



European Ideas Network

Working meetings of the 'Transatlantic Group' and EIN/IRI/Hudson institute

17th - 20th July 2017

***Hotel Sofitel Lafayette
806 15th Street NW
Washington DC***

Draft Agenda

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SATURDAY 15th JULY - MONDAY 17th JULY

**Arrival of Participants - CONTACT PERSON: Guillermo MARTINEZ CASAN - EIN
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MONDAY 17th JULY

7.00 pm **Working Dinner at Hotel Sofitel Lafayette
Madeleine room
806 15th Street NW, Washington, DC 20005**

TUESDAY 18th JULY

EIN/IRI/TAG meetings

**VENUE: *Cannon House Office Building
1 & C Street, SE, Washington, DC, Room 121***

08.15 - 08.30 **Meeting at the Lobby of Hotel Sofitel Lafayette**

08.45 - 09.00 **Arrival of Participants** (*transfer from Hotel Sofitel Lafayette to USA Congress - Capitol Hill-US House of Representatives*)

09.00 - 10.00 **First session: Welcome and general discussion on the State of U.S.-European Relations**

European Co-chair introduces the delegation and delivers remarks - US Co-Chair delivers remarks

- **Congressman Trent Franks**, *AZ Representative for Arizona's 8th congressional district, Co-chair of TAG*
- **Paulo Rangel MEP**, *Vice-Chairman of the EPP, EIN Chairman, Vice-Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament/ Co-chair of TAG*
- **Mairead McGuinness MEP**, *Chair of the Working Group on Transatlantic Relations and Vice-President of the European Parliament*

Subjects for discussion:

EU: *Elmar Brok MEP, Member of the Committee Foreign Affairs, EU USA Rapporteur*

-The new US Administration: Approaches to Europe, Russia: in light of the developments in 2016-2017 and the President meetings in Brussels with NATO, discussion of the state of US relations with EU and NATP

-Elections in France, Brexit, German elections: impact of the results on the new US Administration's policies

-Ukraine: Exploration of various scenarios for resolution initiatives

-Mending fences and Reinforcing Transatlantic relations: ideas and projects

10.15 - 12.00

Second session: General discussion on Economics and demographics: Transatlantic Challenges

Subjects for discussion:

EU: *Daniel Caspary MEP, EPP Group Coordinator on International Trade in the European Parliament and Head of the German delegation in the EPP Group and Artis Pabriks MEP, Member of the Committee on International Trade*

- US and European trade and economic choices and mutual impacts
- Migrant's crises in Europe, the Mediterranean area and impact on North America
- Refugees vetting issues in the US: if there is a transatlantic joint approach
- Projects on Syrian refugees: safe zones and educational programs

12.00 - 1.00 pm

Lunch: Distinguished Speaker:

Sebastian Lukács Gorka (HU), Deputy Assistant to the President Donald Trump, Executive Office of the President of the United States of America

2.00 - 3.15 pm

Third Session: International Security and Transatlantic challenges

Subjects for discussion:

EU: *Arnaud Danjean MEP, Vice-Chair of the EP Delegation for relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs*

- Discussion of crises: Syria, Iraq, Libya, Yemen, Post ISIS
- Briefing on the Arab Muslim Coalition of Riyadh: possible partnership between NATO and the Coalition
- Iran deal: US and European positions on implementation, recall, cancelling or re-negotiating the Iran Nuclear Deal
- Home-grown terrorism in Europe and in the US: discussion of transatlantic new strategies regarding the domestic Jihadi threat on both sides of the Atlantic

3.15 - 4.00 pm

Fourth Session: Transatlantic initiatives for 2017-2018

Subjects for discussion:

In this session, participants propose ideas for initiatives coming from both sides. Note that ideas and suggestions would be prepared in advance and reviewed by both sides

EU: *Paulo Rangel MEP, Vice-Chairman of the EPP, Vice-Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament, EIN Chairman, Co-Chair of TAG*

- Opening TAG to Latin American lawmakers: Brazil, Colombia, Argentina

- Possibly inviting lawmakers from the Middle East as observers to a future session
- Discussion of a US TAG delegation to Brussels
- Presentation of a Joint TAG Project on Syrian refugees

4.00 pm **Adjourn**

5.00 - 6.00pm Meeting with **Adam Lovinger**, *Net Assessment, Office of the Secretary of Defense, USA*

VENUE: Hotel Sofitel Lafayette
Concorde room

6.30 - 6.45 pm **Meeting at the Lobby of Hotel Sofitel Lafayette**

7.00 - 10.00 pm **Working Dinner with USA legislators (on personal invitation)**

VENUE: The Capitol Hill Club
300 First Street, SE Washington, DC 20003, P: (202) 484-4590

Guest Speaker: General Jack Keane

WEDNESDAY 19th JULY

08.45 - 09.00 **Meeting at the Lobby of Hotel Sofitel Lafayette**

09.00 - 09.30 **Transfer from the hotel to Hudson Institute**

VENUE: Hudson Institute, 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 400

