



Invitation to Press Conference in Brussels and via live-stream

**European citizens want to stop TTIP and CETA.**

Registration of European Citizens' Initiative on 15 July

Dear Sir/ Madam,

next Tuesday, 15 July, an alliance of more than 120 citizens' organizations from all across Europe will launch a European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) with the aim of repealing the European Union's negotiating mandate for the trade agreements TTIP and CETA. The ECI is to send a strong message to designated Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker to stop the two trade and investment agreements with the USA and Canada.

The European Citizens' Initiative (ECI) is one of the major innovations of the Treaty of Lisbon in view of strengthening participatory democracy in the EU. An ECI allows EU citizens to call directly upon the European Commission to propose a legal. For an ECI to be successful, one million signatures are required.

We cordially invite you to attend our press conference. These members of the Citizens' Committee of the ECI will present the campaign and speak on behalf of the alliance:

- Michael Efler (Mehr Demokratie, Germany)
- John Hilary (War on Want, UK)
- Susan George (Transnational Institute / Attac, France)

Further, members of the alliance from other countries will be available on the spot for individual interviews.

Time: Tuesday, 15 July 2014, 12:00 noon. Snacks will be served.

Live: Press Club Brussels Europe, Rue Froissart 95, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

**The conference will be broadcasted live.** There will be the opportunity to ask questions via a live-chat, the panel then will answer. More information are available at [www.stop-ttip.org](http://www.stop-ttip.org)

**Registration:** Please register in advance for the press conference by sending an e-mail to: [presse@mehr-demokratie.de](mailto:presse@mehr-demokratie.de).

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