

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

MEMBER/OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM ☐ Original ☐ Amendment

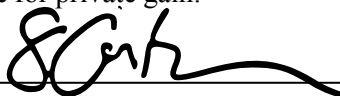
This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Sean Casten
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** ☒ None
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: Sunday, June 14, 2026 Return: Thursday, June 18, 2026
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** ☒ None
4. Departure City: Chicago, IL Destination: Strasbourg, France Return City: Chicago, IL
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: The Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC) Institute
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
Members of Congress travelled to Strasbourg, France and Brussels, Belgium, home to the European Parliament's plenary sessions and capital of the European Union. During this delegation the group met with local leadership including two deputy Mayors of Strasbourg to learn about their role in European governance and insights into regional leadership perspectives on EU policy and transatlantic relations. Additional meetings included discussion with MEP groups to discuss issues on clean technology and climate policy, as well as meeting with the President of the European Parliament to discuss transatlantic cooperation and current legislative priorities. Members also had the chance to attend the opening of the Parliament's plenary session and have a roundtable meeting with MPs. Members also met with NGO leaders as well as the NATO Parliamentary Assembly during the trip. A full list of meetings and final agenda can be found attached in the Trip Sponsor Final Agenda.
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
 - a. ☒ a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. ☒ the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - c. ☒ page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the Member or officer; **and**
 - d. ☒ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. ☒ I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*
b. If not, explain: _____

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

Member / Officer Signature: _____



Date: Monday, June 29, 2026

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☐ Original ☐ Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition

2. Travel Destination(s): Strasbourg, France, and Brussels, Belgium

3. Date of Departure: 06/14/2026 Date of Return: 06/18/2026

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): See attached

Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if **all** information is **identical** for each person listed.

5. **Actual amount** of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	see attached	see attached	see attached	see attached
Accompanying Family Member	see attached	see attached	see attached	see attached

6. ☒ All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment.
Signify statement is true by checking box.

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Max Frankel

 Digitally signed by Max Frankel
Date: 2026.06.25 17:11:20 -04'00'

Date: _____

Name: Max Frankel

Title: Executive Director

Organization: SEEC Institute

☒ **I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box.**

Address: 611 Pennsylvania Ave. SW Suite 150. Washington, DC 20003

Telephone: 510-821-2010

Email: max@seecinstitute.org;

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Sean Casten
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: The Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC) Institute
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Strasbourg, France; Brussels, Belgium
4. a. Date of Departure: Sunday, June 14, 2026 Date of Return: Thursday, June 18, 2026
b. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: N / A
5. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: N / A
(2) Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other(specify): _____
(3) Yes ☐ No ☐ Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. Yes ☒ No ☐ *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**
The Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC) Institute delegation to Strasbourg and Brussels provides an educational forum for Members of Congress to engage with European policymakers, private-sector leaders, and international organizations on climate, energy, and industrial policy issues. This trip will give Members the opportunity to engage with leadership and advance shared U.S.-European transatlantic goals and policies that strengthen climate and energy security as well as trade and national security.
9. Yes ☐ No ☒ **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member: _____

Date: Thursday, May 7, 2026

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* **at least 30 days before the start date of the trip**. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

The Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC) Institute

2. ☒ I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. **Check only one.** I represent that:

- a. ☒ The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
- b. ☐ The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
- c. ☐ The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): See additional pages.

5. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: 06/14/2026 Date of Return: 06/18/2026

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC or Member's District

b. Destination(s): Strasbourg, France; Brussels, Belgium

c. City of return: Washington, DC or Member's District

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

- a. ☐ The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
- b. ☒ The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
- c. ☐ The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**

- a. ☒ I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
- b. ☐ I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
- c. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
- d. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. _____

10. ☒ Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**

- a. ☒ I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box; OR*
- b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

See additional pages.

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**

- a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☒ Car ☒ Other ☐ (specify: _____)
- b. Class of travel: Coach ☒ Business ☒ First ☐ Charter ☒ Other ☐ (specify: _____)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

The group is traveling via commercial air, but we will charter a bus to transport from the hotel

14. ☒ I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:

- a. ☐ The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
- b. ☒ The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): See additional pages.

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: See additional pages.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: TBD City: Strasbourg Cost Per Night: ~\$300

Reason(s) for Selecting: We will pick the hotel that is closest to the city center within budget.

Hotel Name: TBD City: Brussels Cost Per Night: ~\$300

Reason(s) for Selecting: We will pick the hotel that is closest to the city center within budget.

