

EU trade with Trump would undermine international climate commitments

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Three years ago, widespread protests took place across Europe against a planned trade deal between the EU and the US. It was eventually halted. In order to avoid President Trump slapping tariffs on imports of EU-made cars, EU governments are now planning to agree terms to start negotiating a new transatlantic trade deal.

EU and national decision makers have stated that the EU will only negotiate trade deals with countries signed up to the Paris Agreement. Trump has declared that he will take the USA out of it.

Thousands of citizens – especially school children – are currently marching in the streets demanding immediate action from decision makers on climate change.

European decision makers need to listen to the citizens they serve, and show the world that the EU takes the Paris Agreement seriously. There should be no negotiations with countries that show neither ambition nor action on climate change and environmental protection.

Global commitments towards stopping climate change must come before the interests of the EU car lobby. Hard-won standards that protect people and the planet should come before trade deals.

As a minimum, EU decision makers must keep their word, uphold the Paris Agreement and not mandate new trade negotiations with the USA.

But the situation is urgent, and they must go further.

As civil society groups, we call on the European Commission, national governments and EU parliamentarians to use every political and financial tool at their disposal to speedily and justly end the fossil fuel age now. We must avoid the chaos, droughts and rising tides of 1.5 degrees or more of global warming, and bring about a safer, fairer, and cleaner Europe.

Signatories

International groups: 350.org, Foodwatch, Global Legal Action Network, GRAIN, Greenpeace, Health and Trade Network, Stay Grounded

European groups: CAN Europe, Change Partnership, ClientEarth, Corporate Europe Observatory, European Environmental Bureau, Friends of the Earth Europe, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP) Europe, Slow Food Europe

National groups

Austria Attac Österreich

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Cyprus Friends of the Earth Cyprus

Denmark NOAH Friends of the Earth Denmark

England, Wales and Northern Ireland Friends of the Earth England, Wales and Northern Ireland

Finland TTIP Network Finland- TTIP-verkosto

France 350.org France, ActionAid France - Peuples Solidaires, Aitec, Alofa tuvalu, Altern'Info, Amis de la Terre France (Friends of the Earth France), Attac France, BLOOM, CCFD-Terre Solidaire, Collectif relais d'informations et actions citoyennes (Isère), Collectif Stop Tafta Attac en Velay, Collectif Stop Tafta St Quentin, Confédération paysanne, Ensemble!28, Fondation Nicolas Hulot, Les Amis du Monde Diplomatique, Ligue des Droits de l'Homme de Toulouse, Réseau Action Climat – France, Réseau Foi & Justice Afrique Europe, Sherpa, SumOfUs, Touche pas à mon schiste, Union syndicale Solidaires, Veblen Institute

Germany Arbeitsgemeinschaft bäuerliche Landwirtschaft (AbL), BUND (Friends of the Earth Germany), Health and Environment Justice Support, Netzwerk Gerechter Welthandel, PowerShift e.V.

Greece Naturefriends

Hungary MTVSZ/Friends of the Earth Hungary, Védjegylet Egyesület

Ireland An Cláíomh Glas, Comhlámh Action for Global Justice, Community Work Ireland, Irish Cattle and Sheep Farmers Association Ireland, Keep Ireland Fracking Free, The Environmental Pillar,

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Malta Friends of the Earth Malta

Romania Lubim Natura

Slovenia Umanotera

Spain Amigos de la Tierra España, Argentinos en España, Asamblea de Andalucía (AdA), Asociación de Permacultura ATTA, ATTAC España, Campaña "No a los Tratados de Comercio e Inversión", Campaña Catalunya No als Tractats de Comerç i Inversió, Confederación Intersindical, DiEM25, Ecologistas en Acción, Entrepueblos/Entrepobles/Entrepobos/Herriarte, Federación Provincial de Sindicatos de la Confederación General del Trabajo de Sevilla, Fundación Mundubat, Lafede.cat - Organitzacions per a la Justícia Global, Medicus Mundi España, Movimiento Apostolico Seglar, Plataforma Auditoría Ciudadana Deuda PACD Sevilla, Plataforma de Sevilla No a los TCI, SETEM MCM, Sindicato Andaluz de Trabajadores/as, Unión General de Trabajadores (UGT)

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The Netherlands Both ENDS, Milieudefensie, Platform Aarde Boer Consument, Platform Duurzame en Solidaire Economie, TTIP, CETA and agriculture coalition, WILPF NL

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