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At the general assembly of the Swiss Section of ELEC, which took place on the 24th of May 2013, *Ulrich Trautmann*, First Councillor Trade and Economy of the Delegation of the European Union for Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein, held a presentation on the institutional architecture between Switzerland and the European Union currently and in future. Fifteen guests including eight members of the Swiss Section participated in a lively discussion before moving on to the statutory items.

At the general assembly 2013 it was unanimously agreed to continue concentrating on the institutional deficits and the problems involved in not having the possibility of dispute settlement except under WTO law on the one hand, as well as on the effects a Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) between the European Union and the United States of America would have on Switzerland and how this can be dealt with on the other hand. It was also decided to invite *Marie- Gabrielle Ineichen-Fleisch*, State Secretary of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), to a next business lunch debate.

At our invitation *Baron Bernard Snoy et d'Oppuers*, President of ELEC International, honoured us on the 10th of October, with a guest speech on the emerging European Banking Union and its implications for Switzerland at the World Trade Institute in Bern. Over thirty guests from numerous Swiss and foreign institutions attended and contributed to the discussion.

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