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

17. ☒ I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$5077 (flight, bus)	\$900	\$680 (State Dept
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$5077 (flight, bus)	NA - sharing rooms	\$680 (State Dept

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	NA	NA
For each Accompanying Family Member	NA	NA

19. **Check only one:**

- a. ☒ I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. **I certify by my signature that**

- a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature: Max Frankel  Digitally signed by Max Frankel
Date: 2026.05.06 16:37:07 -04'00' Date: 05/06/2026
Name: Max Frankel Title: Executive Director
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If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Final Agenda - SEEC Institute Europe CODEL

Destination: Strasbourg, France and Brussels, Belgium

Dates: June 14 – 18, 2026

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 – TRAVEL DAY

Group 1: Rep. Dexter, Rep. Conaway, David Schutt	Group 2: Rep. Kamlager-Dove and Austin Dove	Group 3: Rep. Ross	Group 4: Rep. Casten	Group 5: Alexander Dexter
June 14 - 5:00 PM ET – 6:50 AM CEST – International Departure (IAD → Madrid) Group 1 departs Washington, D.C. on a commercial Iberia Airlines flight IB362 to Madrid. June 15 - 6:50 AM – 9:05 AM – Arrival in Madrid and airport layover 9:05 – 11:20 AM – Flight IB2240: Madrid to Strasbourg	June 14 - 2:00 PM – 9:50 AM CEST – Flight from Los Angeles (LAX) to Paris, France (CDG) Group 2 departs Los Angeles, California to Paris De-Gaulle Airport on Delta Airlines aboard Flight DL8693. June 15 - 9:50 AM – 11:22 AM – Arrival in Paris and airport layover The member lands in Paris and prepares for onward travel to Strasbourg. 11:22 – 1:12 AM – Train:	June 14 - 6:10 PM – 7:55 AM CEST – International Departure from Raleigh-Durham (RDU) Paris, France (CDG) Group 3 departs RDU on a commercial Air France flight to Paris-Charles de Gaulle airport (CDG). <i>THE FLIGHT WAS DELAYED, WHICH IS WHY REP. ROSS TOOK A TRAIN THAT DEPARTED LATER THAN INTENDED AND WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE LUNCH AS INTENDED.</i>	June 14 - 4:00 PM ET – 6:50 AM CEST – International Departure (ORD→ Frankfurt) Group 4 departs Chicago, IL on a commercial Lufthansa flight LH431 to Frankfurt. June 15 - 6:50 AM – 9:05 AM – Arrival in Frankfurt and train to Strasbourg The member lands in Frankfurt and transfers to Frankfurt train station to train from Frankfurt to Strasbourg.	June 15 – 12:40 PM CEST – 2:55 PM CEST International Departure (MAD → BRU). Spent the rest of June 15 – morning of June 16 at Motel One in Brussels. Alexander Dexter had major flight issues getting to Europe to then transfer to Strasbourg with the delegation and wasn't able to make it. He decided to meet us in Brussels on the 16th instead.

The group travels to Strasbourg, home of the European Parliament's plenary sessions. 11:20 AM – 1:00 PM – Arrival, Hotel Check-In, and Downtime <i>Location: Hôtel de l'Europe by HappyCulture, 38 rue du Fossé des Tanneurs 67000 Strasbourg, France</i> Upon arrival, the delegation transfers to their hotel, checks in, and has time to rest following transatlantic travel. 1:00 – 2:30 PM – Lunch and Strasbourg Orientation with Local Leadership <i>Location: Strasbourg City Hall, Mairie de Strasbourg, Hôtel de Ville, 9 Rue Brûlée, 67000</i>	Paris to Strasbourg The member travels to Strasbourg, home of the European Parliament's plenary sessions. 1:12 AM – 2:30 PM – Arrival, Hotel Check-In, and Downtime <i>Location: Hôtel de l'Europe by HappyCulture, 38 rue du Fossé des Tanneurs 67000 Strasbourg, France</i> Upon arrival, the member transfers to their hotel, checks in, and has time to rest following transatlantic travel. Rep. Kamlager-Dove and Mr. Dove ate lunch on their own at the hotel. 2:30 – 3:00 PM – Transfer from the hotel to the European Parliament	June 15 - 11:22 – 1:12 AM – Train: Paris to Strasbourg The member travels to Strasbourg, home of the European Parliament's plenary sessions. 1:12 AM – 2:30 PM – Arrival, Hotel Check-In, and Downtime <i>Location: Hôtel de l'Europe by HappyCulture, 38 rue du Fossé des Tanneurs 67000 Strasbourg, France</i> Upon arrival, the member transfers to their hotel, checks in, and has time to rest following transatlantic travel. Due to the delayed flight, Rep. Ross ate lunch on her own at the hotel. 2:30 – 3:00 PM – Transfer from the hotel to the	11:01AM – 12:51PM – Train to Strasbourg. 12:51 PM – 2:30 PM – Arrival, Hotel Check-In, and Downtime <i>Location: Hôtel de l'Europe by HappyCulture, 38 rue du Fossé des Tanneurs 67000 Strasbourg, France</i> Upon arrival, the member transfers to their hotel, checks in, and has time to rest following transatlantic travel. Rep. Casten ate lunch on his own at the hotel. 2:30 – 3:00 PM – Transfer from the hotel to the European Parliament	Rep. Dexter elected to pay for his hotel in Brussels the night of the 15th.
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Strasbourg, France The delegation participates in a lunch and informal orientation with two deputy mayors of Strasbourg. This discussion provides context on Strasbourg's role in European governance and offers insights into regional leadership perspectives on EU policy and transatlantic relations. 2:30 – 3:00 PM – Transfer to the European Parliament from City Hall.		European Parliament		
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MONDAY, JUNE 15 – STRASBOURG: EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ENGAGEMENT

Note: At this point, the delegation (minus Alexander Dexter who met us in Brussels the following day due to flight complications) was all together.

