

# CETA - links to references - an ongoing collation by Henry Adams

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**CETA = COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC AND TRADE AGREEMENT – between the EU and Canada**

CETA text 29feb16 as pdf c.1598pp [http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2016/february/tradoc\\_154329.pdf](http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2016/february/tradoc_154329.pdf)  
[http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2014/september/tradoc\\_152806.pdf](http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2014/september/tradoc_152806.pdf)

Warning: no 'contents' section in it!

Also: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52016PC0470>

Here's a [TABLE OF CONTENTS provided by the government of Canada](#) – with links.

**NB:** CETA final text still contains a version of **ISDS** (ICS-compatible), which means that:

**NB:** Tens of Thousands of U.S. Firms Would Obtain New Powers to Launch Investor-State Attacks against European Policies via CETA and TTIP: 81 Percent of U.S. Firms in the EU Could Launch ISDS Attacks with CETA Alone; U.S. Corporations Are the Most Aggressive Users of the ISDS Regime – Public Citizen  
<http://www.citizen.org/documents/EU-ISDS-liability.pdf> & [EU-Canada CETA trade deal is a back door for US to sue EU - even if TTIP fails](#)

See page 3 for CETA references in reverse chronological order. Below and p.2 I select some of the many useful ones.

I have a separate pdf of references on ICS / ISDS here: <http://www.dragonfly1.plus.com/ISDS-ICS-refs-links.pdf>

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**ACTIONS:** After 15feb17 vote: urge MPs to push for debate on CETA on "the floor" of Parliament.

And GJN have a new action re existing BITs to try and remove ISDS: [www.globaljustice.org.uk](http://www.globaljustice.org.uk)

**Write to your MEPs before they vote on CETA on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – or PHONE** with help from SumOfUs

Here's some help: [www.dragonfly1.plus.com/HelpStopCETA-forSLACttnewsletterFeb2017.pdf](http://www.dragonfly1.plus.com/HelpStopCETA-forSLACttnewsletterFeb2017.pdf)

My letter to Labour MEPs: [www.dragonfly1.plus.com/ToLabourMEPs-fromHA-reCETA.pdf](http://www.dragonfly1.plus.com/ToLabourMEPs-fromHA-reCETA.pdf)

I focus mainly on climate and the ICS-ISDS. For other reasons against CETA try e.g.

**12 reasons the Green/EFA Group is opposed to CETA:** <http://ttip2016.eu/blog/id-12-reasons-the-greenefa-group-are-opposed-to-ceta.html> and/or from GJN: [5 reasons \(re climate\) pdf](#) or 10 reasons: <http://www.globaljustice.org.uk/blog/2016/nov/17/ten-reasons-why-canada-eu-trade-deal-ceta-must-be-stopped>

Or try the graphic below, or the references listed below:

## 8 reasons to say "no" to CETA:

**1:**

CETA empowers corporations to sue governments over measures to protect the environment, health & workers

**2:**

CETA threatens public services

**3:**

CETA increases inequality

**4:**

CETA's labour & environmental protections cannot be effectively enforced

**5:**

CETA makes Canada and the EU more vulnerable to financial crises

**6:**

CETA undermines efforts to boost sustainable agriculture

**7:**

CETA endangers the right to privacy & data protection

**8:**

CETA hampers much needed policy-making in the public interest



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@MJRodriguesEU The @CNCDDH says #CETA "sacrifices human rights for commercial interests". Say no to this regressive deal! #CETATuesday

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### More action help:

More help re phoning your MEP: <https://stop-ttip.org/blog/call-mep-ceta/>

And: <http://www.globaljustice.org.uk/stop-ceta-phone-your-mep-now#questions>

And: <http://www.campaigncc.org/ceta>

Do CETA check: <https://stop-ttip.org/cetacheck/>

<http://www.campaigncc.org/campaigning/rightsanddemocracy>

The strong case against ICS/ISDS: [www.bit.ly/ICSISDS](http://www.bit.ly/ICSISDS)

[http://www.dragonfly1.plus.com/The\\_strong\\_case\\_against\\_ICs-ISDS\\_-\\_Autumn2016update\\_by\\_HenryAdams.pdf](http://www.dragonfly1.plus.com/The_strong_case_against_ICs-ISDS_-_Autumn2016update_by_HenryAdams.pdf)

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Here's **War on Want's** summary of CETA: <http://www.waronwant.org/what-ceta> and pdf. WonW's May2016 briefing: <http://www.waronwant.org/resources/toxic-ceta> & WonW's Mark Dearn's punchy article:

**We're about to sign a deal with Canada that's just as bad as TTIP and could increase inequality across the whole of Europe** - The Independent <http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/ceta-canada-deal-eu-brexiteurope-ttip-justin-trudeau-barack-obama-increase-inequality-across-a7482961.html>

Nov2016 **The great CETA swindle** <https://corporateeurope.org/sites/default/files/attachments/great-ceta-swindle.pdf>

Linda Kaucher's Spring 2016 briefing on CETA is appended, or at least a summary of it by her.

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## **Making Sense of CETA - 2<sup>nd</sup> edition - An analysis of the final text of the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement – PowerShift (Berlin) & Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives**

[https://power-shift.de/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Making-sense-of-CETA\\_22092016.pdf](https://power-shift.de/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Making-sense-of-CETA_22092016.pdf) 82pp

"Making Sense of CETA – 2nd edition Published by PowerShift, CCPA et al., Berlin/Ottawa, 2016 This report is available free of charge at <https://power-shift.de/making-sense-of-ceta-en/> and at [www.policyalternatives.ca](http://www.policyalternatives.ca) Publishers PowerShift – Verein für eine ökologisch-solidarische Energie- & Weltwirtschaft e.V. Greifswalder Str. 4 (Haus der Demokratie & Menschenrechte), 10405 Berlin Tel.: +49-(0)30-42805479 Email: Peter.Fuchs@power-shift.de <http://power-shift.de> Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) Suite 500, 251 Bank Street, Ottawa, ON, K2P 1X3 Canada [www.policyalternatives.ca](http://www.policyalternatives.ca) ... - <https://www.policyalternatives.ca/publications/reports/making-sense-ceta-2016> 22sep16.

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Michael Efler, More Democracy e. V.

p.59 11 – Free trade or climate protection - pdf [http://www.foeeurope.org/sites/default/files/eu-us\\_trade\\_deal/2016/11\\_free\\_trade\\_or\\_climate\\_protection.pdf](http://www.foeeurope.org/sites/default/files/eu-us_trade_deal/2016/11_free_trade_or_climate_protection.pdf)

Summary: [http://www.foeeurope.org/sites/default/files/eu-us\\_trade\\_deal/2016/02\\_executive\\_summary.pdf](http://www.foeeurope.org/sites/default/files/eu-us_trade_deal/2016/02_executive_summary.pdf)

**CETA: Trading away democracy** - HOW CETA'S INVESTOR PROTECTION RULES COULD RESULT IN A BOOM OF INVESTOR CLAIMS AGAINST CANADA AND THE EU – September 2016 – A Joint Publication, September 2016 (20 pages). Written by Pia Eberhardt et al. *Excellent report.*

<http://www.bothends.org/en/Publications/document/173/CETA-Trading-away-democracy>

[http://www.bothends.org/uploaded\\_files/document/CETA-Trading\\_Away\\_Democracy-2016en.pdf](http://www.bothends.org/uploaded_files/document/CETA-Trading_Away_Democracy-2016en.pdf)

- highlights the ICS-ISDS in CETA. Excellent summary page of dangers e.g. Canadian mining companies in EU e.g. Gabriel Resources – Romania case. *Quotes:*

**Chevron argues that the mere existence of ISDS is important as it acts as a deterrent.** - EU Commission official about a meeting with Chevron on ISDS, 29th April 2014

**It's a lobbying tool in the sense that you can go in and say, 'Ok, if you do this, we will be suing you for compensation.'** [...]

