COVER SHEET FOR AMENDMENT OF POST-TRAVEL SUBMISSION

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Instructions: Use this form as a cover sheet for any paperwork you may need to submit to the **Office of Public Records** in order to make your Privately Sponsored Post-Travel Submission complete in accordance with Rule 35. **Only complete this form if you need to submit an amendment to a post-travel filing you have already submitted.**

SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO THE **OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS IN 232 HART BUILDING**

Name of Traveler: Brooke Grams

Employing Office/Committee: Senator Welch (D-VT)

Travel Expenses Paid by (List all sources): The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Travel Date(s): July13, 2024 - July 19, 2024

Description/Title of Attached Forms: RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission): Submitted the incorrect RE-3 form and need to pull that and submit the RE-2 form for Employee.

08/06/2024
(Date)

(Signature of Traveler)

(Revised 4/19/2010)

RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Date/Time Stamp

Post Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building. **This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

Certification: *In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:*

Private Sponsor(s):

The Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars

Travel Dates:

July 13, 2024 - July 19, 2024

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

N/A

Relationship to Traveler:

N/A

Total Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$2,133.05	$738.03	$486.68	See attached - $113.3

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- **The final Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** (Form RE-1)
- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

8/6/24	Brooke Grams	Brooke Grams Digitally signed by Brooke Grams Date: 2024.08.06 12:04:57 -04'00'
Date	Printed Name of Traveler	Signature of Traveler

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

8/6/2024
Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

(●) Yes ( ) No

Expense Change	Revised Amount	Explanation
$13	$13	Restaurant change - new restaurant had $13 per person room rental fee

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

(●) Yes ( ) No

Explanation:

See attached itinerary

- Programming removed from dinner on Monday, July 15
- Change to speakers at Hybrid CoE on Wednesday, July 17 || (original speaker was sick)
- Change to lunch speaker on Tuesday, July 16 || (speaker cancelled last minute)
- Briefing at Ministry of Foreign Affairs changed to 1 hour on Thursday, July 18 || (speakers schedule changed to only allow for one hour)
- Additional briefing on Ice breakers added on Thursday, July 18 || (ICE PACT agreement between Canada-US-Finland was announced a few days before our trip. We added in a briefing with Wilson Center experts in front of Finland's icebreakers to discuss the new agreement)

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

( ) Yes (●) No

Explanation:

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Wilson Center

Name: Bowen Peard
Title: Defense Policy Advisor, Sen. Chris Murphy

Name: Brooke Grams
Title: Legislative Aide, Sen. Peter Welch

Name: Daniel Gottfried
Title: Senior Legislative and Policy Analyst, Committee on Foreign Relations

Total Transportation Expenses:

- Charter bus in Estonia to take participants to and from site visits: **$102**
- Charter bus in Finland to take participants to and from site visits: **$114**
- Roundtrip flights: **$1874.32**
- Tallink Ferry – Ferry to take participants from Tallinn to Helsinki: **$42.73**

Total Per Person: 2,133.05

Total Lodging Expenses:

- Tallinn, Estonia: **$249.09**
- Helsinki, Finland: **$488.94**

Total Per Person: 738.03

Total Meal Expenses:

- July 14, 2024 | Tallinn, Estonia: **$50.06**
- July 15, 2024 | Tallinn, Estonia: **$82.8**
- July 16, 2024 | Tallinn, Estonia/ Helsinki, Finland: **$113.92**
- July 17, 2024 | Helsinki, Finland: **$109.5**
- July 18, 2024 | Helsinki, Finland: **$130.4**

Total Per Person: $486.68

Total Other Expenses:

- Vabamu Museum of Occupations and Freedom: **$19.6**
- Narva Museum: **$17.17**
- Guided Tour of UNESCO World Heritage Sites: **$33**
- Ferry to Suomenlinna: **$9**
- Suomenlinna Tour: **$21**
- Café Engel Private Room Fee: **$13**

Total Per Person: $113.3

Schedule for 2024 Congressional Staff Trip
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars
Foreign Policy Fellowship Program, Global Europe Program
July 13 – July 19, 2024

Time Zones:

Dulles, VA, USA	Eastern Daylight Time (GMT -4)
Tallinn, Estonia	Eastern European Standard Time (GMT +2)
Helsinki, Finland	Eastern European Standard Time (GMT+2)

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**All times indicated are local time on the ground

Saturday, July 13, 2024
Dulles, VA → Frankfurt, Germany

Attire: Travel attire

Group meets at the gate for departure.

