

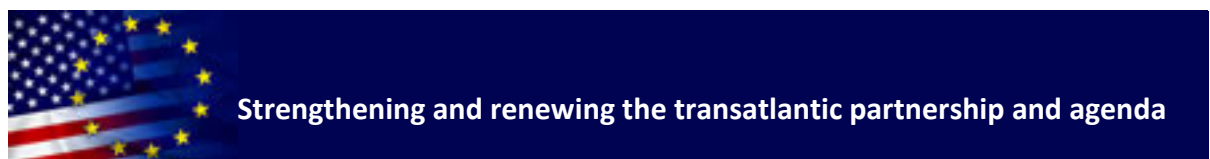


## **Building tomorrow's partnership today.**

As the year draws to a close, we wanted to provide you with the final update in 2019 on our progress in the Transatlantic Policy Network. It has been another busy couple of months in the Network as we have taken further steps to build on the momentum established in the summer to strengthen and renew the transatlantic partnership agenda through to 2030 and to continue to recruit new Members of the United States Congress and European Parliament as well as corporate members.

In addition, we have continued with our normal programming, the highlights of which included the roundtables held with Sabine Weyand, Director-General for Trade at the European Commission, Dan Mullaney of USTR and David O'Sullivan, the European Union's former Ambassador to the United States.

Finally, we have made further progress with the upgrading of TPN's brand and profile with the extension of our refreshed website, which includes a dedicated portal for our Members, and expansion of our social media presence on LinkedIn and Twitter. More detail on all these activities can be found below.



This refresh in TPN has reinvigorated our membership, substantive commitment to the agenda and our level of member-driven activity. We want TPN to continue to play an active role in feeding in ideas and thinking that can contribute to a renewal of the transatlantic partnership and agenda through to 2030.

We want to do this in a structured way by bringing legislators and TPN participants (from academia, civil society, and business) to develop jointly actionable objectives for the transatlantic partnership and agenda over the short, medium, and long term.

Our focus will be on the horizontal, geopolitical challenges, as well as on distinct, yet interlinked, This Fall, TPN commissioned think pieces from expert authors in each of these

areas. The first of these, on sustainable development and trade and economics, were respectively presented by Janez Potočnik, (Brussels) and Bruce Stokes (Washington DC). The papers are now available on the TPN website ([click here](#)) along with the opportunity for all Network participants to comment and provide their own ideas on how to renew the agenda to 2030 in these areas.

The other three papers by Peter Linton (Digital Transformation), Robin Niblett (Political Dimension), and Simon Serfaty (Security) will be presented in January and early February 2020.

We would like to encourage all TPN participants to review the papers and leverage these thought-starters to drive practical and substantive discussions as we head into 2020, and especially for input for Transatlantic Week 2020. This is tentatively being scheduled for the week commencing May 18th, in Washington DC. Details will be confirmed in January.



The fall program for TPN has been wide-ranging and active. In Brussels, TPN hosted an excellent series of roundtables, which have helped to set the scene on the TA Vision 2030 initiative.

This included our roundtables with Antonio Missiroli, Assistant Secretary-General, NATO; David O'Sullivan, the European Union's former Ambassador to the United States; Amb. Robert Strayer, U.S.

Deputy Assistant Secretary at the State Department; and Sabine Weyand, Director-General for Trade in the European Commission.

We have also partnered with the U.S. Mission to the European Union to organise a Thanksgiving Dinner, (pictured above) for Members of the European Parliament who have participated in U.S. Government leadership programs. The dinner was extremely well attended with around twenty MEPs joining.

On the U.S. side, the highlights included Congressman Jim Costa, TPN's Chair in the United States, hosting TPN participants to discuss the agenda for the Transatlantic Legislators Dialogue. In addition, we hosted a roundtable focused on the trade relationship between the United States and the European Union, with Dan Mullaney, (Assistant United States Trade Representative for Europe).



All of the above activities have stimulated a significant amount of interest amongst legislators on both sides of the Atlantic in joining TPN. On the EU side, several new members have joined TPN, since our last update, including:

- Isabel Benjumea MEP, (EPP, Spain)
- Fredrick Federley MEP (RE, Sweden)
- Søren Gade MEP, RE, Denmark)
- Morten Helveg Petersen, (RE, Denmark)
- Arba Kokalari, (EPP, Sweden)
- Miapetra Kumpula-Natri, (S&D Finland)
- Ilhan Kyuchyuk MEP, (RE, Bulgaria)
- Sven Mikser MEP, (S&D, Estonia)
- Sven Schulze MEP, (EPP, Germany)
- Paul Tang, (S&D, Netherlands)
- Dragos Tuodorache MEP, (RE, Romania)

On the US side, we are particularly delighted to welcome Congressman Will Hurd, (R-TX) to TPN. Congressman Hurd is on House Appropriations Committee and House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. You can find an up to date list on our website of TPN's EU Parliamentary Members [here](#) and our US Congressional Group Members [here](#).



Over the past couple of months, TPN has continued its upgrade of its website to reflect the forward-looking, dynamic organisation that we are, committed to strengthening and renewing the transatlantic partnership and agenda. You can learn more by clicking [here](#).

It is also possible to contribute your thinking and ideas on how to renew and strengthen the transatlantic partnership and agenda through to 2030 on the website, by clicking [here](#).

The new website also contains a portal for members which contains details of our upcoming program and activities, as well as useful reference material, a gallery, and back-copies of these newsletters. New content will be added going forward.

To get your personal access information, please email [lauran.burrell@tpnonline.org](mailto:lauran.burrell@tpnonline.org). In addition, you can also follow us on Twitter at [@TPNOnline](https://twitter.com/TPNOnline).



## Looking ahead and other business

As we move into 2020, the key focus will be on the further roll-out of the TA2030 Vision exercise and the development of our program in both Brussels and Washington D.C. This includes:

- Presentation of TA2030 Vision ‘think pieces’ on Security, Trade, and the Political Dimension of the transatlantic relationship, before the end of Q1 2020
- A combined meeting and dinner of a small group of US and EU political members of TPN in Washington to review progress to date on the TA2030 Vision and prepare the ground for Transatlantic Week – end February 2020
- High-level roundtable with Jean-Eric Paquet, Director-General, DG Research and Innovation – January 22, 2020
- Transatlantic Week 2020 – either w/c May 18<sup>th</sup> or July 20

In addition, we are targeting at least four Commissioners to join TPN events, during 2020, aligned with the topics of the TA2030 Vision exercise.

With respect to other business, we were delighted to welcome [Amway](#) to TPN’s business membership in October and are delighted that they have already been able to participate in some of TPN’s events.

All things considered, it has been an extremely 2019 for TPN, in which we have focused on the following priorities:

- Renew and extend the political membership of TPN on both sides of the Atlantic;
- Develop an interactive, engaging program, both in Brussels and D.C., which builds on the best traditions of TPN; and
- Initiate an exercise that will engage our participants, and other stakeholders, in developing an action-oriented, constructive, and forward-looking agenda for transatlantic cooperation, both in the short and longer-term, and refreshing the policy groundings of the network.

We trust you will agree that much has been achieved in each of these areas but with more still to do as we move into the new year. On behalf of the Board and all of us in the TPN secretariat, we would like to thank you for your support in 2019 and wish you and your families all our best for the upcoming holidays.

We look forward to continuing to work with you in 2020!