

[en](#)

[Press release](#) | 10.06.2015

## Political meddling prevents EU debate on TTIP

### Press release from EFA MEP Jill Evans (Plaid Cymru)

A narrow majority of the European Parliament (1) this morning voted to postpone a debate on the EU-US TTIP trade negotiations\*, following an initiative by centre-right political groups. The decision followed an announcement last night by the European Parliament president that he was postponing today's vote on this controversial issue.

Plaid Cymru MEP **Jill Evans**, who was scheduled to speak in this morning's debate, said:

*"I voted to go ahead with the debate on TTIP because it is of such importance to Wales and to my constituents. Avoiding a public debate on TTIP because of internal disagreements in the other political groups further damages the reputation of the European Parliament.*

*"Denying MEPs the right to raise the legitimate concerns of their electorate in the parliament is a power game by the centre-right. They are wrong if they think that putting off these decisions will lessen peoples' concerns. On the contrary, it will increase the resolve of those campaigning against TTIP.*

*"There is consistent and growing opposition to the EU-US negotiations among people and organisations in Wales. I have had literally thousands of e mails from constituents asking me to vote against TTIP, which is exactly what I intended to do. Public pressure has caused some MEPs to reconsider their position, particularly on the flawed ISDS mechanism which allows big companies to challenge elected governments in private courts. I was a signatory to an amendment to scrap ISDS completely.*

*"Whilst disappointed that I could not speak on behalf of my constituents in the parliament today, I very much welcome the active campaign against TTIP in Wales. I urge people to keep lobbying to ensure we get the right result when we do eventually vote.*

*"For more information, people can get copies of my publication "TTIP & Wales" which outlines the concerns of many organisations on this trade deal via my website [www.jillevans.net](http://www.jillevans.net)*

- (1) 183 votes in favour; 181 against; 37 abstentions.
- TTIP - Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership
- TTIP Booklet (How TTIP could affect Wales) launched yesterday. Can be viewed and downloaded online at <http://www.jillevans.net/ttip&wales.pdf>
- Welsh version: <http://www.jillevans.net/ttip&chymru.pdf>

## Recommended

News

European Union



[Plenary Flash 21 - 24 October 2024](#)

18.10.2024

Publication



[One year after the 7th of October attacks](#)

07.10.2024

Press release



## [EFA STATEMENT ON THE HISTORIC ECJ RULING ON THE EU-MO...](#)

04.10.2024

News

European Union



[Plenary Flash 22 - 25 April 2024](#)

19.04.2024

**Responsible MEPs**



Jill Evans

Member

**Please share**

[•E-Mail](#)