3:20 pm **FLIGHT DEPARTS WASHINGTON DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (IAD)**
LH417
Flight Time: 8 hr 5 min

RON **OVERNIGHT FLIGHT**

Sunday, July 14, 2024
Frankfurt, Germany → Tallinn, Estonia

*Attire: Travel attire / **Dinner: Business Attire***

5:25 am **FLIGHT ARRIVES FRANKURT AIRPORT (FRA)**
Customs checkpoint
Layover duration: 4 hr 15 min
Time change from departure airport: +6 hours

9:40 am **FLIGHT DEPARTS FRANKFURT AIRPORT (FRA)**
LH 880
Flight time: 2 hr 20 min

1:00 pm **FLIGHT ARRIVES TALLINN AIRPORT (TLL)**

Time change from departure airport: +1 hour

Group will convene at baggage claim and load charter bus for travel to hotel

1:30 pm **DEPART TALLINN AIRPORT (TLL) FOR PALACE TALLINN HOTEL VIA CHARTER BUS**
Travel time: 15 min

1:30 – 1:45 pm **TRAVEL FROM TALLINN AIRPORT TO PALACE HOTEL**

1:45 pm **ARRIVE PALACE HOTEL TALLINN AND CHECK-IN**
Address: Vabaduse väljak 3
10141 Tallinn, Estonia
Phone: +372 680 6646

1:45– 2:15 pm **NO PROGRAMMING**

2:15 pm **DEPART PALACE HOTEL TALLINN FOR VABAMU MUSEUM OF OCCUPATIONS AND FREEDOM VIA WALKING**
Travel time: 7 min

2:30 pm **ARRIVE VABAMU HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF OCCUPATIONS AND FREEDOM**
Address: Toompea 8b
10130 Tallinn, Estonia
Phone: +372 668 0250

About: The Vabamu Museum of Occupations and Freedom is the largest active non-profit museum in Estonia. Museum exhibits detail the German & Soviet occupations from 1939 to 1991.

The museum introduces the history of Estonia during and after the Soviet and Nazi occupations, arriving at the era of restoration and independence.

2:30– 3:30 pm **TOUR AND DISCUSSION AT VABAMU MUSEUM**

Tour guide: **Liina Koitla, Vabamu**

Topics of Discussion (1 hour):
- Estonia's history of occupation and independence
- Estonia's relationship with the Soviet Union

3:30 pm **DEPART VABAMU MUSEUM OF OCCUPATIONS AND FREEDOM FOR PALACE HOTEL TALLINN VIA WALKING**
Travel time: 7 min walk

3:30- 5:45 pm **NO PROGRAMMING**

5:45 pm **DEPART PALACE HOTEL TALLINN FOR RADO RESTAURANT VIA WALKING**
Travel time: 10 min walk
Note: Business attire is required for dinner

6:00- 8:00 pm **WELCOME DINNER & ORIENTATION BRIEFING**
Address: Rado Restaurant, Vene 7, 10123 Tallinn, Estonia
Phone: +372 5858 8995

Presenters: **Ambassador George P. Kent,** US Ambassador to Estonia
DCM, US Embassy Tallinn
Political Officers, US Embassy Tallinn

Topics of Discussion (2 hours):
- US-Estonia bilateral relations
- US-Russia Relations and related policies from a US Embassy Estonia perspective
- Impact from the Ukraine War on Baltic countries

END OF PROGRAMMING

RON **PALACE HOTEL TALLINN**
Tallinn, Estonia

Monday, July 15, 2024
Tallinn, Estonia

Attire: Business Casual

7:00 am **BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN AT THE HOTEL**
Breakfast included in the hotel reservation.

