

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 by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, 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.

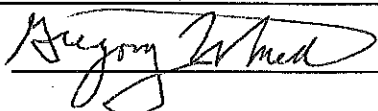
1. Name of Traveler: Philip Bednarczyk
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 9/12/24 Return: 9/17/24
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
4. Departure City: Washington DC Destination: Kyiv, Ukraine Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Yalta European Strategy (YES)
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Attended the annual YES conference, side meetings with policymakers from Europe, civil society and journalists.
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 *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
 - 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: _____

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

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 9/30/24

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: Gregory Meeks Date: 9/30/24

Signature of Supervising Member: 

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

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 in the trip within 10 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.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: _____

2. Travel Destination(s): _____

3. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): _____

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				
Accompanying Family Member				

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:  _____ Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

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

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection.

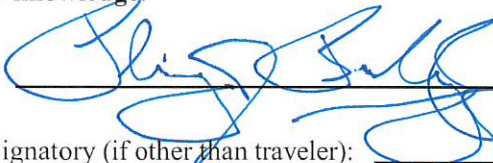
This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Philip James Bednarczyk

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

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

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): House Foreign Affairs

Office Address: 2172 Rayurn HOB

Telephone Number: +1 202 766 6487

Email Address of Contact Person: philip.bednarczyk@mail.house.gov

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, *and* these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via email: travel.requests@mail.house.gov.


COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Philip James Bednarczyk
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Yalta European Strategy
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Kyiv, Ukraine
4. a. Date of Departure: 9/12/2024 Date of Return: 9/16/2024
- b. Yes No Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Yes No Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? If yes:
(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
(2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
(3) Yes No Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes No 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)?
b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:
An additional sponsor, the UK office of the Pinchuk Foundation, employs a foreign agent. Due to the length of programming on the 14th and extensive travel to get to Kyiv, I am requesting a second night of lodging.
7. Yes No *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.
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.**
Yalta European Strategy is hosting its annual conference to discuss Ukraine's European future. I am the senior Professional Staff member covering Europe and U.S. support for Ukraine for the foreign affairs committee. This trip, conference, and the ability to get a small glimpse into the state of play in Kyiv would help inform my work on the committee going forward.
9. Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?
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: 6 Sept. 2024

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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's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

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. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip: _____

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, services, or in-kind assistance 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): _____

5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____

7. a. City of departure: _____

b. Destination(s): _____

c. City of return: _____

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; **OR**
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
 - 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 the statement is true by clicking the 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:

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): _____

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

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 the box.*

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee			
For each Accompanying Family Member			


	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		
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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 by my signature that**

- a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
- b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
- c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature: _____  _____ Date: _____
 Name: _____ Title: _____
 Organization: _____
 Address: _____
 Email: _____ Telephone: _____

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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September 11, 2024

Mr. Philip Bednarczyk
Committee on Foreign Affairs
2172 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Bednarczyk:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Ukraine,¹ scheduled for September 12 to 16, 2024, sponsored by Yalta European Strategy Limited and UK Office of the Victor Pinchuk Foundation. We remind you that, because the trip sponsor employs a foreign agent, you may participate in officially-connected activity on one calendar day only.

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 \$480 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 \$480] 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.

¹ 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 Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Guest". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Michael Guest
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Wild". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

MG/SW:mc

Name	Reason for inviting
Jim Costa	US Member of Congress or Senate or team member, can provide insights on US-Ukraine relations and meet with representativei of the Ukrainian government, public sector, business, and key decision-making
Mike Quigley	
Jimmy Panetta	
Donald Bacon	
Maxwell Hoffman	
Rachel Everette	
Grace Kim	
Phil Bednarczyk	
Bonnie Krenz	
Gianluca Nigro	
Olivia Babine	
Perrin Brown	
John Conrad	
Brian Fitzpatrick	
Brett Guthrie	
Adam Smith	
Neal Dunn	
Robert B. Aderholt	
Kelly Armstrong	
Jim Baird	
Cliff Bentz	
Larry Bucshon	
Lori Chavez-DeRemer	
Juan Ciscomani	
Drew Ferguson	
Charles Fleischmann	
Mike Flood	
Virginia Fox	
Andrew Garbarino	
Carlos Gimenes	
Sam Graves	
Richard Hudson	
Dusty Johnson	
David Joyce	
Thomas Kean	
Kevin Kiley	

