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YOUNG LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



STRATEGEAST **YOUNG LEADERSHIP** **PROGRAM 2019**

Strategeast Young Leadership Program was held for the second time in 2019 in the United States. Seven young deputy ministers from Eurasian and Baltic states visited the U.S. to get a deep insight into how internal processes in the U.S. government system work.

The program included training events led by high-level U.S. officials and analytical community representatives that provided deeper insight into the interaction between state and business. The main goal of the program is to help the participants to gain new instruments

and to broaden their networking for the development of economic relations between their countries and the U.S. This year program was focused on innovations, knowledge-driven economy and tech development.

Open World Leadership Center and **StrategEast** were hosting the second Young Leadership Program between June 2-9, 2019.

During the program, the Deputy Ministers met government officials, and representatives of civil society and the private sector. The participants were also divided into two groups and spent several days in home stays – in Philadelphia, PA, and Richmond, VA. The purpose of this part of the program is to familiarize participants with the system of interaction between local and federal authorities.



Washington, D.C. welcomed the participants of StrategEast Young Leadership Program 2019.

From left to right: Tetiana Voitovych (Project Manager, StrategEast); Murod Saidzoda (Head of Department of European and American Countries, MFA Tajikistan); Edmunds Belskis (Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development, Latvia); Carolina Perebinos (State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Moldova); Anatoly Motkin (Founder and President, StrategEast); Timur Toktabayev (Deputy Minister of Investment and Development, Kazakhstan); Farizshokh Usmanov (Deputy Chairman of Trade and Industry Chamber of Uzbekistan); Lasha Khutsishvili (Deputy Minister of Finance of Georgia); Daniir Imanaliev (Head of Strategic development, economics and finance of the Administration of President, Kyrgyzstan).



StrategEast Young Leadership Program 2019 has started with a meeting with Georgetown University professor of federalism Sam Potolicchio. Professor Potolicchio has outlined the peculiarities of the U.S. federal system and its founding documents.

From left to right: Daniyar Imanaliev (Kyrgyzstan), Farizshokh Usmanov (Uzbekistan), Lasha Khutsishvili (Georgia); Edmunds Belskis (Latvia); Sam Potolicchio (Georgetown University Professor); Carolina Perebinos (Moldova); Anatoly Motkin (Founder and President, StrategEast); Timur Toktabayev (Kazakhstan); Murod Saidzoda (Tajikistan).



From left to right: Mr. Farizshokh Usmanov, Deputy Chairman Trade and Industry Chamber of Uzbekistan, Mr. Murod Saidzoda, Head of department of European and American countries of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan and Mr. Edmunds Belskis, Deputy State Secretary at the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of Latvia.



Meeting at State Department with DAS George Kent and Cheryl L. Fernandes to discuss the U.S. foreign policy for the region. Mr. Kent serves as Deputy Assistant Secretary in the European and Eurasian Bureau at the U.S. Department of State, overseeing policy towards Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, Georgia, Armenia, and Azerbaijan. Ms Fernandes is the Office Director for Caucasus Affairs and Regional Conflicts in the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs.



Meeting with Tara Blake, Director, International Project Finance at the Overseas Private Investment Company. Ms. Blake is responsible for the key liaison for agency with investors, U.S. government officials, foreign government officials, multilaterals, and other financial institutions.

From left to right: Murod Saidzoda (Tajikistan); Tetiana Voitovych (StrategEast); Edmunds Belskis (Latvia); Lasha Khutsishvili (Georgia); Timur Toktabayev (Kazakhstan); Anatoly Motkin (StrategEast); Tara Blake (OPIC); Carolina Perebinos (Moldova); Daniyar Imanaliev (Kyrgyzstan); Farizshokh Usmanov (Uzbekistan).



During the reception by Business Council for International Understanding, StrategEast Young Leadership Program 2019 participants had a chance to meet people interested in cooperation with the countries of the region and discuss current challenges.

