



Public Healthcare and Social Services Remain Endangered by The TTIP, TiSA and CETA

Despite assurances by the European Commission that publicly funded healthcare services will be excluded from the TTIP, and demands from the European Parliament that the same exclusions apply to the TiSA, the Health and Trade Network (HaT) remains concerned that the exclusions do not go far enough to protect the State's right to choose the kinds of health and social care it wishes to provide.

1. Health **services are not excluded to the same extent as audiovisual services** – There is a danger that it is not as high a priority as part of negotiations to keep health services out from services negotiations
2. There is lack of clarity and danger of **liberalisation by confusion** as irrespective of services exclusions made by Member States in Annex, these could be covered by more general obligations in other chapters, such as competition, regulatory cooperation, government procurement and state-owned enterprises.
3. The exclusion of publicly funded services is **not sufficient if key obligations**, such as those with respect to **domestic regulation, apply to all services**.
4. There is a danger that the negotiations will result in obligations which **narrow the scope for public provision** of publicly financed services
5. There is also a danger that the negotiations will end up technically excluding or undermining **public options, supporting local providers, or cross-subsidisation within publicly funded services**
6. **Investor State Dispute Settlements** in any form should be excluded from all the trade agreements in order to enable government decisions about health and social care provision without fear of international arbitration.