



## THE COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC AND TRADE AGREEMENT: A GOOD DEAL FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION?

Venue: CEPS (1 Place du Congrès, 1000 Brussels)

Provisional Agenda

Date: Wednesday 18 May 2016, 13.00- 17.30; Thursday 19 May, 9.00-16.00

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#### Wednesday, 18 May 2016

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*

14.00- 14:30 **Welcome Speech-H.E. Ambassador Daniel J. Costello**, Ambassador of Canada to the European Union

14.30-15.45 **Session I-Deepening Transatlantic Alliance: European Union, Canada and United States**

It has been often argued that CETA and TTIP represent a unique opportunity to deepen the transatlantic alliance among the EU, Canada and TTIP, transforming a sound trilateral trade and investment relation into ambitious treaties-based economic partnership?

Moderator: **Jacques Pelkmans**, Senior Fellow, CEPS

Speakers: **Patrick Leblond**, Senior Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation; **Richard Tibbels**, European External Action Service

15.45-16.00 *Coffee break*

16.00-17.30 **Session II – What CETA delivers for the European Union?**

Going beyond the ex-ante impact assessment, the session will assess the economic potential and opportunities of CETA for EU businesses and citizens.

Moderator **Patrick Leblond**, Senior Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation

Speakers: **Luisa Santos**, BUSINESSEUROPE, **Hiddo Houben**, European Commission



Thursday, 19 May 2016

8.30-9.00 *Breakfast*

9.00-11.00 **Session III –What CETA delivers in services: implications of negative listing for sectors and countries**

The policy debate on CETA is almost entirely focused on the inclusion of ISDS side-lining other important aspects: negative listing and ‘reservation’ techniques and its complex implications for EU countries.

Moderator: **Patrick Leblond**, Senior Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation

Speakers: **Dan Ciuriak**, Fellow, C.D. Howe Institute; **Massimo Geloso Grosso**, Economist, OECD

11:00 – 11.15 *Coffee break*

11.15 – 12.45 **Session IV- Modernizing CETA: a detailed analysis**

The last minute changes to ISDS in the CETA’s final text represent a response to European concerns about potential abuses by investors mechanism originally negotiated by Canada and the EU. Will these changes be sufficient to satisfy public concerns? How will they affect businesses? Can CETA’s ISDS framework be a model for the rest of the world, especially since both parties have indicated that this could be a precursor to an international ISDS tribunal?

Moderator: **Jacques Pelkmans**, Senior Fellow, CEPS

Speakers: **Céline Lévesque**, University of Ottawa; **Marc Bungenberg**, Centre for International Governance Innovation

12.45-13.15 *Closing remarks*

13:15 – 14.00 *Lunch break*