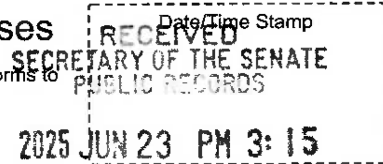


RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Post Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 144 Hart Building. **This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**



Certification: *In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:*

Private Sponsor(s):

The Third Way Foundation (Progressiv

Travel Dates:

Monday, May 26th, 2025 - Sunday Jun

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Total Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
\$1,525.00	\$669.00	\$450.00	

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- The final **Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** (Form RE-1)
- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

6/11/2025

Ashley Higgins

Date

Printed Name of Traveler

Signature of Traveler

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

6/23/2025

Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Explanation:

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Explanation:

Return Flight to Washington on May 31st, 2025 was cancelled, arrangements were made to rebook the traveler on a flight the following day on June 1st, 2025.



1919 M St NW, Ste 300
Washington, DC 20036
Tel: 202-525-3926
Fax: 202-525-3941
info@ppionline.org

April 3, 2025

Ashley Higgins
Deputy Legislative Director/Energy Policy Advisor
Office of Senator Dave McCormick
SH-702 Hart Senate Office Building
120 Constitution Ave NE, Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ashley,

On behalf of the Progressive Policy Institute (PPI), we would like to invite you to join us for a transatlantic delegation to **Brussels and Berlin, departing on Monday, May 26th, 2025 and returning on Saturday, May 31st, 2025.**

This trip will feature a select, bipartisan group of senior staff in the House and Senate committed to facilitating strong international relations and promoting American prosperity. With a new Congress, a new Administration, and a new E.U. Parliament and Commission, now is an opportune time to exchange ideas on how the U.S. and the E.U. should approach the policy relationship.

PPI first started taking key bipartisan congressional staff to Europe in 2014 and we have hosted delegation trips several times a year since. We have now brought over 170 offices to visit European capitals and exchange dialogues on mutual policy objectives. While E.U. policy proposals can sometimes be at odds with U.S. interests, we believe the best way to approach these issues is to engage in productive dialogues with the decision makers across Europe.

This trip will spend two days in Brussels meeting with key E.U. officials before spending two days in Berlin meeting with the new government and policy experts in the German capital.

Among the key questions and topics we will focus on:

- The Biden/Harris Administration agreed with many of the E.U. regulations on U.S. investment in Europe but the new Administration and Congress will take a more critical approach. How should the U.S. and E.U. approach the regulatory relationship moving forward?
- As the E.U. takes a critical look at its regulatory framework and the impact it is having on investment and growth (see the [Draghi report](#)) what best practices from the U.S. can we offer?
- What will the international energy policy landscape look like in the new year following a cold European winter, the interruption of natural gas through Ukraine pipelines, and the future of US LNG exports?
- What will the election and new government in Germany mean for the E.U. and for the U.S.?
- How can the E.U. begin to take the lead on supporting Ukraine in the future?

PPI is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with a long history of providing educational programming on current policy issues, including transatlantic exchanges with our international partners. This trip is planned in compliance with House and Senate ethics rules.



1919 M St NW, Ste 300
Washington, DC 20036
Tel: 202-525-3926
Fax: 202-525-3941
info@ppionline.org

We hope you will be able to join us for what promises to be an insightful and educational trip to Brussels, and Berlin. Space is limited and spots will be given on a first come first serve basis.
Our RSVP deadline is April 14th.

Please contact Stuart Malec at 860-508-8554 or smalec@ppionline.org if you have questions or would like more information.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. Lewis', written in a cursive style.

Lindsay Lewis
Executive Director of the Progressive Policy Institute

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will not be considered or approved.

Name of Traveler:
Ashley Higgins

Employing Office/Committee:
MCCORMICK, DAVE

Private Sponsor(s):
Progressive Policy Institute

Destination(s):
Brussels, Belgium Berlin, Germany

Travel Dates:
05/26/2025 to 05/31/2025

NOTE: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties.

