



Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form

Original Amendment

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, B-81 Cannon House Office Building, 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: Rachel Ver Velde
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR None
- b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: November 3, 2019 Return: November 8, 2019
- b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Berlin, Germany; Brus Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: German Marshall Fund of the United State, Software Education Foundation d/b/e
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Toured Siemens International Training Center to see workforce developme
Received briefings at NATO on cyber threats. We discussed cybersecurity and cyber privacy with Members of the E
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 *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 statement is true by checking the box:
- b. If not, explain: _____

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

Signature of Traveler: Date: 11-25-2019

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: Hon. Glenn Grothman Date: 11-25/2019

Signature of Supervising Member:



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Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form

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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 ten 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: German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF)
Software Education Foundation d/b/a "Software.org: the BSA Foundation" (Software.org)

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

3. Date of Departure: November 3, 2019 Date of Return: November 8, 2019

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rachel Ver Velde

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	\$3354.33* Please see addendum.	\$1113.39	\$419.50* Please see addendum.	N/A
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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: Karen Donfried Chris Hopfensperger Date: 11/21/2019

Name: Karen Donfried Chris Hopfensperger Title: President; Executive Director

Organization: German Marshall Fund Software.org

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

Address: 1744 R St NW Washington, DC 20009 20 F St NW, Suite 800 Washington, DC 20001

Telephone: 202-683-2950 202-872-5500 Email: kdonfried@gmfus.org, chris@software.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: Rachel Ver Velde +

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF)
Software Education Foundation d/b/a "Software.org: the BSA Foundation" (Software.org) +

3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel : Germany, Belgium

4. a. Date of Departure: 11/03/2019 Date of Return: 11/08/2019

b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No

If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____

5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? Yes No **If yes:**

(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____

(2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____

(3) Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age: Yes No

6. a. 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)? Yes No

b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night 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.**

As Rep. Grothman's Chief of Staff and therefore chief policy advisor, this trip will enable me to expand my
expertise on various transatlantic global policy issues that affect the constituents in our district and greater
society.

9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, 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.

Signature of Employing Member

Date 10/03/2019



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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 website (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: German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF)
Software Education Foundation d/b/a "Software.org: the BSA Foundation" (Software.org)
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 Addendum A.
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of Departure: November 3, 2019 Date of Return: November 8, 2019
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
b. Destination(s): Berlin, Germany; Brussels, Belgium
c. City of return: Washington, DC
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:
 - 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 you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____



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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 that the statement is true by checking 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:
Please see Addendum B.
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13. *Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:*
- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: Bus for in-country transportation)
 - 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:
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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): Berlin \$108; Brussels: \$131
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- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Please see Addendum B.
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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: Regent Hotel City: Berlin Cost Per Night: \$240
Reason(s) for Selecting: Central location and proximity to meeting sites

Hotel Name: Steigenberger Hotel City: Brussels Cost Per Night: \$175
Reason(s) for Selecting: Central location and proximity to meeting sites

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 box:*



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18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$2721	\$830	\$478
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A

	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	N/A	N/A
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A

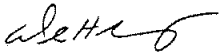

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19. Check only one:

- 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 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:   Date: 10/2/19

Name: Derek Chollet Chris Hopfensperger

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer Executive Director

Organization: German Marshall Fund Software.org

Address: 1744 R St NW Washington, DC 20009 20 F St NW, Suite 800 Washington, DC 20001

Telephone: 202-683-2950 202-872-5500

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

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October 30, 2019

Ms. Rachel Ver Velde
Office of the Honorable Glenn Grothman
1427 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Ver Velde:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Germany and Belgium,¹ scheduled for November 3 to 8, 2019, sponsored by German Marshall Fund, and Software Education Foundation d.b.a. Software.org: the BSA Foundation (“Software.org”).

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 and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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 Sergeant at Arms (SAA) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. SAA 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>.

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

Sincerely,



Theodore E. Deutch
Chairman



Kenny Marchant
Ranking Member

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Post-Travel House Ethics Addendum
Transatlantic Technology Congressional Delegation 2019
November 3, 2019 – November 8, 2019
Berlin, Germany and Brussels, Belgium

On November 21, 2019, the German Marshall Fund of the United States and Software.org are filing the Post-Travel House Ethics Forms for participants in its 2019 Transatlantic Technology Congressional Delegation. Below is an explanation of the cost calculations for the Transportation and Meals categories.

