







REGULATORY COOPERATION IN TTIP: WHERE LOBBYISTS' DREAMS COME TRUE

What is regulatory cooperation?

In the context of the negotiation of the TTIP (Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, the free-trade agreement between the EU and the US), the European Commission is pushing for the creation of an EU-US financial regulatory forum, where supervisors from both sides of the Atlantic would discuss and compare their respective financial services legislations with a view to make them converge.

Why is it an issue?

This new forum would give an additional opportunity for financial industry lobbyists to influence early on the regulatory agenda.

Given the huge imbalance in lobbying between private corporations and civil society organisations, this is likely to further weaken the representation of public interest and forthcoming regulations.

What are Finance Watch recommendations?

Finance Watch is calling for the removal of financial services from the scope of the negotiations, and for the removal of the provisions on private arbitration courts (ISDS) from the agreement.

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