8:00 am **DEPART PALACE HOTEL TALLINN FOR NARVA VIA BUS**
Travel time: 2 hr 30 min

8:00– 10:30 am **TRAVEL FROM HOTEL TO NARVA MUSEUM AND CASTLE**

BUS BRIEFING (1.5 hours)

Presenters: **Robin Quinville**, Director, Global Europe Program
Jason Moyer, Associate, Global Europe Program

Topics of Discussion (1.5 hours):
- Contemporary Estonian politics and demographics
- Baltic Sea security and Russian hybrid threats

10:30 am **ARRIVE AT HISTORICAL NARVA MUSEUM AND CASTLE**
Address: Peetri plats 7
20308 Narva, Estonia

About: More than 700 years old, Hermann Castle in Narva has been ruled over by Danes, Germans, Swedes and Russians through the centuries, but now finally belongs to Estonians.

On the very edge of NATO's eastern flank, there is a deep history in the Narva region that began in World War I. This museum visit will look at the management of the border during the War in Ukraine, migration through the border during the war and the history of the Russia-Estonia border throughout history.

10:30– 12:30pm **TOUR AND DISCUSSION AT NARVA MUSEUM**

Topics of Discussion:
- History of the Narva region
- Origins of the border, post-World War II administrative boundary and current state of the international border

12:30 pm **TOUR OF NARVA MUSEUM AND CASTLE CONCLUDES. DEPART MUSEUM FOR VIEW OF BORDER VIA WALKING**

12:30- 1:00 pm **VIEW OF ESTONIA-RUSSIA BORDER & DISCUSSION**

Presenter: **Robin Quinville**, Director of the Global Europe Program

Topics of Discussion:
- View the border between Russia and Estonia to better understand the ethnic and linguistic connections between the two countries
- History of relationship between Russia and Estonia
- Management of the border during the War in Ukraine

1:00– 2:30 pm **WORKING LUNCH WITH LOCAL JOURNALISTS**
Address: "Valge Kõrvits," Lavretsovi 8, Narva
Phone: +372 5840 0666

Presenters: **Mihhail Komaško** (ERR Narva)
Aleksei Ivanov, Journalist

Topics of Discussion (1.5 hrs):
- Two journalists from the Russian-speaking part of Estonia will share their views on Russia, Russian disinformation campaigns, and identity as it relates to their treatment within Estonian society
- They will also explain the collapse of the Soviet Union and its impact on the Narva region, as well as how Russia views this Russian-speaking region

2:30– 4:00 pm **TOUR OF NARVA BORDER CROSSING**

Topics of Discussion:

- Tour of border crossing at Narva, where Estonians and Russians regularly cross to visit family.
- Opportunity to view border facilities at one of the most active open borders between Russia and Europe.

4:00– 6:30 pm **TRAVEL FROM NARVA TO DINNER**
Travel time: 2 hr 30 min

6:30- 8:30 pm **ARRIVE STENHUS RESTAURANT FOR DINNER**
Address: Pühavaimu 13-15, 10123 Tallinn, Estonia
Phone: +372 699 7780

Speakers were cancelled for this evening. There was no programming with dinner.

END OF PROGRAMMING

RON **PALACE HOTEL TALLINN**
Tallinn, Estonia

Tuesday, July 16, 2024
Tallinn, Estonia

Attire: Business Casual
Participants must bring their passports for this day.

7:00 am **BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN AT THE HOTEL**
Breakfast included in the hotel reservation.

9:00 am **CHECKOUT AND DEPART HOTEL FOR INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR DEFENSE AND SECURITY (ICDS)**
Travel time: 15 min

9:00- 9:15 am **TRAVEL FROM HOTEL TO ICDS VIA BUS**

9:30 am **ARRIVE AT INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR DEFENCE AND SECURITY**
Address: Narva mnt 63/4 East Building, Tallinn 10120, Estonia
Phone: +372 717 6800

About: The International Centre for Defence and Security (ICDS) is the leading think-tank in Estonia specializing in foreign policy, security and defense issues. We aim to be the regional knowledge hub of first choice for the security and defense communities of Estonia, its allies and partners.

