About

The EU is represented in the United States by the Washington, DC Delegation of the European Union, which works in close coordination with the embassies and consulates of the EU member states.

We promote EU policies in the United States, which includes presenting and explaining EU actions to the U.S. Administration and Congress. By engaging with political actors, the media, academia, business, and civil society, we raise awareness of EU issues and concerns, and promote the importance of the EU-U.S. relationship among the American public. We also analyze and report on the political, social, and economic situation in the U.S. to our headquarters in Brussels.

Since 1964, the EU has also maintained an office in New York, which now serves as the EU’s Mission to the United Nations.

The European Union Delegation to the United States began in 1954 as a small two-person information office for the newly-formed European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC). Today, the EU Delegation is located at 2175 K Street NW and employs approximately 90 staff members, about 30 of whom are EU diplomats.

Learn more about the history of the EU Delegation in Washington, D.C.

Ambassador
Stavros Lambrinidis is the Ambassador of the European Union to the United States, as of March 1, 2019.

From 2012 to February 2019, he served as the European Union Special Representative for Human Rights.

In 2011, he was Foreign Affairs Minister of Greece.

Between 2004 and 2011, he was twice elected Member of the European Parliament (MEP) with the Greek Social Democratic Party (PASOK). He served as Vice-President of the European Parliament (2009-11), Vice-President of the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee (2004-09), and Head of the PASOK Delegation (2005-11).

Between 2000 and 2004, he was Director-General of the International Olympic Truce Centre, an
International Olympic Committee organization.

He served as Ambassador ad personam of the Hellenic Republic (1999-2004); Secretary-General of the Greek Foreign Ministry, responsible for Expatriate Greeks (1996-99); and Chief of Staff to the Greek Foreign Minister (1996).

Between 1988 and 1993 he worked as an Attorney at Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering in Washington, D.C., specializing in international trade, transactions, and arbitration.

Mr. Lambrinidis was born in Athens, Greece in 1962. He studied Economics and Political Science at Amherst College (Bachelor of Arts degree, 1984) and Law at Yale Law School (Juris Doctor degree, 1988), where he was also Managing Editor of The Yale Journal of International Law. He is a 1980 graduate of the Athens College High School in Greece. He is married and has a daughter.

Deputy Head of Delegation

Mr. Curtis joins the Delegation having served in the team of the EU’s Foreign Policy Chief, Federica Mogherini, advising her on a number of important foreign policy issues for the past 5 years including on Transatlantic relations.

He has had a long career in the European Union institutions working mainly on foreign policy and
external relations, trade, development and humanitarian issues. From 2004 to 2008, he worked as the EU Humanitarian Affairs Counsellor to the United Nations in New York. From 2000 to 2004, he worked on the team of the EU Commissioner for Development and Humanitarian Aid, Poul Nielson, first as Press Spokesperson then as a member of his Staff.

Mr. Curtis has also had two stints working for the European Commission’s Secretariat General focusing on relations with the EU Member States in the area of foreign policy and trade, then relations with the European External Action Service where he was closely involved with its setting up in 2010.

Mr. Curtis has a Bachelor’s degree in French and Politics from Leicester University in the U.K and a post-graduate Master’s degree in European Politics from the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium.

### Trade and Agriculture Section

The Trade and Agriculture section monitors trade and regulatory developments in the U.S., including agriculture. It works closely with the U.S. Administration, Congress, industry, and NGOs.

### Press and Public Diplomacy Section

The Press and Public Diplomacy section works to enhance awareness in the U.S. of the EU and its policies. From engaging on social media to responding to public inquiries, the section serves as the Delegation's first line of contact with the public and press. Maintaining close contact with U.S. media, the section provides up-to-date information and analyses of EU developments and positions. It produces a wide range of content and communications for the Delegation, from its publication on Medium to its podcast series – EU Now. Additionally, the section manages several education initiatives and other programs in support of the EU's policy agenda and organizes a variety of outreach activities, including policy-related events and conferences, major cultural festivals, study tours, and press briefings.

### Political, Security and Development Section

The Political, Security and Development section follows all aspects of the transatlantic agenda and closely monitors the work of Congress and the U.S. Administration on foreign, security, and development policy, counterterrorism, justice and home affairs, and human rights. The section maintains regular contact with a broad range of Washington-based NGOs, think tanks, and civil society organizations and serves as liaison between the EU and the international financial institutions and U.S. agencies based in Washington, D.C., for issues related to the development agenda: World Bank, International Monetary Fund, Inter-American Development Bank, and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). PSD also coordinates EU's role as permanent observer to the Organization of American States. For the section's work on the abolition of capital punishment, please visit the death penalty archive.
Global Issues and Innovation Section

The Global Issues and Innovation section monitors and analyzes U.S. political, economic, and regulatory developments in the areas of transportation, energy and environment, research and innovation, space, food safety (which includes plant and animal health and animal welfare), public health and healthcare, and consumer protection. The section facilitates both strategic high-level and bottom-up transatlantic cooperation. It works closely with the U.S. Administration, Congress, research universities, national laboratories, industry, consumer groups, and the U.S.-based EU Member States Counselors, liaising on all matters with the European Commission.

Economic and Financial Affairs Section

The Economic and Financial Affairs section monitors and assesses U.S. economic performance and liaises with U.S. authorities dealing with economic, financial and monetary issues. It also liaises with the International Monetary Fund, World Bank, and multilateral development banks in areas of interest to the EU.

Administration Section

The Administration Section is responsible for the provision of support services for Delegation staff, building, and residences, through the authorized allocation of budgetary resources; and liaising with appropriate authorities in the European Commission and the United States, including the U.S. State Department, on all protocol and administrative matters related to EU officials.

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