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[The Great CETA Swindle - Signing Of Trade Deal Hits Last Minute Glitch](#)

By [Corporate Europe Observatory](#), October 20 2016

Today, Belgium followed a 'no' vote by two of its regional Parliaments on the controversial EU-Canada trade deal CETA, temporarily blocking the first step towards the treaty's ratification in a meeting of EU trade ministers. A close look at the CETA - and a recent declaration designed by Brussels and Ottawa to reassure critics and gain support for its ratification - shows that concerns over CETA are well-founded.



[Breaking: Constitutional Challenge against CETA Trade Agreement Filed in Canada's Federal Court](#)

By [Hon. Paul Hellyer](#) and [Rocco Galati](#), October 24 2016

The statement of claim challenging the Canada-EU Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) was filed at the Federal Court of Canada on Friday October 21. This development comes at a time when the EU country of Belgium refused to sign the free trade pact citing objections from the Belgian territory of Wallonia. This constitutional challenge is therefore highly important, and has implications for other such international agreements, such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership, which the Canadian government is pursuing.



[BLOCK THE CETA TRADE AGREEMENT: EU Trade Ministers Postpone Decision On CETA Free Trade Agreement with Canada](#)

By [Prof Michel Chossudovsky](#), October 23 2016

The Canada and European Union (EU) Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) is described by the media as "a high quality agreement that reinforces Canada's fundamental relationship with the European Union." But there more than meets the

eye. CETA includes the entire neoliberal policy gamut: commodity trade, trade in services, investment, intellectual property, financial services provisions, all of which are contained in the US sponsored TTIP agreement. CETA is a de facto “carbon copy” of the controversial Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) between the European Union and the United States, which has been temporarily “blocked” by both the European Parliament and the US Congress.



[SAY NO TO CETA: Wallonia’s “Red Card” Is A Chance For The EU To Be A Beacon To The World](#)

By [Paul de Clerck](#), October 23 2016

CETA and TTIP have generated unprecedented levels of public opposition in the EU. We are at a crossroads for international trade policy. The failure of TTIP and CETA would pave the way for a fairer and more democratic world, argues Paul de Clerck. The European Union, the world’s biggest trading bloc, is, for the second time in a matter of months, on the verge of seeing one of its mega trade deals fall into disarray.



[SAY NO TO CETA TRADE AGREEMENT: Millions of Europeans Against CETA](#)

By [European United Left Nordic Green Left European Parliamentary Group](#), October 21 2016

The European Union’s trade ministers were unable to reach consensus on the EU-Canada trade agreement at today’s Council meeting, as Belgium has stood in opposition to the deal. Belgium was unable to agree on CETA today as the French-speaking Walloon Parliament voted last week to oppose the deal. The national trade minister was unable to go ahead with the agreement without the consent of its regional parliaments.



[Towards NAFTA-EU Economic Integration? “Back-Door” Canada-EU Trade Agreement \(CETA\) Sets the Stage...](#)

By [Prof Michel Chossudovsky](#), October 19 2016

NAFTA-EU integration would modify the political architecture of the European Union. It’s part of Washington’s neoliberal agenda. It’s an imperial project. Towards the formation of a North Atlantic Trade and Investment Area (NATIA)? .



[The EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement \(CETA\) Fosters Deregulation, Unemployment, Rising Social Inequalities](#)

By [Progressive Caucus of the European Parliament](#), October 19 2016

This opinion piece was co-signed by 17 members of the European Parliament, from three different political groups. In reality, the EU-Canada trade deal fosters excessive liberalisation and deregulation: it weakens governments' rights to regulate in the public interest and the so-called "additional declaration" does not provide legal protection in key areas and does not meet the requirements of our legal traditions.



['CETA is a TTIP in Disguise': The Canada-EU Trade Deal is a US Hegemonic Project](#)

By [Prof Michel Chossudovsky](#) and [Sputnik](#), October 21 2016

Belgium's region Wallonia has dealt a severe blow to European Union's hopes to sign a free trade deal with Canada. The region's President-Minister said he would not support the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement or CETA by the Friday deadline. The deal has to be ratified by all EU's 28 member states. However, Belgium cannot sign the agreement without the consent of its regional parliaments. Radio Sputnik discussed the CETA agreement with Michel Chossudovsky Professor of Economics at the University of Ottawa, Founder and Director of the Centre for Research on Globalization.



[The EU-Canada CETA Trade Agreement is Both Illegal and Immoral: Paul Hellyer's Western Canada Speaking Tour](#)

By [Global Research News](#), October 20 2016

Do you know that the Parliament Of Canada has the power to create all of the money necessary to meet our country's legitimate needs for healthcare, education, the arts and infrastructure but stubbornly refuses to use that power? Come and Hear THE HONOURABLE PAUL HELLYER, Former minister of national defense, explains how the Canadian prosperity train came off the rails, and exactly how to put it back on again.

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