

TTIP –  
Concerns by European CSOs on food and farming

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European Commission, Communication on TTIP, 25 November 2013

“The strategic dimension of TTIP (impact on third countries and multilateral): We need to provide a clear, reasonable definition of the real strategic potential of TTIP. This is obviously more than just another FTA, if only because its scale. It’s bigger, broader and potentially deeper. **As a result it will allow the EU and the US to show leadership on world trade, setting global precedents (e.g. in regulatory areas) that can help form the basis for future global trade negotiations in new areas.....**”

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### **1- food safety standards under attack**

- EU approach looks at whole food chain ('farm to fork') and use of pesticide, hormones and chemicals
- EU precautionary principle applies to SPS measures on human, animal and plant health
- EU regulation on sustainable use of pesticides (pest control)
- Initiatives on safe chemicals
- EU seed law review – in parallel processes where trade logic now prevails

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### **2- food labeling weakening**

- EU Food Information for consumers regulations
- Labeling schemes on food additives
- GMO moratorium is a consumer choice in Europe ...  
but is considered a technical barriers to trade

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### **3- public procurement policies at risk**

- Promote and sustain local content and organic schemes (Eating cities)
- Promote and sustain development angle with public procurement (Fair Trade)
- Challenge to policies of European Social and Cohesion Fund

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### **4-sustainable agriculture undermined**

- Uphold multifunctionality in EU Common Agricultural Policy
- Keep farmers on the(ir) farms and land
- Promote local, diverse and site-specific ecological farming schemes
- Support short food chains, sustain close links with consumers
- Invest in closed nutrition cycles and soil quality
- Promote plant and seed diversity and agrobiodiversity
- Prevent factory farming
- Decrease dependency of feed and protein imports
- Reverse logic of “grow or go”
- Challenge unsustainable and excessive competition

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### **5-corporate rights and market concentration take over**

- We need better anti-trust regulations
- Counter prohibition to limit volumes of financial transactions of agribusiness increases concentration of corporate sector
- EU Green Paper on unfair trading practices in the business-to-business food and non-food supply chain in Europe
- Support “Beyond GDP” EU initiatives

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### **6-ISDS**

- There is a global rush on land for energy and agricultural raw material
- Increasing ISDS cases on land use changes and soil and water quality
- Chevron vs Ecuador on avoiding compliance on water and land contamination
- Lone Pine Res vs Canada on challenging fracking ban