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## **THE TRANS-ATLANTIC ENVIRONMENT DIALOGUE (TAED) A SHORT HISTORY**

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# New Transatlantic Agenda (NTA)

3 December 1995: EU-US Summit in Madrid – Santer and Clinton signed the **New Transatlantic Agenda (NTA)**

... moving from consultation to joint action in four major fields:

- Promoting peace and stability, democracy and development around the world
- Responding to global challenges
- Contributing to the expansion of world trade and closer economic relations
- Building bridges across the Atlantic

+ Joint EU-US Action Plan with 150 specific actions

# People-to-people links

1997: Transatlantic Information Exchange System (TIESWeb) [www.tiesweb.org/](http://www.tiesweb.org/)

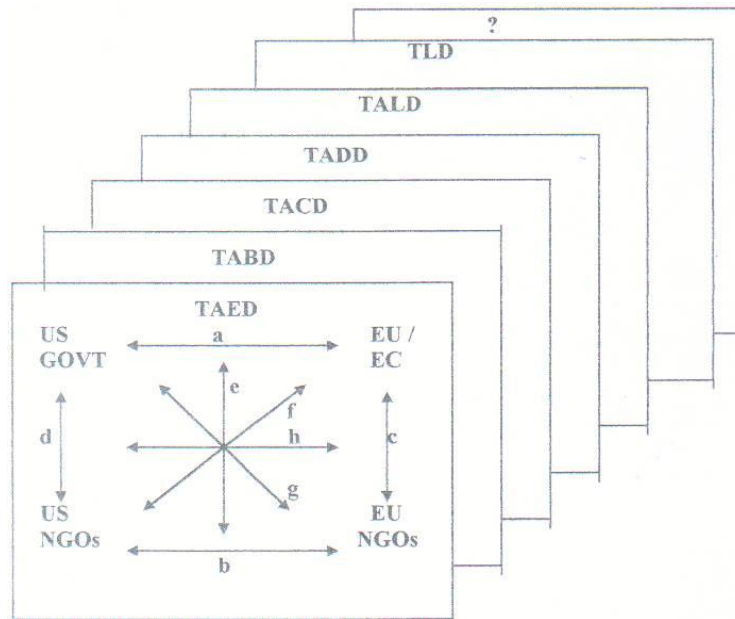
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- Transatlantic Business Dialogue (TABD) [www.tabd.com/](http://www.tabd.com/)
- Transatlantic Consumers Dialogue (TACD) [www.tacd.org/](http://www.tacd.org/)
- Transatlantic Environment Dialogue (TAED) [www.taed.org/](http://www.taed.org/)

