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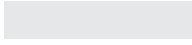
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# About the Foundation

The Stefan Batory Foundation, established in 1988 by George Soros, an American financier and philanthropist, and a group of Polish opposition leaders of 1980s, is an independent, private foundation registered as public charity under Polish law. The mission of the Batory Foundation is to build an open, democratic society – a society of people aware of their rights and responsibilities, who are actively involved in the life of their local community, country and international society. Our priorities include:

## ■ Enhancing citizens' public engagement and fostering the role of civil organizations

We support initiatives that encourage citizens to participate in public life, and create a forum for public debates on important domestic and international problems. We advocate favorable environment for the third sector and work towards institutional strengthening and financial sustainability of independent non-governmental organizations. We assist local organizations working to enhance access to education for disabled children and young people from impoverished communities.

## ■ Promoting the rule of law and transparency in public life

We support activities designed to provide the citizens with access to information and justice, as well as to protect individuals' rights against government abuse. We assist organizations working against intolerance and discrimination. We disseminate legal expertise and methods of exercising scrutiny over public institutions, and advocate systems to control corruption.

## ■ Developing international cooperation and solidarity

We assist our neighbors in the East in the democratization process, and facilitate experience sharing in the areas of political and social transformation. We implement projects aimed at building strong neighborly relations with the East and the West, contribute to the dialogue on the future of common Europe and advocate a greater role of civic initiatives in international relations and in the advancement of democratic principles and respect for human rights.

The basic method of the Foundation's operation involves making grants to non-governmental organizations engaged in public benefit activity in Poland and in Central and Eastern Europe. We also initiate and carry out – alone or in partnership with other organizations – various undertakings: we host public debates and conferences; organize study visits, seminars and workshops; issue publications; run social campaigns; engage in advocacy and monitoring of public institutions.

The Foundation is a partner to many institutions from Poland and abroad. It is a member of Polish Donors Forum, Polish NGOs Abroad – Zagranica Group, the European Foundation Centre in Brussels and the Council on Foundations in the U.S.

In our activity we observe principles of transparency and accountability. Decisions on grant distribution are made by the Foundation's Board with the help of committees of experts who assess grant applications and recommend projects for funding. Our finances are audited by external experts and the financial statements are published in the Annual Report, together with the list of grants awarded and projects implemented during the year. Up-to-date information on our activities and grant-seeking opportunities is posted on our website [www.batory.org.pl](http://www.batory.org.pl).

In 2008, we ran **14 domestic and international programs**. We made over **370 grants** for a total amount of **PLN 8.8 million**. We spent **PLN 3.2 million** on in-house operated projects implemented by ourselves or in cooperation with partners.

As in previous year a series of our activities focused on the problem of lack of public trust toward Polish democratic institutions and meager civic participation in public life, as evidenced by low electoral turnout and the popular conviction that an average citizen has no influence over authorities' actions.

We continued our *Your Vote, Your Choice* program planned for 2006–2010 (i.e. the entire term of local government officials elected in 2006) with an aim to increase public interest in local issues and activities of authorities. In 2008, 280 organizations and informal groups from 190 boroughs joined the project. Participants organized 182 public debates with the participation of local officials and residents. In 100 localities, they checked how local officials execute their responsibilities. They also implemented 154 activities to engage residents in their local civil society (happenings, events, competitions for youth, surveys).

Our institutional grants, designated for organizations' core activity, capacity building and institutional development, were provided mainly to organizations that work to enhance civic participation in public sphere and promote good practices and transparency in public institutions [*Civic Institutions*].

We continued to support initiatives aimed to exert civic control over public institutions by providing grants for non-governmental organizations to monitor access to public information, use of public funds, and execution of statutory tasks by local government and public administration [*Watchdog Initiatives*]. As part of the *Anti-Corruption* program, we monitored observance by authorities and political parties of anticorruption laws and transparency standards, monitored the legislative process and suggested legislative solutions that could ensure transparency of decision-making processes and provide a bulwark against corrupt practices.

We devoted a series of meetings as part of *Batory Foundation Debates* to discussion on the condition of Polish democracy, its political scene, the government's agenda and activities as well as required reforms related to, amongst other, the world economic crisis.

Another important sphere of our activities concerned tolerance and fostering attitudes of openness toward racial, ethnic, and religious differences. We supported educational and cultural projects that recover and discover the roots of a multinational Poland and preserve a common multicultural heritage, especially that of Polish Jews. Most projects supported this year focused on discovering the past of local communities and filling in the historical 'blank gaps'. While learning about forgotten or muted facts, projects' participants had to face the history of Holocaust and – what was the most difficult – the history of Polish anti-Semitism. Xenophobia and anti-Semitism continue to be significant Polish problems. At the same time, however, there is an increased interest in the different and a growing awareness that cultural, ethnic, and religious diversity is an important value [*For Tolerance*].

A program initiated by the German Remembrance, Responsibility and Future Foundation also served the discovery of a common, multicultural heritage. In it, young people from Poland, Germany, Belarus, Russia

(Kaliningrad District), and Ukraine learned about various aspects of history and culture of borderland regions, along with theoretical and practical knowledge on protection of cultural assets. Two hundred young volunteers took part in 12 vacation camps. They cleaned up and renovated graveyards and sacral buildings of different denominations, and other local historical sites. They made inventories of cultural objects and documents in local museums and archives, recorded songs, tales and other testimonies of multicultural past of borderland regions. They documented the effects of their work in self-made films, photo exhibits and publications [*Memoria*].

We continued our support to organizations that provide legal aid to at-risk or discriminated groups. We awarded tied off grants to our 10 year grantees associated in the network of Citizens Advice Bureaus where about 30,000 people annually receive free legal advice and information as well as to organizations that provide legal aid to at-risk or discriminated groups [*Legal Education*].

The generosity of individual and business donors allowed us to continue assistance to local organizations that provide scholarships for young people from small towns and rural areas and ran integration programs for disabled children. Thanks to these donations, over 1,100 high school students receive scholarships in the 2008/2009 school year and 700 children participate in art therapy and integration programs [*Equal Opportunities*].

