

TISA – Instrument for Overcoming GATS Weaknesses?

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Initiatives of TISA

Unfinished business of GATS

Overcoming the Doha blockage

EU-Proposal (modular approach)

Concept of really good friends



Plurilateral models / constitutional structures

Government Procurement Agreement

Information Technology Agreement

Reference Paper (Telecommunications)

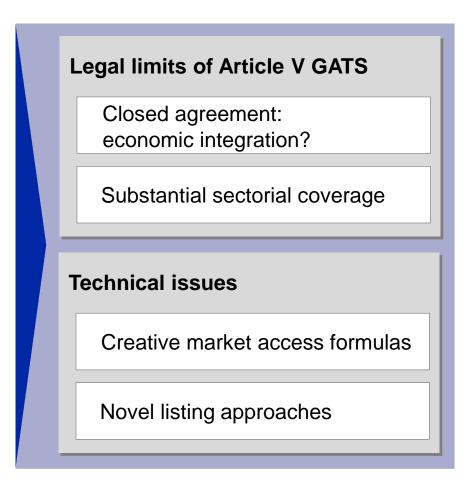
Agreement outside the WTO Framework



Plurilateral v. preferential Negotiations configurations Critical mass problem Closed club problem Internationalization of regionalism



Article V
GATS
as
negotiation
basis





Main elements of TISA

Comprehensive scope without exclusion of services' sectors

Compatibility with GATS

Better and more liberalized rules

Flexible structure



Sensitive services sectors Modes of supply Rule-making laboratory?



Implications of TISA for GATS

Systemic issues

Further developments of DSB practice

Enlargement of scope (IT services, e-business)

Remedying some foundational weaknesses of GATS