My boss serves on both the Foreign Relations & Energy and Natural Resources Committee. I staff him on all things energy and environment. Pennsylvania has a huge source of natural gas that gets piped & exported as liquefied natural gas (LNG). There is a push in the Commonwealth to establish a new LNG export facility in Philadelphia & the European market would be the likely export market. Additionally, there are a lot of regulatory differences between the US and EU specifically regarding the environment & energy sectors. The trip's blend of foreign affairs and energy policy is well suited for my job, my boss's committee assignments, and the interests in PA.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip?
No

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
N/A

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

4/23/2025
Date

Ashley Higgins
Signature of Employee

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER
(President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms,
Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain)

Senator Dave McCormick
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize

Ashley Higgins
(Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.

☐ (signify "yes" by checking box)

4/23/2025
Date

Dave McCormick
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Progressive Policy Institute: May 2025 - PPI Staff Del to Brussels and Berlin

 Ashley Higgins

Title:
Deputy Legislative Director & Energy Policy
Advisor

Employing Office/Committee:
MCCORMICK, DAVE

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON, DC

Destination(s):
Brussels, Belgium
Berlin, Germany

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

My boss serves on both the Foreign Relations & Energy and Natural Resources Committee. I staff him on all things energy and environment. Pennsylvania has a huge source of natural gas that gets piped & exported as liquified natural gas (LNG). There is a push in the Commonwealth to establish a new LNG export facility in Philadelphia & the European market would be the likely export market. Additionally, there are a lot of regulatory differences between the US and EU specifically regarding the environment & energy sectors. The trip's blend of foreign affairs and energy policy is well suited for my job, my boss's committee assignments, and the interests in PA.

Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Progressive Policy Institute

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
Public Charity

Address 2 (Optional)
Ste 300

Phone Number
8605088554

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Address
1919 M Street NW

City, State Zip
Washington, District Of Columbia 20036 United States

Organization URL

History of Congressional Travel

The Progressive Policy Institute has sponsored several Congressional staff and member delegations since its founding in 1989. These educational trips have focused on a wide variety of policy areas and they aim to explore how issues moving on Capitol Hill have an impact on the real world. PPI last sponsored Senate travel in April 2025.

Educational Activities

As a non-profit 501 (c)(3) think-tank, the nature of PPI's work is educational. We release dozens of reports, research, and policy analysis work annually. PPI also hosts public forums, congressional briefings, webinars, roundtables and other events around issue education.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and do not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.*

Foreign Agent Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

☒ I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.

- ☒ I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.
- ☒ I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Comments

None Entered

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

Congressional staff will meet with E.U. and German government officials and policy experts to learn about U.S. investment in Europe, the U.S. and E.U. regulatory relationship, the international energy policy landscape, how the election and new government in Germany will affect the relationship between the U.S. and Germany, and how the E.U. can support Ukraine.

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

PPI has been conducting policy work and facilitating transatlantic dialogue between US policymakers and international partners since 1989. The mission of this trip is aligned with PPI's trade and energy policy projects and our commitment to building ties between EU and US policymakers.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

- ☒ Yes ☐ No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

- ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing

- ☒ The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- ☒ No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations

- ☒ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- ☐ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip
- ☐ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations.

- ☐ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- ☐ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip
- ☐ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip

Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

- ☒ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- ☒ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Invitees

- i** Members and staff from the House of Representatives will receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
05/26/2025 @ 05:45 PM



Trip End Date/Time:
05/31/2025 @ 08:20 PM

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$1,595.50 | Accompanying Family Member: \$0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	\$1,525.00
Note Total airfare		
Ground Transportation	Coach	\$60.00
Note Taxi / rideshare costs		
Train	Coach	\$10.50
Note Train from airport in Brussels		

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$669.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
05/27/2025	05/28/2025	Hilton Grand Place	Brussels	None	Belgium	1	\$225.00	No
05/28/2025	05/31/2025	Intercontinental Berlin	Berlin	None	Germany	3	\$148.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$342.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
05/27/2025	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$65.00	Brussels	None	Belgium	No
05/28/2025	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$85.00	Brussels	None	Belgium	No
05/29/2025	\$12.00	\$25.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$82.00	Berlin	None	Germany	No
05/30/2025	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	Berlin	None	Germany	No
05/31/2025	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	Berlin	None	Germany	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$0.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
There are no miscellaneous expenses.		

