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U.S. Chamber Highlights

- May 22-25, U.S. Chamber Vice President for Homeland Security Andrew Howell, will travel to Belgium, Germany, Denmark and Greece to discuss the [challenges of balancing security and commerce](#) with European and American business representatives.
- On May 22, the U.S. Chamber will host a forum on [“The Telecommunications Economy: Internet Evolution and Innovation”](#). This event will be held in the US Capitol Building and will feature David Farber, Distinguished Career Professor of Computer Science and Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon University who will discuss the future of the Internet and the consequences of proposed net neutrality legislation on the Internet economy and technology.
- On May 23, Special Advisor for Europe and Eurasia, Kristal Alley, will address the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe’s (OSCE) 14th Economic Forum in Prague, Czech Republic. Ms. Alley will discuss the results of a U.S. Chamber sponsored study analyzing the [commercial feasibility of transporting cargo between China and Europe](#) overland via the historic ‘Silk Road’.
- On May 25, the National Chamber Foundation will hold a day-long conference in Washington, D.C. on: [Delayed, Not Cancelled: America's Aviation Crisis](#). This summit will address the problems plaguing the aviation industry, its impact on the national economy as well as local communities, and how to avoid a crisis.
- On May 26, the U.S. Chamber will hold a meeting with [Secretary of Commerce Carlos Gutierrez](#). The purpose of the meeting is to discuss structural issues of the U.S. Section of the North American Competitiveness Council (NACC). The NACC was set up by the heads of government of the United States, Mexico and Canada to provide recommendations on issues concerning North American competitiveness that could be addressed through the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America (SPP).
- On May 27, John Bachmann, U.S. Chamber Chair of the Executive Committee and Senior Partner for Edward Jones will address the [Annual Assembly for the Union of Turkish Chambers and Commodity Exchanges](#) in Ankara, Turkey.

American Chambers of Commerce Events & Activities

There are 41 American Chambers of Commerce (AmChams) in Europe and Eurasia which are affiliated with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Austria

- On June 6, the American Chamber of Commerce in Austria (AmCham Austria) will hold its 47th General Assembly. A dinner will take place following the meeting featuring Ambassador Gregory L. Schulte, U.S. Permanent Mission to International Organizations, who will speak about: *"Iran's Nuclear Program – The Diplomatic Challenge"*.
- On June 20, AmCham Austria will hold a luncheon featuring **Mr. Thomas J. Donohue**, President and CEO, U.S. Chamber of Commerce.
- For further information on AmCham Austria please visit their web page is www.amcham.or.at.

Azerbaijan

- The American Chamber of Commerce in Azerbaijan (AmCham Azerbaijan) is delighted to announce its *2nd Annual Black & White Ball*, which will take place on May 27. The program includes: a poolside cocktail reception; four course dinner; dancing to live music; and a surprise prize draw including return business class tickets and other valuable prizes.
- For more information on AmCham Azerbaijan contact chamber@amchamaz.org.

Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania)

- On May 22–23, the American Chambers of Commerce in Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania will hold a *"U.S. Business Investment and Trade Mission to the Baltic States"*. Events will take place in Riga, Latvia with follow-up activities in Tallinn, Estonia and Vilnius, Lithuania. This Forum follows successful conferences in December, 2004 in London, England and March, 2005 in Washington, D.C. It is specifically designed to facilitate network development and B2B match-making between U.S. and Baltic business partners. The aim is to reveal the advantages of

doing business in or from the Baltic States and create new opportunities for U.S. businesses.

- More details about this mission, a program and on-line registration are available at www.usabalticinvestment.com.

Belgium

- On May 22, the American Chamber of Commerce in Belgium (AmCham Belgium) will hold a joint Gala Dinner with the American Club of Brussels in honor of the *US Ambassador to Belgium, Tom C. Korologos*.
- On June 7, AmCham Belgium will host a *CEO Breakfast Roundtable* pre-releasing the results of the US Direct Investment (USDI) and Regional Headquarters (RHQ) survey. This event is restricted to Patron members.
- On June 8, AmCham Belgium will hold a press conference and seminar on the results of USDI survey with focus on the *"Attractiveness of Regional Headquarters Activities in Belgium"*.
- For further information please go to www.amcham.be.

Bulgaria

- June 26-28, the American Chamber of Commerce in Bulgaria (AmCham Bulgaria) will organize a conference on *commercial opportunities created by the joint U.S. - Bulgarian training facilities*. The conference will focus on U.S. Army requirements for goods and service contracts. The event will feature high-level government and military officials and provide a venue for networking and matchmaking between Bulgarian and American companies. More information on US-Bulgaria joint training facilities can be found at: http://sofia.usembassy.gov/shared_facilities_faq.html
- For more information on AmCham Bulgaria visit www.amcham.bg.

Croatia

- On May 24, the American Chamber of Commerce in Croatia (AmCham Croatia), in association with the U.S. Embassy in Zagreb & the U.S. Department of Commerce, will hold a cocktail reception on the occasion of a visiting *health care and medical equipment trade mission*. The U.S.

