

Congressional Affairs Programming

At A Glance

2016 - 2020

Congressional Delegations

Congress-Bundestag Forum 2020

February 15-20, 2020

Elmau and Munich, Germany

The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) and the Robert Bosch Stiftung Foundation (Bosch) hosted the 17th Annual Congress-Bundestag Forum. A bipartisan delegation of members of the U.S. House of Representatives met with members of the German Bundestag for a series of discussions on areas of mutual concern, such as: Asia in the transatlantic space, challenges to the West, European reunification after the end of communism, social cohesion, energy issues, and workforce development. Participants of the Congress-Bundestag Forum 2020 included Representatives Rob Bishop (R-UT), Bill Flores (R-TX), Mark Green (R-TN), Robin Kelly (D-IL), Brenda Lawrence (D-MI), Barbara Lee (D-CA), Debra Lesko (R-AZ), C. A. Dutch Ruppertsberger (D-MD), Eric Swalwell (D-CA), Mike Turner (R-OH), as well as fifteen members of the German Bundestag.

Transatlantic Technology Congressional Delegation 2019

November 3-8, 2019

Berlin, Germany and Brussels, Belgium

GMF held, with Software.org, The Transatlantic Technology Congressional Delegation (TTCD), held in Brussels, Belgium and Berlin, Germany, enabled members of Congress to engage directly with stakeholders on topics relating to the transatlantic digital space. TTCD 2019 covered issues such as data protection, data ownership, cybersecurity, workforce development, digital trade, and digital entrepreneurship, among other issues. Participants of TTCD 2019 included Representatives Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE), Charlie Crist (D-FL), Glen Grothman (R-WI), James Sensenbrenner (R-WI), Greg Walden (D-OR), and four senior congressional staffers.

Senate Banking Committee Congressional Delegation visits GMF Brussels

March 22, 2019

Brussels, Belgium

Senator Mike Crapo (R-ID), chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, led a congressional delegation to Europe where members of Congress participated in a roundtable discussion on transatlantic digital issues with GMF experts and industry representatives. Chairman Crapo was joined by Senators John Barrasso (R-WY), Deb Fischer (R-NE), John Kennedy (R-LA), and Representatives Debbie Wasserman Schultz (D-FL), and Russ Fulcher (R-ID).

Congress-Bundestag Forum 2019

February 19-24, 2019

Berlin and Dresden, Germany

The 16th Annual Congress-Bundestag Forum, hosted by GMF and the Robert Bosch Stiftung Foundation, took place in Berlin and Dresden, Germany. A bipartisan delegation of members of the U.S. House of Representatives met with members of the German Bundestag for a series of discussions on areas of mutual concern, such as: media's role in government, the creative economy, privacy and data concerns, defense and technology, trade, and changing democracies. Participants of the Congress-Bundestag Forum 2019 included Representatives Anthony Brown (D-MD), Jim Costa (D-CA), Doug Lamborn (R-CO), David McKinley (R-WV), John Rutherford (R-FL), Scott Tipton (R-CO), Alma Adams (D-NC), Sean Maloney (D-NY), and ten members of the German Bundestag.

Congress-Bundestag Freshman Study Tour 2018

September 17-20, 2018

Washington, DC

The Congress-Bundestag Forum Study Tour brought together influential members of Congress and the newly elected members of German-Bundestag to convene and discuss on policy issues related to both the United States and Europe, as well serving as an opportunity to strengthen relations. In examining current trends and issues in U.S. politics, topics covered include the U.S. midterm elections, the role of religion, activism, U.S. foreign and economic policy, and transatlantic trade. During the study tour, the freshman members of the Bundestag also met with Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI), chairman of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security.

Transatlantic Technology Chief of Staff Congressional Delegation 2018

July 2-6, 2018

Brussels, Belgium and Munich, Germany

Congressional participants convened in Brussels and Munich for the second iteration of the Transatlantic Technology Congressional Delegation, hosted by GMF and Software.org. Discussions focused on current trends in digital policy in the United States and Europe and implications for the transatlantic relationship. Chief of staff participants of TTCD 2018 included Matt Bisenius, Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI); Dustin Carmack, Rep. John Ratcliffe (R-TX); Jackie Cottrell, Sen. Charles Roberts (R-KS); LaDavia Drane, Rep. Yvette Clarke (D-NY); Bradley Howard, Rep. Stephanie Murphy (D-FL); Tasia Jackson, Rep. Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY); Virgil Miller, Rep. Cedric Richmond (D-LA); Chandler Morse, Sen. Jeff Flake (R-AZ); Arthur Sidney, Rep. Hank Johnson (D-GA); Susan Wheeler, Sen. Mike Crapo (R-ID); and Corey Tellez, legislative director for Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL).

Congress-Bundestag Forum 2018

April 6-11, 2018

Colorado Springs, CO, and Washington, DC

GMF and Bosch hosted the 15th Annual Congress-Bundestag Forum in Colorado Springs, CO, and Washington, DC. A bipartisan delegation of members of the U.S. House of Representatives met with members of the German Bundestag for a series of discussions on areas of mutual concern, such as: the role of sports in international diplomacy, nuclear policy, disinformation, security in East Asia, intervention in the Middle East, social inequality, race relations, automation, activism, and working with the new Trump administration. Participants of the Congress-Bundestag Forum 2018 included Representatives Anthony Brown (D-MD), Doug Lamborn (R-CO), Gregory Meeks (D-NY), Jackie Speier (D-CA), Mike Turner (R-OH), and eight members of the German Bundestag.

