

Press Releases: Young Transatlantic Innovation Leaders Initiative Fellows

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The Department of State's Young Transatlantic Innovation Leaders Initiative (YTILI) develops and cultivates relationships among emerging European and American leaders. YTILI is an investment in the transatlantic partnership to strengthen prosperity and enhanced security on both sides of the Atlantic.

European participants come from all across the continent. In 2017, 116 young entrepreneurs will participate in this two-way exchange led by Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs (EUR) and implemented by The German Marshall Fund.

Today, 42 of the European Fellows selected for the program arrive in the United States for a 15-day long Fellowship program in Austin, Boston, Charlotte, Denver, Detroit, Salt Lake City, and Seattle. Their American counterparts will travel to Europe later this year.

The transatlantic community remains the bedrock of American foreign policy. It is the foundation of our shared security, our shared prosperity, and our shared values. A stable and prosperous Europe makes for a safer United States, ensures more opportunities for American business, and honors our historic cultural ties to our European partners. The YTILI program honors our shared legacy by building ties for future cooperation and prosperity.

The United States and Europe represent one of the largest economic relationships in the world. In 2016 transatlantic trade averaged \$3 billion a day. We are committed to building and sustaining strong relationships in Europe with governments, the private sector, and the next generation of leaders and innovators.

For further information, please contact YTILI@state.gov and visit www.ytili.state.gov for information and biographical data on the Fellows and the cities they will be visiting.

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