

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, 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:

1.	Name of Traveler:			
2.	a. Name of Accompanying Relative:	<i>OR</i> None □		
	b. Relationship to Traveler: □ Spouse □ Child □ Other (specify):			
3.	a. Dates: Departure: Return:			
	b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any:	OR None \square		
4.	Departure City: Return City: Return City:			
5.	Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip:			
6.	Describe Meetings and Events Attended:			
7.	Attached to this form are <i>each</i> of the following, <i>signify that each item is attached by checking the corres</i>	ponding box:		
	a. □ a completed Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form;			
	b. □ the <i>Primary Trip Sponsor Form</i> completed by the trip sponsor <i>prior</i> to the trip, <i>including all</i> attached the <i>Additional Sponsor Form(s)</i> ;	achments and		
	c. \square page 2 of the completed <i>Traveler Form</i> submitted by the employee; <i>and</i>			
	d. \square 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:			
	o. It not, explain.			
I co	gnature of Traveler: Date:	owledge.		
Dis	uthorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached <i>Sponso sclosure Form</i> were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties an eate the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.			
Na	ame of Supervising Member: Date:			
_	gnature of Supervising Member:			

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☐ Original ☐ Amendment

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-			is form may be subjec	t to criminal prosecu	ntion pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.
1.	Sponsor(s) who pa	id for the trip:			
2.	Travel Destination	n(s):			
3.	Date of Departure	:	Date of	Return:	
4.	Name(s) of Travele	er(s):			
	<i>Note:</i> You may list	more than one traveler on	a form only if <i>all</i> in	formation is <i>identi</i>	cal for each person listed.
5.	Actual amount of	expenses paid on behalf of	f, or reimbursed to, e	each individual nan	ned in Question 4:
		Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
	Traveler				
	Accompanying Family Member				
6.		connected to the trip were s true by checking box.	for actual costs incu	rred and not a <i>per a</i>	diem or lump sum payment.
I ce	ertify that the infor	mation contained in this	form is true, comple	ete, and correct to t	the best of my knowledge.
Sig	nature:	2		Date:_	
Na	me:			Title:_	
Or	ganization:				
	I am an officer of	the above-named organiza	ation. Signify statem	ent is true by check	king box.
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Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

Email: Telephone: _____

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

TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. This form and any attachments may be delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth or e-mailed to travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.

Name of Traveler: Beverly Hart
NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.
I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. Signature:
Name of Signatory (if other than traveler):
For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Congressman Dean Phillips
Office Address: 2452 RHOB
Telephone Number: 202-225-2871
Email Address of Contact Person: beverly.hart@mail.house.gov
Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.
NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.
KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel

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disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and

supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

TRAVELER FORM

1.	Name of Traveler: Beverly Hart
	Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: The Third Way Foundation (Progressive Policy Institute is a project of Third Way)
3.	City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel : The United Kingdom, Belgium & Germany
4.	a. Date of Departure: October 9, 2022 Date of Return: October 15, 2022
	b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
	If yes, list dates at personal expense:
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:
	(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 <i>Primary Trip Sponsor Form</i> (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, 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. As Legislative Director for Congressman Phillips, who serves on the Foreign Affairs Cmte, I cover a range of issues including foreign diplomacy, commerce, and the Europe Subcommittee which overlaps with the agenda of events.
9.	Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?
10	. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:
	ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL
di tr	nereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my rect supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described avel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the opearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.
Si	gnature of Employing Member Date 09/08/2022

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.