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Congressional Delegation

November 12, 2017

Berlin, Germany

GMF Berlin hosted a Senate congressional delegation, led by Senator Ben Cardin (D-MD), ranking member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, in Berlin for a roundtable lunch discussion. Thomas Kleine-Brockhoff and Joerg Forbig, along with other experts in the Berlin office, participated in the roundtable discussion on transatlantic relation. Participants of this also delegation included Brian Schatz (D-HI), Edward Markey (D-MA), Jeff Merkley (D-OH), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), and seven senior congressional staffers.

Transatlantic Technology Congressional Delegation 2017

Brussels, Belgium and Munich, Germany

October 16-20, 2017

GMF and Software.org hosted the first Annual Transatlantic Technology Congressional Delegation (TTCD) to enable members of Congress and their staff to engage directly with stakeholders in politics and industry on topics relating to the transatlantic digital space. Designed to promote dialogue between American and European policymakers and business leaders on effective digital policy, TTCD covers issues such as personal data protection, data ownership, cybersecurity, and digital entrepreneurship. Transatlantic data flows are a critical aspect of both U.S. and European economies and TTCD is designed to help promote digital synergies and opportunities. The delegation of TTCD 2017 included Representatives Yvette Clarke (D-NY), Suzan DelBene (D-WA), Ted Deutch (D-FL), Brenda Lawrence (D-MI), and four senior congressional staffers.

Congress-Bundestag Forum Chief of Staff Study Tour 2017

August 28-September 1, 2017

Berlin and Hamburg, Germany

The Congress-Bundestag Forum Chief of Staff Study Tour provided ten congressional chiefs of staff with the opportunity to engage directly with German policymakers, industry leaders, and journalists in the run-up to the upcoming German parliamentary elections. Delegation members participated in facilitated conversations on topics of mutual concern, such as: migration, intelligence sharing and counterterrorism, Germany's role in the world, globalization and trade, and cybersecurity. These conversations participants to gain further appreciation for the importance of the transatlantic relationship. Members of the study tour included the following chiefs of staff: Ryan Carney, Rep. Tom MacArthur (R-NJ); Marilyn Dillihay, Rep. Steve Cohen (D-TN); Maia Estes, Rep. Anthony Brown (D-MD); Matt Hutson, Rep. Bruce Poliquin (R-ME); John Jones, Rep. Emmanuel Cleaver (D-MO); Duron Marshall, Rep. Brenda Lawrence (D-MI); Jess Moore, Rep. Tom Rooney (R-FL); Ritika Robertson, Rep. Ken Buck (R-CO); and Austin Weatherford, Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL)

Congress-Bundestag Forum 2017

February 19-23, 2017

Elmau and Berlin, Germany

The 14th Annual Congress-Bundestag Forum, a joint project of GMF and Bosch, took place on February 19-23 in Schloss Elmau and Berlin, Germany. Delegation members participated in facilitated conversations on topics of mutual concern, such as: rebuilding trust in democracy, echo chambers in media, the growing influence of Russia, globalization and

economic prosperity, intelligence sharing, and the upcoming German parliamentary elections. Participants in the Congress-Bundestag Forum 2017 included Representatives Michael E. Capuano (D-MA), Tom Garrett (R-VA), Steve King (R-IA), Doug Lamborn (R-CO), Barbara Lee (D-CA), Gregory Meeks (D-NY), Robert Pittenger (R-NC), Jackie Speier (D-CA), Bennie Thompson (D-MS), Scott Tipton (R-CO), as well as thirteen members of the German Bundestag.

Congress-Bundestag Forum 2016

February 26 - March 1, 2016

West Point and New York City, NY

The 13th Annual Congress-Bundestag Forum, a joint project of GMF and Bosch, took place from February 26 through March 1 in West Point and New York City, New York. Delegation members participated in facilitated conversations on topics of mutual concern, such as: countering terrorism and radicalization, improving 21st century energy sources, strengthening transatlantic cooperation, and the upcoming U.S. presidential election. Participants in the Congress-Bundestag Forum 2016 included Representatives Ami Bera (D-CA) | Rob Bishop (R-UT), Suzan DelBene (D-WA), Paul Gosar (R-AZ), Gregory Meeks (D-NY), Reid Ribble (R-WI), Keith Rothfus (R-PA), Paul Tonko (D-NY), as well as thirteen members of the German Bundestag.

Major Convenings

The Third Annual Women of Color in Transatlantic Leadership Forum: Changing the Face of Foreign Affairs

December 6, 2019

Washington, DC

GMF hosted the Third Annual Women of Color in Transatlantic Leadership Forum at the Mead Center, home of the Arena Stage. The forum included panels consisting of accomplished women of color in a variety of sectors and professions. The focus of the event was on how to create a pipeline to encourage women of color to continue pursuing opportunities to advance the international and transatlantic component of their leadership. Additionally, a roundtable was held with leading voices in foreign affairs and national security issues in the U.S. Congress, which consisted of Representatives Veronica Escobar (D-TX), Deb Haaland (D-NM), Brenda Lawrence (D-MI), Gwen Moore (D-WI), and Lauren Underwood (D-IL). The event was attended by over 100 people.

