

Press conference

EU-US trade talks – Civil society's fears and expectations

Monday 7 October at 11.00 am

International Press Center, Résidence Palace, rue de la Loi 155C, Passage Room

This summer saw the kick-off of major trade negotiations between the world's two biggest economic blocks – the EU and US. The aim of the talks is ostensibly to reach an agreement to make trade easier on both sides of the Atlantic. These negotiations, known under the acronyms TTIP (Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership), represent a massive exercise in bringing down so-called barriers to trade.

But what is at stake for consumers, the environment and society at large? The business lobby on both sides of the Atlantic is already using the negotiations to make proposals to weaken existing and forthcoming standards and regulations in areas such as consumer and environmental protection.

With a focus on the key issues of food, data protection, financial regulation and proposed excessive rights for companies to challenge domestic policies, civil society organisations will highlight the risks the talks represent for consumers and the environment.

Speakers:

- Magda Stoczkiewicz, Director, Friends of the Earth Europe
- Melinda St. Louis, International Campaign Director, Public Citizen, Global Trade Watch (US)
- Monique Goyens, BEUC and EU Co-chair Transatlantic Consumer Dialogue (TACD)

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