

Biographies

Networking session with the U.S. Commercial Officers from around Europe, U.S Mission to the EU, AmChams in Europe and AmCham EU members



Susan Danger
CEO
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Susan Danger is CEO of the American Chamber of Commerce to the EU (AmCham EU), which speaks for American companies committed to Europe on trade, investment and competitiveness issues. She has full strategic and operational responsibility for the association and represents it externally. AmCham EU is a membership organisation supporting over 150 US corporate companies, international business, and law and consultancy firms in the area of public affairs.

Susan has dedicated her entire career to advancing transatlantic cooperation. She joined AmCham EU in 1995 as Communications Manager, becoming Communications & Operations Manager in 2000. Since 2002 she has been leading the organisation as Managing Director and since 2016 as CEO. In 2003 she oversaw the re-branding of AmCham EU and its separation from AmCham Belgium. In 2017 AmCham EU was awarded for the fourth time the Trade Association/Professional Body of the Year Award, having previously won the award in 2009, 2012 and 2014.

Susan was named by POLITICO as one of the top 20 women influencers in Brussels in 2016 and 2020.

Susan was elected as Chair of AmChams in Europe (ACE) for the period 2020-2022. AmChams in Europe (ACE) serves as the umbrella organisation for 45 American Chambers of Commerce (AmChams) in 43 countries throughout Europe and Eurasia. She has also served as Vice-Chair (2009 -2014) and was a Member of its Executive Committee (2005-2008).

A graduate of the University of Bath, UK, with a BA in European Studies, French and German, Susan's career developed in London in marketing and communications within the tour operation industry, where prior to coming to Brussels she worked for Thomson Tour Operations.

A dual UK and Belgian citizen fluent in English, German and French and conversant in Dutch and Spanish, Susan Danger lives in Brussels with her husband and has three children.



John M. McCaslin

Minister Counselor for Commercial Affairs & Regional Senior Commercial Officer for Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria and Switzerland
U.S. Embassy - Berlin, Germany

In March 2017 McCaslin arrived in Berlin as the Senior Commercial Officer for Germany, supervising 30 U.S. and local staff in four different cities. He is responsible for managing a complex trade and investment promotion program and serves as the principal advisor to the Ambassador on commercial matters. His regional responsibilities include managing commercial programs in Poland, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Austria and Switzerland, where he supervises over 40 U.S. and local staff. The U.S. Department of Commerce's budget for this sub-region of seven countries is centralized in Berlin as well as control of administrative and personnel matters. McCaslin therefore works closely with U.S. Embassy State Department Management, Budget and Personnel colleagues in Germany and the region. Since his arrival he has traveled extensively in all seven countries.

Prior to his current posting, he served as Senior Commercial Officer in India, Russia and Poland, and also as Deputy SCO in Russia. Before his first assignment to Russia he was Principal Commercial Officer in Munich, Germany. McCaslin joined the Commercial Service in 1990 after serving as a tenured Foreign Service Officer with the U.S. Department of State for five years. He was an Economic Officer in South Korea, spending time at the U.S. Consulate in Pusan and the Embassy in Seoul, where he served on the Non-Immigrant Visa line using his Korean language skills. While serving as Vice Consul in Pusan he was the recipient of a Group Meritorious Honor Award after violent, militant students took over the Consulate requiring the emergency evacuation of the entire staff. After South Korea he worked in Washington at the Economic and Business Affairs Bureau negotiating bilateral trade agreements in the textile sector with USTR, Commerce, Labor and Agriculture. He then served briefly on the staff of the Deputy Secretary of State focusing on Eastern Europe. This was during 1989-90 when these formerly Communist states were beginning their transitions to democracy and market economies. Soon thereafter he transferred to the U.S. Department of Commerce. He speaks Russian, Polish and German.

Prior to becoming a Foreign Service Officer with the State Department, he was a social science instructor at a private, independent day school in Dayton, Ohio from 1981-85.

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, he obtained a B.A. in Russian Studies and German from Colgate University in upstate New York and an M.A. in International Relations and Political Economy, including a Certificate from the Russian Institute, from Columbia University in New York City. He is married to Constance Plattenburg and has three sons.