Additional Attachments

Document Name
There are no additional attachments.

Trip Name

Trip Name
May 2025 - PPI Staffuel to Brussels and Berlin
This name will be used to track you identify your trip.

Organization Information

Organization Name
Progressive Policy Institute

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
☒ Yes ☐ No

Organization Type
Public Charity

Address
1919 M Street NW

Address 2 (Optional)
Ste 300

Country
United States

City
Washington

State
District Of Columbia

Zip Code
20036

Phone Number
8605088554

Organization URL (Optional)

History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

The Progressive Policy Institute has sponsored several Congressional staff and member delegations since its founding in 1969. These educational trips have focused on a wide variety of policy areas and they aim to explore how issues moving on Capitol Hill have an impact on the real world. PPI last sponsored Senate travel in April 2025.

3/36 / 1000

Educational Activities

Describe the educational activities performed by your organization other than sponsoring congressional travel.

As a non profit 501 (c)(3) think tank, the nature of PPI's work is educational. We release dozens of reports, research, and policy analysis work annually. PPI also hosts public forums, congressional briefings, webinars, roundtables and other events around issue education.

2/72 / 1000

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status

- ☒ I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyists.
- ☐ I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but does retain or employ one or more federally registered lobbyists.

Foreign Agent Registration Status

- ☒ I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and does not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.
- ☐ I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal but does retain or employ one or more agents of a foreign principal.

Foreign Government Involvement

- ☒ I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.
- ☒ I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.
- ☒ I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Comments (Optional)

This field is optional and is not required for filing.

13 / 1000

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

Congressional staff will meet with E.U. and German government officials and policy experts to learn about U.S. investment in Europe, the U.S. and E.U. regulatory relationship, the international energy policy landscape, how the election and new government in Germany will affect the relationship between the U.S. and Germany, and how the E.U. can support Ukraine.

382 / 1000

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

PPI has been conducting policy work and facilitating transatlantic dialogue between US policymakers and international partners since 1989. The mission of this trip is aligned with PPI's trade and energy policy projects and our commitment to building ties between EU and US policymakers.

285 / 1000

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

[Add Grantmaking Organization](#)[Download Grantmaking Organization Certification Form](#)

Organization Name

Certification Form

No data available

Rows per page: 10

With or Without Regard to Congressional Participation

- ☐ The trip is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation.
- ☒ The trip is arranged or organized with regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

- ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing

- ☒ The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- ☒ No funds or in-kind contributions were earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations.

- ☒ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.
- ☐ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip.
- ☐ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip.

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organization.

- ☐ No sponsor retains or employs a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, the trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.
- ☐ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip.
- ☐ The trip is limited to a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip.

Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

- ☒ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- ☒ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Travel Dates & Itinerary

The Trip Start Date/Time is the time the traveler departs from their starting location (usually their duty station). The Trip End Date/Time is when the traveler arrives in their final destination after the trip (usually back in their duty station).