Doug Lamborn	
Robert Latta	
Michael Lawler	
Franc Lucas	
Blaine Luetkemeyer	
Dan Newhouse	
Jay Obernolte	
Cathy McMorris Rogers	
Mike Rogers	
David Rouzer	
John Rutherford	
Maria Elvira Salazar	
David Schweikert	
Michael Simpson	
Adrian Smith	
Christopher Smith	
Lloyd Smucker	
Michelle Steel	
Bryan Steil	
Glenn Thompson	
David Valadao	
Amy Klobuchar	
John Barrasso	
Bob Casey, Jr.	
Jeanne Shaheen	
Kevin Cramer	
Ron Johnson	
Sherrod Brown	
Marco Rubio	
Erik Swalwell	
Sean Casten	
Steve Cohen	
Madeleine Dean	
Tim Ryan	
Kweisi Mfume	
Rosa DeLauro	
Tom Reed	
Suzan DelBene	
Lloyd Doggett	
Betty McCollum	

Keith Self	
Frank Pallone	
Matt Cartwright	
Brad Sherman	
Andy Harris	
Susan Wild	
Joe Morelle	
Danny Davis	
Gus Bilirakis	
Jan Schakowsky	
Raja Krishnamoorthi	
Chris Smith	
Bill Pascrell	
Marilyn Strickland	
Derek Kilmer	
Barbara Lee	
Pramila Jayapal	
Kim Schrier	
Rick Larsen	
Adam Schiff	
Jim McGovern	
Mark Green	
Robert Menendez	
Lindsey Graham	
Chris Van Hollen	
Joe Wilson	
J.D. Vance	
Richard Blumenthal	
Brian Schatz	
Raphael Warnock	
Mark R. Warner	
Veronica Escobar	
Jim Baird	
Salud Carbajal	
Seth Moulton	
Chrissy Houlahan	
Mikie Sherrill	
Mike Waltz	
Todd Young	
Jack Bergman	

Sanford Bishop	
Jake Ellzey	
Jared Golden	
John James	
Nick LaLota	
Morgan Luttrell	
Brian Mast	
Pat Ryan	
Brad Wenstrup	
Rich McCormick	
Dan Crenshaw	
Jake Auchincloss	
Mike Thompson	
Ted Lieu	
Mike McCaul	
Jack Reed	
Gary Peters	
Mark Kelly	
Joni Ernst	
Mariannette Miller-Meeks	
Jeff Jackson	
Claudia Tenney	
Marcy Kaptur	
Hakeem Jeffries	
Gregory Meeks	
Tom Cotton	
Patrick Weaver	
Thomas Carper	
Todd Young	
Russell Willig	
Ryan Kaldahl	
Kathryn Chaudoin	
Andrew Bohn	
Rachel Cummings	
Jack Engelberger	
Andrew Letsch	
Kat Cosgrove	
Damon Willson	
Chris Socha	
Josh Hodges	

Tyler Brace	
Laura Pastre	
John Connell	
Mike Carpenter	

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing to explain the circumstances surrounding the arrival of our employees' team in Washington, D.C. on September 17th, instead of the originally scheduled date of September 16th.

Due to unforeseen flight delays stemming from adverse weather conditions and the airline's delayed response, the employees of House of Representatives were unable to arrive as planned. We prioritized safety and adhered to the airline's recommendations, which ultimately led to the rescheduled arrival date.

Additionally, the late exchange of tickets for different dates and delayed confirmations from the participants resulted in extended expenses for both the Congressmen and employees involved in the trip. Furthermore, the delayed booking updates led to slightly higher lodging costs, impacting our overall budget. We are committed to managing these costs effectively moving forward.

We appreciate your understanding of this matter.

