

Looking forward

TPN was established in 1991. Throughout, it has been TPN's mission to engage the political, business and academic communities in developing and strengthening effective and successful cooperation between these indispensable partners – the EU and the US.

In the past three decades, from the fall of the Berlin wall to the prominence of artificial intelligence, we have witnessed massive systemic changes. Yet the transatlantic relationship only grew stronger with each passing year. We remain steadfast in our belief that it continues to form the bedrock of international stability, trade, and prosperity, even in the presently volatile and complex geopolitical climate. Now more than ever, we are fully dedicated to our mission to promote the closest possible partnership between the Governments and the peoples of the European Union and the United States, a partnership based on shared democratic values and mutual interest, collaboration, and friendship.

As highlighted in the "Transatlantic Economy 2025" report recently released by AmCham EU, the 9.5 trillion USD transatlantic economy is the largest in the world, encompassing over a third of global GDP in terms of purchasing power, half of total global personal consumption, and more than 16 million jobs. In times of political uncertainty, the business community is an essential actor in the stability of the relationship, providing the concrete economic ties between the US and the EU that translate into jobs, growth, and innovation progress.

As we look forward to potentially difficult times ahead, the support of our business community will be invaluable in identifying priorities for the TPN political leadership on both sides of the Atlantic. Those supportive of the TPN Mission in the political and business communities will be better working together for common goals. A key priority in the years ahead will be to promote areas of cooperation where the EU and the US can find agreement and take joint action for the benefit of both, in a pragmatic and action-oriented setting fit for the realities, dynamics, and challenges of the current political cycle.

Seeking Common Cause 2025: The Future Of Transatlantic Relations

On February 19, the United States Council for International Business (USCIB) and the Transatlantic Policy Network (TPN) in partnership with Qualcomm hosted a high-level seminar in Brussels: "Seeking Common Cause 2025: The Future of Transatlantic Relations."

With over 100 business leaders and policymakers in attendance, the discussion centered not only on potential flashpoints in the economic relationship but also on areas where the United States and the European Union can collaborate to solve ongoing problems in the global arena. (To view the draft program, [click here](#)). The key takeaways for the transatlantic business community were:

- **A Shared Commitment to Growth for Everyone:** Standing united in its dedication to deepen cooperation, recognizing that a strong U.S.-EU partnership is essential for global economic stability and growth.

- **Strengthening Economic Alliances** Believing that the U.S. and EU must recommit to a forward-thinking dialogue that not only maximizes shared opportunities but also delivers tangible outcomes that increase economic competitiveness and job creation.

- **Aligning Regulatory Approaches** Affirming that future transatlantic discussions must address regulatory differences, focusing on simplification and coherence, leading to increased economic resilience and job growth.

The seminar reinforced the view that transatlantic business leaders are not just participants in this dialogue—they are key architects of the future. Businesses have the expertise and pragmatic approaches to help unlock new opportunities, foster innovation, and strengthen the global economy.

TPN strongly supports the idea of promoting an ongoing dialogue for businesses to address priorities for collaboration, enabling them to express their views on key aspects of transatlantic relations. This could take the form of a Transatlantic Business Network.



Save the Date

The Transatlantic Policy Network is pleased to announce that its signature event, **Transatlantic Week**, will be held this year in Washington, D.C. from Monday, July 21, 2025, to Thursday, July 24, 2025, in Washington, D.C.

