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U.S.-Europe News

EU Leaders Meet with U.S. Speaker Pelosi in Brussels

European Commission President José Manuel Barroso and U.S. Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi met in Brussels May 30 to discuss climate change, the Doha trade negotiations, and the extension of the U.S. Visa Waiver Program to all EU Member States.

Homeland Security Secretary Chertoff Visits EU Parliament

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff reached out May 14 to members of the European Parliament in an effort to allay European concerns about the collection of airline passenger data as part of the U.S. fight against terrorism. In remarks before the Parliament's Civil Liberties committee, he said that access to this information had been crucial to helping prevent terrorist acts. The U.S. and European Union are currently negotiating a new accord on the transfer of passenger name records (PNR), to replace an interim agreement that expires July 31. Chertoff also discussed the visa waiver program and mentioned that the U.S. was working on an electronic traveler security system that would involve travelers sending information to U.S. authorities via the internet before beginning their trip.

Bush Nominates Robert Zoellick as World Bank President

If approved by the board of the World Bank to serve as the organization's president, Robert Zoellick would bring a wealth of experience in dealing with thorny trade, finance and development issues, President Bush says. Zoellick, nominated May 30 by Bush to replace Paul Wolfowitz, has spent much of the last two decades working with his counterparts in other countries to broker deals on such difficult issues as trade reform, debt relief and U.S. relations with China and Sudan.

President Bush to Visit Poland

U.S. President George W. Bush has accepted Polish President Lech Kaczynski's invitation to visit Poland on June 8.

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Bush Seeks New International Framework on Climate Change

The United States will work with other countries to establish a new international framework to address global climate change once the Kyoto Protocol expires in 2012. Under an initiative unveiled May 31 by President Bush, 10 to 15 countries that consume the most energy and emit the largest quantities of greenhouse gases would discuss a post-Kyoto arrangement at international meetings convened initially by the United States. By 2009, at the end of the first phase, the countries would set a long-term global goal for reducing emissions that contribute to global climate change and establish related national mid-term energy security and environmental goals and strategies based on the nations' individual characteristics. Bush said a strong and transparent system for measuring countries' performance must be an essential element of the new plan.

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Highlights

- On June 4, Senior Vice President for International Affairs, Dan Christman will host [Paul Brinkley, Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Business Transformation and Director of the Task Force to Improve Business and Stability Operations in Iraq](#), at a meeting of our Homeland Security Task Force. The group will also host DHS officials Al Martinez-Fonts (private sector liaison) and Charlie Allen (intelligence and analysis) and Army Reserve Chief Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz.
- On June 11, the Chamber's Eurasia Business Platform will host a working lunch with [Congressman Steve Chabot \(R-OH\)](#) to discuss how the business community can advance pro-growth policies in Eurasia.
- On June 12, [General James L. Jones, USMC \(Ret.\), President and CEO of the U.S. Chamber's Institute for 21st Century Energy](#), will outline the goals and direction of the new Institute at [Energy Myths & Realities](#). Speakers Include: Tom Donohue, President and CEO, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Sen. Chuck Hagel (R-NE), U.S. Senate, Gen. James L. Jones, USMC (Ret.), President and CEO, Institute for 21st Century Energy, Gen. Charles Wald, USAF (Ret.), Former Deputy Commander, United States European Command, and Council Member, Securing America's Future Energy, R. James Woolsey, Jr., Former Director, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).
- On June 14, Policy Advisor for Europe and Eurasia, Kristal Alley, will speak at the International Road Transport Union's (IRU) 4th Euro-Asia Road Conference in Warsaw, Poland on the Chamber's "[Eurasia Business Platform and the Results of a Commercial Feasibility Study on Developing Road Transport Between China and Europe](#)".

American Chambers of Commerce Events & Activities

*There are 42 American Chambers of Commerce in Europe and Eurasia,
which are affiliated with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce*

Austria

- On June 5, the American Chamber of Commerce in Austria (AmCham Austria) will host a Gala Dinner in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Marshall Plan. The opening address will be by H.E. Ambassador Susan McCaw and the commemorative speech will be delivered by [Dr. Martin Bartenstein, Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Labor](#). The event sponsors are Software AG, Estée Lauder, and the Vienna Marriott Hotel.
- On June 20, AmCham Austria holds its [48th General Assembly a luncheon](#). David B. Waller, Deputy Director General, International Atomic Energy Agency, will speak at the luncheon.

Belgium

- On June 7, the American Chamber of Commerce in Belgium (AmCham Belgium) is hosting an [Annual Gala Dinner with Ambassador Frans Van Daele, Permanent Representative of Belgium to NATO](#).

Bulgaria

- On June 12, the American Chamber of Commerce in Bulgaria (AmCham Bulgaria) is hosting a business luncheon. [John Beyrle, U.S. Ambassador to Bulgaria](#) and [Elena Poptodorova, Bulgarian Ambassador to U.S.](#) will be the honored speakers.
- On July 8, AmCham Bulgaria is organizing a traditional [Independence Day Celebration](#) at the Lozenets Residence in Sofia.