Trip Start Date/Time

Trip End Date/Time

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

05/26/2025 @ 5:45 PM

05/31/2025 @ 8:20 PM

No

View Itinerary

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$1,595.50)

Traveler Type ↓	Transportation Type ↑	Class	Amount	Notes
Member/Officer/Employee	Airfare	Coach	\$1,525.00	Total airfare
Member/Officer/Employee	Ground Transportation	Coach	\$60.00	Taxi / rideshare costs
Member/Officer/Employee	Train	Coach	\$10.50	Train from airport in Brussels

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$669.00)

Traveler Type ↓	Check-In ↑	Check-Out	Facility	Country	City	State	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceeds Per Diem?
Member/Officer/Employee	05/27/2025	05/28/2025	Hilton Grand Place	Belgium	Brussels		1	\$225.00	No
Member/Officer/Employee	05/28/2025	05/31/2025	Intercontinental Berlin	Germany	Berlin		3	\$148.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$342.00)

Traveler Type ↓	Date ↑	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	Country	City	State	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
Member/Officer/Employee	5/27/2025	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$65.00	Belgium	Brussels		No
Member/Officer/Employee	5/28/2025	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$85.00	Belgium	Brussels		No
Member/Officer/Employee	5/29/2025	\$12.00	\$25.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$82.00	Germany	Berlin		No
Member/Officer/Employee	5/30/2025	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	Germany	Berlin		No
Member/Officer/Employee	5/31/2025	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	Germany	Berlin		No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$0.00)

Traveler Type ↓	Type ↑	Amount	Notes
No data available			

Additional Attachments (Optional)

This section is to be used to upload any relevant documents for this travel request.

Custom File Name

Upload Attachment

Document

Select your file

PDFs only

Date Submitted

No data available

Rows per page 10

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

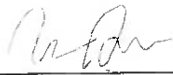
I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: PPI StaffDel to Brussels and Berlin
Travel Date(s): May 26 - May 31, 2025
Travel Destination(s): Brussels, Belgium and Berlin, Germany.

Sponsor: The Third Way Foundation (PPI is a project of Third Way Foundation)

Lindsay Lewis
(printed name of sponsor representative)

CEO
(title)


(signature of sponsor representative)

4/22/25
(date)

U.S. Senate Staff Invitees

PPI May 2025 - StaffDel to Brussels and Berlin

Michael Sinacore

Policy Advisor for Senate HELP

michael_sinacore@help.senate.govAshley Higgins

Deputy Legislative Director for Sen. Dave McCormick (R-PA)

ashley_higgins@mccormick.senate.govOliver Riquelme

National Security Advisor

oliver_riquelme@heinrich.senate.gov



1919 M St NW, Ste 300
Washington, DC 20036
Tel: 202-525-3926
Fax: 202-525-3941
info@ppionline.org

April 3, 2025

Ashley Higgins
Deputy Legislative Director/Energy Policy Advisor
Office of Senator Dave McCormick
SH-702 Hart Senate Office Building
120 Constitution Ave NE, Washington, DC 20510

Dear Ashley,

On behalf of the Progressive Policy Institute (PPI), we would like to invite you to join us for a transatlantic delegation to **Brussels and Berlin, departing on Monday, May 26th, 2025 and returning on Saturday, May 31st, 2025.**

This trip will feature a select, bipartisan group of senior staff in the House and Senate committed to facilitating strong international relations and promoting American prosperity. With a new Congress, a new Administration, and a new E.U. Parliament and Commission, now is an opportune time to exchange ideas on how the U.S. and the E.U. should approach the policy relationship.

PPI first started taking key bipartisan congressional staff to Europe in 2014 and we have hosted delegation trips several times a year since. We have now brought over 170 offices to visit European capitals and exchange dialogues on mutual policy objectives. While E.U. policy proposals can sometimes be at odds with U.S. interests, we believe the best way to approach these issues is to engage in productive dialogues with the decision makers across Europe.

This trip will spend two days in Brussels meeting with key E.U. officials before spending two days in Berlin meeting with the new government and policy experts in the German capital.

Among the key questions and topics we will focus on:

- The Biden/Harris Administration agreed with many of the E.U. regulations on U.S. investment in Europe but the new Administration and Congress will take a more critical approach. How should the U.S. and E.U. approach the regulatory relationship moving forward?
- As the E.U. takes a critical look at its regulatory framework and the impact it is having on investment and growth (see the [Draghi report](#)) what best practices from the U.S. can we offer?
- What will the international energy policy landscape look like in the new year following a cold European winter, the interruption of natural gas through Ukraine pipelines, and the future of US LNG exports?
- What will the election and new government in Germany mean for the E.U. and for the U.S.?
- How can the E.U. begin to take the lead on supporting Ukraine in the future?