9:30- 11:30 am **ROUNDTABLE BRIEFING AT INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR DEFENCE AND SECURITY**

Presenters: **Mr. Tomas Jermalavicius,** Head of Studies/ Research Fellow

Indrek Kannik, Director
Tony Lawrence, Head of Defence Programme
Marek Kohv, Head of Security and Resilience Programme
Dr. Ivan U.K. Klyszcz, Research Fellow
Dr. Igor Gretskiy, Research Fellow
James Sherr OBE, Honorary Fellow

Topics of Discussion:
- Hear from think tank experts about Baltic views on security and defense following the Russian invasion of Ukraine
- Brief on views of NATO Summit and future scenarios related to the war in Ukraine

11:30- 12:00 pm **TRAVEL FROM ICDS TO RESTORAN SPOT VIA BUS**
Travel time: 10 min

12:00- 1:30 pm **LUNCH AT RESTORAN SPOT**
Address: Vene 4, 10123 Tallinn, Estonia
Phone: +3726410400

Presenters: **Dr. Katja Koort,** Lecturer, Tallinn University

Speakers unexpectedly were not able to make it. Dr. Katja Koort replaced the previous lunch speakers listed.

Topics of Discussion (1.5 hrs)
- Russia-China relations
- Chinese soft power
- Russian-speaking community of Estonia

1:30- 1:40 pm **TRAVEL FROM LUNCH TO MINISTRY OF DEFENSE**
Travel time: 10 mins

Passport required for entry.

1:40- 2:00 pm **ARRIVE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE FOR SECURITY CHECKPOINT**
Address: Sakala 1, 15094, Tallinn, Estonia
Phone: +372 717 0022

2:00- 3:30 pm **MINISTRY OF DEFENSE BRIEFING**

Presenter: **Mr. Kusti Salm**, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defense of Republic of Estonia

Topics of Discussion:
- Support for Ukraine, defense spending
- Role of NATO and US in Estonia's defense
- Reactions to the NATO Summit in Washington

3:30– 4:00 pm **TRAVEL FROM DEFENSE BRIEFING TO TALLINN FERRY**

TERMINAL
Travel Time: 30 min

4:30- 7:00 pm **ARRIVE TALLINN FERRY TERMINAL FOR TRANSFER TO HELSINKI**
Address: Tallinn Ferry Terminal, 10111 Tallinn, Estonia
Travel time: 2 hr 30 min

7:00- 7:30 pm **TRAVEL FROM HELSINKI HARBOR TO DINNER VIA BUS**
Travel time: 20 min

7:30- 9:00 pm **WORKING DINNER IN HELSINKI WITH US AMBASSADOR TO FINLAND**
Address: Café Engel, Aleksanterinkatu 26, 00170 Helsinki, Finland
Phone: +358 9 652776

Presenters: **Ambassador Douglas Hickey**, US Ambassador to Finland

Topics of Discussion (2 hrs):
- US-Finnish bilateral relations
- US policy towards Finland and the Nordic region

9:00 pm **CHECK-IN TO HILTON HELSINKI STRAND**
Address: John Stenbergin ranta 4
00530 Helsinki, Finland
Phone: +358 300 308488

END OF PROGRAMMING

RON **HILTON HELSINKI STRAND**
Helsinki, Finland

Wednesday, July 17, 2024
Helsinki, Finland

Attire: Business Causal
Participants must bring their passports for this day.

6:30 am **BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN AT THE HOTEL**
Breakfast included in the hotel reservation.

9:30 am **DEPART HELSINKI STRAND FOR EUROPEAN CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR COUNTERING HYBRID THREATS VIA WALKING**
Travel time: 20 min

10:00 am **ARRIVE EUROPEAN CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR COUNTERING HYBRID THREATS (HYBRID CoE)**

Passport required for entry.

Address: Fabianinkatu 21, FIN-00130, Helsinki, Finland

About: Hybrid CoE is an international, autonomous network-based organization promoting a whole-of-government and whole-of-society approach to countering hybrid threats.