In the area of international cooperation, we continued advocacy efforts aimed to ease the restrictive EU visa policies and raise the standards of service for foreigners at the European Union's eastern border. We turned decision-makers' attention to the progress of Poland's preparations, as well as the effects Schengen membership may have on contacts with our eastern neighbors. Moreover, we took part in the debate on the European Neighborhood Policy and the discourse on changes occurring in Russia and their impact on Russian foreign policy, including Russia's use of energy resources as an instrument of international policy [*International Cooperation*].

In partnership with the Robert Bosch Foundation we supported tripartite cooperation of Poland and Germany with Belarus, Ukraine, and Russia serving to reinforce solidarity and neighborly relations, and to resolve problems faced by states of our region [*Community Initiatives Partnership*]. With the funds provided by the Ford Foundation we supported a network of Belarusian and Ukrainian organizations engaged in stimulating and funding local civic initiatives, developing partnership between non-governmental organizations and private and public institutions and implementing civic and European education projects [*Citizens in Action*].

We continued two regional programs, operating within the Open Society Institute network in the region of Central-Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus: the *East East: Partnership Beyond Borders* program which supports international cooperation for democratic transformation, civil society development and promotion of innovative solutions to social ills, as well as the *Alcohol and Drug* program that disseminates Polish experiences in addiction therapy and prevention as well as in re-education of perpetrators of domestic violence.



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# Our Donors

We could carry out our activities in 2008 thanks to grants and donations made by Polish and foreign private and public institutions, commercial organizations and individual donors, including taxpayers who donated us 1% of their personal income tax.

The majority of our programs were financed thanks to the funds donated by the **Open Society Institute**, established by George Soros, American financier and philanthropist, the founder of a network of civic organizations active in more than 50 countries in Central and Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the United States.

From the **Ford Foundation's** grants we ran *Citizens in Action* and *For Tolerance* programs, the latter was also supported by the **Taube Foundation for Jewish Life and Culture**. From the grant donated by the **Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe** we co-financed *Watchdog Initiatives* and *Your Vote, Your Choice* programs. Funds provided by the **C.S. Mott Foundation** allowed to launch new project targeting at NGO coalitions operating in Visegrad states. The **Robert Bosch Foundation** co-funded *Community Initiatives Partnership* program and the **Remembrance, Responsibility and Future Foundation** co-funded *Memoria* program. Grant from the **UE Transition Facility Program 2005** enabled to extend activities undertaken by *Anti-Corruption* program, and grant from **NGO Fund – EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanism** enabled to organize "Check Who You Elect" national information campaign. Our activities in the sphere of international cooperation were co-financed by the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**.

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# Batory Foundation Debates

Batory Foundation Debates are an attempt at establishing an independent meeting and discussion forum for politicians, professionals, public intellectuals and journalists. The Foundation has long organized conferences and seminars on transition in Poland, international affairs, Poland's foreign policy and the situation in Central and Eastern Europe with the aim to initiate public discourse on subjects important to the future of our state and region.

In 2008, the debates focused on the condition of Polish democracy, its political scene, the government's agenda and activities as well as required reforms related to, amongst other, the world economic crisis. Like for so many years in the past, we also continued debates on Polish foreign policy.

## Debates on Polish democracy and reforms

### What kind of cultural policy?

January 31

Discussion devoted to challenges facing the Ministry of Culture, preceded by a speech by the Minister of Culture and National Heritage Bogdan Zdrojewski, who presented the current priorities for cultural policy.

Panelists: Andrzej Celiński (MP, former Minister of Culture), Izabella Cywińska (former Minister of Culture), Bogdan Zdrojewski (Minister of Culture and National Heritage). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Stefan Batory Foundation).

### Can the media be taken away from politicians?

February 11

Debate devoted to relations between the media and politics as well as the politicization of public media.

Panelists: Robert Krasowski (Editor in Chief of *Dziennik* daily), Paweł Lisicki (Editor in Chief of *Rzeczpospolita* daily), Adam Pieczyński (TVN Board Member), Mariusz Ziomecki (Editor in Chief of Superstacja TV), Jacek Żakowski (journalist, *Polityka* weekly). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Stefan Batory Foundation).

### Tusk's Poland

April 21

The conference considered what goals Donald Tusk's government is seeking to implement, and what visions of the future and past it presents.

Panelists: Dariusz Gawin, Ph.D. (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences), Sławomir Sierakowski (Editor in Chief of *Krytyka Polityczna* quarterly), Aleksander Smolar (President of the Stefan Batory Foundation). Moderator: Prof. Jacek Kochanowicz (Faculty of Economic Sciences, University of Warsaw, the Stefan Batory Foundation Board).

The entire text of the debate has been published as a book entitled *Tusk's Poland* (Warsaw 2008). Its Polish version is available on the Foundation's website.

## Rule of law and concept of justice

April 24

Discussion on problems of the justice system, political manipulations related to the law, as well as fundamental tasks facing the Ministry of Justice.

Panelists: Zbigniew Cwiągalski, Ph.D. (Minister of Justice), Ryszard Kalisz (MP), Prof. Wiktor Osiatyński (Political Sciences Committee of Polish Academy of Sciences), Prof. Marek Safjan (Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Warsaw, former President of the Constitutional Tribunal). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Stefan Batory Foundation).

## What kind of reforms does Poland need?

June 23

Discussion on the issue of reforms in Poland and the dispute on whether further systemic changes are needed or whether the most important reforms have already been implemented, and mere corrections are required.

Panelists: Henryka Bochniarz, Ph.D. (President of Polish Confederation of Private Employers *Lewiatan*), Prof. Stanisław Gomułka (Business Center Club, former Vice-Minister of Finance), Krzysztof Rybiński, Ph.D. (Ernst & Young Polska, former Vice-President of the National Bank of Poland). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Stefan Batory Foundation).

## Political parties and the limits of politics

July 1

Three conference sessions devoted to Polish political left, right, and liberal center.

Introductions: Andrzej Celiński (MP, former Minister of Culture), Marek A. Cichocki, Ph.D. (Program Director of the Natolin European Centre, Advisor to President Lech Kaczyński), Ludwik Dorn (MP, former Marshal of the Parliament), Prof. Lena Kolarska-Bobińska (President of the Institute of Public Affairs), Prof. Zdzisław Krasnodębski (University of Bremen), Robert Krasowski (Editor in Chief of *Dziennik* daily), Prof. Ireneusz Krzemiński (Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw), Janusz A. Majcherek, Ph.D. (Pedagogical University, Kraków), Rafał Matyja, Ph.D. (Higher School of Business – National Louis University in Nowy Sącz), Prof. Andrzej Mencwel (Institute of Polish Culture, University of Warsaw), Prof. Janusz Reykowski (Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities), Prof. Jerzy Szacki (Polish Academy of Sciences), Paweł Śpiewak, Ph.D. (Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw), Jacek Żakowski (journalist, *Polityka* weekly). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Stefan Batory Foundation).