PPI is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with a long history of providing educational programming on current policy issues, including transatlantic exchanges with our international partners. This trip is planned in compliance with House and Senate ethics rules.



1919 M St NW, Ste 300
Washington, DC 20036
Tel: 202-525-3926
Fax: 202-525-3941
info@ppionline.org

We hope you will be able to join us for what promises to be an insightful and educational trip to Brussels, and Berlin. Space is limited and spots will be given on a first come first serve basis.
Our RSVP deadline is April 14th.

Please contact Stuart Malec at 860-508-8554 or smalec@ppionline.org if you have questions or would like more information.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. Lewis', written in a cursive style.

Lindsay Lewis
Executive Director of the Progressive Policy Institute

**Monday, May 26th, 2025****5:45 PM****Flight departs Dulles (IAD) to Brussels (BRU) UA 950****Tuesday, May 27th, 2025****7:15 AM****Arrival in Brussels****8:30 - 9:00 AM****Train to Hilton Brussels Grand Place****9:00 AM****Arrive at Hotel, Quick Breakfast, and Get Ready**
*Location: Hilton Brussels, Carr de l'Europe 3, 1000
Bruxelles, Belgium***11:00 - 12:00 PM****Meeting with Brian Glynn, Managing Director,
Americas, European External Action Service**
*Location: Rond-Point Schuman 9A, B-1046 Brussels**Discussion on how to respond to EU/US relationship
challenges***12:15 - 1:00 PM****Meeting with Xavier Coglet, Member of Cabinet,
Executive Vice-President Henna Virkkunen
responsible for Technological Sovereignty, Security
and Democracy**
*Location: Berlaymont, Rue de la Loi, 1049 Brussels**Discussion on regulation, national security, and EU tech
policy***1:30 - 2:30 PM****Lunch Meeting: Pedro Oliveira, Legal Director
Business Europe**
*Location: Avenue de Cortenbergh 168, 1000 Brussels**Discussion on industry outlook for European businesses
and tariffs***3:00 - 4:00 PM****Isaac Valero, Head of International Relations, DG
Energy, European Commission**
Location: Rue Demot 24, B - 1049 Brussels

Discussion on the international energy policy landscape from an European perspective and the security of EU energy supplies and reducing EU dependence on Russian fossil fuels.

4:00 - 5:30 PM

Tour of European Parliament

Location: Rue Wiertz 60, 1047 Brussels

Educational walking tour of the EU parliament building and overview of parliament functions led by EU staff

7:00 - 9:00 PM

**Dinner w/ Michael HAGER, Head of Cabinet
Valdis DOMBROVSKIS, European Commissioner for
Economy and Productivity**

Location: Hotel AMIGO, Rue de l'Amigo 1, 1000 Bruxelles

*Discussion on the priorities for the new European
Commission*

Wednesday, May 28th, 2025

8:30 - 10:00 AM

Breakfast at hotel

10:30 - 11:30 AM

Peter Polajnar, DG Enlargement

Location: Rue de la Loi 15, 1000 Brussels

Discussion on current status of Ukraine's relation with the EU and overview of EU's financial and technical assistance to the enlargement countries

11:30 - 12:30 PM

**Fabrice TERRAC, Head of International
DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and
SMEs (DG Grow)**

Location: Breydel - Ave Auderghem 45, 1040 Brussels

Discussion on the EU challenges related to competitiveness and private sector growth, and reducing the regulatory and reporting burdens faced by companies in the EU.

