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ACE U.S. DELEGATION

April 20-24, 2026


AmChams in Europe (ACE) US Delegation


Washington, DC & Austin, Texas: April 20 - April 24, 2026

37 AmCham Executives

30 Countries

The ACE US delegation gained valuable insights to:

 Advancing transatlantic engagement

 Acquiring key insights into the U.S. economic and political landscape



Washington

WASHINGTON, D.C.**Sunday, April 19, 2026**

Arrivals	Sofitel Washington DC Lafayette Square 📍 806 15th St NW, Washington, DC 20005
20:00-22:00	Reception by ACE BPSC 2026 host country AmCham TABA Sofitel Washington DC Lafayette Square, Paris Ballroom

Monday, April 20, 2026

08:30-09:00	Arrival at U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Room: Lee Anderson Veterans Center 📍 1615 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20062-2000
09:00-11:00	Welcome Remarks Marjorie Chorlins , Senior Vice President, Europe Trade Overview John Murphy , Senior Vice President, Head of International Energy Relationship Christopher Guith , Senior Vice President, Global Energy Institute European and U.S. Security Partnerships Christopher Roberti , Senior Vice President, Cyber, Space & National Security Policy Political State-of-Play David Smentek , Senior Director of Government Affairs B20 Overview Gary Litman , Senior Vice President, Global Initiatives Rule of Law in Business Dashboard Lesly Henderson Rubio , Director, Americas
11:00-13:00	ACE Board meeting
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:30-15:00	Entry to U.S. Department of Commerce 📍 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20230
15:00-16:00	David Fogel , Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service Global Markets
16:30-19:00	Free Time
19:00-21:00	Dinner at Clydes of Gallery Place 📍 707 7th St NW, Washington, DC 20001

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

08:30-09:00	Entry to U.S. Department of State 📍 2201 C St NW, Washington, DC 20520 (Visitor's Main Entrance)
09:00-09:30	Michael Rigas , Deputy Secretary of State Management and Resources
09:30-10:30	Courtney Austrian , Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs Tsering Dhongthog , Deputy Assistant Secretary for Trade Policy and Negotiations
10:30-11:15	Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) Michael Vaccaro , Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Defense Trade Controls

11:40-12:00	Entry to Longworth House Office Building 📍 1 Independence Ave SE, Washington, DC 20003
12:00-12:30	Joshua Adams , Senior Legislative Assistant to Congressman Keith Self
12:30-16:00	Free Time & Lunch
16:30-17:30	Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) 📍 1616 Rhode Island Ave NW, Washington, DC 20036 Navin Girishankar , President, Economic Security and Technology Department Sujai Shivakumar , Director and Senior Fellow, Renewing American Innovation Max Bergmann , Director, Europe, Russia, and Eurasia Program and Stuart Center Joseph Majkut , Director, Energy Security and Climate Change Program Kate Koren , Deputy Director, Economics Program and Scholl Chair in International Business
	Free Time

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

09:30-10:30	Accenture 📍 699 14th Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20005 Andrew J.P. Levy , Chief Corporate and Government Affairs Officer
11:00-12:00	Politico 📍 1000 Wilson Blvd 8 th floor, Arlington, VA 22209 Joseph Schatz , Deputy Editor in Chief Julia Marsh , Executive Editor, Washington Daniel Desrochers , International Trade Reporter
17:55	Departure to Austin



Reception by AmCham TABA ACE BPSC2026 host country

On the occasion of the upcoming ACE BPSC, AmCham TABA hosted a reception in Washington DC. The reception, represented by AmCham TABA Vice President Eren Derinkök and their Washington D.C. Representative Soner Babüroğlu, brought together more than 70 distinguished guests from 30 European countries, as well as Australia, the United States, and Türkiye.

