The U.S. – EU Digital Agenda
A Trans-Atlantic Business Council and K&L Gates Symposium

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<td>A long-time and distinguished EU official, he has served in a number of senior official posts in the European public service. Prior to his appointment as Ambassador, he was head of and established the EU's new diplomatic service, the 'European External Action Service'. Other notable and senior positions within the European Commission include Director General for Trade (2005-2010); Secretary General of the European Commission (2000-2005); and Head of Commission President Prodi’s Cabinet (1999-2000). Before joining the Commission, he started his career with the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (1977-1979).</td>
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**Moderator**

Bruce J. Heiman, Partner, K&L Gates, Washington, D.C.

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2:00 p.m. - 2:50 p.m.  
**Panel Discussion**  
**Data Privacy**

**Moderator**

Ignasi Guardans, Partner, K&L Gates, Brussels

**Panelists**

Claude-Étienne Armingaud, Partner, K&L Gates, Paris, and a Certified Information Privacy Professional in Europe  
Melika Carroll, Senior Vice President of Global Government Affairs at the Internet Association  

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2:50 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
**Panel Discussion**  
**Taxation of Digital Companies**

The panel will consider the current status of proposals to tax digital services in the European Union.

**Moderator**


**Panelists**

Tomas Baert, Head of Trade and Agriculture of the Delegation of the European Union to the United States  
Lafayette G. ("Chip") Harter, Deputy Assistant Secretary (International Tax Affairs), Office of the International Tax Counsel, United States Department of the Treasury  
Grace Perez-Navarro, Deputy Director, Center for Tax Policy and Administration, The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development  
Pierre-Olivier Pollet, Tax Attaché for North America, Embassy of France to the United States
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**Regulation of Digital Companies**

**Moderator**
Bruce J. Heiman, Partner, K&L Gates, Washington, D.C.

**Panelists**
Robert D. Atkinson, President, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation
Ignasi Guardans, Partner, K&L Gates, Brussels
Maneesha Mithal, Associate Director, Division of Privacy and Identity Protection, United States Federal Trade Commission
Speaker Bios

In alphabetical order

Claude-Étienne Armingaud, CIPP/E
Partner
K&L Gates, Paris

Claude-Étienne Armingaud is a partner in the firm’s Paris office and a member of the Commercial Technology & Sourcing practice group. His practice relies on extensive experience in understanding technological and structural processes, which allows for innovative approaches to solidify his client’s business models and protect their intangible assets.

He advises clients active in the digital industries, with a particular interest in innovative services and notably Fintech and blockchain-based services, connected cars and automotive sector, data optimization and valuation, notably in the IoT sector.

He has notably been involved in the connected car ecosystem, on R&D projects relating to experimentation of autonomous cars, partnership agreements for the development of in-car connected services and the assistance of value-added service startups for the negotiation of the CNIL/French Data Protection Authority’s compliance package for the connected car. He is a regular speaker about the legal aspects pertaining to the connected car, notably at the Connected Car Conference in Paris and the Connected Mobility Conference in Lille.

He also assists clients with their General Data Protection Regulation (“GDPR”) compliance process, including risk analysis and contractual implementation of data processing services.

Robert Atkinson
President
Information Technology & Innovation Foundation

As founder and president of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF), recognized as the world’s top think tank for science and technology policy, Robert D. Atkinson leads a prolific team of policy analysts and fellows that is successfully shaping the debate and setting the agenda on a host of critical issues at the intersection of technological innovation and public policy.

He is an internationally recognized scholar and a widely published author whom The New Republic has named one of the “three most important thinkers about innovation,” Washingtonian Magazine has called a “tech titan,” Government Technology Magazine has judged to be one of the 25 top “doers, dreamers and drivers of information technology,” and the Wharton Business School has awarded him the “Wharton Infosys Business Transformation Award.”
A sought-after speaker and valued adviser to policymakers around the world, Atkinson’s books include Big is Beautiful: Debunking the Mythology of Small Business (MIT Press, 2018); Innovation Economics: The Race for Global Advantage (Yale, 2012), and The Past And Future Of America’s Economy: Long Waves Of Innovation That Power Cycles Of Growth (Edward Elgar, 2005). He also has conducted groundbreaking research projects and authored hundreds of articles and reports on technology and innovation-related topics ranging from tax policy to advanced manufacturing, productivity, and global competitiveness.