Croatia

- On June 13, the American Chamber of Commerce in Croatia (AmCham Croatia) is holding an event on [“Adjusting the Croatian legislation to the EU with focus on finance and tax system”](#). The guest speaker will be [Martina Dalić](#) (Sate Secretary, Central State Office for Development Strategy and Coordination of EU funds).
- On June 30, AmCham Croatia will hold its annual [4th of July Picnic](#).
- AmCham Croatia has 2 new position papers on ‘[Harmonizing Croatia and EU Legislation, Regulations, and Standards, in Preparation for EU Accession](#)’ and ‘[Croatian Chamber of Economy- Voluntary Vs. Compulsory membership](#)’.

Denmark

- On June 6, the American Chamber of Commerce in Denmark (AmCham Denmark), in cooperation with FORA and the U.S. Department of Commerce International Trade Administration, will hold the Danish-American [Venture Capital & Entrepreneurship Summit](#). This full day summit at FUHU in Copenhagen will bring together U.S. and Danish experts to address key issues within the fields of entrepreneurship and venture capital.
- On June 23, AmCham Denmark and the American Embassy will welcome guests to the [231st American Independence Day](#) celebration in Copenhagen. This year's Independence Day Family Picnic will be at Rydhave, the official residence of U.S. ambassadors to Denmark and currently home to U.S. Ambassador James P. Cain.

European Union (EU)

- On June 6, the American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union's (AmCham EU) Executive Committee will meet with [Mike McKinley, DCM, US Mission](#) and with [Jonathan Evans, MEP](#). In addition, AmCham EU will hold its [annual gala night](#) with the winners of the Queen Elisabeth International Music Competition for Piano and the presentation of their [Transatlantic Business Award](#).
- On June 27, AmCham EU will have a breakfast meeting with [Craig Barrett, Chairman of Intel](#) and [Fabio Clozanti, Director General, Information Society & Media, European Commission](#) (tbc) on "The challenges of promoting the development of the network and ICT in the 21st Century".
- On July 17, AmCham EU will hold a plenary meeting on the 'Developing a Balanced Approach to EU Consumer Policy' with keynote speaker [Meglena Kuneva, EU Commissioner for Consumer Protection](#).

Finland

- On June 7, the American Chamber of Commerce in Finland's (AmCham Finland) Reach Working Group will welcome a guest speaker from Belgium: Jean-Philippe Montfort of AmCham EU will share insights on the [implementation of REACH](#).
- On June 13, the [US Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao](#) will brief the AmCham Finland Community on Transatlantic Trade and Investment.
- On June 15, AmCham Finland's "[June Power Business Breakfast on Inward Investment](#)" will feature the Finnish Minister of Trade and Industry [Mauri Pekkarinen](#).

France

- On June 5, the American Chamber of Commerce in France (AmCham France) will host [Susan Eisenhower](#).
- On June 6, AmCham France's New Media/IT Task Force will hold a roundtable on '[television on cell phones](#)' with speaker [Patrick Raude, ARCEP Board Member](#).
- On June 7, AmCham France features "[Jazz at AmCham](#)" with a live concert and presentation about Jazz as a symbol of liberty during World War II.
- On June 19, AmCham France's [Professional Women's Task Force](#) will offer a guided tour of the Residence of the Ambassador of the United States.

- On June 20, AmCham France will hold a “Meet the Embassy” discussion on ["Push-Pull - How to Market U.S. Products in France"](#) featuring Robert Connan, Minister-Counselor for Commercial Affairs, U.S. Embassy.
- On June 21, AmCham France’s [Human Resources Task Force](#) will hold a breakfast meeting.
- On June 25, AmCham France’s New Media and IT Task Force Roundtable will hold a discussion on [“Liability of Internet service providers in the Web 2.0 arena”](#) featuring Judge Alice Pezard.
- On June 25, AmCham France will hold an event on [“Journée d’Information destinée aux Services des relations internationales”](#) co-sponsored by the Training & Education Task Force and the Centre Education USA/Commission franco-américaine.
- On June 26, AmCham France’s Professional Women’s Task Force will hold a conference on [“La modernisation de la SNCF”](#) featuring Anne-Marie Idrac, Présidente, SNCF.
- On June 27, AmCham France’s [Training & Education Task Force](#) will hold a breakfast meeting.

Greece

- On June 4-5, the American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (AmCham Greece) will hold its [11th Thessaloniki Forum](#).
- On June 11, AmCham Greece will hold a conference entitled: [“Structural Unemployment-Employment Trends-Is Flexicurity the Future Answer?”](#)
- On June 14, AmCham Greece will hold its Five Chambers’ dinner with guest speaker [Christos Folias, Minister of Economy & Finance](#) in Thessaloniki.
- On June 20, AmCham Greece will hold a luncheon on the [Fourth European Union Funding Protocol](#) with Prokopis Pavlopoulos, Minister of Internal Affairs, Public Administration & Decentralization.
- On June 29, AmCham Greece will hold its [Annual General Assembly Meeting](#).

