

The Transatlantic Strategic Dialogue
*For a new Transatlantic agenda:
challenges, interests and policies*

Brussels June 20-22, 2018

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

Working sessions to be held at Sofitel Brussels Europe Hotel & Resorts – Place Jourdan, 1
Paul Henri Spaak room

Participants' registration

2:30-3:00pm

WELCOME REMARKS AND FRAMING OF THE DISCUSSIONS

3:00-4.30pm

WORKING SESSION I

State of politics in Europe: populism and the future of democracy

- European societies: a new state of mind?
- The populist critiques and the policy dilemmas of European democracies
- A fragmented Europe and the limits of consensus on the EU
- Germany, France and the possible setup of the Eurozone
- West-East divide and the future of enlargement

Discussion

4:30-5:00pm

Coffee break

5:00-6:30pm

WORKING SESSION II

The American home front

- American Politics before the mid-terms
- President Trump's Foreign Policy Priorities: North Korea and Iran
- Assessing the President's new foreign policy team

Discussion

8:00pm

Cocktails and Working Dinner

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Russia in focus: cyber attacks, Ukraine and NATO

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

8:00-9:00am	Breakfast Session: Assessing Brexit's implications <u>Sofitel Brussels Europe Hotel & Resorts – Place Jourdan, 1 – Paul Henri Spaak room</u> <u>Transfer to NATO HEADQUARTERS – Transatlantic & Washington rooms</u>
10:00-12:15am	WORKING SESSION III Maintaining a Transatlantic bridge <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NATO Priorities for July Summit• European Defense Spending and Priorities• The Trump Administration's Approach at NATO <i>Discussion</i>
12:30-1:30pm	WORKING LUNCH NATO priorities in turbulent transatlantic timings <u>Transfer to Sofitel Brussels Europe Hotel & Resorts</u> Paul Henri Spaak room
3:00-4:00pm	WORKING SESSION IV Looming confrontations – Differences on trade and climate change <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trade across the Atlantic: how can we preserve the common goods?• The China factor: global value chains, investment flows, strategic choices• Is the international financial system more resilient than in the past?• Climate and energy policies: dealing with rapid change• The resilience and weak spots of the international liberal order <i>Discussion</i>
4:00-4:30pm	Coffee break
4:30-5:30pm	WORKING SESSION V Challenges in the Middle East <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Turkish question: reliable partner and difficult friend?• Conditions for Peace Talks in Syria• The looming Israel/Iran Conflict <i>Discussion</i>
5:30-6:30pm	WRAP-UP SESSION Looking ahead and defining a pragmatic Transatlantic Agenda

7:30pm Cocktails and Working Dinner
Residence of the German Ambassador to Nato - Avenue du Brésil 2
The future of non proliferation

FRIDAY, JUNE 22

Working sessions to be held at Sofitel Brussels Europe Hotel & Resorts – Place Jourdan, 1
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7:30-8:30am Special session with Federica Mogherini (TBC)

9:00-11:00am AIfE brainstorming: the next steps (*for European partners only*)

Departures