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1.	Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:
2	The Third Way Foundation (Progressive Policy Institute is a project of The Thirdway Foundation)
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 <i>and</i> employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):
	See attachments for more detail.
5.	Yes No II Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6.	Date of departure: October 9, 2022 Date of return: October 15, 2022
7.	a. City of departure: Washington, DC
	b. Destination(s): London, UK; Brussels, Belgium & Berlin, Germany
	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 <i>and</i> lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was <i>de minimis</i> 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:

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10	O. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). <i>Indicate agenda is attached</i>	
11	 Check only one of the following: a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompa on any segment of the trip. Signify that the statement is true by checking box; OR 	ny House Members or employees
	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 trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip: 	in the subject matter of the
	The Third Way Foundation has been in engaged in transatlantic dialogand topics of this visit, take into account congressional staff interest, their relevance to American policy priorities including energy, workford innovation and economic competitiveness.	he quality of programs and
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 (sp	pecify:)
	c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such tra	vel is warranted:
	I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be recreational activities of the invitee(s). Signify that the statement is true by checking	
15.	 Check only one. I represent that either: a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized without regard to cong meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or prevent attendees; OR 	ressional participation and that urchased by other
	b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically with regard to congression If "b" is checked:	nal participation.
	1) Detail the cost <i>per day</i> of meals (approximate cost may be provided):	
	See attachments for more detail.	
	2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:	
	London, Brussels & Berlin play a central role to transatlantic dialo	gue.
16.	Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:	
	Hotel Name: Strand Palace Hotel City: London, UK	Cost Per Night: \$213.00 a night
	Reason(s) for Selecting: Centrally located to visit programming in London.	
	Hotel Name: Hilton Brussels Grand Place City: Brussels, Belgium	Cost Per Night: \$203.00 a night
	Reason(s) for Selecting: Centrally located to visit programming in Brussels.	¢180.00 a night
	Hotel Name: Hilton Berlin City: Berlin, Germany Reason(s) for Selecting: Centrally located to visit programming in Berlin.	Cost Per Night: \$189.00 a night
17.	I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred	Land not a per diem or lump own
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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	\$1,933.97	\$997.00	\$576.00
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	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	None	None
For each Accompanying Family Member	None	None

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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 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:	Date: 9/6/2022
Name: Lindsay Lewis	Title: Executive Director
Organization: The Third Way Foundation	
Address: 1156 15th St NW, Ste 400 Washington,	DC 20005
	Telephone: (202) 617-4042

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the agenda, invitation list, any attachments, and any *Additional Trip Sponsor Forms* directly to the Travelers.

Written approval from the Committee on Ethics is required before traveling on this trip. The Committee on Ethics will notify the House invitees directly and will not notify the trip sponsors.

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For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:

U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Ethics Attachments PPI European Staff Delegation Trip October 9 – 15, 2022

Question #4 House Invitees:

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House staff have been invited because of their work on energy, technology and economic development policy issues. All have responsibility over these federal issues as well as leadership roles in their offices.

15b 1) Detail the Cost Per Day of Meals (approximate cost may be provided):

The average cost for one day in London is \$132.00, for two days in Brussels is \$119.00 & for two days in Berlin is \$103.00.



Sunday, October 9th, 2022 – Saturday, October 15th, 2022 Site Visit to Europe (London, Brussels & Berlin)

TRIP DATES:

Flight from Washington, DC to London: Sunday, October 9

London: Sunday, October 9 - Tuesday, October 11

Brussels: Tuesday, October 11 - Wednesday October, 12 **Berlin:** Wednesday, October 12 - Saturday, October 15 **Flight from Berlin to Washington, DC:** Saturday, October 15

TRAVEL DAY

Sunday October 9th:

10:05 PM

Flight to London

United Flight #924 from IAD→LHR

LONDON:

Monday October 10th

10:30 AM	Staff arrive in London
10:30 – 12:30 PM	Travel to the Strand Palace Hotel - Bus The Strand Palace Hotel 372 Strand, London WC2R OJJ, UK
11:15 - 12:30 PM	Bus Briefing - Review the Plan for the Week & Discuss Recent Current Events in the UK & Europe
12:30 - 12:45 PM	Travel to the Lunch Session: Walk or Taxi
12:45 – 2:15 PM	Lunch Session: Financial Technology Discussion with Premiere Women Tech Leaders The Ivy Market Grill 1a Henrietta St, London WC2E 8PS, UK

Staff will meet with some of London's leading women in the tech industry



to discuss the growth of financial technology (fin-tech), including Magali Van Bulck and Adnan Chowdhury from Wise. Leaders will discuss how they are ensuring diversified talent as this industry continues to grow.