09.30 **Opening: greetings and introductions**

- **Kenneth R. Weinstein**, *President and CEO, Hudson Institute*
- **Paulo Rangel**, *Vice-Chairman of the EPP, Vice-Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament, EIN Chairman (PT)/Co-chair of TAG*

09.45 - 11.00 **First Session: Has The Post-American Era Begun? Cooperation after Brussels Summit**

VENUE: Hudson Institute, 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 400

Moderator: *Adam Garfinkle, Editor-in-Chief, The American Interest*

Speakers:

- **Seth Cropsey**, *Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute*
- **Arnaud Danjean**, *MEP Vice-Chair of the EP Delegation for relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs*
- **Antonio López-Isturiz**, *MEP Secretary General of the EPP party and Secretary Treasurer of the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies*

- 11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.15 - 12.30 pm **Second Session: Can TTIP be revived? Can the US-EU trade and investment cooperation continue?**
- Moderator: Rod Hunter, Partner, Backer McKenzie**
- Speakers:**
- **Artis Pabriks, MEP Member of the Committee on International Trade (LV)**
 - **Thomas Duesterberg, former international economist at the Commerce Department, SENIOR Fellow, Hudson Institute**
 - **Daniel Caspary MEP, EPP Group Coordinator on International Trade in the European Parliament and Head of the German Delegation in the EPP Group**
 - **David Geanacopoulos, Senior Executive Vice President, Public Affairs and Public Policy at Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.**
- 12:30 pm **Working Lunch: How the new political landscape will disrupt transatlantic relations.**
- Introducer: Paulo Rangel MEP, Vice-Chairman of the EPP, Vice-Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament, EIN Chairman**
- Speakers:**
- **Walter Russell Mead, Distinguished Fellow, Hudson Institute and Editor-at-Large, The American Interest**
- 2.00 - 3.30 pm **Third Session: Populism in the United States and Europe: How new movements will reshape politics**
- Moderator: Peter Rough, a Fellow at Hudson Institute**
- Speakers:**
- **Benjamin Haddad, a Fellow at Hudson Institute**
 - **Chris Caldwell, Senior Editor, the Weekly Standard**
 - **David Winston, President, The Winston Group**
 - **Heinz K. Becker MEP, Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs**
 - **Miriam Lexmann, Director of the EU Region Programs, International Republican Institute (I.R.I)**
- 3.30 pm Coffee Break
- 4:00-5:15 pm **Fourth Session: Geopolitical challenges: How the US and Europe should manage Russia and Turkey**

Moderator: György Schöpflin, MEP *EPP Group Coordinator in the Constitutional Affairs Committee of the EP*

Speakers:

- **Gary Schmitt, Resident Scholar**, *Co-Director, Marilyn Ware Centre for Security and Director of the Program on American Citizenship, AEI*
- **Tunne Kelam MEP**, *Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs*
- **Stephen Nix**, *Regional Director, Eurasia, International Republican Institute (IRI)*
- **Paul McCarthy**, *International Republican Institute (IRI)*
- **Alina Polyakova**, *Director of Research for Europe and Eurasia, Atlantic Council*

5:15 pm **Conclusion**
Ken Weinstein, *President and CEO, Hudson Institute*

6:00 - 6.30 pm **FREE TIME**

6.30 pm **Cocktail reception**
*VENUE: The Willard Continental Hotel
The Truman Bar, The Occidental Grill
1401 Pennsylvania Avenue*

7.30 pm **Dinner**
VENUE: The Presidential Room, The Occidental Grill

8.00 pm **Dinner Talk**
Speaker: Ms Andrea Thompson, Deputy Assistant to the President and National Security Advisor to the Vice President

10.00 pm **Transfer to Sofitel Lafayette Hotel**

THURSDAY 20th JULY

VENUE: Hudson Institute, 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 400

08.30 - 08.40 **Meeting at the Lobby of Hotel Sofitel Lafayette**

08.40 - 09.00 **Transfer from Hotel Sofitel Lafayette to *Hudson Institute* , 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 400 (15 min walk)**

09.00 - 09.15 **Greetings**

09.15 - 10.30 **Fifth Session: American Politics and the Elections in 2018**

Moderator: David Tell, *Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute*

Speakers:

- **Barry Jackson**, *Managing Director, The Lindsey Group*

- **Geoff Davis**, former Congressman (R.) Kentucky 4th
- **Will Marshall**, President and Founder, Progressive Policy Institute
- **György Schöpflin MEP**, EPP Group Coordinator in the Constitutional Affairs Committee of the EP (HU)

10.30 **Coffee Break**

10.45 - 12.00 **Sixth Session: Will Brexit change the political and strategic dynamics of US-European cooperation?**