Paris Inclusive Leadership Summit

September 18-20, 2019

Paris, France

GMF's Transatlantic Inclusive Leadership Network hosted a summit with the objective to explore and study the practice of inclusive leadership. Reta Jo Lewis, senior fellow and director of Congressional Affairs, moderated a panel on, "Women in Transatlantic Leadership: Transatlantic Strategy Exchange" which focused on strategies women leaders are deploying to advance in national politics in the United States and Europe. GMF also hosted two congressional staffers: Eliza Ramirez, legislative director for Representative Tom Malinowski (D-NJ), and Emily Benavidez, deputy communications director for Senator Rob Portman (R-OH).

Brussels Forum 2019

June 27-29, 2019

Brussels, Belgium

In 2019, GMF held its annual Brussels Forum, where American and European policymakers debated the most critical challenges facing the transatlantic community. In its 14th year, Brussels Forum conversations centered around global disruptions: the rising competition with authoritarian powers such as China and Russia, the urgency of a coherent climate change strategy, the increasing polarization of U.S. and European politics, and the unprecedented effects on society and security posed by the proliferation of technology.

Brussels Forum 2019 featured a congressional delegation led by Senator Roy Blunt (R-MO) and Representatives Suzan DelBene (D-WA) and Mark Green (R-TN), as well as eleven senior congressional staffers.

Diversifying Diplomacy: A Conversation with Women of Color Leaders of the State Department

May 17, 2019

Washington, DC

GMF hosted a panel discussion with three high-level political appointee women from the Department of State, Dr. Kiron Skinner, director for policy planning and senior adviser; Mary Elizabeth Taylor, assistant secretary for legislative affairs; and Dr. Yleme D.S. Poblete, assistant secretary of state for arms control, verification, and compliance. The discussion focused on the importance of increasing opportunities for women of color in foreign policy, as well as to bring the discussants' unique perspectives into the conversation.

NATO Engages: The Alliance at 70

April 3, 2019

Washington, DC

GMF hosted NATO Engages: The Alliance at 70, which commemorated NATO's 70th anniversary. This event preceded the NATO foreign ministers' meeting on April 4. In conjunction with the Atlantic Council and Munich Security Conference, GMF hosted Senators Chris Murphy (D-CT) and Jean Shaheen (D-NH) and Representatives Mike Turner (R-OH) and Gerry Connolly (D-VA) as featured speakers.

The Second Annual Women of Color in Transatlantic Leadership Forum: Diversifying Defense, Diplomacy, and Development

October 4, 2018

Washington, DC

GMF held the Second Annual Women of Color in Transatlantic Leadership Forum to discuss the foreign policy and national security issues most pressing to the transatlantic space, and to encourage women of color to continue pursuing opportunities to advance the international and transatlantic component of their leadership. The event was attended by over 80 people.

Brussels Forum 2018

March 8-10, 2018

Brussels, Belgium

In 2018 GMF hosted its annual Brussels Forum, where American and European policymakers debated the most critical challenges facing the transatlantic community. In its 13th year, Brussels Forum 2018 set out to encourage policymakers and experts to work together to directly confront these challenges and propose new visions in support of strong transatlantic cooperation and the liberal international order. Over three days of policy dialogue and debate, conference attendees analyzed the reasons for the breakdown of trust within and between societies and strove to find new ways to build strong partnerships and networks to support our long-fostered democratic ideals. GMF featured a congressional delegation consisting of Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT), and Representatives Brenda Lawrence (D-MI), Mike Turner (R-OH), Suzan Delbene (D-WA), and Gregory Meeks (D-NY), as well as congressional staffers from the House and Senate.

Brussels Forum 2017

March 23-25, 2017

Brussels, Belgium

In 2017, GMF hosted its annual Brussels Forum, where American and European policymakers debated the most critical challenges facing the transatlantic community. In its 12th year, Brussels Forum 2017 brought together 500 global leaders and opinion makers for three days of action-oriented discussion and debate on how the transatlantic community can move beyond complacency and bring about much needed change in the face of populists movements, growing inequality, and uncertainty across the Atlantic. GMF featured a congressional delegation consisting of then Senators John McCain (R-AZ), chairman of the Armed Services Committee, and Ron Johnson (R-WI), chairman of the Homeland Security Committee and the Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation, as well as congressional staffers.

The Atlantic Dialogues 2016

December 14-16, 2016

Marrakesh, Morocco

The 2016 Atlantic Dialogues featured then Governors Brian Sandoval (R-NV) and Jack Markell (D-DE). The Atlantic Dialogues brought together over 350 high-level public and private sector leaders from around the Atlantic Basin for three days of discussion on cross-regional issues including security, economics, migration, and energy. The dialogues provided a unique platform to discuss and debate the issues of the present and future among participants from North and South America, Africa, Europe, and Asia.

The First Annual Women of Color in Transatlantic Leadership Forum: Advancing Women of Color in Transatlantic Leadership

September 29, 2016

Washington, DC

GMF held the first annual Women of Color in Transatlantic Leadership Forum to discuss how to promote opportunities for women of color to advance the transatlantic and international component of their leadership in the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

The forum featured remarks by Representative Sheila Jackson Lee (D-TX), House Committee on Homeland Security, and 75 distinguished leaders from across the United States.

