



TRANSATLANTIC POLICY NETWORK (TPN)

The Transatlantic Policy Network (TPN) was founded in 1992 with the aim of strengthening both political and economic ties between the European Union (EU) and the United States (US). TPN draws on an extensive informal network of decision-makers and thought leaders to provide legislators, administration officials as well as business, think tank, and academic representatives from both sides of the Atlantic with an opportunity to address both current issues and future challenges facing the transatlantic partners through open and frank exchange.

Different from think tanks or advocacy groups, TPN is an informal network that relies on a unique relationship-nurturing approach. Over the years, TPN has become a dense network of professional ties that are sustained throughout changing and often challenging political relationships and economic disruptions. One of TPN's founding principles is to promote discussion and greater understanding and to help both sides recognise their common interests and the benefits they receive from a strong transatlantic relationship – a mission that is more relevant today than ever before.

Indeed, in a volatile, uncertain, and complex world, a strong, forward-looking transatlantic relationship is essential to the prosperity and security of both the United States and the European Union. Today, both sides have become arguably less cognisant of each others' needs and requirements and have not done enough to persuade key stakeholders and their publics of its continued relevance and value.

Thus, in addition to normal programming, TPN has launched in recent months a politically-led initiative entitled "Transatlantic Relationship and Strategy 2030: Developing a new vision". This is bringing together a diverse set of US and European stakeholders with the objective of developing recommendations for a constructive, forward-looking agenda and vision for the Transatlantic Partnership, under the patronage of Members of the US Congress and the European Parliament. Already many Members have signed a declaration, and five think pieces on key issues have been launched in both Brussels and Washington. An interim report is due to be published in the summer.