



# U.S. House of Representatives COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form

Original  Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, B-81 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Thomas Eager
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: 08/24/2019 Return: 08/31/2019  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Ukraine Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Series of meetings and visits with gov't officials, party officials, civil society and private sector reps in Ukraine to learn about ongoing political and military issues, including conflict in the East.
7. Attached to this form are *each* of the following, signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box:
  - a.  a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
  - b.  the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor *prior* to the trip, including all attachments and the *Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms*;
  - c.  page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; *and*
  - d.  the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. Signify statement is true by checking the box:   
 b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

I certify that the information contained on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 9/13/2019

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Adam Schiff Date: 9/13/2019  
Signature of Supervising Member:



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## Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form

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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip *within ten days of their return*. You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center

2. Travel Destination(s): Ukraine

3. Date of Departure: 8/24/2019 Date of Return: 8/31/2019

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): See attached

Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.

5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$2202.91	\$985.50	\$630.15	N/A
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box:

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Geysa Gonzalez Date: 9.13.19

Name: Geysa Gonzalez Title: Deputy Director, Eurasia Center

Organization: Atlantic Council

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box:

Address: 1030 15th Street NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20005

Telephone: (202) 599-8620 Email: ggonzalez@atlanticcouncil.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.



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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Thomas Eager

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center

3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Ukraine

4. a. Date of Departure: 08/24/2019 Date of Return: 08/31/2019

b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  Yes  No

If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_

5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense?  Yes  No If yes:

(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:  Yes  No

6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?  Yes  No

b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms:  Yes  No

NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**

As a Professional Staff with the House Intelligence Committee, I have intelligence oversight and policy monitoring responsibilities. This educational trip will further my knowledge of ongoing political, military and governance challenges in Ukraine, and their impact on U.S. and European allies' security interests.

9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?  Yes  No

10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member

Date

7/22/2019



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## Primary Trip Sponsor Form

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip: Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Signify that the statement is true by checking box:
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip:  OR
  - b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds:  OR
  - c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.   
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): See attached
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
6. Date of Departure: 08/24/2019 Date of Return: 08/31/2019
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC, USA  
b. Destination(s): Ukraine  
c. City of return: Washington, DC, USA
8. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965:  OR
  - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent:  OR
  - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. **Check only one of the following:**
  - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
  - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
  - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night:  OR
  - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights:  If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_



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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box:*
11. **Check only one of the following:**
- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:*  **OR**
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education:
12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
- The Atlantic Council promotes constructive leadership and engagement in international affairs. The Council's Eurasia Center aims to enhance transatlantic cooperation and generate awareness about the region. The Atlantic Council is the full sponsor of the trip and is organizing and conducting all aspects of the trip.
13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
- \_\_\_\_\_
14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:*
15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees:  **OR**
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation:
- If "b" is checked:
- 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$130 maximum (approximate)
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The location was selected in order to provide congressional staffers with information about the current situation in Ukraine and the surrounding region.
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: Radisson Blu Hotel City: Kyiv Cost Per Night: \$170  
Reason(s) for Selecting: Location, rate, availability
- Hotel Name: Kharkiv Palace Hotel City: Kharkiv Cost Per Night: \$150  
Reason(s) for Selecting: Location, rate, availability, and previous experience with hotel
- Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_
17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:*



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**18. Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$2155	\$980	\$800
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	N/A	N/A
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A

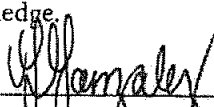
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**19. Check only one:**

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below:  OR
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 7/17/2019

Name: Geysa Gonzalez

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August 22, 2019

Mr. Thomas Eager  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence  
HVC-304, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Eager:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Ukraine,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for August 24 to 31, 2019, sponsored by Atlantic Council.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.


Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House employees may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$390] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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<sup>1</sup> Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Sergeant at Arms (SAA) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. SAA may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or [ohsstaff@mail.house.gov](mailto:ohsstaff@mail.house.gov). House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Theodore E. Deutch  
Chairman



Kenny Marchant  
Ranking Member

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**Primary Trip Sponsor Form**

4. House employees invited

- (1) Yuri Beckelman, Deputy Chief of Staff/Legislative Director, Office of Representative Mark Takano
  - a. Reason for inviting: Ukraine and the surrounding region are relevant to the staffer's official professional portfolio at the House of Representatives.
- (2) Laura Detter, Legislative Assistant, Office of Representative Scott Perry
  - a. Reason for inviting: Ukraine and the surrounding region are relevant to the staffer's official professional portfolio at the House of Representatives.
- (3) Thomas Eager, Professional Staff Member, Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
  - a. Reason for inviting: Ukraine and the surrounding region are relevant to the staffer's official professional portfolio at the House of Representatives.
- (4) Robert Ikoku, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Representative Ruben Gallego
  - a. Reason for inviting: Ukraine and the surrounding region are relevant to the staffer's official professional portfolio at the House of Representatives.
- (5) Zachary Laven, Legislative Assistant, Office of Representative David Schweikert
  - a. Reason for inviting: Ukraine and the surrounding region are relevant to the staffer's official professional portfolio at the House of Representatives.
- (6) Mike Lucier, Legislative Director, Office of Representative Jennifer Wexton
  - a. Reason for inviting: Ukraine and the surrounding region are relevant to the staffer's official professional portfolio at the House of Representatives.
- (7) Bricana Marticorena, Legislative Director, Office of Representative Katie Porter
  - a. Reason for inviting: Ukraine and the surrounding region are relevant to the staffer's official professional portfolio at the House of Representatives.
- (8) Michael McCabe, Legislative Assistant, Office of Representative Brian Fitzpatrick
  - a. Reason for inviting: Ukraine and the surrounding region are relevant to the staffer's official professional portfolio at the House of Representatives.
- (9) Sarah Miller, Legislative Assistant, Office of Representative Brian Mast
  - a. Reason for inviting: Ukraine and the surrounding region are relevant to the staffer's official professional portfolio at the House of Representatives.
- (10) Angel Nigaglioni, Legislative Director & Counsel, Office of Representative José Serrano
  - a. Reason for inviting: Ukraine and the surrounding region are relevant to the staffer's official professional portfolio at the House of Representatives.



# Atlantic Council

## Agenda: Ukraine Study Trip, 2019

August 24, 2019 to  
August 31, 2019  
Ukraine

### Saturday, August 24, 2019

6:05 p.m. Departure from Washington, DC  
Location: Washington Dulles International Airport  
Flight: United Airlines Flight 52

### Sunday, August 25, 2019

8:05 a.m. Arrival in Zurich, Switzerland  
Location: Zurich Airport

9:40 a.m. Departure from Zurich, Switzerland  
Location: Zurich Airport  
Flight: Swiss International Airlines Flight 2290

1:20 p.m. Arrival in Kyiv, Ukraine  
Location: Boryspil International Airport

2:45 – 3:30 p.m. Travel to Hotel, Check-in  
Location: Radisson Blu Hotel, Yaroslaviv Val St, 22, Kyiv, Ukraine, 02000  
Transportation: Shuttle

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Meeting with Ambassador William B. Taylor, U.S. Chargé d'Affaires, a.i  
Topics of discussion: Ukraine's new political administration, US-Ukraine relations, Ukraine-Russia relations  
Relevance: Staffers will hear from the current top US political figure in Ukraine who has had major insight into and interactions with both past presidential administrations and in the current administration. They will receive insight into the political environment of Ukraine, as well as its relations with various partners, especially the United States.

7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. Briefing and Dinner: The Current State of Ukraine  
Location: The Last Barricade, Maidan Nezalezhnosti, 1, Kyiv, 02000  
Transportation: Walking  
Topics of discussion: The new Ukrainian administration  
Relevance: Staffers will receive an overview of Ukraine's current political situation from the perspective of a former US ambassador to Ukraine, with a particular focus on the events at Maidan in 2014.

### Monday, August 26, 2019

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Travel to the National Museum of Folk Architecture and Life of Ukraine  
Location: Meet in Radisson Blu lobby  
Transportation: Shuttle

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Docent Tour of Museum of Folk Architecture and Life of Ukraine  
Location: National Museum of Folk Architecture and Life of Ukraine, Vulytsya Akademika Tron'ka, Kyiv, Ukraine, 03026

Location: Kharkiv, Ukraine

Transportation: Shuttle

Participants: Head representatives from the Security Service of Ukraine and military leadership in the region. Including Ambassador Valery Hrebeniuk, Andriy Kyseliov, Oleh Kotsiuba.