Brussels Forum 2016

March 18-20, 2016

Brussels, Belgium

In 2016, GMF hosted its annual Brussels Forum, where American and European policymakers debated the most critical challenges facing the transatlantic community. In its 11th year, Brussels Forum 2016 reflected the growing diversity of issues at the core of the transatlantic relationship, as well as the increasing geographic reach of transatlantic cooperation. This included discussion sessions on broad themes, such as the global financial crisis, Russia, and Afghanistan. Breakout sessions explored challenges like Asia, the Middle East, and climate change. GMF featured Senators Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH) and Jeff Sessions (R-AL) and Representative Mike Turner (R-OH). By bringing together politicians, thinkers, journalists, and business representatives, Brussels Forum helps to shape a new transatlantic agenda toward changing global realities and new threats.

Congressional Staff Salons Series

Congressional Staff Salon Series: Brexit

October 11, 2019

Washington, DC

Dr. Rosa Balfour, GMF Brussels senior fellow, led a discussion for congressional staffers on the United Kingdom and the Brexit vote. With no clear consensus on how to structure a viable Brexit deal and the possibility of national elections further complicating efforts to decode the future of U.K.-E.U. relations, Dr. Balfour offered her insight on how the Brexit process would unfold.

Congressional Staff Salon Series: New Turkey, New Challenges?

October 4, 2019

Washington, DC

GMF, in partnership with the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, conducted a briefing with experts on Turkey's recent local elections and their effects on the international political landscape. Ozgur Unluhisarcikli, director of GMF Ankara; Kadri Tastan, TOBB senior fellow; and Jonathan Katz, senior fellow at GMF, provided their insights on the challenges and future outlook of Turkey.

Congressional Staff Salon Series: Transatlantic Technology

July 26, 2019

Washington, DC

Karen Kornbluh, GMF director of Digital Innovation and Democracy Initiative and senior fellow, and Victoria Espinel, president and CEO of Software.org, hosted congressional staff members for a briefing on the obstacles and opportunities for digital innovation in the transatlantic community. The briefing also served as an opportunity to discuss the third annual 2019 Transatlantic Technology Congressional Delegation (TTCD) in Berlin, Germany, and Brussels, Belgium.

Congressional Staff Salon Series: Prospects for Transatlantic Cooperation on China

March 15, 2019

Washington, DC

GMF convened congressional staffers to discuss the necessity of transatlantic cooperation on addressing expanding Chinese influence. Jamie Fly, director of the Asia Program, and Andrew Small, senior transatlantic fellow, gave remarks on these China's role in this space.

Congressional Staff Salon Series: David Ignatius of the Washington Post

December 7, 2018

Washington, DC

GMF held a briefing for congressional communications professionals, including communications directors, press secretaries and speechwriters, with David Ignatius to discuss framing foreign policy issues, transatlantic cooperation, commitment to NATO, and coordination with international bodies, such as the European Union.

Congressional Staff Salon Series: Central European Futures: Five Scenarios for 2025

November 28, 2018

Washington, DC

GMF held a briefing with GMF experts Joerg Forbrig and Wojciech Przybylski on the report “Central European Futures: Five Scenarios for 2025”, mapping out the key political, socioeconomic, and international trends of the region, to a group of congressional staffers. Jonathan Katz moderated the discussion.

Congressional Staff Salon Series: Countering Authoritarian Interference in Democracies

September 7, 2018

Washington, DC

The Alliance for Securing Democracy (ASD) and the Congressional Affairs team held a lunch briefing to discuss strategies outlined in “The Policy Blueprint for Countering Authoritarian Interference in Democracies,” published by ASD. Discussion centered on the publication’s outline of whole-of-government and whole-of-society strategies for countering this ongoing threat. Additional topics include recommendations for Congress, the Executive Branch, the private sector, and civil society to defend against and deter authoritarian interference in our democracy and raise the cost on those who wage these operations against us.

Congressional Staff Salon Series: Briefing on Turkey

May 10, 2018

Washington, DC

GMF hosted a Congressional briefing on the current state of affairs in Turkey, including Turkey’s upcoming snap elections, U.S.-Turkish relations, and the role of civil society in Turkey today. The discussion featured Özgür Ünlühisarcikli, director of GMF’s Ankara Office; Alina Inayeh, director of GMF’s Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation; and

Jonathan D. Katz, GMF senior fellow.

Congressional Staff Salon Series: Briefing on the Current State of Affairs in Poland

May 7, 2018

Washington, DC

GMF hosted a discussion on the current state of affairs in Poland in conjunction with the Helsinki Commission. The discussion featured Michal Baranowski, director of GMF's Warsaw Office, who spoke to congressional staffers regarding relevant issues in Poland.

Congressional Staff Salon Series: Information, Security, and New Opportunities in the Digital Age

May 2, 2018

Washington, DC

GMF hosted a discussion with congressional staffers on digital issues that American and European policymakers are facing in the digital age. The discussion focused on privacy, security, regulation, and how emerging technologies present challenges, as well as opportunities, for economic growth and collaboration. The discussion featured Dr. Heidi Tworek, non-resident GMF fellow and assistant professor of international history at the University of British Columbia.