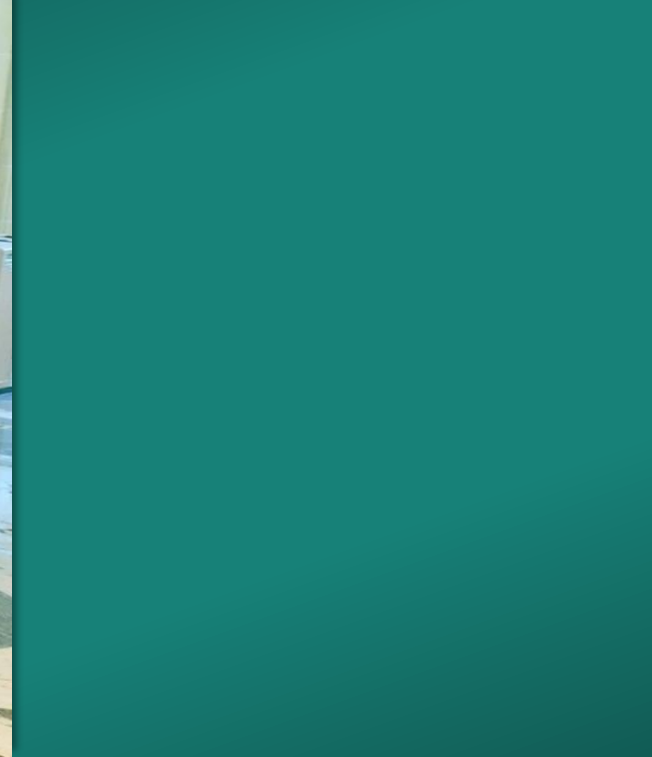
US Chamber of Commerce

At the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, senior leaders shared in-depth insights on the current political landscape, the evolving global trade environment, energy cooperation, EU–U.S. security partnerships.



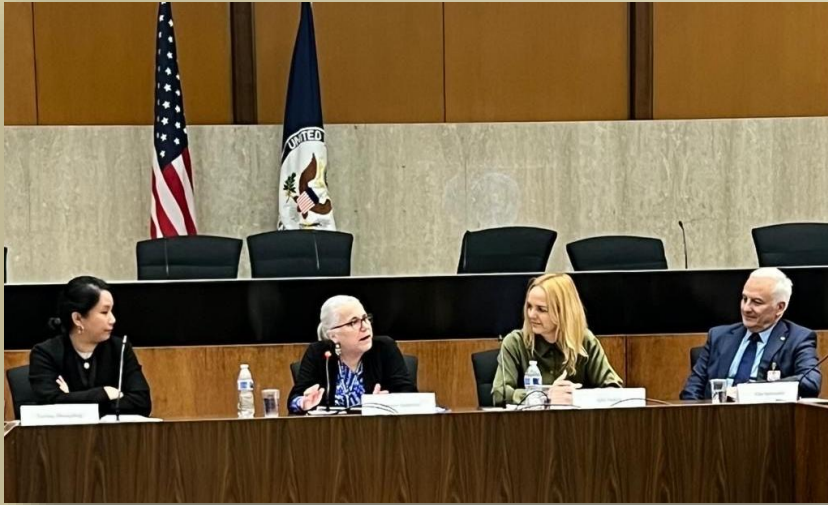
US Department of Commerce

The value of the U.S.–EU relationship and future transatlantic cooperation was highlighted in a discussion with David Fogel, Assistant Secretary of Commerce. As each other's top trade and investment partners, the U.S. and Europe create opportunities for both large companies and SMEs, while ongoing regulatory developments continue to shape EU–U.S. trade relations.



US Department of State

The delegation exchanged views on European affairs, trade, security, and defense, highlighting the breadth of the transatlantic agenda in an increasingly complex geopolitical landscape. The discussions underscored the importance of strong EU–U.S. coordination and a forward-looking partnership to advance shared priorities and support businesses on both sides of the Atlantic.



Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC)

The discussions with DDTC emphasized that protectionism does not enhance security; it fragments markets and weakens resilience. Lasting stability is built through openness, cooperation, and strong partnerships—principles that should guide all transatlantic relationships.



Legislative Office of Congressman Keith Self

Senior Legislative Assistant of Congressman Keith Self, Joshua Adams, focused on the U.S.–EU trade and investment relationship and the importance of transatlantic cooperation in addressing global challenges. Points of discussion covered trade, energy cooperation, security partnerships, and the evolving global economic landscape, while also offering insights into U.S. legislative priorities and the role of Congress in shaping international partnerships.



Center for Strategic and International Relations (CSIS)

A dynamic and wide-ranging exchange on economic security, technological innovation, and energy, emphasizing their growing strategic importance and their central role in shaping a resilient and forward-looking transatlantic partnership by CSIS.





Accenture

At Accenture, the delegation engaged in an exchange on the evolving role of corporate leadership in government affairs and how businesses navigate an increasingly complex global and regulatory environment, gaining key insights into opportunities in AI, digital transformation, and the importance of engagement and collaboration in driving future growth.

Politico

At Politico a behind-the-scenes perspective was provided on how policy, politics, and international trade are covered and communicated in real time. The discussion highlighted the media's critical role in shaping informed public debate on transatlantic relations and global economic developments.