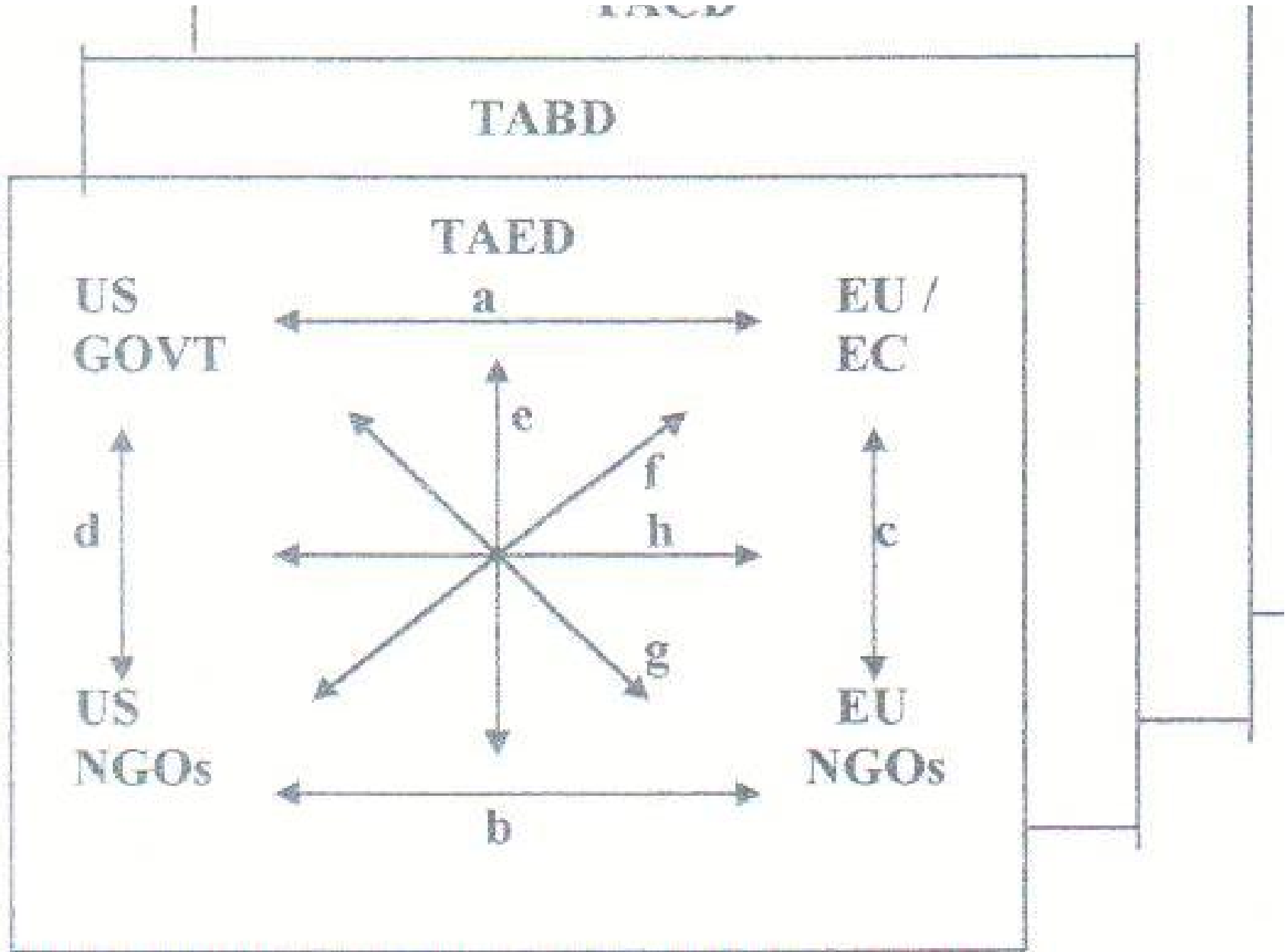
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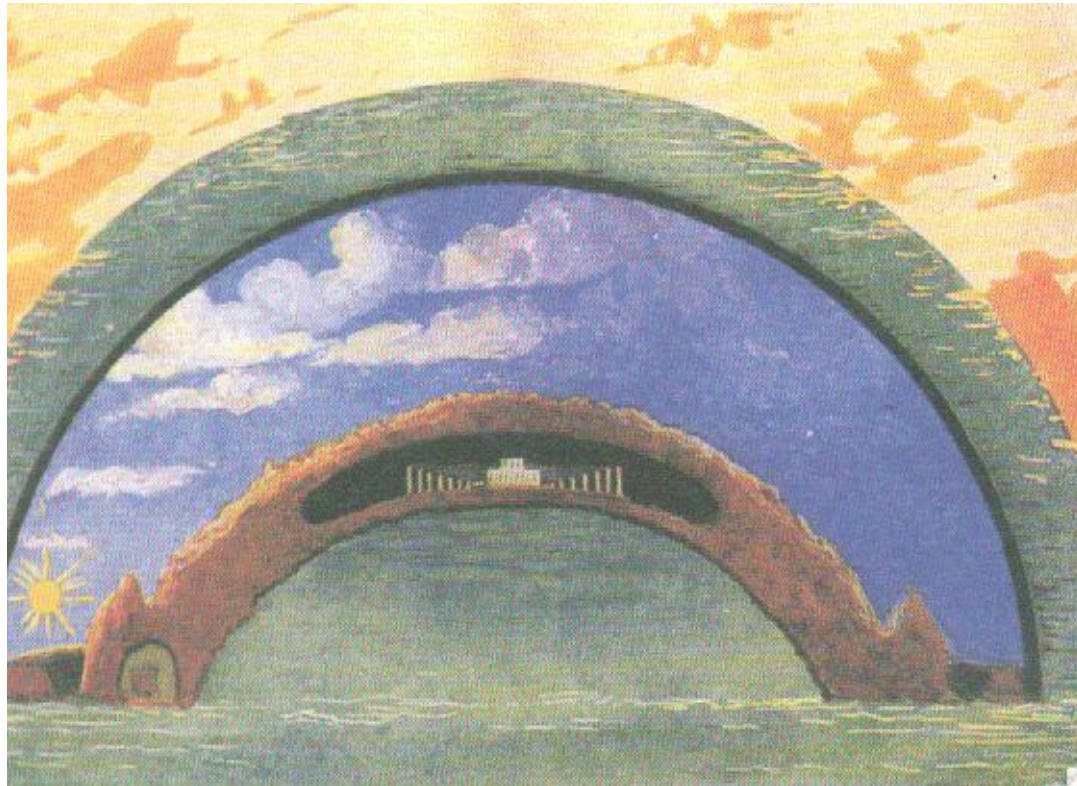
