

Two-thirds of Germans think free trade benefits their country, but only half support TTIP

- **61% of Europeans feel at least somewhat positive about signing TTIP**
- **Support among the biggest EU countries is lowest in Germany (49%); however, 67% of Germans feel that their country benefits overall from free trade**
- **Germans seem to have been mobilised more successfully against TTIP than other Europeans; Germans are more aware of TTIP, and those who are more aware are also more likely to have a negative view of TTIP**
- **Germans seem to be more concerned than other Europeans about three things: free trade bringing GMOs into their market, free trade harming the environment due to increased transportation volumes, and the US benefiting more from TTIP than the EU**

Berlin, 31 May 2016 - the European Center for International Political Economy (ECIPE), a Brussels-based think tank, and Dalia Research, a mobile technology company, have conducted a representative poll on attitudes towards the disputed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) in Europe.

Based on 10.000 interviews across 28 countries and in 21 languages in March and April 2016, the poll revealed that Germany is the least supportive country of TTIP among the biggest European countries: only 49% of Germans feel positive about TTIP, compared with 61% of all Europeans. The country most supportive of TTIP is Poland with 72% of citizens having positive views, while France (57%), the UK (61%), Spain (64%) and Italy (67%) are in between.

The low support for TTIP in Germany is surprising, considering that most Germans (67%) believe that their country benefits overall from free trade, similar to the EU average of 66%.

Where do Germans differ from the rest of Europe when it comes to TTIP?

Germans seem to have been mobilised more successfully against TTIP than other Europeans. Germans are more aware about TTIP: 66% have seen, heard or read anything about TTIP prior to the survey, compared to 47% of all Europeans. Germans who are more

aware of TTIP, are also more likely to have a negative view of TTIP: 59% of Germans who are aware of TTIP have a negative view, compared to 37% of the rest of Europe. However, the number of supporters/opponents among Germans who are not aware of TTIP is similar to the number of supporters/opponents who are not aware of TTIP in the rest of Europe. Overall, the pattern "more aware, more negative view of TTIP" only applies to Germany, not the rest of Europe.

When asked about free trade in general, a larger share of Germans (36%) are worried that increased transportation volumes harm the environment, compared to all Europeans (27%). Similarly, more Germans (35%) are worried about having to open their market to genetically-modified organisms (GMOs) due to free trade, compared to all Europeans (23%). A larger share of Germans (47%) also think that the US would gain more out of TTIP than the EU, compared to 36% of all Europeans.

Notes to editors

About the survey

These findings are part of the "e28" project, a quarterly survey by Dalia Research across 28 EU countries and 21 languages. In every "wave" of the survey, Dalia interviews a representative sample of 10.000 Europeans to better understand EU-wide trends in public opinion, consumer attitudes and market developments.

The survey setup treats the EU, from a statistical and sampling perspective, as if it were one country. Considering the sample-size and the design-effect (calculated at 1.45), the margin of error is estimated at +/-1.2% at a confidence level of 95%.

The European Center for International Political Economy (ECIPE), a Brussels-based think tank, will publish a comprehensive study about grassroots campaigning and the local politics of TTIP in Europe in July 2016, including the results from Dalia's TTIP survey.

Questions asked in the survey

1. Have you seen, heard or read anything about the free trade agreement being negotiated between the EU and the US, known as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP)? *(Yes, a lot / Yes, a little / No)*
2. Do you agree or disagree? 'Overall, my country benefits from free trade' *(I agree completely / I agree somewhat / I disagree somewhat / I disagree completely)*
3. How do you feel about the EU signing a free trade agreement (TTIP) with the US? *(Very positive / Somewhat positive / Somewhat negative / Very negative)*
4. Which side do you think has the most to gain from a free trade agreement (TTIP) between the EU and the US? *(US / EU / Both would gain or lose the same amount)*
5. Which, if any, do you consider the strongest arguments FOR free trade? Choose all that apply. *(Free trade increases exports and this creates jobs / Consumers get a greater range of products and services at lower prices / Free trade fosters competition and develops enterprise / Free trade strengthens relations between countries and decreases the risk of war / Free trade lifts countries out of poverty / None of the above)*
6. Which, if any, do you consider the strongest arguments AGAINST free trade? Choose all that apply. *(Increased transportation volumes could lead to increased environmental impact / Free trade could threaten jobs due to increased competition from other countries / Harmonized product standards could lead to lower environmental and product safety standards / We might have to open our market to genetically modified organisms (GMOs) / Free trade leads to higher food prices in developing countries / None of the above)*

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