

Eingang:

Frankfurt, 13. Mai 2016

Antrag der Fraktion DIE LINKE. im Römer

TTIP-freie Zone Frankfurt

Die Stadtverordnetenversammlung möge beschließen:

1. Die Stadt Frankfurt unterzeichnet die "Barcelona-Erklärung" vom 21. April 2016.
2. Die Stadt Frankfurt setzt sich auf allen politischen Ebenen dafür ein, dass das Europäische Parlament und die nationalen Parlamente CETA nicht ratifizieren und die Verhandlungen über die Abkommen TTIP und TISA gestoppt werden.
3. Der Magistrat der Stadt Frankfurt am Main wird aufgefordert, sich dem Netzwerk, das in Barcelona gegründet wurde, anzuschließen und entsprechende Aktivitäten zu unterstützen.

Begründung:

In der katalanischen Metropole Barcelona haben am 21. April 2016 Bürgermeister und Stadträte von insgesamt 40 Kommunen – darunter sind Köln, Wien und Birmingham - aus über neun europäischen Ländern die „Barcelona-Erklärung“ verabschiedet. Gleichzeitig gründeten sie ein paneuropäisches Netzwerk TTIP-freier Kommunen. In der gemeinsamen Erklärung wird darauf hingewiesen, dass diese Verträge intransparent ausgehandelt werden und damit nicht demokratische und partizipative Standards erfüllen. Diese Standards dürften nicht Handelsgeheimnissen geopfert werden. Diese Verträge sind kein Gewinn für die Gesellschaft.

Europa muss soziale und ökologische Rechte, ebenso wie Rechte von Arbeitnehmerinnen und Arbeitnehmern stärken und nicht den Freihandel ausweiten. Gefordert wird deshalb in der „Barcelona-Erklärung“, die Verhandlungen über TTIP und TISA auszusetzen.

Die Marktzugangsverpflichtungen im TTIP (und allen weiteren Freihandelsabkommen) gefährden die kommunale Daseinsvorsorge und wirken sich damit nachteilig für die Menschen aus. Sie gefährden das Prinzip der kommunalen Selbstverwaltung. Die Stadt Frankfurt am Main sollte sich deshalb eindeutig gegen diese Abkommen aussprechen und sich dem Aufruf anschließen.

Barcelona Declaration

We, the Mayors and elected local representatives, participating in the first Pan-European Meeting of Local Authorities and the New Generation of Free Trade Agreements, declare that:

The European Commission, on the mandate of the Member States, has entered into negotiation with the United States of America on the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership agreement (TTIP), as well as the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement between Canada and Europe (CETA), and the Trade in Services Agreement (TISA). These treaties are being negotiated in a non-transparent manner, not fulfilling European democratic and participatory standards.

We believe that transparency cannot be sacrificed to the benefit of trade secrecy. Local and regional bodies must play an integral part in the negotiation of the mandates.

Today, Europe finds itself at a crossroads. The crises being experienced by the EU require a political solution. As such, we believe that Europe needs to place core values at the centre of its policy: solidarity, respect of freedoms and justice. These new generation trade agreements are doubtfully beneficial to society as a whole. Europe must underpin its economy by strengthening social, economic, environmental and employment rights and not merely by widening free trade.

We are deeply concerned that these treaties will put at risk our capacity to legislate and use public funds (including public procurement), severely damaging our task to aid people in basic issues such as: housing, health, environment, social services, education, local economic development or food safety.

We are also alarmed about the fact that these pacts will jeopardize democratic principles by substantially reducing political scope and constraining public choices. The implementation of a range of measures will gravely impact on local democracy, such as the Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) or International Court System (ICS). Regulatory Cooperation in TTIP, and changes made to the regulation of government procurement and public services.

We recognize the importance of the trade of goods and services for citizen wellbeing, but we stress that competitiveness and economic growth should not be the only criteria used to determine free trade agreements such as TTIP, CETA and others (such as TISA).

We believe that international trade must be based on a criterion that is not limited to mere free trade. We must defend trade which is fair, sustainable, and which upholds labour rights.

We consider it our duty, as elected representatives, to defend local communities and democratic institutions as spaces for debate and decision-making, and to strengthen public policies for the good of our citizens, protecting the environment and supporting SMEs and the local economy.

We demand that current negotiations on TTIP and TISA be suspended until the concerns of local and regional governments have fully taken into account in the ratification in any of these treaties.

We celebrate the social movement which has made this European debate possible and we want to give them due recognition for their role and we invite them to continue their work.

For all these considerations, we demand that current negotiations on TTIP and TISA be suspended and a new mandate renegotiated taking into account the demands of those who have not been consulted and we urge the European Parliament, European Council and national governments not to ratify CETA.

This Declaration will be adopted by all cities present and to be signed by all those who shall adhere to it in the future, will be presented to those responsible in the European Union, national governments, and pertinent institutions and organisations.

Barcelona, 21 April 2016

<https://www.ttip-free-zones.eu/node/65>

DIE LINKE. im Römer

Dominike Pauli

Fraktionsvorsitzende

Antragstellende:

Stv. Astrid Buchheim

Stv. Ayse Dalhoff

Stv. Eyup Yilmaz

Stv. Martin Kliehm

Stv. Merve Ayyildiz

Stv. Michael Müller

Stv. Pearl Hahn