

Biographies

Welcome



Susan Danger
CEO, AmCham EU

Susan Danger is CEO of the American Chamber of Commerce to the EU (AmCham EU), which speaks for American companies committed to Europe on trade, investment and competitiveness issues. She has full strategic and operational responsibility for the association and represents it externally. AmCham EU is a membership organisation supporting over 150 US corporate companies, international business, and law and consultancy firms in the area of public affairs.

Susan has dedicated her entire career to advancing transatlantic cooperation. She joined AmCham EU in 1995 as Communications Manager, becoming Communications & Operations Manager in 2000. Since 2002, she has been leading the organisation as Managing Director and since 2016 as CEO. In 2003, she oversaw the re-branding of AmCham EU and its separation from AmCham Belgium.

In 2017, AmCham EU was awarded for the fourth time the Trade Association/Professional Body of the Year Award, having previously won the award in 2009, 2012 and 2014.

Susan was named by POLITICO as one of the top 20 women influencers in Brussels in 2016.

Susan was elected as Chair of AmChams in Europe network for the period 2020-2022. She served as Vice-Chair of AmChams in Europe from 2009 to 2014, prior to which she was a Member of its Executive Committee (2005-2008).

A graduate of the University of Bath, UK, with a BA in European Studies, French and German, Susan's career developed in London in marketing and communications within the tour operation industry, where prior to coming to Brussels, she worked for Thomson Tour Operations.

A UK citizen fluent in English, German and French, and conversant in Dutch and Spanish, Susan Danger lives in Brussels with her husband and three children.

Fireside chat

**Mike Froman**

Vice-Chairman and President, Strategic Growth, Mastercard

Mike Froman serves as Vice-Chairman and President, Strategic Growth for Mastercard. In this role, he is responsible for growing strategic partnerships, scaling new business opportunities and advancing the company's efforts to partner with governments and other institutions to address major societal and economic issues. He and his team drive financial inclusion and inclusive growth efforts and work to develop new businesses key to the company's strategic growth.

Mike oversees the Mastercard Center for Inclusive Growth and is a member of the company's management committee.

Prior to joining Mastercard, Mike was affiliated with the Council on Foreign Relations and continues to serve as a distinguished Fellow. In September 2018, Mike joined the Board of Directors of The Walt Disney Company.

From 2013 to 2017, Mike served as the U.S. Trade Representative, President Barack Obama's principal advisor and negotiator on international trade and investment issues. During his tenure, Mike worked to open foreign markets for U.S. goods and services, reach landmark trade agreements and enforce the rights of American workers, farmers and firms. From 2009 to 2013, he served at the White House as Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economic Affairs.

Prior to joining the Obama Administration, Mike held several executive positions at Citigroup, including CEO of its international insurance business, COO of its \$50 billion alternative investments business and head of its infrastructure investment business. He helped shape the company's strategy in China, India, Brazil and other emerging markets. Earlier in his career, during the Clinton Administration, he worked at the White House and the Treasury Department.

Mike received a bachelor's degree in public and international affairs from Princeton University, a doctorate in international relations from Oxford University, and a law degree from Harvard Law School, where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review.



Dr. Stormy-Annika Mildner (M.Sc.)

Head of Department, External Economic Policy, BDI

At BDI, Dr. Mildner is responsible for foreign trade, investment protection, export promotion and North America.

Before joining BDI in January 2014, Dr. Mildner was a member of the Executive Board of the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), a policy-oriented think-tank based in Berlin. At SWP, she headed several projects including Transatlantic Risk Governance, the GIBSA Quadrilogue, Resource Politics of the G20 Countries, and Competition for Scarce Resources.

Before joining SWP, she worked for the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), where she headed the program Globalization and the World Economy (2000-2002). From 2005 to 2006, Dr. Mildner was a lecturer at the John F. Kennedy Institute of the Free University Berlin. In Spring 2010, she was a visiting fellow at the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies in Washington, where she is still a non-resident Senior Fellow. In Fall 2011, she was a visiting fellow at the German Marshall Fund's Transatlantic Academy in Washington. She regularly teaches classes on International Economics and Trade at the Hertie School of Governance.

Dr. Mildner conducted her Bachelor's degree in Economics and North American studies at the Free University of Berlin and earned a Master of Science in International Political Economy from the London School of Economics. She wrote her PhD. thesis at the Free University of Berlin. During her PhD. studies, she temporarily attended the Yale Center for International and Area Studies (YCIAS) of Yale University.

Closing remarks



Peter Chase

Senior Fellow, GMF

Peter Chase joined GMF's Brussels office in September 2010 as a non-resident Fellow and became a resident Senior Fellow in May 2016. His work focuses on the transatlantic economy with particular attention to trade and investment, digital and energy policies and the EU's economic relations with third countries.

Peter served as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Vice President for Europe from 2010 to 2016. Prior to this, he was a U.S. diplomat with postings as Minister-Counselor for Economic Affairs in the U.S. Mission to the European Union, Director of the State Department's office of EU affairs, Chief of Staff to the Under-Secretary of Economic Affairs and Counselor and Minister-Counselor for Economic Affairs in the U.S. Embassy in London.