Congressional Staff Salon Series: Engaging with the Transatlantic Community

February 23, 2018

Washington, DC

GMF hosted a briefing for congressional schedulers, and legislative assistants, aides, and correspondents. The briefing introduced staff to the work of the German Marshall Fund, and included discussion on opportunities for congressional staff and their offices to exchange with their European counterparts, discuss best practices, and engage with transatlantic issues. GMF Experts Luca di Preso, Filip Vojvodic Medic, and Nicola Lightner served as the featured speakers and delivered comments on their respective programs.

Congressional Staff Salon Series: The 2017 German Elections

October 13, 2017

Washington, DC

Following the 2017 German elections, GMF hosted an event with congressional staffers on the current state of coalition talks, the implications of the AfD's electoral success for Chancellor Merkel's ability to govern, the future of German foreign policy, and the

implications for the transatlantic relationship. The discussion featured Thomas Kleine-Brockhoff, vice president and director of GMF's Europe Program; Christoph von Marschall, Helmut Schmidt Fellow; and Dr. Karen Donfried, president of GMF.

Congressional Staff Salon Series: Data Privacy, Cybersecurity, and the Digital Economy

August 25, 2017

Washington, DC

GMF and Software.org hosted a discussion with Ambassador Daniel Sepulveda, former deputy assistant secretary of state; and Victoria Espinel, CEO of BSA, the Software Alliance; and Amy Studdart, GMF fellow. The discussion focused on current trends in digital policy in the United States and Europe and the implications for the transatlantic relationship.

Congressional Staff Salon Series: The 2017 French Election

May 10, 2017

Washington, DC

Dr. Alexandra de Hoop Scheffer, GMF's Paris office director and senior transatlantic fellow, provided an analysis of the 2017 French election results and the potential consequences on the transatlantic relationship and the importance of the 2017 presidential election on France's domestic and international policy.

Congressional Staff Salon Series: The European and Global Security Landscape

February 10, 2017

Washington, DC

Dr. Karen Donfried, GMF president, Derek Chollet, GMF executive vice president, and Stefan Fröhlich of the Transatlantic Academy, spoke on the future of NATO, EU cooperation on defense, the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, the West's relations with Russia, and the war in Syria.

Congressional Staff Salon Series: European Security Challenges

October 19, 2016

Washington, DC

GMF hosted a discussion with a team of its directors on the security challenges facing Europe both internally and externally. Topics included issues relevant at the time, such the influx of refugees, concerns of terrorism, and Russia's aggressive foreign policy.

Congressional Staff Salon Series: The 2016 Brexit Vote - What's Next?

June 24, 2016

Washington, DC

The day after the Brexit vote, GMF hosted a discussion with Dr. Karen Donfried, president, Ivan Vejvoda, senior vice president, and Sir Michael Leigh, senior fellow, to brief congressional members and staffers on the result of the vote and the implications it will have on the United Kingdom, the European Union, the United States, and the greater transatlantic community.

Policy Briefings & Events

Antwerp Maritime Strategy Group

October 3, 2019

Antwerp, Belgium

Congressman Hank Johnson (GA-D), Congressional PORTS Caucus, joined senior officials from European Union institutions and the members states, parliamentarians, academics, media for the strategy group as a featured speaker ATHT EH 2019 Antwerp Maritime Strategy Group Summit. The strategy group is a premier platform to shape the transatlantic agenda on maritime policy. Discussions between participants related to developments in global trade, political and strategic trends, security risks, and social change.

Senate Baltic Freedom Caucus Roundtable

September 6, 2019

Washington, DC

GMF and the Senate Baltic Freedom Caucus, in conjunction with the office of Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA), hosted a roundtable for congressional staffers that featured three deputy cabinet-level representatives from the Baltic states: Janis Garisons, the state secretary for the ministry of defense of Latvia; Kristjan Prikk, the permanent secretary for the ministry of defense of Estonia; and Vytautas Umbrasas the vice-minister of national defense of Lithuania. This roundtable provided the opportunity to openly exchange views on the threats posed by Russia and China, avenues for future transatlantic cooperation, and a vision for future U.S. leadership in the Baltic states and Europe.

U.S. Helsinki Commission Readout on OSCE PA and 116th Congress Priorities

August 1, 2019

Washington, DC

GMF hosted a roundtable conversation with Alex Johnson, chief of staff for the commission on security and cooperation in Europe (U.S. Helsinki Commission). Mr. Johnson provided an overview and analysis of the recent 2019 OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's Annual Session in Luxembourg, which included the largest bipartisan, bicameral U.S. congressional delegation in history.

Congressional Transatlantic Leadership Intensive

March 29, 2019

Washington, DC

GMF hosted a one-day, intensive leadership seminar for senior congressional staff from the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate that focused on institutional and emerging challenges in the transatlantic space along with broader global leadership efforts in peace and security initiatives.

New Congressional Members Dinner

March 5, 2019

Washington, DC

To celebrate the freshmen members of the 116th U.S. Congress, GMF hosted an intimate dinner conversation with three new members of Congress and members of the European diplomatic community. The conversation allowed the members to engage with both European diplomats and GMF experts to discuss the issues most pressing to the transatlantic relationship. The attendees included Representatives Abigail Spanberger (D-VA), Andy Kim (D-NJ), and David Joyce (R-PA).

Congressional Speaker Series: Senator Mark Warner for the Launch of the Digital Innovation and Democracy Initiative

February 27, 2019

Washington, DC

Senator Warner (D-VA), vice chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee, keynoted GMF's launch of the Digital Innovation and Democracy Initiative. Senator Warner discussed the rapidly changing international digital landscape and how new technologies may be harnessed to facilitate progress in the transatlantic policy community.

