



Transatlantic Economic Relations: How to Further Economic Integration?

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10 a.m. to Noon

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The United States government invites all interested U.S. and EU stakeholders to engage in vigorous discussion on transatlantic relations. Dialogue will focus on how to promote growth, spur innovation and eliminate trade, regulatory, and investment impediments to further economic integration.

Participants are encouraged to come and share their perspectives and ideas on these issues and on how government, business and civil society can work together to address them.

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Transatlantic Economic Relations Public Dialogue Session

10:00AM-12:00PM, December 14, 2004

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Berkeley, California 94720

Suggested Program

09:45-10:00 – Arrival of participants

10:00-10:10 – Introduction

10:10-11:50 – Discussion and Information gathering

Possible Themes:

- Discussion of the main barriers/impediments participants face in conducting transatlantic trade or investment - regulatory, economic, financial, technological, logistical, etc.
- How to further reduce technological barriers?
- Current regulatory impediments to innovation
- U.S.-EU cooperation on regulating new and emerging technology
- How can the U.S. and EU further boost innovation and prosperity?
- Protecting intellectual property rights while promoting innovation
- Curbing piracy and counterfeiting
- Is transparency and full public participation in trade and regulatory policy formulation in the EU a problem today? If so, what specific steps might help improve the situation?
- Are traditional market access barriers of concern? Which ones? How best to address them?
- Should we be considering a U.S.-EU Free Trade Agreement? Sector-specific initiatives?
- What should be done to further liberalize trade in services, including financial services (banking, securities, mutual funds, insurance)?
- What specific steps would help to integrate further U.S. and EU capital markets?
- Improving efficiency within the parameters of the new security environment
- How can U.S. and EU cooperate more effectively in third markets?

11:50-12:00 – Closing and Next Steps



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Stakeholders Dialogue on the Transatlantic Economic Relationship

Pursuant to the “Joint Declaration on Strengthening our Economic Partnership” agreed to by President Bush and his EU counterparts at the June 2004 US-EU Summit in Ireland, the United States welcomes and encourages lively and creative public debate on both sides of the Atlantic on how to enhance the already strong transatlantic economic relationship.

The U.S. government’s objective is to stimulate concrete ideas from interested stakeholders for specific government actions that could enhance US-EU economic ties. A Federal Register notice was published on August 17 to solicit public comments and to provide a dedicated electronic mailbox to receive such comments (fro439@ustr.eop.gov). The comment period has been extended through December 31, 2004.

U.S. officials are convening public dialogue sessions with the business, consumer, labor, environmental and academic communities, and other elements of civil society in order to elicit recommendations for concrete, actionable ideas for transatlantic economic integration, innovation and job creation. Participants are encouraged to come and share their perspectives and ideas about barriers to further trans-Atlantic integration and how government, business and civil society can work together to address them. We encourage all interested stakeholders to submit comments and proposals via the Federal Register comment process described above, even if they are unable to attend any of the public dialogue sessions. U.S. government officials will review stakeholder comments and proposals and synthesize them into their recommendations to U.S. leaders prior to the 2005 U.S.–EU Summit.

Additionally, the U.S. government has established public websites with information about this initiative:

http://www.ustr.gov/World_Regions/Europe_Mediterranean/Transatlantic_Dialogue/Section_Index.html

<http://www.state.gov/p/eur/rt/eu/cl2967.htm>

June 2004 U.S.-EU Summit Declaration

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/06/20040626-14.html>