



Dear Friends,

TPN hosted its signature event, Transatlantic Week, in Washington, D.C., from Monday, July 21st, to Thursday, July 24th. The event was held at the Library of Congress. The theme was "EU-US Partnership: priorities for joint action for 2030".

Participants were drawn from the US Congress, the European Parliament, the US Administration, and the European Commission, as well as the transatlantic business and academic communities. We warmly welcomed them all and are very grateful for their participation and ongoing support, without which the Week would not occur. Here is the final program, which includes an AI-generated summary note for each session. We hope you enjoy reading it.

Underpinning the event was the latest TPN report from its exercise on "Transatlantic Vision 2030: Strengthening EU US Partnership". Bringing together insights from workshops, expert papers, and conversations with business leaders, policymakers, academics and civil society, TPN outlines recommendations for strengthening transatlantic partnership looking towards 2030 and beyond.

For the report, [click here](#) - For the opening slides, [click here](#). For the TPN Project Director cover note, [click here](#).

Vision 2030 is an ongoing exercise. We will continue our consultations with transatlantic stakeholders, adapting and elaborating our recommendations as conditions change, and new challenges emerge. Your input in the months ahead will be invaluable and most welcome generating a transatlantic discussion involving the business community, legislators and civil society.

Finally, a shout-out to the Team. For a small office, Transatlantic Week is a huge effort! I am sure that you will all want to 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

THE SESSIONS

Monday, July 21
Washington, D.C.

Introduction



Transatlantic Vision 2030: Strengthening EU-US Partnership

Moderator|

James Elles, Chairman, TPN

Speaker

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

This introduction to Transatlantic Week 2025 focused on navigating the challenges facing transatlantic relations in an uncertain political climate, stating that "the challenges facing the transatlantic relationship have probably not been this serious since the end of the Cold War." The presentation outlined a comprehensive set of recommendations designed to strengthen cooperation across multiple sectors, with particular emphasis on preparing for long-term collaboration beyond immediate political uncertainties.

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Tuesday, July 22, 2025
Washington, D.C.

Session 2



Outlook for Transatlantic Partnership

Moderator

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

Speaker

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

The session centered on navigating the evolving transatlantic partnership during a period of significant geopolitical shifts, including the Trump administration's return to power, growing competition with China, and ongoing tensions from Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

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Session 3



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

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

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.

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Session 4



Defense of the West: how to strengthen Western security?

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

This session revealed significant concerns about the consistency and reliability of American support for Ukraine under the current administration. Participants highlighted how recent policy fluctuations, particularly a brief suspension of intelligence sharing and military assistance, have created substantial trust issues that extend beyond diplomatic circles to impact operational cooperation on the ground.

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Session 6



How must the US and EU act to simplify regulation?

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 and EU Presidency Denmark

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.

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Here's what some of our participants said about the Transatlantic Week 2025

We appreciated the opportunity, and it was a wonderful event.

I really enjoyed the exchange and I very much look forward to the next ones.

I saw the program and it was fantastic. It's clearly going to be necessary to have this kind of connective tissue in place.

These are not easy times in the TA relationship, so your efforts to bring together a great programme in DC were highly appreciated!

You are to be applauded for pulling together such an excellent gathering.

It was a joy to take part. Thanks for all the hard work putting it together

Great stuff – and let's see if we can do more together in the future!!

It was quite an event you managed to pull off, even at such challenging times. Important to keep the transatlantic conversation moving forward. Chapeau.

I enjoyed participating and meeting you. Hope to participate in futures ones as well.

Congratulations on another successful TPN Transatlantic Week

Thanks to events like the one you set up, Ukraine's voice gets heard loud and clear. You really make a difference.

Thanks so much for the terrific conference a couple of weeks ago, and for giving me the opportunity to participate.

Thanks for a great event and I know the Congressman really enjoyed speaking on the TLD panel!

