

TTIP negotiating mandate made public

The Council has decided to declassify the negotiating directives for a transatlantic trade and investment partnership (TTIP) with the United States.

The directives were made public today.

“I wish to express my deep satisfaction with today’s decision by the EU member states, which was long advocated by the Italian presidency: the declassification of the negotiating mandate is an important step towards ensuring the transparency of negotiations with the US. This can only strengthen arguments in support of the conclusion of the TTIP agreement, a pillar of the future economic recovery of EU countries”, said Carlo Calenda, deputy minister for economic development of Italy and president of the Council.

The mandate was agreed in June 2013, and the Commission is leading the negotiations on behalf of the EU. Seven negotiating rounds have been held, the latest in Washington from 29 September to 3 October.

The decision to declassify the mandate was taken by common accord.

Text of the [negotiating mandate](#).