The entire text of the debate has been published as a book entitled *Political parties and the limits of politics* (Warsaw 2008). Its Polish version is available on the Foundation's website.



## **Poland: between the real and the virtual. The limits of political manipulation** **November 4**

Debate devoted to manipulation of citizens and the role of political marketing in Polish politics.

Panelists: Ludwik Dorn (MP, former Marshal of the Parliament), Kinga Dunin, Ph.D. (*Krytyka Polityczna* quarterly), Jan Rokita (*Dziennik* daily), Paweł Śpiewak, Ph.D. (Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw).  
Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Stefan Batory Foundation).

## **Crisis: diagnosis and response** **December 11**

Debate devoted to the world economic crisis and its impact on Poland.

Panelists: Henryka Bochniarz, Ph.D. (President of Polish Confederation of Private Employers *Lewiatan*), Prof. Stanisław Gomułka (Business Center Club, former Vice-Minister of Finance), Stefan Kawalec (President of Capital Strategy, former Vice-Minister of Finance), Ryszard Petru (Warsaw School of Economics), Prof. Dariusz Rosati (MEP, former Minister of Foreign Affairs). Moderator: Prof. Jacek Kochanowicz (Faculty of Economic Sciences, University of Warsaw, the Stefan Batory Foundation Board).

## **Debates on Polish foreign policy**

### **Poland and Europe after Ireland** **June 23**

Debate devoted to the effects of rejection of the Lisbon Treaty ratification in Irish referendum on the future of European integration.

Panelists: Krzysztof Bobiński (President of Unia&Polska Foundation), Prof. Lena Kolarska-Bobińska (President of the Institute of Public Affairs), Eugeniusz Smolar (President of the International Relations Center), Paweł Świeboda (President of demosEUROPA – Centre for European Strategy). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Stefan Batory Foundation).

The debate organized by the International Relations Center, demosEuropa – Centre for European Strategy, the Stefan Batory Foundation, Unia&Polska Foundation and the Institute of Public Affairs.

### **Polish foreign policy in the face of new challenges** **November 28**

Debate devoted to Polish foreign policy and the challenges it faces related to U.S. election results, war in Georgia and Russia's new political strategy, as well as the European Union's institutional crisis caused by Ireland's rejection of the Lisbon Treaty.

Panelists: Marek A. Cichocki, Ph.D. (Program Director of the Natolin European Centre, Advisor to President Lech Kaczyński), Andrzej Olechowski, Ph.D. (former Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Stefan Batory Foundation Council), Aleksander Smolar (President of the Stefan Batory Foundation). Concluding remarks: Radosław Sikorski (Minister of Foreign Affairs). Moderator: Prof. Adam Daniel Rotfeld (former Minister of Foreign Affairs).

## Other debates

### America through a Polish perspective

November 14

Discussion devoted to U.S. presidential elections and the image of Poland in America.

Panelists: Agata Bielik-Robson, Ph.D. (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences), Artur Domosławski (*Gazeta Wyborcza* daily), Paweł Lisicki (Editor in chief of *Rzeczpospolita* daily), Cezary Michalski (*Dziennik* daily). Moderator: Jacek Żakowski (*Polityka* weekly).

### Beata Pawlak Award

The Beata Pawlak Award was established pursuant to the last will of Beata Pawlak, Polish journalist and writer killed in a terrorist attack on Bali in 2002. It is awarded annually to an author of an article or publication on foreign cultures, religions and civilizations. The prize is financed from the Fund administered by the Foundation.

In 2008 the Beata Pawlak Award was given to Artur Domosławski for his book *Revolted America* (Świat Książki publishing house 2007) and Cezary Michalski for a cycle of texts *Letters from America* published in *Dziennik* daily in 2008.

### Art as discourse about the past

November 22

The discussion attempted to find similarities and differences between the way artists treat history and the way “mainstream” public historical discourse proceeds.

Panelists: Agnieszka Holland (movie director), Aleksander Smolar (President of the Stefan Batory Foundation), Adam Szymczyk (curator and art critic, director of Kunsthalle in Bazylea), Krzysztof Warlikowski (theatre director, director of the New Theatre in Warsaw). Moderator: Marek Beylin (*Gazeta Wyborcza* daily).

The entire text of the debate has been published as a book entitled *Art as a Discourse about the Past* (Warsaw 2009). Its Polish version is available on the Foundation’s website.

In 2008, the program was financed by funds from the Open Society Institute, the European Council on Foreign Relations (PLN 5,789.94), Agora S.A. (PLN 10,000) and *Polityka* Cooperative (PLN 665.20).

Beata Pawlak Award	PLN 10,000.00
Debates and publications	PLN 162,072.84
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 172,072.84</b>

# Your Vote, Your Choice

The program's goal is to increase public interest in local affairs and encourage participation in public life, including informed and responsible participation in local and parliamentary elections. We organize social and awareness campaigns. We work with local organizations assisting them in undertaking activities that help to mobilize civic participation, build dialogue between constituents and their representatives in local governments, as well as integrate local communities and mobilize them to solve local problems.

## ***Your vote, your choice. Local government is yours!***

We planned the project, implemented jointly with the School of Leaders Association, for 2006–2010, i.e. the entire term of local authorities elected in 2006. We want to contribute to stimulating public debate on local issues with the participation of residents and local authorities, and reinforce the feeling of joint responsibility among the authorities and residents for decisions made on the election day.

We invited non-governmental organizations and informal groups from around the entire country to join the project. The organizations willing to participate registered at the project portal [www.maszglos.pl](http://www.maszglos.pl) and undertook to implement a set of tasks aimed to stimulate civic participation and build dialogue with local authorities, including organization of public debates with the participation of residents and local authorities as well as recording and following up on the monitoring of campaign promises made by heads of villages and city mayors in 2006. All participants were offered technical and financial support including a cycle of training meetings, consultations and expert advice, instruction and promotional materials, as well as microgrants for implementation of tasks related to the project. The project's website served as an interactive platform for exchange of information and experience-sharing among all participants, promotion of the project and dissemination of information on activities carried out on a local level.