From left to right: Edmunds Belskis, Young Leadership Participant from Latvia



Carolina Perebinos,
Young Leadership Program Participant from Moldova



Meeting at Metropolitan Club with Stratēgeast Advisory Board Member and International Tax and Investment Center President Daniel Witt and International Tax and Investment Center Vice President Blake Marshall.

From left to right: Edmunds Belskis, Daniyar Imanaliev, Lasha Khutsishvili, Anatoly Motkin, Timur Toktabayev, Carolina Perebinos, Daniel Witt, Farizhshokh Usmanov, Tetiana Voitovych, Blake Marshall, Murod Saidzoda.



Meeting at Center for International Private Enterprise

From left to right: Lasha Khutsishvili (Georgia), Timur Toktabayev (Kazakhstan), Daniyar Imanaliev (Kyrgyzstan), Boris Chumak (U.S. Department of Commerce), Luisa Tomar (CIPE), Anatoly Motkin (StrategEast), Carolina Perebinos (Moldova), Tetiana Voitovych (StrategEast), Caroline Elkin (CIPE), Farizshokh Usmanov (Uzbekistan), Murod Saidzoda (Tajikistan), Edmunds Belskis (Latvia).



Timur Toktabayev (Kazakhstan), Lasha Khutsishvili (Georgia), Daniyar Imanaliev (Kyrgyzstan) during the meeting with Congressman Steve Chabot.



Capitol Tour: Lasha Khutsishvili (Georgia), Murod Saidzoda (Tajikistan), Carolina Perebinos (Moldova), Edmunds Belskis (Latvia), Matthew Tucker (Open World Leadership Center), Farizshokh Usmanov (Uzbekistan), Daniyar Imanaliev (Kyrgyzstan), Tetiana Voitovych (StrategEast).

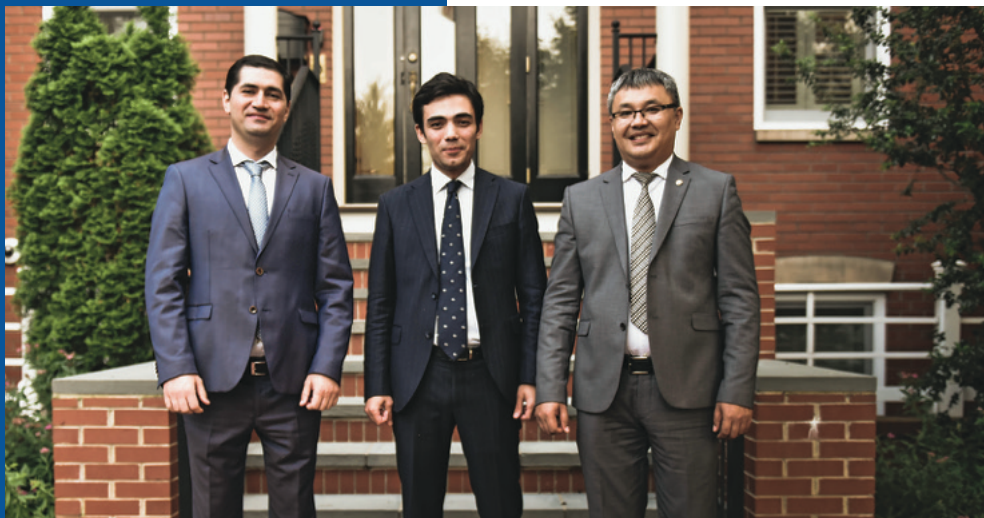


Meeting with Stephen Nix, Regional Program Director for Eurasia at the International Republican Institute (IRI); Bakhtiyor Nishanov, Regional Deputy Director, for Eurasia at IRI; Motria Chaban, Program Officer, and IRI staff.



Mr. Prosser Stirling, Senior Director, International Relations and Government Affairs, Oracle; Mr. Anatoly Motkin, StrategEast President; Ms Carolina Perebinos, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration, Moldova at the reception held for StrategEast Young Leadership Program participants.

From left to right: Prosser Stirling, Anatoly Motkin, Carolina Perebinos.