President Clinton appointed Atkinson to the Commission on Workers, Communities, and Economic Change in the New Economy; the Bush administration appointed him chair of the congressionally created National Surface Transportation Infrastructure Financing Commission; and the Obama administration appointed him to the National Innovation and Competitiveness Strategy Advisory Board. He also has served as co-chair of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy’s China-U.S. Innovation Policy Experts Group; as a member of the U.S. Department of Commerce’s National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship; and on the U.S. State Department’s Advisory Committee on International Communications and Information.

Atkinson holds a Ph.D. in city and regional planning from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where he was awarded the prestigious Joseph E. Pogue Fellowship. He earned his master’s degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Oregon, which named him a distinguished alumnus in 2014.

Tomas Baert
Head of Trade and Agriculture
Delegation of the European Union to the United States

Tomas Baert is the head of the Trade and Agriculture section at the Delegation of the European Union to the United States, based in Washington, DC.

Between 2016 and 2018, Tomas was the Head of Unit for Trade Strategy at the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Trade (DG Trade) in Brussels. He lead the team responsible for the development and implementation of the 2015 Trade for All strategy and the 2017 Communication on A balanced and progressive trade policy to harness globalisation. In this capacity, he also coordinated DG Trade's work on questions relating to the withdrawal of the UK from the EU, including the preparatory discussions on the future EU-UK trade relationship.

Prior to becoming a Head of Unit, from 2014 to 2016, Tomas was an assistant to Director-General for Trade Jean-Luc Demarty, advising on a number of trade priorities such as the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and World Trade Organisation (WTO) negotiations in the run-up to the tenth Ministerial Conference in Nairobi, Kenya.

Between 2010 and 2014, Tomas was based in Geneva where he acted as a first secretary and spokesperson at the Permanent Mission of the EU to the WTO, handling multilateral negotiations on intellectual property rights, rules and competition policy. He was also the EU’s coordinator in Geneva for the ninth WTO Ministerial Conference in Bali, Indonesia.

Tomas joined the European Commission in 2005 as a trade negotiator on services trade and investment, responsible for EU-China and EU-US trade files, including the setting-up of the EU-US
investment dialogue under the Transatlantic Economic Council. From 2007 to 2010, he was responsible for the new EU investment policy, as exclusive competence was obtained in 2009.

Before joining the European Commission, from 2002-2005, Tomas worked as a government affairs representative for US multinational DuPont on EU policy and regulatory questions relating to chemicals, biotechnology and trade. In 2001, he researched the emergence of regulatory barriers to trade at the International Trade Policy Unit of the London School of Economics.

Tomas holds an MSc from the London School of Economics (LSE) and an MA from the Catholic University of Leuven (KUL), Belgium. He spent a term at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland and completed the Mastering Trade Policy program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Mary Burke Baker
Government Affairs Counselor
K&L Gates, Washington, D.C.

Mary Burke Baker is a government affairs counselor in the Washington, D.C. office where she leads the tax policy practice. Mary focuses on federal tax matters affecting businesses, including domestic and multinational corporations and all types of pass-through entities, and individuals. Her practice covers tax policy, tax reform, regulatory and other guidance, tax administration, and technical tax issues, with particular emphasis on corporate and pass-through issues, accounting methods, information reporting, Reports of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR) compliance, and emerging cryptocurrency issues. Since enactment of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) in December, 2017, Mary has particularly focused on the Opportunity Zone program and is a frequent speaker on the topic throughout the United States.

Mary advocates on behalf of clients and consults with and advises Congressional, U.S. Treasury, and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) staff on numerous domestic and international tax and tax policy issues, including the new Opportunity Zone program, implementation of business and individual provisions in the TCJA, and emerging cryptocurrency tax compliance concerns. She stays abreast of current tax policy developments on Capitol Hill and around the world and keeps clients informed with timely, relevant, and informative updates, including political insights and analysis regarding the significance of these developments. She helps clients identify and assess risks and opportunities in the ever-changing legislative and regulatory environment and develops and executes strategies to achieve desired legislative and administrative outcomes. She offers technical analysis and drafts comment letters in response to regulatory projects, working groups, and other tax policy initiatives. During the multi-year tax reform debate, Mary lead the Cash to Accrual Coalition and the Like-kind Exchange Coalition. She serves on the steering committee of the LIFO Coalition. She assists individual taxpayers who are participating in the IRS Offshore Voluntary Compliance Program to comply with FBAR and Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) filing requirements.

