



# Ongoing activities in the field of employment and social affairs - update

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# Organisation of working time in inland waterway transport

- Social partner agreement 15/02/2012
- Commission proposal for transposition into Council Directive 07/07/2014
- Political agreement EPSCO Council 11/12/2014
- Adopted on 19/12/2014 (Council Directive 2014/112/EU)

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=89&newsId=2094&furtherNews=yes>

# Relaunching social dialogue

- **High level event 5 March**
  - Themes
    - Better association of social partners in economic governance
    - Closer involvement in EU policy making
    - Social partner agreements and EU regulation
    - Industrial relations and capacity building

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=329&eventsId=1028&furtherEvents=yes>

# TTIP – EU negotiating texts

Includes amongst others...

- Part 1: Market Access – Services – TTIP and culture
- Part 3: Rules – Sustainable development – Labour rights and civil society participation
- Part 3: Rules – Intellectual Property

<http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=1230>



The screenshot shows the 'TRADE' section of the European Commission website. The main heading is 'TRADE'. Below it, a navigation path reads: 'European Commission > Trade > Policy > Countries and regions > Countries > United States'. A sidebar on the left lists categories: Trade, Policy, Import and export rules, Trade policy and you, Consultations, Dialogues, Objectives, Meetings, Organisations, and Guidance. The main content area is titled 'News' and features a news item dated 'Brussels, 10 February 2015' with the headline 'Now online - EU negotiating texts in TTIP'. The text states: 'The European Commission is negotiating TTIP as openly as possible. A final agreement would have 24 chapters, grouped together in 3 parts: 1. Market access, 2. Regulatory cooperation, 3. Rules'. On the right side, there are social media sharing options (Facebook, Twitter, Google+) and a search bar. Below the search bar, there is a 'Latest news' section with two entries: '27 Mar 2015 Speech: TTIP: Why Ireland needs it' and '27 Mar 2015 Transatlantic Economic'.

## 2015 calls for proposals

- *VP/2015/001 – Support for Social Dialogue*
  - Deadline 15 June
- *VP/2015/002 – Information and training measures for workers' organisations*
  - Deadline 8 May
- *VP/2015/003 – Information, consultation and participation of representatives of undertakings*
  - Deadline 22 June
- *VP/2015/004 – Improving expertise in the field of industrial relations*
  - Deadline 9 July



Thank you for your attention!