Sincerely,

YES Team

YALTA EUROPEAN STRATEGY ANNUAL MEETING

Kyiv, Ukraine

September 14, 2024

LOGISTICS & CONFERENCE ITINERARY

*All times are local

Thursday, September 12, 2024	
	Departure from Washington, DC
3:20 pm - 05:25 am (arrives Sep 13)	Flight LH417, Washington (IAD) - Frankfurt (FRA)

Friday, September 13, 2024	
7:20 am - 8:55 am	Flight LH1346, Frankfurt (FRA) - Warsaw (WAW)
9:30 am - 11:30 pm	Warsaw - Kyiv, by shuttle bus

Saturday, September 14, 2024 - Conference	
08:00-8:30 am	Panel Discussion: "Conversation with Denys Shmyhal - Prime Minister of Ukraine" - to assess how Ukraine's struggle to defend democracy and European values amid the war affects its democratic processes and Euro-Transatlantic integration
8:30-9:30 am	Meeting with Rustem Umerov - Minister of Defense of Ukraine - to get a clear perspective on the current situation on the frontier and discuss strategy
9:30-9:45 am	Coffee Break
9:45-11:15 am	Panel Discussion: "Who is Winning? Who has more time?" - to understand the current state of the war, including the military, economic, and other aspects, and to determine which side has the upper hand, more time, and a clearer strategy for victory
11:15-11:45 am	Meeting with the US Foreign Legion Soldiers

	- to understand the perspective and the role of US Soldiers in warfare
11:45 am-12:30 pm	Panel Discussion: "Future of the US" - to reflect on how the upcoming US presidential election will influence Ukraine and Europe
12:30-1:15 pm	Panel Discussion: "Future of Europe" - to envision how the rise of populist and radical parties in major European elections will affect EU politics and member states, and what implications this has for Ukraine
1:15-2:15 pm	Lunch
2:15-2:45	Panel Discussion: "Conversation with Olena Zelenska (First Lady of Ukraine)" - to get a better understanding of the issues that Ukrainian civil society is facing today and reflect on potential solutions
2:45-3:30 pm	Panel Discussion: "Will the US Support Ukraine in One Year's Time?" - to address key questions of Ukrainian people and obtain valuable insights along with a strong bipartisan statement of support
3:30-4:30 pm	Meeting with Ukrainian Members of Parliament - to discuss the future policies and legislations needed for Ukrainian development and Transatlantic integration
4:30-5:00 pm	Meeting with Ukrainian Veterans and Soldiers - to learn about the perspectives of Ukrainian Soldiers and Veterans on warfare and what challenges they face on the frontiers
5:00-5:30 pm	Panel Discussion: "Conversation with Kyrylo Budanov (Chief of the Defence Intelligence of Ukraine)" - to get a deeper understanding of the current situation on the frontier and inside the country from the perspective of the Ukrainian Defence Intelligence
5:30-6:00 pm	Coffee Break
6:00-7:15 pm	Panel Discussion: "Do We Believe in the Future We Fight For?" - to reflect on the current sentiments of Ukraine's global partners, including whether the right policies will lead to Ukraine's EU and NATO membership and whether these organizations will remain relevant and successful global players in the coming decade

7:15-8:30 pm	Working Dinner
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Sunday, September 15, 2024	
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Brunch
12:00 pm	Departure from Kyiv, by car
7:00 pm	Stop for dinner in Lviv
9:00 pm	Departure from Lviv to Warsaw, by car

Monday, September 16, 2024	
4:00 am	Arrival at Warsaw Chopin Airport (WAW)
8:25 am - 9:40 am	Flight OS626, Warsaw (WAW) - Vienna (VIE)
10:50 am - 2:35 pm	Flight OS93, Vienna (VIE) - Washington (IAD)

Yalta European Strategy

An international network for Ukraine in the European Union

Mr. Philip Bednarczyk
Senior Advisor
Europe and Eurasia at United States House Committee on
Foreign Affairs

August 21, 2024

YES Board

Aleksander Kwaśniewski
President of Poland (1995–2005),
Chairman of the Board of YES