From left to right: Murod Saidzoda (Head of Department of European and American Countries, MFA Tajikistan), Farizshokh Usmanov (Deputy Chairman of Trade and Industry Chamber of Uzbekistan), Daniyar Imanaliev (Head of Strategic development, economics and finance of the Administration of President, Kyrgyzstan).



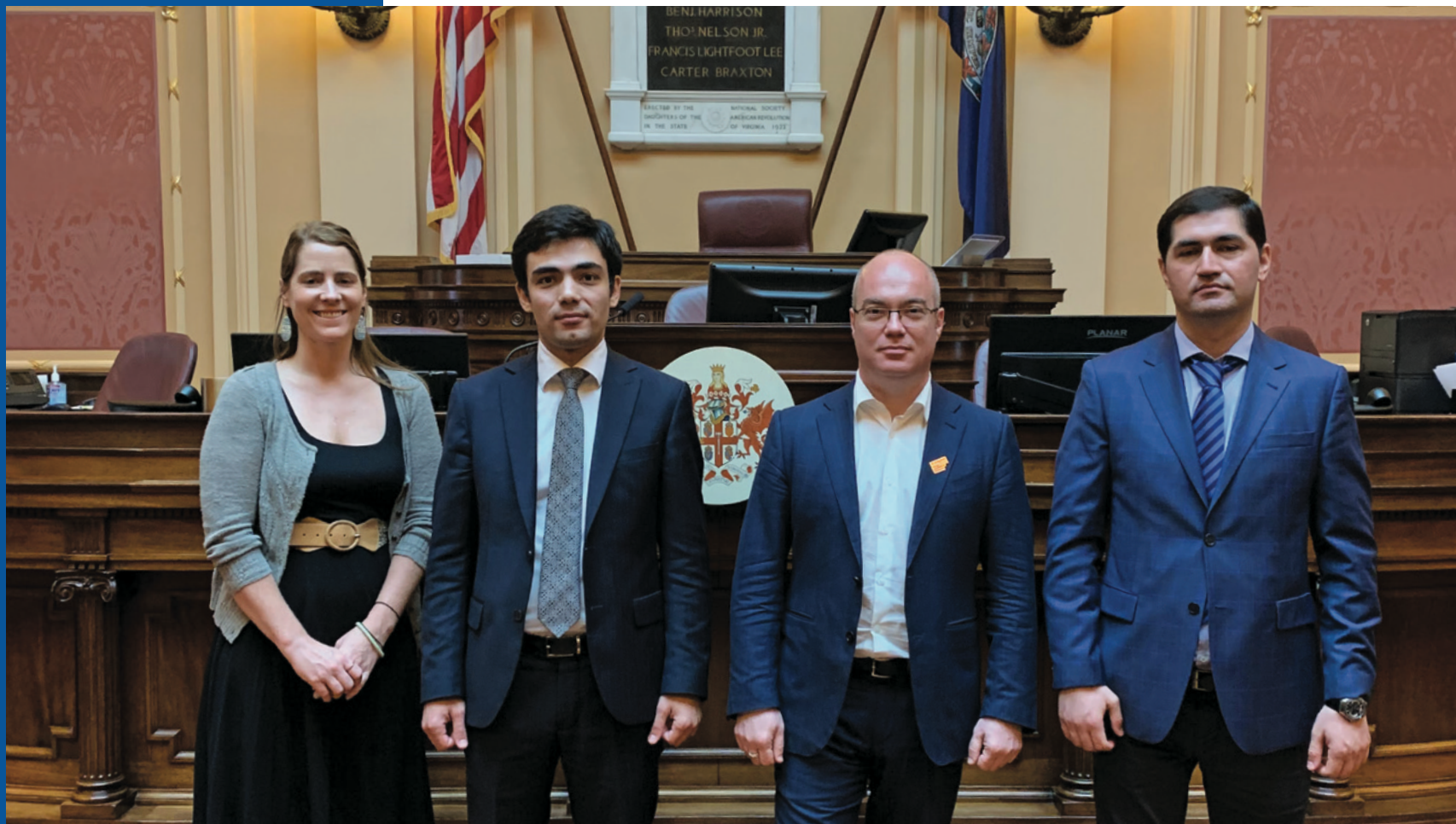
StrategEast Young Leadership Program 2019 participants visited Philadelphia and had 2 days of fruitful meetings and discussions.