Moderators: **Mairead McGuinness**, MEP Chair of the Working Group on Transatlantic Relations and Vice-President of the European Parliament
John Hudson, Senior Reporter, Foreign Policy

Speakers:

- **Stephen Biegun**, corporate officer and Vice President of International Governmental Affairs for Ford Motor Company
- **Tom Wright**, Director of the Center on the United States and Europe, and Senior Fellow in the Project on International Order and Strategy, the Brookings Institution
- **Danuta Maria Huebner MEP**, Chair of the Constitutional Affairs Committee in the European Parliament, Member of the Delegation for relations with the United States in the European Parliament, former EU Commissioner
- **Elmar Brok MEP**, Member of the Committee Foreign Affairs, EU USA Rapporteur

12.00 - 1.30 pm **Working Lunch (informal)**
VENUE: Hudson Institute, 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 400

1:30 pm **Concluding Remarks**

- **Paulo Rangel MEP**, Vice-Chairman of the EPP, Vice-Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament, EIN Chairman, Co-Chair of TAG
- **Ken Weinstein**, President and CEO, Hudson Institute

END OF THE OFFICIAL PROGRAM FOR MEMBERS OF THE EIN DELEGATION

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DELEGATION:

Paulo RANGEL MEP, *Vice-Chairman of the EPP party, Vice-Chairman of the EPP Group in the European Parliament, EIN Chairman (PT)*

Antonio LOPEZ-ISTURIZ WHITE MEP, *Secretary General of the EPP party and Secretary Treasurer of the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies (ES)*

Mairead McGUINNESS, *MEP Vice-President of the European Parliament (IRL)*

Danuta MARIA HUEBNER MEP, *Chair of the Constitutional Affairs Committee in the European Parliament, Member of the Delegation for relations with **the** United States in the European Parliament, former EU Commissioner (PL)*

Heinz K. BECKER MEP, *Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (AU)*

Artis PABRIKS MEP, *Member of the Committee on International Trade (LV)*

Tunne KELAM MEP, *Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (EST)*

György SCHÖPFLIN MEP, *EPP Group Coordinator in the Constitutional Affairs Committee of the EP (HU)*

Arnaud DANJEAN MEP, *Vice-Chair of the EP Delegation for relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs (F)*

Elmar BROK MEP, *Member of the Committee Foreign Affairs, EU USA Rapporteur (DE)*

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US LEGISLATORS:

- **REPTAG Co-Chair US Rep. Trent Franks (R-AZ), Armed Services Cmte REP.** Trent Franks, *Chair Strategic Ballistic Missile Caucus, senior Armed Services Member*
- **U.S. Rep Ted Poe (R-TX), Senior Foreign Affairs Committee**
- **U.S. REP Pete Sessions (R-TX), Rules Committee**
- **U.S. Rep Brian Mast (R-FL), Foreign Affairs and Armed Services Cmte**
- **U.S. Rep Thomas Suozzi (D-NY), Foreign Affairs Cmte**
- **TAG Deputy Co-Chair U.S. Rep John Rutherford (R-FL), Homeland Security and Judiciary Cmte**

- **U.S. Rep Eliot Engel (D-NY), Ranking Member, Foreign Affairs Cmte**
- **U.S. Rep Martha Roby (R-AL), Armed Services Cmte**
- **US Rep Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX)**
- **US Rep Brendan Boyle (D-PA)**
- **U.S Rep Louie Gohmert, (R-Texas), Judiciary Cmte**
- **US Rep Matt Gaetz (R-FL)**
- **US Rep Steve King (R-IA)**
- **US Senator Roger Wicker (R-MI)**
- **US Rep Drew Petersen (R-GA)**
- **US Rep. Paul Anthony Gosar (R-AZ)- 4th congressional district**

- **TAG past co-Chair, Sean Duffy, TBC**
- **U.S. Rep Mac Thornberry (R-TX), Chairman, Armed Services Cmte TBC**
- **U.S. Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL), Foreign Relations Cmte TBC**
- **U.S. Rep Gerry Connolly (D-VA), Foreign Affairs Cmte TBC**
- **U.S. Rep Ed Royce (R-CA), Chairman, Foreign Affairs Cmte TBC**
- **U.S. Rep Theodore Deutch (D-FL), Foreign Affairs Cmte TBC**
- **U.S Rep Robert Aderholt, (R-Alabama), Defense and Commerce Cmtees TBC**
- **U.S. Senator Rand Paul (R-KY), Foreign Relations Cmte TBC**
- **US (former) Rick Santorum, Senator and Presidential candidate TBC**
- **US (former) Senator Bob Casten, Trump Campaign Advisor TBC**
- **US Rep Richard Hudson (R-NC) TBC**
- **US Rep Carlos Curbelo (R-FL) TBC**
- **US Rep Brian Mast (R-FL) TBC**
- **US Rep Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI) TBC**
- **US Rep Thomas Suozzi (D-NY) TBC**