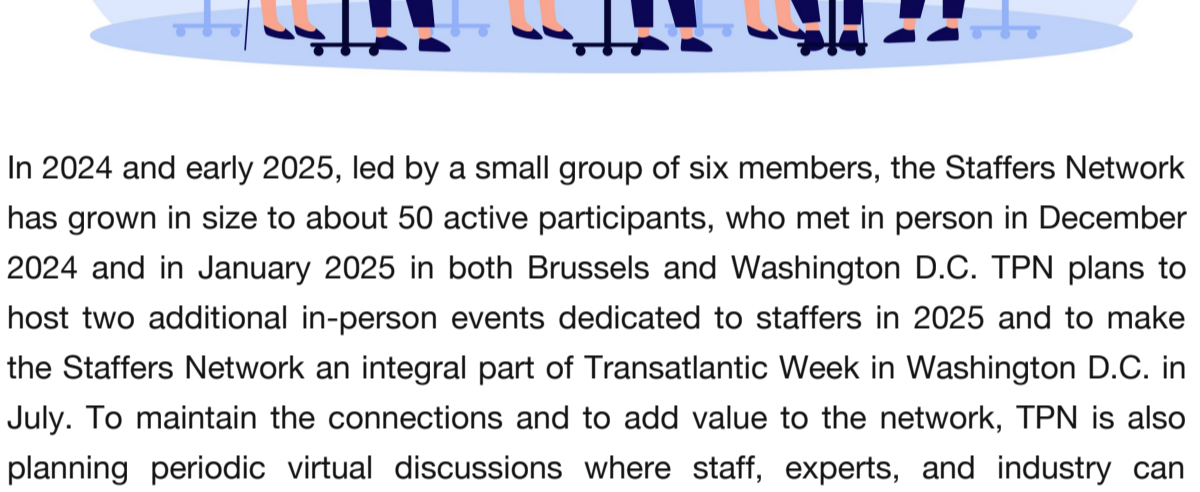
This is entitled the "EU-US Partnership: Priorities for joint action 2025-2028" Present at this event will be leading American and European businessmen and politicians together with academics and EU and US administration officials looking at the key aspects of the transatlantic agenda today and looking to 2030. A special report will be available for discussion looking at where the Transatlantic Partnership could go to 2030 and beyond.

Be sure to check the Transatlantic Week 2025 section on our [website](#), which has the [current program](#) and other information, when available. Additionally, revisit our past Transatlantic Week [programs](#), dating back to our inaugural Week in 2011.

The TPN Staffers Network

The TPN Staffers Network is open to staff working for Members of the US Congress and the European Parliament who understand the importance of the transatlantic relationship and desire to foster it.

In a dynamic geopolitical environment affecting policy and political priorities on both sides of the Atlantic, the role of steadfast, structural staff-to-staff contacts becomes even more relevant for the transatlantic relationship. As such, TPN has made it a priority to build, grow, and consolidate the Staffers Network in 2024 and in the months and years ahead.



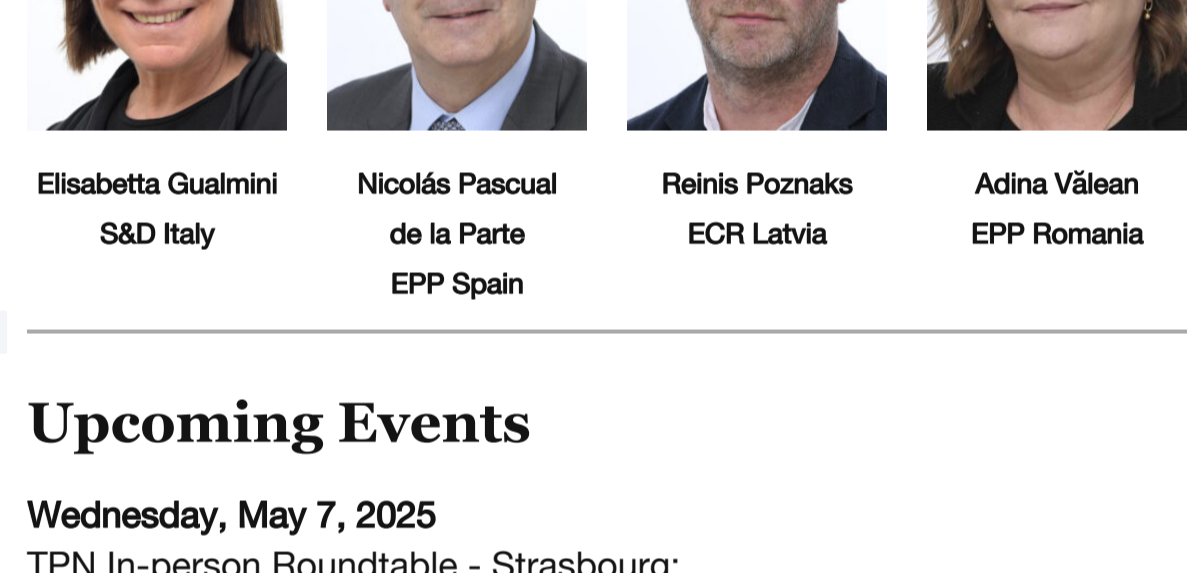
In 2024 and early 2025, led by a small group of six members, the Staffers Network has grown in size to about 50 active participants, who met in person in December 2024 and in January 2025 in both Brussels and Washington D.C. TPN plans to host two additional in-person events dedicated to staffers in 2025 and to make the Staffers Network an integral part of Transatlantic Week in Washington D.C. in July. To maintain the connections and to add value to the network, TPN is also planning periodic virtual discussions where staff, experts, and industry can discuss critical issues of importance to the EU and the US and exchange views on political and policy issues of relevance to their work and to the transatlantic relationship.