In 2008, the project attracted 280 organizations and informal groups from 190 boroughs from all over Poland, 105 of them formed 36 local coalitions. They organized 182 public debates attended by local officials and residents (8100 people altogether). In 100 localities, they checked how local officials solve selected problems and they informed the public on the results of their findings. The organizations collected 96 declarations from borough and city mayors on issues would they promise to handle in their second terms. They drafted 52 reports on the fulfillment of these promises and organized 154 different events and actions (street happenings, public events, competitions for youth, questionnaires and surveys) aimed to engage residents in the local public life. Five organizers of the most interesting and effective activities received awards in the "Eighteen Years of Local Government" competition. Strategies to improve communication between residents and local authorities were developed in cooperation with officials in ten localities, nine of which were approved for implementation in 2009 by local authorities. All reports

on the activities performed by the participants were posted on the project's website. Some of them were financed from microgrants made to 73 organizations.

The School of Leaders Association organized 15 workshops for project's participants. They concerned the rules of cooperation with local authorities, methods of monitoring their commitments and methods of engaging citizens in public activity. Altogether 303 people took part in these trainings. We also facilitated contacts with local authorities and media, provided consultations regarding the responsibilities and tasks of local government as well as on legal regulations, and ran an Internet page that served as a forum for exchange of information and experience.

More information about the project is available at [www.maszglos.pl](http://www.maszglos.pl).

Our "Check Who You Elect" national information campaign organized in February and March reinforced local activities. It reminded residents that a year prior they elected their representatives to local councils and encouraged them to check how the elected officials solve the community problems and fulfill their electoral promises. We also wanted to show how residents could influence what happens in their borough. The DDB ad agency developed campaign strategy and produced its components (television and radio spots, Internet banner, press ads, posters, stickers and pins).

Campaign materials were published free of charge by: national dailies and weeklies (i.e. *Gazeta Prawna*, *Gazeta Wyborcza*, *Metro*, *Newsweek*, *Polska*, *Rzeczpospolita*), 30 local dailies and magazines, 3 national and 60 local TV stations, 14 radio stations and internet portals. Posters (20,000), stamps (45,000) and stickers (5,000) were disseminated locally by organizations participating in the campaign. In boroughs covered by the project, AMS outdoor company offered free of charge 350 billboards and 350 citylights for our posters. A special guidebook (*Citizen's Manual*) with information about jurisdiction of local authorities and possibilities for influencing their decisions was posted on the project portal and an expert provided on-line responses to select questions submitted by Internet users. During the campaign, the page received 40,000 unique visitors (990,000 views).

More information about the project, including a film with its participants on [www.maszglos.pl](http://www.maszglos.pl)

### Citizens in public life

In 2008, we additionally announced a grant competition for projects that would increase civic participation in public life, promote good practices of civic participation, establish a forum of public debate over important local, national and international problems as well as mobilize various groups and communities around these issues.

We received 161 applications, from which 9 projects we selected for funding. They concerned involving citizens in shaping local policy, promoting good practices in establishing and operation of youth councils, as well as engaging citizens in world human rights issues. Furthermore, we provided a grant for activities celebrating the anniversary of Poland's Round Table deliberations.

In 2008, the program was financed by funds from the Open Society Institute, the Trust for Civil Society in CEE (PLN 302,959.01), NGO Fund of EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanism (PLN 180,000) and Agora S.A. (PLN 189,222).

Grants	PLN 743,385.31
Campaign costs	PLN 605,799.56
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 1,349,184.87</b>

## Grants

### *Your vote, your choice. Local government is yours!*

#### **School for Leaders Association, Warsaw**

Partnership cooperation in organization of *Your vote, your choice* campaign (i.a. assistance and trainings for organizations participating in the campaign). PLN 279,700

### **Activities implemented by local organizations**

#### **Agro-tourism Association of Ostrowo-Ostrzeszów Region, Przygodzice**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (118 participants); report on the execution of responsibilities by the mayor; activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

#### **Food Bank, Zielona Góra**

Debate with participation of local authorities and residents (15 participants); activities involving residents in local affairs. Tasks implemented in coalition with the Social Integration Society. PLN 2,500

#### **Lower Silesia Center of Social Initiatives, Świdnica**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (56 participants); report on execution of responsibilities of city mayor and the head of the county; activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

#### **Counselling Union for Disabled Participants, Elbląg**

Meeting of residents of the Nad Jarem district (30 participants); activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

#### **EUREQA Association, Rumia**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (40 participants); activities involving residents in local affairs; developing action strategy to improve communication between residents and borough office. Tasks implemented by two other local associations. PLN 4,600

#### **Ostrzeszów Area Development Forum, Ostrzeszów**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (40 participants); report on mayor's execution of responsibilities; activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 1,998

#### **Civis Polonus Foundation, Warsaw**

Debate with participation of local authorities and residents (40 participants); establishment of Youth Councils in four Warsaw districts; developing in cooperation with local government an action strategy to improve communication between youth and city office. Tasks implemented in coalition with the Mazovia Federation of Serving Organizations. PLN 3,000

#### **Cultural Initiatives Foundation, Radomsko**

Two debates with participation of the mayor, city council members and residents (170 participants); report on mayor's execution of responsibilities; developing action strategy to improve communication between residents and city office; activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

#### **Generations Foundation, Pelplin**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (94 participants); report on local government's execution of duties; activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 1,935

#### **ROPUH Foundation, Dzierżoniów**

Debate with participation of local authorities and residents (50 participants); activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

#### **At Home Foundation, Sokółów Podlaski**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (29 participants); monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor. PLN 1,975

#### **Glogow Scientific Society, Głogów**

Activities involving residents in local affairs implemented by local NGO coalition. PLN 4,000

#### **Kastor Initiative for Development, Tłuszcz**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (100 participants); report on mayor's execution of responsibilities; activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 1,915

#### **Institute of Social Education, Wrocław**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (80 participants); report on mayor's execution of responsibilities; activities involving residents in local affairs. Tasks implemented by coalition of eight local NGOs PLN 7,375

