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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. 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.

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“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 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.

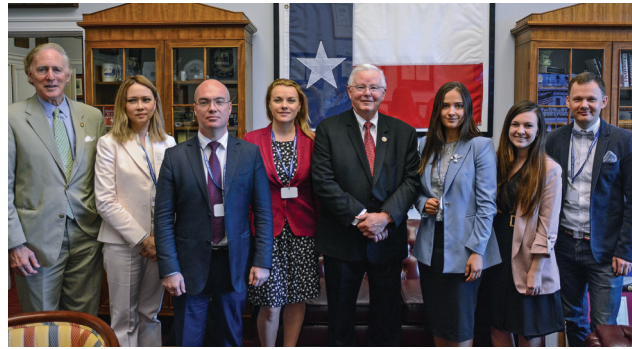
Eurasia Foundation President Horton Beebe-Center and StrategEast Founder and President Anatoly Motkin opening the StrategEast Young Leadership Program 2018 welcoming reception, hosted by Eurasia Foundation.



The StrategEast Young Leadership Program 2018 delegation at the opening roundtable with Executive Director of the Open World Leadership Center Ambassador John O'Keefe at the Thomas Jefferson Building, Library of Congress, in Washington, D.C.



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 StrategEast Young Leadership Program 2018 delegation.



StrategEast Young Leadership Program 2018 participants posing together in front of the U.S. Capitol between meetings and enjoying the view of Washington, D.C. From left to right: State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova Tatiana Molcean, Deputy Minister of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia Nino Tandilashvili and Deputy Minister of Energy and Coal Industry on European Integration of Ukraine Nataliya Boyko.



Newseum Vice Chair Shelby Coffey, speaking to the StrategEast 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 Hiatt.



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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