

**7<sup>th</sup> EDITION SPAIN – US CONGRESSIONAL VISITORS PROGRAM 2022  
Madrid – Barcelona. May 30 – June 3, 2022**

## **AGENDA**

### **Sunday, May 29**

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Arrival in Madrid and accommodation at:

[Hotel Petit Palace President Castellana](#)

C. Marqués de Villamagna, 4  
28001 Madrid  
Tel: +34 915 77 19 51

7.45 pm      Briefing and program overview with **Barbara Baggetto** and **Leticia Pico de Coaña**. Meet at the lobby for a welcome drink.  
*Casual attire*

### **Monday, May 30**

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9.15 am      Meet Barbara Baggetto at the lobby to start visits.  
*Passport required/ Business attire*

11.00 am      **40 years of NATO Commemorative Act**, presided by HRM the King of Spain Felipe VI and the Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez

1.00 pm      Welcome by the Secretary General and the staff of the [Fundación Consejo España – EE. UU.](#):  
Plaza del Marqués de Salamanca, 8

- [Fernando Prieto](#), Secretary General
- [Bárbara Baggetto](#), Head of Educational Affairs and Hispanic Communities
- [María Luque](#), Head of Cultural Affairs
- Sara Nebreda, Intern

1.45 pm      Luncheon with [Cristina Manzano](#), director of [EsGlobal El Perro y La Galleta](#), C/ Castelló 12. Tel: +34

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- 4.00 pm Visit to the [Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation](#)  
Plaza del Marqués de Salamanca, 8. Madrid
- 4.00 pm **General Secretariat for the European Union**
- **Ricardo Sánchez-Blanco**, Deputy Director for Foreign Relations and Trade, European Union general Secretariat
  - **Carlos Morales** Advisor to the Secretary General for the UE
  - **Diego Spottorno**, Advisor
- 5.00 pm [Ángeles Moreno](#), Secretary of State for Foreign and Global Affairs  
[Javier Salido](#), General Director for North America, Oriental Europe, Asia and Pacific
- 5.45 pm [Alberto Ucelay](#), Director for Maghreb, Mediterranean and Middle East  
Walking transition to the hotel. Free evening. Dinner on your own
- 6.30 pm Walking transition to the hotel. Free evening. Dinner on your own

### **Tuesday, May 31**

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- 9.00 am Meet Barbara Baggetto at the lobby. Walking transition  
*Passport required / Business attire*
- 9.30 am Visit and meeting at the [United States Embassy](#)  
Ambassador's Residence. Paseo Castellana, 48
- Meeting with:
- Ambassador [Julissa Reynoso](#)
  - Deputy Chief of Mission, [Conrad Tribble](#)
  - Political Counselor **Joan Perkins**
  - Economic Counselor **Christy Agor**
  - Management Counselor **Joe Bedessem**
  - Acting Counselor for Public Affairs **Justen Thomas**
  - Acting Consul General **Kathrine Mortensen**
  - Regional Security Officer **B.J. Green**
  - Legal Attache **Abel Vecino**
  - Defense Attache **Manuel Picon**

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- Office of Defense Cooperation Chief **Karsten Spies**
- Commercial Attache **Cameron Werker**
- Agricultural Attache **Karisha Kuypers**

- 11.30 am visit to [Congress of Deputies](#).  
Meet with representatives of the Foreign Affairs Committee:
- [Marta González Vázquez](#), Deputy Secretary of the Foreign Affairs Committee. Deputy for Coruña
  - [Aitor Esteban](#)
  - [Cristina Esteban](#)
- 1.30 pm Luncheon with [Angel Badillo](#), Senior Reseracher [Real Instituto Elcano](#).  
[La Ancha](#). C/ Zorrila, 7. Tel: +34 91 429 81 86
- 4.30 pm Visit to the Government Complex of [Moncloa](#).  
Palacio de la Moncloa, Avenida de Puerta de Hierro
- Meet with:
- [Emma Aparici](#), Director General for Foreign Affairs of Prime Minister's Cabinet
  - [Pilar Sánchez-Bella](#), Deputy Director for Foreign Affairs
  - [Guillaume Monfort](#), Advisor for Asia
  - [Luis Fontan](#), advisor por NATO and Saecurity Affairs
  - [Javier Cantero](#), Advisor for Russia, Ukraine and Middle East
- 6.00 pm Return to the hotel
- 8.00 pm Dinner and Flamenco Show  
*Casual attire*  
[Torres Bermejas](#). C/ Calle Mesonero Romanos, 11. Tel. +34 915 323 322

### **Wednesday, June 1st**

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- 9.00 am Meet Barbara Baggetto at the lobby  
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9.30 am [Rear Admiral Juan Pérez Puig](#), Deputy Director of international Relations of Defense Policy, [Ministry of Defense](#)

11.00 am Meet [Juan Fernández Trigo](#), Secretary of State for Ibero-America and the Caribbean and for Spanish around the World

Accompanied by:

- [Xavier Martí Martí](#), Director General for Ibero-America and Caribbean
- [Guillermo Escribano Manzano](#), director general for Spanish around the world
- [María Salcedo Ortíz](#), Chief of Staff of the State Secretary
- [Álvaro García](#), Advisor

12.30 pm Visit to the [Royal Institute Elcano](#).  
Príncipe de Vergara, 51. T: 917 81 67 70

Meet

- [Charles Powell](#), Director
- [Carlota García- Encina](#), senior analyst

1.45 pm Lunch with [Guillermo Fesser](#), Journalist  
Restaurante [Nájera](#). C/ Claudio Coello 116