Hungary

- On June 8, the American Chamber of Commerce in Hungary (AmCham Hungary) will hold a workshop in its [AmCham – CEU Academy: Dialogues in Leadership Series](#).
- On June 12, AmCham Hungary will hold a Business Breakfast with [Dr. István Hiller, Minister of Education and Culture](#).
- On June 28, AmCham Hungary will host [Sir John Bond, Chairman of Vodafone Group Plc.](#), during a Global Leaders on the AmCham Podium event.
- On July 1, AmCham Hungary will organize its annual [AmCham Independence Day Family Celebration](#).

Israel

- On June 4, the Israel America Chamber of Commerce and Industry (AmCham Israel) will hold its [Annual Awards Dinner](#), during which awards will be granted to significant contributors to investment and trade between Israel and the U.S. The award recipients are: Hewlett-Packard Israel, Netafim Irrigation Systems, Nova Measuring Instruments, Alan Casden, Casden Properties, Los Angeles, CA and Mr. Tom Glaser, President of the America-Israel Chamber of Commerce, Atlanta, GA.
- AmCham Israel is co-sponsoring a conference on commercial relationships between U.S. and Israeli companies in the [Alternative and Renewable Energy field](#). The events will take place on June 18, in Albany, New York and June 19, in New York City. Co-sponsors are the America-Israel Chamber of Commerce in New York, New York State-Empire State Development, the Government of Israel Economic Mission, and other leading business organizations and academic institutions in Israel and New York.
- On July 2, AmCham Israel will hold its [“Salute to the U.S. Independence Day”](#) reception.

Kosovo

- The American Chamber of Commerce in Kosovo (AmCham Kosovo) and the United States Office in Prishtina are organizing [Business Ethics week](#), from June 25- 30. A two day conference will take place featuring Dr. Anita Baker.

The Netherlands

- On June 21, the American Chamber of Commerce in the Netherlands (AmCham Netherlands) will hold its [“10th Annual Transfer Pricing Seminar”](#) in cooperation with Deloitte.
- On June 25, AmCham Netherlands will hold a seminar with the Schiphol Group on [‘Werkstad A4’](#).

Norway

- On June 23, the American Chamber of Commerce in Norway (AmCham Norway) will hold a special event to [tour the Costa Magica cruise ship](#) followed by an American wine tasting and luncheon onboard. Hosted by Ask Mr. Cruise and Costa Cruises.
- On August 22, AmCham Norway and member company, Continental Airlines, welcomes members and special guests to its [6th Annual Golf Tournament](#).

Poland

- The American Chamber of Commerce in Poland (AmCham Poland) will hold a panel discussion on [Corporate Social Responsibility](#) on June 12. Guest speakers will be Krzysztof Kłapa, McDonald’s Corporation, Iwona Kuraszko, Responsible Business Forum and Magdalena Juwko, Habitat for Humanity Poland.
- AmCham Poland’s monthly meeting will take place on June 13 at the US Ambassador’s Residence in Warsaw featuring as [guest speaker US Ambassador to Poland Victor Ashe](#).
- On June 14, AmCham Poland will hold its [“Summer Business Mixer”](#) in Kraków, sponsored by Pramerica, Avis and Kraków Technology Park.

Turkey

- On June 5, the Turkish American Business Association (TABA/AmCham) is organizing a conference, sponsored by Motorola, discussing the [legal process of investing in the U.S.A.](#) The guest speaker is Atty. Mr. Barbaros Karaahmetoğlu, Karaahmetoglu & Luz Firm, LLP – New York, NY.
- On June 7, TABA/AmCham is hosting a dinner - reception in the honor of [Mr. David. A. Sampson, The U.S. Deputy Secretary of Commerce](#) with H.E. Mr. Ross Wilson, Ambassador – The U.S. Embassy, Ankara, Ms. Deborah K. Jones, Principal Officer- The U.S. Consulate General Istanbul and the other authorities from Ankara and Istanbul.
- On July 9, TABA/AmCham is organizing a farewell reception for [Ms. Deborah K. Jones’, Principal Officer - U.S. Consulate General Istanbul](#) and Mr. Jeremy Keller, the Principal Commercial Officer of the U.S. Commercial Service Istanbul.

Ukraine

- On June 14, the American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine (AmCham Ukraine) will hold its [Human Resources](#) committee meeting and on June 15 its [Travel and Tourism](#) committee meeting.
- On June 21, AmCham Ukraine will hold a Business Luncheon with [Mr. Arseniy Yatsenyuk, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine.](#)

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