Carl Bildt
Minister for Foreign Affairs of
Sweden (2006-2014);
Prime Minister of Sweden
(1991-1994)

Stéphane Fouks
Vice President of Havas Group,
Executive Co-Chairman
of Havas Worldwide

Wolfgang Ischinger
Ambassador (ret.), President MSC
Foundation Council, Senior Fellow,
Hertie School of Governance, Berlin

Kersti Kaljulaid
President of Estonia (2016-2021)

Sanna Marin
Prime Minister of Finland
(2019-2023)

Victor Pinchuk
Founder, YES, Victor Pinchuk
Foundation, EastOne Group

Anders Fogh Rasmussen
Founder of Rasmussen Global,
Secretary General
of NATO (2009-2014),
Prime Minister of Denmark
(2001-2009)

Dear Mr. Bednarczyk,

On behalf of the Yalta European Strategy (YES) Board, we invite you to attend the YES Annual Meeting on September 14, 2024, in Kyiv, Ukraine.

It is a crucial year for Ukraine and for the future of Europe, the West, and the world. It is also the year when we mark YES' 20th anniversary committed to shaping Ukraine's European future.

It will mean a lot if you accept our invitation to join us in Ukraine's capital in September.

Yours sincerely,



Aleksander Kwaśniewski
President of Poland (1995-2005)
Chairman of the Supervisory Board of YES



Victor Pinchuk
Founder and Member of
YES Supervisory Board

Name	Position	Organization
Jim Costa	Congressman	United States House of Representatives
Donald Bacon	Congressman	United States House of Representatives
Jimmy Panetta	Congressman	United States House of Representatives
Salud Carbajal	Congressman	United States House of Representatives
Philip Bednarczyk	Senior Advisor on Europe and Eurasia	United States House Committee on Foreign Affairs
Grace Kim	National Security Advisor to Representative Elissa Slotkin	United States House of Representatives
Olivia Babine	Executive Director	For Country caucus, United States House of Representatives
Rachel Everette	National Security Advisor to Representative Crow	United States House of Representatives
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YALTA EUROPEAN STRATEGY ANNUAL MEETING

Kyiv, Ukraine

September 14, 2024

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*All times are local

Thursday, September 12, 2024	
	Departure from Washington, DC
3:20 pm - 05:25 am (arrives Sep 13)	Flight LH417, Washington (IAD) - Frankfurt (FRA)
Friday, September 13, 2024	
7:20 am - 8:55 am	Flight LH1346, Frankfurt (FRA) - Warsaw (WAW)
9:30 am - 11:30 pm	Warsaw - Kyiv, by shuttle bus
Saturday, September 14, 2024 - Conference	
08:00-8:30 am	Panel Discussion: "Conversation with Denys Shmyhal - Prime Minister of Ukraine" - to assess how Ukraine's struggle to defend democracy and European values amid the war affects its democratic processes and Euro-Transatlantic integration <i>Speakers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Denys Shmyhal, Prime Minister of Ukraine- Gillian Tett (moderator), Columnist and Editorial Board Member, Financial Times
8:30-9:30 am	Meeting with Rustem Umerov - Minister of Defense of Ukraine - to get a clear perspective on the current situation on the frontier and discuss strategy
9:30-9:45 am	Coffee Break
9:45-11:15 am	Panel Discussion: "Who is Winning? Who has more time?"