**Karkonoski Disabled Persons Council, Jelenia Góra**

Debate with participation of local authorities and residents (150 participants); report on mayor's execution of responsibilities; developing in cooperation with the municipal authorities an action strategy to improve communication between residents and city office. Tasks implemented in a coalition with three local NGOs. **PLN 2,200**

**Residents for the Development of Kamierowo Village, Kamierowo**

Debate with participation of local authorities and residents (50 participants); report on mayor's execution of responsibilities; activities involving residents in local affairs. **PLN 1,223.80**

**Tłok Kujawy and Pomerania Centre for Support of Non-Government Initiatives, Toruń**

Debate with participation of local authorities and residents (20 participants); report on mayor's execution of responsibilities; developing in cooperation with municipal authorities an action strategy to improve communication between residents and city office. Tasks implemented in coalition with the Voters' Association. **PLN 3,958**

**Łask Cultural Association, Łask**

Two debates with participation of the mayor and residents (35 participants); report on mayor's execution of responsibilities; activities involving residents in local affairs. Tasks implemented in coalition with the Association for the Development of Łask Region. **PLN 3,833.51**

**Łęczycza Committee for Defense of the Unemployed, Łęczycza**

Debate with participation of local authorities and residents (80 participants); activities involving residents in local affairs; developing in cooperation with the representative of borough office an action strategy to improve communication with residents. **PLN 800**

**Life Smile Children and Youth International Association, Jarczów**

Debate with participation of local authorities and residents (50 participants), activities involving residents in local affairs. **PLN 2,000**

**Young Centre Association, Poznań**

In Poznań: debate with participation of local authorities and residents (120 participants); report on mayor's execution of responsibilities; activities involving residents in local affairs. In Zgorzelec: two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (170 participants); report on mayor's execution of responsibilities; activities involving residents in local affairs. Tasks implemented in coalition with the Young Democrats Association. **PLN 4,380**

**Civic Democratic Forum, Kraków**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (50 participants); report on local government's execution of duties; activities involving residents in local affairs; developing action strategy to improve communication between residents and local government. Tasks implemented in coalition with two other youth organizations. **PLN 4,500**

**Voluntary Fire Brigade, Poddębice**

Two debates with participation of representatives of local authorities, parish priests and residents (70 participants); report on mayor's execution of responsibilities; activities involving residents in local affairs. **PLN 2,000**

**National Association of Regional Activism, Tarnów**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (62 participants) and a meeting with council members (22 participants); monitoring fulfillment of promises made by the mayor. **PLN 1,986**

**European House Polish Association, Sosnowiec**

Debate with participation of local authorities and residents (250 participants); report on mayor's execution of responsibilities; activities involving residents in local affairs; developing action strategy to improve communication between residents and borough office. **PLN 2,000**

**Rembieszów Association of Social Initiatives, Zapolice**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (30 participants); report on progress of five investments launched by local authorities in the borough; activities involving residents in community affairs. **PLN 2,000**

**Borough of Future Rokietnica Civic Forum, Rokietnica**

Report on borough's budget; activities involving residents in local affairs. **PLN 1,996**

**Redhead Social Cooperative, Bytom**

Report on local government's execution of promises; activities involving residents in local affairs. **PLN 2,000**

**Closer to Ourselves and Nature Association, Lubasz**

Two debates with participation of representatives of local authorities and residents (93 participants); report on the execution of responsibilities by the village mayor; activities involving residents in local affairs; developing action strategy to improve communication between residents and borough office. **PLN 2,000**

**Civitas Association, Dąbrowa Górnicza**

Two debates with participation of the city mayor and residents (280 participants); report on mayor's execution of responsibilities; activities involving residents in local affairs. **PLN 1,500**

**Cultural Stage-Coach Association, Białystok**

In **Białystok**: two meetings of residents (247 participants); report on implementation of mayor's electoral promises; activities involving residents in local affairs. In **Brańsk**: two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (172 participants); report on fulfillment of mayor's commitments; activities involving residents in local affairs. In **Hajnówka**: meeting of residents (84 participants); report on local government's execution of duties; activities involving residents in local affairs. In **Juchnowiec Kościelny**: two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (145 participants). In **Zabłudowo**: two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (234 participants); report on mayor's execution of responsibilities; activities involving residents in local affairs. **PLN 2,000**

**Europe and Us Association, Pułtusk**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (97 participants); report on local government's execution of duties; activities involving residents in local affairs. Tasks implemented in Nasielsk. **PLN 1,998**

**Grabo Association, Grabów**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (95 participants); report on the execution of responsibilities of the mayor; activities involving residents in local affairs. **PLN 1,000**

**Local Initiatives Association, Nowy Barkoczyn**

Debate with participation of local authorities and residents (100 participants); monitoring of construction of a sport hall in Lubań school complex. **PLN 1,000**

**EFFATA Association of Social Initiatives, Piła**

Debate with participation of the mayor and residents (200 participants); activities involving residents in local affairs. **PLN 2,000**

**I Love Radom Association, Radom**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (180 participants); report on local government's execution of duties; activities involving residents in local affairs. Tasks implemented in coalition with the Bicycle Association. **PLN 3,000**

**LIDER Association, Kraków**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (70 participants); report on execution of responsibilities of the mayor; activities involving residents in local affairs. Tasks implemented in coalition with the Lubaczów Borough Socio-Economic Initiatives Association. **PLN 3,996**

**Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups, Warsaw**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (47 participants); monitoring of the implementation of promises by the mayor; activities involving residents in local affairs. **PLN 1,535**

**Malbork Center Square, Malbork**

Five debates with participation of local authorities and residents (225 participants); report on mayor's execution of responsibilities; activities involving residents in local affairs. Tasks implemented in coalition with local Friends of Animals Association. **PLN 3,000**

**Grażyński Voivode Residential Community Association, Bielsko-Biała**

Three debates with participation of local authorities and residents (130 participants); report on local government's execution of duties; activities involving residents in local affairs. Tasks implemented in coalition with three other NGOs. **PLN 6,000**

**My City Association, Rydułtowy**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (128 participants); activities involving residents in local affairs. Tasks implemented in a coalition with the Wodzisław Youth Organization. **PLN 2,600**

**Association for Pamiętowo and Adamków, Kęsowo**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (45 participants); report on the execution of responsibilities by the mayor; activities involving residents in local affairs. **PLN 2,000**

**Association for Domaradz Borough Development, Domaradz**

Debate with participation of local authorities and residents (17 participants); establishment of the Borough Youth Council. **PLN 2,000**

**Better Together Association for Development and Activism, Postomino**

Campaign aimed to encourage borough's residents to vote in the early local elections for the new mayor; two debates of the residents with the newly elected mayor and council members (58 participants); collection of local government's declarations on issues to be solved during the new term.

