

**Previous Events 2016-2017**  
**Congressional Affairs**  
**German Marshall Fund of the United States**

**Major Convenings**

**2017 Transatlantic Technology Congressional Delegation**

Brussels, Belgium and Munich, Germany  
October 16-20, 2017

A joint project of GMF and Software.org, the first Transatlantic Technology Congressional Delegation (TTCD) enables Members of Congress and their staff to engage directly with stakeholders in politics and industry on topics relating to 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 American and European economies and TTCD is designed to help promote digital synergies and opportunities.

**2017 Congress-Bundestag Forum Chief of Staff Study Tour**

Berlin and Hamburg, Germany  
August 28-September 1, 2017

The 2017 annual Chief of Staff Study Tour allowed ten Chiefs of Staff to engage directly with German policymakers, industry leaders, and journalists in the run-up to the upcoming German parliamentary elections. Facilitated conversations on topics such as migration, intelligence sharing and counterterrorism, Germany's role in the world, globalization and trade, and cybersecurity allowed participants to gain further appreciation for the importance of the transatlantic relationship.

**Brussels Forum 2017**

March 23-25, 2017  
Brussels, Belgium

Brussels Forum 2017 featured Senators John McCain, Chairman of the Armed Services Committee, and Ronald Johnson, Chairman of the Homeland Security Committee and the Subcommittee on Europe and Regional Security Cooperation. The Forum provides a venue for the transatlantic community to address pressing issues. By bringing together leading politicians, thinkers, journalists, and business representatives, Brussels Forum helps to shape a new transatlantic agenda toward changing global realities and new threats.

**14th Annual Congress Bundestag Forum**

Schloss Elmau and Berlin, Germany  
February 19-23, 2017

The 14th annual Congress Bundestag Forum, a joint project of the German Marshall Fund and the Robert Bosch Stiftung, took place from February 19-23 in Schloss Elmau and Berlin, Germany. Participating in the Forum were members of the United States House of Representatives and members of the German Bundestag. Delegation members participated in facilitated conversations on topics including 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.

### **The Atlantic Dialogues 2016**

December 14-16, 2016

Marrakesh, Morocco

The 2016 Atlantic Dialogues featured Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval and Delaware Governor Jack Markell. Also in attendance were senior Congressional staffers. The Atlantic Dialogues brings together around 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. With participants from North and South America, Africa, Europe, and Asia, the Dialogues provide a unique platform to discuss and debate the issues of the present and future.

### **Brussels Forum 2016**

March 18-20

Brussels, Belgium

Brussels Forum 2016 featured Senators Jeanne Shaheen and Jeff Sessions and Congressman Michael Turner. Brussels Forum provides a venue for the transatlantic community to address pressing issues. By bringing together leading politicians, thinkers, journalists, and business representatives, Brussels Forum helps to shape a new transatlantic agenda toward changing global realities and new threats.

### **13th Annual Congress Bundestag Forum**

West Point and New York City, New York

February 26 – March 1, 2016

The 13th annual Congress Bundestag Forum, a joint project of the German Marshall Fund and the Robert Bosch Stiftung, took place from February 26 through March 1 in West Point and New York City, New York. Participating in the Forum were members of the United States House of Representatives and members of the German Bundestag. Delegation members participated in facilitated conversations on topics including countering terrorism and radicalization, improving 21st century energy sources, strengthening transatlantic cooperation, and the upcoming U.S. presidential election.

## **Policy Briefings & Events**

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

August 25, 2017

Washington, D.C., USA

As the world grows more connected and more reliant on the Internet and the data derived from its users, new challenges are arising around the protection of privacy, the security of citizens, and the government's role in regulating the digital sphere. While technology presents challenges in the areas of security, economy, and foreign policy, it also presents unique opportunities for economic growth and collaboration across borders. Given the complexity of issues surrounding cybersecurity, data privacy, and the digital economy, The German Marshall Fund and Software.org hosted a discussion on August 25 with Ambassador Daniel Sepulveda, former deputy assistant secretary of state, and Victoria Espinel, CEO of the Business Software Alliance, moderated by 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.