Topics of discussion: The conflict in eastern Ukraine; the state of Ukrainian forces in the region, activities of Kremlin interference in the region, and the effect on local residents.

Relevance: Staffers will receive an update on the conflict in eastern Ukraine from security experts in the region and be provided with additional context for the trip to Kramatorsk and their meetings in eastern Ukraine.

11:50 p.m. - 12:15 a.m. Travel to Hotel, Check-in

Location: Kharkiv Palace Hotel, 2 Nezalezhnosti Avenue, Kharkiv, 61058

Transportation: Shuttle

## **Tuesday, August 27, 2019**

9:30 a.m. Departure from Kharkiv, Ukraine for Kramatorsk, Ukraine

Transportation: Shuttle

12:00 p.m. Arrival in Kramatorsk, Ukraine

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Tour and Briefing on the State of the Operation of the United Forces

Location: Headquarters of the Operation of the United Forces, Kramatorsk, Ukraine

Participants: Representatives of the Operation of the United Forces and the Security Service of Ukraine

Topics of discussion: The conflict in eastern Ukraine and the state of Ukrainian forces in the region, specifically the Operation of the United Forces.

Relevance: Staffers will receive an update on the conflict in eastern Ukraine from military experts in the region, learn about Ukrainian military capabilities, and will tour the Kramatorsk base of the Operation of the United Forces.

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Lunch and Discussion with Representatives of the Operation of the United Forces

Location: Headquarters of the Operation of the United Forces, Kramatorsk, Ukraine

Participants: Representatives from the Operation of the United Forces and the Security Service of Ukraine.

Topics of discussion: The conflict in eastern Ukraine and the state of Ukrainian forces in the region, specifically the Operation of the United Forces.

Relevance: Staffers will receive further updates on the conflict in eastern Ukraine from military experts in the region.

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Meeting with Local Activists and Residents, Tour of the Window to America in the Sloviansk Library

Location: Sloviansk Library, Sloviansk, Ukraine

Participants: Local residents representing local NGOs, news sources, and government, including: Movement for Strong Communities (NGO), Sloviansk Together (NGO), Ukrainians for Donetsk Oblast (NGO), East and West Together (NGO), Women Helping Veterans (NGO), Sloviansk Community Council, Oblast Administration for Veterans Affairs

Topics of discussion: History of the USAID funded Window to America in the Sloviansk Library. The effect of the conflict in eastern Ukraine on residents in the area and the current state of security and society in frontline communities.

- 4:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Meeting with Petro Poroshenko, Former President of Ukraine, Head of European Solidarity Party  
Location: European Solidarity Party Headquarters, Kyiv  
Transportation: Shuttle  
Topics of discussion: The new governmental administration, the European Solidarity Party's priorities in parliament, the Minsk process, Ukraine-Russia relations  
Relevance: Staffers will hear from the former president of Ukraine and will learn about his future plans following his presidency, along with his thoughts on the policies of the new administration.
- 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Dinner with newly appointed Rada Members from Servant of the People Party  
Location: Musafir, Saksahanskoho St, 57A, Kyiv, 02000  
Transportation: Shuttle  
Participants: Bohdan Yaremenko, Head of the Committee on Foreign Policy and Interparliamentary Cooperation, Maryna Bardyna, Mykyta Poturayev, Olena Khomenko, Sviatoslav Yurash  
Topics of discussion: Eating at a restaurant founded and run by a Crimean Tatar family, the situation in Crimea and for Crimean Tatars will be discussed. New policies, particularly on foreign relations, for President Zelenskyy's new government to enact are shared.  
Relevance: Staffers will hear the viewpoint of newly appointed Rada members within the majority party. They will also hear details of plans for reforms, increased gender equality, and relations with the Ukrainian diaspora community.

