



The First Mayor of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, President of the Senate, Dr Peter Tschentscher, is delighted to invite you to an evening event on

# The crisis of multilateralism and the modernisation of the WTO

Monday, 4 February 2019, 6.00 pm at the Hanse-Office

The rules-based multilateral trading system is facing its deepest crisis since the establishment of the WTO in 1995. To overcome trade-distorting policies, overcapacities and the breaching of WTO rules, a well-functioning and broadly supported WTO is essential. Instead, the WTO is facing strong criticism and is threatened by paralysis. To survive, the WTO needs a fundamental modernization.

The EU has taken a leading role, involving as much WTO-members as possible. The WTO Goods Council discussed in November a proposal on enhancing members' transparency and strengthening notification requirements, sponsored amongst others by the EU, the United States and Japan. More recently, concrete proposals on dispute settlement with a focus on the Appellate Body were tabled at the WTO's General Council meeting.

What chances of a resounding and fast success do these initiatives have? What about other aspects of the WTO's rulemaking activities that need to be modernized?

At this interactive event, panelists from the EU, Japan and the United States with deep WTO policy expertise will discuss possible ways out of the crisis and update us about the latest developments.



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## Programme

<b>6.00 pm</b>	Registration
<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Dr Peter Tschentscher</b> , First Mayor of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg, President of the Senate
<b>6.45 pm</b>	<b>Bernd Lange</b> , MEP, Chair of the Committee on International Trade
	<b>Denis Redonnet</b> , European Commission, Director WTO, Legal Affairs & Trade in Goods
	<b>Katherine Kalutkiewicz</b> , Senior Trade Representative at the U.S. Mission to the EU
	<b>Stéphane Lambert</b> , Counsellor and Head of Trade, Investment and Science & Technology, Mission of Canada to the EU
Moderation	<b>Sandra Parthie</b> , German Economic Institute, Head of Brussels Liaison Office

The event will be held in English.  
The discussion will be followed by a reception.

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