



Good Governance and Transparency in a time of crisis:

What role for Politics and Public Affairs?

Event Report

Webinar organised by [AmCham EU](#).

Technical Details & Summary

Name of the Event: Good Governance and Transparency in a time of crisis: What role for Politics and Public Affairs?

Date: 14th July 2020 | **Platform:** Webinar conducted via Cisco WebEx.

Number of persons participants: 45 | **Event organised by:** AmCham EU

Panellists:

Heidi Hautala, MEP (Greens/EFA, FI), Vice-President, European Parliament
Wes Himes, President, Society of European Affairs Professionals (SEAP)
Renate Nikolay, Head of Vice-President Jourova's Cabinet, European Commission

Moderator:

Jessica O'Flynn, Deputy Head of European Government Relations, FirstSolar, and Chair of the Institutional Affairs Task Force, AmCham EU

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- Event held under Chatham House Rules -

The event allowed participants to have a broad discussion about the impacts of the Covid-19 crisis around the area of transparency and good governance. SEAP took the moment to promote its very own [Transparency Pledge](#)¹, which was signed by AmCham EU² the day before of the event. The event allowed participants to share their own views and experiences regarding the impacts of the crisis and the importance of transparency and good governance for society in general. The main topics of discussion were:

- The current state of advancement of the negotiations of the new IIA;
- The stumbling blocks regarding transparency negotiations;
- How transparency and good governance can increase trust societies deposit in their governments;
- The broader impacts that the Covid-19 crisis has had in the public affairs sector – and the various strategies used to cope with the challenges brought forward by the crisis.

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¹ Read also our policy brief on the subject at <https://seap.be/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/TP-BRIEF-FINAL.pdf>

² <https://www.amchameu.eu/news/amcham-eu-doubles-down-commitment-principles-transparency>