Department of Commerce trade mission will travel to three countries, Greece, Croatia and Italy, and feature as many as 12 U.S. companies.

- On July 1st, AmCham Croatia will hold its annual "4th of July" picnic.
- For additional information on AmCham Croatia events, please e-mail events@amcham.hr or visit www.amcham.hr.

Denmark

- On May 24, the American Chamber of Commerce in Denmark (AmCham Denmark) will hold an OSAC Denmark Country Council Seminar. Keynote speaker Andrew Howell, V.P. Homeland Security Policy - U.S. Chamber of Commerce, will speak on the topic of "*Homeland Security - Balancing Business and Security.*"
- On June 6, AmCham Denmark will examine the *U.S. Mid-term State of Affairs* at a seminar at the U.S. Embassy in Copenhagen. Keynote speakers Blair Hall, Political Counselor at the U.S. Embassy; Carsten Valgreen, Chief Economist for Danske Bank; and Ambassador Svend Roed Nielsen, Head of Trade Policy for the Danish Foreign Ministry will explore this topic from economic, political, and practical perspectives.
- For additional information on AmCham Denmark please visit their web site at www.amcham.dk.

European Union

- On June 15, the American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union (AmCham EU) will hold an *Executive Council Meeting on Trade with Pascal Lamy, Director General, WTO* in Geneva, Switzerland.
- On June 27, AmCham EU's Customs Committee will hold a joint conference on *Modernization of the Customs Code*.
- Recent AmCham EU position papers: Proposal for a regulation on enhancing supply chain security: http://www.amchameu.be/Pops/2006/proposalforregulationonenhancingsupplychainsecurity_020506.pdf and the amended proposal for a Services Directive: http://www.amchameu.be/Pops/2006/amendedproposalforservicesdirective_280406.pdf

- For more information contact amchameu@amchameu.be or visit www.amchameu.be.

Georgia

- On June 7, the American Chamber of Commerce in Georgia (AmCham Georgia) will hold the *Members' General Assembly* meeting for elections of all officers and five new Board members.
- On July 1, AmCham Georgia will celebrate America's 230th Anniversary of Declaration of Independence at the *AmCham Sixth Annual Independence Day Family Picnic*.
- AmCham Georgia invites you to read their bi-monthly magazine AmCham News online at www.magazine.amcham.ge.
- For more information on AmCham Georgia's activities and events, please visit www.amcham.ge or check out their guide to investing in Georgia at www.investmentguide.ge.

Greece

- On May 25, the American-Hellenic Chamber of Commerce (AmCham Greece) will hold a luncheon with guest speaker Andrew Howell, *Vice President for Homeland Security, U.S. Chamber of Commerce*.
- On May 30, AmCham Greece's Thessaloniki Chapter will hold a 'Five Chambers' Event' with guest of honor *Peter Doukas, Deputy Minister of Economy and Finance*.
- On June 5, AmCham Greece will hold its *4th Annual CSR Conference*.
- On June 7, AmCham Greece will hold a luncheon in Athens featuring Dimosthenis Katsigiannis, Secretary General, *Ministry for Environment, Physical Planning and Public Works*.
- On June 14, AmCham Greece will hold a one day conference entitled: "*Regional Development - Public and Private Sector Partnerships*".
- On June 14, AmCham Greece's Thessaloniki chapter will hold a 'Five Chambers' Event' with guest of honor *Dimitris Sioufas, Minister of Development*.
- On June 23, AmCham Greece will hold their *Annual General Assembly*.

- For more information on AmCham Greece visit www.amcham.gr.

Ireland

- On July 4, the American Chamber of Commerce in Ireland (AmCham Ireland) will hold their *Annual General Meeting and Independence Day Business Luncheon*.
- On July 21, AmCham Ireland will hold a business luncheon with a *visiting delegation from Florida*.
- For more information on AmCham Ireland visit www.amcham.ie.

Hungary

- On May 29, following the parliamentary elections in Hungary, the American Chamber of Commerce in Hungary (AmCham Hungary) will organize the AmCham-ICEG EC Conference: *After Elections - before Critical Decisions*. The aim of the conference is to create a forum for discussion between the newly elected economic and political decision-makers and representatives from the private sector.
- On May 31, AmCham Hungary, in partnership with Deloitte, will hold a Tax Morning on the topic *Tax Amnesty - Questions and Challenges*.
- On June 17, AmCham Hungary will hold the 3rd AmCham-Weber Shandwick *International Tennis Open 2006*.
- For more details please visit www.amcham.hu or send an e-mail to info@amcham.hu

Luxembourg

- On June 8, the American Chamber of Commerce in Luxembourg's (AmCham Luxembourg) Finance Committee will hold an event on *"Roles & Responsibilities: U.S. Chief Compliance Officer (CCO) vs. UCITS III Management Company"* with Robert De Normandie, Jim Davis Director of Global Compliance Franklin Templeton Investments (USA).
- On June 12, AmCham Luxembourg and ABAL will hold a luncheon with special guest speaker: *Mr. Hans-Peter Keilbach, U.S. Chamber of Commerce*.