2:15 - 2:30 PM

Travel to The Portcullis House - Walk

2:30 - 3:45 PM

Tour & Discussion on the Functions of British Parliament and Executive Structure

The Portcullis House

1 Victoria Embankment, London SW1A 2JR, UK

While receiving a tour of the Portcullis House, congressional staff will hear from other leading staff in the British parliament who will discuss the function of their government system and their executive structure. This conversation will help set the stage for other public policy related conversations throughout the time in London.

3:45 - 4:00 PM

Travel to The Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) - Walk

4:00 - 5:15 PM

Roundtable Discussion on Workforce Development Policy in the UK IPPR

14 Buckingham St, London WC2N 6DF, UK

Staff will meet the Executive Director, Carys Roberts, of IPPR as well as leading researchers from The Work Foundation out of Lancaster University. These workforce experts will discuss the major workforce challenges facing the UK, including preparing jobseekers and workers for jobs of today and tomorrow; supporting the growing gig economy and addressing digital and skill to ensure more equitable access to good jobs.

5:15 - 5:30 PM

Travel to Public Hall - Walk

5:30 - 7:15 PM

Session on GovTech, Start-Ups and Scale-Ups with PUBLIC

Public Hall

1 Horse Guards Ave, London SW1A 2HU, UK

During this session, members will meet with leaders from PUBLIC. PUBLIC, the leading European government-focused technology company, will speak on how they are reimagining the public sector to build digitally enabled government platforms and services. PUBLIC will also discuss their work helping start-ups access government procurement agreements.

7:15 - 7:30 PM

Travel to Cinnamon Club - Walk



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7:30 - 11:00 PM

Dinner Discussion with Members of Parliament and Their Senior Level

Staff

The Cinnamon Club

The Old Westminster Library

Great Smith St, London SW1P 3BU, UK

Staff will have a chance to meet with members of Parliament and the member's senior level to staff to learn more about pressing policy priorities of the UK. Staff will be able to discuss overlapping issue areas and comparative approaches on how to address them.

11:00 PM

7:30 - 9:15 AM

Programming Ends

Tuesday October 11th: London & Brussels

Breakfast Discussion on the State of British Politics and the Aftermath

of Brexit

The Strand Palace Hotel

372 Strand, London WC2R OJJ, UK

Leaders in UK politics, including high-level Parliament staff will discuss current political landscape in England. The conversation will discuss England's recent elections as well as how Brexit has affected politics, international partnerships

and people of the UK.

9:15 – 11:00 AM Depart Hotel, Travel to St Pancras International Train Station &

Security at Station - Bus

St Pancras International Train Station Euston Rd, London N1C 4QP, UK

11:00-2:05 PM Travel from London, UK \rightarrow Brussels, Belgium (note 1 hr. time change) - Train

2:05 PM Arrive in Brussels, Belgium

2:05 – 3:00 PM Travel to the Hilton Brussels Grand Place & Check-in - Subway

Carr de l'Europe 3, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

3:00 – 3:15 PM Travel to European Parliament - Subway

3:15 – 4:30 PM Meeting with a Member of European Parliament: Vice-Chair of the Delegation

for Relations with the United States

European Parliament



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Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Bruxelles, Belgium

Staff will have a chance to meet with a member of the European parliament who covers the EU's relations with the United States. The MEP will discuss major focus of collaboration, including energy and climate related efforts as well as working together to support Ukraine during the current conflict. Staff will also have a chance to talk with the MEP about general operations of the European parliament, structures and other major priorities.

4:30 - 5:45 PM

Tour of the European Parliament and Discussion on how EU Government Bodies Pursue Relations with Congress

European Parliament

Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Bruxelles, Belgium

An MEP and their staff will take congressional staff on a tour of the European parliament. During the tour staff will learn about what it takes To communicate and coordinate with the U.S., specifically the EU's Partnership with Congress.