Participation in the Centre's activities is open to all EU and NATO countries, and the number of Participating States has grown to include 35 states today.

Hybrid CoE's mission is to strengthen its Participating States' and organizations' security by providing expertise and training for countering hybrid threats

10:00 – 11:30 am **BRIEFING ROUNDTABLE AT HYBRID CoE**

Presenter: **Anna-Maria Wiker,** Analyst, Research and Analysis
Sanni Parviainen, Coordinator, International Relations

Previous speaker listed was sick. His two colleagues joined and the conversation topics remained the same.

Topics of Discussion:

- Hybrid threats facing Finland and the Baltic Sea
- NATO's role in mitigating hybrid threats
- The EU's toolkit for countering hybrid operations

11:30- 11:40 am **TRAVEL FROM EUROPEAN CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE TO LUNCH AT KAPPELI RESTAURANT VIA WALKING**
Travel time: 5 min

11:40- 12:40 pm **LUNCH AT KAPPELI RESTUARANT**
Address: Kappeli Restaurant, Eteläesplanadi 1, 00130 Helsinki, Finland
Phone: +358107663880

12:40- 1:00 pm **TRAVEL FROM KAPPELI RESTAURANT TO CIVIL DEFENSE SHELTER VIA WALKING**
Travel time: 20 min

1:00 pm **ARRIVE FINNISH CIVIL DEFENSE SHELTER**
Address: Arena Center Hakaniemi, Miina Sillanpään katu 2, Helsinki

About: Tour of a Finnish civil defense shelter. The city of Helsinki has enough bomb shelters for the entire population of the city in case of an emergency.

1:00- 3:00pm **TOUR OF FINNISH CIVIL DEFENSE SHELTER**

Presenter: **Pasi Raatikainen**

Topics of Discussion:
- This tour will focus on Finnish resilience, as well as provide insight into Finnish views on security and deterrence.
- The speaker will also highlight his experience in Ukraine

3:00– 3:30 pm **TRAVEL FROM FINNISH CIVIL DEFENSE SHELTER TO MEETING POINT FOR WALKING TOUR**
Travel time: 15 min

3:30– 5:00 pm **WALKING TOUR AND HISTORICAL BRIEFING OF DOWNTOWN HELSINKI**
Walking Tour Locations: Senate Square, Helsinki Cathedral, Uspenski Cathedral, Market Square, Esplanade, Central Railway Station, Oodi (newly built library) and the Temppeliaukio Church

About: Walking tour with local guide to explain major historical sites, key government institutions, and centers of economic activity.

Topics of Discussion:
- History of the city of Helsinki
- Explanation of key government institutions
- Local centers of economic activity

5:00 pm **WALKING TOUR CONCLUDES**

5:00- 6:30 pm **NO PROGRAMMING**

6:30- 8:00 pm **WORKING DINNER AT RAVINTOLA NOKKA**
Address: Kanavaranta 7 F, 00160 Helsinki, Finland
Phone: +358 9 61285600

Presenter: **Ambassador Jouni Laaksonen,** Head, Task Force for The Finnish OSCE Chairpersonship

Topics of Discussion (1.5 hrs):
- Challenges facing the OSCE, with Russia as a member with veto power
- The role of the OSCE in Ukraine and its field missions
- The 50th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act, to be celebrated in 2025

END OF PROGRAMMING

RON **HILTON HELSINKI STRAND**
Helsinki, Finland

Thursday, July 18, 2024
Helsinki, Finland

Attire: Business casual
Participants must bring their passports for this day.

6:30 am **BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN AT THE HOTEL**
Breakfast included in the hotel reservation.

9:15 am **DEPART HILTON HELSINKI STRAND FOR MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS VIA BUS**
Travel time: 15 min

10:00 am **ARRIVE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

Passport required for entry.

Address: Merikasarminkatu 5f, 00160 Helsinki, Finland
Phone: +358 29 516001

Presenter: **Director General Marja Liivala**
Counsellor Leo Svahnbäck

10:00- 11:00 am **MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS BRIEFING**

Briefing at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was changed to just an hour.

