ul>
5	early 2014	05/2014					
6	07/2014	07/2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• progress of negotiations slowed</li> <li>• new EC president Juncker called for conclusion of TTIP</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU wants energy covered by TTIP due to Ukraine / Russia crisis</li> <li>• US uncertain about the necessity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the talks on ISDS are still on hold for the EU is still having public consultations with almost 150.000 responses so far, many NGOs demanding removal of ISDS</li> <li>• large trade unions are not opposed but have conditions to support TTIP including</li> </ul>	

						dropping ISDS	
7	09/2014	09/2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• negotiators discuss each other's proposals</li> <li>• issue of regulatory cooperation dominates talks</li> <li>• purpose of easing regulatory requirements for SMEs</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU wants energy covered by TTIP due to Ukraine / Russia crisis</li> <li>• US uncertain about the necessity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the talks on ISDS are still on hold for the EU is still having public consultations</li> <li>• negotiators acknowledge social interests re ISDS</li> </ul>	
8	12/2014	02/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• new negotiators called for a fresh start</li> <li>• fading optimism is reversed</li> <li>• regulatory cooperation is the main issue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• negotiating text on environmental standards are to be exchanged</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU wants energy covered by TTIP due to Ukraine / Russia crisis</li> <li>• US uncertain about the necessity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the talks on ISDS are still on hold for the EU is reforming its ISDS framework</li> <li>• results of EU consultations are released</li> <li>• EU continues to engage with stakeholders</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU released priorities for regulatory cooperation</li> <li>• EU released fact sheets and negotiating texts</li> </ul>
9	04/2015	04/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• emphasis on regulatory cooperation</li> <li>• 9 specific sectors are discussed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• environmental negotiators did not yet meet in person</li> <li>• GMO discussions are getting more difficult after EU allowing MS to ban imports of GMOs</li> <li>• US statement: it</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• inclusion of energy is discussed but no final agreement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EU trying to address concerns of NGOs in regulatory cooperation</li> <li>• the talks on ISDS are still on hold for the EU is reforming its ISDS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• draft proposal on regulatory cooperation is leaked</li> </ul>

				violates WTO		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>framework</li> <li>EC Trade Commissioner stressed need for an updated ISDS and presented a concept paper</li> </ul>	
10	07/2015	07/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>negotiators hope for a signature still by Obama</li> <li>regulatory cooperation is the most discussed issue</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EU still wants energy issues included</li> <li>US believes there is no need</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the talks on ISDS are still on hold for the EU is reforming its ISDS framework</li> <li>EP adopted priorities for TTIP including alternative mechanism to ISDS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EU held public consultations on how to reform ISDS</li> </ul>
11	10/2015	10/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>negotiators hope to have it signed in January 2016</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EU wants rules of origin (ROO) for certain industrial products and on sustainable development including provisions on the environment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the EU-US controversy on whether to codify provisions on energy and raw materials in TTIP remains (EU is for, US is against)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the EU proposes the establishment of a permanent investment court and a formal appeals process</li> <li>the US may be willing to accept if it resembles the one in the TTP concluded recently</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>at a stakeholder event, businesses, associations, and other non-governmental organizations (NGOs) presented concerns and what they would like to see out of the agreement</li> </ul>
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