

PRESS RELEASE

TABC Adopts a Position on Next Generation Networks

Brussels – The Trans-Atlantic Business Council (TABC) today [released a paper on Next Generation Networks \(NGNs\)](#) highlighting the concerns of the transatlantic business community with regard to the rapid change in ICT technology over the past decade and which regulatory approaches are best for the EU and U.S. to excel in ultrafast broadband networks.

TABC, an association of American and European companies which have significant investments in the U.S. and EU, makes a primary recommendation that the EU and the U.S. take a regulatory approach which incentivizes investment and innovation while facilitating cooperation between regulators and businesses on both sides of the Atlantic.

In our recommendations, TABC encourages the EU to prioritize infrastructure-based competition and encourage commercial agreements over regulatory impositions to allow for sustainable competition. The EU should also implement roll-out inclusive incentives to attract a wider range of technologies and investment models. On the other side, the U.S. should avoid intrusive and uncertainty-creating legislation while ameliorating cooperation between regulators and the private sector. The paper also highlights priorities for both sides of the Atlantic with regard to making a swift transition to fiber based networks, incentivizing a technology neutral approach, encouraging an appropriate policy approach to spectrum and mobile NGNs, and minimizing regulatory impediments through horizontal legislations instead of sector-specific approaches. TABC also notes that it is imperative to promote entrepreneurship and the education of citizens in the use of digital services and products.

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The Trans-Atlantic Business Council (TABC) is the only truly transatlantic business association representing both European and American companies on international trade, investment, and regulatory issues impacting the transatlantic business environment. TABC provides the platform for development of common public policy positions and serves as the interlocutor between EU and U.S. government officials, legislators, the business community, and the broader public on these policy recommendations. TABC works with companies across multiple sectors and policy levels, including the strategic level with the Trans-Atlantic Business Dialogue (TABD), a program which brings together high level executives and government officials.