

PROGRAMME
REGI Mission to Washington D.C. and Boston, USA

7-11 May 2018 (week 19)

all times local (Eastern time zone, -6h compared to Brussels CET)

MONDAY, 7 May 2018 (Washington D.C.)

Individual arrivals of the Members and the staff to the hotel

[Information on airport transportation options](#)

Check in at the **hotel**:

HOTEL: DUPONT CIRCLE
Address: 1500 New Hampshire Avenue NW, Washington D.C. 20036 Tel: +1 202 483 6000 Website

16:25 - Meeting at the lobby of the hotel

16:30 - 17:00 - Bus transfer

17:00 - 18:00 - Welcome briefing at the [European Parliament Liaison Office with U.S. Congress \(EPLO\)](#)

*Venue: 2175 K Street, NW, Conference room, ground floor, Washington D.C. 20037, +1 202 862 473
Please use the official entrance on the 22nd Street (located between K and L Street)*

Main interlocutors:

[Ambassador David O'Sullivan](#), Delegation of the European Union to the United States
[Director Antoine Ripoll](#), European Parliament Liaison Office with U.S. Congress

Topics:

- Current political situation in the USA
- EU-USA cooperation

18:00 - Bus transfer or walk back to the hotel

TUESDAY, 8 May 2018 (Washington D.C. / Boston)

7:45 - Meeting at the lobby of the hotel, check-out
(transfer by bus, taking luggage with us)

8:00 - 8:30 - Bus transfer

8:30 - 10:00 - Meetings at the Congressional Research Service (Library of Congress)

Venue: Room LM-316 of the Madison Building, 101 Independence Avenue, Washington D.C.

Main interlocutors:

D. Andrew Austin, Analyst in Economic Policy
Eugene Boyd, Analyst in Federalism and Economic Development Policy
Robert Jay Dilger, Senior Specialist in American National Government
Sean Lowry, Analyst in Public Finance
John F. Sargent Jr., Specialist in Science and Technology Policy

Topics:

- National research and development funding priorities and the role of the federal government
- Community development (federal assistance programs, economic development initiatives)

Bus transfer or walk

10:30 -12:00 - Meetings at Congress

10:30-11:00 Meetings with Congressional staff of [Senator Maria Cantwell](#) (D-WA)
Lara Muldoon, Senior Tax and Economic Advisor
Henry Mead, Legislative Correspondent
Jimmy Bromley, Legislative Correspondent
*Venue: 511 Hart Senate Office Building, 120 Constitution Avenue NE,
Washington D.C. 20002*

Bus transfer or walk

11:30 - 12:00 Meeting with [Congressman John Curtis](#) (R-UT-03)
*Venue: Rayburn House Office Building 2236,
45 Independence Ave SW Washington, D.C. 20515*

Topics:

- Economic development initiatives (targeting especially SMEs)
- National research and development funding

12:00 - 13:00 - Lunch

Venue: Congress cafeteria, Rayburn building, 45 Independence Ave SW, Washington, DC 20515

13:00 - 13:15 - Bus transfer

13:15 - 14:30 - Meeting at Economic Development Administration, US Department of Commerce

Venue: Herbert C. Hoover Building, 15th Street NW, Washington D.C.

Main interlocutor:

Craig Buerstatte, Acting Director, Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship
Barrett L. Haga, Senior Administrator for Economic Engagement, Performance and National Programmes Division
Doug Lynott, Director, Economic Development Integration
Ksenia E. Shadrina, Program Analyst, Performance and National Programs,
U.S. delegate to the OECD Regional Development Policy Committee

Topic:

- Regional development policies in the USA

14:30 - 15:00 - Bus transfer

15:00 - 16:00 - Meeting at Small Business Administration

Venue: 409 3rd Street, SW. Washington D.C. 20416

Main interlocutors:

Peter Cazamias, Associate Administrator
Bill Manger, Associate Administrator

Topic:

- Support and funding available to start-ups and SMEs

16:00-16:30 - Bus transfer to Washington DCA airport

Internal flight: American Airlines, Washington (DCA, close to city centre) 18:30 - Boston (BOS) 20:11

20:15 - 21:30 - Bus transfer from Boston airport to the hotel

Check in at the **hotel** in Boston:

HOTEL: HARBORSIDE INN
Address: 185 State Street, Boston, MA 02109 Tel: +1 617-723-7500 Website Please note that there is no breakfast restaurant in this hotel. There are, however, several cafes around the hotel in a few minutes walking distance. See map.