3:00 – 4:00 PM – Meeting with “Friends of Clean Tech” MEP Group

Location: 1 Av. du Président Robert Schuman, 67000 Strasbourg, France

The delegation meets with Members of the European Parliament engaged in clean technology and climate policy who belong to the “Friends of Clean Tech” Group (similar to a House Caucus). The discussion focuses on advancing clean energy innovation, aligning industrial strategies, and maintaining ambitious climate targets across the EU.

4:00 – 4:30 PM – Meeting with the President of the European Parliament

Location: 1 Av. du Président Robert Schuman, 67000 Strasbourg, France

A private meeting with the President provides an opportunity to discuss transatlantic cooperation, current legislative priorities, and the role of parliamentary diplomacy in advancing shared climate and energy goals.

4:30 – 5:30 PM – Attendance at European Parliament Plenary Opening Session

Location: 1 Av. du Président Robert Schuman, 67000 Strasbourg, France

Members attend the opening of the Parliament's plenary session and are formally received by the President of the European Parliament, highlighting the importance of the transatlantic relationship.

5:30 PM – 6:00 PM – Coffee break and Informal Press Engagement

Location: Location: 1 Av. du Président Robert Schuman, 67000 Strasbourg, France

Members had down time to get coffee and debrief from previous meetings at the “Members’ Bar” in the European Parliament building. The Members’ Bar is where reporters tend to spend time during the opening of the European Parliament, so some Members took the opportunity to speak to reporters on an ad-hoc basis.

6:00 – 7:00 PM – Roundtable Meeting with Members of the European Parliament

Location: 1 Av. du Président Robert Schuman, 67000 Strasbourg, France

SEEC Institute convenes a roundtable dinner bringing together U.S. lawmakers and European Parliamentarians. The discussion centers on aligning U.S. and EU approaches to climate policy, industrial competitiveness, and global leadership.

7:00 – 7:30 PM – Meeting with Mr Wopke Hoekstra, Commissioner responsible for climate, net zero and clean growth

Location: 1 Av. du Président Robert Schuman, 67000 Strasbourg, France

Members met with Commissioner Hoekstra to understand the status of various climate policies in the European Union and spoke with the Commissioner about their view on climate policy in the United States.

7:30 – 9:30 PM – Dinner with Parliamentary Leaders and Staff

Location: 1 Av. du Président Robert Schuman, 67000 Strasbourg, France

An evening seated dinner provides an opportunity for informal engagement with Members of the European Parliament and senior staff, fostering relationships and facilitating continued dialogue.

Overnight in Strasbourg

***Location: Hôtel de l'Europe by HappyCulture, 38 rue du Fossé des Tanneurs
67000 Strasbourg, France***

TUESDAY, JUNE 16 – TRANSIT TO BRUSSELS & PRIVATE-SECTOR ENGAGEMENTS

8:52 AM – 12:47 PM – Train from Strasbourg to Brussels

Location: Strasbourg train station (67000 Strasbourg) to Gare de l'Est (1 hr 44 min); 45 minute layover at Gare de l'Est; Gare du Nord to Brussel-Zuid (1 hr 22 min)

12:47 PM – 1:00 PM – Transfer to Norrskén House

Note: Alexander Dexter met us at Norrskén House.

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM – Lunch Briefing with Ceres and the We Mean Business Coalition

Location: Norrskén House, Rue du Commerce 72, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

The delegation participates in a lunch briefing hosted by Ceres and the We Mean Business Coalition focused on the private-sector perspective on key European Union clean energy and sustainability policies. EU experts from the Global Strategic Communications Council (GSCC) also joined and provided an overview of the EU structure and current policy debates.

2:30 – 3:45 PM – SEEC Institute–Hosted Discussion on EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)

Location: Rue du Commerce 72, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium

SEEC Institute hosts a discussion and invites leading European and multinational companies, along with partner organizations including Ceres and the We Mean Business Coalition to speak. Participants share perspectives on CBAM implementation, competitiveness considerations, and implications for global trade. The session provides Members with insight into how carbon pricing mechanisms are shaping industrial strategy and supply chains from the private sector perspective.

3:45 – 5:00 PM – SEEC Institute–Hosted Discussion on EU Clean Industrial Deal

Location: Rue du Commerce 72, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium

SEEC Institute convenes businesses and policy experts to examine the EU's Clean Industrial Deal and its role in driving decarbonization and economic growth. The discussion highlights lessons learned from the U.S. Inflation Reduction Act and explores opportunities for alignment between U.S. and EU industrial policy.

5:00 – 5:45 PM – SEEC Institute–Hosted Discussion on EU Methane Regulation

Location: Rue du Commerce 72, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium

SEEC Institute hosts a dialogue with corporate leaders and policy experts to explore methane regulations affecting global energy markets. Participants discuss implementation challenges, monitoring frameworks, and the role of international cooperation in reducing emissions across supply chains.

5:45 PM – 6:00 PM – Transfer to dinner

6:00 – 8:00 PM – Salon Dinner Discussion with Business and Policy Leaders

Location: La Quincaillerie, Rue du Page 45, 1050 Ixelles, Belgium

SEEC Institute hosts a salon-style dinner bringing together U.S. lawmakers, European business leaders, and policy stakeholders. The evening provides an opportunity for deeper discussion on maintaining strong climate policies while fostering economic competitiveness and innovation.

