



We want to increase regular communication with participants so TPN has decided to publish its Newsletter monthly starting April 2021.

We will be featuring opinion pieces contributed by leading supporters of TPN focused on strengthening the drive towards Transatlantic Partnership to 2030. There will be summaries of past events as well as details of upcoming events scheduled for the month ahead. We hope you will find our new publication both interesting and useful.

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Transatlantic Partnership by 2030 – an indispensable bulwark for democracy and human rights

A Call to Arms

Rarely have the political stars been so positively aligned with geopolitical pressures on the European Union and the US in favour of a wide-ranging, durable partnership across a broad policy front. Key leaders on both sides of the Atlantic can reasonably expect to be in office at least until 2024. The same leaders share ambitions to renew and revitalize the Transatlantic relationship.

America is back and Europe, it seems, has been summoned by President Biden to join the US in forging “a Transatlantic Partnership for the 21st century”. His inspirational appeal at February’s Virtual Munich Security Conference triggered positive responses from all around Europe.

Acknowledging that in recent years the US had “strained and tested” the transatlantic relationship,” the US President unambiguously asserted that “the United States is fully committed to our NATO alliance.” Crucially, he reaffirmed that “we’ll keep faith with Article 5” – the promise that all NATO members will consider an attack against one member as an attack against all.

Having already called in December for “a new transatlantic agenda fit for today’s global landscape,” European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen responded with a wide-ranging agenda for cooperation during a subsequent telephone conversation with the US President on March 5.

Her priorities for partnership were very much in line with those set out by President Biden in Munich. In addition to partnering on post-pandemic global health issues, she repeated her proposal for a Transatlantic Trade and Technology Council to face up to innovation challenges posed by the rapid transition to a global digital economy. She also referred to shaping a new economic relationship, shared approaches to climate action and the defence of democracy.

She reflected a manifest desire across the continent for a strong strategic transatlantic relationship, not least to deal with very uncertain future relations with China and Russia.

There are areas where the US and Europe can profitably cooperate with China – such as climate change and pandemic threats to global health. At the same time, competition and confrontation are vividly threaded through the relationship. And there can be no tolerance, and certainly no complacency about the total disregard of human rights in China and its leadership’s contempt for true democratic values.

Now is the time to rebuild transatlantic trust and create the basis for a new, robust and globally influential partnership. Political leaders on the two sides of the Atlantic must take up the challenge.

The Transatlantic Policy Network has already done so.

It is mobilising political and business support through a series of joint actions towards an ambitious framework for Transatlantic Partnership by 2030 which will be both stable and lasting. The drive towards partnership must be politically led and based on more than shared values. Its purpose can be nothing less than the protection and advance of common interests in a world sorely needing a triumph of collective action over narrow, nationalist impulses.

Come and join our activities, making it more likely that this strengthened Transatlantic Partnership will come to fruition.

The Honourable Jim Costa, Member of Congress and Professor Danuta Huebner, Member of the European Parliament





UPCOMING EVENTS

- **15 April** **Margaritis Schinas**, Vice President, European Commissioner for Promoting the European Way of Life

“Perspectives for EU/US Cooperation” European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen has described a ‘once-in-a-generation opportunity to design a new forward-looking transatlantic agenda for global cooperation based on common values, interests and global influence’. In this context, Vice President Schinas will share thoughts on EU US pandemic collaboration, multilateral institutional reform, and redefining what we mean by transatlantic values.

- **16 April** **Peter Harrell**, Senior Director for International Economics and Competitiveness on the White House National Security Council (NSC)

“Economic priorities for the Biden Administration” Peter Harrell is White House Senior Director for International Economics and Competitiveness and is dual-hatted in both the National Security Council (NSC) and National Economic Council (NEC). He will outline Biden Administration policies and priorities on a range of international economic issues, including trade.

- **20 April** **John Boehner**, 53rd Speaker of the United States House of Representatives

“On The House: A Washington Memoir” To celebrate the launch of “On The House: A Washington Memoir” long time TPN friend Speaker Boehner has kindly agreed to mix memoirs with forward looking insights as to the state, potential and priorities for EU US relations.

- **21 April** **Klaus Welle**, Secretary General of the European Parliament

“Transatlantic Partnership; Strategic Autonomy and Global Interdependence” Klaus Welle has a key leadership role within and beyond the European Parliament and a unique perspective and experience. The US and the EU are now beginning to concentrate their attention on specific actions on a whole range of topics spreading across key sectors and activities. The Parliamentary perspective on key issues like strategic autonomy and global interdependence will be important in ensuring both balance and focus on citizen centric outcomes while remaining open to the benefits of transatlantic partnership.

19 July to 23 July **SAVE THE DATE: Transatlantic Week 2021 - DC Brussels online**



PAST EVENTS

- **4 February** **João Vale de Almeida** EU Ambassador to the UK

“Transatlantic Partnership and the Triangular Relationship” Following the departure of the UK from the EU, transatlantic relations will develop new ways for the EU, the US and the UK to structure effective cooperation and address shared interests. Such ideas are at an early, aspirational stage, but we should look forward rather than backwards.

- **5 February** **Congressman Darin LaHood and Reinhard Buetikofer** MEP

“Towards an EU-US Common Strategy to China” China continues to represent a unique challenge to both the US and the EU as a rising technological, economic, military and authoritarian power. As a new US Administration takes office, a common approach needs to be developed. China is a partner, competitor but also a systemic rival. EU/US cooperation should be based on shared values and overlapping strategic interests.

- **2 March** **Dr Robin Niblett** Chief Executive Chatham House

“Global Britain, Global Broker” The UK should prioritize areas where it has the credibility and resources to deliver. Six objectives meet these criteria: Protecting liberal democracy; Promoting international peace and security; Tackling climate change; Enabling greater global health resilience; Championing global tax transparency and equitable economic growth and Defending cyberspace.

- **23 March** **Eric J. Pan**, President and Chief Executive, Investment Company Institute

“The EU-US Financial Services agenda and transatlantic economic cooperation” As a new Administration takes office in the US, and against a backdrop of an EU restatement of ambition towards transatlantic partnership, discussion focused on what can be expected in the financial services sector, particularly with themes like Environment Sustainability and Governance (ESG) potentially offering a narrow window for transatlantic alignment.

- **6 April** **Jörg Wuttke** Vice President; Chief Representative of BASF China;
President of the EU Chamber of Commerce in China

“Perspectives from Beijing on evolving EU–US–China relations” With his experience of working more than 30 years in China, Jörg described the current dilemmas facing the EU and the US in dealing with China. Discussion followed assessing how transatlantic business and politics should deal with the development of EU US, and global China policy.



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