This Newsletter will bring us to a close of our activities during August, a well-earned break after a very intensive period since the beginning of the year.

We thought that the best way to round off this exciting period of renewed and stronger Transatlantic Partnership would be to include the final version of our Transatlantic Week 2021 program, held virtually via Zoom, on Monday 19th July and Tuesday 20th July 2021.

Thank you very much to all our speakers and participants for joining us. It is your contributions and commitments that help ensure success for the Week and especially so in a virtual setting. We hope you found the occasion useful and enjoyable. For those of you who couldn’t join us, we missed you but hope very much to see you again soon.

We have also included links to one-page summaries for each of the sessions. They give a quick glimpse of the conversations that took place. Our warmest thanks to the rapporteurs for their succinctness and to the Moderators for their superb control of the debates.

These summaries will feed into ideas we have already identified such as the Economy and Trade as well as Sustainability for future programming in the months ahead. We will feature these in our next Newsletter as we look towards the autumn.

We wish you all a relaxing summer break and look forward to ‘seeing’ you at the beginning of September.

And don’t forget to follow us at @TPNONline!

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“TOWARDS TRANSATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP 2030:
PRIORITY FOR JOINT ACTIONS AHEAD”
MONDAY 19TH JULY AND TUESDAY 20TH JULY

MONDAY, 19 JULY:

OPENING SESSION

10:00 – 10:15 am EDT     Session 1:
16:00 – 16:15 hrs CET

Introduction: Lisa Schroeter, Chairman, TPN Advisory Business Committee
Speaker: Professor Danuta Huebner, MEP, European Parliament

TRANSATLANTIC PARTNERSHIP:

10:15 – 11:15 am EDT     Session 2:
16:15 – 17:15 hrs CET

Towards Transatlantic Partnership 2030
Speakers: The Honorable Jim Costa, Member of Congress
Bruce Stokes, Executive Director, Transatlantic Task Force, GMF
Antonio Lopez-Isturiz White, Secretary General of the EPP,
Member of the European Parliament
Jamie Shea, Senior Fellow, Friends of Europe
Moderator: Dan Michaels, Brussels Bureau Chief, Wall Street Journal

Strengthening Transatlantic Partnership over the next decade is essential to securing the West’s political, economic and security goals. While NATO is mapping political and security goals for 2030, in an updated Strategic concept, the recent EU US Summit has created a Joint Transatlantic Agenda identifying key policy issues to be addressed. How should the EU and the US now move to reinvigorate their institutional framework, and bring more depth to their collaboration and cooperation? Are there links to be established over time between this framework and NATO?

Click here for the Session 2 summary: Towards Transatlantic Partnership 2030
GEOPOLITICAL:

11:15 – 12:15 pm EDT  Session 3: Developing a Common Strategy to China
Speakers: Reinhard Buetikofer MEP, European Parliament
The Honorable Andy Kim, Member of Congress, US House of Representatives
Moderator: Stormy Mildner, Executive Director, Aspen Institute, Germany

There is an increasing recognition that the EU and the US should act together on China. In December 2020, the EU signed an Investment agreement with China, but the European Parliament has recently suspended its approval. At the EU/US Summit in mid-June, there was agreement to consult closely on the full range of issues in the framework of our respective similar multi-faceted approaches to China, including elements of cooperation, competition and systemic rivalry. How far should this cooperation now extend?

Click here for the Session 3 summary: Developing a Common Strategy to China

TUESDAY, 20 JULY

TRANSATLANTIC LEGISLATORS DIALOGUE (TLD) BRIEFING

08:30 – 09:30 am EDT  Session 4: Priorities and outlook for US/EU Cooperation
Speakers: Radek Sikorski MEP, TLD EU Co-Chair, European Parliament
The Honorable Jim Costa, TLD US Co-Chair, US House of Representatives
Moderator: Paul Adamson, Founder of Encompass and Chairman, Forum Europe

Ahead of the meeting of the Transatlantic Legislators Dialogue (TLD), the official interparliamentary dialogue between the United States Congress and the European Parliament, the leadership of the TLD is invited to discuss their priorities and outlook for US-EU cooperation and the role of legislators in a revitalized transatlantic partnership.

