

Russian Blogosphere Bemused After U.S. Agency Includes Ukraine in Russia in Map Gaffe

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Russian internet users were left bemused after the U.S. Energy Association omitted Ukraine and Belarus and placed Russia's westernmost region of Kaliningrad back into German hands in a pre-World War II map released ahead of U.S. President Donald Trump's meeting with Baltic leaders.

The USEA [published](#) the map without a caption in a press release touting U.S. energy cooperation with Baltic states as Trump prepared to host the regions' three heads of state at the White House on Tuesday.

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News of the gaffe first appeared on Twitter before becoming widely publicized by the Russian blogger Ilya Varlamov, who wrote a post about the map on his popular Telegram channel.

“The American Energy Association illustrated its article about the America-Baltic summit, during which the U.S will discuss energy independence from Russia with the leaders of those states, with a pre-war map,” the blogger wrote.

The map, which is believed to [date](#) back to 1925 by the Library of Congress, also listed St. Petersburg as Leningrad and the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius as a Polish city.

The USEA has since removed the map from their press release.

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