**It does change behaviour in certain cases.** - Peter Kirby, law firm Fasken Martineau, on investor-state arbitration

**This doesn't change anything because the standards on the basis of which judgements are rendered remain the same.** -

Nigel Blackaby, arbitration lawyer with Freshfields on the EU's ICS proposal.

Published by Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO), Transnational Institute, Powershift, the Council of Canadians, Védegylet Egyesület, War on Want, Umanotera, Friends of the Earth Europe (FoEE), Quebec Network on Continental Integration (RQIC), Forum Umwelt und Entwicklung, Global Justice Now (GJN), European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU), Association Internationale de techniciens, Experts et Chercheurs (AITEC), Attac Austria, LobbyControl, Vienna Chamber of Labour (AK Vienna), Afrika Kontakt, Ecologistas en Acción, Instytut Globalnej Odpowiedzialności (IGO), Both Ends, Nature Friends Greece, Centre national de coopération au développement (CNCD-11.11.11) and Attac France.

**CETA puts your food safety at risk** – joint briefing pdf by 13+ NGOs

<http://canadians.org/sites/default/files/publications/summary-ceta-food-safety-english.pdf>

9nov16 **CETA: the EU-Canada free trade agreement** - Commons Library briefing - UK Parliament

<http://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-7492>

**The right to say no: EU–Canada trade agreement threatens fracking bans** by Pia Eberhardt, Timothé Feodoroff, Emma Lui, Cecilia Olivet and Stuart Trew <https://corporateeurope.org/sites/default/files/publications/ceta-fracking-briefing.pdf> May 2013 briefing pdf

**Unravelling CETA** – “This website and the campaign “Unravelling CETA” have been launched by MEPs of the Progressive Caucus of the European Parliament.” <http://www.unravellingceta.eu/homepage/> Useful – e.g.:

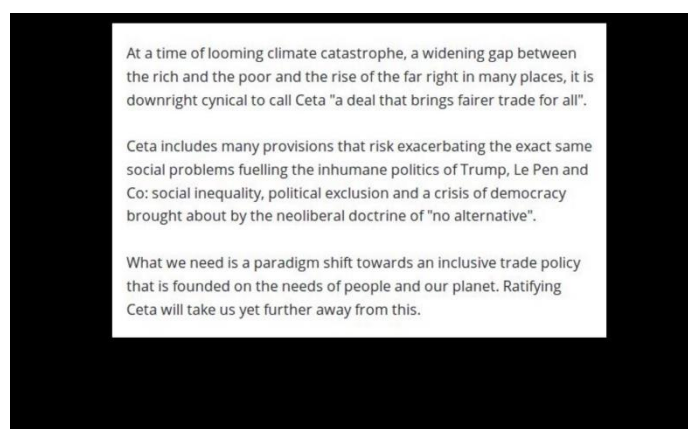
**CETA, climate change, energy and environment** - Unravelling CETA

<http://www.unravellingceta.eu/ceta-climate-change-energy-and-environment/>

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**NB: European Parliament's plenary vote on CETA is tabled for Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

(It's simply a yes/no binary vote with no scope allowed for amendments or votes on part of it e.g. the ICS/ISDS)



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Unfair EU-Canada trade deal is wrong response to Trump [euobserver.com/opinion/136857](http://euobserver.com/opinion/136857) We need a paradigm shift, people & the planet first! #CETA [pic.twitter.com/4NJWIoCBX](https://twitter.com/4NJWIoCBX)

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**References below are in reverse chronological order, most recent at top:**

Many refs are related to events. Other refs - marked \*\*\* are some of the assessments of CETA.

24feb17 **CETA enables giants in agriculture** - bilaterals.org <http://www.bilaterals.org/?ceta-enables-giants-in-agriculture>

22feb17 **Leftist French lawmakers take CETA to Constitutional Council** – EurActiv.com  
<http://www.euractiv.com/section/elections/news/leftist-french-mps-take-ceta-to-constitutional-council/> **“More than 100 French MPs decided yesterday (21 February) to appeal to the country’s Constitutional Council to block a contentious free trade deal between the European Union and Canada.**

Supporters of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) say it will boost economic growth and jobs on both sides of the Atlantic. But opponents say it will lead to a race to the bottom in labour and environmental standards and allow multinational corporations to dictate public policy.

In a statement, 106 leftist members of France’s National Assembly said the accord implied a transfer of sovereignty by signatory countries “beyond what they agreed upon in favour of the EU”. ...” ...

22feb17 **French leftist lawmakers take EU-Canada free trade deal to court** - Business - CBC News  
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/business/france-politicians-ceta-court-1.3992674>

16feb17 **CETA: what happened in Strasbourg and what’s next** – Guy Taylor - Global Justice Now  
<http://www.globaljustice.org.uk/blog/2017/feb/16/ceta-what-happened-strasbourg-and-whats-next>  
Shows voting choices by UK MEPs on 15feb.

15feb17 EP plenary today voted by a majority in favour of CETA:

Of a total of 695 MEPs: **408 for, 254 against, 33 abstentions.**

For who voted what: Click [VoteWatch Europe - EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement](#)  
CETA was approved because S&D (“socialists”) – including UK Labour - were split. “All French socialists voted against CETA, while German MEPs were largely in favour.”- Georgi Gotev - Euractiv.

Reactions by GJN, WonW, CEO:

15feb17 **'Toxic' trade deal CETA passed by European parliament despite widespread public opposition** - Global Justice Now <http://www.globaljustice.org.uk/news/2017/feb/15/toxic-trade-deal-ceta-passed-european-parliament-despite-widespread-public>

15feb17 **CETA trade deal approved but 'future far from certain'** - War On Want  
<http://www.waronwant.org/media/ceta-trade-deal-approved-future-far-certain>

15feb17 **CETA approval in EU Parliament sinks corporate hooks into European democracy** - Corporate Europe Observatory (Pia Eberhardt et al.) <https://corporateeurope.org/pressreleases/2017/02/ceta-approval-eu-parliament-sinks-corporate-hooks-european-democracy>

15feb17 **CETA: backward step for the environment, global inequalities and workers' rights** - Friends of the Earth Europe - FoE Europe <http://www.foeeurope.org/CETA-backward-step-for-the-environment-and-global-inequalities>

15feb17 **Rule of law shunned as CETA deal approved in European Parliament** - ClientEarth  
<http://www.clientearth.org/rule-law-shunned-ceta-deal-approved-european-parliament/>

15feb17 **EU parliament approves landmark CETA free-trade deal with Canada** – Harry Cockburn, The Independent <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/europe/eu-parliament-canada-free-trade-deal-approve-vote-strasbourg-nafta-ttip-a7581156.html>

15feb17 **Europe Pushes Ahead with Controversial Canadian Trade Deal, Opens Door for Tar Sands** – Christine Ottery - DeSmog UK <https://www.desmog.uk/2017/02/15/Europe-Pushes-Ahead-Controversial-Canadian-Trade-Deal>

15feb17 **CETA: backward step for the environment, global inequalities and workers' rights** – EPSU (& FoEE) <http://www.epsu.org/article/ceta-backward-step-environment-global-inequalities-and-workers-rights#pq=PttxnT> **“Fabian Flues, Trade Campaigner for Friends of the Earth Europe said: "This trade deal is a backward step in dealing with some of the world's most pressing issues. It is a deal that puts profit before people by giving unacceptable rights to corporations to sue our governments for billions. Instead of helping to address the growing inequality, runaway climate change and the over-exploitation of people and natural resource, CETA will make it even harder to tackle them."”**

15feb17 **After Parliament approval, final ratification could still put CETA in legal limbo** - Catherine Stupp – EurActiv <http://www.euractiv.com/section/trade-society/news/after-parliament-approval-final-ratification->

[could-still-put-ceta-in-legal-limbo/](#) ““Small reminder: Wallonia will not ratify CETA unless all of our conditions are met,” the Walloon leader tweeted after the European Parliament approved the agreement this afternoon.”

