



TTIP

THE FNV POSITION

The FNV AND TTIP



- 2014 FNV Committee on International Affairs and Solidarity discussed TTIP
- December 2014: FNV Members Parliament (MP) endorsed a motion on TTIP

the route against TTIP



- MP motion "TTIP no, because" endorsed
- MP calls for action to stop the TTIP and TISA negotiations
- MP calls for joined trade union action and collaboration with NGO's in order to influence the public debate

Why opposing TTIP ?



FNV has five serious objections and doubts concerning TTIP:

- 1- The positive projections on the benefits are unrealistic
- 2- Protection of workers' rights on both sides of the ocean is not sufficiently guaranteed
- 3- Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) mechanism is unbalanced and unnecessary
- 4- Exclusion of Public Services is not guaranteed
- 5- Maximum transparency is needed

2015 Achievements



- Various activities have been organised in 2015 :
manifestations, demonstrations, meetings

Forums with politicians, employers, Farmers representatives, Provinces, Municipalities and various other social organizations

Social Economic Council



- May 2015: Minister Ploumen (Minister for Foreign Trade and Development) asked the Social Economic Council (SER) advice on TTIP
- Members Parliament determined the FNV position
 - 1- Use the discussion in the SER to point out our concerns and objections
 - 2- Substantiate Objections (Give clear information)
 - 3- Involvement of experts
 - 4- No priority to seek an unanimous opinion
 - 5- At the same time remain active in national and international lobby process

seven assessment criteria



- 1- Sustainable prosperity including developing countries
- 2- Enforcement of core labor standards
- 3- flanking policies to manage trade effects
- 4- Protection of health and safety standards
- 5- Governments are free to decide how to organise public services
- 6- Public Services are excluded
- 7- Transparency

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- Clearly, the EU and US positions are far apart
- Major disagreement about food safety standards, protection of businesses, climate, environment and labor relations
- Free Trade Agreement deals with everything from automobiles to meat from privacy to precautionary principle
- According to proponents TTIP is good for the economy
- The treaty undermines democratic principles, limited discretion and blocks ambitious sustainable development

Is this enough?



- Actions should be continued
- Public debate should be continued
- Cooperation with other national and international trade unions and ngo's organizations should be continued
- Lobbying politicians at European and national level

Are we ready now?



NO!!!!

Main question that remains:

What will be the final draft
TTIP ??