You will meet the German Association of the Automotive Industry (VDA).

**Association profile / sector concerns**

The German Association of the Automotive Industry (VDA) consists of more than 620 companies involved in production for the automotive industry in Germany.

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The meeting is an opportunity to give VDA an update on the latest TTC developments including the next TTC meeting with the US at ministerial level (30 January) and to recall the EU trade priorities. You could also use the opportunity to refer to the Transatlantic Green Marketplace event that will take place in Washington D.C. on 30/31 January and urge VDA and its members to participate (virtual registration is open until 25 January).
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• The EU and U.S. have agreed on a meeting of the TTC co-chairs on 30 January in Washington, D.C.

• The meeting will not be a full-fledged TTC ministerial. There will for example not be a joint statement. There will be no TALD meeting. There will be no stakeholder event involving all TTC principals. Instead, the meeting will have a stakeholder element via a major public trade related event focused on how to further strengthen the transatlantic marketplace.

• The 30 January meeting will be an opportunity for a joint stocktaking of the progress made in different TTC work strands and to prepare for the TTC ministerial that we hope to organise in Europe in the spring.

• As regards EU trade priorities we will continue to seek to facilitate trade, via the implementation of the Transatlantic Initiative on Sustainable Trade (TIST) work programme, advancing on conformity assessment in green tech, and progressing on digital tools that facilitate trade. We are also ready to engage on economic security related issues of our interest.
• **Regarding the implementation of the TIST** work programme, we hope that the “Crafting the Transatlantic Green Marketplace” on 31 January in Washington, D.C. back-to-back with the TTC co-chairs meeting will be an important opportunity to hear stakeholder proposals for very concrete actions for the TTC.

• The event will take place in Washington DC to have the greatest possible visibility among US stakeholders but can also be followed online.

• **On conformity assessment** in the green tech goods, we want to get US agreement to our idea of expanding the existing, 1999, EU-US Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) with a new annex that covers green goods/technologies.

• **On EU and U.S. digital tools** we continue to work with the objective of ensuring their interoperability or compatibility to make transatlantic business easier for our companies. We have started by focusing on .

• And lastly, we also continue to advance **economic security-related issues**, including as regards challenges in strategic supply chains, cooperation on economic coercion, non-market policies and practices, export controls and investment screening.
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