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Session 7



How can Transatlantic productivity and investment be improved?

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

The session focused on U.S.-EU investment relationship and competitiveness challenges, featuring representatives from German diplomatic services, the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division, Philip Morris International, and AT&T. The discussion emphasized that the U.S.-EU investment relationship "dwarfs the trading relationship" and is "about three to four times the size" of trade flows, with most trade being intra-company transactions between headquarters and overseas investments.

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Session 8



Promoting Transatlantic business contacts

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

TPN's session explored the creation of a transatlantic business network as outlined in TPN's Vision 2030 report. Speakers emphasized that such a network would address the growing complexity of the geopolitical environment and provide businesses with better access to policymakers on both sides of the Atlantic.

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Session 9



Reception: Arts, culture, creativity, and AI innovation

Host

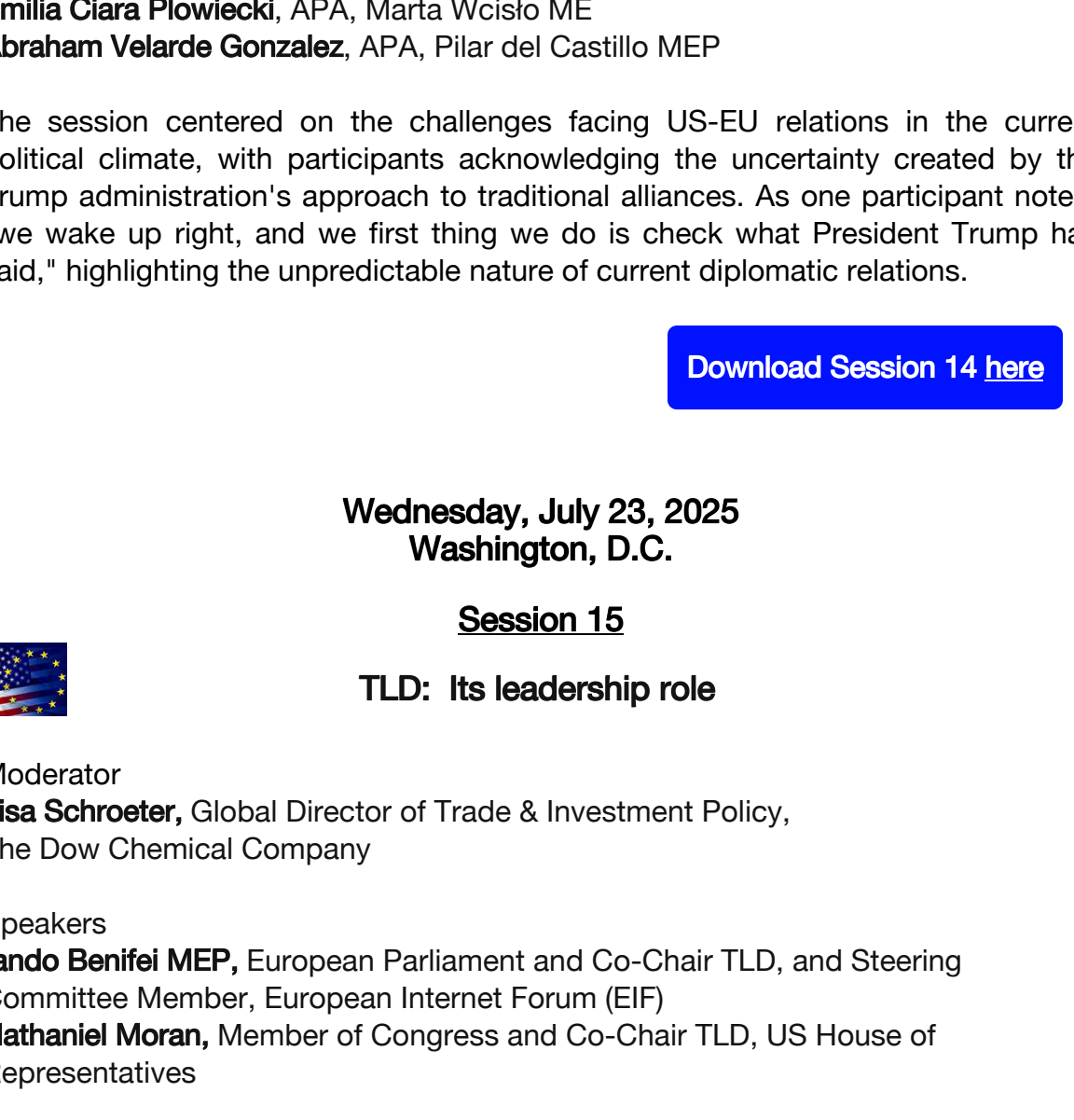
Karan Bhatia, Vice President and Global Head, Government Affairs and Public Policy, Google