12:30 - 1:45 PM**Lunch: PPI Briefing on Berlin Programming**

Location: Pablo's Idea, Av. d'Auderghem 48, 1040
Bruxelles, Belgium

Overview of scheduled meetings and events in Berlin

4:30 PM - 5:55 PM**Flight from BRU to BER (SN 2587)****7:30 - 9:30 PM****Dinner with Klaus Geiger, Reporter at Axel-Springer**

Location: Restaurant Maximilians Berlin, Friedrichstraße
185-190, 10117 Berlin, Germany

*Overview of the policy landscape in Germany and German
perceptions of current administration in US*

Thursday, May 29th, 2025**8:30 - 10:00 AM****Breakfast with business stakeholders on European
regulatory climate**

Location: Mohrenstraße 30, 10117 Berlin, Germany

Breakfast with local German business leaders on the
impacts of the European Union's regulatory environment.

10:30 - 11:30 AM**Bundestag tour with German Parliamentary Staffers**

Location: Platz der Republik 1, 11011 Berlin, Germany

A tour of the German Bundestag conducted by
parliamentary staffers.

12:00 - 1:30 PM**Lunch at Konrad Adenauer Stiftung with Sabina
Woelkner, Head of 2030 Agenda**

Location: Tiergartenstraße 35, 10785 Berlin

A policy meeting to discuss the 2030 Agenda and how new
German government is working to meet United Nations
Sustainable Development Goals.

2:00 - 3:00 PM**Meeting at the Chancellery with Leon Tiedemann,
Policy Advisor**

Location: Willy-Brandt-Straße 1, 10557 Berlin, Germany

A discussion covering the European and German
regulatory impact on businesses and discuss the

German-American relationship.

3:30 - 4:30 PM

**Meeting with Sabine Hämmerling at
Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung
Officer for Labor and Social Affairs**

Location: Schumannstraße 8, 10117 Berlin, Germany

A meeting with Sabine Hämmerling, Senior Programme Officer to discuss policy implications of the new German government and its impact on the transatlantic relationship.

7:00 - 9:00 PM

**Dinner with Matthias Kramer Head of Department for
External Economic Policy at the Federation of German
Industries (BDI)**

*Location: Lutter & Wegner, Charlottenstraße 56, 10117
Berlin, Germany*

A discussion on German industry and economic ties with the United States. We will also discuss the supply of US energy to Germany.

Friday, May 30, 2025

8:30 - 10:00 AM

Breakfast Meeting at German Marshall Fund

Location: Voßstraße 20, 10117 Berlin, Germany

A discussion on the maintaining of ties between Germany and the United States.

10:30 - 11:30 AM

Meeting with Knut Pankin - Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

Location: Hiroshimastraße 17 and 28 D-10785 Berlin

A meeting with the Knut Pankin, Representative of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) to the USA to discuss policy implications of the new German government and its impact on the transatlantic relationship.

12:00 - 1:30 PM

Lunch Meeting at Axel-Springer

*Location: Axel Springer HQ, Schützenstraße 15-17
10117 Berlin*

Meeting with Alix Compin, Manager European Public Affairs, and reporters at Axel-Springer for an impartial

perspective from members of the media about the policy impacts of the German election, the new composition of the government, and what it means for the US-Germany relationship.

2:00 - 3:00 PM

Meeting with Marc Lendermann - Ministry of Digital and Transport

Location: Invalidenstr. 44 Hauptsitz 10115 Berlin

A discussion on the change in administration's approach to the US and EU regulatory relationship?

3:30 - 4:30 PM

Meeting with Ministry of Economics

Location: Scharnhorststraße 34-37, 10115 Berlin, DE

A discussion on the regulatory framework of the EU and its implications for economic growth.

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Debriefing Dinner by Lindsay Lewis, Executive Director, Neel Brown, Managing Director of PPI and Michael Quigley, PPI Europe Director

Location: 963 (Marburger Straße 14 Berlin, BE 10789)

Trip recap and conversation on lessons learned.

Saturday, May 31st, 2025

12:40 PM

Flight from BER to IAD

12:40 - 1:20 PM: Lufthansa (LH 188) BER to FRA

5:10 - 8:20 PM: United (UA 933) FRA to IAD