

U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ethics

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCE CENTER

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, 135 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

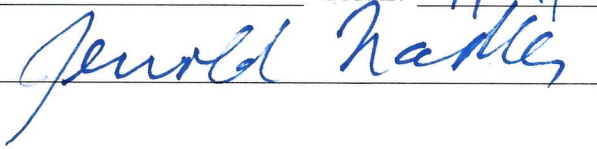
1. Name of Traveler: Nelson Slade Bond II
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ *or* None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: April 2, 2018 Return: April 7, 2018
 b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____ *or* None
4. Departure city: Washington, D.C. Destination: Paris, France Return city: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): PPI
6. Describe meetings and events attended: Meetings with European officials, including the Directorate General of Competition, concerning competition, privacy, and trade. Please see attached agenda for additional information.
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 Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
 - c. page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the employee; *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 that statement is true by checking box*):
 b. If not, explain: _____

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

SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER:  DATE: 4/25/18

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Jerrold Nadler DATE: 4/24/18

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: 

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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 on 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 for the trip): Progressive Policy Institute

2. Travel Destination(s): Paris, France; Brussels, Belgium; Berlin, Germany

3. Date of Departure: April 2, 2018 Date of Return: April 7, 2018

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): 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 response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$1475	\$825	\$750	
Accompanying Relative				

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: 

Name: Lindsay Mark Lewis Title: Executive Director

Organization: Progressive Policy Institute

I am an officer of the above-named organization (signify statement is true by checking box):

Address: 1200 New Hampshire Ave. NW Suite 575
Washington, D.C. 20036

Telephone number: 202-617-4042

Email Address: llewis@ppionline.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.

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Nelson Slade Bond II
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): Progressive Policy Institute
3. Travel destination(s): Paris, France; Brussels, Belgium; Berlin, Germany
4. a. Date of departure April 2, 2018 Date of return: April 7, 2018
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
If yes, dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense? Yes No
b. If yes:
(1) Name of accompanying relative: _____
(2) Relationship to traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age: Yes No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)? Yes No
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: Yes No
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.
Trip will involve discussions related to international competition enforcement, a topic I work on directly within the Subcommittee, which has jurisdiction over the antitrust laws and competition policy.
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip? Yes No

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.

Date: 3/6/18

Arnold Kadler
Signature of Employing Member

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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 Web site (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

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.

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): Progressive Policy Institute (PPI)

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 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):
Please see attached.

5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)? Yes No

6. Date of departure: April 2, 2018 Date of return: April 7, 2018

7. a. City of departure: Dulles, Virginia
b. Destination(s): Paris, France; Brussels, Belgium; Berlin, Germany
c. City of return: Dulles, Virginia

8. I represent that (check one of the following):
 - 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 one of the following:
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
 - 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 "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the 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 one:
- 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 that the statement is true by checking box): *or*
- b. N/A - 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:

This is the fifth year PPI has organized this mission including congressional staff with the intent to inform them about issues related to the US-EU relationship from a European perspective, including competition and antitrust policy, privacy law, transatlantic trade and tax rules, and the impact of our current political landscapes on relations and cooperation, and other critical foreign policy concerns.

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:

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. I represent that either (check one of the following):
- 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): _____

2) Provide reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____

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

Hotel name: Hilton Paris Opera City: Paris Cost per night: \$180

Reason(s) for selecting: Location and cost

Hotel name: Hilton Brussels City: Brussels Cost per night: \$140

Reason(s) for selecting: Location and cost

Hotel name: Hilton Berlin City: Berlin Cost per night: \$140

Reason(s) for selecting: Location and cost

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 box):

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$1550	\$750	\$650
For each accompanying relative			

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$0	
For each accompanying relative		

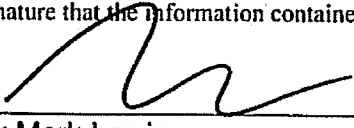
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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below. *or*
- b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

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

Signature: 
 Name: Lindsay Mark Lewis
 Title: Executive Director
 Organization: Progressive Policy Institute
 Address: 1200 New Hampshire Ave. NW, Suite 575
 Telephone number: 202-617-4042
 Email address: llewis@ppionline.org

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

Committee on Ethics
 U.S. House of Representatives
 1015 Longworth House Office Building
 Washington, DC 20515
 (202) 225-7103 (phone)
 (202) 225-7392 (general fax)