Speakers

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

A special evening reception that emphasized how cultural connections strengthen transatlantic relationships beyond traditional trade discussions.

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Session 10



Digital Transformation: Current priorities for Transatlantic action

Moderator

Combiz Abdulrahimi, 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

The session highlighted how the pace of digital change has dramatically accelerated, with new services now reaching one million subscribers in days rather than the year it took three decades ago. Industry leaders from Google, Qualcomm, Oracle, and Digital Europe emphasized that while the U.S. and EU face mounting pressure from China's technological advancement and citizen demands for both innovation and safeguards, the transatlantic partnership remains essential for shaping a digital economy grounded in democratic values.

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Session 11



Artificial intelligence and cybersecurity

Host

Karan Bhatia, Vice President and Global Head, Government Affairs and Public Policy, Google

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

This panel discussion examined transatlantic cooperation on artificial intelligence and cybersecurity, focusing on the diverging approaches between the United States and European Union in regulating and developing AI technologies.

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Session 12



Food and energy security challenges ahead

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 Titterton, Director, Forum for the Future of Agriculture

Participants emphasized the critical nature of the US-EU agricultural alliance while acknowledging significant regulatory and trade barriers that have hindered deeper cooperation. The discussion highlighted how food security intersects with climate change, demographic shifts, geopolitical conflicts, and evolving consumer demands, with particular attention to the lessons learned from Russia's weaponization of food supplies during the Ukraine war.

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Session 13

Lunch: In conversation

Moderator

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

Speakers

Ambassador Jovita Neliupšienė, EU Ambassador to the United States, Delegation of the European Union to the United States

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Session 14

Priorities for the TPN Staffers Network

Moderator

Dan Nechita, EU Director, TPN

Speakers

Ana Laca, Head of Office, Tonino Picula MEP
John Lynch, Legislative Director, Congressman Jim Costa
Gianluca Nigro, Legislative Director, Congressman Brendan Boyle
Emilia Clara Plowiecki, APA, Marta Wcislo ME
Abraham Velarde Gonzalez, APA, Pilar del Castillo MEP

The session centered on the challenges facing US-EU relations in the current political climate, with participants acknowledging the uncertainty created by the Trump administration's approach to traditional alliances. As one participant noted, "we wake up right, and we first thing we do is check what President Trump has said," highlighting the unpredictable nature of current diplomatic relations.

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Session 15



TLD: Its leadership role

Moderator

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

Speakers

rando 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

The session centered on the critical importance of maintaining strong US-EU relationships despite internal political divisions on both sides of the Atlantic. Participants emphasized that while both regions face significant challenges from external adversaries, particularly China's economic coercion, the combined economic power of North America and Europe represents nearly half the world's economy with approximately one billion people.

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Session 16



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

Moderator

Marta Posiad, 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 Representative
Everett Eisenstat, 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

The session brought together European Parliament members, U.S. congressional representatives, and business leaders to discuss the current state of U.S.-EU trade relations amid ongoing tariff tensions.

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