

**Question for written answer E-001783/2017  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Study of the impact of CETA on jobs

In 2011, the Commission ordered a study to be carried out into the likely impact of the free-trade agreement CETA on jobs. The controversial findings are outdated, however: most recent studies suggest that CETA will have a largely negative impact in Europe. There could be no clearer evidence of the purely ideological approach taken by the institutions in choosing the path of ultraliberalism without any safeguards for European workers. This approach is all the more surprising because trade between the EU and Canada is already essentially free, given the low levels of duty currently imposed.

1. Why is the Commission refusing to consider alternatives to ultraliberalism, for example geographic preference, the relocation of industries back to Europe or the opportunities offered by the energy transition, in an effort to foster growth and jobs?
2. Are policies which are conducive to creating jobs and combating unemployment thus no longer a priority for the Commission?