

# Free Trade: European Civil Society rejects TTIP, CETA and TISA

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**Saturday October 11 saw an extraordinary mobilization success. Over 400 actions were organized in 20 European countries to reject the secret trade deals that the EU is negotiating (TTIP, CETA and TiSA).**

Democracy and the environment will not be traded away!

On October 11, 2014, tens of thousands of people and hundreds of organisations in 21 countries organised actions to reclaim democracy, and stop the negotiations on three far-reaching trade agreements: the EU-US deal (TTIP), the EU-Canada deal (CETA) and the trade in services deal (TiSA).

This decentralised European Day of Action - consisting of over 400 actions, marches, meetings and flash mobs - was organised by an unprecedented alliance of civil society groups and individuals, social movements, trade unions, rights defenders, farmers and grassroots activist groups.

They were determined to put the environment and people's rights before corporate interests, which is what these agreements are meant to serve.

In many places, the actions to stop TTIP, CETA and TiSA converged with the global day of action against fracking ('Global Frackdown').

At the same time the ECI (European Citizens Initiative) promoted by different civil society organizations to stop the TTIP negotiations counts already with more than half a million signatures. (Link to add your signature).

Under the frame of the European Day of Action TNI co-organized with other Dutch civil society organizations a rally in Amsterdam. A Trojan horse was built as a symbol of the many negative effects related with TTIP despite its supposedly beneficial aspects.

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*For an overview of protests across Europe, see*

<http://www.stop-TTIP-ceta-tisa.eu/>

*For a list of supporting groups, see*

<http://www.stop-ttip-ceta-tisa.eu/en/group-page/supporting-groups-2/>

*For a collection of pictures from the Day of Action, see*

<http://www.stop-ttip-ceta-tisa.eu/en/gallery/nggallery/11th-october/11th-october/>

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\* <http://www.tni.org/article/european-civil-society-rejects-ttip-ceta-and-tisa>

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