

OUTPUT

Website: including a brief description of the project's concept and objectives, a "what's new" section, links to consortium members, events and publications.

Newsletter: all contacts included in the project's database receive a newsletter every six months with up-to-date information, short editorials and Working Papers abstracts.

Publications: including Working Papers, academic articles submitted to peer-reviewed international journals, a final monograph and an edited volume, and an elite survey dataset.

Events: include conferences, workshops, Delphi exercises, and a series of public lectures organized by consortium members

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THE PROJECT

TRANSWORLD is a consortium of 13 academic and research centres from the EU, the US and Turkey formed to research the evolution of the transatlantic relationship and its role in shaping global governance architectures.

TRANSWORLD is a project mainly funded under the European Commission's 7th Framework Programme, with a total budget of € 3.231 million that is going to unfold for three and a half years, starting in March 2012.

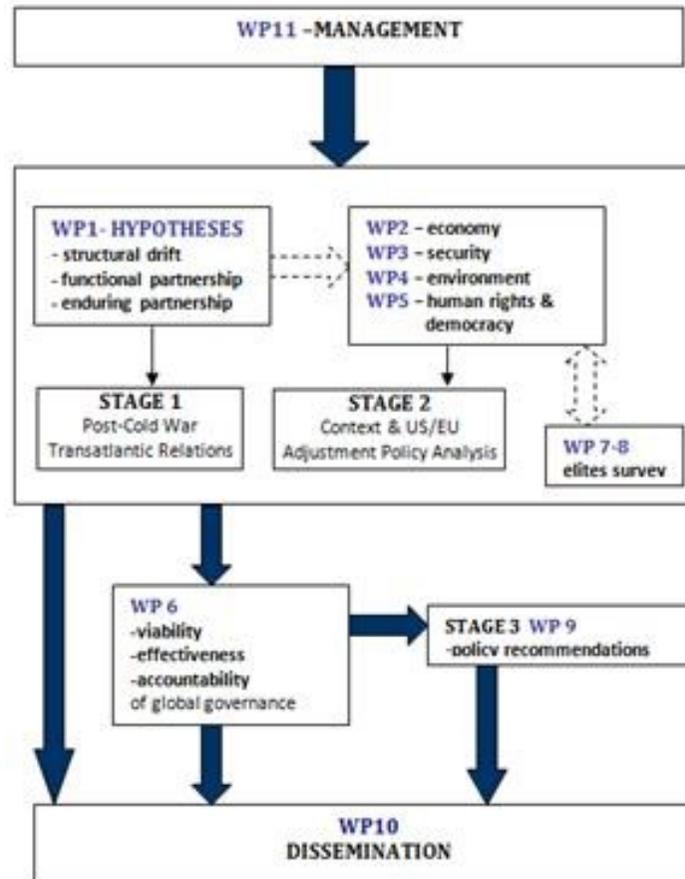
CONCEPT AND OBJECTIVES

In an era of global flux, emerging powers and growing interconnectedness, transatlantic relations appear to have lost their bearings. As the international system fragments into different constellations of state and non-state powers across different policy domains, the US and the EU can no longer claim exclusive leadership in global governance. Traditional paradigms to understand the transatlantic relationship are thus wanting. A new approach is needed to pinpoint the direction transatlantic relations are taking.

TRANSWORLD provides such an approach by a) discerning, differentiating among four policy domains (economic, security, environment, and human rights/democracy), whether transatlantic rela-

tions are drifting apart, adapting along an ad hoc cooperation-based pattern, or evolving into a different but resilient special partnership; b) assessing the role of a re-defined transatlantic relationship in the global governance architecture; c) providing tested policy recommendations on how the US and the EU could best cooperate to enhance the viability, effectiveness, and accountability of governance structures.

STRUCTURE



WORKPLAN

TRANSWORLD is organized in three successive stages.

- ◆ In **stage 1**, the conceptual framework of the project is set by elaborating three hypotheses on post-Cold War transatlantic relations – (1) structural drift, (2) functional partnership and (3) enduring partnership – by drawing on empirical-historical and the IR-theoretical literature.
- ◆ In **stage 2**, EU/US policies of adjustment *vis à vis* structural changes in the four policy domains (economy, security, environment, human rights & democracy) are traced by analyzing academic and policy literature and media sources, as well as by conducting semi-structured interviews with stakeholders and systematic elite surveys drawing from the social, political and economic sectors.
- ◆ In **stage 3**, policy recommendations for EU/US actors to foster the viability, effectiveness, and accountability of global governance structures are developed. This policy-relevant objective will be achieved by four Delphi exercises which, through online iterative and anonymous surveys among experts, will link transatlantic convergence patterns to practical solutions and gauge the acceptability of such solutions to other relevant international actors.