	<p>- to understand the current state of the war, including the military, economic, and other aspects, and to determine which side has the upper hand, more time, and a clearer strategy for victory</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Rustem Umerov (TBC)</u>, Minister of Defence of Ukraine - <u>Troels Lund Poulsen</u>, Minister of Defence of the Kingdom of Denmark - <u>David Petraeus</u>, Partner and Chairman of the Global Institute, KKR - <u>Major General Christian Freuding</u>, Director Joint Planning and Command Staff, Ministry of Defense, Federal Republic of Germany - <u>Herman Smetanin or Fedorov (TBC)</u>, Minister of Strategic Industries of Ukraine - <u>Zanny Minton Beddoes</u> (moderator), Editor-in-Chief, The Economist
11:15-11:45 am	<p>Meeting with the US Foreign Legion Soldiers</p> <p>- to understand the perspective and the role of US Soldiers in warfare</p>
11:45 am-12:30 pm	<p>Panel Discussion: “Future of the US”</p> <p>- to reflect on how the upcoming US presidential election will influence Ukraine and Europe</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Mike Pompeo (confirmed)</u>, 70th United States Secretary of State - <u>Fareed Zakaria</u> (moderator) (TBC), Host, CNN
12:30-1:15 pm	<p>Panel Discussion: “Global Axis of Evil - Do We Have a Strategy?”</p> <p>- to raise questions about Europe and the West's strategy to counter the threat of the aggressor who receives weapons from North Korea and Iran, while China and Russia, through alliances and destabilization efforts in the Middle East, are coordinating to challenge Western dominance</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Wesley Clark</u>, Chairman of Wesley K. Clark & Associate - <u>Radosław Sikorski</u>, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland - <u>Sanna Marin (TBC)</u>, Prime Minister of Finland (2019-2023), Member, YES Board - <u>Mykhailo Fedorov (TBC)</u>, Deputy Prime Minister for Innovation, Education, Science and Technology Development - Minister of Digital Transformation of Ukraine - <u>Oleksandr Lytvynenko</u>, Secretary of National Security and Defence Council

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Niall Ferguson</u> (moderator) (TBC), Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University
1:15-2:15 pm	Lunch
2:15-2:45	<p>Panel Discussion: “News from the Front”</p> <p>- to learn about the current situation on the frontier from Ukrainian soldiers and military experts</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Robert Brovdi (Madyar)</u>, Founder and Commander of the special unit of drone aerial systems "Ptakhi Madyara" - <u>Vadym Sukharevskiy (declined)</u>, Commander of the Unmanned Systems Forces of the Armed Forces of Ukraine - <u>Pavlo Palisa (TBC)</u>, Commander of 93rd Separate Mechanized Brigade “Kholodniy Yar” - <u>Ihor Obolienskyi</u>, Commander of the 13th Brigade of the National Guard of Ukraine "Charter" - <u>Kersti Kaljulaid</u> (moderator), President of Estonia (2016-2021), Member, YES Board
2:45-3:30 pm	<p>Panel Discussion: “Will the US Support Ukraine in One Year’s Time?”</p> <p>- to address key questions of Ukrainian people and obtain valuable insights along with a strong bipartisan statement of support</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Donald Bacon</u>, Congressman, United States House of Representatives - <u>Jimmy Panetta</u>, Congressman, United States House of Representatives - <u>Salud Carbajal</u>, Congressman, United States House of Representatives - <u>Jim Costa</u>, Congressman, United States House of Representatives - <u>Rob Portman</u>, Former United States Senator (OH), American Enterprise Institute - <u>Oleksandra Ustinova</u> (co-moderator), Member of Parliament, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine - <u>Gillian Tett</u> (co-moderator), Columnist and Editorial Board Member, Financial Times
3:30-4:30 pm	Meeting with Ukrainian Members of Parliament

