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to the Commission
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Subject: The Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and financial services

Despite the many assurances from the Commission claiming that public services will remain unaffected by the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), analyses of texts and drafts of these agreements prove the contrary. The recently published consolidated CETA text, as well as the latest draft of the TTIP services and investment chapter, contain many provisions that put public services in severe jeopardy, not to mention the aim of governing them in the public interest.

After each TTIP negotiation round, DG Trade representatives have refined their joint strategies with business lobbyists, while trade unions, consumer groups and other NGOs have been sidelined.

Can the Commission advise as to whether it will continue to be a reliable advocate for corporate interests, pushing for the very same liberalisation of services and opening of markets as the European business community, whose views it has courted?