

BUSINESSEUROPE



# The Lisbon Treaty and Trade Policy

INTA Committee Hearing  
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# Lisbon Treaty Changes

- New definition of commercial policy
  - Services, Investment
  - EU exclusive competence
- New decision-making procedures
  - QMV in Council
  - Co-decision/Consent in EP



# **Lisbon impact on BUSINESSEUROPE**

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- **New/expanded policy areas**
  - **Services**
    - Full exclusive competence
    - Move to negative list negotiations (e.g. ICT)
  - **Investment**
    - New EU policy domain
    - Establishment & Protection (different issues)



# **Lisbon impact on BUSINESSEUROPE**

## Problems: transition periods

- **Bilateral Investment Treaties**
  - legal uncertainty
  
- **Anti-dumping decision-making**
  - Legal uncertainty, foreign pressure
  - INTA Ctee oversight



# **Lisbon impact on BUSINESSEUROPE**

- Role of Parliament
  - Legislative co-decision/Treaty consent
- Challenges for INTA Ctee
  - Small committee (too few MEPs)
  - Limited administrative/legal support
  - Future role in oversight (MA, TDI)
  - Cross cutting issues (Raw materials)
  - Confidentiality issues
  - Business dialogue

