

# Biographies

## Welcome



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### **Susan Danger**

CEO

American Chamber of Commerce to the 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, 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 and 2020.

Susan was elected as Chair of AmChams in Europe (ACE) for the period 2020-2022. AmChams in Europe (ACE) serves as the umbrella organisation for 45 American Chambers of Commerce (AmChams) in 43 countries throughout Europe and Eurasia. She has also served as Vice-Chair (2009-2014) and 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 has three children.

### **Maria Walsh**

Member of the European Parliament (EPP, IE)



@MariaWalshEU

As a Fine Gael member of the European Parliament for Midlands North-West since 2019, Maria sits on the EMPL, CULT and LIBE Committees as a member of the EPP. Maria has been an active advocate and campaigner for diversity and social inclusion for many years. She always takes stances on policy and legislation that align with her values of inclusion, equality, and respect, even if this entails some difficult conversations.

As a co-Chair on both the Mental Health Alliance and the Coalition of Mental Health and Wellbeing Intergroups in the Parliament, Maria is dedicated to raising the cross-sectional impacts of mental health throughout her policy work. Mental health is at the centre of every conversation with Maria and she consistently engages with EU citizens on the impact of mental health on their everyday lives. With her work on both Intergroups, Maria is leading the call for an EU Year of Good Mental Health to ensure that we are prepared for the oncoming mental health crisis which will follow the pandemic.

## Panel



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### Simon Dwyer

Organisational Psychologist and Counsellor  
Mental Health Services Centre, Community Help Service

Simon is an Organisational Psychologist and Counsellor from Australia with extensive experience in the corporate, academic, and non-profit domains. Simon runs mental health awareness programs training people to identify someone experiencing a mental health crisis, and to provide support to them.



@MSDEurope

### Laura Luchini

Associate Vice-President, EMEA Regional Head, Global Clinical Trial Operations  
MSD

Laura Luchini is an Associate Vice-President, Regional Head for Global Clinical Trials Operations in Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) at MSD. In this capacity she is leading a team that manages ~200 clinical trials conducted in ~4500 clinical sites across 35 countries, and internal & outsourced staff of 1800+ people dedicated to clinical operations in the region. In addition to that role, in August 2020 Laura has assumed responsibility for facilitating the development of the MSD new global Innovation and Development Hub in Zurich, Switzerland.

Laura Luchini joined MSD in 2017, after more than 25 years of distinguished career in epidemiology, clinical development and clinical operations in academia, pharma companies and Contract Research Organizations (CROs).

Laura earned her medical degree in Brazil in 1986. She was a General Practitioner in her native country before moving to Italy for seven years, where she obtained a PhD in Pharmacology (Epidemiology) from the Mario Negri Pharmacology Research Institute in Milan. She started her industry career in 1998, working in several positions of increasing responsibility in both pharmaceutical companies and in CROs in Brazil and Europe.

Laura also holds an MBA and a Specialization in Pharmaceutical Medicine. She is fluent in English, Portuguese, French, Italian and Spanish. She is a beginner in Japanese and is studying German.

Laura is married with three grown up kids and has relocated to Switzerland in 2019 to join the MSD regional office colleagues.



@shunta\_takino

### Shunta Takino

Junior Policy Analyst, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs  
OECD

Shunta is a Policy Analyst in the Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris. His main area of research is on the interlinkages of mental health policies with youth, employment and welfare policies, including the policy responses to support people's mental health through the COVID-19 crisis and beyond. Prior to joining the OECD, he worked for a Tokyo-based think tank.



@AlvineTremoulet

### Alvine Tremoulet

Global Diversity & Inclusion lead  
Pfizer

Alvine Tremoulet is the European Inclusion Lead at Pfizer, leading the execution of Pfizer's D&I global strategy at the European level. She advises leaders and colleagues and other key stakeholders on the business benefits (financial and non-financial) of Diversity (visible, invisible and cognitive) and Inclusion – for a more sustainable organisation. Communicator, employee engagement specialist, intrapreneur and a constant learner, she very much likes the concept of corporate activism in alignment with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals. She truly believes that companies have a role to play in our societal challenges.



@ekrahulecz

### Moderator

#### Elizabeth Krahulecz

Associate Partner  
Head of EMEIA Regulatory & Public Policy Brussels Office  
EY

Elizabeth Krahulecz is the Head of the EY EU Public Policy Brussels Office, and Vice-Chair of the Gender Initiatives Task Force of the American Chamber of Commerce to the European Union (AmCham EU).

Based in Brussels, Elizabeth Krahulecz is a former diplomat, accomplished government and public affairs professional with an excellent EMEIA stakeholder network.

Elizabeth Krahulecz is an expert in Corporate Governance, Financial and Professional Services. She is passionate about advocating for jobs growth in the EU, gender equality, and enhancing dialogue between the private and public sector. She is committed to keeping these important issues on the top of the policy agenda.

Elizabeth Krahulecz holds an M.A. in International Relations from Westminster University. In 2014, she was awarded a Hungarian Gold Cross of Merit (HCM) for strengthening bilateral business relations.