TPN New Participants

–Business



–European Parliament



Elisabetta Gualmini S&D Italy, Nicolás Pascual de la Parte EPP Spain, Reinis Poznaks EGR Latvia, Adina Vălean EPP Romania

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, May 7, 2025
TPN In-person Roundtable - Strasbourg:
Dinner with Gavin Sundvall, Minister-Counselor for Public Affairs, US Mission to the EU

Wednesday, May 14, 2025
TPN In-person Roundtable - Brussels
In honour of Bernard Hagège, President and CEO, Atermation
"The Importance of SMEs to the Transatlantic Relationship"

Monday, May 26, 2025
TPN, in cooperation with the Bertelsmann Foundation
"Lithium Rising: The Race for Critical Minerals"
Film Showing and Panel Discussion

TPN Virtual Conversation - Date to be confirmed
"Transatlantic Economy and Trade: How can productivity and investment be improved"
Dragoș Tudorache, Member of Cabinet for Executive Vice-President Stéphane Séjourné at the European Commission

Tuesday, June 3, 2025
TPN Roundtable in honour of MEP Delegation to Washington, DC
"Relaunching Transatlantic Relations"
Speakers:
Iratxe García Pérez MEP
Yannis Maniatis MEP
Kathleen Van Brempt MEP

Monday, July 21, 2025, to Thursday, July 24, 2025
Transatlantic Week 2025 - Washington, DC

Past Events

Wednesday, January 8, 2025
U.S. Staffers Lunch - Washington, DC
Moderated by Dan Nechita, TPN EU Director

Monday, February 19, 2025
In-person seminar - Brussels
"Seeking Common Cause 2025: the Future of Transatlantic Relations"
Hosted by TPN and USCIB

