

EU stakeholders outreach on the TTC Working Group on Secure Supply Chains


13 December at 15:30 (Brussels time)

Virtual Event via WebEx

(Connection details will be shared with confirmed participants)

CONTEXT:

During the inaugural ministerial meeting of the EU-U.S. Trade and Technology Council (TTC) in Pittsburgh on 29 September 2021, the EU and the U.S. agreed to work together on expanding resilient and sustainable supply chains. A dedicated TTC Working Group on Secure Supply Chains was set up for this purpose.

The EU-U.S. [Pittsburgh Statement](#) , provides a general description of the scope of the work to be undertaken by this Working Group. It states that alongside the dedicated track on semiconductors, it will aim to advance respective supply chain resilience and security of supply in key sectors for the green and digital transition and for securing the protection of our citizens. A first focus will be on clean energy, pharmaceuticals, and critical materials. In connection with these sectors, the working group seeks to: increase transparency of supply and demand; map respective existing sectoral capabilities; exchange information on policy measures and research and development priorities; and cooperate on strategies to promote supply chain resilience and diversification.

Regarding semiconductors in particular, the Statement informs that the work will initially focus on short-term supply chain issues. Cooperation on mid- and long-term strategic semiconductor issues will begin in the relevant TTC working groups ahead of the next TTC meeting. In addition, in its Annex IV, the Statement elaborates on the principles and objective of such cooperation.

This event will be an opportunity for stakeholders to share their views, exchange with Commission representatives and further contribute to the work of the Secure Supply Chains Work Group. We welcome in particular input on the following questions:

1. What should be the main concrete objectives towards which this working group could work in your sector?
2. What actions would you propose to reach these objectives? For example, how could transparency of supply chains be reinforced? How could the EU and the U.S. cooperate to effectively increase supply chain resilience?

Stakeholders also have the possibility to submit their views, proposals and any additional questions on the future work of the TTC in general and of the Secure Supply Chains Working Group via the Commission platform Futurium: <https://futurium.ec.europa.eu/eu-us-TTC/WG3>.

Please note that contributions submitted via Futurium will be visible to all Futurium visitors.

REGISTRATION:

Registration to the event should be done exclusively via the online form available [here](#) or can be found on the Futurium platform by 9 December 2021, 17:00 CET.

AGENDA

I. Introductory Remarks (15 minutes)

R. Schlegelmilch (Co-Chair, DG TRADE, European Commission)

O. Slotboom (Co-Chair, DG GROW, European Commission)

L. Sioli (Co-Chair, DG CNECT, European Commission)

II. Focus on Semiconductors (30 minutes)

a. European Commission (DG CNECT) (5 minutes)

b. Q&A (25 minutes)

III. Focus on Critical Materials (30 minutes)

a. European Commission (DG GROW) (5 minutes)

b. Q&A (25 minutes)

IV. Focus on Pharmaceuticals (30 minutes)

a. European Commission (DG GROW) (5 minutes)

b. Q&A (25 minutes)

V. Focus on Solar Energy (30 minutes)

a. European Commission (DG ENER) (5 minutes)

b. Q&A (25 minutes)

VI. Next Steps/Conclusion (15 minutes)

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