From left to right: Edmunds Belskis, Deputy State Secretary, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia; Lasha Khutsishvili, Deputy Minister Finance of the Republic of Georgia; Kristen Ramsey, Program Officer at Citizen Diplomacy International Philadelphia; Carolina Perebinos, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova and StategEast Project Manager Tetiana Voitovych.



Discussion with Foreign Policy Research Institute in Philadelphia.

From left to right: Carolina Perebinos, Lasha Khutsishvili, Edmunds Belskis, Bob O'Donnell, Mitchell Orenstein, Marina Kats, Andrey Grashkin, Eli Gilman, Maia Otashvili and Robert Hamilton.



From left to right: Farizshokh Usmanov (Uzbekistan), Anatoly Motkin (StrategEast) and Murod Saidzoda (Tajikistan) in Virginia State Capitol



Murod Saidzoda (Tajikistan)
at CBS6/WTVR Local News Station in Richmond, VA.



Lasha Khutsishvili
Deputy Minister of Finance
of Georgia



“Young Leadership Program is the best opportunity to learn directly from policy makers how the American political, economic and social systems are being created and developed.

As well as it gives a great possibility to establish contacts with public, private and NGO sectors for the effective future cooperation.

Within the framework of the program it is of utmost importance to share the experience of different states and look over the implementation of the ongoing reforms and policy developments in our countries.”



Timur Toktabayev
Deputy Minister of Investment and Development of Kazakhstan



“Participation in the StrategEast Young Leadership Program was a unique opportunity to study the world's best practices and modern governance structures, provided a deeper insight into many of the transformation processes taking place in the United States, and the possibility of the influence of many policy institutions on government performance.

Special thanks to the organizers for visiting a large number of interesting historical, architectural and cultural sites of the country. I was pleased to get acquainted with my foreign colleagues, the opportunity to exchange experience and warm communication with them.”



Murod Saidzoda

Head of Department of European and American countries of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan



“The participation in StrategEast Young Leadership Program was a good opportunity for me to enrich the knowledge about the U.S. domestic and foreign policy, particularly with regards to the countries of the Central Asian region. Since I head the department which deals with the bilateral relations with the USA at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan, it was very useful for me to learn from inside the decision making process and engage with counterparts across the ocean. Meeting with representatives of local governments and NGOs contributed to the overall perception of the main goals of the program. Another positive achievement was the possibility to meet colleagues from other countries with whom Tajikistan shares common history and to exchange experience gained in the period of transition. It’s very important to establish personal contacts in order to ensure effective cooperation in different areas.”



STRATEGEAST **YOUNG LEADERSHIP** **PROGRAM 2018**

As a part of the Stratageast Young Leadership Program 2018, a group of deputy ministers from 9 countries, which proclaimed or restored their independence after the collapse of the USSR, visited the United States between June 3rd and June 10th, 2019. The deputy ministers

participated in meetings and trainings led by high-level U.S. officials and think tank representatives. The goal of the program was to educate the young officials about how the U.S. government works internally and the role government authorities play in economic processes. The Young

Leadership Program was organized by the center for political and diplomatic solutions Stratageast in cooperation with the Open World Leadership Center and Eurasia Foundation and took place in Washington, D.C., Richmond, VA, and Philadelphia, PA.

The nine participants of StrategEast Young Leadership Program 2018 were English-speaking deputy ministers under the age of forty representing their home governments of Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Moldova, Tajikistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan.

A crucial part of the program was exchanging and learning new information about reform and state management not only between the host and the participating parties but also between the deputy ministers.



