

On “Regulatory Cooperation” in TTIP and CETA (& the deregulation agenda)

A **Regulatory Cooperation Council** (RCC) or body has been proposed for TTIP.

Instead of aiming to level up EU and US regulations and standards for our benefit, it is a body for deregulation so as to minimize regulatory restrictions on trade and investment, for the benefit of transnational corporations (TNC's). It's aims go in parallel with the ongoing deregulation agenda in the UK and EU.

This document collates references with links on this topic.

TOP summary reference: (scroll down for fuller briefings by CEO)

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19jan16 **You thought ISDS was bad? TTIP's “regulatory cooperation” is even worse** – Glyn Moody in Ars Technica UK <http://arstechnica.co.uk/tech-policy/2016/01/you-thought-isds-was-bad-ttips-regulatory-cooperation-is-even-worse/> “Op-ed: Trying to harmonise US-EU regulations may result in democracy being sidelined.”

Maybe should shift these 2 posts to doc on deregulation agenda?

Caroline's blog 20jan16: **The UK will not be able to protect the environment by turning our back on our neighbours** Caroline Lucas <http://www.carolinelucas.com/latest/carolines-blog-the-uk-will-not-be-able-to-protect-the-environment-by-turning-our-back-on-our> “Cameron's efforts to export his ideological obsession with deregulation. It's bad for innovation and jobs as well as environmental protection. As the International Trade Union Confederation has said time and again, “there are no jobs on a dead planet”.”

- Refers to a EEB report here: <http://www.eeb.org/index.cfm/library/juncker-commission-political-priorities-revisited/>

BETTER REGULATION: TTIP under the radar? Pieter de Pous, EEB <http://www.eeb.org/index.cfm/library/better-regulation-ttip-under-the-radar/> (pdf) EEB: European Environmental Bureau. January 2016. ‘Regulation, like taxation, is a price worth paying for living’ Author: Pieter de Pous, EEB policy director, member of the EU's TTIP Advisory Group, assistant to High level group on administrative burden reduction member Nina Renshaw till 2014.

“This BR agenda started off in the EU in the early 2000s with modest and reasonable goals, namely to identify unnecessary administrative burdens and remove those which were not necessary to achieve certain policy goals. Over the years however the scope and ambition of this agenda has evolved slowly but surely to the point that an exercise that was originally about ‘cutting red tape’ has started to unravel the legislative safety net protecting people and the environment. This process is taking place both in the US and the EU” ... “What the evidence does tell us is that a continued focus on cutting ‘green tape’ will only actually deliver a subsidising of inefficient uncompetitive businesses at a staggering cost that will then be borne by taxpayers or through loss in health, human lives and degraded ecosystems.”

“Under TTIP or CETA EU Member States could lose the right to go beyond minimum standards agreed under an EU rule.” “” Case studies: chemicals & GM

UK: “so called ‘one in, two out rule’, a rule that prevents government departments from implementing new laws that impose £1 of cost to business unless they also save £2 elsewhere, regardless of social or environmental benefits. It requires impact assessments to complete a detailed appraisal of proposed policy changes and, where possible, express all impacts in terms of monetary values.”

- via John Hilary

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[cooperation-is-even-worse/](#) “Op-ed: Trying to harmonise US-EU regulations may result in democracy being sidelined.”

18jan16 **Dangerous Regulatory Duet** - Corporate Europe Observatory <http://corporateeurope.org/international-trade/2016/01/dangerous-regulatory-duet> “How transatlantic regulatory cooperation under TTIP will allow bureaucrats and big business to attack the public interest” – New report: [Dangerous Regulatory Duet - How transatlantic regulatory cooperation under TTIP will allow bureaucrats and big business to attack the public interest.](#) (pdf)

http://corporateeurope.org/sites/default/files/attachments/regulatoryduet_en021.pdf

18jan16 **TTIP pillar already being used to torpedo public interest laws and democracy** - Corporate Europe Observatory <http://corporateeurope.org/pressreleases/2016/01/ttip-pillar-already-being-used-torpedo-public-interest-laws-and-democracy>

TTIP's regulatory cooperation has already begun attacking democracy – EurActiv 19jan16

<http://www.euractiv.com/sections/trade-society/ttips-regulatory-cooperation-has-already-begun-attacking-democracy-321060> “The origins of EU-US proposals for "regulatory cooperation" show a process dominated by big business right from the start. The ongoing TTIP talks are seeking to enshrine and fortify a dangerous precedent, argue Kenneth Haar and Max Bank.

Kenneth Haar is a researcher at [Corporate Europe Observatory](#) (CEO), a Brussels-based NGO that challenges the influence of big business and business lobby groups in EU policymaking. Max Bank is a campaigner for [LobbyControl](#), a German NGO that campaigns for transparency in lobbying.”

RegCoop has had a history of working for bigbiz interests against public interest, such as in lifting regulatory control on big US TNC's in the EU before the 2007/8 crash – worsening their failures (e.g. AIG collapse).

From my docx & folder on impact on carbon emissions:

Regulatory Cooperation body & climate: TTIP: A box of tricks for corporate climate criminals is probably the best recent briefing on how Regulatory Cooperation body would enable fossil fuel interests to further constrain climate regulation:

3oct15 **TTIP: A box of tricks for corporate climate criminals** - Corporate Europe Observatory

<http://corporateeurope.org/international-trade/2015/10/ttip-box-tricks-corporate-climate-criminals>

- which links to this pdf:

http://corporateeurope.org/sites/default/files/attachments/ttip_and_climate_en.pdf

Glyn Moody: (part of his multi-page briefing on TTIP): this section on regulatory cooperation:

<http://arstechnica.co.uk/tech-policy/2015/05/ttip-explained-the-secretive-us-eu-treaty-that-undermines-democracy/3/#h1>

Alex Scrivener / GJN 19oct15 '**Are we overlooking the most dangerous aspect of TTIP?'**

<http://www.globaljustice.org.uk/blog/2015/oct/19/are-we-overlooking-most-dangerous-aspect-ttip>

Be very scared: TTIP and 'regulatory cooperation' 20th October 2015

http://www.theecologist.org/blogs_and_comments/commentators/2985953/be_very_scared_ttip_and_regulatory_cooperation.html

Link that gives link to video on Regulatory Cooperation Council

<https://stop-ttip.org/regcoop>

GJN 'Race to the bottom' re regulatory cooperation October 2015:

<http://commondreams.org/news/2015/10/18/ttip-already-rewriting-rule-book-eu-food-standards-new-report-finds>

Links to:

http://www.globaljustice.org.uk/regulatory-cooperation-ttip-blueprint-corporate-domination?mc_cid=70ad5c859e&mc_eid=7a825b21bd

Which links to this pdf:

http://www.globaljustice.org.uk/sites/default/files/files/pageuploads/race_to_the_bottom.pdf

3feb15 via StopTTIPuk email:

<http://www.beuc.eu/blog/regulatory-cooperation-perhaps-boring-but-the-ttip-storm-on-the-horizon/>

"the latest leaked version of the Commission's proposal on regulatory cooperation, to be submitted to the US for this week's round of negotiations, just confirms that regulatory cooperation is the coming storm on the horizon."

"increase avenues for foreign corporate lobbies to make their concerns on regulation heard via the institutional channels provided by TTIP (sigh of despair).

Increased corporate interest influence leads to less balanced stakeholder engagement in EU decision making.

This is exactly the type of development the European Ombudsman has just criticised in her opinion on Expert Groups ('Ombudsman: How to make the Commission's expert groups more balanced and transparent')."