



TRANSATLANTIC WEEK 2026

MONDAY 20 JULY TO WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 2026

TRANSATLANTIC VISION 2030: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

PROGRAM

(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. 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. And 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 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 with its report entitled “Transatlantic Vision 2030: Strengthening EU US Partnership”. This contains action proposals on Defense and Geostrategy; Digital Transformation; Economy and Trade; and Sustainability laying out a broad framework for achieving a Transatlantic Partnership. These recommendations underpin the sessions in Transatlantic Week 2026.

Transatlantic Week 2026 in Washington DC, from the evening of Monday July 20 through Wednesday July 22, 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**

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

Speakers: **Rep Jim Costa**, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives
Pilar del Castillo MEP, Member of the EIF Board

TUESDAY 21st JULY 2026

9:30 – 10:15 am

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

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

Chair: **Bernard Hagège**, President and CEO, Atemation

Speakers: **Mark Kennedy**, Founding Director,
NYU Wahba Initiative for Strategic Competition (WISC)
Mark Titterington, Director General, SpiritsEurope

10:15 – 10:30 am

Coffee Break

10:30 – 11:15 am

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

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

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

Speakers: **Rep Darrell Issa**, Member of Congress,
US House of Representatives (tbc)
Matis Pellerin, Vice President, Global Government Affairs, Oracle
Christel Schaldemose MEP, Vice-President, European Parliament

11:15 – 12:00 pm

**SESSION 4: DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION
CURRENT PRIORITIES FOR TRANSATLANTIC ACTION – AI, CYBERSECURITY
AND NETWORKS**

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

Chair: **Stephan Lang**, Senior Associate (Non-resident) in the
Strategic Technologies Program, CSIS

Speakers: **Pilar del Castillo MEP**, Member of the EIF Board
Lina Gálvez Muñoz MEP, First Vice-Chair of the European
Parliament's Panel for the Future of Science and Technology (STOA)
Ari Schwartz, Executive Director,
Center for Cyber Security Policy and Law
Karen Massin, Head Government Affairs and Public Policy - EU
Institutions, Google

12:00 – 12:45 pm

**SESSION 5: STRENGTHENING PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT IN
TRANSATLANTIC GOVERNANCE**

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

Chair: **Bruce Stokes**, Visiting Senior Fellow,
German Marshall Fund of the United States

Speakers: **Brando Benifei MEP**, Chair of the EP Delegation for relations with
the US, European Parliament
Sandro Gozi MEP, European Parliament
Rep Jim Himes, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives

1:00 – 2:15 pm

SESSION 6: WHAT KIND OF TRANSATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP LIES AHEAD?

Lunch Discussion between EU and US journalists

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

Chair: **Alberto Zilio**, Head of European Government Affairs, Ericsson

Speakers: **James Fontanella-Khan**, U.S. Finance Editor, Financial Times
Julia Marsh, POLITICO Executive Editor in Washington, DC
Bernd Lange MEP, Chair of the Committee on International Trade,
European Parliament

6:00 – 8:00 pm

SESSION 7: RECEPTION, OUTLOOK FOR THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS

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

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

Speaker: **Carroll Doherty**, Visiting Senior Fellow, German Marshall Fund and
Former Director Political Research, Pew Research Center

WEDNESDAY 22nd JULY

9:00 – 9:45 am

SESSION 8: ECONOMY AND TRADE DEVELOPING THE TRANSATLANTIC BUSINESS NETWORK

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

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

Speakers: **Rep Jim Costa**, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives
Pilar del Castillo MEP, Member of the Board of EIF
Bernd Lange MEP, Chair of the Committee on International Trade,
European Parliament
Alberto Zilio, Head of European Government Affairs, Ericsson
Lisa Schroeter, Global Director of Trade & Investment Policy,
The Dow Chemical Company

9:45 – 10:45 am

SESSION 9: WHERE CAN THE EU AND US IMPROVE ECONOMIC AND TRADE COOPERATION?

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

Chair: **Penny Naas**, Senior Vice President, German Marshall Fund

Speakers **William Behrens**, Vice President and Head of Global Government
Affairs, Kraft Heinz
Kathleen Van Brempt MEP, Vice-President of the S&D group,
European Parliament
Bernd Lange MEP, Chairman, Trade Committee,
European Parliament
Rep Nathaniel Moran, Co-chair Transatlantic Legislators
Dialogue, US House of Representatives (tbc)

10:45 – 11:00 am

Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:00 pm

SESSION 10: DEFENSE NATO AND EU DEFENSE COOPERATION: HOW TO MAKE IT EFFECTIVE?

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

Chair: **Rishi Iyengar**, Staff Writer, Foreign Policy

Keynote: **Alexandra de Hoop Scheffer**, President, German Marshall Fund

Speakers: **Kira Rudik**, MP for Holos and Vice President, ALDE, Ukraine

Dan Caprio, Senior Policy Advisor, DLA Piper

Combiz Abdolrahimi, Vice President, ServiceNow

12:30 – 2:00 pm

Includes lunch

SESSION 11: US AND EU COMPETITIVENESS – NEXT STEPS?

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

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

Speakers: **Ruth Bajada**, Deputy Chief of Mission,

Delegation of the EU to the US

Lina Galvez Munos MEP, First Vice-Chair of the European

Parliament's Panel for the Future of Science and Technology (STOA)

Frank Cullen, Executive Director,

C4IP (Council for Innovation Promotion)

2:00 pm

CLOSING REMARKS

Speaker: **James Elles**, Chairman, Transatlantic Policy Network (TPN)

TPN warmly thanks its participants for their generous contributions, support and involvement!