

# TTIP update for Scottish activists

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We're keen to hear from you about whether this is useful to you – and if you have suggestions for improvements or additions. Please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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## Parliamentary Updates

### European Politics

#### Trade Commissioner proposes new Investment Court System to replace ISDS

Europe's trade commissioner, Cecelia Malmstrom has published her proposals for a reformed version of the corporate court system (ISDS) included in TTIP and other European trade deals. This was in response to the rejection of ISDS by European civil society in a consultation carried out last year, as well as a response to MEPs who voted in favour of a reformed version of ISDS at a plenary debate on TTIP earlier in the year.

Malmstrom's proposals have been dubbed 'ISDS-lite' and likened to 'putting lipstick on a pig'. [Read what we said about the proposals](#)

[Read more detail about Malmstrom's proposed Investment Court System](#)

#### European Parliament Trade Committee discusses Trade in Services Agreement

The European Parliament Trade Committee is currently discussing another of TTIP's 'ugly brothers' – TiSA – that is in the early stages of negotiation and that deals specifically with trade in services. The INTA (trade) Committee is due to consider a draft report on TiSA at their meeting on 15 October, and to vote on the report in early December. The report will then be considered by all MEPs at a plenary session early in 2016. [Read the INTA committee's working document on TiSA here](#)

### Scottish Politics

#### TTIP at Holyrood

TTIP was on the agenda at the European Committee meeting at the Scottish Parliament

during September. MSPs discussed the updated internal TTIP briefing they had received. They plan to keep TTIP on the agenda and continue to try and arrange meetings with the trade commissioner and Scottish MEPs in Brussels in the near future. [Read the Scottish Parliament TTIP update](#)

#### Scottish party conferences

Global Justice Now is holding fringe meetings on TTIP and CETA at the SNP and Scottish Green party conferences during October. And trade union Unite will be holding a similar fringe meeting at the Scottish Labour Party conference at the end of the month. The aim is to add pressure to both political parties to reject TTIP and CETA outright, and to include this in their manifestos for the Scottish Parliament elections next year. [A report in the Courier in early October](#) suggested that the Scottish Labour party maybe preparing to reject TTIP at their party conference.

### Westminster politics

#### Early Day Motion 146 on TTIP at Westminster

Thanks to the persistence of TTIP local activists, the St. Andrews TTIP Action Group in particular, EDM 146 that strongly opposes TTIP, has been signed by all 56 SNP MPs, and supported by Scottish Labour MP Ian Murray (who couldn't sign it due to parliamentary etiquette stopping ministers and shadow ministers from doing so). [There was an excellent article in the National about it.](#)

This shows clear concern about all aspects of TTIP by almost all Scottish MPs – and we hope that this will be taken into account when their parties formulate policy on this issue for the Scottish Parliament elections next year.

## **Westminster bill on international trade agreements**

Labour MP Geraint Davies has introduced a members' bill to the UK parliament that, if passed, would enable the parliament to debate and amend trade deals. The bill is called the International Trade Agreements (Scrutiny) Bill and its second reading will happen on 20 November. [Find out more about the bill here](#)

## **Activism**

### **International Day of Action on TTIP**

Protests and events across Europe, the US and Asia were organised for the week beginning 10 October in opposition to TTIP. In Berlin, a quarter of a million people were reported to have marched in protest against the trade deal. In London on 10 October, Global Justice Now, War on Want, Friends of the Earth and 38 degrees organised an anti-TTIP rally with an impressive line-up of speakers, that was jam packed with people. In Glasgow, Global Justice Glasgow and Scotland Against TTIP organised a photo stunt celebrating the three million people who've now signed the European petition against TTIP. Green MP Caroline Lucas and Green MSP Patrick Harvie came and gave their support. Well done to everyone who organised local events on the day.

### **Three million people sign the ECI petition opposing TTIP and CETA**

Great news that the Europe-wide petition opposing TTIP and CETA, that we have all worked so hard to collect signatures for this past year, has reached three million signatures. The petition was handed over to representatives from the European Commission in London on 7 October, exactly one year after we started collecting signatures. The 500,000 signatures collected from people resident in the UK was helped in no small amount by TTIP activists from across Scotland. Well done to everyone!

### **Introducing CETA – TTIP's ugly brother**

Although the campaign against Europe's new trade deals with the US and Canada has so far largely been focussed on TTIP, it is CETA – the deal between Canada and the EU – that is much closer to being finalised. The CETA negotiations are complete, but the European Parliament will not be voting on the final text until the middle of 2016.

Now that the ECI petition on TTIP and CETA has completed its year, Global Justice Now will be

raising awareness about CETA, 'TTIP's ugly brother'. [We have an e-action on our website for you to tell your MEPs to stop CETA.](#) We will also have postcards with the same demand for people to sign at stalls and other events.

