



Activists are speaking out in Europe about the threats trade deals pose, including the deal between Canada and the European Union.

“Do You Hear the People Sing?” Stopping CETA in Europe



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It's mid-July at 7:30 a.m. when I reach Brussels by train. Tired, I monitor my cell phone. The troika and Greece have just “agreed” to austerity measures to renew funds to the Greek government. It's an impossible deal, but given the rumblings of those who want to kick Greece out of the Euro Zone, bittersweet nonetheless.

I am here in Brussels to campaign against the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). The EU, like Canada, struggles to find a balance between public good and the power of big corporations. On the one hand, the EU is a mod-

el for how economic integration can be achieved with democratic oversight. But on the other hand, as we see with the crisis in Greece, it is also a reminder of the limits that governments and the EU face when confronted with powerful economic and corporate forces.