



**“EU US PARTNERSHIP:
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PROGRAM

“EU US PARTNERSHIP: PRIORITIES FOR JOINT ACTION TOWARDS 2030”

MONDAY 21st

5:00 - 5:45 pm

INTRODUCTION

TPN Report: Transatlantic Vision 2030: Strengthening EU-US Partnership

Location: 27 D Street SE, Washington, DC 20003

Moderator: **James Elles**, Chairman, TPN

Speaker: **Bruce Stokes**, Executive Director, Transatlantic Task Force:
German Marshall Fund of the United States and
TPN Project Director

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MONDAY 21st

6.00 - 8.00 pm

SESSION 1

Welcome Reception

Location: 27 D Street SE, Washington, DC 20003

Welcome: **Allison O'Brien**, Managing Director Government Affairs, Oracle
Matis Pellerin, Vice President, Global Government Affairs,
Oracle

Speaker: **Jim Costa**, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives
Darrell Issa, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives

TUESDAY 22nd

9.30 – 10.30 am

SESSION 2

Opening Session: Outlook for Transatlantic Partnership

Location: Members' Room, Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building,
10 First Street SE, Washington DC 20540

Moderators: **Edit Herczog**, Chair of the Administrative Board,
The Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

Speakers: **Jim Costa**, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives
Danuta Hübner, EU Honorary President, TPN
and Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council

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TUESDAY 22nd

10.45 – 11.45 am

SESSION 3

Geostrategic threats to the West: how to counter them together?

Location: Members' Room, Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building,
10 First Street SE, Washington DC 20540

Moderator: **Bart Szewczyk**, Advisor, European and Global Public Policy,
Covington & Burling LLP

Speakers: **Don Bacon**, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives
Max Bergmann, Director, Europe, Russia, and Eurasia Program
and Stuart Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

Ruth Bajada, Deputy Chief of Mission, Delegation of the EU to the US

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TUESDAY 22nd

11.45 – 12.45 pm

SESSION 4

Defense of the West: how to strengthen Western security?

Location: Members' Room, Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building, 10 First Street SE, Washington DC 20540

Moderator: **Julianne Smith**, Former US Ambassador to NATO

Speakers: **Brendan Boyle**, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives
Kira Rudik, MP for Holos and Vice President, ALDE
Kristen Verderame, VP Global Government Relations, NetApp

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TUESDAY 22nd

12.45 – 1.45 pm

SESSION 5

Lunch

Location: Members' Room, Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building, 10 First Street SE, Washington DC 20540

TUESDAY 22nd

1.45 – 2.45 pm

SESSION 6

How must the US and EU act to simplify regulation?

Location: Members' Room, Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building, 10 First Street SE, Washington DC 20540

Moderator: **Thomas Spiller**, Vice President, Global Public Policy, The Walt Disney Company

Speakers: **Dan Mullaney**, Non-resident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council, Former Assistant US Trade Representative for Europe and the Middle East
Roger Coelho, Senior Director of Policy, AmCham EU
Niels Junker Jacobsen, Minister Counsellor, Danish Embassy in Washington DC, EU Presidency Denmark

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TUESDAY 22nd

3.00 – 4.00 pm

SESSION 7

How can Transatlantic productivity and investment be improved?

Location: Members' Room, Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building, 10 First Street SE, Washington DC 20540

Moderator: **Penny Naas**, Lead, Allied Competitiveness Project, German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF)

Speakers: **Dorothee Schneider**, Head of Section, Economic and Trade, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany

Dina Kallay, Deputy Assistant Attorney General for International, Policy, and Appellate, US Dept of Justice's Antitrust Division
Mario Mueller, Director External Affairs Europe, Philip Morris International (PMI)
Ligia McEvoy, Director of Public Affairs in DC, AT&T

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TUESDAY 22nd

4.00 – 5.00 pm

SESSION 8

Promoting Transatlantic business contacts

Location: Members' Room, Library of Congress, Thomas Jefferson Building, 10 First Street SE, Washington DC 20540

Moderator: **James Elles**, Chairman, TPN

Speakers: **Thomas Spiller**, Vice President, Global Public Policy, The Walt Disney Company
Alberto Zilio, Head of European Government Affairs, Ericsson, and Co-Chairman TPN Business Group

Download: [SESSION 8: Promoting Transatlantic Business Contacts](#)

TUESDAY 22nd

6.00 - 8.00 pm

SESSION 9

Reception: **A special evening reception celebrating arts, culture, creativity, and AI innovation**

Location: Google DC, 25 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20001

Hosted by: **Karan Bhatia**, Vice President and Global Head, Government Affairs and Public Policy, Google