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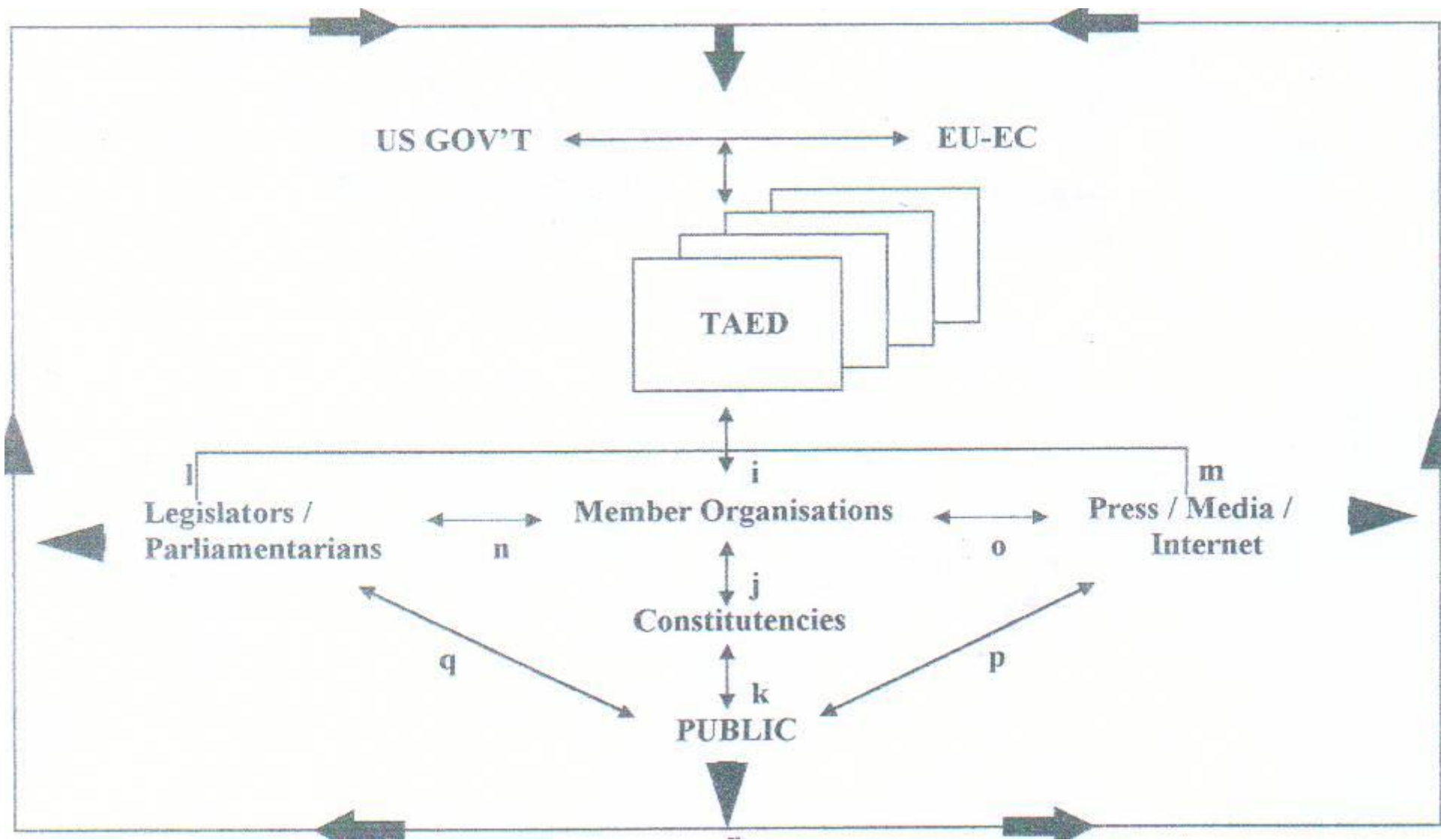