5:45 - 6:00 PM

Travel to BrewDog Brussels - Walk

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Reception and Conversation with European Parliament Staff

BrewDog Brussels

Putterie 20, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Congressional staff and European Parliament staff will have a chance to meet and network after touring the European Parliament. As all congressional staff attending the trip are women, female European Parliament staff will then host a roundtable discussion on their experience working in EU politics and the policy issue areas they cover.

7:30 - 7:45 PM

Travel to Hotel Amigo - Walk

7:45 - 11:00 PM

Dinner Discussion on Latest Policy Priorities in the European Union

Hotel Amigo

Vruntstraat 1/3, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Over dinner staff will hear from a variety of leaders across leading sectors. There will also be a guest speaker to discuss the latest policy priorities and focus of the EU.

11:00 PM

Programming Ends



Wednesday October 12th: Brussels & Berlin

8:00am – 9:15 AM Breakfast Discussion with Head of the Secretariat of the European

Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee

Room Anne, Hilton Brussels Grand Place Carr de l'Europe 3, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Staff will meet with Ms. Armelle Douaud, the Head of the Secretariat of the European Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee. Ms. Douaud will discuss her work in ensuring the EU is prepared to address evolving international challenges as well as discussing current policy priorities.

9:15 – 9:30 AM Travel to D-G Competition Meeting - Walk

Place Madou/Madouplein 1 1210 Bruxelles, Belgium

9:30 – 10:45 AM Meeting to Discuss Digital Policy with Directorate-General Competition

Place Madou/Madouplein 1 1210 Bruxelles, Belgium

Staff will meet with staff from the Directorate-General of Competition. This Commission department is responsible for EU policy on competition and for enforcing EU competition rules. Staff will learn how DG Competition staff are determining digital policy – the major challenges and solutions in keeping the EU competitive in our increasingly evolving global economy.

10:45 – 11:00 AM Travel to European Commission - Walk Rue de la Loi 200, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium

11:00 – 12:30 PM Meeting to Discuss Innovation Policy the Deputy Director of Directorate-General Grow

Rue de la Loi 200

1040 Bruxelles, Belgium

Staff will have the opportunity to meet with the Deputy Director of the Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG Grow). The Director will discuss her work in helping to foster DG Grow's mission to support an open, seamless and resilient single market, with open borders and free flow goods and services. She will also discuss DG Grow's objective to ensure a greener, digital and more resilient economy for the benefit of all EU citizens.



12:30 - 12:35 PM

Travel to Lunch Session - Walk

12:35 - 2:30 PM

Lunch Session: Meeting with the European Commission's Leading Staff Focused on Values and Transparency in European Democracy

Park Side Brasserie

Av. de la Joyeuse Entrée 24, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Staff will meet with the European Commission's Vice-President Jourova's leading staff that manage the cabinet, strategically coordinate programs across the value and transparency portfolio and management of inter-institutional issues. This conversation will discuss the importance of value and transparency in Europe but across global democracies and staff will learn more about the role of the Commission and their major responsibilities.

2:30 - 4:00 PM

Travel to the Brussels Airport (BRU) & Go through Security - Bus

4:35 - 5:55 PM

Flight to Berlin, Germany

Brussels Airlines → Berlin, Germany

5:55 - 7:15 PM

Travel to the Hilton Berlin & Check-in - Bus MohrenstraBe 30, 10117 Berlin, Germany

7:15 - 7:30 PM

Travel to Dinner - Walk

7:30 - 11:00 PM

Dinner Discussion with the German Bundestag's Coordinator of Transatlantic

Cooperation

Lutter & Wegner am Gendarmenmarkt CharlottesnstraBe 56, 10117 Berlin, Germany

Staff will hear from a Member of German Parliament who is focused on Transatlantic partnership and cooperation. The MP will discuss their recent travels and the major initiatives they are leading to ensure international

partnerships remain strong.