PLN 1,992

**Association for Częstochowa City Development, Częstochowa**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (100 participants); report on mayor's execution of responsibilities; activities involving residents in local affairs. Tasks implemented in coalition with the Young Center circle.

PLN 2,424

**Umbrella Association in Support of Family, Lublin**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (40 participants); activities involving residents in local affairs. Tasks implemented in coalition with three other NGOs.

PLN 4,285

**Hope Association, Ostrów Mazowiecka**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (85 participants); report on mayor's execution of responsibilities; activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 1,000

**Partner for Entrepreneurship Association, Gorlice**

Debate with participation of local authorities and residents (28 participants); report on mayor's execution of responsibilities.

PLN 2,000

**Association for Disabled Children and Youth, Świebodzice**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (170 participants); monitoring execution of responsibilities by the mayor; activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 2,000

**Gift Association for People in Need, Witnica**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (70 participants); report on local government's execution of duties; activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 1,984

**Kołobrzeg 2010 Local Government Coalition Association, Kołobrzeg**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (90 participants); report on mayor's execution of responsibilities; activities involving residents in local affairs. Tasks implemented in coalition with two other NGOs.

PLN 3,000

**Kalos Kaghatos Association for Promotion of Sport, Education and Eco-development, Konstancin-Jezierna**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (65 participants); activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 2,000

**Friends of Lovely Land Association, Rawa Mazowiecka**

Debate with participation of local authorities and residents (10 participants); activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 1,785

**Friendly Wałbrzych Association, Wałbrzych**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (40 participants); report on mayor's execution of responsibilities.

PLN 1,300

**Radzymin Forum Association, Radzymin**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (130 participants); report on mayor's execution of responsibilities; activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 2,000

**Mammography for Women Kluczbork Regional Association, Kluczbork**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (162 participants); activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 2,000

**Association for Lipiny Village Development, Lipiny**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (30 participants); two meetings with commune leaders (32 participants); report on the execution of responsibilities by the village mayor; activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 1,000

**Association for Stęrkowa Góra Village Development, Stęrkowa Góra**

Four debates with participation of local authorities and residents (225 participants); report on mayor's execution of responsibilities; activities involving residents in local affairs; developing and implementation of the action strategy to improve communication between residents and borough office. Tasks implemented in coalition with two other NGOs.

PLN 6,000

**Cordis Socio-Cultural Association, Gniewkowo**

Debate with participation of local authorities and residents (60 participants); monitoring the execution of responsibilities by the mayor; activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 1,989



**Solec Zdrój Socio-Cultural Association, Solec Zdrój**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (72 participants); report on the execution of responsibilities by the mayor; activities involving residents in local affairs. Tasks implemented in coalition with the Spring of Health Association. PLN 4,000

**Niva Association in Support of Local Activity, Poddębice**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (72 participants); report on mayor's execution of responsibilities; activities involving residents in local affairs. Tasks implemented in Ciężkowo. PLN 1,860

**Association in Support of Social Initiatives, Szczerców**

Monitoring of local government actions regarding the construction of local kindergarten; activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**Grabów Community Association, Garbów**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (65 participants); monitoring of the development of local transport infrastructure; activities involving residents in local affairs. Tasks implemented in a coalition with local Voluntary Fire Brigade. PLN 4,000

**From the Other Side Association, Lubień Kujawski**

Meeting of residents (28 participants); developing a leaflet informing the residents of the investment plans in the borough and on the progress in the implementation of the mayor's electoral promises. PLN 1,500

**Ducatus Friends of Ziębice Association, Ziębice**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (120 participants). PLN 1,820

**Socio-Economic Association Initiative, Goczałkowice-Zdrój**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (130 participants); monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor; activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 1,500

**Association in Support of Social initiatives, Chmielów**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (38 participants); report on mayors' promises implementation; activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 1,440

**Active, Creative, Zgierz**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (50 participants); report on mayor's execution of responsibilities; activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**Wigry Tourist Association, Suwałki**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (70 participants); monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor; activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

Four grant recipients resigned from implementing tasks (awarded grants will be returned in 2009). PLN 7,200

## “Eighteen Years of Local Government” competition

**Agro-tourism Association of Ostrowo-Ostrzeszów Region, Przygodzice**

Award for co-organizing, in cooperation with the Borough Cultural Center, competition for youth ‘*When I become the mayor, I will...*’. PLN 1,500

**Generations Foundation, Pelplin**

Award for organizing an information campaign on local officials' responsibilities and the campaign *Letter to the President*. PLN 1,000

**St. Dominic Savio Foundation for Children, Etka**

Award for organizing a happening put on by children and an open-air theater production on vandalism in the city. PLN 1,500

**Krakow Academy Public High School, Jerzmanowice**

Award for organizing the *Jerzmanowice-Przegonia Borough in 10 years* debate, with the participation of the borough residents and youth, current and former mayors, representatives of borough council, the Małopolska Province Assembly and deputies of the Kraków county. PLN 1,000

**Niva Association in Support of Local Activity, Poddębice**

Award for organizing the *Score on the Mayor* competition, which included a football match between local officials and residents, and a trivia competition on Poddębice borough and civil rights. PLN 1,500

## Citizens in Public Life

### **Warsaw Development Forum, Warsaw**

*Aleja Marszałkowska* – developing the concept for development of Warsaw's Marszałkowska Street, subjecting it to public discussion and presenting to the city authorities. **PLN 22,000**

### **Civis Polonus Foundation, Warsaw**

*Youth councils* – developing database of youth city and borough councils as well as examples of good practices of their operation. **PLN 24,800**

### **Other Space Foundation, Warsaw**

*Human rights in Tibet* – activity cycle aimed to involve local activists, informal groups and NGOs to advocate observance of human rights in Tibet and develop effective ways to translate civic involvement into the actions of politicians. **PLN 46,800**

### **Pisz Foundation for Development, Pisz**

*Your opinion also counts* – cycle of public debates in four boroughs involving residents and local authorities about what is happening and what may be changed in the borough. **PLN 20,000**