StrategEast Young Leadership Program 2018 delegation at the Thomas Jefferson Building, Library of Congress, in Washington, D.C. From left to right: First Deputy Minister of Information Technologies and Communications of Uzbekistan Olimjon Umarov, State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova Tatiana Molcean, Deputy Minister of Energy of the Republic of Belarus Vadim Zakrevsky, Georgetown professor of federalism Sam Potolicchio, Founder and President of StrategEast Anatoly Motkin, Vice Minister of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania Martynas Norbutas, Deputy Minister of Energy and Coal Industry on European Integration of Ukraine Nataliya Boyko, Head of International Relations at the President's office of the Republic of Tajikistan Manuchehr Hokimzoda, Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia Nino Tandilashvili, and Deputy Minister of Culture, Information and Tourism of Kyrgyzstan Azamat Zhamankulov.

Stratageast Young Leadership Program 2018 was organized in cooperation with the Open World Leadership Center and Eurasia Foundation.



CELEBRATING **25** YEARS



“The Young Leadership Program offers rising officials from the Eurasia region an extraordinary opportunity to engage with their American counterparts in government, business, and civil society. That engagement – coupled with the home stays that will connect these young officials directly with American families – promises to enhance understanding between the United States and the countries represented by this delegation as well as building bridges among the nations of Eurasia themselves.”

President of Eurasia Foundation
Horton Beebe-Center.



#SYLP2018 delegation at the opening roundtable with Ambassador John O’Keefe, Counselor to the Board of Trustees of the Open World Leadership Center at The Whittall Pavilion of the Thomas Jefferson Building at the Library of Congress, in Washington, DC.

Within the framework of the program, young leaders met with Members of Congress and their staff. The representatives included Rep. Michael Turner (R-OH), Rep. Steve Chabot (R-OH), Rep. Joe Barton (R-TX), Rep. Francis Rooney (D-FL), Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-WI), Rep. Lois Frankel (D-FL). The delegation also participated in lively conversations with Senate Foreign Relations Committee minority side staff member Laura Carey and former Congressman Cliff Stearns.



Congressman Joe Barton (R-TX) and President of the U.S. Association of Former Members of Congress, former Congressman Cliff Stearns taking a group photo after a lively discussion with the StrategEast Young Leadership Program 2018 delegation.



Vice Minister of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania Martynas Norbutas and State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova Tatiana Molcean on their way to one of their engaging Hill meetings where they learned about the ins-and-outs of the U.S. government.



Congresswoman Lois Frankel (D-FL) taking a group photo with the StrategEast Young Leadership Program 2018 delegates in her office at the U.S. Capitol.

The young leaders also had the opportunity to hear from leading U.S. organizations such as: Open World Leadership Center, Eurasia Foundation, the German Marshall Fund of the U.S., Overseas Private Investment Corporation, Center for International Private Enterprise, International Republican Institute, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, International Tax and Investment Center, the World Bank, Newseum, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics, APCO Worldwide, the Business Council for International Understanding, the U.S. Department of Commerce and others.



“Next Generation Leaders from the Eurasia Region” executive dinner organized by the Business Council for International Understanding (BCIU) with BCIU Senior Vice President Jeffrey Donald, Skypower Global Director for Global Intelligence and Integration Zul Kapadia, Anticorruption Center Specialist and Funding Director Erkaïym Mambetalieva, 3M Director of International Affairs Brittany Masalosalo, StrategEast Founder and President Anatoly Motkin, APCO Worldwide Senior Advisor and Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Europe, Middle East and Africa Matthew Murray, Sierra Nevada Corporation Director for International Programs Ertem Mutlu, Tellurian Vice President Ambassador Albert Nahas, Shell Director for International Government Relations Eric Pelofsky, Skypower Global Director for International and Institutional Relations Shamini Selvaratnam, Oracle Senior Director for Global Development Prosser Stirling, APR Energy Managing Director for Government Relations Eric Toumayan, Medtronic Senior International Relations Specialist EMEA/MEACAT Cherine Yassien and others.



Panel Discussion on the Western expectations with respect to economic engagement, trade and investment at the German Marshall Fund of the United States. From left to right: StrategEast Founder and President Anatoly Motkin, Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) Office of Investment Policy Vice President Merryl Burpoe, the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) Senior Fellow Jonathan Katz, British Petroleum America Inc Head of International Affairs Robert M.Scher and Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) Program Officer for Europe & Eurasia Eric Hontz.