Susan W. Brooks, Indiana
Chairwoman
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Mr. Nelson "Slade" Bond
Committee on Judiciary
189 Ford House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Bond:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to France, Belgium, and Germany, scheduled for April 2 to April 7, 2018, sponsored by the Progressive Policy Institute.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) 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. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 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 employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$390] 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 filed with the Committee, and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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

Sincerely,



Susan W. Brooks
Chairwoman



Theodore E. Deutch
Ranking Member

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Rachel Kelly
Deputy Chief of Staff
Rep. Jim Himes (D-CT)

Rachel Kelly serves as Deputy Chief of Staff to Rep. Jim Himes, aiding him with his work on the House Financial Services Committee and advising him on issues related to economics, finance, foreign affairs, tax, trade, and other policy areas being explored on this trip.

James Leuschen
Senior Policy Advisor
Leadership Office of Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD)

James Leuschen advises Rep. Steny Hoyer on tax issues. This mission will include meetings exploring the impact of the new U.S. tax law on U.S.-EU relations and future policy implications.

Brian Looser
Legislative Director
Rep. John Shimkus (R-IL)

Brian Looser is Legislative Director to Rep. John Shimkus, advising him on issues related to tax and telecom and aiding him with his work on the Energy and Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

Brittany Van
Policy Advisor
New Democrat Coalition

Brittany Van advises chair of the New Democrat Coalition, Rep. Jim Himes (D-CT), on policy issues that will be explored on this mission, including tax, trade, competition, privacy, and others.

Veronica Smith Wong
Chief of Staff
Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA)

Victoria Wong is Chief of Staff to Rep. Darrell Issa, a Member of the House Judiciary and Foreign Affairs Committees, aiding the Congressman's work on issues related to privacy, data protection, competition and antitrust policy issues

House Invitees

Slade Bond

Chief Counsel, Office of House Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law

Counsel, Office of House Committee on the Judiciary
Rep. Jerry Nadler (D-NY)

Slade Bond is Chief Counsel on the House Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, where he specializes in issues related to antitrust, competition, and other policy areas that will figure prominently on this trip.

Brandon Casey

Chief of Staff, Office of House Committee on Ways and Means
Rep. Richard Neal (D-MA)

Brandon Casey is Chief of Staff for the House Ways and Means Committee Minority Staff advising Ranking Member Rep. Richard Neal on tax issues. This trip will explore the impact of the new U.S. tax law on U.S.-EU relations and future policy implications.

Cachavious English

Chief of Staff

Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL)

Cachavious English is Chief of Staff to Rep. Terri Sewell, a member of the House Ways & Means Committee and New Democrat Coalition task force for Tax Reform and Fiscal Responsibility. Ongoing competition investigations, including "state aid" cases, and tax issues, like the impact of the new U.S. tax law on U.S.-EU relations, will be explored on this trip.

Paul Jackson

Professional Staff Member, Office of House Committee on Energy and Commerce
Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection

Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR)

Paul Jackson is a Professional Staff Member on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, working on issues related to privacy, competition, antitrust and other policy areas that will be explored on this trip.

2018 PPI Mission to Europe Agenda

Monday, April 2

6:05PM Flight Departs for Paris-Charles de Gaulle

Tuesday, April 3

7:45AM Arrive at Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport

8:15AM Airport Shuttle Pickup for Arriving Guests

9:30AM Arrive at Hotel
Hilton Paris Opera
108 Rue Saint-Lazare, 75008 Paris

10:30AM-11:30AM Meeting with U.S. Embassy in France
Discussion on US-France foreign relations and US policy priorities
Hilton Paris Opera
108 Rue Saint-Lazare, 75008 Paris

12PM-2PM Lunch Meeting with EuropaNova and Members of the French Assembly hosted by Denis Masegla (LREM).
Mr. Masegla is a French politician representing La République En Marche! in the French National Assembly, elected from Maine-et-Loire.
Discussion on the first year of President Macron's democratic reforms and US-France relationship
Restaurant L'Assemblée, 13 Rue de Bourgogne, 75007 Paris

2:30PM-3:30PM Meeting with Quai d'Orsay Policy Planning Team (Foreign Affairs Ministry)
Arnaud Metre and Andre De Beaupaire, Advisors on US-France Relations.
Discussion on foreign policy priorities of current French government and US economic and security cooperation
Number 37 Quai d'Orsay, 75007 Paris