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

June 28- 29, 2017

Washington, D.C., USA

With a keynote speech by Congressman Rob Pittenger, this private seminar brought together a group of European experts and officials to engage with representatives of the new US administration, as well as the Congress and the US strategic community, to foster a discussion on the future of the transatlantic defense cooperation.

### **American Leadership in the World 70 Years after the Marshall Plan**

June 27, 2017

Washington, D.C., USA

At the EU Delegation Marshall Plan Event, GMF President Dr. Karen Donfried discussed American leadership in the world 70 years after the Marshall Plan with Senator Chris Murphy and Congressman Charlie Dent.

### **Security and Stability in Europe**

June 14, 2017

Washington, D.C., USA

Congressman Steve Cohen and Congressman Joe Wilson spoke at a working dinner focused on perspectives on transatlantic cooperation towards security and stability in Europe. The dinner was hosted for 30 high-level experts from the United States, Germany, and other European Union member states.

### **Congressional Staff Salon Series: French Election Briefing**

May 10, 2017

Washington, D.C., USA

Due to the importance of the 2017 Presidential election on France's domestic and international policy, Dr. Alexandra de Hoop Scheffer, GMF's Paris office director and senior transatlantic fellow, provided an analysis of the election results and the potential consequences on the transatlantic relationship to a group of Congressional staff members.

### **An Enduring Legacy: the Marshall Plan 70 Years Later**

May 9, 2017

Washington, D.C., USA

Senator Jeanne Shaheen joined EU Ambassador David O'Sullivan and Bundestag Minister Niels Annen for a discussion on the Marshall Plan and its central role in transatlantic relations.

### **Chinese Outbound Investment**

April 25, 2017

Washington, D.C., USA

As part of a broader GMF effort to encourage transatlantic cooperation and information sharing in response to Chinese investment, this event focused on Chinese overseas investment through a presentation and roundtable discussion, in addition to a keynote address from Senator Dan Sullivan.

### **Congressional Staff Salon Series: The European and Global Security Landscape**

February 10, 2017

Washington, D.C., USA

In our most widely attended Congressional Staff Briefing of 2017, GMF president Dr. Karen Donfried, GMF executive vice president and senior advisor for security and defense policy Derek Chollet, and Stefan Fröhlich of the Transatlantic Academy spoke on key issues including the future of NATO, EU cooperation on defense, the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, the West's relations with Russia, and the war in Syria.

### **New Congressional Members Dinner**

February 7, 2017

Washington, D.C., USA

The annual New Congressional Members Dinner served as an introduction to GMF's work to New Members of the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress. In addition to the Members in attendance, the dinner also hosted Ambassadors and Deputy Chiefs of Mission.

### **Roundtable at GMF Brussels Office**

December 13, 2016

Brussels, Belgium

A roundtable discussion was held at GMF's Brussels Office with Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner and FCC Commissioner Susan Ness to discuss important developments in the transatlantic space.

### **Congressional Staff Salon Series: European Security Challenges**

October 19, 2016

Washington, D.C., USA

This staff salon featured a lunch discussion on the security challenges facing Europe both internally and externally, including but not limited to the influx of refugees, concerns about terrorism, and Russia's aggressive foreign policy.

### **Global Impact: Advancing Women of Color in Transatlantic Leadership**

September 29, 2016

Washington, D.C., USA

As part of GMF's Global Impact series, this convening – attended by Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee and 75 distinguished leaders from across the U.S. – focused exclusively on promoting opportunities for women of color to advance the transatlantic and international component of their leadership in the public, private, and non-profit sectors.

### **Democratic National Convention: Advancing the Transatlantic Partnership**

July 25-28, 2016

**Featured Speaker:** Senator Chris Murphy, Committee on Foreign Relations

### **Republican National Convention: Advancing the Transatlantic Partnership**

July 18-21, 2016

**Featured Speaker:** Senator Bob Corker, *Chairman*, Committee on Foreign Relations

### **Congressional Staff Salon Series on Brexit Vote: What's Next?**

June 24, 2016

Washington, D.C., USA

The day after Brexit, GMF hosted a salon series to brief Congressional Members and Staffers on the result of the vote and the implications it will have on the UK, the European Union, the United States, and the greater transatlantic community.