8:00 PM – End of night; overnight in Brussels

Location: Motel One Brussels, Rue Royale 120, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 – BRUSSELS: POLICY, SECURITY, AND STRATEGY

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM – Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to TOPOS

Members had no-host breakfast at the hotel. Rep. Ross and Rep. Casten went to TOPOS early (at 9:45 AM) and did a Zoom call with a reporter. After the reporter call, they ate breakfast at TOPOS and chatted with E3G staff rather than the hotel, which was factored into total food costs.

10:30 AM – 11:30 PM – Roundtable: EU Industrial Policy and Lessons from the IRA

Location: TOPOS, Rue d'Arlon 25, 1050 Ixelles, Belgium

SEEC Institute participates in a roundtable hosted with E3G examining the EU's Clean Industrial Deal and comparing it to the U.S. Inflation Reduction Act. The discussion focuses on policy design, competitiveness, and opportunities for transatlantic alignment.

12:00 – 1:30 PM – Roundtable: European Perspectives on Energy Security

Location: TOPOS, Rue d'Arlon 25, 1050 Ixelles, Belgium

This discussion brings together European experts to share perspectives on energy security, diversification, and the role of climate policy in strengthening resilience.

1:30 – 3:30 PM – Energy Security Strategic Foresight Exercise

Location: TOPOS, Rue d'Arlon 25, 1050 Ixelles, Belgium

Delegates participate in a simulation exercise exploring global energy supply disruptions and strategic responses. The exercise highlights vulnerabilities in energy systems and underscores the importance of resilience planning and international coordination.

3:30 – 4:00 PM – Transfer from TOPOS to NATO PA

4:00 – 5:00 PM – Meeting with NATO and NATO Parliamentary Assembly

Location: NATO Parliamentary Assembly Headquarters, Place du Petit Sablon 3, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

The delegation meets with NATO officials and parliamentary representatives to discuss the intersection of climate change, energy systems, and security. The conversation explores how NATO allies are integrating climate considerations into resilience planning.

5:30 – 6:30 PM – Bilateral Meeting with EVP Teresa Ribera

Location: European Commission, Berlaymont, Rue de la Loi 200, 1049 Bruxelles, Belgium

Members met with EVP Teresa Ribera to understand the status of various climate policies in the European Union and spoke with the EVP about her view on climate policy in the United States.

6:30 – 7:00 PM – Transfer to Dinner

7:00 – 9:00 PM – Evening Dinner with Policy and NGO Leaders

Location: Brasserie Volle Gas, Pl. Fernand Cocq 21, 1050 Ixelles, Belgium

SEEC Institute hosts a dinner with leaders from think tanks, NATO, and EU officials. The event fosters dialogue on transatlantic cooperation and builds relationships with key stakeholders.

THURSDAY, JUNE 18 – RETURN TO UNITED STATES

8:00 – 8:30 AM – Check out of hotel and transfer to Industrious

8:30 – 9:15 AM – Energy security breakfast key EU officials hosted by ECDPM and the Center on Climate and Security

Location: Industrious Brussels EU District, Avenue des Arts 6, 1210 Saint-Josse-Ten-Noode, Belgium

The delegation meets with key EU and NATO officials and leaders from the think tank community to discuss shared priorities in climate policy, energy security, and transatlantic collaboration.

9:00 – 9:45 AM – Transfer to Airport

9:45 AM – 12:00 PM – Brussels airport Processing and Departure

The delegation proceeds through airport security and boards a United Airlines flight returning to Washington, D.C.

Group 1: Alexander Dexter and Austin Dove	Departed the morning of the 18 th and went on to non-SEEC Institute travel. SEEC Institute did not pay for their return flights. Austin Dove ate breakfast at Industrious (accounted for in his total food cost) and Alexander departed before breakfast.
Group 2: David Schutt	12:00 PM CEST - 2:20 PM ET – United UA951 flight and arrival at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) Arrive in Washington, D.C., concluding the SEEC Institute Europe CODEL.

Group 3: Herb Conaway	11:10 AM CEST - 1:10 PM ET – United UA995 flight and arrival at Washington Newark International Airport (EWR) Arrive in Newark, NJ concluding the SEEC Institute Europe CODEL. <i>Rep. Conaway went to the airport straight from the hotel and did not attend the Industrious breakfast, which is reflected in total food costs.</i>
Group 4: Rep. Casten	12:00 PM CEST - 2:20 PM ET – United UA951 flight and arrival at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) 2:20 PM ET – Layover at IAD 3:39 PM ET – 5:02 PM ET – United UA2649 flight and arrival at Chicago O’Hare International Airport (ORD) Member arrives in Chicago, IL concluding the SEEC Institute Europe CODEL.
Group 4: Rep. Dexter	12:00 PM CEST - 2:20 PM ET – United UA951 flight and arrival at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) 2:20 PM ET – Layover at IAD 6:45 PM ET – 9:34 PM ET – United UA780 flight and arrival at Portland International Airport (PDX) Member arrives in Portland, concluding the SEEC Institute Europe CODEL.
Group 5: Rep. Ross	1:50 PM CEST - 7:30 PM ET – Icelandair Flight FI555/FI821 and arrival at Raleigh-Durham International Airport (RDU) Member arrives in Raleigh-Durham, concluding the SEEC Institute Europe CODEL.