Congressional Speaker Series: "The State of the Homeland" featuring Congressman Bennie Thompson

February 26, 2019

Brussels, Belgium

Congressman Thompson (D-MS), chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security, was featured to discuss the committee's legislative priorities for the 116th Congress and the current state of the homeland.

Roundtable with Governor Phil Murphy and European Ambassadors on Subnational Diplomacy

February 25, 2019

Washington, DC

GMF hosted Governor Murphy (D-NJ) and members of the European ambassadorial community for an intimate discussion on subnational diplomacy and its increasing importance in global affairs. As the former U.S. ambassador to Germany, Governor Murphy provided a unique perspective on the nexus of international and subnational engagement.

Congressional Speakers Series: Senator Robert Menendez on “Transatlantic Relations in a Changing World”

February 18, 2019

Brussels, Belgium

GMF hosted Senator Menendez (D-NJ), ranking member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, in Brussels, Belgium. Senator Menendez spoke on the crucial role the transatlantic alliance plays in global affairs and the importance of preserving that partnership.

Understanding America, the National Urban League

February 12, 2019

Washington, DC

GMF hosted the National Urban League in order to discuss the German Marshall Fund’s work around “Understanding America,” election interference and voter suppression. Marc Morial, president and CEO of the Urban League, announced his plans to engage in a series of speeches on the broader issues of Democracy and Civic Engagement, as well as on election interference and fighting the efforts by foreign actors to suppress minority voting in the lead up to the 2020 elections.

Relaunch of the Congressional EU Caucus Event

January 15, 2019

Washington, DC

Dr. Karen Donfried, GMF’s president, participated in a panel with the EU Ambassador to the United States, David O’Sullivan, and other experts on the cooperation efforts between the United States and the European Union. This event was held in celebration of the Congressional EU Caucus being relaunched by its co-chairs, Representatives Joe Wilson (R-SC) and Gregory Meeks (D-NY).

Congressional Speakers Series: Senators Jean Shaheen and Ron Johnson on National Security

December 4, 2018

Washington, DC

The Alliance for Securing Democracy (ASD) and the Congressional Affairs team held a mapping lunch with Senators Shaheen (D-NH), Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and Senator Johnson (R-WI), chair of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs, to discuss how Russia's interference operations pose a national security threat to the United States and democracies across the transatlantic community. ASD also presented its new interactive tool that analyzes Russian interference operations over the past two decades.

National Governors Association Gubernatorial Elections Readout

November 27, 2018

Washington, DC

GMF partnered with Scott Pattison, then executive director of the National Governors Association, to discuss the implications of the 2018 midterms on the United States' political landscape, especially within state and local leadership, as well as the greater leadership role of governors in international affairs. Attendees included staff from the private sector, U.S. government, and the ambassadorial community.

ASD Briefing with the House Committee on Homeland Security

October 5, 2018

Washington, DC

Laura Rosenberger and Jamie Fly, co-directors of ASD, provided a briefing on malign foreign influence on the upcoming 2018 midterm elections, to a group of senior congressional staffers on the House Committee on Homeland Security.

ASD Policy Book Launch on Capitol Hill

June 26, 2018

Washington, DC

ASD launched their Policy Blueprint on Countering Authoritarian Interference in Democracies on Capitol Hill. This comprehensive, bipartisan report made recommendations for government and various pillars of democratic society – civil society organizations, the private sector, including tech companies and media organizations – to

defend democracy from foreign interference. Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) gave the keynote address, followed by a panel discussion with former U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Mike Chertoff that was moderated by Michael Morell, former acting CIA director. The ASD Policy Blueprint was presented by ASD co-directors Laura Rosenberger and Jamie Fly, and deputy director David Salvo.

Post-Election Congressional Briefing Call on Turkey

June 25, 2018

Washington, DC

GMF held a briefing call with Ozgur Unluhisarcikli, director of GMF's Ankara Office, for congressional staffers, which focused on and analyzed the results of Turkey's 2018 General Elections.

Governors Dinner with the European Ambassador Community

June 21, 2018

Washington, DC

GMF co-hosted a dinner conversation with the National Governors Association (NGA) during the 2018 SelectUSA Investment Summit. Following the NGA's recent launch of NGA Global, an initiative on which the NGA has worked closely with GMF, and building upon GMF's continued engagement of subnational leaders, the dinner brought together U.S. governors and European ambassadors to discuss increasing economic investment and global trade opportunities at the state level.

Strong Cities Network Launch of the Public-Private Partnership Task Force Against Hate

January 24, 2018

Washington, DC

GMF partnered with the Institute for Strategic Dialogue to launch a Public-Private Partnership Task Force Against Hate. The event combined an international delegation of experts and mayors from across the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Ireland, Italy, and Germany on the margins of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. The event was attended by over 25 mayors from the U.S. and Europe

Congressional Speaker Series: Senator Ben Cardin and Representative Will Hurd

January 10, 2018

Washington, DC

ASD hosted a two-part discussion with Senator Cardin (D-MD), ranking member of the

Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and Representative Hurd (R-TX), member of the House Committee on Homeland Security. The conversation featured Senator Cardin, where he spoke on ASD's report, "Putin's Asymmetric Assault on Democracy in Russia and Europe: Implications for U.S. National Security." In addition, Representative Hurd spoke on the report Russia's threat to U.S. national security. Former U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff moderated both sessions.