- **European Commission** ↔ **US Administration**
- **European NGOS** ↔ **US NGOs**
- **European Commission** ↔ **EU NGOs**
- **US Administration** ↔ **US NGOs**



# Transatlantic Environment Dialogue





**POLICY SECTIONS**

**Environment**

Environment Action Programme

Environmental Technologies Action Plan (TAP)

Environmental Liability

Waste Prevention & Recycling

Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE)

Clean air strategy

Freshwater policies

Halting biodiversity loss by 2010 - an EU action plan

Chemicals Policy review (EACH)

Implementing the EU's new chemicals law (EACH)

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# Transatlantic Environment Dialogue suspended

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The Transatlantic Environment Dialogue was suspended because the US government failed to supply its share of the funding.

**Links**

EU Actors' positions:

- [TAED: Transatlantic Environment Dialogue website](#)
- [TABD: Transatlantic Business Dialogue website](#)

**Letters To The Editor**

**No more 'business as usual' after crisis**

Claus Mayr, Naturschutzbund Deutschland

**Risk not hazard for good pesticides regulation**

James Gilmour, former director, Agricultural Advisory Service for Scotland

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**BACKGROUND:**

The Transatlantic Environment Dialogue (TAED) suspended operations on 21 November. It was set up 2 years ago by American and European environmentalists at the request of the US government and European Commission to provide a discussion forum for officials and environmentalists. TAED is part of the New Transatlantic Agenda (NTA) along with other dialogues such as the Transatlantic Business Dialogue (TABD).

The cause of the suspension of activities was the failure of the US government to come up with its share of the funding for the dialogue to continue to function. Whilst this can be traced initially to opposition in the US Senate, it was also felt by TAED members that there was a lack of commitment to the dialogue on the part of the US government.

John Hontelez, Secretary General of EEB and member of the Steering Committee of the TAED, emphasised the loss to the NTA that the suspension of the TAED represents. He argued that the success of the Transatlantic Business Dialogue in promoting bilateral business relations needs to be balanced out by other dialogues such as the TAED.