UK MEPs votes:

Nick Dearden wrote: “27 British MEPs voted in favour of it, although 22 did reject it.”

Mark Dearn: “Labour MEPs voting on [#CETA](#) today: 10 against, 2 abstentions, 7 for. (One on maternity leave.)”

NE Labour MEPs: Judie Kirton-Darling & Paul Brannen both against CETA: <http://www.northeastlabour.eu/north-east-labour-meps-will-oppose-ceta-trade-deal>

NW Labour MEPs: Julie Ward – voted against. Others:

Theresa Griffin NE voted NO: <http://theresagriffin.eu/open-letter-to-my-north-west-constituents-on-ceta/>

Afzal Khan NE voted NO: <https://twitter.com/akhanmep/status/831800399833264128>

Green MEPs all against CETA. We can assume all Tory MEPs voted for CETA (those that turned up). UKIP: see [GJN link here & read comments below it](#).

Cf with 14&15feb17 EP pro-CETA: **Ceta: creating opportunities for EU businesses in Canada** - News - European Parliament <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/news-room/20170206STO61384/ceta-creating-opportunities-for-eu-businesses-in-canada>

13feb17 **By signing CETA with Justin Trudeau, the EU isn't undermining Donald Trump – they're helping him –**

Nick Dearden – Director of GJN - The Independent <http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/ceta-canada-eu-trudeau-trump-trade-deal-ttip-helps-trump-a7577246.html>

14feb17 **A vote against CETA would reset Europe's trade agenda** – EurActiv.com

<http://www.euractiv.com/section/trade-society/opinion/a-vote-against-ceta-would-reset-europes-trade-agenda/> Authors: *Magda Stoczkiewicz is the director of Friends of the Earth Europe. Jan Willem Gourdiaan is General Secretary at the European Federation of Public Services Unions (EPSU).*

14feb17 **CETA: Labour under pressure to reject EU-Canada trade deal** - Zachary Davies Boren - Energydesk <http://energydesk.greenpeace.org/2017/02/14/ceta-vote-labour-union-letter/>

**CETA & WATER: Potential impacts of CETA on water and water services** <http://europeanwater.org/european-water-resources/reports-publications/704-potential-impacts-of-ceta-on-water-and-water-services>

**ISDS: Canadian company Gabriel Resources uses ISDS to sue Romania so as to mine for gold there, against the will of locals:** <https://corporateeurope.org/international-trade/2017/02/gold-digging-investor-state-lawsuits>

14feb17 **CETA: Justin Trudeau criticised for refusing to debate with MEPs** - The Parliament Magazine

<https://www.theparliamentmagazine.eu/articles/news/ceta-justin-trudeau-criticised-refusing-debate-meps>

10feb17 **Unfair EU-Canada trade deal is wrong response to Trump** – Pia Eberhardt

<https://euobserver.com/opinion/136857>

10feb17 **A Canada-Style Trade Deal With The EU Will Be Bad For Britain** – Frances O'Grady - The Huffington Post

[http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/frances-o-grady/brexit-deal-ceta\\_b\\_14672422.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/frances-o-grady/brexit-deal-ceta_b_14672422.html) via John Hilary tweet.

8feb17 UK Parl surprise quiet vote on CETA:

<https://www.politicshome.com/news/uk/political-parties/labour-party/news/83188/labour-mps-snub-barry-gardiner-back-eucanada-trade> Refers to:

<https://www.politicshome.com/news/uk/political-parties/labour-party/news/83179/excl-fresh-labour-turmoil-barry-gardiner-tries>

**Hansard gives the voting results on CETA here:** Division 151, Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement (CETA) between the EU and Canada - Hansard Online

[https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2017-02-08/division/8688DFBA-3EC1-4132-ADEB-BBAEABCE01BA/ComprehensiveEconomicTradeAgreement\(CETA\)BetweenTheEUAndCanada?outputType=Party](https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2017-02-08/division/8688DFBA-3EC1-4132-ADEB-BBAEABCE01BA/ComprehensiveEconomicTradeAgreement(CETA)BetweenTheEUAndCanada?outputType=Party)

Hugely disappointing to see the large number of Labour MPs who voted in favour of this anti-progressive, anti-social-values, pro-corporate deal.

Interesting that none of the LibDem MPs voted. This is a relief, because FTA's such as CETA that liberalize business have liberalizing aspects that fit with Liberal ideology, but CETA de-liberalizes people, citizens, democracy, by constraining what we can do against corporate desires which focus on profit above all other aims and values. Maybe our campaigning against the ICS/ISDS to Tim Farron and other LD MEPs has had a good effect here.

7feb17 Geraint Davies: **Fox's secretive Tory trade deals put health and human rights at risk** – Geraint Davies MP LabourList <http://labourlist.org/2017/02/geraint-davies-liam-foxs-secretive-tory-trade-deals-put-our-health-and-human-rights-at-risk/> refers to CETA too.

### **UK Gov denies Parliament a plenary debate on CETA:**

Geraint Davies MP on CETA: <http://www.globaljustice.org.uk/blog/2017/feb/7/secret-ceta-vote-cut-dark-wont-stop-bleeding>

Barry Gardiner MP on CETA:

[http://www.barrygardiner.com/barry\\_challenges\\_the\\_government\\_to\\_allow\\_parliament\\_to\\_debate\\_ceta](http://www.barrygardiner.com/barry_challenges_the_government_to_allow_parliament_to_debate_ceta)  
[http://www.barrygardiner.com/barry\\_challenges\\_the\\_government\\_to\\_allow\\_parliament\\_to\\_debate\\_ceta](http://www.barrygardiner.com/barry_challenges_the_government_to_allow_parliament_to_debate_ceta)

2feb17 **EU-CANADA TRADE AND INVESTMENT DEAL THREATENS EU CHEMICAL POLICIES** - POSITION PAPER BY THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW (CIEL)

<https://tradinghealthforprofit.files.wordpress.com/2017/02/ciel-2017-ceta-and-chemicals.pdf> from which I quote:

**INTRODUCTION** One of the main purposes of the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) is to reduce non-tariff barriers to trade.<sup>1</sup> The question is whether it is in the EU's interest to reduce barriers that are caused by a difference in regulatory approach. In the area of environmental health, where the EU provides a higher level of protection,<sup>2</sup> it is only in the EU's interest to reduce regulatory barriers if the EU can maintain the same level of protection. However, Canada's views on trade barriers with the EU, the standards in CETA, and the processes set up by CETA suggest that the agreement would lead to deregulation, rather than setting high transAtlantic standards. Through CETA, Canada and Canadian companies will gain new avenues to invalidate the EU's more precautionary approach. 1 European Commission (January 2017) "CETA explained" <http://ec.europa.eu/trade/policy/in-focus/ceta/cetaexplained/> 2 The Canadian Environmental Law Association (January 2007) "European and Canadian Environmental Law: Best Practices and Opportunities for Co-operation" at p. v [http://www.cela.ca/sites/cela.ca/files/555\\_EU.pdf](http://www.cela.ca/sites/cela.ca/files/555_EU.pdf) 2

**1. CANADA'S OPPOSITION TO EU ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

**REGULATIONS** Canadian exporters have cited EU health and safety standards as a primary barrier to trade<sup>3</sup> and Canada has repeatedly complained about the European Commission's regulations related to environmental health. For example, for more than a decade, Canada complained over 20 times about REACH — among the world's most ambitious systems to limit our exposure to dangerous substances — at the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT) Committee.<sup>4</sup> Moreover, over the past two years, Canada has raised concerns against the EU approach to endocrine disruptors at every single meeting of the TBT Committee.<sup>5</sup> Endocrine disruptors, or EDCs, are harmful chemicals that disrupt our endocrine system. They have been linked to a wide range of diseases, including cancer, birth defects and other developmental disorders.<sup>6</sup> They are conservatively estimated to cost Europeans more than €160 billion each year in additional health expenses.<sup>7</sup> According to Canada, if the EU takes a precautionary approach to regulating endocrine disruptors, this will be an unnecessary barrier to trade, in violation of WTO commitments, which are mirrored in CETA. 8 ...