11:00 PM

Programming Ends

Thursday October 13th: Berlin

8:30 - 9:30 AM

Breakfast Meeting: PPI Check-in with Staff Debriefing London &

Brussels & Preparing for Berlin

Hilton Berlin

MohrenstraBe 30, 10117 Berlin, Germany



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The PPI team will have a quick check in with staff about the visit, hearing some of their major takeaways from our time in London and Brussels. This meeting will also allow for PPI staff to prepare congressional staff for what is ahead in Berlin, including tours of the Bundestag, the Progressive Governance Summit as well as other leaders' staff will be hearing from over the next two days.

9:30 - 10:00 AM

Travel to the U.S. Embassy in Berlin - Taxi

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Tour of the U.S. Embassy in Berlin and a Conversation with Ambassador Amy Gutmann's leading staff

Clayalle 170 14191 Berlin, Germany

Staff will have the opportunity to tour the U.S. Embassy in Berlin, with Ambassador Amy Gutmann's leading staff – seeing the building while also learning about the major role of the Ambassador, her priorities in maintaining U.S. / German relations and major projects her staff are currently working on.

11:30 - 12:00 PM

Travel to the Progressive Governance Summit (PGS) - Taxi

12:00 - 1:00 PM

The United States and European Relations in a Divided US Government Gallery @ the Haus Ungarn Karl-Liebknecht-Str. 9 10178 Berlin, German

This session will address the current political climate in the United States, what that means for domestic elections this November and the potential for a divided government in the U.S. after this Fall. Speakers will discuss what this divide means for the United States relationship with Europe and ways to ensure these critical transatlantic partnerships remain strong.

1:00 - 2:00 PM

Networking Lunch at PGS

Foyer @ the Haus Ungarn

Karl-Liebknecht-Str. 9 10178 Berlin, German

Staff will have the opportunity to eat lunch, mingle and connect with speakers and attendees of the conference. This will allow staff to build connections with each other and international peers that are also working on their government's policy solutions and priorities.

2:00 - 3:00 PM

U.S. Representative Stephanie Murphy on Transatlantic Partnerships to Strengthen Democracy

Tagungsraum 1 @ the Haus Ungarn Karl-Liebknecht-Str. 9 10178 Berlin, German



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Rep. Stephanie Murphy from Florida will speak on the state of democracy in the United States and discuss the importance of transatlantic partnerships to combat political extremism and protect our democracy moving forward.

3:00 – 4:00 PM Keynote from

Keynote from German Chancellor Olaf Scholz

Berlin Room @ the Haus Ungarn Karl-Liebknecht-Str. 9 10178 Berlin, German

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AMENDED AGENDA

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TRIP DATES:

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TRAVEL DAY

Sunday October 9th:

10:05 PM Flight to London

United Flight #924 from IAD **②** LHR

LONDON:

Monday October 10th

10:30 AM	Staff arrive in London
10:30 – 12:45 PM	Travel to the Strand Palace Hotel - Bus The Strand Palace Hotel 372 Strand, London WC2R OJJ, UK
11:15 - 12:30 PM	Bus Briefing - Review the Plan for the Week & Discuss Recent Current Events in the UK & Europe
12:30 - 12:45 PM	Travel to the Lunch Session: Walk or Taxi
12:45 – 2:15 PM	Lunch Session: Financial Technology Discussion with Premiere Women Tech Leaders The Ivy Market Grill 1a Henrietta St, London WC2E 8PS, UK



Staff will meet with some of London's leading women in the tech industry to discuss the growth of financial technology (fin-tech), including Magali Van Bulck from Wise. Leaders will discuss how they are ensuring diversified talent as this industry continue to grow.

2:15 - 2:30 PM

Travel to The Portcullis House - Walk

2:30 - 3:45 PM

Tour & Discussion on the Functions of British Parliament and Executive Structure

The Portcullis House

1 Victoria Embankment, London SW1A 2JR, UK

While receiving a tour of the Portcullis House, congressional staff will hear from other leading staff in the British parliament who will discuss the function of their government system and their executive structure. This conversation will help set the stage for other public policy related conversations throughout the time in London.

