

**Question for written answer E-013909/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: TiSA and the destruction of jobs

The Commission is presenting TiSA, the Trade in Services Agreement, which is currently under negotiation, as a magic formula for boosting growth and job creation. This agreement, which has been somewhat overshadowed by TTIP, will put an end to a number of state monopolies in the general interest services sector, for example in the areas of social security systems and water treatment.

What is more, it will no longer be possible, when awarding public contracts, to give preference to domestic businesses and ensure that local jobs are created.

Given that domestic and foreign businesses will have to be treated equally, contract award decisions will inevitably be based primarily on cost. As a result, downward pressure will be exerted on wages and European workers will be in direct competition with their counterparts from non-Member States involved in the agreement.

In this context, how can the Commission claim that existing jobs and workers' rights will be protected?