Group 6: Rep. Kamlager-Dove	After departing Industrious, Rep. Kamlager-Dove left the delegation to complete personal travel at her own expense from June 18-June 21. SUNDAY, JUNE 21 – RETURN TO UNITED STATES 9:00 – 9:45 AM – Transfer to Airport 9:45 AM – 12:00 PM – Brussels airport Processing and Departure The member proceeds through airport security and boards a United Airlines flight returning to Washington, D.C. 12:00 PM CEST - 2:20 PM ET – United UA95 flight and arrival at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) Member arrives in Washington, D.C., concluding the SEEC Institute Europe CODEL.

Question 4 supplemental paperwork - names of travelers:

Category	Name	Affiliation/Title
Member of Congress	Sean Casten	Representative
Member of Congress	Deborah Ross	Representative
Member of Congress	Sydney Kamlager-Dove	Representative
Member of Congress	Maxine Dexter	Representative
Member of Congress	Herb Conaway	Representative
Staff	David Schutt	Executive Director, SEEC Caucus
Spouse or Rep. Kamlager-Dove	Austin Dove	Spouse
Son of Rep. Dexter	Alexander Dexter	Son

Question 4 supplemental paperwork - actual costs:

Note: we are still waiting for a requested invoice for lunch provided for Rep. Dexter, Rep. Conaway, and David Schutt at city hall on June 15. We estimate the total cost for the meal to be no more than \$50/person. That estimation is not included in the actual amount spent below.

Traveler	Transport	Lodging	Meal	Other
Sean Casten	\$3,983.74	611.20 Euros (\$695.39)	\$344.53	\$96.00 for challenge coins (\$10/each from House of Representatives gift shop) and hand written thank you notes to be presented to counterparts at meetings as a small diplomatic gift.
Deborah Ross	\$2,490.85	611.20 Euros (\$695.39)	\$350.50	\$96.00 for challenge coins (\$10/each from House of Representatives gift shop) and hand written thank you notes to be presented to counterparts at meetings as a small diplomatic gift.
Sydney Kamlager-Dove	\$3,376.80	309.60 Euros (\$352.25) Note: this is the cost for a double room split across two people. Rep. Kamlager-Dove and Mr. Dove shared a room.	\$362.10	\$96.00 for challenge coins (\$10/each from House of Representatives gift shop) and hand written thank you notes to be presented to counterparts at meetings as a small diplomatic gift.
Maxine Dexter	\$4,066.48	309.60 Euros (\$352.25)	\$365.93	\$96.00 for challenge coins (\$10/each from House of Representatives gift

		Note: this is the cost for a double room split across two people. Rep. Dexter and Mr. Dexter shared a room.		shop) and hand written thank you notes to be presented to counterparts at meetings as a small diplomatic gift.
Herb Conaway	\$4,763.87	611.20 Euros (\$695.39)	\$347.84	\$96.00 for challenge coins (\$10/each from House of Representatives gift shop) and hand written thank you notes to be presented to counterparts at meetings as a small diplomatic gift.
David Schutt	\$2,975.14	611.20 Euros (\$695.39)	\$392.00	NA
Austin Dove	\$1,372.31 Note: SEECi did not pay for Mr. Dove's return flight.	309.60 Euros (\$352.25) Note: this is the cost for a double room split across two people. Rep. Kamlager-Dove and Mr. Dove shared a room.	\$362.10	NA
Alexander Dexter		309.60 Euros (\$352.25) Note: this is the cost for a double room split across two people. Rep. Dexter and Mr. Dexter shared a room.	\$237.65	NA

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June 4, 2026

The Honorable Sean Casten
U.S. House of Representatives
2440 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to France and Belgium,¹ scheduled for June 14 to 18, 2026, sponsored by the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC) Institute.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$525 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$525] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

¹ Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Guest". The first letter "M" is large and stylized, with a loop that extends upwards and to the left.

Michael Guest
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark DeSaulnier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

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4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary)

SEEC Institute is organizing a Congressional delegation to Strasbourg and Brussels in June 2026 to engage with European policymakers, private-sector leaders, and international organizations on climate, energy, and industrial policy. This trip comes at a pivotal moment for transatlantic relations, as the European Union advances major policy frameworks including the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), the Clean Industrial Deal, and methane regulations, while geopolitical dynamics and energy security challenges continue to evolve.

The delegation will include Members of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC) and the Executive Director of the SEEC Caucus who have demonstrated leadership on climate, clean energy, trade, and national security issues. As with prior delegations, all Members are invited based on their policy leadership, committee jurisdiction, and ability to engage meaningfully with international counterparts. The SEEC Caucus Executive Director is essential to this trip as they have a 50,000 foot view on all energy and environment issues active in Congress and can serve as a translator between U.S. and European policy priorities.

Participation in this delegation will allow Members to:

- Engage directly with European Parliamentarians, European Commission officials, and NATO leadership on shared priorities;
- Better understand how EU climate and industrial policies may impact U.S. competitiveness, trade, and supply chains;
- Share U.S. legislative perspectives and reinforce continued congressional engagement on climate and energy issues internationally;
- Explore opportunities for transatlantic cooperation at the parliamentary and subnational levels.

