



TRANSATLANTIC VISION 2030: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

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MONDAY 20 JULY TO WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 2026

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MONDAY 20th JULY 2026

Location:	Google DC, 25 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC, 20001
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6:00 – 8:00 pm

SESSION 1: WELCOME RECEPTION THE OUTLOOK FOR TRANSATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP

Registration for this event closed on Friday, July 17th

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

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9:30 – 10:15 am

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

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

Speakers: **Mark Kennedy**, Founding Director,
NYU Wahba Initiative for Strategic Competition (WISC)
Mark Titterington, Co-Founder/ Director, Forum for the Future of
Agriculture

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

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

Speakers: **Matis Pellerin**, Vice President, Global Government Affairs, Oracle
Christel Schaldemose MEP, Vice-President, European Parliament

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11:15 – 12:00 pm **SESSION 4: DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION
CURRENT PRIORITIES FOR TRANSATLANTIC ACTION – AI, CYBERSECURITY
AND NETWORKS**

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**

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 U.S. journalists

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

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6:00 – 8:00 pm

SESSION 7: RECEPTION, OUTLOOK FOR THE MIDTERM ELECTIONS

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

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9:00 – 9:45 am

**SESSION 8: ECONOMY AND TRADE
DEVELOPING THE TRANSATLANTIC BUSINESS NETWORK**

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?**

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

Speakers: **Mario Mueller**, Director External Affairs Europe, Philip Morris
International (PMI)
Kathleen Van Brempt MEP, Vice-President of the S&D group,
European Parliament
Bernd Lange MEP, Chairman, Trade Committee,
European Parliament

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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?**

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

Geoff Browning, Director, Global Government Affairs and
Public Policy, ServiceNow

12:30 – 2:00 pm **SESSION 11: U.S. AND EU COMPETITIVENESS – NEXT STEPS?**
Includes lunch

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 USA

Lina Gálvez Muñoz MEP, First Vice-Chair of the European
Parliament's Panel for the Future of Science and Technology (STOA)

Frank Cullen, Executive Director,
Council for Innovation Promotion (C4IP)

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!