\*\*\* EP plenary vote on 15 February on CETA: Joint briefing from the European Trade Union Federations - EPSU.

<http://www.epsu.org/article/ep-plenary-vote-15-february-ceta-joint-briefing-european-trade-union-federations> - a useful list with summaries.

6feb17 Parliamentlive.tv - European Committee B

<http://www.parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/d79b3ceb-dc47-4050-98b9-985f460936a7> Monday 6 February 2017 Meeting started at 4.30pm, ended 6.49pm

24jan16 Today @EP\_Trade gave its approval to #CETA by 25 votes for to 15 against, with 1 abstention:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/news/en/news-room/20170124IPR59704/ceta-trade-committee-meps-back-eu-canada-agreement> EU Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmstrom tweeted:

**Cecilia Malmström** @MalmstromEU 5h5 hours ago I welcome the strong support for #CETA in @EP\_Trade vote this morning. CETA is a modern, progressive agreement with close partner and friend

I replied: **Henry Adams** @henryadamsUK 4h4 hours ago .@MalmstromEU @EP\_Trade CETA is definitely NOT "progressive" - or have you re-defined "progressive"?

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/henryadams/32497745535/in/datetaken-public/lightbox/> ... #CETA

In reply to **Cecilia Malmström**

**Henry Adams** @henryadamsUK 4h4 hours ago .@MalmstromEU @EP\_Trade Your "close partner and friend" gave go-ahead to #CETA-protected #tarsands expansion, so undermining #ParisAgreement

**Henry Adams** @henryadamsUK 4h4 hours ago .@MalmstromEU @EP\_Trade Report: Why new tar sands pipelines are incompatible w/ Paris goals <http://priceofoil.org/2017/01/19/climate-on-the-line-why-new-tar-sands-pipelines-are-incompatible-with-the-paris-goals/> ... #CETA protects #tarsands

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**EPHA calls on INTA Committee to reject CETA** - EPHA <https://epha.org/epha-calls-on-inta-committee-to-reject-ceta/?platform=hootsuite> "...The European Public Health Alliance (EPHA) would like to express its deep concerns

regarding the draft recommendation of the INTA committee on the conclusion of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)[1]

The draft recommendation suggests giving consent to the conclusion of CETA, which does not ensure policy coherence between trade and health. I would therefore like to draw your attention to our recent publication 'The Unhealthy Side Effects of CETA'[2] which identifies 12 ways, supported by 6 case studies, how CETA could undermine good health. These points are summarised below. In a nutshell, CETA has the potential to undermine good health by opening the door for businesses to challenge public health laws, limiting policy choices for Services of General Interest (social, healthcare, education, water), promoting tobacco, alcohol and unhealthy food and ignoring the global health threat of antimicrobial resistance. ..."

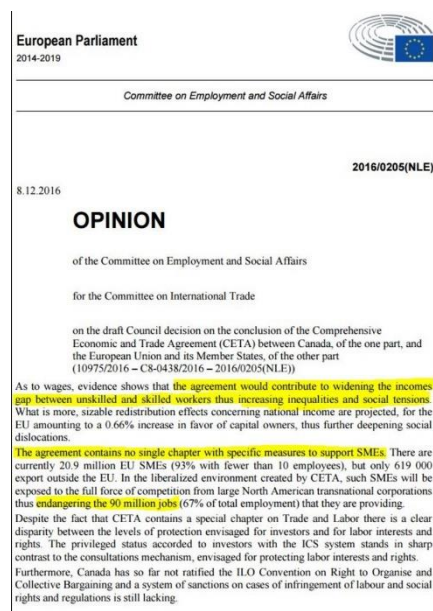
23jan17 **The CETA Deception 2.0: How the Trudeau government is misrepresenting CETA** - The Council of Canadians <http://canadians.org/ceta-deception> via LK.

19jan17 **Liam Fox and the worst secret trade stitch up you've never heard of** – **Molly Scott-Cato MEP**

openDemocracy <https://www.opendemocracy.net/molly-scott-cato/taking-back-control-secret-stitch-ups-have-already-started-in-mays-global-britain>

12&14jan17 **European lawmakers vote to pursue tar sands oil friendly trade deal with Canada** - bilaterals.org

Source Desmog UK 12jan17 (Mat Hope) <http://www.bilaterals.org/?european-lawmakers-vote-to-pursue>



12jan17 **European Lawmakers Vote to Pursue Tar Sands Oil Friendly Trade Deal with Canada** - DeSmog UK – Mat Hope <https://www.desmog.uk/2017/01/12/meps-vote-pursue-tar-sands-friendly-trade-deal-canada>

12jan17 **ENVI Committee votes on CETA: Money has Trumped the Environment** – Matthew Read, Stop TTIP Stop TTIP <https://stop-ttip.org/blog/envi-committee-vote-money-has-trumped-the-environment/>

“In a big blow to the people and the planet, the European Parliament’s Environmental Committee (officially: the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee or “ENVI”) voted to give their consent to CETA this morning. From the 68 committee members, 40 voted in favour of the EU-Canada trade deal and 24 against. While this is only one of the many committees in the European Parliament, it is the second largest and **offers a foreshadowing as to how the main plenary vote might play out** on February 14.

A worrying conclusion from this vote is that it comes from a committee that should be the **most cautious and diligent of them all**. In the end, what is more important than the health and safety of the citizens they represent? Members of ENVI are responsible for protecting us

against toxic chemicals, hormone-ridden beef, hidden GMOs and all of the other harmful substances entering the market. When ENVI fails to do its job, EU citizens are fully exposed to the cheapest and dirtiest production methods around.

Through “regulatory cooperation” and investor privileges, CETA is an **all-out assault on many of the EU’s protective measures** including [REACH](#), the [Precautionary Principle](#) and the [Paris Agreement](#). Experts and civil societies have highlighted the threats [time](#) and [time](#) again, but certain Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) seem to stubbornly ignore them. By consenting to CETA, these MEPs are favouring corporate interests over EU citizens and the environment.”

DRAFT OPINION of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety for the Committee on International Trade [ENVI] on the draft Council decision on the conclusion of the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between Canada, of the one part, and the European Union and its Member States, of the other part. (10975/2016 – C8-0438/2016 – 2016/0205(NLE)) 6.12.16 ENVI Rapporteur: **Bart Staes MEP** <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-%2f%2fEP%2f%2fNONGML%2bCOMPARL%2bPE-595.582%2b01%2bDOC%2bPDF%2bV0%2f%2fEN> - well worth reading

**MEPs warned: CETA threatens the environment and public health** - Public interest groups highlight range of risks as ENVI committee votes on CETA support - Simon McKeagney, Editor <http://ttip2016.eu/blog/CETA%20ENVI%20Vote.html>

1. The FQD, 2. EDCs, 3. GMOs

<https://www.collectifstopptafta.org/actu/article/action-en-ligne-interpellez-les-euro-depute-e-s-de-la-commission-environnement> - good template letter

11jan17 [Please Write to MEPs on the ENVI Committee About CETA \\*Today\\*](https://opendotdotdot.blogspot.co.uk/2017/01/please-write-to-meps-on-envi-committee.html) - Glyn Moody <https://opendotdotdot.blogspot.co.uk/2017/01/please-write-to-meps-on-envi-committee.html> - summarizes the environmental and health impacts of CETA.

**Cecile Toubeau, T&E director of better trade and regulation**, said: “A majority of the environment committee today ran from their responsibility on CETA just when the European Parliament needed to take its new powers on trade issues seriously. Next month the full parliament should do its job and reject a trade agreement that’s bad for citizens and the environment.”

