

# 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 at AmCham EU. She joined in 1995 as Communications Manager, then became the Communications & Operations Manager in 2000. Since 2002 she has been leading the organisation as Managing Director and as of 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 and was also mentioned under the 2020 edition as a notable woman running an association in Brussels.

Susan is currently the Chair of the AmChams in Europe network, she also served as Vice-Chair from 2009 to 2014, prior to which she was a Member of its Executive Committee between 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 where 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.

## Panel



### Moderator

#### **Philip Schwab, PhD**

Area Director of Government Affairs, Western Europe & Canada  
AbbVie

Philip Schwab currently serves as Area Director of Government Affairs for Western Europe & Canada at AbbVie. He is responsible for leading and coordinating AbbVie's representation and government affairs strategy across the region, the EU institutions and Member States.

Prior to his current role, Philip was the Government Affairs Director at AbbVie in the United Kingdom. There, he managed health policy and led the AbbVie Brexit Task Force. Before this position, he managed federal government relations for AbbVie Canada in Ottawa.

In his previous experience, Philip was the Vice-President for Industry Relations for BIOTECANADA, the Canadian trade association for biotechnology. There he was responsible for developing policy positions ranging from intellectual property protection, market access for innovative products and trade agreements. He was also in charge of engagement with government and patient group stakeholders.

Prior to his work in Canada, Philip completed 10 years of service in Washington, DC working in the Clinton and George Washington Bush Administrations as a Legislative Affairs Liaison with Congress at the US Department of Agriculture. He also held Legislative Staff positions for members of both the United States Senate and House of Representatives.

Phil holds a PhD in Plant Breeding and Genetics from the University of Minnesota.



#### **Anthony Barron**

Principal  
Charles River Associates

Anthony Barron is a Principal in the Life Sciences Practice of Charles River Associates based in Brussels. He is a health economist who has been working on European and international health policy and access issues for over 13 years. He regularly advises clients on health financing, pharmaceutical policies and the impact of these topics on the Life Science sector. His work includes research on the barriers to medicine access, pharmaceutical pricing policies, health technology assessments, the value of healthcare biotech, and recent market access projects for clients including for EFPIA, PhRMA, IFPMA, EuropaBio, AmChamEU and the European Commission.



### **Andrzej Ryś**

Director responsible for Health Systems, Medical Products and Innovation at the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety (DG SANTE) European Commission

Dr. Andrzej Ryś, a medical doctor specialised in radiology and public health, founded the School of Public Health at the Jagiellonian University in 1991 where he served as Director until 1997. Thereafter, from 1997 -1999, he was the Director of the Krakow's City Health Department. Between 1999 -2002, he continued his career as Deputy Minister of Health in Poland where he was member of the Polish EU accession negotiators team for the harmonisation of the Polish Health Care Law with the EU's Acquis Communautaire.

After becoming Senior Consultant of "Health and Management Ltd" for the World Bank (WHO) and EAR in Serbia in 2002, he founded the "Center for Innovation, Technology Transfer and University Development" (CITTRU) in 2003 at the Jagiellonian University, where he was Director until 2006.

In 2006, he became Director for Public Health and Risk Assessment at the Directorate-General for Health and Consumers (DG SANCO), in the European Commission. From 2011-2014, he assumed the position of Director for Health Systems and Products in DG SANCO. Since 2014, Dr. Andrzej Ryś is the Director responsible for Health Systems, Medical Products and Innovation in DG SANTE.

He graduated from Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland.



### **Susana Solís Pérez**

Member of the European Parliament  
RE, ES

Susana Solís has over 18 years of professional experience in several multinationals in Germany (Mercedes Benz, Robert Bosch) and in Spain (Rexel, Essilor and Johnson & Johnson).

In May 2015, she was elected Deputy in the Parliament of Madrid, being the spokeswoman for Ciudadanos in the Committee on Budgets, Economy, Finance and Employment. Since May 2019, she is MEP in the European Parliament in the Renew Europe group and a member of the ITRE, ENVI, REGI and FEMM Committees. She is also Vice-Chair of the Delegation for Relations with the Korean Peninsula.

Susana is an Industrial Engineer having graduated from the University of Oviedo. She also possesses a Machine Engineer education from the Fachhochschule de Osnabrück University in Germany and holds an MBA and a Master's Degree in Marketing Management from the Insituto de Empresa in Madrid. In addition, Susana has a Master's Degree in Public Administration and Leadership from IESE.