Mary serves on the Board of Directors of the Real Tax Policy Group, which features biweekly sessions with top Administration and Congressional tax officials. She also serves on the Board of Directors of Time of Grace, an international media ministry.
Melika Carroll
Senior Vice President, Global Government Affairs
Internet Association

Melika Carroll is Senior Vice President of Global Government Affairs at Internet Association. Carroll leads the advocacy team that is responsible for the association’s domestic and international political strategy and outreach to government officials.

Throughout her career in government and the private sector, Carroll has developed an in-depth expertise in domestic and international technology policy. Before joining IA, she was Policy Advisor for U.S. Senator Schatz (D-HI), the Ranking Member of the Senate Commerce Committee’s Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, Innovation and the Internet. Prior to the Senate, Carroll was a member of and led global government affairs teams including at Intel, Micron, HP, and Salesforce while based in either Washington, DC or Brussels. Carroll began her career in politics in Canada, working for the Prime Minister of Canada as well as Members of the Canadian Parliament and began working on technology policy in Brussels. Carroll graduated from the University of Ottawa in Canada and holds a Master in European Affairs from the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium.

Carroll is an Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University and the co-founder and former chairwoman of the Global Women’s Innovation Network, GlobalWIN.org. She is a Star Trek and Star Wars fan who regularly quotes both the Borg and Chewbacca.

Peter Davidson
General Counsel
U.S. Department of Commerce

As the General Counsel for the Department of Commerce, Peter B. Davidson is the legal advisor to the Secretary of Commerce and the Department’s Chief Legal Officer. Mr. Davidson recently served as a Senior Vice President at Verizon Communications, and prior to that, as General Counsel to the United States Trade Representative. He also has served as a Vice President at USWEST and Qwest, General Counsel and Policy Director to the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, Attorney-Advisor in the Office of Legal Counsel of the Department of Justice, a director at the United States Information Agency, and law clerk on the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. Mr. Davidson graduated from Carleton College and the University of Virginia School of Law, where he served as Notes Editor on the Law Review.

Bart Gordon
Partner
K&L Gates – Washington, D.C.

Mr. Gordon joined K&L Gates as partner in the Washington, D.C. office after 26 years representing the state of Tennessee in the United States House of Representatives. Mr. Gordon served as Chairman of the House Committee on Science and Technology from 2007 to 2010. Mr. Gordon was also a senior member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and served on the House Committee on Financial
Services and the House Committee on Rules, Transatlantic Parliamentary Dialogue, and NATO Parliamentary Assembly.

Mr. Gordon is a member of the Tennessee bar and the District of Columbia bar. He also serves as the United States Director of the Trans-Atlantic Business Council.

Ignasi Guardans, PhD, is a Partner in the firm’s Brussels office, and is registered as a lawyer at the Barcelona Bar. After some years of academic activity in Spain he joined later a large Spanish law firm, dealing with foreign investment and international contracts, in particular in the field of IP law. In 1996 he started a career in public service taking him to assume different elected responsibilities, in Spain and at the European Union (Spanish Parliament, European Parliament and Spanish Government). His experience combined a deep involvement in international relations and international trade with an intense involvement in legislation drafting and policy practice related to Technology, Media & Telecom.

Since 2014 he advises clients in EU policy and regulatory matters; and when applicable he collaborates with other Partners of the firm in matters involving Spanish law or Spanish clients.

Chip Harter is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Tax Affairs in the Office of Tax Policy at the US Department of the Treasury. In this capacity, he is responsible, on behalf of the Assistant Secretary, for the conduct of legal and economic aspects of tax policy relative to the representation of the United States in bilateral and multilateral relations with other countries, as well as advising the legal and economic staffs within the Office of Tax Policy, other offices of the Treasury Department and other government agencies as to policy analysis and interpretation for domestic legislation and administrative guidance in all matters involving cross border taxation. Mr. Harter serves as the U.S. delegate to the Committee on Fiscal Affairs (CFA) in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (the OECD). In addition, Mr. Harter oversees the Office of Tax Policy’s participation in the various working bodies of the CFA and sits on the CFA Bureau (the CFA’s governing body). Mr. Harter also serves as the U.S. delegate to the Global Forum on Transparency.