3:45 - 4:00 PM

Travel to The Waldorf Astoria Hotel - Walk

4:00 - 5:15 PM

Leveling Up: A Conversation on Climate Policy & The Importance of Economic Development Efforts

The Waldorf Hilton Hotel Aldwych, London WC2B 4DD

Staff will hear from Eamonn Ives, the author of Leveling-Up. Eamonn will discuss the impact on energy policy in the UK, highlighting efforts to modernize cities and communities for economic growth and more sustainable strategies.

5:15 - 5:30 PM

Travel to Public Hall - Walk

5:30 - 7:15 PM

Session on GovTech, Start-Ups and Scale-Ups with PUBLIC

Public Hall

1 Horse Guards Ave, London SW1A 2HU, UK

During this session, members will meet with leaders from PUBLIC. PUBLIC, the leading European government-focused technology company, will speak on how they are reimagining the public sector to build digitally enabled government platforms and services. PUBLIC will also discuss their work helping start-ups access government procurement agreements.

7:15 - 7:30 PM

Travel to Cinnamon Club - Walk



7:30 – 11:00 PM Dinner Discussion with Members of Parliament and Their Senior Level

Staff

The Cinnamon Club

The Old Westminster Library

Great Smith St, London SW1P 3BU, UK

Staff will have a chance to meet with members of Parliament and the member's senior level to staff to learn more about pressing policy priorities of the UK. Staff will be able to discuss overlapping issue areas and comparative approaches on how to address them.

11:00 PM Programming Ends

Tuesday October 11th: London & Brussels

7:15 - 9:00 AM	Depart Hotel, Travel to St Pancras International Train Station St Pancras International Train Station: Euston Rd, London N1C 4QP, UK
9:01 - 12:05 PM	Travel via Eurostar train from London, UK to Brussels, Belgium (note 1 hr time change)
12:05pm	Arrive in Brussels, Belgium
12:05 - 12:30pm	Travel to the Hilton Brussels Grand Place & Check-in - Subway
12:30 - 1:00pm	Travel to Lunch Meeting - Walk
1:00 - 2:45 PM	Lunch Discussion: Competition, Privacy, and the Global Digital Economy Chaussee d'Etterbeek180, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium
	Staff will meet with members of the Google Brussels team to discuss recent policy action in Europe around competition. Leaders will also talk about privacy and the growth of the global digital economy and what that means for tech regulation policy around the world.
2:45 – 3:15 PM	Travel to European Parliament & security - Subway
3:15 – 4:30 PM	Meeting with a Member of European Parliament: Vice-Chair of the Delegation for Relations with the United States European Parliament

Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Bruxelles, Belgium



Staff will have a chance to meet with a member of the European parliament (MEP) who covers the EU's relations with the United States. The MEP will discuss major focus of collaboration, including energy and climate related efforts as well as working together to support Ukraine during the current conflict. Staff will also have a chance to talk with the MEP about general operations of the European parliament, structures, and other major priorities.

4:30 - 5:45 PM

Tour of the European Parliament and Discussion on how EU Government Bodies Pursue Relations with Congress

European Parliament

Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Bruxelles, Belgium

An MEP and their staff will take congressional staff on a tour of the European parliament. During the tour staff will learn about what it takes To communicate and coordinate with the U.S., specifically the EU's Partnership with Congress.

5:45 - 6:00 PM

Travel to BrewDog Brussels - Walk

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Reception and Conversation with European Parliament Staff

BrewDog Brussels

Putterie 20, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Congressional staff and European Parliament staff will have a chance to meet and network after touring the European Parliament. As all congressional staff attending the trip are women, female European Parliament staff will then host a roundtable discussion on their experience working in EU politics and the policy issue areas they cover.

7:30 - 7:45 PM

Travel to Hotel Amigo - Walk

7:45 - 11:00 PM

Dinner Discussion on Latest Policy Priorities in the European Union

Hotel Amigo

Vruntstraat 1/3, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Over dinner staff will hear from a variety of leaders across leading sectors. There will also be a guest speaker to discuss the latest policy priorities and focus of the EU.