Invites were sent to the following Members:

- Rep. Maxine Dexter
- Rep. Valerie Foushee
- Rep. Mike Levin
- Rep. Emily Randall
- Rep. Jim Himes
- Rep. Doris Matsui
- Rep. Joe Neguse
- Rep. Paul Tonko
- Rep. Ilhan Omar

- Rep. Kathy Castor
- Rep. Dave Min
- Rep. Jared Huffman
- Rep. Chellie Pingree
- Rep. Lloyd Doggett
- Rep. Salud Carbajal
- Rep. Greg Casar
- Rep. Joaquin Castro
- Rep. Gil Cisneros
- Rep. Steve Cohen
- Rep. Herb Conaway
- Rep. Chris Deluzio
- Rep. Sarah Elfreth
- Rep. Laura Friedman
- Rep. Laura Gillen
- Rep. Jim Himes
- Rep. Chrissy Houlahan
- Rep. Jonathan Jackson
- Rep. Pramila Jayapal
- Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dove
- Rep. Marcy Kaptur
- Rep. Bill Keating
- Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi
- Rep. George Latimer
- Rep. Ted Lieu
- Rep. Sarah McBride
- Rep. Jennifer McClellan
- Rep. John Olszewski
- Rep. Mike Quigley
- Rep. Pat Ryan
- Rep. Brad Schneider
- Rep. Eric Sorensen
- Rep. Marilyn Strickland
- Rep. Dina Titus
- Rep. Jill Tokuda
- Rep. Paul Tonko
- Rep. Derek Tran
- Rep. Teresa Leger Fernandez

- Rep. Sean Casten
- Rep. Yassamin Ansari
- Rep. Kim Schrier
- Rep. April McClain Delaney
- Rep. Ed Case
- Rep. Emilia Sykes
- Rep. Melanie Stansbury
- Rep. Adriano Espaillat
- Rep. George Whitesides
- Rep. Deborah Ross

Staff (Invited):

- David Schutt, SEEC Caucus Executive Director

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel.

SEEC Institute Europe CODEL with Members of the U.S. House of Representatives

Destination: Strasbourg, France and Brussels, Belgium

Dates: June 14 – 18, 2026

MISSION GOALS

The purpose of this Congressional delegation (CODEL) is to strengthen transatlantic collaboration on climate, energy, and industrial policy through direct engagement with European policymakers, private-sector leaders, and civil society organizations. The trip is designed to engage in pro-climate and clean energy conversations in Europe at a time of evolving policy priorities and geopolitical uncertainty.

The SEEC Institute delegation will engage with Members of the European Parliament, European Commission officials, NATO leadership, and leading businesses and NGOs to better understand Europe’s current climate and energy agenda—including implementation of the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), the Clean Industrial Deal, and the EU Methane Import Ban. The trip will also provide a platform for Members of Congress to share perspectives on U.S. policy and explore opportunities for sustained collaboration at the parliamentary and subnational levels.

RELEVANCE TO OFFICIAL DUTIES

This trip is directly relevant to Members' official duties, as it provides insight into international climate policy, industrial competitiveness, and energy security—all of which shape U.S. legislative priorities. Engagements with European counterparts will inform policymaking related to trade, clean energy deployment, supply chains, and transatlantic cooperation. European counterparts will also learn about best practices and lessons learned from these Members' experiences drafting and enacting the Inflation Reduction Act and other related legislation.

The program also supports Members in their roles as global representatives of U.S. policy, enabling them to strengthen relationships with key allies, communicate American perspectives, and identify opportunities for collaboration that advance both U.S. economic and environmental interests.

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SUNDAY, JUNE 14 – DEPARTURE

3:00 PM – Arrival at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)

Members of Congress and SEEC Institute staff arrive at Dulles International Airport to begin travel to Europe. SEEC Institute will provide final confirmed flight information to the Committee on Ethics when flights are booked in the coming days.

5:00 PM EST – 6:50 AM CEST – International Departure (IAD → Madrid)

The delegation departs Washington, D.C. on a commercial Iberia Airlines flight IB362 to Madrid. This overnight flight allows for arrival in Europe early the following day and ensures sufficient time for onward travel to Strasbourg.

MONDAY, JUNE 15 – STRASBOURG: EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ENGAGEMENT

6:50 AM – 9:05 AM – Arrival in Madrid and airport layover

The delegation lands in Madrid and prepares for onward travel to Strasbourg.

9:05 – 11:20 AM – Flight IB2240: Madrid to Strasbourg

The group travels to Strasbourg, home of the European Parliament's plenary sessions.

11:20 AM – 1:00 PM – Arrival, Hotel Check-In, and Downtime

Upon arrival, the delegation transfers to their hotel, checks in, and has time to rest following transatlantic travel.

