

Transportation

The hotel is at Rue du Parnasse 19 (A on the map), one block away from the Bruxelles-Luxembourg station (B on the map). For those arriving by air, the Airport Line bus from level 0 (platform C) connects directly to the station. It takes 30 minutes and costs €4,50 purchased from a machine at the platform. Alternatively a taxi will cost approximately €45,00. The hotel is a four minute walk from the station.

Venue

The meeting venue is at the Open Society European Policy Institute, Rue du Trône 130, which is five minutes walk from the hotel (C on the map).

Meals and per diem

Breakfast is included with your hotel reservation and lunches and snacks will be provided at the venue.

There will be a group dinner at 7pm on 27 January at the Maison du Luxembourg, which is located on the next block from our hotel at Rue du Luxembourg 37, two minutes walk away (D on the map). A set menu with vegetarian, vegan, gluten free and halal options will be served.

A single lump sum *per diem* of \$100 for other meals, transfers and incidentals is available on request.

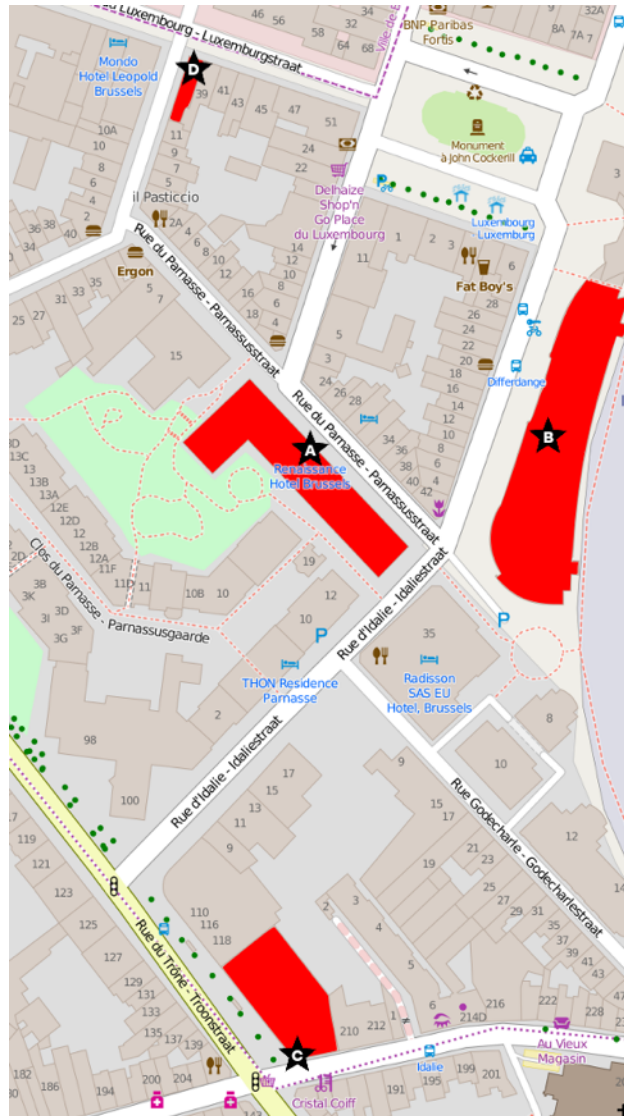
Meeting sponsor

This meeting is made possible through the generous financial support of the Open Society Foundations and from a donor that has requested anonymity.

Location map

Key:

- A: Renaissance Hotel
- B: Bruxelles-Luxembourg station
- C: Open Society European Policy Institute
- D: Maison du Luxembourg



STRATEGY MEETING ON CATALYZING REFORM OF TRADE NEGOTIATION PROCESSES

Meeting logistics and information

Brussels, Belgium
27 and 28 January, 2016



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Background

In trade negotiation processes such as the TPP, TTIP, and TISA, rules on issues such as intellectual property, data protection and privacy, e-commerce and intermediary liability, are being made in an opaque and captured fashion, trading off the rights of users and citizens against the promise of unrelated trade concessions. The resulting rules tend therefore not to be those that further the global public interest, but the interests of the the partner with the largest market, or in practice, those of its trade ministry.

There is now an emerging consensus that the manner in which trade negotiations are being undertaken is significantly out of step with citizens' expectations, and is likely unsustainable. At the same time, the reticence of trade ministries to meet this need for change is equally evident. To address this challenge we are opening a private expert dialogue about possible reforms to processes of trade negotiation that bear on these Internet-related issues, that would bring them in line with norms of transparency and public participation, drawn in part from the discourse surrounding Internet governance.

Objective

We aim to stimulate the intervention of selected powerful external international actors to create an inflection point leading to dramatic change to the closed, trade negotiation processes that currently deal with international Internet-related public policy issues, thereby meeting the need of users and citizens worldwide for more balanced, human rights-respecting rules and policies on these issues.

Planned meeting outputs

The main tangible outputs that we plan to deliver from this meeting include the following:

1 Identification of where the necessary impetus for the reform or replacement of trade negotiation processes can be found through the intermediation of persuasive external forces.

2 Development of a strategy and a resource plan for creating that impetus in partnership with one or more of the institutions identified.

3 Assembling a core group of stakeholders who could put this into action by initiating such a partnership, individually or as a coalition.

Wednesday January 27, 2015

9:00	Registration
9:30	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9:45	Presentation on Institutions and Global Policy Making (global Internet governance, trade)
10:45	15 minute break
11:30	Presentations continued (United Nations, development, discussion)
12:30	Lunch
14:00	Summary of Preparatory Workshops
14:30	Idea Rating Activity
15:55	15 minute break
16:10	Review Sample of Popular Results
16:40	Next Steps & Closing Remarks
17:00	Close
19:00	Group Dinner

Thursday January 28, 2015

9:00	Recap
9:15	Sorting and Prioritizing Ideas
9:30	Discussion of Ideas
10:30	15 minute break
10:45	Form Self-Directed Groups to Volunteer to take Ideas Forward
11:45	Report back from Self-Directed Groups
12:00	Lunch
13:30	Strategic Plan Outlining
13:45	Discuss Resources and Outreach
14:00	Presentations on Related Initiatives
15:30	15 minute break
15:45	Drafting Statement from Meeting
16:45	Next Steps & Closing Remarks
17:00	Close

Further agenda details and background resources are available at <https://www.eff.org/event/trade-reform-meeting>.