Prior to joining Treasury, Mr. Harter was a principal in the Washington National Tax Practice of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. During his 18 years with PwC, he engaged in a broad international tax practice advising a numerous clients on a range of issues, including structuring both inbound and outbound ventures, the establishment of efficient international structures, the formation of joint ventures and private equity funds and international mergers and acquisitions. He served as a national technical resource of PwC on tax issues relating to international financial transactions. During the 18 years prior to his joining PwC, Mr. Harter was first an associate and then a partner with the law firm of Baker &
McKenzie, practicing first in its Chicago and then in its Washington D.C. office. His practice with Baker & McKenzie included both tax litigation and a broad international transactional practice.

He is a member of the American Bar Association Tax Section, the District of Columbia Bar Association Tax Section, and the International Fiscal Association. Mr. Harter has published numerous articles on international tax topics and has regularly spoken on panels on international tax issues at leading tax conferences. He graduated from Harvard College in 1977 and the University of Chicago Law School in 1980, where he was comments and articles editor on the managing board of The University of Chicago Law Review. After graduating, he clerked for the Honorable Thomas McMillen of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Bruce J. Heiman
Partner
K&L Gates – Washington, D.C.

For over 20 years, Mr. Heiman has engaged in a wide-ranging federal counseling and lobbying practice on behalf of leading clients in the information technology industry. He also assists a range of companies understand the laws and policies applying to their Internet and e-commerce activities. He is one of two Practice Area Leaders of K&L Gates’ Policy and Regulatory Practice. He is nationally ranked as a top government relations lawyer by both Chambers USA and The Legal 500.

Mr. Heiman is a recognized authority on cyber security and privacy policy issues. He was counsel to the private sector coalition that led the fight to liberalize export controls on American encryption products. He has worked with a leading trade association to ensure that efforts to promote cyber security and protect critical information infrastructure are market-driven and industry-led.

He has been actively involved in formulating practicable privacy policies, helping companies prevent and respond to data breaches, protecting intellectual property rights, improving the delivery of government services while preventing unfair competition with the private sector and opposing governmental regulation of the Internet.

He also has been working on issues of whether and how the government should regulate the development of Artificial Intelligence, as well as advising companies on the application of AI to their industry. He also has been examining legal issues involving the use of blockchain.

Mr. Heiman writes and speaks frequently on current industry political and legal developments.

Previously, he served as Legislative Director and Trade Counsel to U.S. Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan of New York from 1984 to 1987.

He first joined the firm in 1980 after graduating with degrees in law and public policy from Harvard Law School and Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government.

Mr. Heiman is a member of and previously served on the Board of the Capitol Historical Society.
Maneesha Mithal  
**Associate Director, Division of Privacy and Identity Protection**  
United States Federal Trade Commission

Maneesha Mithal is the Associate Director of the Federal Trade Commission’s Division of Privacy and Identity Protection, which focuses on consumer privacy, data security, and credit reporting issues. In this capacity, she has managed significant initiatives, including reports on consumer privacy, facial recognition, and mobile privacy disclosures, and workshops on the Internet of Things and mobile device tracking. She has testified before Congress on data security, facial recognition, and identity theft. She has also supervised Commission investigations that resulted in consent orders, including against companies such as Google, Facebook, Twitter, Lifelock, Equifax, and HTC.

Ms. Mithal has held numerous positions at the Commission, including Chief of Staff of the Bureau of Consumer Protection, and Assistant Director of the International Division of Consumer Protection. Prior to joining the Commission 1999, Ms. Mithal was an attorney at the Washington law firm of Covington & Burling. Ms. Mithal earned her law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center and her undergraduate degree from Georgetown University.

David O'Sullivan  
**Ambassador to the United States**  
EU Delegation

David O’Sullivan was appointed Ambassador and Head of the European Union Delegation to the United States in Washington, D.C. from November 2014. As Ambassador, Mr. O’Sullivan oversees the EU’s bilateral relationship with the U.S. including political, economic and commercial affairs.

A long-time and distinguished EU official, he has served in a number of senior official posts in the European public service. Prior to his appointment as Ambassador, he was head of and established the EU’s new diplomatic service, the ‘European External Action Service’. Other notable and senior positions within the European Commission include Director General for Trade (2005-2010); Secretary General of the European Commission (2000-2005); and Head of Commission President Prodi’s Cabinet (1999-2000). Before joining the Commission, he started his career with the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (1977-1979).