WEDNESDAY, 9 May 2018 (Boston)

8:15 - Meeting at the lobby of the hotel

8:30 - 9:00 - Bus transfer

9:00 - 10:30 - Meeting with [Cambridge Innovation Center](#) and tour of their premises

Venue: CIC Boston, 50 Milk Street, Boston, MA 02109

Main interlocutor:

Stas Gayshan, Founder, CIC - Boston, and Managing Director, Cambridge Innovation Center

Topics:

- Building innovation and business communities and environments
- Innovation support
- Best practises based on CIC experience

10:30 - 11:00 - Bus transfer

11:00-12:00 - Massachusetts Office of International Trade & Investment ([MOITI](#))

Venue: 136 Blackstone St, Boston, MA 02109

Main interlocutors:

[Nam Pham](#), Assistant Secretary of Business Development and International Trade

[Mark F. Sullivan](#), Executive Director

Topic:

- Massachusetts innovation ecosystem and business environment

12:00 - 12:30 - Bus transfer

12:30 - 14:00 - Lunch

Venue: MIT cafeteria - [Forbes Family Café](#), Stata Center's 1st Floor, 32 Vassar St. 32-164, Cambridge, MA 02139

14:10 - 17:00 - Meetings at [MIT](#)

Hosted by: International Activities, Office of the Provost

Venue: 77 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02139-4307

14:10 Delegation Arrival
 Met by David Wright, at Stata Center

14:15-15:00 MIT Venture Mentoring Service
 [Sherwin Greenblatt](#) (Director VMS)
 [Jerome Smith](#) (co-director VMS)
 Location: 4-105

15:15-16:00 Department of Urban Studies and Planning

[Prof. Eran Ben-Joseph](#), (Professor and Department Head)
[Prof. Dennis Frenchman](#), (Professor)
[Prof. Janelle Knox-Hayes](#), (Associate Professor and Head)
[Prof. Marie Law Adams](#), (Lecturer)
 Location: Building 7, Stella Room 338

16:15-17:00 Computer Science & Artificial Intelligence Lab
[Lori Glover](#), Managing Director-Alliances MIT CSAIL
 Location: CSAIL/Terman

Topics:

- Urban development in the USA (trends, policies and programmes, actors)
- Funding and support available to start-ups and SMEs
- R&D spearheads, innovation support

17:00 - 17:30 - Bus transfer to nearby location of next programme point and to hotel

19:00 - Evening programme on the occasion of Europe Day
Concert “Sixteen Centuries of European Music”

The event is curated by the Consulate General of Greece in Boston, which holds the Presidency of the European Consulates in Boston during the first half of 2018

Venue: Old South Church, 645 Boylston Street, Boston, (across the Boston Public Library)

21:00 - Bus transfer to the hotel

THURSDAY, 10 May 2018 (Boston)

8:15 - Meeting at the lobby of the hotel, check-out
 (transfer by bus, taking luggage with us)

8:30 - 9:00 - Bus transfer

9:00 - 12:00 - Meetings at [Harvard](#)

9:00-9:45 Meeting at the [Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies \(CES\)](#)
 with [Professor Mark C. Elliott](#), Vice Provost for International Affairs, and
[Professor Grzegorz Ekiert](#), Faculty Director of CES
[Ms. Elaine Papoulias](#), Executive Director of CES
 Venue: Adolphus Busch Hall, Goldman room, 27 Kirkland Street Cambridge, MA

10:00-10:45 Meeting at the [Center of Green Buildings and Cities](#)
 Professor [Ali Malkawi](#), Founding Director
 Venue: 1 Bow Street, Suite 420 Cambridge MA

10:45-11:00 - Bus transfer

11:00-12:00 Meeting at the [Harvard Innovation Labs](#)
[Tim Miano](#), Associate Director of Network Development

Venue: Batten Hall, Harvard Business School, 125 Western Ave, Boston, MA 02163

Topics:

- Urban development in the USA (trends, policies and programmes, actors)
- Innovation ecosystem in Massachusetts
- Innovation and SME support and funding

12:00 - 13:30 - Lunch*

Venue: Spangler Food Court, Harvard Business School, 117 Western Ave, Boston, MA 02163

13:30 - 14:00 - Bus transfer

14:00 - 15:00 - Meeting at [District Hall](#)

Venue: 75 Northern Avenue, Boston, MA 02210

Main interlocutor:

[Becky Donner](#), Director, District Hall

Topic:

- Innovation support
- Building innovation and business communities and environments
- Best practises based on District Hall experience

15:00 - 15:30 - Bus transfer to Boston (BOS) Airport

Flights back to Europe from Boston (BOS)

End of mission
