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Answer given by Ms Malmström  
on behalf of the Commission  
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Between July 2013 and March 2016, 12 rounds of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) negotiations have taken place, alternating between Brussels and several locations in the United States for the total cost of EUR 1.554.565,75. Of these 12 rounds, 4 took place in 2015 for a combined cost of EUR 557.129,06<sup>1</sup>.

Since the number of remaining rounds is not known, the Commission cannot estimate the total budget still required to bring TTIP negotiation to a conclusion. It is possible to indicate though that the Commission has budgeted for over EUR 400.000 until the end of 2016. The need for any further budgeting after that will depend on how negotiations progress.  
(See annex for more details)

#### ANNEX

<b>Category of expense</b>	<b>Cost (in EURO)</b>
Preparatory studies & expert opinions	465 822.91
Cost of negotiation rounds (in US and EU)	1 554 565.75
Communication	123 643.82
Legal advice	386 000.00
Other (logistics & travel expenses of experts)	30 849.36
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2 560 881.84</b>

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<sup>1</sup> When organising negotiating rounds in Brussels, DG Trade recurrently makes use of a Framework Contract (FWC) to organise events, conferences, seminars and meetings. In these cases the costs involved are linked to logistical arrangements e.g. meeting rooms, technical equipment or working lunches and refreshments. On the other hand, when rounds are organised by our negotiating partner, the costs incurred are mainly linked to travel and accommodation.