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EU CHARGE AGAINST SILICON VALLEY CLOUDS TRANSATLANTIC TECH ALLIANCE

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EU plans to rein in Silicon Valley via new competition rules are emerging as a serious irritant in the transatlantic relationship, just as the two sides have committed to deepening their ties on tech and trade.

Senior officials from Brussels and Washington gathered in Pittsburgh last month to inaugurate the Trade and Tech Council, a high-level initiative geared at repairing a relationship damaged under former President Donald Trump.

But behind the display of bonhomie, U.S. officials are growing increasingly worried about European tech regulation plans, which they feel unfairly target Silicon Valley giants like Facebook, Google and Apple.

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