He is a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin and the College of Europe (Bruges), and holds Honorary Doctorates from the Dublin Institute of Technology and Trinity College Dublin. He was awarded the EU Transatlantic Business Award by the American Chamber of Commerce in 2014.

Grace Perez-Navarro  
**Deputy Director**  
OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration

Grace Perez-Navarro is the Deputy Director of the OECD’s Centre for Tax Policy and Administration. As such, she plays a key role in the Base Erosion and Profit Shifting (BEPS) Project, improving international tax cooperation, tackling illicit financial flows, promoting better tax policies and engaging developing countries in OECD tax work.
Since joining the OECD in 1997, she has held several key positions, including having led the OECD’s work on bank secrecy, tax and e-commerce, harmful tax practices, money laundering and tax crimes, the tax aspects of countering bribery of foreign officials, and strengthening all forms of administrative cooperation between tax authorities.

Prior to joining the OECD, Ms. Perez-Navarro was a Special Counsel at the IRS Office of the Associate Chief Counsel (International) where she was responsible for coordinating guidance provided to field offices on international tax issues, overseeing litigation of international tax issues, negotiating TIEAs, overseeing the drafting of regulations, rulings and other policy advice and participating in treaty negotiations. In 1993, she was seconded by the IRS to the OECD to launch the revision of the OECD’s Transfer Pricing Guidelines.

Pierre-Olivier Pollet
Tax Attaché for North America
Embassy of France to the United States

Mr. Pollet, currently the Tax Attaché for North America at the French Embassy in Washington DC since the summer of 2017, has worked in various capacities in the French tax administration for over 20 years, forging his expertise in French employee-related policies, international tax laws, and public tax management.

As a senior officer at the French Tax Policy Directorate, Mr. Pollet was in charge of the tax policy on wages, pensions, stock options, and employee savings plans and started to collaborate on specific issues with the international department of this Directorate. Later, Mr. Pollet joined this department and was in charge of the international tax policy for the OECD countries. He was also directly involved in the design of the FATCA Model A of intergovernmental agreement and in the signature of the FATCA agreement between France and the US. In addition, as an officer at the tax administration, he had already worked in the large international businesses tax auditing sector for several years.

Mr. Pollet developed extensive experience in the internal control area as well, as an internal auditor and as a risk manager within the tax administration. His experience and expertise led to his participation in several missions for international cooperation (Palestine, Lebanon, and Cameroon). These experiences have given him a comprehensive understanding of diverse domestic and international tax matters, from the perspective of both a tax lawyer and a manager of a public organization.

Mr. Pollet studied Law at the University of Lille (France). He earned a master’s degree in Law and completed advanced studies in Contract Law. He received the Barrister diploma in 1996 as well and studied tax law in the tax law school of the French tax administration in 1998.

João Rodrigues
Legal Advisor
European Parliament Liaison Office in Washington, D.C.

João Rodrigues is, since January 2018, the legal adviser of the European Parliament Liaison Office in Washington D.C.

He studied at the Law School of the University of Lisbon (Portugal), where he got
his law degree. He also holds a diploma on European Studies from the University of Paris I Panthéon- 
Sorbonne and a Master of European Legal Studies from the University of Nancy (France).

João joined the Legal Service of the European Parliament in 2004, where he provided legal advice to 
the parliamentary committees responsible for energy, environment, public health, food safety, and 
telecommunications. He also defended the European Parliament in litigation before the European Court 
of Justice in over 30 cases.

In 2015-2016 he was the coordinator for digital issues in the Legal Service.

In 2016-2017 he was the EU Visiting Fellow at Yale University, with a research project on the 
precautionary principle, in particular in the field of food safety and chemicals.

João has participated in several conferences and been invited to present different subjects of EU 
institutional law, including ethics and transparency, at the European Institute of Public Administration 
(EIPA), the Academy of European Law, the American University (Washington, D.C.), and Yale 
University.

Since taking up his functions in D.C., he has been invited to talk in several events about data protection 
and online privacy (Capitol Hill, Privacy+Security Forum, etc).
Public Policy and Law
The K&L Gates Public Policy and Law group has the right legal and policy team to assist clients in an evolving, rapidly changing political environment, partnering with them to maximize opportunities while managing risks and challenges.

