

# Policy Committee Overview

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## Aerospace and Defense Committee

**Chairs:** James E. Monroe, Monroe Atlantic GmbH / Dr. Dirk Niebel, Rheinmetall

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The Aerospace and Defense Committee argues for closer transatlantic cooperation in the defense and security sectors. It serves as a forum for facilitating a robust political, governmental, and industrial dialogue on transatlantic aerospace and defense opportunities and issues. The committee's members argue for, among other things, more reliable export regimes and easier market access while closely monitoring the discussion surrounding key defense technologies. The committee's main goal is to raise awareness for the need for stronger, continuous, and open defense cooperation.

## Digital Policy Committee

**Chairs:** Dr. Guido Brinkel, Microsoft Deutschland / Nina Keim, Salesforce.com Germany

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The Digital Policy Committee is the voice of AmCham Germany's member companies in the field of telecommunications, internet, and media and aims to create fair competition as well as an innovation- and investment-friendly climate in those markets. Committee issues range from the extension of broadband infrastructure to data protection, digitization, innovation policy, copyright law, and cloud computing. To make its voice heard, the Digital Policy Committee publishes position papers and hosts breakfast discussions, parliamentary evening events, and lunches.

## Energy and Climate Committee

**Chair:** Dr. Birgit Ortlieb, Dow Deutschland / Benjamin Winter, GE Deutschland Holding

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The Energy and Climate Committee is the voice of AmCham Germany's members in the energy sector representing both energy producers and energy consumers. It monitors legislative developments in energy policy in Germany and the EU and engages in related political debates. The Committee advocates for frameworks that encourage investment and innovation and reflect a balanced approach based on ecological and economic considerations such as security of supply. On the national level and in the context of the German *Energiewende*, the committee advocates for a consistent and competitive sustainable energy policy that strengthens Germany as a business location. Recognizing that international cooperation is critical to overcoming energy and climate challenges, the committee provides a platform for transatlantic discourse on energy and climate issues.

## Healthcare and Life Sciences Committee

**Chairs:** Dr. Gerd Kräh, Lilly Deutschland / Dorothee Stamm, Medtronic

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The Healthcare and Life Sciences Committee represents the interests of all healthcare industries that are part of AmCham Germany's membership. Ranging from pharmaceutical research companies to medical technology and diagnostics as well as IT firms and the consumer health sector, the committee's mission is to speak with one voice for the entire healthcare sector. It addresses current topics and engages in stakeholder discussions on the future of the German healthcare market.

### **Tax Committee**

**Chairs:** Felix Hierstetter, GE Deutschland Holding / Christof Letzgus, PricewaterhouseCoopers

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The Tax Committee monitors debates on taxation issues in Germany and provides detailed, constructive suggestions to German policymakers to improve tax regulations. The committee is the strongest tax-focused lobbying group of inbound investors in Germany and maintains good relations across all parties with political leaders and administrative officials at the regional and federal levels. These connections form the basis for monitoring potential upcoming changes and opportunities emerging from the administration in Berlin. Through ongoing meetings, committee members maintain a continuous dialogue with numerous representatives from the German Ministry of Finance (BMF) as well as with political stakeholders from the German Parliament.

### **Trade Committee**

**Chairs:** Dr. Clemens Doepgen, Ford-Werke / Dr. Christina Gommlich, BASF

**Staff Contact:** [Philipp Mittag](#)

AmCham Germany's Trade Committee serves as a platform to articulate and convey the Chamber's position on transatlantic trade policy. The committee actively fosters dialogue by bringing together high-level stakeholders from the fields of business, industry, and politics. It monitors various issues ranging from the developments in EU-US trade relations, US sanctions and tariffs, the impact of USMCA, and Brexit negotiations. The Trade Committee combines AmCham Germany members' know-how with the Chamber's extensive network and experience in handling transatlantic trade and investment policy. By integrating the competencies and perspectives of both US and German member companies, the Trade Committee plays a vital role in the Chamber's engagement in the transatlantic trade discourse. The committee maintains strong ties with decision-makers in Berlin, Brussels, and Washington, D.C.

### **Corporate & Business Law Committee (Expert Group)**

**Chairs:** Dr. Denise Bauer-Weiler, UBS Europe SE / Dr. Robert Weber, Dentons Europe LLP

**Staff Contact:** [Milena Belogortseva](#)

The Corporate & Business Law Committee is an expert group that discusses relevant developments in the legal field from a transatlantic perspective. Previous speakers included representatives from the U.S. Chamber Institute for Legal Reform, USPTO IP Attaché Program as well as members showcasing the corporate standpoint and implications for companies in Germany and the United States. Contacts from AmCham Germany's member companies active in the law sphere (e.g. lawyers, counsels, etc.) are encouraged to participate and suggest topics of their interest.

### **Policy Coordination Committee**

As of January 2020 the committee has been dissolved. As AmCham Germany's Policy Advisors, Dr. Wolfgang Dierker (Apple) and Philipp Braun (3M), coordinate all advocacy activities beyond the committee-specific issues. If you have any questions, please reach out to [policy@amcham.de](mailto:policy@amcham.de)!

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