	<p>- to discuss the future policies and legislations needed for Ukrainian development and Transatlantic integration</p> <p><i>Participants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Ruslan Stefanchuk</u>, Chairman, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine - <u>Oleksandr Kornienko</u>, First Deputy Chairman, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine - <u>Alona Shkrum</u>, Member of Parliament, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine - <u>Iryna Nykorak</u>, Member of Parliament, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine - <u>Yaroslav Yurchyshyn</u>, Member of Parliament, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine - <u>Mykhailo Radutskyi</u>, Member of Parliament, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine - <u>Oleksandra Ustinova</u>, Member of Parliament, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine - <u>Ivanna Klympush-Cincadze</u>, Member of Parliament, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine - <u>David Arakhamia</u>, Member of Parliament, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine - <u>Oleksiy Ustenko</u>, Member of Parliament, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine
<p>4:30-5:00 pm</p>	<p>Meeting with Ukrainian Veterans and Soldiers</p> <p>- to learn about the perspectives of Ukrainian Soldiers and Veterans on warfare and what challenges they face on the frontiers</p> <p><i>Participants:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Dmytro Finashyn</u>, Hero of Ukraine, Intelligence Officer, National Guard of Ukraine - <u>Egor Firsov</u>, Chief sergeant of the UAV attack company, Armed Forces of Ukraine - <u>Oleksii Grytsenko</u>, officer, Armed Forces of Ukraine - <u>Robert Brovdi (Madyar)</u>, Founder and Commander of the special unit of drone aerial systems "Ptakhi Madyara" - <u>Vadym Mazevych</u>, Commander of the unmanned aerial vehicle battalion of the 3rd OSHBr, before that he was a scout in the 47th OMBr. - <u>Hlib Stryzhko</u>, Veteran, marines, Head of Veteran Hub in Kyiv - <u>Oleksandr Batalov</u>, gunner-medic, veteran, Armed Forces of Ukraine - <u>Lyudmyla Meniuk</u>, veteran, volunteer, Human rights organizations of soldiers' mothers "Malva"

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Yuliya Payevska (Taira)</u>, veteran, medic, goodwill ambassador - <u>Useyin Eiupov (Tatarin)</u>, Military, Armed Forces of Ukraine
5:00-5:30 pm	<p>Panel Discussion: “Conversation with Kyrylo Budanov (Chief of the Defence Intelligence of Ukraine)”</p> <p>- to get a deeper understanding of the current situation on the frontier and inside the country from the perspective of the Ukrainian Defence Intelligence</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Lieutenant General Kyrylo Budanov</u>, Chief of the Defence Intelligence of Ukraine - <u>Zanny Minton Beddoes</u> (moderator), Editor-in-Chief, The Economist
5:30-6:00 pm	Coffee Break
6:00-7:15 pm	<p>Panel Discussion: “Closing Plenary: Victory Perspectives and the Future We Can Create”</p> <p>- to reflect on the current sentiments of Ukraine’s global partners, including whether the right policies will lead to Ukraine’s EU and NATO membership and whether these organizations will remain relevant and successful global players in the coming decade</p> <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Timothy Garton Ash</u>, Professor of European Studies, University of Oxford - <u>Oleksander Budko (Teren)</u>, War veteran, public activist - <u>Hanna Vasyk</u>, Junior Sergeant, Armed Forces of Ukraine - <u>Ilya Samoilenko (Gandalf) (TBC)</u>, Deputy Commander of the Azov special operations detachment, National Guard of Ukraine - <u>Egor Firsov</u>, Chief sergeant of the UAV attack company, Armed Forces of Ukraine - <u>Useyin Eiupov (Tatarin)</u>, Military, Armed Forces of Ukraine - <u>Serhii Varakin</u>, Commander of the drone unit of the 58th brigade, Armed Forces of Ukraine - <u>Serhiy Chuchula</u>, major, the head of the training department of the 25th brigade, Armed Forces of Ukraine - <u>Fareed Zakaria (moderator) (TBC)</u>, Host, CNN - <u>Gillian Tett (moderator)</u>, Columnist and Editorial Board Member, Financial Times - <u>Aleksander Kwaśniewski (moderator)</u>, President of Poland (1995–2005), Chairman, YES Board
7:15-8:30 pm	Working Dinner

Sunday, September 15, 2024	
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Brunch
12:00 pm	Departure from Kyiv, by car
7:00 pm	Stop for dinner in Lviv
9:00 pm	Departure from Lviv to Warsaw, by car

Monday, September 16, 2024	
4:00 am	Arrival at Warsaw Chopin Airport (WAW)
8:25 am - 9:40 am	Flight OS626, Warsaw (WAW) - Vienna (VIE)
	The 2nd flight got delayed and the airline re-booked the flight for Team Members for the next day (Sep 17)
	Night at the Ibis Wien Mariahilf hotel, booked by the Austrian Airlines

Tuesday, September 17, 2024	
10:52 am - 2:36 pm	Flight OS93, Vienna (VIE) - Washington (IAD)