If you would like more information about CETA, we have prepared a briefing. [Read it here](#) or [read our director Nick Dearden's article](#) in the Independent about CETA.

Global Justice Now has also organised a UK-wide speaker tour on CETA. The speakers include Maude Barlow from the Council of Canadians, and Yash Tandon, a Ugandan trade expert who has a book out on trade called 'Trade is War'. The Scottish date for the tour will be Sunday 1 November at the University of Dundee from 3pm. [For more information about the tour click here](#)

We have leaflets advertising the Dundee event. If you would like some, [please email Jane](#)

We also have a facebook event set up. If you are on social media please help us to advertise. [The facebook event is here](#)

### **TTIP lobbying trip to London**

Around the time you will be reading this, a group of TTIP activists from across Scotland will be heading to London to lobby their MPs on TTIP. Their trip has a packed itinerary which includes meeting Global Justice Now Director Nick Dearden, and a protest outside a secret arbitration court. At the last count, 16 people were making the trip from all over Scotland. Look out for Michael Gray's rolling coverage of the tour [on Commonsense](#)

### **Students Against TTIP**

Global Justice Now has helped to set up and coordinate a number of Stop TTIP student groups in England. [There is now a Students Against TTIP website](#) as well as some basic materials to advertise the network and individual groups. We're now beginning work on setting up some groups here in Scotland. If you have ideas about a group that could be set up in a University near you, [please get in touch with us](#)

### **Make Scotland a TTIP free zone**

We have heard of a number of new anti-TTIP motions being considered by Scottish local councils. Please keep in touch with us if you are talking to local councillors about putting down a motion. We'd like to add you to our map, as [there are not too many flags up in Scotland at the](#)

moment.

The website with briefing, poster and draft motion is at: [www.ttippfreezone.org.uk](http://www.ttippfreezone.org.uk)

We can also send you a TTIP free zone campaigners' pack which includes badges, bookmarks and posters to help with your street campaigning. [Email Jane](#) if you want a pack. We are also very happy to support you to lobby your local council about this. Just email us if you need help taking this forward.

### **Join us in Paris to protest at the UN climate summit**

If TTIP is voted through, strong action by governments to tackle climate change will become harder to carry out. The corporate lobbying that is ensuring TTIP is a good deal for big business, will also be evident in Paris at the UN climate negotiations this December. TTIP campaigners are part of the international movement for climate justice, and that's why it would be great if any Scottish TTIP activists could join the Global Justice Now and Friends of the Earth campaigners from Scotland and the rest of the UK, in Paris.

If you would like to travel with us, there are two options from Scotland. Friends of the Earth Scotland have organised a bus that leaves from Edinburgh at dinner time on Thursday 10 December and returns at midnight the following Sunday/Monday morning. Alternatively, Global Justice Now have block-booked a train that leaves from London on Friday 11 December and returns on the Sunday. Basic accommodation options are also included in the price. The cost of travel and accommodation for both options is around £130, though if you are getting the train from London you will also have the cost of getting to London to include. [Click here to find out more about the train option](#) or to [find out about going by bus from Edinburgh click here](#).

Global Justice Now also has a limited number of subsidised places for young people (under 30) who are unwaged. If you would like a subsidised place, or would like to find out more, [please email Jane](#).

## **Materials**

### **CETA briefing**

[www.globaljustice.org.uk/resources/ceta-ttipp-ugly-brother](http://www.globaljustice.org.uk/resources/ceta-ttipp-ugly-brother)

### **TTIP local groups flyer**

This non-branded flyer has been produced specifically for local groups to use to help them publicise their local group and local action on TTIP.

If you would like us to send some of these flyers to you, [please email us](#) or phone 0131 243 2730.

### **NoTTIP Times, edition 3**

[Please contact Jane](#) and we will send you some copies. [Look at the third edition online here](#)

### **Briefing on how TTIP might impact Scotland**

[TTIP: The new EU-US trade deal that puts Scottish democracy in danger](#)

### **TTIP banners**

Banners are both 4m x 1.2m and are lightweight, with eyelets on each corner. One says 'No to TTIP, stop the corporate power grab' and the other says 'Scotland against TTIP'. If you'd like to borrow either, please [email Jane](#) at Global Justice Now.

## **Local TTIP groups across Scotland**

[Stop TTIP Aberdeen](#)

[Stop TTIP Dundee](#)

[Stop TTIP Edinburgh](#)

[Global Justice Glasgow](#) (who do regular TTIP actions, linking in with 38 degrees and the trade unions)

[Stop TTIP-Highlands](#)

[St. Andrews TTIP Action Group](#)

[Stop TTIP Orkney](#) (no facebook page)

[Scotland Against TTIP](#)

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## **Take action**

To find out how you can help tackle corporate power and become part of a movement for real change visit [www.globaljustice.org.uk](http://www.globaljustice.org.uk) or call 0131 2432730.



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