Click here for the Session 4 summary: Transatlantic Legislators Dialogue (briefing)

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION:

09:45 – 10:45 am EDT  Session 5: Setting the framework for Transatlantic Digital Cooperation
Keynote: Edward (Ed) Gillespie, Senior Executive Vice President
External and Legislative Affairs, AT&T
Speakers: Karen Massin, Head Government Affairs & Public Policy, Google
Lise Fuhr, Director-General, ETNO
Moderator: Paul Hofheinz, Co-Founder and President, The Lisbon Council
The advance of technology is having transformative effects on democratic structures and societies, with new actors and old exploiting developments to change, and in some cases undermine trust and faith in the institutions and processes of Western democracies. To provide an effective platform for cooperation, the EU/US Summit established a high-level EU-US Trade and Technology Council (TTC). How will this body set principles and standards governing the digital world of tomorrow? How will the interests of the political and business worlds be taken into account?

Click here for the Session 5 summary: Setting the Framework for Transatlantic Digital Cooperation

10:45 – 11:45 am EDT  Session 6:  Priorities for action on digital issues
16:45 – 17:45 hrs CET  Priorities for action on digital issues
Speakers:  Pilar Del Castillo MEP, Chair, European Internet Forum (EIF) -
The Honorable Darrell Issa, Member of Congress, United States House of Representatives
Gianpiero Lotito, Founder and CEO, FacilityLive
Hendrik Bourgeois, Head of Government Affairs Europe & Russia, Apple
Moderator:  Tyson Barker, Director of the Tech and Foreign Policy Program, German Council on Foreign Relations

This session enables a discussion on those priority issues looking ahead over the next 12 months for the EU and the US to address. These could include such issues as Data flows; Cybersecurity, AI; Strengthening democracy (e.g. content moderation, fake news) Market competition and privacy.

Click here for the Session 6 summary: Priorities for action on digital issues

CLOSING SESSION:

11:45 – 12:30 pm EDT  Session 7:  Summaries of Session Recommendations
17:45 – 18:30 hrs CET  Summaries of Session Recommendations
Coordinator:  Jeffries Briginshaw, Senior Director, Transatlantic Policy Network (TPN)
Moderator:  James Elles, Chairman, Transatlantic Policy Network (TPN)
Rapporteurs:  Claudio Murri, Chairman, The Digital Policy Round Table
Burkhard Ober, Associate Partner, Hume Brophy
Jerome Sheridan, Director and Professor, American University Brussels Center
John Wyles, Senior Fellow, Transatlantic Policy Network (TPN)

The closing session provides the opportunity to review summaries from the sessions, presented by the rapporteurs, giving recommendations for future programming. These will be added to those already identified such as Economy and Trade as well as Sustainability for TPN future programming for 2021 – 2022. At the end of this session, the Substantive Phase of the TPN 2030 Vision Project will be launched.
Released as part of discussions in Session 2 and presented by the authors is the Addendum to the Interim Report “Towards Transatlantic Partnership 2030”, looking at possible developments in the TA Institutional framework. TPN will continue such discussions as part of its future programme. To have a copy of this document click here:

Addendum-to-the-TPN-Interim-Report-1.pdf (tpnonline.org)

INFOGRAPHIC TPN

This month’s infographic coverage for our engagement on TWITTER - @TPNOonline and LINKEDIN - https://www.linkedin.com/company/transatlantic-policy-network-tpn/ - followed the build-up to Transatlantic Week.

Our aim with INFOGRAPHIC TPN is to investigate some of the facts and data behind the key themes we work with for the Transatlantic 2030 Vision and then - in keeping with our mission - to illustrate what we find in simple ways as an educational tool for interested parties.

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