



Trump and Juncker want fracked gas to flow from the US to Europe. You can stop that.

Dear Member of the European Parliament,

On 14 March the European Parliament will vote on its position on the launch of new trade negotiations with the USA. **We call on you to reject the two draft mandates of the European Commission, for reasons of climate protection and democracy.**

1. Uphold the Paris agreement as a red line for trade deals

In 2018, the European Parliament called to make ratification and implementation of the Paris Agreement a [condition for future trade agreements](#). Will you now crawl back because of Trump's trade shenanigans? The European Parliament must keep its word to uphold the Paris Agreement and thus not mandate new trade negotiations with the USA.

More than [100 civil society organisations](#) from all over Europe, representing the interests of all Europeans, urge you to not reverse your earlier decision. Ratification AND implementation of the Paris Agreement need to remain a pre-condition to conclude any trade agreement.

2. Don't increase fossil fuel imports but develop renewable energy markets

On 15 March the Global strike for the climate will bring masses on the street to ask you to do all you can to reverse the current climate breakdown. School strikes demanding action on climate change are already spreading across Europe. How would you explain to them that you had to import more gas from a climate rogue state because its corrupted leader threatened our car industry?

As it stands, as part of EU-US trade discussions, the EU Commission is set to facilitate the import of gas from the United States. US gas comes mostly from a technology that is especially damaging for people and the climate: fracking. Fracking is opposed by EU citizens from France to Bulgaria. The EU parliament should proudly show its electorate that it can stand up to Trump. It is time for you to show European youth that their demands are being heard, and their future is being taken care of.

3. Procedural mistake: EU rules cannot be waived

In conflict with its own rules, the EU Commissions waived the impact assessment for this new trade deal, yet this is obligatory for "every significant initiative of trade policy" under Better Regulation COM(2015) 215 as well as announced in the "trade for all" approach by Commissioner Malmström. EU rules exist to protect us. The rule of law is not a wish list.

For these reasons, we ask you to support amendments 23,15; 17, 25; 26; 21, 27 and call on the Council to not endorse the opening of negotiations for an agreement with the US on the elimination of tariffs for industrial goods and on conformity assessment in their current form.