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74% of chief legal officers and general counsel say REGULATORY OR GOVERNMENTAL CHANGES ARE THEIR MAIN CONCERN.

Source: Association of Corporate Counsel’s Chief Legal Officers Survey, 2018.

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“They are very knowledgeable in terms of the substance of laws and regulations, and are also very good at helping to develop strategies on complex issues.”

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**Ranked by Legal 500 since 2015, who have stated:** “**CLIENTS CAN RELY ON A RAPID, PROFESSIONAL RESPONSE ACROSS THE PUBLIC POLICY SPECTRUM.”**

Members of the team have also been individually acknowledged as **“TOP LOBBYISTS” by The Hill newspaper.**

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Our team provides **ASSISTANCE TO SENIOR EXECUTIVES AND C-SUITE EXECUTIVES** of public and private organizations of all sizes and across a range of industries.
As part of the firm’s Global Government Solutions® (GGS) platform, our European public policy group advises clients on how to better understand and shape regulatory and legislative actions affecting their businesses. In this brochure, we outline our approach to European public policy and market access issues.

**K&L Gates: Your Policy Partner in Europe**

No international company or organisation can ignore the impact of European Union (EU) law on its business. The EU has grown to become a regulatory giant that produces countless regulations directly applicable to citizens and businesses. Between 70 and 80 percent of all legislation at a national level is wholly or partially dictated by EU law. This percentage is even higher when considering business-relevant legislation.

The EU machine should not be solely seen as a source of constraints and burdensome obligations for an industry. The EU is a modern organisation at the forefront of the principles of transparency and proportionality coupled with a consultation culture (in particular, industry consultation). It is precisely this culture, mixing bureaucracy and transparency, which has created EU institutions that will embrace technical, economic, and legal arguments presented by industry partners. Come with convincing and credible arguments, and Brussels will listen to you.

Most of our Brussels lawyers have previously worked in one or more of the EU institutions, and have firsthand experience with the regulatory and policy procedures of the EU. Our experience and network enables us to facilitate access to decision-makers, not only in Brussels, but equally in European capitals. To support your company and progress your commercial objectives, we provide four key services: intelligence gathering, advocacy, regulatory advice (EU and national), and market access strategies.

Our philosophy is to develop a deep understanding of your business, allowing us to act as a partner who focuses on your business goals—whether in targeted interventions, strategic projects, or long-term representation. In addition, K&L Gates’ global reach of fully-integrated offices across Europe, North America, the Middle East, Asia, Australia, and South America, including 13 world capitals, allows us to develop and execute coordinated strategies in multiple locations.
**Advocacy and Relationship Building: Your Voice and Counsel in Times of Regulatory Change**

EU regulations, directives, and policy decisions are not created in a laboratory. They are the result of a necessary balance between economic and societal aspirations defined by politicians, sometimes motivated by ideology, and the different public and private interests at stake. In times of greater transparency in public institutions, decision-makers are more than ever interested in listening to those voices that can deliver a clear, efficient, credible, and substantiated message. In the field of policy and regulation, it is the solidity and depth of your arguments that will make a real difference. K&L Gates’ policy lawyers understand both the political processes and the need for politically sensitive advocacy, but we also provide guidance on the decision-making rules and we are able to assess the consequences of proposed regulatory changes compared to the current legal framework.

**Intelligence Gathering: Awareness on Your Behalf**

Our intelligence gathering service provides legal monitoring services in the EU by delivering tailor-made reporting covering key areas of interest to our clients. Through this service, you receive a steady flow of timely and concise information on priority issues, highlighting developments in real-time. This enables you to identify potential regulatory or compliance developments that present risk or opportunities to your business. If necessary, we are able to then help you with the advocacy and relationship-building activities needed to forward your interests (see next section). We offer this intelligence service at varying levels of intensity, ranging from basic reporting to detailed analysis and insight.

**K&L Gates Can:**

1. Represent or assist you in formulating advocacy around the main issues you are concerned about in front of decision makers; e.g; the European Commission, the European Parliament and other stakeholders in Brussels or in European capitals.

2. Draft and deliver your opinion in written or oral form, having developed strong policy messages supported by credible legal and technical arguments.