A wide-angle photograph of the Austin skyline, featuring the Texas State Capitol building in the center. The scene is captured during the golden hour, with warm sunlight illuminating the buildings and streets. A multi-lane highway leads towards the Capitol, flanked by modern skyscrapers and construction cranes. The word "Austin" is overlaid in large white text across the middle of the image.

Austin

AUSTIN, TEXAS

Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Arrival	Hyatt Centric Congress Avenue Austin 📍 721 Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78701
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Thursday, April 23, 2026

08:30	Departure from Hyatt Centric Congress Avenue Austin
09:15	Arrival Tesla 📍 1 Tesla Rd, Austin, TX 78725
10:00-12:30	Tesla Gigafactory Tour
13:00-14:00	University of Texas at Austin 📍 The Peter T. Flawn Academic Center (FAC) 328 2304 Whitis Ave. Austin, TX 78705 Dr. Sonia Feigenbaum, Senior Vice Provost for Global Engagement and Chief International Officer
14:00-15:00	Free Time & Lunch
15:30-16:30	US Trade Consult 📍 200 E 6th St, Austin, TX 78701 Sean Herrity, Founder & CEO of US Trade Consult Angelos Angelou, Founder & CEO, International Accelerator Brandon Schreiner, Advisor, Q-Branch
16:30-20:00	Return to Hyatt Centric Congress Avenue Austin & Free Time
20:00-22:00	Dinner at Lonesome Dove 📍 123 W 6th St, Austin, TX 78701

Friday, April 24, 2026

08:30	Departure from Hyatt Centric Congress Avenue Austin 📍 721 Congress Ave., Austin, TX 78701
09:00-10:00	Austin Chamber of Commerce 📍 535 E 5th St., Austin, TX 78701 Jeremy Martin, President & CEO Corey Rose, Vice President, Global Investment & Innovation, Opportunity Austin Emily Mathes, Vice President, Hays Caldwell EDP Jami Haney, Vice President, Bastrop Chamber of Commerce Dori Kelley, Economic Development Professional – Bastrop County
10:30-11:30	Texas Economic Development and Tourism Office 📍 221 E 11th St, Austin, TX 78701 Terry Zrubek, Deputy Executive Director Larry McManus, Director, Business and Community Development
11:30	Return to Hyatt Centric Congress Avenue Austin
	Departures



TESLA Gigafactory

A firsthand visit of the ACE delegation in TESLA Gigafactory, showcased the scale and ambition driving the future of advanced manufacturing and clean energy, offering a powerful example of how innovation at speed and scale is reshaping entire industries. The delegation observed a highly integrated operation spanning approximately one mile (1.6 km) and employing over 12,000 people, exemplifying efficiency, precision, and advanced manufacturing from design through to execution.

University of Texas at Austin

At the University of Texas at Austin, a leading public research institution with nearly 54,000 students and over \$1 billion in annual research expenditure, the delegation explored the critical role of academia in driving innovation. The discussion highlighted UT Austin's contribution to health, discovery, and global innovation, as well as the importance of international collaboration in higher education for building strong, long-term global partnerships.





US Trade Consult

Practical insights were shared on market entry strategies and the factors that make Austin a magnet for startups and global investors, including streamlined permitting, a competitive tax environment, strong business networks, and a pro-growth mindset. The discussion also underscored the importance of agile thinking in navigating today's complex global trade and investment landscape.



Texas Economic Development & Tourism Office

Insightful perspectives were shared into statewide strategies for economic expansion, business attraction, and international engagement, offering a broader perspective on Texas' position in the global economy. The discussion also touched on economic policies supporting business growth and investment, including efforts to drive foreign direct investment.

Austin Chamber of Commerce

At the Austin Chamber of Commerce, the conversation highlighted how regional collaboration is strengthening long-term competitiveness and resilience, reinforcing the region's strong value proposition for global investment. It also underscored Austin's emergence as a hub for technology and advanced manufacturing, attracting businesses and fostering dynamic innovation ecosystems.



ACE U.S. Delegation 2026

Washington D.C. and Austin, Texas

The ACE US Delegation 2026 demonstrated the impact of aligning business, policy, and shared values, serving as a trusted bridge between Europe and the United States. Through meetings in Washington, DC and Austin, Texas, the delegation engaged with key decision-makers and visited government institutions and major business headquarters, gaining insight into the complexities of the transatlantic relationship. AmChams in Europe continues to strengthen these ties, amplify business voices, and contribute to a more connected, resilient, and forward-looking global economy.