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# **AmCham EU Policy priorities 2018**

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### Committees

### **Agriculture & Food**

- Technological revolution in the agro-food sector and the role of science
- The future of EU farming and agriculture
- Coherence of the EU food and nutrition agenda with the Single Market
- Sustainability in the agro-food supply chain
- Agriculture in trade negotiations

### **Competition Policy**

- Merger control review
- Digital Single Market and related initiatives
- Due process in competition law enforcement
- International relations and the EU's competition policy
- State aid

### **Consumer Affairs**

- A new deal for consumers and collective redress in the EU
- The consumer side of the Digital Single Market
- Consumer product safety and market surveillance

### **Customs and Trade Facilitation**

- Union Customs Code
- Customs valuation
- Customs-related issues
- Customs infringements
- Issues related to Value Added Tax (VAT)

### **Digital Economy**

- Digital Single Market (vision, taxation, barriers)
- Data Protection/Privacy (e-Privacy; GDPR; Privacy Shield)
- Cybersecurity (NIS Directive; EU Cybersecurity Strategy; e-evidence)
- Data-centric services/Digitalisation of industry (Free flow of Data; Emerging Issues; Internet of Things)
- International digital economy (Brexit, trade)

### Environment

- Consistent and science-based EU environment policy
- Circular Economy Action Plan
- Preparing for REACH post-2020
- Proactive advocacy on Resistance of Hazardous Waste Directive
- Sustainability and profiling issues

### Healthcare

- Strengthening Europe's competitiveness through life sciences
- Safeguarding IP incentives to drive innovation
- Value-based healthcare to foster sustainable and safe health systems
- Unleashing the potential of health technologies
- Fighting against Antimicrobial Resitance

### Institutional Affairs

- Transparency (eg the Joint Transparency Register)
- Institutional implications of Brexit and Future of Europe
- Changes in the EU institutions (eg comitology)
- Better regulation and better implementation of existing regulation
- EU-US regulatory cooperation, models and impact assessments

### Intellectual Property

- $\bullet$  Value of IP, freedom of licensing for innovation and creativity in the  $21^{\rm st}$  century
- Digital Single Market/ Single Market strategy (IP-related issues)
- Implementation of the unitary patent and standardisation policy
- Fighting counterfeiting and piracy
- Brexit and its impact on IPRs and IP trade-related aspects

### Security and Defence

- Defence, industrial and procurement issues
- Smart borders
- Cyber security and cyber defence
- Transport security
- Security industrial policy

### Tax

- Taxation of the Digital Economy
- State aid in relation to tax rulings
- Public Country by Country Reporting (CbCR)
- EU Action Plan on tax avoidance (including Common Consolidated Corporate Tax Base)
- VAT

### **Trade and External Affairs**

- EU and global trade policy
- Current and future trade negotiations
- Coherency between trade and other policy areas
- Trade implications of Brexit

### **Financial Services**

- Transatlantic convergence and extraterritoriality of financial services regulation
- Brexit negotiations and impact on the European economy and financial stability of the region
- Capital Markets Union and Banking Union
- Digitalisation of the financial services industry

### **Transport, Energy and Climate**

- Energy: promoting a liberalised, secure and sustainable energy market
- Climate: supporting a cost-efficient transition to a lowcarbon economy
- Transport: contributing to a digitised and low-emission transport system
- Infrastructure: ensuring appropriate funding

### **Task forces**

#### Brexit

- Advocate for comprehensive transitional arrangement at earliest opportunity
- Promote effective long-term EU-UK relationship and provide business input
- Act as a bridge between EU, US and UK

### **Gender initiatives**

- Best practices in gender diversity: showcasing our commitments
- Inclusiveness in the work place: creating a platform for discussions and exchanges.
- EU policies to ensure equal opportunities: priorities and AmCham EU thought leadership

#### **European Parliament**

- Track and co-ordinate AmCham EU's outreach to the European Parliament
- Develop AmCham EU's engagement with the senior leadership of the main political groups and the secretariat of the European Parliament
- Engage with campaign coordinators for 2019 elections from main five groups

### Sustainable Finance

- Taxonomy for sustainable activities
- Label for green financial products
- Fitness check on public corporate reporting
- Clarification of fiduciary duties

#### Future of Work, Education and Skills

- Showcase industry experiences and expectations in this area
- Demonstrate industry role in ensuring workforces are prepared for the future

#### Transatlantic

- Outreach to US administration
- Value of trade and transatlantic relations
- Enhanced transatlantic regulatory cooperation

### Outreach

### American Chambers of Commerce in Europe (ACE)

- Comprises 44 American Chambers of Commerce in 42 countries throughout Europe and Eurasia
- Communicate the importance of the transatlantic economy
- Advocate on a number of policy issue areas in Member States

## Executive Council

- Build skills for the future
- Drive integration to foster an attractive internal market
- Embrace revolutionary change for industrial leadership
- Develop new models of innovation and entrepreneurship
- Lead by example toward global integration

### Presidency

- Brussels-based Presidency outreach
- Presidency Group outreach in Member States (delegation)



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