



**Greetings from TPN**

Dear Friends,

Welcome to this edition of the TPN Newsletter, which comes with all our best wishes for 2023!

As we pass the mid-point mark for the mandates of the European Commission and the US Government and under the two Presidencies of Joe Biden and Ursula Von der Leyen, joint efforts for transatlantic partnership are delivering a unifying sense of purpose to tackle both immediate and strategic challenges.

TPN is embracing these challenges with a forward looking agenda: developing a project designed to strengthen the resilience of transatlantic relations called "Fireproofing The EU US Relationship: In Search of a New Compass", and encouraging next generation transatlanticists to shape the agenda in new ways based on the development of platforms like a Staffers Network drawn from the European Parliament and US Congress.

In this first edition of our update for 2023, we include two keynote articles, the first from Bruce Stokes, visiting senior fellow of the German Marshall Fund and the executive director of its Transatlantic Task Force, titled *Fireproofing US-European Ties*, which first appeared in Roll Call. The second is from Hendrik Bourgeois, vice president, European Government Affairs, Intel Corporation, titled *Semiconductors and the Emergence of Industrial Policy as a Key Transatlantic Policy Tool*.

All good wishes,  
Vivien Haig & the TPN Team

**Fireproofing US-European Ties**  
*Key issues require enhanced engagement from Congress and the administration with EU counterparts*



**2023 is shaping up as a year of both challenges and opportunities for American relations with Europe.** We share a stake in the uncertain direction of the war in Ukraine, the growing competition with China, the regulatory imperative of the digital economy, and the existential threat posed by climate change. To deal with all of this, as Benjamin Franklin once observed: "We must all hang together, or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately."

But the window of opportunity to work together on these issues will narrow by 2024, with the U.S. presidential and Congressional elections coinciding with the end of the terms of both the European Commission and European Parliament that year.

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**Semiconductors: A Transatlantic Industrial Policy Tool?**



The semiconductor ecosystem is an industry of its own. A value chain stretching across all continents bar Antarctica. Thousands of highly specialized players that hold highly technical roles in many processes. It is perhaps also one of the most globally connected and, by consequence, politically exposed industries around. And yet, it is at the heart of pretty much every single innovation and technical breakthrough of recent years. Not only that, but its role is only expected to grow as our economies become ever more digital - something policymakers on both sides of the Atlantic are acutely aware of.

