

Panel summary: AmCham EU 2018 plenary meeting on trade

Title: 'EU trade policy in 2019 and beyond'

Venue: AmCham EU offices, Avenues des Arts 53, 1000 Brussels

Date: Tuesday 16 October 2018

Time: 11.45-12.45

Overview:

As we move towards the end of the current EU term in 2019, a window of opportunity exists to move forward with the ratification of a number of recently concluded EU free trade agreements (FTAs) and a number of other initiatives. Tangible achievements in this area before next summer would provide further evidence of the EU's willingness and ability to conclude and implement ambitious trade deals, at a time of rising protectionism in other parts of the world. Continued business support and input for these agreements and initiatives could be crucial.

The discussion will also consider the outlook for trade policy during the next EU mandate, including expectations for trading relations with the US, the various trade negotiations that are underway with key partners around the world, and the outlook globally.

Relevant questions:

- Which FTAs are up for ratification before next summer? What are their prospects? What are the key obstacles? What are the prospects for those FTAs still being negotiated?
- What about other initiatives in the pipeline such as the Investment Screening proposal?
- What is the EU's vision for trade policy during the next EU mandate? What challenges are there to achieving these goals?
- Following the successful Trump-Juncker meeting in July, is there hope for a return to positive transatlantic trade ties – or even fully-fledged trade talks?
- What are the indicators at the global level – including the future of the WTO?

Speakers:

- **Luca De Carli**, Acting Head of Unit, Trade Strategy, DG TRADE
- **Elvire Fabry**, Senior Research Fellow, Institut Jacques Delors
- **Kate Kalutkiewicz**, Senior Trade Representative to the EU, Office of the US Trade Representative
- Moderator: **Member company speaker**, AmCham EU (tbc)