Topics of Discussion:
- Requested briefings on Finland's views on Ukraine, Russia, and the United States
- Opportunity to hear from Finnish diplomats on bilateral relations in the neighborhood and challenges facing Finland in 2024

11:00 – 11:30 am **VIEW OF ICEBREAKERS AND DISCUSSION**

Speakers: Jason Moyer, Associate, Global Europe Program

Topics of Discussion:
- New US-Canada-Finland ICE PACT
- Finland's leadership in icebreakers
- Partnership between Arctic nations

The ICE PACT between the US, Canada and Finland was announced two days before our departure, so we added in this discussion on the partnership while viewing Finland's fleet of icebreakers outside of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

11:30 am – 12:00 pm **TRAVEL FROM MFA TO WORKING LUNCH**

12:00 pm **WORKING LUNCH ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS & FINLAND'S NUCLEAR POLICY**

Address: Pohjoisesplanadi 15, 00170 Helsinki, Finland
Phone: +358 9 61285950

Presenter: **Tiina Raijas**, Ministerial Adviser, Ministry of Defence of Finland

Topics of Discussion (1.5 hrs):
- Finland's views on nuclear weapons, as well as the threat of Russia's nuclear stockpile
- How Finland's nuclear policy had to evolve and be redefined as part of its NATO membership

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm **WALK FROM LUNCH TO FERRY TO SUOMENLINNA, PASSING THROUGH THE OLD MARKET HALL**
Travel time: 22 min

2:15 pm **FERRY TO SUOMENLINNA FORTRESS**
Travel time: 25 min

2:45 – 4:15 pm **TOUR OF HISTORICAL SUOMENLINNA FORTRESS**
Address: Kauppatori - Suomenlinna, Helsinki, Finland

About: Suomenlinna is an 18th-century sea fortress and nature area with centuries-old artillery and defensive walls, spread across 6 linked islands. Due to its strategic geographical location, it sometimes used to be known as the Gibraltar of the North. Suomenlinna Fortress has a deep history beginning in the early 18th century – it was constructed as a base for Swedish archipelago fleet during the Russo-Swedish War, was later surrendered to the Russians, and then served as part of Peter the Great's Sea Fortress during the First World War. After Finland's independence following the Civil War of 1918, the fortress was used by troops from the Finnish Air Force anti-aircraft and artillery were stationed on the island, including the establishment of the Naval Academy.

5:00 pm **FERRY BACK TO HELSINKI**

5:30 pm **TRANSFER TO RESTAURANT VIA BUS**

6:30 – 8:30 pm **FAREWELL DINNER AND DEBRIEF AT ALEXANDERPLATS**
Address: Eteläesplanadi 22, 00130 Helsinki, Finland
Phone : +358 44 7239030

Presenters: **Robin Quinville**, Director, Global Europe Program
Jason Moyer, Associate, Global Europe Program

Topics of Discussion (2 hrs):
- Key takeaways from previous meetings
- Lessons learned
- US role in Baltic security and future engagement

END OF PROGRAMMING

RON **HILTON HELSINKI STRAND**
Helsinki, Finland

Friday, July 19, 2024
Helsinki Finland → Frankfurt, Germany

6:30 am **BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN AT THE HOTEL**
Breakfast included in the hotel reservation.

9:20 am **CHECK-OUT OF HILTON HELSINKI STRAND. DEPART HOTEL FOR AIRPORT VIA BUS**
Travel time: 20 min

9:45 am **ARRIVE HELSINKI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT FOR SECURITY & CHECK-IN**

12:45 pm **FLIGHT DEPARTS HELSINKI AIRPORT (HEL)**
LH2461
Flight time: 2 hr 35 min

2:20 pm **FLIGHT ARRIVES MUNICH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (MUC)**
Layover duration: 2 hr 5 min
Time change from departure airport: - 1 hour

4:25 pm **FLIGHT DEPARTS MUNICH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (MUC)**
LH 414
Flight time: 9 hr

7:25 pm **FLIGHT ARRIVES DULLES INTERNATIONAL AIPORT (IAD)**
Time change from departure airport: - 6 hours