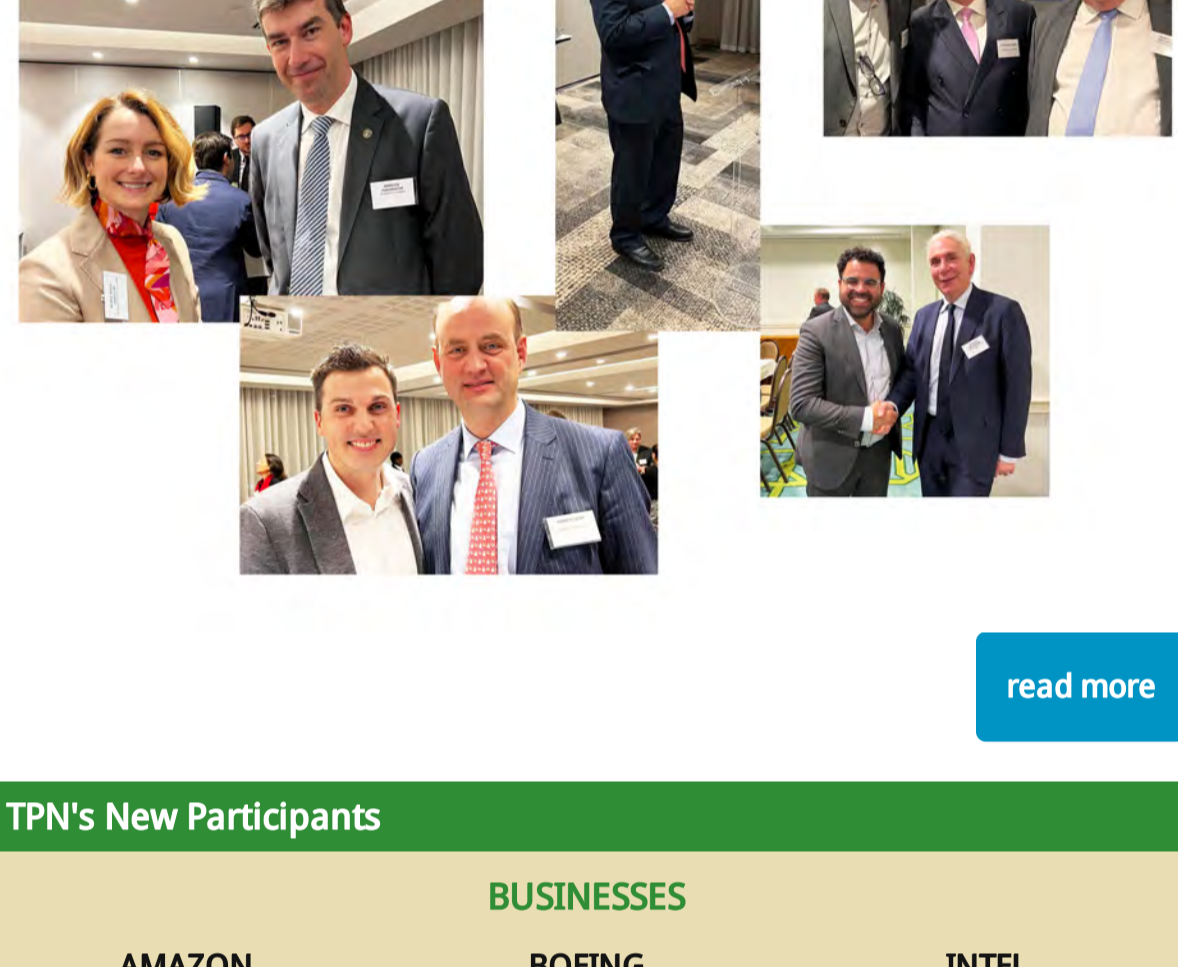
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**TPN'S 30th ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION**



TPN is 30 this year and we opened our anniversary with a reception in Brussels on Wednesday, February 1, welcoming our network to celebrate achievements so far, but more importantly, looking forward to work in hand. We will be organising a similar celebratory reception in Washington DC during Transatlantic Week 2023 taking place during the week beginning Monday, July 24.

In his remarks, TPN Chairman James Elles drew attention to the launch of the Compass Project aiming to fireproof the EU US relationship given the broad and deepening challenges ahead. He also underlined the growing focus within TPN to foster a younger generation through the initiation of the TPN Staffer Network, to be formally launched at Transatlantic Week in July.



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**TPN's New Participants**

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<b>AMAZON</b>	<b>BOEING</b>	<b>INTEL</b>
<b>Jason Crow</b> D - Colorado		<b>Abigail Spanberger</b> D - Virginia
<b>Suzan DelBene</b> D - Washington		<b>Dina Titus</b> D - Nevada
<b>Carol Miller</b> R - West Virginia		<b>Michael Waltz</b> R - Florida
U.S. CONGRESS		
	<b>Dita Charanzová</b> RE Czechia	
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT		

**Past Events**

**Transatlantic Perspectives**  
Speaker: Brendan Carr, FTC Commissioner

Commissioner Carr, the senior Republican on the Federal Communications Commission, led a discussion focusing on some of the emerging national security concerns related to TikTok and ...

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**Preparing the Compass Project**  
Speaker: Bruce Stokes

Discussion centered on the value of developing a specific project focus to bear on strengthening the resilience of the transatlantic relationship with three key dimensions in focus ...

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**Perspectives for the Next TTC Meeting**  
Speakers: Bernd Lange MEP

Discussion explored contrasting US and EU motivations and perspectives on next steps for TTC. The governing US 'prism' through which utility is assessed ...

