Question for written answer E-002769/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Ivan Jakovčić (ALDE)

Subject: Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA)

The EU is currently negotiating the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA) with 22 other partners within the World Trade Organisation. It is well known that public services are an essential component for ensuring social and territorial cohesion in Europe.

Does the Commission share my view that the complete liberalisation of public services on national, regional and local levels could result in strong negative influences on the existing European social system?

Does the Commission have the intention of using the 'gold standard clause', which would clearly exclude public services from the scope of the TiSA?

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