

**Transatlantic Week 2024
Tuesday, 2 April - Wednesday, 3 April 2024**

**“Challenges Ahead for EU-US Relations:
Developing a Roadmap towards 2030”**

Dear Friends,
TPN held Transatlantic Week, for the first time in Brussels, from April 2 to April 3, 2024. The event was held in the Library of the European Parliament, similar to the Library of the US Congress being the place for previous Transatlantic Weeks in Washington, DC.

Participants were drawn from the European Parliament, the US Congress, the US Administration, and the European Commission, as well as the transatlantic business and academic communities. We warmly welcomed them all and were very grateful for their participation and ongoing support, without which the Week would not occur.

TPN always needs partners, participants, and a team. Once again, we had a great group of partners who not only provided support but also helped with preparatory work and the implementation. The Week would not have been possible without them. A huge thank you.

[Here is the final program](#) with an AI summary note of each session included. We hope you enjoy reading it.

Key takeaways from the Week were:

- Given the commitment of TPN to involve the younger generation, it was rewarding to see steps taken to continue to build our Staffer Network, still with the aim of its full-time launch in January 2025. A special programme was organised for the US leadership component.
- The deepening of activity within the EU-US relationship shows no sign of abating, not least with wide-ranging cooperation underway on Ukraine. Our discussions revealed the broadening scope of the Trade & Technology Council (TTC), in particular on the sensitive question relating to AI. There is optimism that the Council could be developed to cover broader geopolitical and economic issues between the EU and the US.
- The progress made on our Transatlantic Vision 2030 exercise was welcomed, in particular, the conclusions of the Compass Project to fireproof the EU-US relationship updating the 1990 Transatlantic Declaration containing a series of proposals to make the EU-US platform more robust and inclusive. Exchanges began on priorities for the EU-US relationship for 2025 and beyond, starting the next phase of the exercise towards 2030 with a magnificent contribution from Ambassador Stu Eizenstat setting the scene, [which can be read here](#).

We are optimistic that our messages are beginning to be noticed. In its joint statement of 5 April, the Transatlantic Legislators Dialogue (TLD) supported the call for significant leadership initiatives to strengthen the EU-US relationship ([see full statement here](#)). Hopefully, this will be acted on at the next European Council in late June.

Now we are in the process of preparing the next phase of our 2030 Project. Please join our discussions throughout the rest of this year with a view to identifying priorities for joint action for the period 2025-2028 to incoming EU-US Administrations in December 2024. This will help the shaping of a roadmap to 2030.

And finally, a shout-out to the Team. For a small office, Transatlantic Week is a huge effort! I am sure that you will all join me in thanking the TPN Team – few of whom work for TPN but who come together to support TPN’s mission and help make the Week happen.

All good wishes,
Vivien Haig & the TPN Team

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Session Summaries

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

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Session 1

Opening Comments

The opening session comments of Transatlantic Week 2024 were given by TPN Chairman James Elles and Professor Danuta Huebner MEP.

[Get the Session 1 summary here](#)

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Session 2

Outlook for Transatlantic Partnership

The panellists acknowledged the strong foundation and achievements of the EU-US partnership, built on shared democratic values, economic ties, and cooperation on major global challenges like the Russia-Ukraine war, Middle East conflicts, and managing China’s rise. Recent successes were highlighted, such as coordinated sanctions on Russia, support for Ukraine, and promoting democracy and human rights globally. However, there are also areas of friction, like diverging approaches to technology, privacy, and calls for European strategic autonomy.

[Get the Session 2 summary here](#)

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Session 3

Geopolitical Outlook (Part 1) Overview: Outlook to 2030 and Beyond

The discussion concentrated on the influence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on transatlantic relations and the effort to regulate this technology. It highlighted the European Union’s proactive stance in AI regulation, contrasting it with a slower pace in the United States, and underscored the significance of collaboration to tackle the complexities AI presents. The conversation delved into the necessity for innovative legislative processes that accommodate rapid technological advancements and the importance of stakeholder engagement.

[Get the Session 3 summary here](#)

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Session 4

Geopolitical Outlook (Part 2) – Russia

The geographical outlook discussions continued with Session 4. The session focused on analysing the geopolitical landscape in light of the Russia-Ukraine conflict and its broader implications for the transatlantic partnership between Europe and the United States.

[Get the Session 4 summary here](#)

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Session 5

Geopolitical Outlook (Part 3) – China

While some common frameworks exist, translating these into a cohesive transatlantic strategy remains an ongoing challenge, given the different threat perceptions and national interests involved. More substantive alignment is needed on developing positive economic incentives, addressing non-military arenas of U.S.-China rivalry, and achieving clarity on contingencies to secure continued coordination.

[Get the Session 5 summary here](#)

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Session 8

Developing the TPN Staffers Network

The session discussed the establishment and objectives of a transatlantic network for staffers from the United States and Europe, aiming to foster mutual education, policy debate, person-to-person networking, and the development of transatlantic leadership. This network, formed over the previous year, seeks to facilitate regular virtual meetings, with an aspiration for annual in-person gatherings to enhance dialogue and cooperation between staffers on both sides of the Atlantic.

[Get the Session 8 summary here](#)

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Session 9

Sustainability

The panellists discussed the role and importance of the Trade and Technology Council (TTC) between the EU and the US in promoting sustainability and addressing issues like data sharing, digital trade, and aligning regulations and standards.

[Get the Session 9 summary here](#)

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Session 10

Digital Transformation

Throughout the discussion, panellists emphasised the critical role of international cooperation, particularly between the EU and the US in shaping the future of technology and digital policy. The dialogue underscores the challenges and opportunities presented by rapid technological advancements, the need for agile and inclusive policy frameworks, and the importance of building trust and ensuring digital sovereignty in a globalized digital landscape.

[Get the Session 10 readout here](#)

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Session 11

A Conversation on AI and Digital Policy Priorities

The discussion highlighted the need for guidelines to reduce uncertainties, costs, and bureaucracy in AI regulation.

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Session 12

Economy and Trade

Trade is crucial for influence, power, stability, and security between the US and EU. It helps avoid conflicts and drive global liberalization. There is a need for "transitional fortitude" on both sides to transition to a new paradigm of freer trade, lower tariffs, and fewer regulatory burdens. Protected legacy industries may face tough transitions.

[Get the Session 12 readout here](#)

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Session 13

Key Challenges Ahead for EU-US Relations: 2025-2028

There was discussion around increasing transatlantic cooperation and coordination on critical emerging technologies like AI, quantum computing, semiconductors, cybersecurity, and 6G. Challenges include a lack of skilled workers, the need for open innovation ecosystems, and avoiding overly nationalist/protectionist approaches.

[Get the Session 13 readout here](#)

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Session 14

Transatlantic Vision 2030 - Compass Project: Next Steps

The session reflected on the current state of EU-US relations, the challenges ahead, the need for urgent action to strengthen the relationship given broad and deepening challenges, and the importance of engaging both the business and political communities in this process.

[Get the Session 14 readout here](#)

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Session 15

Transatlantic Week 2024 - Conclusions

Discussion on conclusions reached during Transatlantic Week 2024, moderated by TPN Chairman James Elles, and Professor Danuta Huebner MEP.

[Get the Session 15 summary](#)