1:00 – 2:30 PM – Lunch and Strasbourg Orientation with Local Leadership

The delegation participates in a lunch and informal orientation with the Mayor of Strasbourg, a former Member of the European Parliament. This discussion provides context on Strasbourg's role in European governance and offers insights into regional leadership perspectives on EU policy and transatlantic relations. *Note: SEEC Institute will cover the cost of lunch for all Members and staff.*

2:30 – 4:00 PM – Visit to the European Parliament

Members tour the European Parliament building, with a focus on sustainability and energy-efficiency measures within EU institutions and the parliament building itself. The visit introduces the structure and operations of the Parliament and its role in shaping EU climate and industrial policy.

4:00 – 5:00 PM – Meeting with “Friends of Clean Tech” MEP Group

The delegation meets with Members of the European Parliament engaged in clean technology and climate policy who belong to the “Friends of Clean Tech” Group (similar to a House Caucus). The discussion focuses on advancing clean energy innovation, aligning industrial strategies, and maintaining ambitious climate targets across the EU.

5:00 – 5:30 PM – Attendance at European Parliament Plenary Opening Session

Members attend the opening of the Parliament's plenary session and are formally received by the President of the European Parliament, highlighting the importance of the transatlantic relationship.

5:30 – 6:00 PM – Meeting with the President of the European Parliament

A private meeting with the President provides an opportunity to discuss transatlantic cooperation, current legislative priorities, and the role of parliamentary diplomacy in advancing shared climate and energy goals.

6:00 – 7:30 PM – Roundtable Dinner with Members of the European Parliament

SEEC Institute convenes a roundtable dinner bringing together U.S. lawmakers and European Parliamentarians. The discussion centers on aligning U.S. and EU approaches to climate policy, industrial competitiveness, and global leadership.

7:30 – 9:00 PM – Reception with Parliamentary Leaders and Staff

An evening reception provides an opportunity for informal engagement with Members of the European Parliament and senior staff, fostering relationships and facilitating continued dialogue.

Note: SEEC Institute will cover the cost of the reception and dinner for all Members and staff.

Overnight in Strasbourg

TUESDAY, JUNE 16 – TRANSIT TO BRUSSELS & PRIVATE-SECTOR ENGAGEMENTS

8:30 – 10:00 AM – Breakfast with European Commission Officials (TBC)

The delegation meets with representatives from the European Commission to discuss current EU climate and industrial priorities, including implementation challenges and opportunities for collaboration with U.S. policymakers. *Note: SEEC Institute will cover the cost of breakfast for all Members and staff.*

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM – Transit from Strasbourg to Brussels

The group travels by chartered bus to Brussels. Breakfast and lunch are provided onboard, and SEEC Institute staff facilitate informal briefings to prepare Members for upcoming engagements.

Note: SEEC Institute will provide lunch on the bus for all Members and staff.

AFTERNOON: SEEC INSTITUTE–HOSTED PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENTS

SEEC Institute hosts a series of discussions in Brussels, convening leading businesses, policymakers, and partner organizations to provide Members with practical insights into implementation of key EU climate policies. These sessions are designed to strengthen transatlantic dialogue and connect legislative priorities with real-world business perspectives.

3:00 – 4:00 PM – SEEC Institute–Hosted Discussion on EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM)

SEEC Institute hosts a discussion and invites leading European and multinational companies, along with partner organizations including Ceres and the We Mean Business Coalition to speak. Participants share perspectives on CBAM implementation, competitiveness considerations, and implications for global trade. The session provides Members with insight into how carbon pricing mechanisms are shaping industrial strategy and supply chains from the private sector perspective.

4:00 – 5:00 PM – SEEC Institute–Hosted Discussion on EU Clean Industrial Deal

SEEC Institute convenes businesses and policy experts to examine the EU's Clean Industrial Deal and its role in driving decarbonization and economic growth. The discussion highlights lessons learned from the U.S. Inflation Reduction Act and explores opportunities for alignment between U.S. and EU industrial policy.

5:00 – 6:00 PM – SEEC Institute–Hosted Discussion on EU Methane Import Standards

SEEC Institute hosts a dialogue with corporate leaders and policy experts to explore methane regulations affecting global energy markets. Participants discuss implementation challenges, monitoring frameworks, and the role of international cooperation in reducing emissions across supply chains.

6:00 – 8:00 PM – Salon Dinner with Business and Policy Leaders

SEEC Institute hosts a salon-style dinner bringing together U.S. lawmakers, European business leaders, and policy stakeholders. The evening provides an opportunity for deeper discussion on maintaining strong climate policies while fostering economic competitiveness and innovation.

Note: SEEC Institute will cover the cost of the dinner for all Members and staff.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 – BRUSSELS: POLICY, SECURITY, AND STRATEGY

9:00 – 10:30 AM – Breakfast Briefing with Clean Air Task Force

The delegation participates in a breakfast discussion focused on energy security and emerging clean technologies, including nuclear and geothermal energy. Experts outline how these technologies intersect with geopolitical considerations and long-term decarbonization strategies.

Note: SEEC Institute will cover the cost of breakfast for all Members and staff.

10:30 – 11:00 AM – Arrival and Welcome at E3G Brussels Office

Delegates arrive at E3G, a leading climate think tank, for a day of policy-focused discussions.

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM – Roundtable: EU Industrial Policy and Lessons from the IRA

SEEC Institute participates in a roundtable hosted with E3G examining the EU's Clean Industrial Deal and comparing it to the U.S. Inflation Reduction Act. The discussion focuses on policy design, competitiveness, and opportunities for transatlantic alignment.

