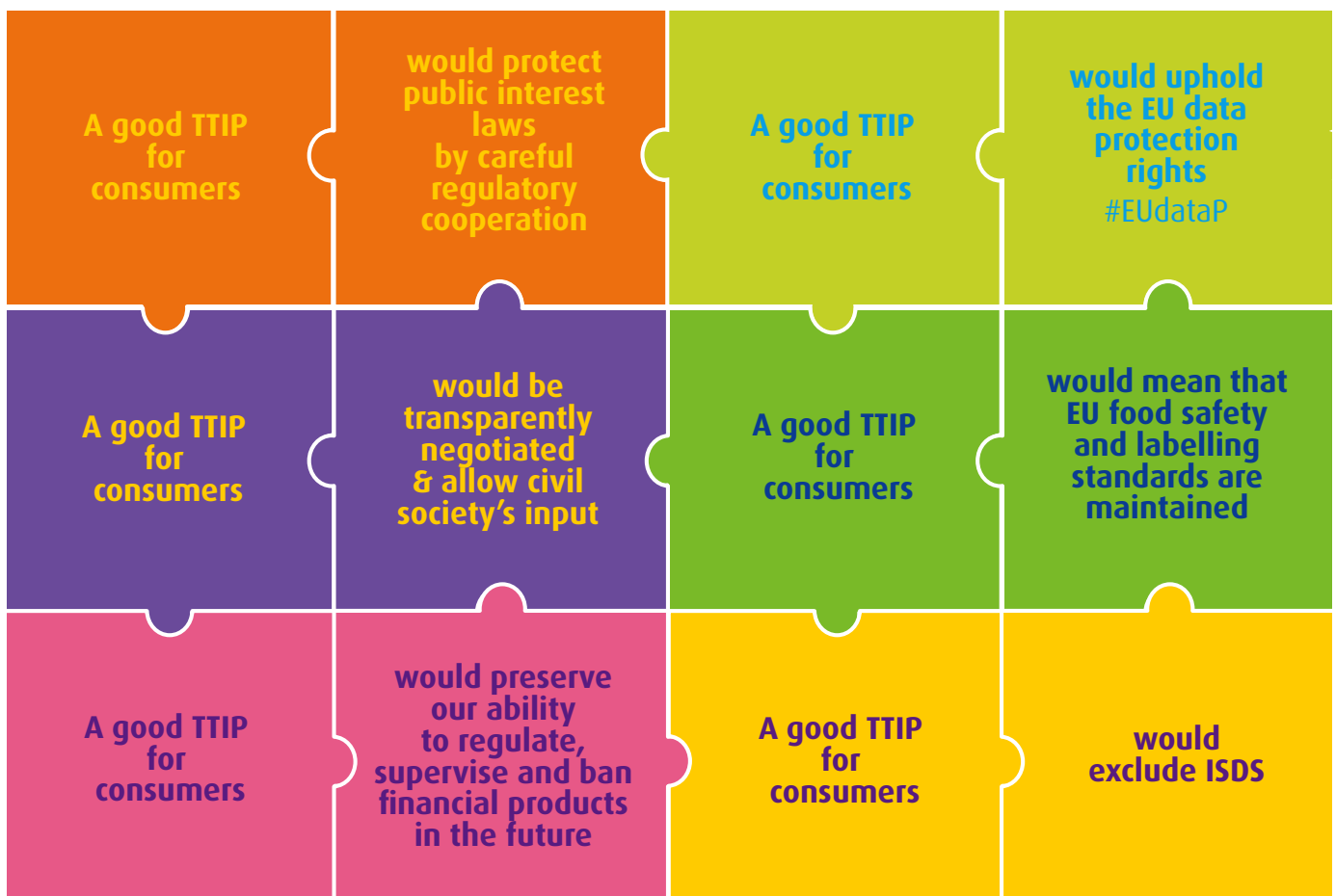


YOUR CHANCE TO SHAPE A GOOD TTIP



BEUC calls on you to make sure TTIP will deliver benefits to consumers

BEUC is supportive of free trade if it results in expanding consumer choice, making services and goods more accessible and less expensive for citizens. However, BEUC has reservations regarding the proclaimed potential benefits and whether they would be at the expense of consumer protection, health, environmental, labour and safety standards in Europe.

The European Parliament's resolution of 2013 is in need of update. **TTIP negotiators need to receive a strong and revised message from this Parliament.**

We call on the European Parliament to adopt a resolution which would help secure a good TTIP deal for consumers. The well-being of consumers should be a benchmark in trade agreements.

BEUC calls on you to ensure protection for existing and future consumer rights by adopting a series of amendments improving the INTA report:

Financial services

Mis-sold and dodgy financial products have prompted losses for millions of EU households. Further opening our markets to American commercial players should not curtail our ability to ban financial products in future. This was reflected by the INTA vote and should be kept in the final resolution.

Data protection

BEUC supports the outcome of the INTA vote on data protection and stresses that no commitments on data flows should be taken before EU's data protection rules are updated and strengthened. We believe that data flows and data localisation should be excluded from the negotiations.

Food safety

The precautionary principle is an important pillar of EU's food laws. So is the EU'S 'farm to fork approach' and the consideration other legitimate factors than risk assessment in food policy making. Both points should be reflected in the final resolution.

Regulatory cooperation

Cooperation between EU and US regulators can be beneficial for consumers, but it's important to avoid risks of abuses and disproportionate costs. The European Parliament's resolution must discard any possibility of 'regulatory chill'.

Investor-State Dispute Settlement

BEUC calls on you to clearly oppose the inclusion of ISDS in TTIP even in revised form and to ask the Commission to explore viable alternatives of dispute settlement. TTIP is the opportunity to be innovative and get rid of an undemocratic system, which is too flawed to be fixed.

Transparency

Access to consolidated negotiation texts is essential to constructively assess the state-of-play of the negotiations.