4:00PM-5:00PM Meeting with French Senators hosted by Senator Patricia Schillinger (LREM)
Discussion on France's policy priorities under President Macron and U.S.-France relations
French Senate, 15 Rue de Vaugirard, 75006 Paris

5:30PM-6:30PM Meeting with advisors of President Emmanuel Macron
Hugo Verges, Transatlantic Relations Advisor; Clement Beaune, EU & G20 Advisors; Laurent Martel and Fabrice Aubert, Taxation & Digital Economy Advisors
Discussion on digital taxation and innovation policies
Élysée Palace, 55 Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, 75008 Paris

7PM-10PM Reception and Dinner with Pierre Haski, co-founder of Rue-89
Discussion with French journalist on first year of Macron's presidency and what it means for Europe and the West
Laperouse, 51 Quai des Grands Augustins, 75006 Paris

2018 PPI Mission to Europe Agenda

Wednesday, April 4

- 7:30AM-8:15AM Breakfast at Hotel
- 8:30AM-11AM Meeting with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
Discussions on global competition policy, digital policy, and tax policy
OECD HQ
2 Rue André Pascal, 75016 Paris
- 12:19PM Train Departs Paris Gare du Nord
- 1:45PM Train Arrives at Brussels South Railway Station
- 2PM Arrive at Hotel
Hilton Brussels Grand Place, Carrefour de l'Europe 3, 1000 Brussels
- 3PM-4PM Meeting with AMCHAM EU
Co-Chairs of the AMCHAM Competition Committee
Bertold Bär-Bouyssière, DLA Piper and Jay Modrall, Norton Rose Fulbright
Discussion on US-EU relations on competition, tax, and trade policy
Hilton Brussels Grand Place, Carrefour de l'Europe 3, 1000 Brussels
- 4:30PM-5:45PM Meeting with Directorate General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG Connect)
Gerard de Graaf, Director, Digital Single Market
Menno COX, Unit: E-Commerce & Platforms
Discussion on upcoming European digital platform regulations
Hilton Brussels Grand Place, Carrefour de l'Europe 3, 1000 Brussels
- 6PM-7:30PM Reception with EU Parliament and Commission Staff
Meet and greet with EU government staff counterparts
KWINT, Mont des Arts 1, 1000 Brussels
- 8PM-10PM Dinner with the Wall Street Journal
Natalia Drozdiak, Reporter, EU antitrust and tech and telecoms regulation
Discussion on ongoing "state aid" cases and competition investigations
Restaurant Au Vieux Saint-Martin, Place du Grand Sablon 38, 1000 Brussels

Thursday, April 5

- 8AM Breakfast
- 9:30AM-10:45AM Directorate General for Competition (DG Comp)
Kris Dekeyser, Director of Policy & Strategy
Guillaume Lorient, Director of Markets: Information, Communication & Media
Brice Allibert, Deputy Head of Unit, IT & Internet Antitrust
Max Lienemeyer, Head of Unit, Tax Planning Practices
Filip Kubik, International Relations Officer
Guillaume Lorient, Director, Information,

2018 PPI Mission to Europe Agenda

Communication and Media

Discussion on current EU competition and antitrust policies and state-aid cases

European Commission DG for Competition

Place Madou 1, 1210 Saint-Josse-ten-Noode, Belgium

11AM-12PM

Meeting with the Directorate General for Trade of the European Commission (DG Trade)

Hiddo Houben, Head of Unit for U.S. & Canada, EU Deputy Chief Negotiator for the T-TIP

Discussion on status and future of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP) between the EU and US

Rue de la Loi 200, 1000 Brussels

12:15PM-2PM

Lunch Meeting with the Embassy of Ireland

Declan Kelly, Director of Economic Financial Affairs Council, Permanent Representation of Ireland to the European Union

Louise Heenan, Fiscal Attaché

Discussion on state-aid cases, digital trade and taxation, and EU antitrust policy impact on smaller member states

Rue Froissart 50, 1040 Brussels

2:15PM

Depart for Brussels Airport

4:40PM

Flight Departs Brussels

6PM

Flight Arrives at Berlin Airport

6:45PM

Arrive at Hotel

Hilton Berlin

Mohrenstraße 30, 10117 Berlin

7:30PM-10PM

Dinner with Das Progressive Zentrum

Stephan Mayer, Parliamentary Secretary of State, Federal Ministry of Interior, Building and Community, Christian Social Union (CSU)