- On June 29th, AmCham Luxembourg will celebrate its 10th anniversary.
- For further information on these events and others, please go to the AmCham Luxembourg website at: www.amcham.lu.

The Netherlands

- On May 31, the American Chamber of Commerce in the Netherlands (AmCham Netherlands) will hold its *Annual General Meeting* and luncheon.
- On June 20, AmCham Netherlands will hold a 'Get Acquainted Cocktail' sponsored by ADP Nederland BV.
- On June 28, AmCham Netherlands will hold its *Ninth Annual Transfer Pricing Seminar*.
- On August 25, AmCham Netherlands will hold its *Annual Golf Tournament*.
- For more information on AmCham Netherlands visit www.amcham.nl.

Poland

- The American Chamber of Commerce in Poland's (AmCham Poland) *Real Estate Committee* will hold a meeting on May 26.
- The AmCham Poland *Financial Services Committee* will organize a meeting on May 29 with Jan Krzysztof Bielecki, Chairman of the Board of Bank PeKao S.A.
- For more information on above two meetings contact Barbara Pocialik at barbara.pocialik@amcham.com.pl
- The AmCham Poland *CEO Forum* will take place on May 31. For more information on this meeting contact Anita Kowalska at anita.kowalska@amcham.com.pl

Romania

- On June 7, the American Chamber of Commerce in Romania (AmCham Romania) is organizing a *Business Ethics Seminar* with IMPAC, US.
- On June 16, AmCham Romania is organizing a *Standards Seminar*. The seminar will offer an overview of the importance of standards in general (including conformity assessment), the U.S. and

EU standards development process, key players in the process and future EU trends in standardization.

- On June 24-30, AmCham Romania and the World Economic Forum scheduled the first [PACI Peer Group Meeting](#) to be held in Bucharest. Driven by the private sector, the World Economic Forum Partnering Against Corruption Initiative (PACI) helps to consolidate industry efforts in fighting bribery and corruption and shaping the evolving regulatory framework.
- For more information, please visit our web page: www.amcham.ro or email amcham@amcham.ro.

Slovakia

- Between May 11 and June 1, the American Chamber of Commerce in Slovakia (AmCham Slovakia) will hold an *'Election Speaker Series 2006'* with representatives of the major political parties.
- On June 5, AmCham Slovakia is planning a live televised debate with representatives of the major political parties.
- On July 1, AmCham Slovakia will celebrate *America's Independence Day* with an old-west town atmosphere; traditional July 4th parade; dance and musical performances; and magnificent fireworks.
- For more information contact Katarina Kesjarova at katarina.kesjarova@amcham.sk.

Slovenia

- The American Chamber of Commerce in Slovenia will hold their *5th International Golf Tournament* on September 16. For more information please contact office@amcham.si

Spain

- On May 24, the American Chamber of Commerce in Spain (AmCham Spain) will hold its Annual General Meeting and luncheon featuring *Spanish Ambassador to the United States Carlos Westendorp*.
- On June 6, AmCham Spain is participating in the *Spain-US Food Conference*. The Spain-US Food Conference's objective is to introduce Spanish

companies to opportunities in the food sector in the USA.

- For more information on AmCham Spain contact info@amchamspain.com.

Turkey

- *World Trade Week (WTW) 2006* is a platform to promote both U.S. exports and imports and will feature the participation of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, U.S. Council for International Business, Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, Istanbul Chamber of Commerce and others. On May 24, as part of this program, the American Business Forum in Turkey (ABFT) has set aside a day for U.S. and Turkish companies to learn more about trade opportunities between their respective countries as well as meet up with potential partners.
- On May 25, the Turkish American Business Association (TABA) will host a meeting with the U.S. Consul General H.E. Mrs. Deborah Jones and H.E. Mr. İlder Türkmen, Former Foreign Minister and Ambassador, as guest speaker, to discuss various aspects of the [current and future relations between U.S.A. and Turkey](#).
- On May 29, ABFT will host Economist Serhan Cevik who will provide insights on [Turkey's macroeconomic environment](#) and lead a roundtable discussion.
- On May 30, TABA and the Turkish Tourism Investors Association will host Turkish Republic's Minister of Culture and Tourism H.E Atilla Koc and Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus' Minister of Economy and Tourism H.E. Dervis Kemal Deniz to discuss the [new investment incentive law, tourism and investing opportunities in Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus](#).
- On June 5, ABFT will host a seminar with the participation of Miranda Xafa (IMF), Yavuz Canevi (TEB) and Raymond James on [Turkey, the IMF and Financial Markets](#).
- On June 22, TABA will hold its [Annual General Assembly](#).
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- For more information on TABA visit www.amcham.org