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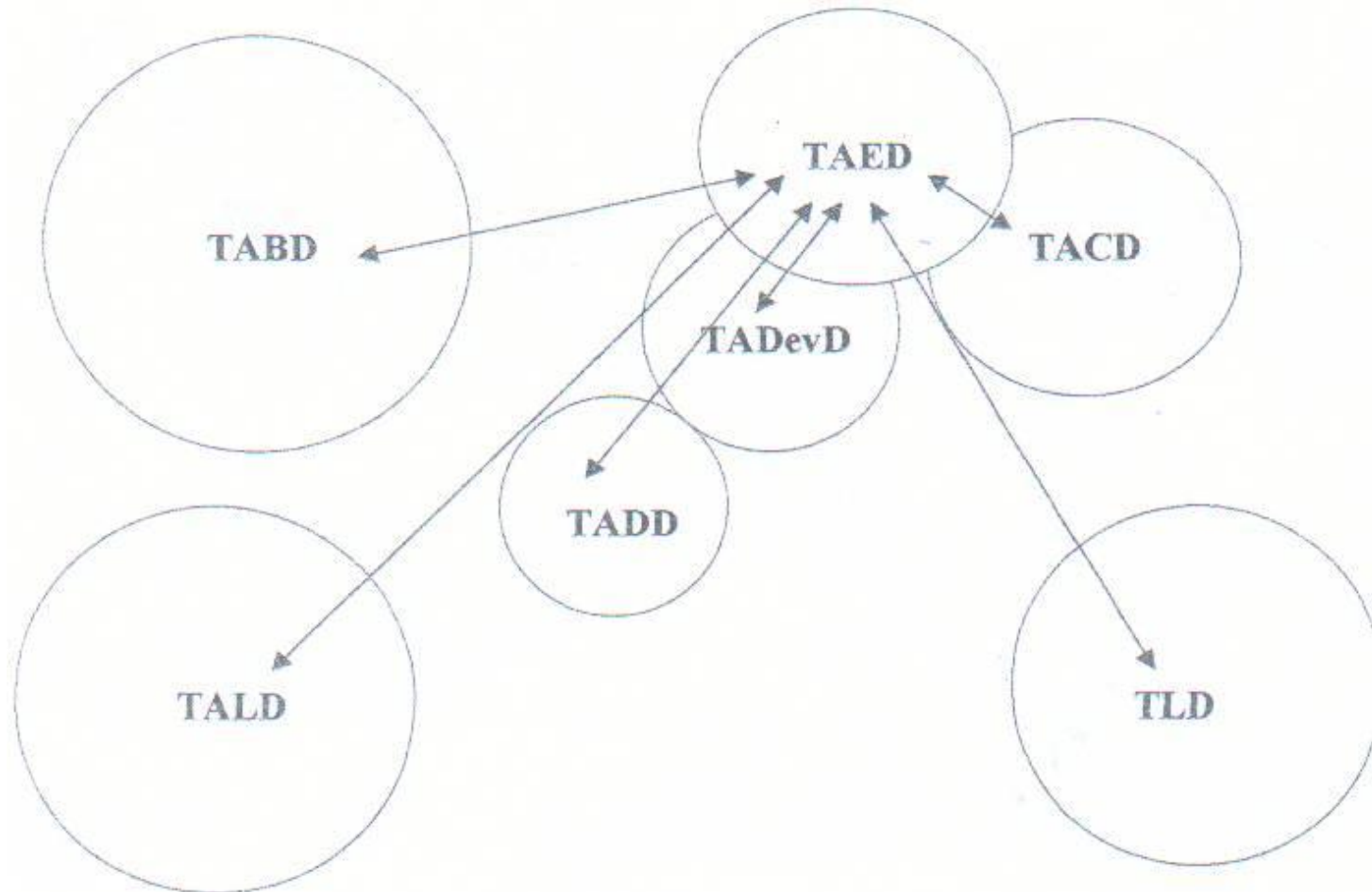


**EU Press Releases**

- [European Commission Daily Press Release Midday Express of 2008-12-12](#)
- [European Commission DG Environment Climate change: Commission endorses Poznań declaration on reducing emissions from deforestation](#)
- [ELDR Liberal summit: "Climate package must be maintained"](#)
- [Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left EU and US need to catch up after disappointing start in Poznan](#)
- [ALDE \(Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe\) Carbon Capture and Storage deal under threat if Council](#)



# Links between the Dialogues





## **Transatlantic Dialogue for Sustainability**

### ***Multi-stakeholder Meetings of the New Transatlantic Agenda Dialogues***

- Phase I: First Informal Meeting of the New Transatlantic Agenda Dialogues on EU-US Co-operation for Sustainable Development. Lisbon, 6-8 June 2000
- Phase II: Sharing Responsibility for Promoting Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development: The Role of EU and US Stakeholders A New Transatlantic Agenda Multi-Dialogue Workshop Lisbon, 24-26 January 2001

[www.epe.be/programmes/eurworld/transatdialogue/tdsindex.html](http://www.epe.be/programmes/eurworld/transatdialogue/tdsindex.html)