Anna Sauerbrey, Opinion Editor, Der Tagesspiegel & Columnist, New York Times

Mark Schieritz, Journalist, Die Zeit

Discussion on German competition & antitrust policy and US-EU-Germany engagement

Borchardt, Französische Straße 47, 10117 Berlin

Friday, April 6

8:30AM-10:30AM

Breakfast Meeting on Digital Trade

Dr. Nicola Jentzsch, Head of Data Economy Project, Stiftung Neue Verantwortung,

Dr. Laura von Daniels, Deputy Chair Person, Foundation for Science & Politics

Valerie Mocker, Head of Development & European Digital Policy, Nesta

Daniel Krupka, Director, Society for Informatics

Marc Reinhardt, Executive Vice President, Head of Public Sector, Capgemini

Discussion on US-EU digital privacy and innovation policies

Sankt Oberholz, Rosenthaler Straße 72A, 10119 Berlin

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- 11AM-12PM Meeting with German Publishers
Christoph Fiedler, CEO, Association of German Magazine Publishers (VDZ) / Association of German Newspaper Publishers (BDZV)
Discussion on copyright, data protection, publishers' rights, and content regulation
Haus der Presse, Markgrafenstrasse 12-14, 10969 Berlin
- 12:30PM-2PM Salon Lunch
Discussion on the forming of a new German government following Chancellor Merkel's reelection, comparative politics lesson
Ullstein Bar, Axel Springer Publishing Group, Markgrafenstr. 15 10969 Berlin
- 2PM-3PM Meeting with Thomas Kaseberg, Chief of Competition Law, Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology (BMWi)
Discussion on German antitrust policy, ongoing competition investigations, and the implications for U.S. business operating in Germany
Axel Springer Publishing Group, Markgrafenstr. 15 10969 Berlin
- 3:30-4:30PM Meeting with the Global Public Policy Institute
Thorsten Benner, Director, GPPi
Mirko Hohmann, Project Manager, Data & Technology Politics, GPPi
Discussion on new German social media regulation and implications for U.S. social media users
Reinhardtstraße 7, 10117 Berlin
- 5:30PM-7PM Farewell Reception with PPI & DPZ
Trip debrief and wrap-up discussion on what impact European and Member State policymaking will have on congressional policy priorities
Das Progressive Zentrum Werftstraße 3, 10557 Berlin

Saturday, April 7

- 9:55AM Flight Departs Berlin for Paris
- 11:45AM Flight Arrives in Paris
- 1:25PM Flight Departs for Washington, D.C.
- 3:50PM Flight Arrives at Washington Dulles International Airport

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Dr. Jens Zimmerman, Social Democratic Party; Thomas Jarzombek, Christian Democratic Union (CDU); Konstantin von Notz, Green Party
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- 10AM-11:30AM Directorate General for Competition (DG Comp)
Carles Esteve Masso, Acting Deputy Director General for mergers at DG COMP.
Max Lienemeyer, Head of Sector in the Task Force Tax Planning Practices department at DG COMP.
Guillaume Lorient, Director, Information, Communication and Media
Discussion on EU competition policy and state-aid cases
European Commission DG for Competition
Place Madou 1, 1210 Saint-Josse-ten-Noode, Belgium
- 12PM-2:15PM Lunch with European External Action Service
Anna Carin Krokst de, Chair, Council Working Party on Transatlantic Relations (COTRA), Deputy Head of Division, United States and Canada Division
Discussion on transatlantic relations and US foreign policy initiatives in Europe
Parkside Brasserie, Avenue de la Joyeuse Entree 24, 1040 Brussels
- 2:15PM Depart for Brussels Airport
- 4:40PM Flight Departs Brussels
- 6PM Flight Arrives at Berlin Airport
- 6:45PM Arrive at Hotel
Hilton Berlin
Mohrenstra e 30, 10117 Berlin
- 7:30PM-10PM Dinner with Das Progressive Zentrum
Stefan Schnorr, Head of Digital and Innovation Politic, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)
Jimmy Schulz, Head of Digital Agenda Committee, Free Democratic Party (FDP), Member of Parliament
Helga Springeneer, Head of Consumer Protection and Digital Society Department, Federal Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection (BMJV)
Discussion on German competition and antitrust policy and digital innovation
Borchardt, Franz sische Stra e 47, 10117 Berlin
- Friday, April 6
- 8:30AM-10:30AM Breakfast Meeting on Digital Trade
Dr. Nicola Jentzsch, Stiftung Neue Verantwortung, Head of Data Economy Project
Dr. Laura von Daniel, Deputy Chair Person, International Financial System, Crises, and Trade Politics
Prof. Dr. Dirk Messner, Head of German Development Institute & Head of Advisory Board on Dialogue Forum Free Trade
Discussion on US-EU digital trade and innovation policies

