



TRANSATLANTIC WEEK 2026

MONDAY 20th JULY TO THURSDAY 23 JULY 2026

'TRANSATLANTIC VISION 2030: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD'

DRAFT OUTLINE PROGRAMME

(ALL SESSIONS ARE INFORMAL AND OFF-THE-RECORD)

Europe and the United States face a range of geo-strategic, economic, technological, environmental and political challenges that pose a serious test for the transatlantic relationship. As German Chancellor Friedrich Merz said at the 2026 Munich Security Conference: “the transatlantic partnership is no longer something we can just take for granted.”

Fortunately, our relationship has a strong foundation upon which to build a better future. We have withstood the test of wars and economic downturns and our relationship remains strong. The transatlantic marketplace is by far the broadest and deepest in the world. We share many values, including a commitment to democracy and a belief in market-driven economic outcomes. Mutually beneficial transatlantic cooperation has delivered economic growth, jobs, stability and peace.

The alliance has been a beacon for the rest of the world in the ongoing struggle against autocracy, state-dominated economics and predatory military behavior. We recall that 2026 sees the celebration of 250 years of the Declaration of Independence, adopted by the Continental Congress on 4 July 1776, written primarily by Thomas Jefferson. As he wrote, ‘we hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.’

The Transatlantic Policy Network (TPN) was founded on the belief that there are fundamental challenges facing both the EU and the US and that Europeans and Americans can best meet those challenges through collaboration rather than confrontation and individual action. To that end and to further deepen and strengthen this relationship, TPN launched *Transatlantic Vision 2030*, a business and political leadership project committed to building bridges across the Atlantic to chart a mutually beneficial future. Recommendations have been shaped and affirmed most recently at Transatlantic Week 2025 publishing a report entitled “Transatlantic Vision 2030: Strengthening EU US Partnership”. This contains action proposals under the distinct titles of Défense and Geostrategy; Digital Transformation; Economy and Trade; Sustainability with a broad framework for the goal of Transatlantic Partnership. These underpin sessions being organised in Transatlantic Week 2026.

Transatlantic Week 2026 in Washington DC, from the evening of Monday July 20 through lunchtime on Thursday 23rd July, will be an opportunity for the business community, legislators and civil society to engage in further discussion to amplify and strengthen our ambition to create a dynamic road map for the U.S.-European relationship, shaping our recommendations to achieve that end.

MONDAY 20th JULY 2026

6.00 – 8.00 pm

SESSION 1: WELCOME RECEPTION 'THE OUTLOOK FOR TRANSATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP'

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

TUESDAY 21st JULY 2026

09.30 – 10.15 am

SESSION 2: GEOSTRATEGY 'GEOSTRATEGIC THREATS: HOW SHOULD THE WEST ACT'

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

The geostrategic threats challenging the EU and the US are multiplying, metastasizing crises in the Middle East—Gaza, Lebanon, Iran, Russian aggression in Ukraine, China's intentions toward Taiwan. The Iran War, with its lack of pre-conflict transatlantic consultation and coordination and its disruption to the global and transatlantic economies, underscores the need for greater EU-US dialogue on the Middle East. Russia shows no signs of wanting to make peace with Ukraine. What can America and Europe do to end the war and curtail Russian revanchist ambitions? China's intention to become the world's largest economic and military power continues, threatening American and European interests in Asia. How do the EU and US work together to ensure that China's rise is peaceful?

10.30 – 11.15am

SESSION 3: DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION 'RISKS AND REWARDS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – THE SKILLS/JOBS AGENDA'

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

Artificial intelligence is being introduced at an accelerating pace into almost all phases of modern life, promising profound benefits and significant challenges. AI is boosting productivity and innovation but also threatens profound worker displacement, with potentially disruptive political ramifications. TPN to prepare a statement on 'Shared values and a shared AI future'.

Can Washington and Brussels work together to develop templates for worker retraining and job creation to minimize the human and economic cost of inevitable job losses? Should the EU and US launch an ongoing dialogue and work program to better manage the AI-transition, something they failed to do with globalization?

11.15 – 12.00pm **SESSION 4: DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION**
**‘CURRENT PRIORITIES FOR TRANSATLANTIC ACTION –
CYBERSECURITY/NETWORKS’**

Location: **Whittall Pavilion, US Library of Congress,
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The US and the EU have extensive common interests in the technological field e.g. in networks, cybersecurity and semi-conductors. There is an urgent need to develop trust across the Atlantic, giving rise to the Trusted tech Alliance to ensure that the Tech stack is trusted.

What are the most important steps that the US and EU should take together to strengthen trust and resilience in critical digital infrastructure and networks?

