TTIP’S REGULATORY COOPERATION
AND THE ‘RACE TO THE BOTTOM’

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OPENING DOMESTIC POLICY PROCESS (‘Transparency’)
TTIP INSTITUTIONS

Actions:
- Mutual Recognition
- Harmonisation
- Simplification

Non-action: ‘Disciplining’ regulators thinking
Institutional design

1. The **purpose** of the agreement: eliminate barriers to trade and investment

2. The **composition** of the TTIP institutions

3. Methodological and procedural ‘**disciplines**’
   - Impact assessment: ‘exchange of economic assumptions’
   - Science: ‘cooperation in pre-normative research, exchange of scientific and technical data’.
   - Stakeholder participation
   - International standardisation
The RCB shall [...] include senior representatives of regulators and competent authorities, as well representatives responsible for regulatory coordination activities and international trade matters at the central level.

European Commission’s proposal of the Chapter on Regulatory Cooperation
Demands

- Regulatory Cooperation Body
  - No special position for trade officials and regulatory affair officials!!!
  - Balanced representation of views / public policy fields
  - Participation of MEPs

- Sectoral working groups
  - Balanced representation of public policy fields
  - Institutional separation of stakeholders

- Parliaments
  - Consultation of Annual Regulatory Program
  - Participation in Regulatory Cooperation Body
THANK YOU!