Transportation

The invoice for transportation in Brussels, Belgium for the dates November 6, 2019 to November 8, 2019 has not yet been received by the German Marshall Fund. The estimate used in this calculation is a good-faith estimate.

Meals

The invoice for one meal at a working dinner in Brussels, Belgium on November 7, 2019, has not yet been received by the German Marshall Fund. The estimate used in this calculation is a good-faith estimate.

When the invoices for these charges are received by the German Marshall Fund, an Amendment will be filed noting actual total costs.

House Ethics Addendum A
Transatlantic Technology Congressional Delegation 2019

The following Members of Congress and Congressional Staff were chosen to participate due to their interest in technology, cybersecurity, the digital economy, and transatlantic cooperation in these fields.

Members:

- Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE)
- Congressman Glenn Grothman (R-WI)
- Congressman James Sensenbrenner (R-WI)
- Congressman Charlie Crist (D-FL)
- Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren (D-CA)
- Congressman Brian Babin (R-TX)

Staff:

- Kevin Diamond, Legislative Director, Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE)
- Rachel Ver Velde, Chief of Staff, Congressman Glenn Grothman (R-WI)
- Michael Steger, Legislative Assistant, Congressman James Sensenbrenner (R-WI)
- Austin Durrer, Chief of Staff, Congressman Charlie Crist (D-FL)

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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.

GMF seeks to promote cooperation between the United States and Europe on transatlantic global issues. Software.org seeks to help policymakers and the broader public understand the impact that software has on our lives, our economy, and our society. GMF and Software.org are responsible for all aspects of the trip, including the recruitment of participants and the formation of the agenda. No foreign government donations will be used to fund the House invitees' participation in this trip.

15.b.2. Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event of trip:

Brussels, as the seat of the European Parliament, Commission, and Council, was chosen to showcase the European Union's approaches to digital policy. Berlin, as the capital of the European Union's largest national economy, was chosen to allow attendees insight into the state of transatlantic cooperation in the technological sector and the German government's role in influencing, fostering and regulating the sector in Europe.

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NOTIONAL AGENDA

Transatlantic Technology Congressional Delegation
Berlin, Germany and Brussels, Belgium
November 3-8, 2019

United States: Sunday, November 3

12:00 - 20:00 Departure for Berlin on Individual Itineraries (Times Will Vary)

Berlin: Monday, November 4

07:30 - 13:30 Participants Arrive at Regent Hotel and Check-in

Location: Regent Hotel
CharlottenstraBe 49
10117 Berlin, Germany

13:30 - 14:00 Transfer from Regent Hotel to Stasi Archives Museum

14:00 - 16:00 **Scene-Setter: Historical Basis of European Privacy Legislation**

Location: Stasi Archives Museum
Ruschestr. 103/House 1
10365 Berlin, Germany

This scene setter at the Stasi Museum in Berlin will discuss how information sharing, privacy, and data protection are discussed in European against the historical background of the Security Service of the former German Democratic Republic. The discussion will cover questions of citizens' rights to privacy and government data collection.

- **Dagmar Hovestaedt**, Spokesperson, Federal Commissioner for the Stasi Records

16:00 - 16:30 Transfer to US Embassy-Berlin

16:30 - 18:30 **US Embassy-Berlin Meeting**

Location: US Embassy
Pariser Platz 2
10117 Berlin, Germany

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The U.S. Ambassador to Germany will brief the Congressional delegation on the current state of U.S.-German relations and transatlantic relations at large. This discussion will allow the Members to get an on-the-ground perspective of the cooperation between the U.S. and Germany.

- **Richard Grenell**, U.S. Ambassador to Germany

18:30 - 19:00 Transfer to Il Punto

18:30 - 19:00 **Working Dinner with U.S. and European Media Representatives**

Location: Il Punto
Neustaedtische Kirchstr. 6
10117 Berlin, Germany

Over a working dinner, the delegation will meet journalists who have covered transatlantic policymaking, current policy issues and conflicts, and U.S.-European relations more generally. Topics will include Germany's role in the new EU Parliament and Commission and the potentially wide-reaching effects of Brexit.

- **Media Representatives (TBD)**

Berlin: Tuesday, November 5

10:00 - 12:00 **Siemens International Training Center**

Location: Siemens International Training Center [Aktiengesellschaft]
Nonnendammallee 101
13629 Berlin, Germany

The discussion at the Siemens International Training Center allows the Members insights into one of Germany's largest technology companies. At this training facility, they will receive insights into technology and digital training of the German workforce and will discuss how technological change is affecting and changing labor in the country.

