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## Transatlantic Data Flows and the Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)

### Ensuring compatibility with European Data Protection standards

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The Data Protection Package is one of the most intensely debated and lobbied dossiers in the 7th legislature. Thousands of amendments and hundreds of lobbyists have made it a difficult struggle for Parliament to reach the strong position it has now. Further, the recent NSA scandals and EU government surveillance have highlighted the global need for high level data protection standards.

At the same time, European Data Protection Authorities have warned against Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations undermining European data protection standards under review. Hence there is a need to closely monitor these TTIP negotiations from a data protection perspective and debate the wider context of transatlantic data flows.

#### 15:00 Welcome and introduction

**Rebecca Harms** MEP, co-Chair of the Greens/EFA group

## 15:15-16:45 Monitoring the TTIP negotiations from a Data Protection perspective

### Panelists

- **Imke Sommer**, Data Protection Commissioner of Bremen, Germany
- **Kostas Rossoglou**, Senior Legal Officer, BEUC
- **Anna Fielder**, Trustee and Chair, Privacy International
- **Ante Wessels**, Foundation for a Free Information Infrastructure (FFII)

**Moderator: Amelia Andersdotter MEP**

## 16:45-18:15 Restoring trust in transatlantic data flows

### Panelists

- **Bruno Gencarelli**, Deputy Head of Unit for on Data Protection, DG Justice, European Commission
- **Hielke Hijmans**, Head of Policy and Consultation, European Data Protection Supervisor
- **Casper Bowden**, Independent Privacy Advocate

**Moderator: Eva Lichtenberger MEP**

## 18:15-18:30 Concluding remarks:

**Christian Engström MEP**

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