# TRANS ATLANTIC LAB
THE POLICY NETWORK

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ABOUT THE EVENT

The transatlantic bond between Europe and the US has been a key driver for progress, prosperity and peace throughout history. Although the recent developments in transatlantic relations have in many ways disillusioned both sides of the Atlantic, the solutions to our most pressing social and economic challenges require strong cooperation from both sides. To pursue this goal, #TransatlanticLab – The Policy Network brings together young political professionals and think tankers from both Europe and the US to work on issues of transatlantic relevance.

With the core group of European alumni having allocated priorities to the areas of Trade, Climate and Digital earlier this year, the programme combines interactive case studies and simulations with high-level discussions and networking meetings. Furthermore, the programme will put an emphasis on the knowledge exchange with US American sub-federal and non-partisan actors.

MONDAY 30 SEP 2018
INTRODUCTION

08:15  Shuttle Transfer
From the Embassy Row Hotel to
The Loft at 600 F, 600 F St NW, Washington, DC 20004

09:00  Welcoming Address
The Loft at 600 F, 600 F St NW, Washington, DC 20004
Airis Meier
Treasurer, European Liberal Forum
Keynote Speech
Stavros Lambrinidis (tbc)
Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United States

10:00  Introduction to the Programme
The Loft at 600 F, 600 F St NW, Washington, DC 20004

10:15  Speednetworking
The Loft at 600 F, 600 F St NW, Washington, DC 20004

11:30  Mind the gap: Bridging Cultural Differences
Between Europe and the US
The Loft at 600 F, 600 F St NW, Washington, DC 20004

13:00  Lunch
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13:30  Mind the gap: Bridging Cultural Differences
Between Europe and the US
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14:30  Working on the other side of the Atlantic: Insights from Personal Experiences
The Loft at 600 F, 600 F St NW, Washington, DC 20004

Guest Speakers
Jörn Fleck
Associate Director, Atlantic Council
Priit Kallakas (tbc)
Political Officer, Embassy of the Republic of Estonia

15:30  Coffee Break
The Loft at 600 F, 600 F St NW, Washington, DC 20004

16:00  World Café
Reaching outside of the liberal box: Meeting with DC-based interest organisations
The Loft at 600 F, 600 F St NW, Washington, DC 20004

Guest Speakers
tbc
NRA/Pro-Life Organizations

17:00  Takeaways of the day & Feedback

17:30  END OF DAY 1

TUESDAY 1 OCT 2019
TRADE

07:45  Shuttle Transfer
From the Embassy Row Hotel to
The Loft at 600 F, 600 F St NW, Washington, DC 20004

08:30  Breakfast Meeting
Shaping Globalisation Through Trade
The Loft at 600 F, 600 F St NW, Washington, DC 20004

Guest Speakers
David Weiner
Deputy Assistant US Trade Representative for Europe at the Office of the US Trade Representative
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11:30  Panel Discussion
       Reseting the Trade Agenda? – Transatlantic Trade Expectations
       The Loft at 600 F, 600 F St NW, Washington, DC 20004
       Guest Speakers
       Tomas Baert
       Head of Trade and Agriculture,
       Delegation of the European Union to the United States
       Tori K. Whiting
       Trade Economist, Heritage Foundation
       Marie Kasperek
       Director, Institute of International Economic Law
       at Georgetown University
       tbc
       German American Chamber of Commerce

12:30  Lunch
       The Loft at 600 F, 600 F St NW, Washington, DC 20004

13:00  Case Study
       The Trade Trinity: EU, US, & China
       The Loft at 600 F, 600 F St NW, Washington, DC 20004
       Moderator: tbc

15:00  Coffee Break
       The Loft at 600 F, 600 F St NW, Washington, DC 20004

15:30  Takeaways of the day & Feedback

16:00  Break

19:00  Networking Reception
       Venue tba
       Guest Speakers
       tbc
       International Republican Institute

20:30  END OF DAY 2
WEDNESDAY 2 OCT 2019
DIGITAL

08:15  Shuttle Transfer
       From the Embassy Row Hotel to
       Venue tba

09:00  Breakfast Briefing
       The Future of Connectivity – 5G & beyond:
       Visit to the Federal Communications Commission
       Venue tba
       Guest Speakers
       Brendan Carr
       Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission

10:00  Visit
       DC in Practice – Americans for Tax Reform 'Wednesday Meeting'
       Venue tba

12:00  Lunch
       Venue tba

12:30  Panel Discussion
       The Digital Ecosystem of the Future
       Venue tba
       Guest Speakers
       tbc
       AT&T
       Ruth Berry
       Deputy Director for Bilateral Affairs, Office of International Communications
       and Information Policy, US State Department
       tbc
       Americans for Tax Reform
       Moderator: Airis Meier
       Treasurer, European Liberal Forum

13:30  Hackaton
       A Transatlantic Agenda for Competitiveness in AI
       Venue tba
       Moderator: Ashkhen Kazaryan
       Director of Civil Liberties and Legal Research Fellow at TechFreedom

16:00  Coffee Break
       Venue tba

16:30  Takeaways of the day & Feedback

18:00  Early Evening Break (& Dinner tbc)
       Venue tba
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19:00 Networking Reception
Venue tba
Guest Speakers

END OF DAY 3

THURSDAY 3 OCT 2019
SECURITY

08:15 Shuttle Transfer
From the Embassy Row Hotel to
Venue tba

09:00 EU – US: Building a Long-Term Security Strategy
Venue tba
Guest Speakers
Heather A. Conley (tbc)
Director of the Europe Program, Center for Strategic & International Studies
András Simonyi (tbc)
Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council

10:00 Case Study
Raising Resilience to Disinformation
Venue tba
Guest Speakers
David Salvo
Deputy Director and Senior Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States
Moderator: Airis Meier
Treasurer, European Liberal Forum

12:00 Lunch
Venue tba

13:00 Simulation
Conflicts Of The Future
Venue tba
Guest Speakers
Marybeth Ulrich (tbc)
Professor, US Army War College
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16:00  Coffee Break  
Venue tba

16:30  Self-reflection and Presentation of Networking Results  
Venue tba

17:00  Evaluation Session  
Venue tba

19:00  Farewell Dinner  
Venue tba

END OF THE PROGRAMME
OVERVIEW OF EVENT FORMATS

SPEED NETWORKING
Meeting format designed to accelerate making new contacts. Multiple people gather in a single space for a series of short bilateral meetings. People meet each other one at a time for a short interval and then move on to the next person. During the talks, attendees can talk about their day-to-day work and exchange ideas on professional topics of interest.

CASE STUDY
The case study is designed to discuss practical situations in small groups. Participants are provided with a case, background reading and written questions to guide the group discussion. The case takes place in a real-life context and provides participants with the possibility of exploring problems from multiple perspectives. After the group discussions, the groups’ ideas will be summarised in a plenary setting.

HACKATHON
A hackathon is an event format, popular within the tech community, where groups of people come together to collaborate intensively over a short period of time to work on specific challenges. Participants will form groups of about 2-5 individuals, that are given a specific issue to solve, and then dive into problems for a given period of time. At the end of the hackathon, each team will present the solution to their group’s problem case. The aim of the hackathon is to stimulate creative problem-solving and to think beyond pre-existing ideas or boundaries.

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