12jan17 MEPs fail to take new trade powers seriously by waving flawed Canada-EU deal through – NGO \_ Transport & Environment

<https://www.transportenvironment.org/press/meps-fail-take-new-trade-powers-seriously-waving-flawed-canada-eu-deal-through-%E2%80%93-ngo>

12jan17 **Protracted EU-Canada trade deal clears further hurdles in Europe** – Reuters: <http://www.reuters.com/article/us-eu-canada-trade-idUSKBN14W1AE?il=0>

**NB:** 10jan17 **Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals — One more way CETA endangers public health and the environment** - pdf of letter from Carroll Muffett, President and CEO, Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL) Génon K. Jensen, Executive Director, Health and Environment Alliance (HEAL), to MEP members of the INTA committee - Members of the European Parliament, Chair of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI) European Parliament

<https://tradinghealthforprofit.files.wordpress.com/2017/01/edcs-one-more-way-ceta-endangers-public-health-and-the-environment.pdf> - see also 12dec16 below by James Crisp of EurActiv.

9jan17 London Green Left Blog: **January's Priority - Stop CETA** – useful summary points  
<http://londongreenleft.blogspot.co.uk/2017/01/januarys-priority-stop-ceta.html>

4jan17 [http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2017/01/04/ceta-job-losses-inequality-social-tensions\\_n\\_13772062.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2017/01/04/ceta-job-losses-inequality-social-tensions_n_13772062.html)

Proposed dates now superseded since this post. c. first week of February (was 14dec16 until changed again) (Wednesday) EP plenary vote on the whole of CETA programmed for today (though may be changed: SEQUEL: YES – changed again). Note how short the duration between Council decision on CETA, the signing of CETA, and the EP vote on CETA – giving inadequate time for scrutiny by MEPs and by MEP's committees e.g. ENVI on environment, and committee on labour. <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/ep-live/en/plenary> EP=European Parliament

18dec16 **We're about to sign a deal with Canada that's just as bad as TTIP and could increase inequality across the whole of Europe** – Mark Dearn - The Independent <http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/ceta-canada-deal-eu-brexiteurope-ttip-justin-trudeau-barack-obama-increase-inequality-across-a7482961.html>

"Despite the clear dangers posed by CETA, Liam 'Take Back Control' Fox has already signed the UK up to the deal, wilfully bypassing UK parliamentary scrutiny along the way" ... "On Friday, the [International Labour Organisation](#) reported that the top 10 per cent of highest paid workers in Europe together earn almost as much as the bottom 50 per cent. Last week, the European Parliament's Employment and Social Affairs Committee found that the [EU-Canada trade deal CETA](#) will only make this situation worse, "widening the income gap between unskilled

and skilled workers thus increasing inequalities and social tensions." The cross-party [committee](#) points to CETA triggering potential job losses of more than 200,000 across the EU. It goes on to point out what campaigners across Europe have long been saying about accords like CETA, TTIP, and the Donald Trump-opposed TPP: "There is a clear disparity between the levels of protection envisaged for investors and for labour interests and rights." "

12dec16 Tweet by **Greenpeace EU** @GreenpeaceEU Proof Commission is sacrificing environment and health for **#CETA** & **#TTIP** trade deals [#EDCs](http://bit.ly/2gQkhp6) RT'd by [Stop TTIP](#), [Friends of the Earth](#), [TransportEnvironment](#) and 7 others, referring to:

12dec16 **New endocrine disruptor rules address your trade concerns, EU tells US, Canada** – James Crisp - EurActiv <http://www.euractiv.com/section/health-consumers/news/new-endocrine-disruptor-rules-address-your-trade-concerns-eu-tells-us-canada/> "ClientEarth lawyer Laurens Ankersmit said, "The Commission's willingness to address Canadian trade concerns is a perfect example of the dangers of so-called **regulatory cooperation** in the EU-Canada trade deal." [my emphasis]

8dec16 **First negative vote on CETA shows it's no plain sailing through EU parliament** - Worker's rights and inequality cited as reasons CETA 'far from progressive' in committee vote - SIMON MCKEAGNEY, EDITOR <http://ttip2016.eu/blog/EMPL%20CETA%20rejection.html> "Today the European Parliament's Committee on **Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL)** voted [against](#) CETA in the first of several votes that could spell trouble for the final ratification of the agreement. The vote called on the International Trade Committee (INTA) to [withhold its consent](#) to the conclusion of CETA, due to concerns over employment and worker's rights. In particular MEPs cast doubt on whether CETA would benefit working conditions, reduce inequality or create quality jobs. In the opinion voted on this morning, MEPs pointed out that 'evidence shows that the agreement would contribute to widening the income gap between unskilled and skilled workers thus increasing inequalities and social tensions.' The opinion also noted that ... "

2dec16 Both US and Canada have been challenging EU regulation of dangerous chemicals in the name of free trade: **Endocrine Disruptors: the interference of the United States** [and Canada] - Health and Environment Alliance <http://www.env-health.org/news/latest-news/article/endocrine-disruptors-the> This implies that CETA is a threat to our health and our ability to regulate to protect it. CETA will give Canada and its TNC's more power to stop new health directives that threaten profit or trade.

29nov16 tweet by **INTA Committee PressVerified account** @EP\_Trade Nov 29

The final vote on **#CETA** in [@EP\\_Trade](#) to take place on 24 JAN 2016, then possibly in FEB **#Eplenary**  
[https://twitter.com/EP\\_Trade/status/803602857383653377](https://twitter.com/EP_Trade/status/803602857383653377)

Nov2016 **How does CETA stand up to S&D's ten progressive principles for trade?** Greenpeace <https://secured-static.greenpeace.org/eu-unit/Global/eu-unit/reports-briefings/2016/201611%20CETA%20and%20SandD%20progressive%20trade%20principles.pdf>  
10 points

\*\*\* 28nov16 **European and Canadian civil society groups call for rejection of CETA** - Seattle to Brussels Network  
**Joint Statement : 455 European and Canadian civil society groups call for rejection of CETA**

<http://www.s2bnetwork.org/european-canadian-civil-society-groups-call-rejection-ceta/> Also as pdf version:

nov16 **European and Canadian civil society groups call for rejection of CETA November 2016**

<http://www.s2bnetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Transatlantic-CETA-statement.pdf>

"We, the undersigned civil society organisations from Canada and Europe, hereby express our deep concern about the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between the EU and Canada. During the long process of the deal's negotiations and legal check, we repeatedly pointed out major problems with the CETA text. We provided concrete inputs, which could have triggered a shift towards a more transparent and democratic trade policy with the protection of the environment and people's fundamental rights at its core. But our concerns have not been addressed in the CETA as signed in October 2016. This is why we are stating our firm opposition to the ratification of the agreement. Our objections are shared by a growing number of citizens on both sides of the Atlantic. A record 3.5 million people from all over Europe have signed a petition against CETA and its twin agreement, the EU-US Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership.<sup>1</sup> Over 2,100 local and regional governments have declared themselves TTIP- and CETA-free.<sup>2</sup> Constitutional challenges against CETA have been filed in Germany<sup>3</sup> and Canada<sup>4</sup> and the legality of CETA's controversial privileges for foreign investors will likely be ruled on by the Court of Justice of the European Union.<sup>5</sup> ..." ...

[document includes appended lists of notes/refs-links/signatory organisations].

