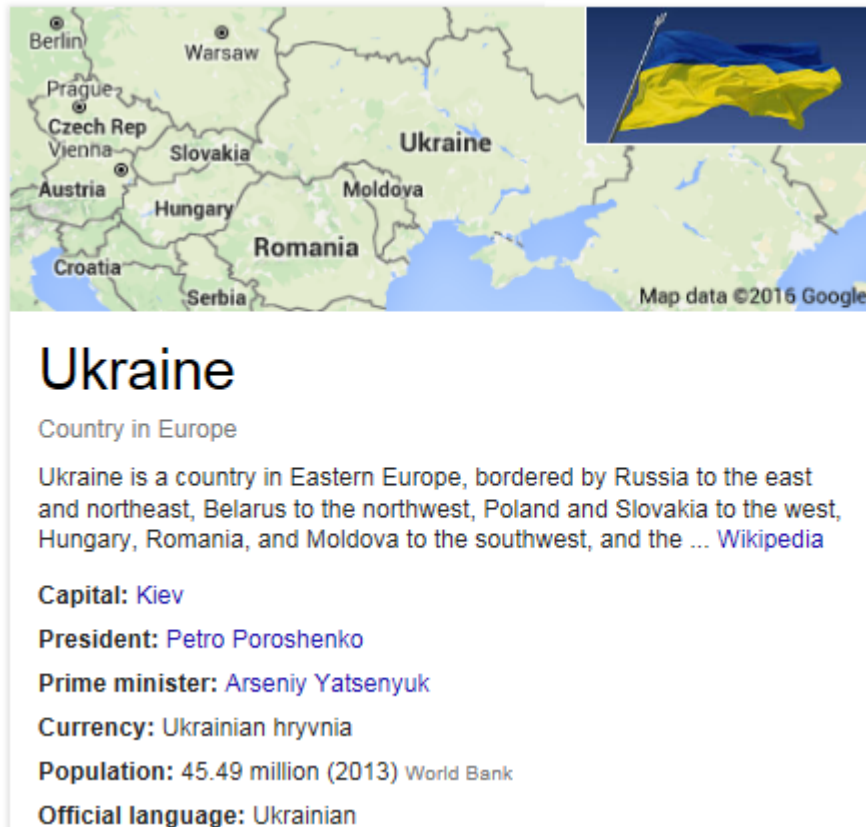


THE UKRAINE DELEGATION



On Wednesday March 2, a group of individuals from the Ukraine will be joining you for the Board dinner, as well as part of the Board meeting. This visit has been arranged through the Open World Program, and will be hosted by John Kaiser. For further information about the Open World program, please visit www.openworld.gov. I am including the delegates' names, as well as some brief information about each one for you in advance of the visit. The facilitator for the group is Kaluzhna, Halyna Vasylivna. The majority will speak little to no English, so an interpreter will be along as well. Her name is Tanya Lukenbill. Stephen Hudson will also be attending as the program observer.

Delegate Profiles:

Name: Lahodiienko, Maksym Oleksandrovych

Current Position: Mayor, Novyi Buh City Council

Job Description: Management of work of local government, and creating proper conditions for the life and development of the community.

Essay: My responsibility in my work is to create favorable conditions for the development of city territorial community. I have worked in the city council as a secretary for two terms, where I organized the work of the deputy corps, prepared and conducted plenary sessions of the council and its executive committee. As a city head, I am planning to implement social projects on attracting additional funds in order to solve social and welfare problems of the community, develop and increase attractiveness of the

local territory, and improve the standard of living of its residents. In order to do this, I would like to gain experience in organizing or attracting foreign investment for introduction of energy-saving technologies for city street lighting; collection, sorting and disposal of waste on the territory of the city and villages of the community; alternative heating of educational and cultural establishments. Also, planning and efficient use of city community budget. Involving additional sources to increase city budget revenues. Providing for citizens' social initiatives and involving community residents in active cooperation.

Name: Liashko, Iryna Volodymyrivna

Current Position: Senior Consultant at the Committee for State Building, Regional Policy and Local Self-Governance, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Job Description: Legislative and organizational support of the Committee on State Building, Regional Policy and Local Government

Essay: The scope of my professional duties includes participation in the drafting of legislation, finalizing draft legislation after the first, the second and subsequent readings, considering of appeals of physical and legal persons on matters within the competence of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on State Building, Regional Policy and Local Self-Government. Namely it is providing links between parliamentary committees on amending the Constitution of Ukraine in the sphere of local government and administrative territorial reform, reform of the basic principles of the organization; organizing meetings for citizens, public hearings, proposing local initiatives; community organizations as well as other forms of direct democracy functioning in Ukraine; reforming the basic principles of the organization, public service and service in the local government in Ukraine, etc.

Name: Novykov, Valeriy Oleksandrovych

Current Position: Head of the Board, Luhansk Oblast Human Rights Center "Alternativa"

Job Description: Developing drafts regulations of local government bodies, conducting trainings for civic activists and local council deputies.

Essay: I develop draft amendments to local legislation aimed at improving the efficiency of community resource management. I work on the development of a long-term strategy for reforming local institutions and organizations, which state made responsible for providing services to population. I also work on improving mechanisms of involving people in the decision-making process regarding decisions that concern the life of the local community. Also, I provide advanced training for local government representatives; facilitate the process of decentralization of power through sharing best practices of reform implementation on the local level in different regions of Ukraine.

I would like to see with my own eyes, the process of work of local governments in the USA, which instruments they use to prevent corruption on the local level, how e-government influences the provision of services to population.

Name: Polikrovskiy, Roman Stepanovych

Current Position: Mayor, Zbarazh City Council

Job Description: Managing City Council work

Essay: My job is to organize livability and ensuring the development of the city, specifically, the effective functioning of housing and communal services, creating a positive image of the city, comfortable living conditions, implementing energy efficient technologies, tourism, environmental protection, investment and filling the city budget. One of the major tasks is to involve residents in city development programs and to create a comfortable living environment in Zbarazh. And, most importantly - to make Zbarazh one of the best and the most comfortable cities in Ukraine.

As a result of participation in the program I would like to acquainted with the experience of local government in the United States, e-governance, community participation, preparation and implementation of grant programs, energy efficiency programs, work in kindergartens, sports facilities in cities, municipal waste management.

Also, I am interested in the possibility of cooperation in fields of investment, education, culture, sports and etc.

Name: Tabakhova, Olena Serhiivna

Current Position: Consultant to the Secretariat of the Parliamentary Faction "People's Front", Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine

Job Description: I act as a Secretary to the Coordinator of the Coalition of the deputy faction "European Ukraine", ensure cooperation with secretariats of coalition factions, the Parliament and NGOs.

Essay: In the Coalition Agreement, one of the main reforms is the decentralization reform and the reform of public administration. Therefore, my work as a Secretary of the Coalition Coordinator involves comprehensive cooperation with Coalition members on adopting efficient laws that define the administrative reform in general. In our times of complicated reforms, we need the experience of monitoring of adhering to laws through, for example, public hearings, discussions of reform results with interested civil and profile organizations...the best practices of efficiency and accountability of administrative structures...and the main thing, cooperation of the Coalition and Opposition in adopting the important laws!