



TPN 2030 VISION PROJECT 2021-2024

THE SUBSTANTIVE PHASE

The Preliminary Phase was completed as planned in September 2020 with the launch of the Interim report “The TPN Papers: Towards Transatlantic Partnership 2030”. In its foreword, the aim of the exercise was clearly delineated.

“The future of this partnership is more important than ever. We believe it needs a stable and lasting framework that will be the natural successor to the New Transatlantic Agenda (NTA) of 1995”.

More specifically, the Foreword went on to say:

“During 2021-2024, TPN will be working towards developing a vision for Transatlantic Partnership to 2030. This needs to be a broadly based set of collaborations inspired by liberal democratic values, dedicated to rebuilding transatlantic trust and defending the rule of law and multilateral institutions. Its scope must range from digital regulation and transformation (absent from the original 1995 Agenda) to trade and the economy, security, and sustainability.”

Then in regard to moving on to the next phase, the report indicated:

“The next phase, the Substantive, will be about examining, testing, and framing ideas for the Partnership to give it content and objectives to be achieved by 2030. Looking beyond current day-to-day events, the intention is to arrive at a vision for the transatlantic relationship in 2030 and to develop a roadmap for getting there.”

“This Substantive phase will be launched at TA Week in July 2021. At this occasion, TPN will present some thoughts about what a new Transatlantic framework could look like to stimulate debate over the years ahead”.

PROPOSED STRUCTURE FOR THE SUBSTANTIVE PHASE

It is suggested that there should be 5 specific sectors set out below:

>**Geopolitical** - focussing on the political and security challenges facing the transatlantic partners – for example on the rise of China; the evolution of NATO and defense policy, as well as the cybersecurity realm;

>**Digital Transformation** – examining the policy challenges raised by digital transformation of our societies and economies such as data privacy, joint action on emerging technologies and the longer-term issues concerning the implications for the future of work and democracy;

>**Economy and Trade** - covering coordination of post-Covid 19 recovery strategies, as well as economic, trade and investment issues, both bilaterally and multilaterally;

>**Sustainable Development** - exploring key climatic and environmental challenges and the opportunities and benefits, including economic as well as societal, which arise from tackling them effectively;

>**Transatlantic Partnership** – reviewing the overall partnership, in particular how the stable and lasting framework should be put together and the key political challenges addressed.

From the outset, the importance of political leadership has been recognised if anything is to change. So discussions under these headings will be led by members from the US Congress and the European Parliament, where possible online.

DEVELOPING THE SUBSTANCE

The revitalization of the Transatlantic Partnership can best be done by bringing those players on both sides who have the willingness to develop joint actions in specific sectors. New processes as well as policy initiatives could breathe fresh air into the TA relationship with the help of flexible and consistent mechanisms for joint discussion, cooperation and action.

Within TPN, from September 2021 onwards, each of these sectors mentioned above will organize regular meetings on the priority issues identified. In doing so, they can convene, as participants stakeholders from academia, civil society and business from both sides of the Atlantic. Insights and ideas will be generated across the TPN program of activities, working with like-minded transatlantic organizations to broaden support and maximize the impact of the project.

This will be done mostly by online exchanges, supplemented through specially convened events in Brussels and Washington when health conditions allow. Virtual meetings will be convened with those at the US State level and those at EU Member State level. They will be looking at ideas to progress the transatlantic relationship in each of the key focus areas, but now with a medium to long term perspective. Regular contacts should be maintained where there are informal dialogues functioning at Governmental level.

TIMELINE ENVISAGED

The role of Transatlantic Week in 2022 and 2023 will be critical to the overall process. Bringing together all Network members on these occasions will facilitate the opportunity to review progress and collectively input into work being done in each of the sectors identified above. This will allow regular interim reporting on progress to date, challenges encountered and emerging opportunities. A final report will be submitted by Transatlantic Week 2024.

As published in an Annex to the Addendum to the TPN Interim report July 2021