23nov16 (Wednesday) EP plenary vote on resolution for CETA text (esp ICS-ISDS) to be scrutinized by the ECJ for its compliance with EU constitutional treaties. <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-//EP//TEXT+MOTION+B8-2016-1220+0+DOC+XML+V0//EN> Live video: <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/ep-live/en/plenary> **RESULT:** against the resolution:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?pubRef=-%2f%2fEP%2f%2fNONGML%2bPV%2b20161123%2bRES-RCV%2bDOC%2bPDF%2bV0%2f%2fFR&language=EN>

23nov16 **The hustles in Brussels – MEPs vote to block legal scrutiny of toxic trade deal** - Global Justice Now

<http://www.globaljustice.org.uk/blog/2016/nov/23/hustles-brussels-%E2%80%93-meps-vote-block-legal-scrutiny-toxic-trade-deal>

23nov16 **MEPs run from their responsibility to test Canada-EU trade deal at European court** – Cecile Toubeau - Transport & Environment <https://www.transportenvironment.org/press/meps-run-their-responsibility-test-canada-eu-trade-deal-european-court>

23nov16 FoEE: <http://www.foeeurope.org/European-Parliament-continues-dangerous-push-to-fast-track-CETA>

23nov16 **MEPs quash CETA challenge but what about Wallonia?** - James Crisp

<http://brief.euractiv.com/2016/11/23/the-brief-powered-by-euroace-meps-quash-ceta-challenge-but-what-about-wallonia/>

23nov16 **TPP Dead, TTIP Dying, But The EU And Canada Seem Determined To Ram Through CETA Deal Without Proper Scrutiny** – Glyn Moody, Techdirt <https://www.techdirt.com/articles/20161122/09574936110/tp-dead-ttip-dying-eu-canada-seem-determined-to-ram-through-ceta-deal-without-proper-scrutiny.shtml>

22nov16 **MEPs' sad games undermine the Parliament's due rights** – by 3 MEPs By [Anne-Marie Mineur](#), [Bart Staes](#), [Pavel Poc](#) – EurActiv.com <http://www.euractiv.com/section/trade-society/opinion/meps-sad-games-undermine-the-parliaments-due-rights/>

21nov16 <http://www.bilaterals.org/?parliament-bickers-over-ceta-vote#.WDMojXpaF3s.twitter>

18nov16 **MEPs attempt to block legal scrutiny of new 'corporate court' system in EU-Canada trade deal** - Global Justice Now <http://www.globaljustice.org.uk/news/2016/nov/18/meps-attempt-block-legal-scrutiny-new-corporate-court-system-eu-canada-trade-deal>

18nov16 **CETA is 'no gold standard' finds report, ahead of vote in Parliament** – Daniela Vincenti – EurActiv.com <http://www.euractiv.com/section/trade-society/news/ceta-is-no-gold-standard-finds-report-ahead-of-vote-in-parliament/>

\*\*\* 17nov16 **CETA's environment promises are a 'dead letter'** – new analysis – Cecile Toubeau, Transport & Environment <https://www.transportenvironment.org/press/ceta%E2%80%99s-environment-promises-are-%E2%80%98dead-letter%E2%80%99-%E2%80%93-new-analysis>

\*\*\* 17nov16 **10 Reasons why the Canadian-EU trade deal (CETA) must be stopped** – Guy Taylor, Global Justice Now <http://www.globaljustice.org.uk/blog/2016/nov/17/10-reasons-why-canadian-eu-trade-deal-ceta-must-be-stopped>

NB: 16nov16 **Thomas Piketty** on CETA: **We must rethink globalization, or Trumpism will prevail** - Thomas Piketty in The Guardian [previously in Le Monde] <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/nov/16/globalization-trump-inequality-thomas-piketty> “Rising inequality is largely to blame for this electoral upset. Continuing with business as usual is not an option” “The main lesson for Europe and the world is clear: as a matter of urgency, globalization must be fundamentally re-oriented. **The main challenges of our times are the rise in inequality and global warming.**” ... “From this point of view, Ceta, the EU-Canada free trade deal, **should be rejected.** It is a treaty which belongs to another age. This strictly commercial treaty contains absolutely no restrictive measures concerning fiscal or climate issues. It does, however, contain a considerable reference to the “protection of investors”. This enables multinationals to sue states under private arbitration courts, bypassing the public tribunals available to one and all. ” ...

2nov16 **CETA: EU Council signs away democracy but we, the people, have the last say** – on Medium.com – by @frackfree\_eu [https://medium.com/@frackfree\\_eu/ceta-eu-council-signs-away-democracy-but-we-the-people-have-the-last-say-9f289792cefc#ehqeqhk17](https://medium.com/@frackfree_eu/ceta-eu-council-signs-away-democracy-but-we-the-people-have-the-last-say-9f289792cefc#ehqeqhk17) – shows how CETA will, and has already, assist fracking industry.

**We must rethink globalization, or Trumpism will prevail** - Thomas Piketty - Opinion - The Guardian <https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2016/nov/16/globalization-trump-inequality-thomas-piketty>

\*\*\* Nov2016 - ISSUE BRIEF: November 2016 - **The great CETA swindle**  
<https://www.corporateeurope.org/international-trade/2016/11/great-ceta-swindle> &:  
<https://corporateeurope.org/sites/default/files/attachments/great-ceta-swindle.pdf>

E.g. “Swindle #2: CETA is a good deal for the environment” ... “CETA goes in the opposite direction of our international commitments to limit global warming below a temperature rise of 2°C. ...”

12nov16 **Manchester [City Council] ignores CETA's destructive force over local democracy** – Laura Williams - Global Justice Now <http://www.globaljustice.org.uk/blog/2016/nov/12/manchester-ignores-cetas-destructive-force-over-local-democracy> [Stephen Pennells](#)

31oct16 Response by Guy Taylor of **GJN CETA is back from the dead - but it's not over yet** - Global Justice Now <http://www.globaljustice.org.uk/blog/2016/oct/31/ceta-back-dead-its-not-over-yet>

**30oct16 CETA SIGNED TODAY** “Today, President of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Council Donald Tusk, Prime Minister of Slovakia Robert Fico, and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau signed the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement between the EU and Canada (CETA).” [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-16-3581\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-3581_en.htm)

28oct16 CETA and **Human Rights**: **UN rights expert urges States not to sign the 'flawed' CETA treaty and put it to referendum** <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=20787>

28oct16 **CETA: Canada has challenged the EU's chemical regulations 21 times** - Energydesk <http://energydesk.greenpeace.org/2016/10/28/ceta-canada-challenged-eu-chemical-regulations-reach/>

28oct16 **CETA to be signed unchanged, but less likely to be ratified after Wallonian resistance - Behind the Numbers** - Scott Sinclair and Stuart Trew <http://behindthenumbers.ca/2016/10/28/ceta-signed-unchanged-less-likely-ratified-wallonian-resistance/> Includes strong analytical criticism of the ICS-ISDS in CETA **Scott Sinclair** is the director of the CCPA's [Trade and Investment Research Project](#). **Stuart Trew** is the editor of *The Monitor*, the CCPA's national magazine. Follow Stuart on Twitter [@StuJT](#). Scott and Stuart just returned from Brussels, where they spoke about CETA in the European Parliament and discussed the deal with civil society organizations and others. Their new book, [The Trans-Pacific Partnership and Canada: A Citizen's Guide](#), is available now from Lorimer.

27oct16 **Canada's PM cancels EU summit amid Ceta woes** <https://euobserver.com/economic/135679>

27oct16 **CETA - Dead or just wounded** <http://newsletter.stop-ttip.org/m/10249641/1034317-0e9aedef9a72c240bc242d38732a6d701> Links to e.g. <https://stop-ttip.org/blog/is-eu-too-stupid-to-learn-from-ceta-collapse/> of 25oct16.