Speaker: **Ambassador Jovita Neliupšienė**, EU Ambassador to the US, Delegation of the EU to the US
Jim Costa, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives

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WEDNESDAY 23rd

9.30 – 10.30 am

SESSION 10

Digital Transformation: Current priorities for Transatlantic action

Location: Whittall Pavilion, US Library of Congress, 10 First Street SE, Washington, DC 20540

Moderator: **Combiz Abdolrahimi**, Vice President, ServiceNow

Speakers: **Juliana Koza**, Director, Government Affairs, Qualcomm
Behnaz Kibria, Director, Government Affairs & Public Policy, Cloud Product Initiatives, Google
Lasse Heidemann, Senior Director, Digital Europe
Matis Pellerin, Vice President, Global Government Affairs, Oracle

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WEDNESDAY 23rd

10.45 – 11.45 am

SESSION 11**Artificial intelligence and cybersecurity**

Location: Whittall Pavilion, US Library of Congress,
10 First Street SE, Washington, DC 20540

Moderator: **Fran Burwell**, Distinguished Fellow, Atlantic Council

Speakers: **Ajit Jaokar**, Course Director and Fellow for Artificial Intelligence,
University of Oxford and Advisor, European Internet Forum (EIF)
Darrell Issa, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives
Ted Lieu, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives
Chris Gow, Head of EU Public Policy, Cisco
Alberto Zilio, Head of European Government Affairs, Ericsson

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WEDNESDAY 23rd

11.45 – 12.45 pm

SESSION 12**Food and energy security challenges ahead**

Location: Whittall Pavilion, US Library of Congress,
10 First Street SE, Washington, DC 20540

Moderator: **Jörn Fleck**, Senior Director, Europe Center, Atlantic Council

Speakers: **Jim Costa**, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives
Ted McKinney, Chief Executive Officer,
National Association of State Departments of Agriculture
Bill Behrens, Vice President,
Global Head of Government Affairs, Kraft Heinz Company
Mark Titterington, Director, Forum for the Future of Agriculture

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WEDNESDAY 23rd

12.45 – 1.30 pm

SESSION 13**Lunch: In conversation**

Location: Whittall Pavilion, US Library of Congress,
10 First Street SE, Washington, DC 20540

Moderator: **Thomas Spiller**, Vice President, Global Public Policy,
The Walt Disney Company

Speaker: **Ambassador Jovita Neliupšienė**, EU Ambassador to the US,
Delegation of the European Union to the United States

WEDNESDAY 23rd

1:30 - 2.30 pm

SESSION 14**Priorities for the TPN Staffers Network**

Location: Whittall Pavilion, US Library of Congress,
10 First Street SE, Washington, DC 20540

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Moderator: **Dan Nechita**, EU Director, TPN

Speakers: **Ana Laca**, Assistant to Tonino Picula MEP

John Lynch, Legislative Director, Congressman Jim Costa
Gianluca Nigro, Legislative Director, Congressman Brendan Boyle
Emilia Ciara Plowiecki, APA, Marta Wcisło MEP
Abraham Velarde Gonzalez, APA, Pilar del Castillo MEP

WEDNESDAY 23rd

2.30 - 3.30 pm

SESSION 15

TLD: Its leadership role

Location: Whittall Pavilion, US Library of Congress,
 10 First Street SE, Washington, DC 20540

Moderator: **Lisa Schroeter**, Global Director of Trade & Investment Policy,
 The Dow Chemical Company

Speakers: **Brando Benifei MEP**, European Parliament and Co-Chair TLD, and
 Steering Committee Member, European Internet Forum (EIF)
Nathaniel Moran, Member of Congress and Co-Chair TLD,
 US House of Representatives

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WEDNESDAY 23rd

4:00 – 5.00 pm

SESSION 16

How could the US and the EU work together on trade?

Location: Whittall Pavilion, US Library of Congress,
 10 First Street SE, Washington, DC 20540

Moderator: **Marta Poślad**, Director, Public Policy Central and Eastern Europe &
 Transatlantic, Google

Speakers: **Brando Benifei MEP**, Co-chair TLD, European Parliament and
 Steering Committee Member, European Internet Forum (EIF)
Donald Beyer Jr, Member of Congress,
 US House of Representatives
Everett Eissenstat, Partner, Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP and
 TPN Board Member, Former Deputy Director of the National
 Economic Council and Deputy Assistant to the President for
 International Economic Affairs, President Trump's First
 Administration
Liam Benham, President of EU, NATO and Government Affairs
 Europe, Boeing International, and Chairman, AmCham EU

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