# EU Support for new Transatlantic Dialogues

**Macro-Economic Dialogue: the Euro at 10:  
Time for greater Transatlantic economic cooperation  
Peterson Institute for International Economics (US)**

**Bruegel (BE)**

€ 200,000

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**TransAtlantic Consumer Dialogue (TACD)**

**Consumer International (CI) (UK)**

€ 200,000

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**Transatlantic Environmental Dialogue  
International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) (UK)**

€ 198,216.75

# A Transatlantic Environmental Dialogue:

- Focus on the security aspect and relevant topics (energy, water and migration).
- The security dimension of climate change is topical and of relevance on both sides of the Atlantic.
- Establish a regular forum in which the transatlantic community of expertise on climate change would collectively think through feasible solutions to problems raised with an emphasis on the implications of climate change for security.
- 2 major conferences structured around panel sessions (with participation of China, India and Brazil)
- 3 workshops for a more focused discussion on the implications of climate change with regard to the 3 drivers identified: water, energy and migration. Information products and
- Recommendations will be provided to policymakers in both EU and US.

# Climate Change and International Security (CCIS)

## 7 Conferences between Dec 2007 – Dec 2008

### Planet in Peril - Poznan Outcomes & Copenhagen Prospects



**NEW:** Immediately after the UN Climate Change talks in Poznan, the IES will co-organise the "Planet in Peril" conference in Brussels on 15 December 2008. Experts from the EU and US will evaluate the Poznan outcomes and consider the prospects for the world forging a new accord by December 2009 and the implications for international relations and security. » [Read more about this event](#)

### The impact of the US Elections on Transatlantic Relations



With the current crises in finance, trade, environment and foreign policy, the US Presidential election result seems more important than ever to those in the rest of the world without a vote. What will the implications be for foreign policy and transatlantic relations? The IES co-organised a seminar in Brussels on 12 November 2008 to examine such issues. » [Read more about this event](#)

### The Importance of Military Organisations in Protecting the Climate



One of the great untold stories of environmental success is the role of the military in assuring the success of the Montreal Protocol. Today, the military are focusing on what they can do to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This workshop, scheduled to complement the EU Member States Defence Environmental Network (DEFNET) meeting, was held in Paris on 3-5 Nov 2008. » [Read more about this event](#)

### Roundtable Workshop Environment & Security: Challenges for Change



The objective of this roundtable workshop was to bring together the world of conservation and sustainable development with the world of security and the military. In roundtables participants looked into the aspects of environmental security issues in various phases of violent conflict and how this may play out in different parts of the world. » [Read more about this event](#)

### The Perfect Storm: Trade, Finance and Climate in 2009



For any new climate agreement to operate effectively there will have to be changes to the way the World Trade Organisation, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund work. This seminar examined the climate-friendly changes needed by these organisations to underpin an agreement at the Copenhagen Conference of the Parties (COP) in December 2009. » [Read more about this event](#)

### The Geopolitics of Climate Change



On 23 April 2008, The IES co-organised with the Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI) a half day symposium during which Dr. Peter Halden presented his recent book on "The Geopolitics of Climate Change". During his speech, Halden explained that "climate, in itself, is not a threat" and that its consequences are rather conditioned by the contexts of the societies facing them. » [Read more about this event](#)

### From Bali to Poznan: New Issues, New Challenges



On 18 December 2007, the IES convened a conference on the subject of the impact of climate change on security and sustainable development. The conference, called **From Bali to Poznan: New Issues, New Challenges**, was held at the European Parliament in Brussels. » [Read more about the Bali to Poznan conference](#)

# Climate Change and International Security (CCIS) 2009

## New Transatlantic Dialogue on Environment, Security & Sustainable Development



The Hague | Brussels  
London | California  
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- **“Climate Chance & Security at Copenhagen:  
New Thinking on the Atlantic Contribution to Success”**

✓ **17 March 2009, Washington**

✓ **Sept/Oct 2009, Brussels**



- **Statement of 50 four star generals on  
Climate Change and Security**