### **Regional Information and Support Centre for NGOs, Gdańsk**

*District councils* – involving residents in the decision-making process regarding redistricting the city's administrative zones and encouraging them to take part in district councils' elections. **PLN 34,500**

### **Seed Cultural and Ecological Association, Słubice**

*Garbage into the forest or for recycling?* – developing and consulting waste management in the borough and the region with local residents. **PLN 25,000**

### **Association for the Development of the Town and Community of Debrzno, Debrzno**

*Think globally, act locally* – involving residents in developing the social and economic development plan for 15 districts of Debrzno borough. **PLN 38,200**

### **Radzymin Forum Association, Radzymin**

*@ctive resident of Radzymin* – cycle of activities aimed at appointing community councils and activating contacts among council members and residents. **PLN 20,000**

### **Society for Nature and Man, Lublin**

*Lublin Bicycling Initiatives* – integration of local organizations and informal groups acting to improve the quality of commuting within the city; engaging residents in an initiative to convince the city mayor to appoint an ombudsman for bicycle commuting. **PLN 25,000**

### **YoungRP Association, Warsaw**

*My Republic of Poland* – cycle of activities (debates, exhibitions, happenings, Internet events, publication of newspaper and book) on the anniversary of the Round Table negotiations. **PLN 25,000**

# Civic Institutions

The goal of the program is to reinforce the role of civic organizations in public life and build up their institutional and financial stability. We provide core support grants to organizations that play important roles in the NGO sector. We support initiatives that help to shape favorable legal and social environment for the growth and efficiency of the third sector and raise the operating standards of civil society institutions.

## **Core support grants**

We invite selected NGOs to apply for ‘institutional’ grants to support their long-term programs, capacity building and institutional development. Our grants are aimed to help organizations run their core activity, and can be used both for the implementation of projects and conducting their programs as well as for the development of their infrastructure, improving human resource qualifications, diversifying funding sources, improving management or preparing and implementing changes required for institutional development and stabilization.

In 2008, we provided core support grants to 10 organizations that work to increase civic participation in public life, promote the rule of law and transparency in public life, and develop international cooperation.

## **Civic coalitions**

The project, planned for 2008–2013, was initiated and co-financed by the C.S. Mott Foundation. It aims to reinforce NGO coalitions operating in Visegrad states (Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary) which advocate the interests of civil society and influence policies on the national and European levels. In two grant competitions, we plan to enhance the resources and organizational capacity of the coalitions, increase professionalism and legitimacy of their operations, build their credibility within the third sector and vis a vis public institutions, and increase their role and participation in civic dialogue.

In 2008, experts from Visegrad states conducted research on coalitions’ functioning and needs in particular states. On that basis, they developed grant tenets and application criteria. An open grant competition, the first of two, was announced in October. The coalitions may apply for 1–3 years grants of EUR 15,000 annually. Continued support in succeeding years is contingent on approval of their annual reports and operating plans for the following year.

## **Donors Forum**

The Foundation is an active member of the Polish Donors Forum, an association of grant making organizations operating in Poland. The Forum was created on Foundation’s initiative in 2002 with an aim to integrate donor community, promote good practices and improve effectiveness of their grant making,

as well as ensure transparent and favorable environment for organized philanthropy. The Forum initiated and actively participated in many advocacy efforts concerning third sector interests. Since 2006, Ewa Kulik-Bielińska, the Foundation's representative, serves as the chair of the Donors Forum Board.

In 2008, the Forum participated in public consultations on the Public Activity and Voluntarism Act and the government programs: Fund of Civic Initiatives for 2008–2013 and Strategy for Support of Civil Society Development for 2007–2013 as well as several meetings of parliamentary committees devoted to eliminating the barriers of the development of the third sector. In cooperation with the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy and the Polish National Federation of NGOs, the Donors Forum organized an information campaign on new mechanism of allocating 1% of personal income tax for public charities. It initiated advocacy efforts aimed to change restrictive interpretation of regulations on public collections by the Ministry of Interior and Administration. With the cycle on seminars *Role and models of functioning of foundations in Poland* with the participation of experts and practitioners from Poland and abroad, it launched public debate on the desirable changes in the legal framework for functioning of foundations in Poland.

As a part of promotion of good practices and improving the art of grantmaking, the Forum organized a number of meetings and debates on models and ways of supporting social projects by private foundations. It also continued activities aimed to promote corporate philanthropy: Top Corporate Philanthropist contest that ranked the companies contributions to community involvement projects, conference promoting the findings of the research on CCI (Corporate Community Involvement) and cyclic meetings devoted to the problems of corporate foundations. In 2008, the Forum was joined by six new grantmaking foundations.

## European Foundations Centre

Since 1990 the Foundation is a member of the European Foundation Center (EFC) in Brussels that associates about 300 foundations from Europe and the U.S. The aim of the EFC is to document the activity of European foundations, create an enabling legal and fiscal environment for their development, strengthen the infrastructure of the sector, and promote collaboration, both among foundations and between foundations and other actors, to advance the public good in Europe and beyond.

Foundation's representative participates in the work of the EFC Legal Committee that monitors legal changes influencing foundation's operations in Europe and prepares advocacy efforts at national and European level. In 2008, the Foundation was engaged as an expert in a feasibility study on the European Foundation Statute, a task commissioned by the European Commission to identify the needs for a legal instrument that would facilitate operation of foundations active in several EU states. The Foundation took also an active part in developing a common stanza on harmonizing tax breaks for donors and organizations operating in EU countries and in laying the groundwork for the campaign to introduce changes in the VAT system for public service organizations that will increase efficiency of their operations.

In 2008, the program was financed by funds from the Open Society Institute and the C.S. Mott Foundation (PLN 38,785.57).

