



Transatlantic Legislators' Dialogue Co-Chairs Costa, Sikorski, Member of Parliament Miapetra Kumpula-Natri Issue Statement on First Trade and Technology Council Meeting

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The Co-Chairs of the Transatlantic Legislators' Dialogue (TLD), Representative Jim Costa and Chair Radosław Sikorski, and Vice Chair Miapetra Kumpula-Natri welcome the first annual meeting of the Trade and Technology Council (TTC) meeting in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on September 29th, 2021. The TTC was launched by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and President Joe Biden of the United States at the US-EU Summit in Brussels on June 15, 2021. It will serve as a forum for transatlantic cooperation on global trade, economic, and technology issues, and aims to deepen trade and economic relations.

Co-Chair of the Transatlantic Legislators' Dialogue MEP Radosław Sikorski said:

"The Trade and Technology Council is part of a broader process of transatlantic cooperation. Working together, especially in areas such as on artificial intelligence technologies and information communication technology and services, will determine our preparedness in not only facing future challenges and threats, but also our ability to compete in the global marketplace of tomorrow. We cannot lose sight of the bigger picture despite recent tensions. Our future depends on it."

Co-Chair of the Transatlantic Legislators' Dialogue Representative Jim Costa (D-CA) said:

"This is an important first step towards tackling some of the most complicated and critical issues facing the transatlantic partnership," said Congressman Jim Costa (CA-16). "Working with our European allies on trade and technology will be vital as we address climate change, strive to reduce emissions, and work to secure supply chains. I also look forward to seeing actionable steps on improving data governance consistency and preventing emerging human rights threats such as surveillance."

EU TLD Vice-Chair MEP Miapetra Kumpula-Natri said:

"With the challenges we face, it is crucial that we work together. Technology and climate change are transforming the world around us at a rapid pace. It is our duty to take care of our citizens and our societies in the face of these transformations. I believe the combined wit of two continents working together can be a driver that delivers us technology that is green, AI that is human-centric, and data policy that is ethically sound. Today's meeting is promising step towards this democratic and sustainable technological future."

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