



Trade and Sustainable Development (TSD) in TTIP

Promoting the protection of people's rights at work and the environment

In this chapter we want to:

- safeguard basic rules that protect people's rights at work and the environment
- keep civil society involved in the way we put TTIP into practice
- encourage businesses to be good corporate citizens.

Reasons for negotiating TSD

We want ambitious provisions that ensure economic growth, development and environmental protection go hand in hand.

More trade doesn't have to come at the expense of workers or the environment.

In fact, we want TTIP to support social progress. We believe measures in this area could benefit people by:

- reinforcing labour and environmental governance
- fostering civil society involvement on TSD issues
- promoting Corporate Social Responsibility in EU and US companies.

EU goals

In this part of the agreement, we want to:

- support core international standards and conventions for labour and the environment
- keep our right to set high levels of environmental and labour protection and avoid any race to the bottom
- untap trade's potential to advance sustainable development objectives, for example through more trade in sustainably managed natural resources or in green goods and services.

Sensitive or controversial issues

In this area, some issues are sensitive or controversial.

Here's a summary of the main ones and what we're doing to address each.

Sensitivity/concern	EU response
1. Labour standards	
TTIP will lower workers' rights and undermine the role of the International Labour Organization (ILO).	We want high levels of protection for workers in TTIP, based on ILO instruments.
2. Climate change	
TTIP will jeopardize the EU's ambitious climate policy.	EU climate legislation is not part of the TTIP negotiations. On the contrary, TTIP will support our climate targets, for example by promoting trade and investment in green goods and services.
3. Conflict resolution	

TTIP will not include an effective way to resolve conflicts.

We want a transparent, independent, mechanism to resolve conflicts within a set timetable and that will allow interested parties from civil society to make their views heard.