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**Ukraine: Fighting for Freedom**  
Speaker: Kira Rudik, Member of Ukrainian Parliament, Leader of Political party Golos, Vice President of ALDE

As increasing energy prices exact a harsh burden across European and to a lesser extent on American households this autumn, we mustn't forget ...

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**Strengthening the Transatlantic Partnership**  
Speaker: Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat

With his unparalleled experience over decades engaged in EU-US relations, Ambassador Eizenstat drew out recurrent themes and priorities that continue to drive the conduct and ongoing importance of transatlantic collaboration, vis-à-vis ...

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**Read out on December TTC**  
Speakers: Rupert Schlegelmilch, Director DG Trade, EU Commission, and Penny Naas, President, International Public Affairs and Sustainability at UPS

US and EU approaches to implementing policy for AI are gathering pace on both sides of the Atlantic, raising the question ...

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**Steps Towards Transatlantic AI Cooperation**  
Speakers: Brando Benefei MEP, and Pietro Biondi, Head of Data & Advanced Analytics, Allianz Italy

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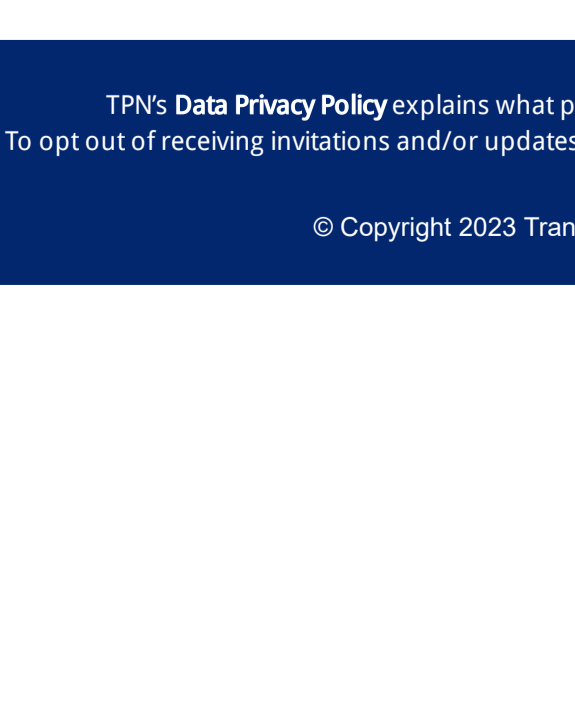
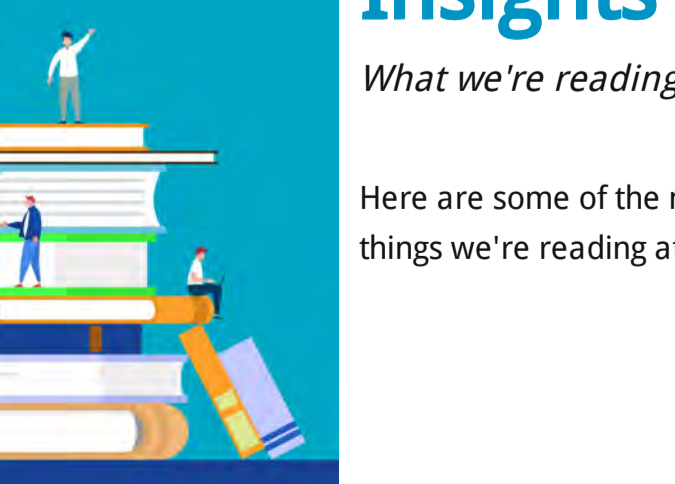
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**Development of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism**  
Speakers: Mohammed Chahim MEP, Rapporteur of the ENVI Committee on CBAM, and Dennis Kredler, Head of Brussels Office, Dow

Discussion focused on development of the carbon border adjustment mechanism designed to create a level playing field for European producers and importers ...

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*What we're reading*

Here are some of the most interesting things we're reading at the moment.

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