- **Thomas Leubner**, Head of Global Learning and Education, Siemens AG

12:00 - 12:30 Transfer to Vodafone Foundation

12:30 - 14:30 **Industry Roundtable Working Lunch**

Location: Vodafone Foundation

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Französische Straße 24
10117 Berlin, Germany

Software and software providers have changed our everyday lives and the way we work. This lunch discussion will address questions of disruption and technological advances through the perspectives of various leading industry representatives. Which areas of life and work does software seep into? What are the risks and benefits technology and digitalization bring to the table?

- Inger Paus, Executive Director, Vodafone Foundation
- IBM Representatives (TBD)
- Adobe Representatives (TBD)
- Salesforce Representatives (TBD)
- Autodesk Representatives (TBD)

14:30 - 15:00 Transfer to German Federal Ministry of Defense

15:00 - 16:00 Meeting at the Federal Ministry of Defense

Location: Federal Ministry of Defense
Staufenbergstr. 18
10785 Berlin, Germany

Technological disruption in conflict and the digitalization of the armed forces will be discussed in the meeting with the Head of the Cyber Department at the German Federal Ministry of Defense. Which parts of the armed forces benefit from digitalization? How do technological advances change combat?

- Major General Michael Vetter, Head of Department and Chief Information Officer, Cyber/Information Technology

16:00 - 16:30 Transfer to German Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy

16:30 - 17:30 Meeting at the Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy

Location: Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy
Invalidenstr. 48
10115 Berlin, Germany

The globalized world is interconnected by trade and the global economy, but rapid technological change and digitalization mean that the economic and trade landscape is evolving. This discussion focuses on the risks and benefits of technological advances for international trade. What effects does digitalization have on Germany's large export business?

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- Ulrich Nussbaum, State Secretary, Digitalization and Innovation Policy

17:30 Bus pick-up for city tour

17:30 - 19:30 **Historical Tour of Berlin**

In the week of the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, this historical tour of Berlin show the advances the city has gone through since 1989 – from a divided city to a modern, vibrant hub where technological advances and digitalization influence everyday life and where a start-up community has established itself that changes the world.

- Stefan Albrecht, Albrecht and Kühnel Tours

19:30 - 20:00 Transfer to Brasserie Gendarmenmarkt

20:30 - 22:30 **Working Dinner with Bundestag Members**

Location: Brasserie Gendarmenmarkt
Taubenstraße 30
10117 Berlin, Germany

This dinner will bring participants together with Members of the German Bundestag. The discussion will focus on government efforts to regulate the technology sector that balance citizens' rights, innovation, and industry priorities.

- Danyal Bayaz, Green Party
- Andreas Nick, Christian Democratic Party
- Jens Zimmerman, Social Democratic Party

Brussels: Wednesday, November 6

08:30 - 10:00 **Flight: Berlin to Brussels**
Berlin (TXL) - Brussels (BRU)
Flight Time: 1.5 hrs
SN 2580

10:30 - 11:00 Transfer to NATO HQ

11:00 - 12:30 **NATO HQ Meeting**

Location: NATO Headquarters
Boulevard Léopold III

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1110 Brussels, Belgium

Participants will go to NATO Headquarters for a tour of the facilities, an overview of NATO's current missions, and a discussion of how security, defense, and technology intersect. Election security, disinformation, and hybrid warfare will be topics of discussion and participants will explore how emerging technologies can be used to both propagate and defend against threats.

- **Antonio Missorelli**, Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Threats, NATO

12:30 - 13:00 Transfer to US Mission to the European Union

13:00 - 14:00 US Mission to the European Union Meeting

Location: US Embassy-Brussels
Boulevard du Régent 27
1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Delegation to meet with Ambassador Gordon Sondland and his team over lunch to discuss state of U.S.-EU relations generally, as well as U.S. approaches to key specific digital policy issues. Tariffs, the General Data Protection Regulation, regulation of multinational tech companies, and other relevant topics will be discussed.

- **Gordon Sondland**, Ambassador, US Mission to the European Union
- **Bart Putney**, Minister-Counselor for Economic Affairs, U.S. Mission to the European Union

14:00 - 14:15 Transfer to European Commission

14:15 - 17:30 Meetings with European Commissioners

Location: Berlaymont/European Commission
Rue de la Loi 200
1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

The meetings at the European Commission will discuss some of the most salient and pressing policy issues dealt with by the new Commission and Parliament. Digital trade, the digital single market, privacy regulations, and emerging technologies will be topics of discussion, with emphasis placed on how the new makeup of the Commission and Parliament will affect Europe's future action. European and American perspectives and regulatory frameworks will be compared, and attendees will explore how lawmakers can cooperate to achieve coherent cooperation in the tech sector.