How can business leaders, legislators on both sides of the Atlantic, citizen groups and the EU and US administrations work together to protect national security, economic resilience and personal freedoms in this new technological age?

12.00 – 12.45pm **SESSION 5**
**‘STRENGTHENING PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT IN TRANSATLANTIC
GOVERNANCE’**

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

The US Congress and the EU Parliament are the guarantors of their respective democracies and free market economies. They set the budgets, agree to the regulatory framework and approve international trade agreements. And they face common challenges—unprecedented technological change, competing domestic and security demands and rising populism.

What can the Parliament and the Congress learn from each other as they address these issues, including how to more effectively exercise their oversight and investigative responsibilities? What lessons can the Parliament draw from the US experience with subpoenas, hearings and enforcement mechanisms?

1.00 – 2.15pm **SESSION 6**
‘WHAT KIND OF TRANSATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP LIES AHEAD’

Lunch Discussion between EU and US journalists

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

2.15 – 5.00 pm Free time set aside for private meetings – either bilateral or multilateral - for
>Transatlantic Business Network
>Staffer Network
>Political visitors
Meetings to be organised with US Congress members, US Administration etc

6.00 – 8.00pm **SESSION 7 RECEPTION**
‘OUTLOOK FOR THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS’

Location: **Oracle Townhouse. 27 D Street SE, Washington, DC 20003**

WEDNESDAY 22nd JULY

09.00 – 09.45am **SESSION 8: ECONOMY AND TRADE**
‘DEVELOPING THE TRANSATLANTIC BUSINESS NETWORK’

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

For many years the transatlantic business community has been a driving force behind efforts to deepen and broaden the transatlantic relationship. Their renewed engagement in that endeavour at a time of economic turbulence and expanding technological and geo-economic challenges has rarely been so needed as it is now. It is incumbent on American and European businesses to take a leadership role in managing the transition to a mutually beneficial future. To that end, it is timely that the TPN Transatlantic Business Network agrees on a statement of principles for operation with a view to agreeing on key common priorities for joint actions.

09.45 – 10.45am **SESSION 9:**
‘WHERE CAN THE EU AND US IMPROVE ECONOMIC AND TRADE COOPERATION?’

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

With the EU-US Turnberry trade agreement approved by the European Parliament but pending national government agreement and with new U.S. tariffs now in place, the future of US-EU trade cooperation remains an unrealized ambition. But the importance of such cooperation for the transatlantic business community is indisputable. A common approach on access to critical minerals would benefit both economies. Closer alignment on how to deal with China would produce far more favourable outcomes for both the EU and the US.

Can Brussels and Washington develop a common response to unfair labor competition? Can they bolster transatlantic investment?

As an international trading system based on predictability and accountability benefits both business communities, can both cooperate on much-needed WTO reform?

Will the EU’s 28th regime regulations have a fundamental effect on EU US trade relations?

11.00 – 12.00pm

SESSION 10: DEFENSE

‘NATO AND EU DEFENCE COOPERATION: HOW TO MAKE IT EFFECTIVE?’

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

Europe is stepping up its defense game, with a goal of devoting 5% of national GDP to military preparedness. In an unprecedented move, the EU will help support the military buildout. This will require a dramatic increase in the production and acquisition of military technology. Expenditure on weaponry in the Ukraine war and the Iran conflict will further strain the transatlantic military industrial base, underscoring the need for unprecedented intra-European and transatlantic technological cooperation.

What is the role for NATO and the private sector in maximizing this allied effort? And how should NATO-EU relations be enhanced in the years ahead?

12.30 – 2.00 pm

SESSION 11:

‘US AND EU COMPETITIVENESS – NEXT STEPS?’

Location: **Whittall Pavilion, US Library of Congress,
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The US and the EU have common competitiveness challenges: increase productivity, broaden the training of their future workforce, create secure supply chains, gain access to critical minerals and increase domestic production of core industries ranging from defense technology to semiconductors and pharmaceuticals. They are more likely to succeed if they work together.

2.00 – 4.00 pm

Free time set aside for private meetings – either bilateral or multilateral - for

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>Political visitors

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5:00-7:00 pm

RECEPTION POTOMAC EVENING CRUISE

A memorable and relaxed moment

THURSDAY 22 JULY

TRANSATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP

09.30 am **Priorities for 2026 – 2027.** Feedback from the different strands

Location: **Members Room, US Library of Congress,
10 First Street SE, Washington, DC 20540**

Vision 2030 exercise

Transatlantic Business Network

Staffer Network

Political Platform

11:30 am **Concluding remarks by political leadership**

Rest of the day free for bilateral contacts

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