Transatlantic Technology Roundtable with Peter Chase

November 30, 2017

Washington, DC

GMF hosted a briefing with Peter Chase, senior fellow GMF Brussels, for members of the Congressional Technology Staff Association (CTSA). Peter's conversation convened congressional staff for a conversation on a broad swath of transatlantic technology issues including data flows, Privacy Shield, and cybersecurity priorities.

Understanding Europe with Pavol Demes

November 14, 2017

Washington, DC

GMF hosted an event with Pavol Demes, senior non-resident fellow GMF Bratislava, and Jonathan Katz, senior fellow GMF Washington, DC. The roundtable discussion provided an overview of strengthening democracy, resiliency, and civil society across Europe.

A Conversation with California Governor Jerry Brown

November 9, 2017

Brussels, Belgium

GMF hosted then California Governor Jerry Brown in a discussion about the critical importance of U.S. states, cities, and the private sector in leading the way on the climate agenda, and the benefits and interests of a strong transatlantic cooperation at the sub-national level for meaningful climate actions and leadership. Over 140 individuals from the private, think tank, government, and non-profit sectors attended.

NATO Ambassadorial Roundtable

October 25, 2017

Washington, DC

GMF hosted the NATO Ambassadorial Roundtable on Capitol Hill in cooperation with Representatives Michael Turner (R-OH) and Gregory Meeks (D-NY). Discussions centered on current and future foreign and security challenges. This off-the-record discussion served

as a unique platform for NATO member state ambassadors to discuss the current role of Congress in U.S. foreign policy and European expectations for U.S. leadership in the transatlantic security partnership. The roundtable was attended by Representatives Carol Shea-Porter (D-NH), Marcy Kaptur (D-OH), Mike Gallagher (R-WI), Brad Wenstrup (R-OH), and Ted Deutch (D-FL). In addition to the members of Congress, the discussion convened 18 Ambassadors, nine deputy chiefs of mission, and ten Senate staffers.

Black Republican Association Briefing

October 6, 2017

Washington, DC

GMF held a convening with the Black Republican Association that covered an overview of GMF and the importance of the European Union and NATO to the transatlantic relationship.

The Role of European Allies in the Trump-Era NATO Program

June 28- 29, 2017

Washington, DC

GMF held a seminar that brought together European experts and officials to engage with Representatives of the Trump administration, as well as Congress and the U.S. strategic community, to foster a discussion on the future of the transatlantic defense cooperation. The seminar explored the strategic priorities of the new administration and how those priorities may influence the future role of NATO in transatlantic and global security. The dinner audience consisted of approximately 30 high-level American and European security experts, strategic thinkers, policymakers, and representatives from the defense industry. The seminar featured a keynote speech by then Congressman Rob Pittenger (R-NC).

American Leadership in the World 70 Years after the Marshall Plan

June 27, 2017

Washington, DC

GMF hosted an event on Capitol Hill to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Marshall Plan. Dr. Karen Donfried, GMF president, discussed U.S. leadership in the world 70 years after the Marshall Plan with Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT), Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and then Congressman Charlie Dent (R-PA), co-chair of the Congressional Study Group on Germany.

Working Dinner on Security and Stability in Europe

June 14, 2017

Washington, DC

GMF hosted a working dinner with Congressman Steve Cohen (D-TN), Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, and Congressman Joe Wilson (R-SC), House Committee on Foreign Affairs, focused on perspectives on transatlantic cooperation towards security and stability in Europe. The dinner was hosted with 30 high-level experts from the United States, Germany, and other European Union member states.

An Enduring Legacy: the Marshall Plan 70 Years Later

May 9, 2017

Washington, DC

GMF hosted a discussion with Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), EU Ambassador to the United States David O'Sullivan, and Bundestag Minister Niels Annen on the Marshall Plan and its central role in transatlantic relations.

Congressional Speakers Series: Senator Dan Sullivan on Chinese Outbound Investment

April 25, 2017

Washington, DC

As part of a broader effort to encourage transatlantic cooperation and information sharing in response to Chinese investment, GMF hosted an event focused on Chinese overseas investment through a presentation and roundtable discussion, in addition to a keynote address from Senator Sullivan (R-AK).

New Congressional Members Dinner

February 7, 2017

Washington, DC

GMF hosted its New Congressional Members Dinner, which served as an introduction to GMF's work for freshman members of Congress. In attendance were ambassadors and deputy chiefs of mission from Slovenia, France, Spain, Greece, Bulgaria, Iceland, Norway, Cyprus, Portugal, Belgium, the United Kingdom, Germany, and the European Union.

Congressional Speakers Series: Developments in the Transatlantic Space with Representative Jim Sensenbrenner

December 13, 2016

Brussels, Belgium

GMF hosted a roundtable discussion in Brussels that featured Representative Sensenbrenner (R-WI), House Committee on Foreign Affairs, and moderated by Susan Ness, FCC Commissioner. The discussion focused on important developments in the transatlantic space, such as data and privacy.