4.30 pm [Repsol](#)  
Meeting

- [Angel Bautista](#), Institutional Relations Director
- [Victor Baz](#)
- [Gonzalo Velasco](#)

*Repsol is a global multi-energy company that is leading the energy transition with its ambition of achieving zero net emissions by 2050. Present throughout the energy value chain, the company employs 24,000 people worldwide and distributes its products in more than 90 countries to around 24 million customers.*

*Repsol produces an average of 572,000 barrels of oil equivalent per day and boasts one of Europe's most efficient refining systems. The company is transforming its seven industrial complexes in Spain, Portugal, and Peru into multi-energy hubs through state-of-the-art projects that will reduce their carbon footprint and will enable it to be a benchmark in the production of renewable hydrogen and sustainable fuels by 2030.*

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*Its customer-focused product and services portfolio is capable of meeting all consumer energy needs, whether at home or on the move. It leads the development of sustainable mobility solutions with increasingly efficient fuels, biofuels, Autogas, natural gas for vehicles, and electric vehicle charging solutions. Repsol is also a major player in the power and gas market in Spain, with 1.35 million customers and renewable generation assets with a total installed capacity of 1.5 GW.*

*To achieve zero net emissions by 2050, Repsol is deploying an integrated model of decarbonization technologies based on enhanced efficiency, increased renewable power generation capacity, production of low-carbon fuels, development of new customer solutions, the circular economy, and by driving breakthrough projects to reduce the industry's carbon footprint.*

- 6.45 pm      End of visits.
- 8.30 pm      Dinner with [Diego Martínez](#), Chief of Staff of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, UE and Cooperation, Juan Manuel Alvares and **Alejandra García**, Advisor for Western Affairs  
[Señor Martin](#), C/ General Castaños 13

### **Thursday, June 2nd**

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- 7.00 am      Meet Barbara Baggetto at the hotel Lobby  
**Passport required**/ Business attire / Comfortable shoes (if needed for walking tour)
- 8.00 am      High Speed train to Barcelona  
AVE 03081
- 11.00 am      Visit [Union por el Mediterráneo](#)  
Palacio Real de Pedralbes; Calle Pere Duran Farell. T: 93 521 4100
- Meet:
- [Grammenos Mastrojeni](#), Senior Deputy Secretary General in charge of Energy and Climate Action. Italian diplomat
- 1.00 am      Informal lunch  
[Restaurante Santa Clara](#). Carrer Jiménez i Iglesias, 11. T: 932 03 84 08

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- 1.30 Guided tour through Barcelona
- 4.30 pm Visit to [Caixabank](#)  
Av. Diagonal 621-629
- Welcome and introduction to CaixaBank, [Manuel Galarza](#), Director of Compliance and Control and Member of the Management Committee
  - Presentation of imagin, the lifestyle digital platform launched by CaixaBank and their new project in the metaverse: imaginLAND, [Anna Canela](#), Head of Engagement, Imagin.,
  - Economic and financial situation in Spain and the economic consequences of the war in Ukraine, [Judith Montoriol](#), Lead Economist del departamento Research de CaixaBank,
  - The banking system within the framework of the EU versus the American financial system, [Christian Castro](#), Director of Public Affairs
  - Geostrategic implications of the Ukraine war and wrap up of the session, [Joan Rosás](#), Director of International Institutional Relations.

*CaixaBank is the leading financial group in retail banking in Spain, reinforcing this position following the merger of Bankia, and one of the most significant in Portugal, where it controls 100% of BPI, with a socially responsible, universal banking model based on trust and quality.*

*The entity offers a customised value proposition to all its customers, embracing innovation as a strategic challenge and a differential feature of its culture, from a commercial platform that combines physical branches with the digital world.*

- 7.25 pm Highspeed train to Madrid  
AVE 03190
- 9.55 pm Arrival in Madrid. Transfer to the hotel. Dinner on your own

### **Friday, June 3rd**

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- 09.00 am Meet Bárbara Baggetto at the Lobby  
*Passport required / Business attire/ comfortable shoes (if needed for walking tour)*
- 9.30 am Farewell breakfast with the [Board Members of the Fundación Casa América](#) Plaza de Cibeles, 2

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- [Juan Lladó](#), Chairman, Fundación Consejo España- EE.UU
- [Enrique Ojeda](#), Director, Casa de América

The Casa de América, housed in the Linares Palace, is a Consortium formed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Community of Madrid and the Capital City Hall. It has a high-level Board of Trustees chaired by H.M. the King. The Casa de América is the main Spanish institution focusing on the very intense flow of relations among the members of the American Community and Spain.

11.15 am [Spanish Office of the European Commission](#)  
Paseo de la Castellana, 46

Meet:  
[María Ángeles Benítez Salas](#), Director  
[Irina Vasiliu](#), Political Reporter

12.30 pm [El País](#)  
Calle Valentín Beato, 44. Madrid

Meeting with:

- [Borja Echevarría](#), Deputy Director
- [Pedro Zuazua](#), Head of Communication
- [Luis Doncel](#), International and Economics editor

El País is the first Spanish newspaper of general information. It first appeared in 1976 (when Spain was beginning the democratic transition. El País has offices in Washington, Brussels and has reporters all over the world, especially in Latin America. Since 1989 it participates in a common informative net with “La República” and “Le Monde”, and since 2001 a supplement published in English integrates the Spanish edition of the International Herald Tribune. Elpais.com is the digital edition for the newspaper and the website for general information on the PRISA group to which it belongs.

2.30 pm Gastro-cultural walking tour around Madrid (tapas tasting included)

6.00 pm End of visits. Return to the hotel.

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