2018 PPI Mission to Europe Agenda

7PM-10PM Reception and Dinner with EuropaNova
Discussion with French journalist on first year of Macron's presidency and what it means for Europe
Laperouse, 51 Quai des Grands Augustins, 75006 Paris

Wednesday, April 4

7:30AM-8:15AM Breakfast at Hotel

8:30AM-11AM Meeting with The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
Discussions on competition policy, digital policy, and tax policy
OECD HQ
2 Rue André Pascal, 75016 Paris

12:19PM Train Departs Paris Gare du Nord

1:45PM Train Arrives at Brussels South Railway Station

2PM Arrive at Hotel
Hilton Brussels City Place Charles Rogier 20, 1210 Brussels

3PM-4PM Meeting with AMCHAM EU
Discussion on US-EU relations on competition, tax, and trade policy
Hilton Brussels City, Place Charles Rogier 20, 1210 Brussels

4:30PM-5:30PM Meeting with Directorate General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG Connect)
Gerard de Graaf, Director of the Digital Single Market
Discussion on upcoming European platform regulations
Hilton Brussels City, Place Charles Rogier 20, 1210 Brussels

6PM-7:30PM Reception with EU Parliament and Commission Staff
Meet and greet with EU government staff counterparts
KWINT, Mont des Arts 1, 1000 Brussels

8PM-10PM Dinner with the Wall Street Journal
Natalia Drozdiak, Reporter, EU antitrust and tech and telecoms regulation
Restaurant Scheltema, Rue des Dominicains, 7, 1000 Brussels

Thursday, April 5

8AM-9:30AM Breakfast Meeting with the Directorate General for Trade of the European Commission (DG Trade)
Hiddo Houben, EU Deputy Chief Negotiator for the T-TIP
Discussion on status and future of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP)
Hilton Brussels City, Place Charles Rogier 20, 1210 Brussels

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Monday, April 2

4:05PM Arrive at Washington Dulles International Airport

6:05PM Flight Departs for Paris-Charles de Gaulle

Tuesday, April 3

7:45AM Arrive at Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport

8:15AM Airport Shuttle Pickup for Arriving Guests
Jana Plat will be waiting – 805-207-5741

9:30AM Arrive at Hotel
Hilton Paris Opera
108 Rue Saint-Lazare, 75008 Paris

10:30AM-11:30AM Meeting with U.S. Embassy in France
Discussion on US-France foreign relations and US policy priorities
Hilton Paris Opera
108 Rue Saint-Lazare, 75008 Paris

12PM-2PM Lunch Meeting with EuropaNova and Members of the Parliament hosted by Denis Maseglla (LREM).
Mr. Maseglla is a French politician representing La République En Marché in the French National Assembly, elected from Maine-et-Loire.
Discussion on the first year of President Macron's democratic reforms and US-France relationship
Restaurant L'Assemblée, 13 Rue de Bourgogne, 75007 Paris

2:30PM-3:30PM Meeting with Quai d'Orsay Policy Planning Team (Foreign Affairs Ministry)
Arnaud Metre and Andre De Beaupaire, Advisors on US-France Relations.
Discussion on foreign policy priorities of current French government and US economic and security cooperation
Number 37 Quai d'Orsay, 75007 Paris

4:00PM-5:00PM Meeting with French Senators hosted by Senator Patricia Schillinger (LREM)
Discussion on new French competition proposals and how it compares to U.S. policy
French Senate, 15 Rue de Vaugirard, 75006 Paris

5:30PM-6:30PM Meeting with advisors of President Emmanuel Macron
Hugo Verges, Transatlantic Relations Advisor; Clement Beaune, EU & G20 Advisors; Laurent Martel and Fabrice Aubert, Taxation & Digital Economy Advisors
Discussion on digital taxation and data policy
Élysée Palace, 55 Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré, 75008 Paris

On behalf of the Progressive Policy Institute (PPI), I'd like to invite you to join us for a transatlantic dialogue in Paris, Brussels, and Berlin from Monday, April 2 to Saturday, April 7, 2018. This bipartisan mission is designed for senior congressional and gubernatorial staff.