3. Set up a global strategy, bringing our deep knowledge of the decision-making process and complicated regulatory framework together with your experience on the needs and challenges of your industry.
Commission and EU agencies also play their own role in the implementation and enforcement of laws and administrative decisions. This can impact EU and national markets, as well as individual companies directly.

Our aim is to help your company navigate the regulatory maze by identifying risks and opportunities in order to facilitate your commercial operations. We work with you on any issue related to the interpretation, implementation, and enforcement of a regulation or a decision related to EU law—whether this happens at EU or national levels. Although examples can be as diverse as economic and industrial reality, our services include:

- legal analysis and advice on the regulatory framework involving your industry;
- getting another country’s government (for example the U.S.) to support your fair access to the EU market;
- exploiting free trade rules in the EU (competition, internal market, rules liberalising specific sectors) to claim your legitimate access to the market;
- exploiting international trade agreements (WTO, GATS, OECD, UN agreements, bilateral agreements, and others) to support your case for market access and for others to credibly intervene on your behalf;
- taking advantage of the political agenda—exploiting any opportunity (relevant meetings or negotiations between governments at various level) to raise your issues and promote your right to fair market access;
- working with your elected representatives (MEPs, national MPs, congressmen, or other representatives) to raise the problems that prevent fair market access in a specific country or region of the world.

More than 70 percent of the legislation applied in EU Member States has a direct or indirect origin in the EU legal system, even when enforced by national or regional authorities. However, the European

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**EU and National Regulatory Advice: Your Support in The Interpretation of EU Legislation and Its Implementation at a National Level**

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**Fair Market Access: A Profit-Generating Service for Your Company**

We assist our clients in strategic issues involving securing market access and protecting free trade for investments into the EU and from the EU to third countries. To do so, we use a combination of EU and domestic laws, international agreements, and public policy instruments. This innovative service was specifically created to deal with strategic projects (often commercial) that depend on or could benefit from government intervention.

Examples of strategic market access actions include:

- convincing the EU to be your champion in opening a market or protecting your market position in a third country;
- getting another country’s government (for example the U.S.) to support your fair access to the EU market;
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The Trans-Atlantic Business Council (TABC) is a business association formed by the 2013 merger of the TransAtlantic Business Dialogue (TABD) and the European American Business Council (EABC). The TABC provides the transatlantic business community’s input and views on key trade, financial, and commercial issues directly to senior members of government in the EU and U.S.

TABC provides the platform for development of common public policy positions and enables its members to provide business leadership on policy areas related to transatlantic trade and investment such as digital economy, energy, research and innovation, services and intellectual property protection. Additionally, TABC serves as the interlocutor between EU and U.S. government officials, legislators, the business community, and the broader public on these policy recommendations.

The transatlantic partnership faces increasing challenges, including the rise of political populism and economic nationalism, that threaten the liberal democratic principles, market integration, and international trading arrangements built under EU and U.S. leadership over the past 70 years. Sustained transatlantic leadership, including by the business community, is paramount to addressing these challenges and reinforcing common Western principles. Beginning in 2018, K&L Gates LLP has been tasked with providing administration and staffing for the TABC in Brussels and Washington, DC.

Benefits of TABC Membership

**The Only Truly Transatlantic Platform:** TABC provides a platform for EU and U.S. companies to develop common positions on policy issues impacting the transatlantic economic space. With representation in Brussels and Washington, TABC is uniquely positioned to fulfill this role.

**Engagement with Government Officials:** Through seminars, tailored meetings, official stakeholder fora, and submission of policy papers and public statements, TABC acts as a voice for its members by directly engaging the European Commission, the European Parliament, diplomatic representatives of EU and EFTA countries, as well as U.S. Executive Branch agencies (including the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and the Departments of Commerce, Energy, and State), the U.S. Congress, other business representatives, and the broader public in conversations that address relevant public policy issues.

**Networking:** TABC provides networking opportunities through direct engagement with government officials, legislators and staff, and other industry and NGO representatives via its formal events in Brussels and Washington.

**Experts in Brussels and Washington:** Our organization serves as an on-the-ground government relations team on transatlantic issues for member companies without representatives in Brussels or Washington, while adding value to the work of those companies with existing offices in Brussels and Washington.

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*Additional meetings and calls will be added later this year.*