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Demonstrations against TTIP and CETA

Open markets secure our standard of living

Marijn Dekkers, president of the German chemical industry association VCI, on the ongoing debate about the trade policy and the upcoming demonstrations against TTIP and CETA:

“A large part of Germany’s prosperity is based on the successes of companies on international markets. We should not lose sight of this fact. It is deplorable that so many people currently see the free trade agreements with Canada and the USA as a threat to our society. Globalisation will not simply disappear; it will be driven forward by other actors like China. Therefore, we should now use the chance to shape a globalisation with fair rules.”

The VCI represents the politico-economic interests of over 1,650 German chemical companies and German subsidiaries of foreign businesses. For this purpose, the VCI is in contact with politicians, public authorities, other industries, science and media. The VCI stands for over 90 percent of the chemical industry in Germany. In 2015 the German chemical industry realised sales of around 189 billion euros and employed over 446,000 staff.

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