Carnegie Endowment for International Peace Senior Fellow Paul Stronski meeting the StratgeEast Young Leadership Program 2018 delegation.



Newseum Vice Chair Shelby Coffey, speaking to the StratgeEast Young Leadership Program 2018 participants about the role of the press and the relationship between the press and the government at the Newseum, in Washington, D.C.



Congressman Michael Turner (R-OH) and Vice Minister of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan Nataliya Pan shaking hands after a meeting with the Congressman.



Panel Discussion, organized by Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) with (from left to right) CIPE Program Officer for Europe & Eurasia Eric Hontz, Office of the General Counsel of the U.S. Department of Commerce International Attorney-Advisor with the CLDP Arezo Yazd, CIPE Director of Development and Partnerships and Regional Director for Europe, Eurasia and South Africa Marc Schleifer, CIPE Director of Knowledge Management Kim E. Betcher, U.S. Department of Commerce Desk officer Boris Chumak and APCO Worldwide Senior Advisor and Former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Europe, Middle East and Africa Matthew Murray in Washington, D.C.

StrategEast Young Leadership Program 2018 participants visited Richmond and Philadelphia, where Open World Leadership Center and hosting organizations - FHI 360, Virginia Commonwealth University and Citizen Diplomacy International of Philadelphia put together meetings with representatives of local government and NGOs. An exciting part of the program included homestays with local communities. By living with an average American family, the deputy ministers had the chance to candidly discuss different topics over food with "real" people and gain insight into authentic American culture which they would never otherwise experience during a typical trip to the United States.



A group of StrategEast Young Leadership Program 2018 delegates during their visit to Philadelphia, PA, for the 2-days Open World Program, together with the local coordinator Lissa Morinsky from Citizen Diplomacy International of Philadelphia.



A group of StrategEast Young Leadership Program 2018 delegates during their visit to Richmond, VA, for the 2-days Open World Program, together with the hosting community of Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). Local host coordinators: VCU Globe's Kill Blondin and Global Education Office's Elizabeth Hiett.



Deputy Minister of Energy and Coal Industry on European Integration of Ukraine Nataliya Boyko and StrategEast Young Leadership Program 2018 project manager Praskovja Bystrova together with the hosting family in front of their house in Richmond, VA.



StrategEast Young Leadership Program 2018 participants at a Lunch Panel on the Western expectations with respect to economic engagement, trade and investment at the German Marshall Fund of the United States.



“The most positive result of the program is perhaps the opportunity to represent our countries, to demonstrate the work carried out in our sectors and to exchange experiences. This exchange allows us to establish an effective cooperation with experts and organizations.”

Deputy Minister of Energy of Belarus Vadim Zakrevsky.



“StrategEast Young Leadership Program offered a targeted, well-structured program with excellent discussions and opportunities to get insights into the U.S. policy and decision-making process. Also, it is a great way to share best practices.”

State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Moldova Tatiana Molcean.



“Young Leadership Program was a great opportunity for me to deeply understand the democratic processes in the U.S. society and its public service sector. I received the tools which I can use in challenging situations when trying to get justice in our countries. The diversity of the meetings helped us to find the right solutions for the issues which we have to be able to resolve every day while we serve our government.”

Deputy Minister of Justice of Kazakhstan Natalya Pan.

To ensure that the program was successful and left a lasting impact StrategEast hosted a final dinner discussion in Washington, D.C., where the deputy ministers brainstormed the next steps for implementing what they learned during the exchange and for strengthening the connection between participating countries within the PSNR region and the West.



“Our Young Leadership Program is not only about obtaining new skills that will allow the participants to collaborate more effectively with U.S. institutions, but also to demonstrate the benefits of a strong civil society working towards economic sustainability.”

StrategEast Founder and President Anatoly Motkin.



StrategEast Young Leadership Program 2018 participants raising their glasses of sparkling wine and water during the final dinner discussion on the obtained knowledge and the planning of future cooperation.



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