**Thursday, August 29, 2019**

- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Meeting with Oleksandr Lytvynenko, Director of the National Institute of Strategic Studies  
Location: National Institute of Strategic Studies, Pyrohova St, 7a, Kyiv, 01030  
Transportation: Walking  
Topics of discussion: Priority areas for Ukraine's development in defense, security and overall development.  
Relevance: Staffers will learn more about the new administration's priorities for security, development, reform and international cooperation.
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Meeting with USAID Regional Mission for Ukraine and Belarus Leadership  
Location: US Embassy in Ukraine, Aviakonstruktor Igor Sikorsky St, 4, Kyiv, Ukraine, 04112  
Transportation: Shuttle  
Participants: Regional Mission Director Susan Fritz; Director, Office of Program Coordination and Strategy for USAID Regional Mission for Ukraine and Belarus, David Hatch; Director, Office of Democracy and Governance, USAID Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus, Thomas White  
Topics of Discussion: USAID activities and priorities in Ukraine, cooperation with the new Ukrainian administration.  
Relevance: Staffers will hear more about the societal needs and progress in Ukraine and how US funding is utilized nationally through USAID.
- 2:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Lunch  
Location: Salateira Sahaidachnogo, Petra Sahaidachnoho St, 37, Kyiv, 02000  
Transportation: Shuttle
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Meeting with Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) Leadership  
Location: Security Service of Ukraine Headquarters, Kyiv  
Transportation: Walking

Topics of discussion: Dr. Suprun's work in her position, her career, and the recent health reforms in Ukraine, Ukraine's veterans, the new administration's plans for health care

Relevance: Staffers will hear the unique viewpoint of a Ukrainian-American working in the Ukrainian government. They will also hear details of the recent overhaul of the healthcare system in Ukraine, which thus far has been described as successful.

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Meeting with Hryhoriy Nemyria, former Deputy Prime Minister, Foreign Policy Advisor to Yulia Tymoshenk, and Current Member of the Verkhovna Rada  
Location: Batkivshchyna Party Headquarters, Turivska St, 13, Kyiv, Ukraine 02000

Transportation: Shuttle

Topics of discussion: Batkivshchyna party, reform plans and relationship with other parties in parliament.

Relevance: Staffers will hear the viewpoint of MP Nemyria, who has been participating in Ukrainian politics for several decades. They will hear about how Ukraine's political landscape and foreign relations have changed over time.

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Dinner Discussion: Media in Ukraine  
Location: L'o Kosmopolit, Volodymyrska St, 47, Kyiv, 01034

Transportation: Shuttle

Participants: Peter Dickinson, Eurasia Center Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council; Victor Tregubov, Editor-in-Chief of online publication "Petr & Mazepa", editor-in-chief Censor.NET, Yuriy Butusov

Topics of discussion: The state of the media in Ukraine, disinformation campaigns in the countries, and the independence and freedom of the press.

Relevance: Staffers will learn about the state of the media and Ukraine and how it could affect public opinion locally in the rest of the world.

### **Saturday, August 31, 2019**

4:00 a.m. Depart for Boryspil International Airport  
Transportation: Shuttle

7:00 a.m. Departure from Kyiv, Ukraine  
Location: Boryspil International Airport  
Flight: Austrian Airlines Flight 668  
Transportation: Shuttle to airport

8:00 a.m. Arrival in Vienna, Austria  
Location: Vienna International Airport

10:35 a.m. Departure from Vienna, Austria  
Location: Vienna International Airport  
Flight: United Airlines Flight 9821

2:30 p.m. Arrival in Washington, DC  
Location: Washington Dulles International Airport



# Atlantic Council

Thomas Eager  
Professional Staff Member  
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

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Dear Thomas,

On behalf of the Atlantic Council, it is my pleasure to invite you to join a staff delegation to Ukraine led by the Council's Eurasia Center. The trip will take place from **August 24 to August 31, 2019**.

Since its founding, the Center has become a go-to resource on issues pertaining to Eurasia at a time of tremendous importance and change. The situation in Ukraine remains critical as it continues to enact reforms, strengthen its international ties, and confront hybrid threats. At this crucial moment, the United States must maintain awareness of Ukraine and its importance in the wider region. This staff delegation will take congressional staffers to Kyiv and cities in the east, where they will meet with senior representatives from the Ukrainian government, opposition, civil society, and private sector.

We hope that you can join this timely trip. Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me, or my colleague Emily Spak ([espak@atlanticcouncil.org](mailto:espak@atlanticcouncil.org)).

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Herbst".

Ambassador John Herbst  
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