A Conversation on Advancing the Transatlantic Partnership at the Democratic National Convention

July 25-28, 2016

Philadelphia, PA

During the 2016 Democratic National Convention, GMF co-hosted an event with the Latino Victory Foundation to discuss transatlantic relations and its importance in U.S. politics. The event featured Senator Chris Murphy (D-CT), member of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and Andy Rabens, special adviser for Global Youth Issues at the U.S. Department of State. In attendance were a diverse group of GMF stakeholders and Marshall Memorial Fellows, demonstrating GMF's growing reach across regions and generations.

Republican National Convention: Advancing the Transatlantic Partnership

July 18-21, 2016

Cleveland, OH

During the 2016 Democratic National Convention, GMF co-hosted an event with Global Cleveland to discuss transatlantic relations and its importance in U.S. politics. The event featured Senator Bob Corker (R-TN), chair of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. The event was hosted in cooperation with the U.S. Department of State. In attendance were over 70 ambassadors, GMF Marshall Memorial Fellows, and Cleveland luminaries. Senator Bob Corker (R-TN), chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, offered compelling remarks in favor of the United States' global engagement and leadership.

Congressional Testimonies

**Lora Berg Testimony to the U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:
“Public Diplomacy, Democracy, and Global Leadership”**

December 5, 2019

Washington, DC

Lora Berg, senior fellow, testified before the U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (U.S. Helsinki Commission) regarding Public Diplomacy, Democracy, and Global Leadership. Her testimony focused on the importance of public diplomacy initiatives in advancing inclusive leadership.

Susan Corke Testimony to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment: “Democracy and NATO Alliance: Upholding our Shared Democratic Values”

November 13, 2019

Washington, DC

Susan Corke, senior fellow and director of the Transatlantic Democracy Working Group testified before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, Energy, and the Environment on fundamental role of NATO to American security. Her testimony stressed the need for NATO to remain relevant in order to confront current challenges, such as reinforcing democratic principles and support non-performing members accountable.

Jonathan Katz Testimony to the U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: “Reform in Armenia”

October 22, 2019

Washington, DC

Jonathan Katz, senior fellow, testified before the U.S. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (U.S. Helsinki Commission) on his examination of reform in Armenia. Katz’s testimony outlined the historic transformation Armenia has undergone since the Velvet Revolution and the need to support Armenia in working toward democratic reform.

Laura Rosenberger Testimony to House Committee on Foreign Affairs: “Undermining Democracy: Kremlin Tools of Malign Political Influence”

May 21, 2019

Washington, DC

Laura Rosenberger, ASD director and senior fellow, testified before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs concerning the Kremlin’s undermining of democracy through avenues, such as asymmetric tools to undermine democratic institutions as a means of weakening Europe, the United States, and transatlantic ties.

Peter Chase Testimony to Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: “Privacy Rights and Data Collection in a Digital Economy”

May 7, 2019

Washington, DC

Peter Chase, senior fellow, testified before the Senate Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee regarding the European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation and other approaches to data privacy. His testimony focused on the European Union’s General Data Protection Regulation, its provisions, and implementations.

Dr. Karen Donfried Testimony to the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations: “NATO at 70: Partnership in the 21st Century”

April 2, 2019

Washington, DC

Dr. Karen Donfried, GMF president, testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the longevity and resilience of the NATO alliance. Dr. Donfried credited NATO with its ability to adapt and remain relevant to a changing strategic landscape and meet the resulting new challenges.

Derek Chollet Testimony to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs: “NATO at 70: An Indispensable Alliance.”

March 13, 2019

Washington, DC

Derek Chollet, executive vice president and senior advisor for Security and Defense Policy, testified before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs on the importance of maintain the NATO Alliance and the challenges for the future. Chollet testified on the modern challenges NATO faces, such as territorial defense, alliance commitments, public support, and enduring commitment to common security.

Dr. Evelyn Farkas Testimony to House Committee on Financial Services: “The Use of Sanctions and Economic Statecraft in Addressing U.S. National Security and Foreign Policy Challenges”

February 12, 2019

Washington, DC

Dr. Evelyn Farkas, senior fellow, testified before the House Financial Service Committee regarding the use of sanctions and economic statecraft in addressing U.S. national security and foreign policy challenges.

Laura Rosenberg Testimony to Senate Select Committee on Intelligence: “Foreign Influence Operations and their use of Social Media”

August 1, 2018

Washington, DC

Laura Rosenberg, Alliance for Securing Democracy director and senior fellow, testified before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on how foreign actors, such as Russia, can influence the United States through targeted social media campaigns. Rosenberg gave an in depth report on what exact means Russia uses to manipulate the information space for their own agendas.

Derek Chollet Testimony to Senate Committee on Foreign Relations: “NATO: Reviewing the Agenda and Assessing the Potential Outcomes of the Warsaw Summit”

June 23, 2016

Washington, DC

Derek Chollet, then GMF counselor and senior advisor for Security and Defense Policy, testified before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on what priorities and goals of the 2016 NATO Warsaw Summit. Chollet testified that defense on NATO’s eastern and southern flank, as well as fostering relationships around the Mediterranean, must be the priorities of the Summit.

Ivan Vejvoda Testimony to House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats: “U.S. Policy Towards National Self-Determination Movements

March 15, 2016

Washington, DC

Ivan Vejvoda, then GMF senior vice president of programs, testified before the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats on how the United States can help further self-determination across the globe. Vejvoda gave insight on how self-determination was furthered in Europe after the end of communism and how the European Union has helped with this endeavor.