11:00 PM

Programming Ends

Wednesday October 12th: Brussels & Berlin



8:00am - 9:15 AM

Breakfast Discussion with Head of the Secretariat of the European

Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee

Room Anne, Hilton Brussels Grand Place Carr de l'Europe 3, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Staff will meet with Ms. Armelle Douaud, the Head of the Secretariat of the European Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee. Ms. Douaud will discuss her work in ensuring the EU is prepared to address evolving international challenges as well as discussing current policy priorities.

9:15 - 9:30 AM

Travel to European Commission - Subway Rue de la Loi 200, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium

9:30 - 10:45 AM

Meeting to Discuss Digital Policy with Directorate-General Competition

Place Madou/Madouplein 1 1210 Bruxelles, Belgium

Staff will meet with staff from the Directorate-General of Competition. This Commission department is responsible for EU policy on competition and for enforcing EU competition rules. Staff will learn how DG Competition staff are determining digital policy – the major challenges and solutions in keeping the EU competitive in our increasingly evolving global economy.

10:45 - 11:00 AM

Travel to European Commission - Taxi Rue de la Loi 200, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium

11:00 – 12:30 PM

Meeting to Discuss Innovation Policy the Deputy Director of Directorate-General Grow

Rue de la Loi 200 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium

Staff will have the opportunity to meet with the Deputy Director of the Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG Grow). The Director will discuss her work in helping to foster DG Grow's mission to support an open, seamless, and resilient single Market, with open borders and free flow goods and services. She will also discuss DG Grow's objective to ensure a greener, digital, and more resilient economy for the benefit of all EU citizens.

12:30 - 12:35 PM

Travel to Lunch Session - Walk



12:35 - 2:30 PM

Lunch Session: Meeting with the European Commission's Leading Staff Focused on Values and Transparency in European Democracy

Park Side Brasserie

Av. de la Joyeuse Entrée 24, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium

Staff will meet with the European Commission's Vice-President Jourova's leading staff that manage the cabinet, strategically coordinate programs across the value and transparency portfolio and management of inter-institutional issues. This conversation will discuss the importance of value and transparency in Europe but across global democracies and staff will learn more about the role of the Commission and their major responsibilities.

2:30 – 4:00 PM Travel to the Brussels Airport (BRU) & Go through Security - Bus

4:35 – 5:55 PM Flight to Berlin, Germany

Brussels Airlines @ Berlin, Germany

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MohrenstraBe 30, 10117 Berlin, Germany

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Cooperation

Lutter & Wegner am Gendarmenmarkt CharlottesnstraBe 56, 10117 Berlin, Germany

Staff will hear from a Member of German Parliament who is focused on Transatlantic partnership and cooperation. The MP will discuss their recent travels and the major initiatives they are leading to ensure international partnerships remain strong.

11:00 PM Programming Ends

Thursday October 13th: Berlin

9:30 – 11:00 AM Breakfast Meeting: PPI Check-in with Staff Debriefing London &

Brussels & Preparing for Berlin

Hilton Berlin

MohrenstraBe 30, 10117 Berlin, Germany

The PPI team will have a quick check in with staff about the visit, hearing some of their major takeaways from our time in London and Brussels.



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11:00 - 12:00 PM

Travel and check-in to the Progressive Governance Summit (PGS) - Taxi

12:00 - 1:00 PM

The United States and European Relations in a Divided US Government Gallery @ the Haus Ungarn

Karl-Liebknecht-Str. 9 10178 Berlin, German

This session will address the current political climate in the United States, what that means for domestic elections this November and the potential for a divided government in the U.S. after this Fall. Speakers will discuss what this divide means for the United States relationship with Europe and ways to ensure these critical transatlantic partnerships remain strong.

1:00 - 2:00 PM

Networking Lunch at PGS

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Gutmann's leading staff

Clayalle 170 14191 Berlin, Germany

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U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS Washington, DC 20515

September 28, 2022

Ms. Beverly Hart Office of the Honorable Dean Phillips 2452 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Hart:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to the United Kingdom, Belgium, and Germany, scheduled for October 9 to 15, 2022, sponsored by The thirdway Foundation.

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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 \$415] 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.

l 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.

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 Michael Guest Acting Ranking Member

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