27oct16 **Belgium CETA deal challenges corporate courts in trade deals** - Friends of the Earth Europe <http://www.foeeurope.org/Belgium-CETA-deal-challenges-corporate-courts-in-trade-deals>

27oct16 **Investor rights to be judged by highest court in Europe as part of Belgian CETA deal** - ClientEarth <http://www.clientearth.org/investor-rights-judged-highest-court-europe-part-belgian-ceta-deal/>

27oct16 **Belgian agreement to trigger ECJ ruling on legality of CETA** - Greenpeace EU Unit <http://www.greenpeace.org/eu-unit/en/News/2016/Belgian-agreement-to-trigger-ECJ-ruling-on-legality-of-CETA/>

27oct16 **CETA cheerleaders shouldn't break out the bubbly just yet** - The Council of Canadians <http://canadians.org/media/ceta-cheerleaders-shouldnt-break-out-bubbly-just-yet>

27oct16 **CETA moves forward, but without controversial 'investment protection' provisions** - The Council of Canadians <http://canadians.org/blog/ceta-moves-forward-without-controversial-investment-protection-provisions>

27oct16 But tweets by **Gabriel Siles-Brugge** & academics on e.g. EU law, reckon the Belgian/Walloon deal is legally weak, ditto others critically examining it – saying it concedes too much, and GS-B says et al say the ECJ will be restricted to assessing the ICS/ISDS only in relation to the EU constitutional treaties, and if they decide no problem then this could backfire on citizens/NGOs/activists. E.g. <https://twitter.com/GabrielSilesB/status/791619342366564356> etc & <https://twitter.com/GuillaumeVdLoo/status/791626540492685317>

27oct16 **Global Justice Now @globaljusticesc** 6h6 hours ago Good to hear that anti-CETA amendment in [@Scotparl](#) debate on [#EUref](#) and environment passes: 83 votes to 31 <http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-02125.3>

27oct16 The EU-Canada signing ceremony for CETA planned for today was cancelled due to the Wallonia stance, but it's in fact a postponement, because a compromise deal was struck with Wallonia – see other today's posts above.

26oct16 **Liam Fox forced to apologise for ignoring parliament in support of CETA trade deal** - Global Justice Now <http://www.globaljustice.org.uk/news/2016/oct/26/liam-fox-forced-apologise-ignoring-parliament-support-ceta-trade-deal>

Parliamentlive.tv - European Scrutiny Committee: <http://parliamentlive.tv/event/index/e8e7c3d5-c6c0-41e3-89c8-368507affefe?in=14:19:37&out=14:20:10> via amusing tweet: [https://twitter.com/frackfree\\_eu/status/791317591482654721](https://twitter.com/frackfree_eu/status/791317591482654721)

24oct16 UK gov on CETA: <http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-statement/Commons/2016-10-24/HCWS211>

**\*\* 26oct16 CETA spin unspun** - Greenpeace EU Unit <http://www.greenpeace.org/eu-unit/en/News/2016/CETA-spin-unspun/>

**\*\* 26oct16 Osgoode Hall Law Professor Gus van Harten (expert on ISDS) speaks on Wallonia position:**  
<http://www.cpac.ca/en/programs/headline-politics/episodes/49379536/> Points out loopholes in ICS version of isds e.g. the boundaries of “expropriation” are inadequately defined – text provides loophole. Q&A gives e.g.s of “regulatory chill”.

**\*\* 25oct16 CETA close to collapse on eve of deal signing** - ClientEarth <http://www.clientearth.org/ceta-close-to-collapse-one-day-before-trade-agreement-due-to-sign/>

**25oct16 A Canadian Corporation Wants to Impose Gold Mining on Greece. CETA Could Cement It.** - The Leap  
<https://theleapblog.org/a-canadian-corporation-wants-to-impose-gold-mining-on-greece-ceta-could-cement-it/>

**25oct16** <http://www.epsu.org/article/not-signing-ceta-positive-outcome-6-years-resistance-and-raising-concerns-says-epsu>

**24oct16 Is CETA dead yet?** – Guy Taylor, Global Justice Now  
<http://www.globaljustice.org.uk/blog/2016/oct/24/ceta-dead-yet>

**22oct16 EU-Canada trade deal in crisis as Canadian minister walks out** - The Guardian  
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/oct/21/eu-canada-ceta-trade-deal-meltdown-canadian-minister-walks-out>

**22oct16 Hope remains for CETA, although Belgium's Walloon region still opposes trade pact** - Politics - CBC News  
<http://www.cbc.ca/news/politics/canada-eu-ceta-1.3817190>

**21/22oct16 CETA talks end in failure – a victory for democracy** - National Union of Public and General Employees <http://www.nupge.ca/content/13188/ceta-talks-end-failure-%E2%80%93-victory-democracy>

**21oct16 CETA deal on the brink of collapse as Canada admits defeat** - War On Want  
<http://www.waronwant.org/media/ceta-deal-brink-collapse-canada-admits-defeat>  
BBC clearly has not critically examined CETA: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-37731955#share-tools>  
and has a biased framing of CETA and omits emphasizing that Wallonia represents millions of citizens across Europe – those who know about CETA <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-37735968>

**21oct16 Canada-EU trade negotiations still gridlocked as horse trading continues [Updated]** - Ars Technica UK – Glyn Moody <http://arstechnica.co.uk/tech-policy/2016/10/ceta-signing-scuppered-belgium-regional-governments/>

**21oct16 Time to pull plug on controversial trade deals** - Friends of the Earth Europe  
<http://www.foeeurope.org/time-to-pull-plug-controversial-trade-deals-211016>

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**Legal Statement on investment protection and investor-state dispute settlement mechanisms in TTIP and CETA - October 2016** – with list of over 100 signatories – mostly law Professors <https://stop-ttip.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/13.10.16-Legal-Statement-1.pdf>  
Client Earth: **Law professors say ISDS is incompatible with EU law** “Over 100 EU law professors have [signed a letter saying investor provisions in trade agreements like TTIP and CETA undermine EU rule of law](#). ClientEarth lawyer Laurens Ankersmit, whose analysis shows that [Investor State Dispute Settlement \(ISDS\) is illegal under EU law](#), said: “EU law professors have now joined Civil society and judges associations across Europe to question the

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[http://www.bothends.org/uploaded\\_files/document/CETA-Trading\\_Away\\_Democracy-2016en.pdf](http://www.bothends.org/uploaded_files/document/CETA-Trading_Away_Democracy-2016en.pdf)

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<http://www.eu2016.sk/en/press-releases/trade-ministers-discuss-ttip-and-ceta>

**\*\*\* EPSU calls for the rejection of CETA because it's a bad deal for citizens** - EPSU (European Public Service Union) <http://www.epsu.org/article/epsu-calls-rejection-ceta-because-its-bad-deal-citizens>

“Our concerns\* can be summarised as follows:

-# The inclusion of public services in CETA.  
-# CETA's 'negative list' approach for services commitments and the inclusion of 'standstill' and 'ratchet' mechanisms that lock-in liberalisation.

-# CETA's restrictions on universal service obligations in public utilities.  
-# CETA's far-reaching investment protection provisions.  
-# CETA's weak provisions for human rights, including workers' rights.”

**\*\*\* Don't be fooled by CETA\_ It's a wolf in sheep's clothing** – Emma Woodford - the founding director of the Health and Trade Network - EurActiv.com – mainly a good brief summary of CETA's ICS-ISDS:  
<http://www.euractiv.com/section/trade-society/opinion/dont-be-fooled-by-ceta-its-a-wolf-in-sheeps-clothing/>

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<http://touchstoneblog.org.uk/2016/09/lord-price-show-ceta-door-bratislava-castle/>

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Sep16 **CETA Without Blinders: How Cutting 'Trade Costs and More' Will Cause Unemployment, Inequality and Welfare Losses** - GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT INSTITUTE WORKING PAPER NO. 16-03 - Pierre Kohler and Servaas Storm September 2016 Tufts University Medford MA 02155, USA <http://ase.tufts.edu/gdae>  
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[http://www.ase.tufts.edu/gdae/policy\\_research/ceta\\_simulations.html](http://www.ase.tufts.edu/gdae/policy_research/ceta_simulations.html)

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“1. CETA really is TTIP by the backdoor. 2. Canada's law could threaten our own protections. 3. Our negotiators said 'yes' to tar sands so they could rip open Canadian local government. In 3 he refers to e.g. 'Municipal governments need a say on CETA: Pass a CETA resolution in your community today' <http://canadians.org/ceta-resolution>

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– United Nations human rights expert Alfred de Zayas today warned that any plan by the European Union to bypass national parliaments to push through controversial trade deals would violate international human rights norms and standards. “Trade deals prepared and negotiated in secret, excluding key stakeholders such as labour unions, consumer associations, health professionals and environmental experts and now parliaments, have zero democratic legitimacy,” said the UN Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order. ... - See more at: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=20174&LangID=E#sthash.NIkHIUPW.dpuf>

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European Council Council of the European Union Foreign Affairs Council, 13/05/2016  
... “**Trade agreement with Canada** The Council discussed a draft trade and investment agreement with **Canada**, the 'comprehensive economic and trade agreement' (CETA). “**Member states are very supportive** of this agreement”, Ms Ploumen said; “our aim is for it to be signed at an EU-Canada summit in October”. The Commission confirmed its intention to **submit a proposal in June 2016** for signature of CETA.” ... NB: Also brief statements re progress and plans re TTIP.