This will be PPI's fifth consecutive year hosting top-level meetings in Europe with our transatlantic allies and partners. However, with a new White House and ever changing political dynamics across Europe, this will be our most consequential trip to date. The desire from key players in Europe to meet and talk with their American counterparts in Congress and the states is at a significantly heightened level, and PPI believes it is important for U.S. policy professionals to experience and learn about the current European view not represented in domestic press reports.

This mission will cover a wide range of topics and the schedule is not for the faint of heart; you will see much of Europe in a short period of time! As Europe has its own view on competition and trade policy, we will spend time hearing from regulators and governing bodies on why they believe America's leading edge in innovation poses consumer danger to Europeans and their markets and hopefully learn what they plan on doing next.


Specifically, this mission will hold meetings directly relating to:

- Ongoing competition investigations targeting US multi-nationals, including "State Aid" cases
- The impact of European privacy laws and crackdown on social media
- The "Macron story:" will Europe have a rebirth of purpose?
- How does the new U.S. tax law impact EU-US relations?
- How to reboot transatlantic trade talks and preventing a shift to China by the EU
- The political landscape across Europe and its effect on the future of the European Union

PPI is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming on current policy issues. As such, this mission will comply with House and Senate ethics rules. PPI was part of the founding and push for the "Third Way" movement in the 1990s and has continued this work since then by maintaining relationships in Europe and producing informative and thought provoking transatlantic missions and reports.

I hope that you will be able to join us in what promises to be an insightful and educational mission to Europe. Space is limited; please contact Cody Tucker at 202-775-0106 or ctucker@ppionline.org if you have questions or require further information.

Regards,



Lindsay M. Lewis
Executive Director

Rachel Kelly
Deputy Chief of Staff
Rep. Jim Himes (D-CT)

Rachel Kelly serves as Deputy Chief of Staff to Rep. Jim Himes, aiding him with his work on the House Financial Services Committee and advising him on issues related to economics, finance, foreign affairs, tax, trade, and other policy areas being explored on this trip.

James Leuschen
Senior Policy Advisor
Leadership Office of Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD)

James Leuschen advises Rep. Steny Hoyer on tax issues. This mission will include meetings exploring the impact of the new U.S. tax law on U.S.-EU relations and future policy implications.

Brian Looser
Legislative Director
Rep. John Shimkus (R-IL)

Brian Looser is Legislative Director to Rep. John Shimkus, advising him on issues related to tax and telecom and aiding him with his work on the Energy and Commerce Committee Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

Brittany Van
Policy Advisor
New Democrat Coalition

Brittany Van advises chair of the New Democrat Coalition, Rep. Jim Himes (D-CT), on policy issues that will be explored on this mission, including tax, trade, competition, privacy, and others.

Veronica Smith Wong
Chief of Staff
Rep. Darrell Issa (R-CA)

Victoria Wong is Chief of Staff to Rep. Darrell Issa, a Member of the House Judiciary and Foreign Affairs Committees, aiding the Congressman's work on issues related to privacy, data protection, competition and antitrust policy issues

House Invitees

Slade Bond

Chief Counsel, Office of House Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law

Counsel, Office of House Committee on the Judiciary
Rep. Jerry Nadler (D-NY)

Slade Bond is Chief Counsel on the House Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform, Commercial and Antitrust Law, where he specializes in issues related to antitrust, competition, and other policy areas that will figure prominently on this trip.

Brandon Casey

Chief of Staff, Office of House Committee on Ways and Means
Rep. Richard Neal (D-MA)

Brandon Casey is Chief of Staff for the House Ways and Means Committee Minority Staff advising Ranking Member Rep. Richard Neal on tax issues. This trip will explore the impact of the new U.S. tax law on U.S.-EU relations and future policy implications.

Cachavious English

Chief of Staff

Rep. Terri Sewell (D-AL)

Cachavious English is Chief of Staff to Rep. Terri Sewell, a member of the House Ways & Means Committee and New Democrat Coalition task force for Tax Reform and Fiscal Responsibility. Ongoing competition investigations, including "state aid" cases, and tax issues, like the impact of the new U.S. tax law on U.S.-EU relations, will be explored on this trip.

Paul Jackson

Professional Staff Member, Office of House Committee on Energy and Commerce
Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection

Rep. Greg Walden (R-OR)

Paul Jackson is a Professional Staff Member on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Digital Commerce and Consumer Protection, working on issues related to privacy, competition, antitrust and other policy areas that will be explored on this trip.