

## Current Topics of the Policy Committees

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### **Corporate and Business Law Committee (CBLC)**

*Co-Chairs: Dr. Mark C. Hilgard, Mayer Brown LLP, +49 69 7941-2271;*

*Joachim Scholz, BASF SE, +49 621 60-45002*

*(Staff Contact: Karl Mallach)*

- analyzes, discusses and monitors questions relating to commercial and company law in transatlantic business operations
- aims to provide a forum for exchanging information and best-practices for its member companies
- it monitors legislative initiatives on both the European and national level
- the committee seeks to inform the media and expand its dialogue with decision-makers in Brussels and Berlin
- topics include amongst others: data protection, extra-territorial legislation, corporate governance, sovereign wealth funds, Chapter 11

### **Corporate Responsibility Committee**

*Chair: Uwe Kleinert, Coca-Cola GmbH, +49 30 22606-9434*

*(Staff Contact: Eva Funhoff)*

- positions and presents AmCham member companies and their CSR activities in the political and public debate
- engages in discussions and activities with other stakeholders
- provides a platform for networking and exchange of best-practices

### **Financial Services Committee**

*Chair: Volker Sach, FAZ Institut, +49 69 7591-2206;*

*Co-Chair: Rolf Maihöfer, Citigroup Global Markets Deutschland AG, +49 69 1366-5600*

*(Staff Contact: Bradford Elder)*

- takes a special interest in the promotion of a business- and investment-friendly financial legal framework in Germany
- informs about financial trends in the US and the EU and engages in policy discussions affecting the industry
- promotes corporate governance rules for both national and international investors
- investigates various approaches to takeover law

### **Government Relations Committee (GRC)**

*Chair: Hans-Peter Teufers, UPS Deutschland Inc. & Co. OHG, +49 30 2062989-89*

*(Staff Contact: Julia Pollok)*

- coordinates AmCham Germany's government relations activities
- maintains close contacts to the Bundestag and Bundesrat
- positions AmCham in federal and state elections
- promotes Germany as a business location ("Standort Deutschland")
- advocates the further liberalization of the telecommunications, postal, and energy markets

### **Health Care**

*Chair: Jeremy Morgan, Lilly Deutschland GmbH, +49 6172 273-2406;*

*Co-Chair: Günter Fortmann, LAWG, +49 2581 7876-33*

*(Staff Contact: Julia Pollok)*

- monitors the admission of pharmaceuticals/price control
- discusses the prescription of pharmaceuticals vs. the prescription of active ingredients
- follows patent protection of pharmaceuticals and generic medicines
- evaluates the import and export of pharmaceuticals

### **Business of Healthcare**

*Chair: Matthias Borst, Becton Dickinson GmbH, +49 6221 305-176*

*(Staff Contact: Julia Pollok)*

- focuses on the importance of innovation for the health care sector and its potential to enhance the efficiency of the German health care system
- engages in stakeholder discussions about the future of medical technology in Germany
- spreads information about innovations in the health care sector and the value of health technology for individual patients

### **Social & Labor Affairs**

*Chair: Gert Schröder, UPS Deutschland Inc. & Co. OHG, +49 6134 751-298;*

*Co-Chair: Caroline Bitsch, JUSTEM Rechtsanwälte, +49 69 7191894-176*

*(Staff Contact: Eva Funhoff)*

- encourages a deregulation of the labor market
- monitors European and national legislative initiatives
- promotes international personnel mobility, e.g. work permit regulations for foreign employees
- offers best-practice exchange on topics, such as "Intercompany Shared Services", "Matrixstrukturen", data protection, etc.
- releases position papers, such as "Labor Market 2009" including the following topics, minimum-wages, dismissal protection, works constitution law, laws governing non-discrimination, working time directive, immigration and posting of workers, data protection

### **Sustainability Committee**

*Chair: Dr. Ingrid Herzog, Dow Deutschland Inc., +49 30 2092-4170*

*Co-Chair: Dr. Wolfgang Dierker, GE Deutschland, +49 30 2092-4284*

*(Staff Contact: Eva Funhoff)*

- promotes the concept of sustainability
- monitors and evaluates environmental and energy policy issues
- engages in discussions on the "*Energiewende*" and future of mobility (including e-mobility, resource efficiency, bio-fuels, intelligent infrastructure concepts, etc.)
- promotes transatlantic cooperation in the field of research and technology
- follows the EU's activities regarding new environmental and energy legislation, as well as approaches to climate protection
- monitors new developments regarding the European directives WEEE, RoHS, and REACH

### **Tax**

*Chair: Felix Hierstetter, GE Deutschland, +49 89 309072-140  
 (Staff Contact: Patricia Limburg)*

- monitors and follows German and European tax legislation and offers constructive critique
- publication of various position papers regarding the current tax situation in Germany (e.g. Steuervergünstigungsabbaugesetz)
- keeps track of taxation of stock-options

### **Telecommunications, Internet, and Media (TIM)**

*Chair: Mike Cosse, Microsoft Deutschland GmbH, +49 30 39097-250  
 Co-Chair: Dr. Nikolaus Lindner, eBay GmbH, +49 30 80195-376  
 Co-Chair: Dr. Gunnar Bender, E-Plus Mobilfunk GmbH & Co. KG, +49 30 2196269-20  
 (Staff Contact: Julia Pollok)*

- follows developments in the German telecommunications, internet, e-commerce and media markets
- informs of current EU and US initiatives
- engages to expand broadband penetration in Germany
- closely follows and positions AmCham Germany on regulatory issues and topics such as data protection, IPR, liability of internet service providers and interoperability
- releases position papers such as "TIM Milestones – 10 Maßnahmen für Wachstum und Beschäftigung in der ITK-Branche"

### **Transatlantic Business Committee (TBC)**

*Chair: Ulrich Schmitz, ThyssenKrupp AG, Tel. +49 30 2094-5252  
 (Staff Contact: Anett Sachtleben)*

- follows current transatlantic developments and positions AmCham Germany regarding business topics such as the Transatlantic Economic Council (TEC) and the G8 and G20 Summits
- informs about current US policy developments
- promotes positive bilateral relationships between the US and German governments
- provides a platform for dialogue with US government representatives

*The descriptions broadly outline the activities of the AmCham policy committees. It is not meant to limit their roles. Each committee is encouraged to pursue additional issues that are related to its basic purpose. Committee chairpersons report regularly on the work of their committees to the president and the board. They shall be encouraged to work with other committees when responsibilities or goals overlap. Task Forces on specific issues of mutual concern are formed with representatives from more than one committee and meet on an ad hoc basis. AmCham Staff coordinates organization.*

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