

A urgent problem

February 10, 2016

EU Commission launched public consultation

July, 2016

EU Commission will present its proposal to EP

December 11, 2016

Some provisions of China's accession protocol to the WTO will expire

March 15, 2016

EP Interest Group on MES
China launched counter
public consultation

Objectives of the counter public consultation



Exploring the blind spots of the consultations launched by the EC Open from March 15th to May 15th 2016





A better picture of the expectations of european citizens with testimonies and analysis

Promotion across EU through MEPs part of the interest group + stakeholders





10 open and neutral questions in 5 different languages addressed to all kind of stakeholders with the fundamental question: should the EU grant MES to China?

Analysis of economic, social and environmental consequences



Citizens had their say!

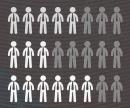
6092 answers

6092 answers in 2 months

19 EU Member States

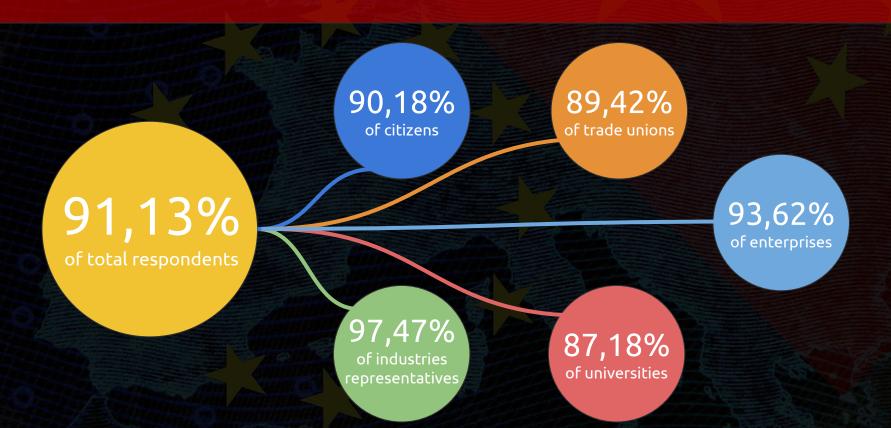


Portugal, Spain, UK, Ireland, France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, Greece, Sweden, Poland, Romania, Denmark, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland All stakeholders



citizens, trade unionists, NGOs, Industrial federation, associations, universities, students, national politicians, journalists

The Results: Massive, EU-wide opposition to MES to China



An overwhelming majority in EU reject China's MES bid



Sample of quotes from Citizens

"China ist als Geschäftspartner respektvoll zu begrüßen, jedoch die Europäischen Märkte und dort aggierenden hiemische Unternehmen zu schützen."

"China is to be welcomed as a business partner with respect, however, the EU needs to protect the European markets and companies."

Anonymous, Austria

"Les discussions commerciales devraient aussi être soumises à des critères éthiques: on ne doit pas transiger avec les atteintes aux droits sociaux et les atteintes à l'environnement."

"Trade negotiations, too, should be based on ethical criteria: social rights and the environment should not be compromised with"

Julie Gistucci Lambert, France

Sample of quotes from Trade Unions

"Reinforce trade defence instruments, increase pressure on environmental, labour, consumer standards in China and globally. Again: Europe should stop exporting job and importing pollution and bad working conditions!"

Lucie Studnicna, Trade Union, Czech Republic

"L'UE non ha nessun motivo per anticipare unilateralmente una decisione sul MES rispetto ad altri partners nell'ambito WTO e deve decidere per seguendo una coerenza con gli altri partners"

"The EU has no reason to unilaterally preempt a decision on MES to China compared to other partners within the WTO and has to decide being consistent with them"

Giacomo Barbieri, Sindacato, CGIL Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro

Sample of quotes from Trade Unions



"Refuse MES to China"

Trade Union, Aperam, Belgium



"Prorrogar esta decisión hasta que china cumpla con las exigencias necesarias para ser una economía libre y cumpla con los mínimos requisitos de libertades sociales necesarios para que los trabajadores chinos puedan defender sus derechos"

"To extend this decision until China meets the necessary requirements to be a free economy market and to fulfill the minimum requirements in terms of social rights for chinese workers to defend their rights"

Alberto Villalta UGT Arcelormittal Asturias, Spain

Sample of quotes from Industries

"La Cina così come gli altri Paesi emergenti fa concorrenza sleale ai nostri prodotti di qualità che non potranno mai essere competitivi. E comunque sono del parere che l'attuale quadro normativo (misure anti-dumping) già non tuteli totalmente le imprese europee. Se viene concesso il MES alla Cina, chiuderanno quelle poche imprese ancora in attività (e parlo con cognizione di causa dato che mio marito artigiano ha cessato l'attività ad inizio 2016)"

"China as well as other emerging countries makes unfair competition to our quality products, that will never be competitive. And in any case, I am of the opinion that the current regulatory framework (anti-dumping measures) does not fully protect European companies. If MES is granted to China, the few business enterprises still working will close (and I speak with knowledge of the facts because my husband enterprise ceased the activities at the beginning of 2016)"

Cristina Lonato, Impresa, Italia

"Il costo della produzione industriale delle nostre aziende non è minimamente comparabile con quello cinese, noi dobbiamo rispettare regole, normative, diritti dei lavoratori ed subire una tassazione molto alta ... Quello che l'Unione Europea dovrebbe fare è avere una circolazione dei prodotti all'interno più controllata e certificata da qualsiasi parte essa provenga..."

"The cost of industrial production of our companies is in no way comparable with that of China, we must respect rules, regulations, workers' rights and a very high taxation ... What the EU should do is to have an internal circulation of products more controlled and certified by anywhere it may come..."

Alessio Molon, Impresa, Italia