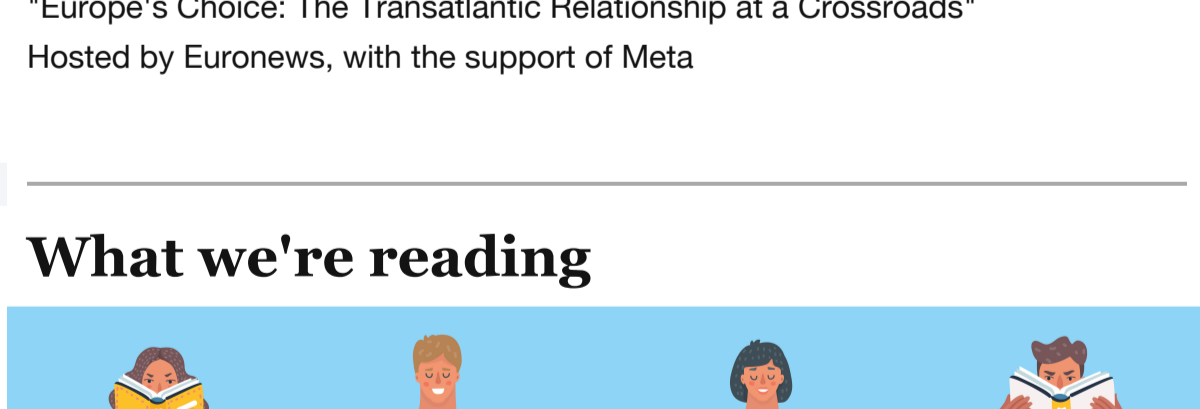
Tuesday, March 25, 2025
TPN In-person Roundtable - Brussels
"Investing in Europe"
Welcome by Vivien Haig, Board Member, TPN, and Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council
Speaker: Carlos Abrams-Rivera, CEO and Member of the Board of Directors at Kraft-Heinz

Wednesday, March 26, 2025
TPN Virtual Roundtable
"The Essential Proposals of the Draghi Report"
Moderated by Penny Naas, Lead Allied Competitiveness Project, German Marshall Fund of the United States
Speaker: Klaus Welle, Chair of the Martens Centre Academic Council

Thursday, March 27, 2025
TPN In-person Roundtable - Brussels
"Are Europe and the United States talking past each other in this moment?"
Moderated by James Elles, Chairman, TPN
Speakers: Suzanne Lynch, Global Playbook Author, Politico, and Oscar Henquet, Director, Rudd Estate, Napa

Thursday, April 24, 2025
Virtual Conversation:
"Europe's Choice: The Transatlantic Relationship at a Crossroads"
Hosted by Euronews, with the support of Meta

What we're reading



Transatlantic Partnership

- [Elbridge Colby: the brain behind Trump's foreign policy - UnHerd](#)
- [Spending, troops and Asia: three ideas for Europe to stabilize NATO](#)
- [How Trump 2.0 Challenges the Global Order - The National Interest](#)
- [Eurasia Group | The Top Risks of 2025](#)
- [The transatlantic world will never be the same - The Strategist](#)

Geostrategy and Defense

- [Trump's Five Percent Doctrine and NATO Defense Spending | PIIE](#)
- [Defending Europe without the US: first estimates of what is needed](#)
- [A Plan for Peace Through Strength in Ukraine: Europe Must Step Up, but America Still Has a Role to Play in Ending the War](#)
- [Poland seeks access to nuclear arms and looks to build half-million-man army - POLITICO](#)
- [A Blueprint for a European Defense Force - Strategic Europe](#)

Economy and Trade

- [The art of the transatlantic deal - Atlantic Council](#)
- [The economic impact of Trump's tariffs on Europe: an initial assessment - Bruegel](#)
- [Where are the pain points of a transatlantic trade war? - POLITICO](#)
- [Donald Trump Wants Reciprocity in Trade: Here's a Closer Look | Council on Foreign Relations](#)
- [The Transatlantic Economy 2025 - Annual Survey of Jobs, Trade, and Investment between the United States and Europe](#)

Digital Transformation

- [We tried out DeepSeek. It worked well, until we asked it about Tiananmen Square and Taiwan | The Guardian](#)
- [Chips War 2025 - CEPA](#)
- [JD Vance warns Europe to go easy on tech regulation in major AI speech - POLITICO](#)
- [Trump Tech - Expect a Transatlantic Collision - CEPA](#)

Institutional Decisions

- [Watch the full address: Macron calls for major European rearmament](#)
- [Germany poised to commit €1 trillion for defence and infrastructure in stunning reversal - Euractiv](#)
- [European Council conclusions on European defence, 6 March 2025 - Consilium](#)