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<http://www.foeeurope.org/new-EU-investment-proposal-won%E2%80%99t-prevent-corporate-attacks>

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[http://www.theecologist.org/News/news\\_round\\_up/2987568/ceta\\_canadaeu\\_free\\_trade\\_deal\\_could\\_come\\_in\\_to\\_force\\_without\\_vote.html](http://www.theecologist.org/News/news_round_up/2987568/ceta_canadaeu_free_trade_deal_could_come_in_to_force_without_vote.html) Refers to e.g.:

**Good-bye democracy, hello CETA** - *Felix Heilmann, 4apr16* - Stop TTIP  
<https://stop-ttip.org/blog/good-bye-democracy-hello-ceta/>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L9inPBS98cs>

**CETA text 29feb16** as pdf NB it's huge! c.1598pp  
[http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2016/february/tradoc\\_154329.pdf](http://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/docs/2016/february/tradoc_154329.pdf) example of text: "The Members of the Tribunal shall possess the qualifications required in their respective countries for appointment to judicial office, or be jurists of recognised competence. They shall have demonstrated expertise in public international law. It is desirable that they have expertise in particular, in international investment law, in international trade law and the resolution of disputes arising under international investment or international trade agreements."

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<https://euobserver.com/opinion/132504>

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23jan16 **EU Ambassador to Canada says EU-Canada free trade deal may become law without UK parliamentary debate** – Nick Dearden - Global Justice Now <http://www.globaljustice.org.uk/news/2016/jan/23/eu-ambassador-canada-says-eu-canada-free-trade-deal-may-become-law-without-uk> "The EU ambassador to Canada has made clear that CETA, and therefore TTIP, will mostly become law before the British Parliament has even seen the texts." ... - links to:

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5jan16 **Ratifying CETA - Easier Said than Done** - Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives <https://www.policyalternatives.ca/publications/commentary/ratifying-ceta-easier-said-done>

26sep15 **Why we must stop the EU\_Canadian free trade agreement (CETA)** – Linda Kaucher in Campaign for Trade Union Freedom

<http://www.tradeunionfreedom.co.uk/why-we-must-stop-the-eucanadian-free-trade-agreement-ceta/>

NB: very useful in showing chronology of stages towards ratification. Provisional implementation occurs after MEP vote – if they vote yes to it (only allowed yes or no; no amendments allowed); this is before state parliaments get a vote.

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Excellent source for CETA info – via Linda Kaucher c.sept 2015:

<http://www.s2bnetwork.org/issues/eus-free-trade-agreements/ceta-material/>

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"Meanwhile, the European commissioner for trade Cecilia Malmström has tried to downplay the issue by asserting it could be settled without reopening CETA. According to her [media release](#), "[Malmström] stressed that the CETA provisions on investment were already state of the art and that the EU was aiming for some fine tuning to make it equivalent to the new EU approach as laid out in the Investment Court System proposal."" <<< so Malmstrom admits that only some "fine-tuning"

separates ISDS from ICS !!! They are both of course types of ISDS, with the extra problem that the ICS would allow the cancer to crop up again!! Plasters on it aren't good enough.

*Further reading*

[Council of Canadians rejects both ISDS and ICS in CETA](#) (Nov. 20, 2015)

[US rejects Malmstrom's proposals to amend ISDS in TTIP](#) (May 11, 2015)

[What's going on with CETA 14 months after negotiations on it were completed?](#) (Nov. 28, 2015)

NB: by GJN: **CETA: TTIP's little brother A guide to the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) between the EU and Canada** September 2015

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NB this GJN briefing pdf is quoted by **Dominic Webb** in his briefing on CETA for MPs (as pointed out in an email by Linda Kaucher on c.26jan16)

Tens of Thousands of U.S. Firms Would Obtain New Powers to Launch Investor-State Attacks against European Policies via CETA and TTIP: **81 Percent of U.S. Firms in the EU Could Launch ISDS Attacks with CETA Alone**; U.S. Corporations Are the Most Aggressive Users of the ISDS Regime – Public Citizen

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19oct10 **Canadian mining firms worst for environment, rights: Report** - By Les Whittington, Ottawa Bureau, Toronto Star [https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2010/10/19/canadian\\_mining\\_firms\\_worst\\_for\\_environment\\_rights\\_report.html](https://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2010/10/19/canadian_mining_firms_worst_for_environment_rights_report.html) via report by Maude Barlow: Fighting TTIP, CETA and ISDS: Lessons from Canada – October 2015. "Canadian mining companies are far and away the worst offenders in environmental, human rights and other abuses around the world, according to a global study commissioned by an industry association but never made public."

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Linda Kaucher's Spring 2016 briefing on **CETA**, or at least an email summary of it by her: (I have the doc downloaded e.g. in my CETA folder)

**From:** [Linda Kaucher]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 17, 2016 3:06 PM

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**Subject:** Re: [stopttip] CETA meeting last night - 'take home' points

I am resending the CETA briefing I produced (attached)  
It has a summary then a point form at the beginning.  
You could reproduce the first 2 pages for people

All these points are in the briefing:

- CETA is a back door for TTIP ( US corps with Canadian subsidiaries can use it and it establishes the model)
- It is the first of the new generation of 'trade' deals that set in stone the debt-enforced structural adjustment program to which we are being subjected ( just like those to which developing countries were subjected in the 70's and 80's) - ie it will make the privatisations and liberalisations irreversible, and facilitate an onward process of more of them.
- It is about giving rights to transnational corporations to write our laws and dump existing ones that negatively affect their profits
- It has negative listing of services ie all included unless they have been specifically excluded
- It has ICS - which is essentially no better than ISDS: the cases of high concern could all have gone ahead with ICS
- The predicted economic gains are miniscule
- Having an agreement that facilitates the export/import of beef, pork and cheese in both directions across the Atlantic should be questioned
- The UK government has not sought protection for any UK Protected Geographical indicator foods ( ie foods associated with an area name). So Canadian firms can copy and market them
- There is no analysis of the 1600 page CETA text to inform and guide MPs and MEPs, in their voting

Plus - re process

- The UK parliament, contrary to what it is being by Tory Ministers, will have no veto right over CETA (or TTIP)
- Even if CETA is a mixed agreement and it comes to member state parliaments it will have already been provisionally implemented by the Commission and there is no EU procedure to pull back on provisional implementation
- A handful of countries are raising objections to CETA eg Bulgaria and Romania about the requirement for them to have visas for Canada, and France about the US not giving enough in 'government procurement' . However mostly objections can be read as attempts at leverage - to get what they want from it rather than to ultimately block it. The motion of the sub-national Walloon parliament is stronger on stopping CETA, but the power of such parliament to do so is yet to be tested.

Fact - if we are out of the EU , we are out of CETA . *Please be honest with people about this.*

Possibility - because the UK govt ( The City ) is such a main proponent of CETA, this could weaken the agreement if we are out - to the benefit of the people of the EU and Canada.

L [Linda Kaucher]

*My comment in response to L's last paragraph: if we were out of the EU, UK with a Tory gov would quickly want a BIT with Canada that does at least what CETA does (i.e. worse than CETA); furthermore we'd be subject to CETA at least in part, if/when our trade arrangements with EU are re-negotiated. Thus a catch-22 or worse.*