12:00 – 2:30 PM – Oil Chokepoint Tabletop Exercise

Delegates participate in a simulation exercise exploring global energy supply disruptions and strategic responses. The exercise highlights vulnerabilities in energy systems and underscores the importance of resilience planning and international coordination.

2:30 – 4:00 PM – Roundtable: European Perspectives on Energy Security

This discussion brings together European experts to share perspectives on energy security, diversification, and the role of climate policy in strengthening resilience.

4:00 – 5:00 PM – Meeting with NATO and NATO Parliamentary Assembly

The delegation meets with NATO officials and parliamentary representatives to discuss the intersection of climate change, energy systems, and security. The conversation explores how NATO allies are integrating climate considerations into resilience planning.

5:00 – 6:00 PM – Down time to explore Brussels

6:00 – 8:00 PM – Evening Reception and Dinner with Policy and NGO Leaders

SEEC Institute hosts an evening reception and dinner with leaders from think tanks, NGOs, and policy organizations. The event fosters dialogue on transatlantic cooperation and builds relationships with key stakeholders. *Note: SEEC Institute will cover the cost of the reception and dinner for all Members and staff.*

THURSDAY, JUNE 18 – RETURN TO UNITED STATES

8:00 – 9:00 AM – Breakfast with UK Members of Parliament

The delegation meets with UK parliamentarians to discuss shared priorities in climate policy, energy security, and transatlantic collaboration. *Note: SEEC Institute will cover the cost of the breakfast for all Members and staff.*

9:00 – 9:45 AM – Transfer to Airport

9:45 AM – 12:00 PM – Brussels airport Processing and Departure

The delegation proceeds through airport security and boards a United Airlines flight returning to Washington, D.C.

12:00 PM CEST - 2:20 PM EST – United UA951 flight and arrival at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)

Delegates arrive in Washington, D.C., concluding the SEEC Institute Europe CODEL.

12. For each sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

SEEC Institute is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to educating policymakers on climate change and clean energy through engagement, education, and field-based learning. SEEC Institute is organizing this trip to advance that mission by providing Members of Congress with an opportunity to engage with international counterparts who are contemplating similar issues.

SEEC Institute is organizing and sponsoring this trip to advance its mission of supporting informed policymaking through direct engagement with international partners. The Institute has a strong interest in ensuring that Members of Congress have access to timely, first-hand information about global climate and energy developments, particularly in regions such as the European Union, which plays a central role in shaping international policy frameworks.

For this delegation, SEEC Institute's role includes:

- Designing and coordinating the overall program and agenda;
- Facilitating meetings with European policymakers, including Members of the European Parliament and European Commission officials;
- Convening discussions with private-sector leaders, think tanks, and NGOs to provide Members with diverse perspectives;
- Organizing roundtable discussions to foster dialogue on key policy issues, including CBAM, industrial policy, and methane regulation;
- Managing all logistics, including travel, lodging, and on-the-ground coordination.

Through this trip, SEEC Institute aims to:

- Strengthen transatlantic relationships between U.S. lawmakers and European counterparts;
- Provide Members with a deeper understanding of how international climate and industrial policies intersect with U.S. economic and national security interests;
- Support continued U.S. engagement and leadership in global climate and energy discussions.

As with prior delegations, SEEC Institute's activities are educational in nature and designed to facilitate policy-relevant dialogue, consistent with House Ethics Committee travel regulations.

15b. Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:

1. Our meal budget is based on the State Department per diem rate for Brussels and Strasbourg, which is \$170.

2. SEEC Institute selected Strasbourg and Brussels as that is where EU officials are located. The European Parliament is sitting in Strasbourg during the week of June 15.

Invitation sent to invited members:

Good afternoon—

I am writing to invite your boss to join a **privately sponsored SEEC Institute CODEL to Europe from June 14-18**. The purpose of this trip is to advance transatlantic cooperation and understanding on shared energy and climate priorities.

A tentative agenda is attached to this email and the RSVP form is [LINKED HERE](#).

If your boss would like to join this trip, please [fill out this form](#) on their behalf by **May 1, 2026 at 5pm Eastern** at the latest. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Upon confirming your boss' attendance on the trip, we'll be in touch with additional information on Ethics paperwork and logistics.

Additional framing for the trip: This proposed Europe CODEL aims to deepen understanding of Europe's evolving climate policy landscape at a pivotal moment, while reinforcing transatlantic engagement on shared economic, environmental, and security priorities, all in the context of climate change and the clean energy transition. As the European Union advances key initiatives including the EU Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism, the EU Methane Import Standard, and their Clean Industrial Deal, there are emerging concerns about potential shifts in ambition amid broader geopolitical and economic pressures. The trip will provide Members with opportunities to engage European counterparts, business leaders, civil society, and the media to better understand policy directions, identify areas for constructive collaboration, and exchange perspectives on climate, trade, and resilience. It will also explore opportunities for strengthened cooperation at the parliamentary and subnational levels, particularly in areas such as energy security and climate resilience planning within NATO. At a time of complex U.S.-Europe relations, the CODEL offers a timely opportunity to reaffirm enduring partnerships and support continued dialogue on shared global challenges.

Best,

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