WHAT WE DO
We are developing an Alternative Trade Mandate:
We are developing a well thought out, concrete and detailed proposal on what EU trade policy should look like, to be completed by the end of 2012. We will bring together voices and expertise from all over Europe. This has never been attempted before, and represents an exciting new departure in trade campaigning in Europe.

We are campaigning and lobbying for our vision: Based on our mandate, we will mobilise the public all over Europe to support our call for a compete transformation of EU trade policy. The EU elections in 2014 will be a great opportunity to campaign and lobby for our Alternative Trade Mandate.

WHO ARE WE?
We are development and farmers’ groups, Fair Trade activists, aid agencies, environment and human rights campaigns, trade unionists, migrant workers, environmentalists, women’s human rights, faith and consumer groups and many more from all over Europe. Since 2009 more than 50 organizations and 5 networks (with over 100 member organisations) from Germany, France, Spain, Austria, Belgium, Italy, Ireland, Netherlands, UK, Bulgaria and other European countries have come together to form the network. We hope to grow further to increase our impact on the EU’s trade practices. We are funded by member and donor contributions.

WHO CAN JOIN?
Everyone can join! You can become a member organisation. Take this opportunity to actively shape an alternative version of EU Trade. As an individual or an organisation that does not want to become a member you can become a supporter. You will be regularly informed about activities and included in campaigns.

CONTACT US
Ask for more information, discuss being a member or a supporter or other ways of involvement:
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