- **Margrethe Vestager**, EU Commission Vice President for Digital and Competition Policy

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- Sylvie Goulard, EU Commissioner for Internal Market
- Didier Reynders, EU Commissioner for Justice

17:30 - 18:00 Transfer to Steigenberger

18:00 - 18:30 Participants Arrive at Steigenberger Hotel and Check-in

Location: Steigenberger Hotel [Steigenberger Wiltcher's]
Avenue Louise 71
1050 Brussels, Belgium

18:30 - 19:15 Personal Work Period

19:15 - 19:30 Transfer to Microsoft Center

19:30 - 21:30 Working Dinner featuring U.S. and European Industry Perspectives

Location: Microsoft Center
Rue Montoyer 51
1000 Brussels, Belgium

The delegation will meet American and European industry representatives to discuss current trends in industry and technology, transatlantic cooperation across sectors, and the future of regulation. Differing perspectives on European and American regulatory frameworks will be explored, and attendees will discuss state-level, national, and international frameworks of cooperation in the tech sector.

- John Frank, Vice President of EU Government Affairs, Microsoft
- Liam Benham, Vice President of Government and Regulatory Affairs, IBM
- Bertrand Deprez, Vice-President in charge of EU Government Affairs, Schneider Electric

Brussels: Thursday, November 7

8:30 – 10.00 Breakfast Meeting with Member State Representatives

Location: Steigenberger Hotel [Steigenberger Wiltcher's]
Avenue Louise 71
1050 Brussels, Belgium

The Council of the European Union, in which the EU member states are represented, plays a critical role in the formulation of EU law and policy. This roundtable will feature two different member state

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perspectives, Ireland, where many U.S. IT companies are invested, and Germany, which is driving the technological sovereignty argument.

- **Susanne Szech-Koundouros**, Deputy Permanent Representative to the European Union for Germany
- **Joe Hackett**, Deputy Permanent Representative to the European Union for Ireland

10:00 - 10:30 Transfer to European Parliament

10:30 - 13:00 Roundtable on Data Protection/National Security at European Parliament

Location: European Parliament
60 Rue Wiertz
1047 Brussels, Belgium

- **Sophie In 't Veld**, Netherlands, Renew
- **Juan Fernando Lopez Aguilar**, Spain, Socialists and Democrats, Chair, Civil Liberties Committee
- **Radosław Sikorski**, Poland, European Peoples Party

13:00 - 14:30 Networking Lunch

15:00 - 16:30 Roundtable on Europe's Digital Industry Policy and Digital Trade

Location: European Parliament
60 Rue Wiertz
1047 Brussels, Belgium

At the European Parliament, the delegation will meet their European counterparts and explore opportunities for closer cooperation between the US Congress and European Parliament to address the transatlantic relationship's most pressing policy issues. At the Delegation to the United States, attendees will hear the perspective of the European lawmakers that work most closely with the United States.

- **Daniel Caspary**, Germany, European Peoples Party
- **Dita Charanzova**, Czech Republic, Renew
- **Andreas Schwab**, Germany, European Peoples Party

20:30 - 22:30 Working Dinner on Transatlantic Digital Relations, featuring Members of the European Parliament

Location: La Maison du Cygne

Transatlantic Technology Congressional Delegation

Grand Place 9
1000 Brussels, Belgium

This discussion will focus on general transatlantic relations and, more specifically, the digital policy aspects of it. The Members of the European Parliament who will attend are engaged in both aspects, in that all are members of either the European Parliament's "Delegation" for the United States or the Transatlantic Policy Network (which includes members of Congress) as well as either the relevant European Parliament Committees or the European Internet Forum.

- **Andrus Ansip**, Estonia, Renew
- **Christian Ehler**, Germany, European Peoples Party
- **Danuta Hübner**, Poland, European Peoples Party
- **Morton Petersen**, Denmark, Renew
- **Neena Gill**, United Kingdom, Socialist and Democrat

Brussels/United States: Friday, November 8

09:00 - 10:00 Departure for US on Individual Itineraries (Times Will Vary)

14:00 - 22:00 Arrival in US (Times Will Vary)