Grants	PLN 797,046.00
V4 Reserch	PLN 38,785.57
Program implementation and membership fees	PLN 100,935.87
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 936,767.44</b>

## Grants

### Core support grants

<b>Rule of Law Foundation, Lublin</b> 2009–2010 core support grant for statutory activities concerning legal aid and education.	PLN 100,000
<b>Free Belarus Initiative, Warsaw</b> 2009–2010 core support grant for statutory activities supporting democratic change in Belarus.	PLN 90,000
<b>Campaign Against Homophobia, Warsaw</b> 2009–2010 core support grant for statutory activities concerning preventing discrimination and intolerance of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals (LGBT).	PLN 100,000
<b>Coalition for Young – Białobrzegi Area Community Foundation, Białobrzegi</b> 2009–2010 core support grant for statutory activities concerning expanding civic and youth initiatives and engaging residents in matters important to the local community.	PLN 100,000
<b>Baba Association for Women, Zielona Góra</b> 2009–2010 core support grant for statutory activities concerning legal aid and education of women.	PLN 50,000
<b>Marian Economic and Social Initiative Movement, Puszcza Mariańska</b> 2009–2010 core support grant for statutory activities concerning local development and engaging residents in matters important to the local community.	PLN 50,000
<b>Amnesty International Poland, Warsaw</b> 2009–2010 core support grant for statutory activities concerning human rights protection throughout the world.	PLN 80,000
<b>Homo Faber Association, Lublin</b> 2009–2010 core support grant for statutory activities concerning development of civic initiatives, human rights protection and preventing discrimination.	PLN 50,000
<b>Better World Association, Poznań</b> 2009–2010 core support grant for statutory activities concerning creation of a civic movement advocating systemic changes and social integration.	PLN 50,000
<b>Bona Fides Association, Katowice</b> 2009–2010 core support grant for statutory activities concerning civic oversight of public institutions.	PLN 50,000

### Other grants

<b>Polish National Federation of NGOs, Warsaw</b> Information campaign on the changes in the procedures for donating 1% of income tax to public benefit organizations.	PLN 7,046
<b>Association for the Forum on Non-Governmental Initiatives, Warsaw</b> V National NGO Forum (September 13–20, 2008).	PLN 70,000

# Equal Opportunities

The program goal is to enhance access to education for young people from small towns and impoverished communities, as well as those striving to counteract social exclusion of physically and mentally disabled children by providing them with education and personal development opportunities. We support non-governmental organizations that run scholarship programs for school age youth as well as the organizations that work with disabled children. We also administer funds entrusted to Batory Foundation by businesses and private individuals.

## Local Scholarship Programs

The project, carried on from 2000, aims at assisting the establishment of an alternative scholarships system for youth from low-income families based on local resources and activity. We support local NGOs which raise money in their local communities (from local businesses, local governments, individual donors, street collections, auctions, 1% income tax designations) and assign them for scholarship programs addressed to secondary school students from their community. Local scholarship programs operate on the basis of their own charters drawn up by the organizations. The decision to award a scholarship is usually based on the applicant's school record and the financial standing of her/his family, sometimes also involvement in the work for community and achievements in other non-academic pursuits. The scholarships, varying between PLN 60 and 380 per month, are used to purchase textbooks and learning aids, to pay for lodging, extra courses, commuting to school, etc.

Each year, organizations participating in the program are offered grants of up to PLN 20,000. The grants are disbursed on the condition the organizations present plans and operating principles of their scholarship programs and document possession of additional funding raised from other donors in the amount that will allow to match Batory Foundation grants on at least 1:1 proportion. Additionally, 24 organizations participating in the program take advantage of Batory Foundation's three-year core support grants allotted for their capacity building and institutional development over 2007–2009. Apart from the grants, we offer to organizations technical assistance in establishing and operating scholarship programs as well as meetings and trainings on fundraising and financial management, cooperation with local partners, media, volunteers and scholarship recipients. In 2008, technical assistance was provided by the Nidzica Community Foundation.

In 2008, the project involved 38 organizations from 16 provinces, including 4 which joined the program that year. They received grants in total amount of PLN 622,610. This amount increased by funds raised by organizations from other sources supported 1,137 monthly scholarships in the school year 2008/2009.

In 2008, Local Scholarship Programs were financed from 1% personal income tax payments (PLN 327,698.60), donations by private donors (PLN 10,911.40), donation by Nestlé Poland (PLN 30,000) and from the Open Society Institute funds.

### **Rainbow Academy**

This project targets organizations that operate in small towns and rural areas and engage in activities to assist mentally and physically disabled children. The ultimate purpose is to improve the children's opportunities for education, and to overcome their social exclusion. We offer these organizations grants for activities that make it easier for disabled children to acquire knowledge and skills, enable them to participate in cultural and artistic events, and contribute to integration with their peers and communities.

In 2008 we offered grants to organizations that use drama and scenic arts in working with the disabled children. In addition to grants, we offered them qualitative support: trainings and consultations prepared and conducted by the Bielsko Artistic Association Grodzki Theatre.

From 150 letters of intent received in the call for proposals the committee of experts selected 23. In March, the representatives of selected organizations participated in a training on the use of drama techniques in work with handicapped children, held in Bielsko-Biała. After the training, 22 organizations submitted proposals and all received grants.

About 440 disabled youth and 280 of their healthy peers take part in activities funded by the grants. With the help of various theater techniques they learn teamwork, communication skills and how to overcome fear and gain self-assurance. They produce elements of stage decoration and make theatre costumes. Also, they have opportunities to take part in professional theater shows as well as to present their own artistic expressions in their communities and at artistic reviews and festivals. Instructors from the Grodzki Theatre provide consultations for the pedagogues at the projects' locations.

In 2008, Rainbow Academy was financed from the donations by the Agora Foundation (PLN 134,660), M Fund (PLN 77,000) and the Open Society Institute funds.

### **Donors Advised Funds**

Apart from running its own grant-making programs, the Foundation administers funds entrusted by companies and individuals. These funds, multi-year and perpetual, are created on the basis of donation agreements between a company or an individual donor and the Foundation. On the basis of the agreement, the Foundation uses the entrusted funds to support projects, institutions and social initiatives that fall in the sphere of its program activity and the donor's interest.

### **Commercial Union Charitable Fund**

Since 1995, the Foundation has been cooperating with the insurance company Commercial Union Poland (CU). In 2008, the funds entrusted by CU were allocated to the purposes identified by the donor involving support for educational activities.

In 2008, 2 grants were made of the value of PLN 13,000 (see the list of grants in CU Charitable Fund section).

### M Fund

In 2002, thanks to a donation made to the Foundation by a private donor, an endowed donor advised Fund was established. Income generated by the Fund is annually spent for various forms of assistance to needy children. In 2008, M Fund earnings were used to finance 9 grants for projects that use scenic arts in working with the disabled children (see the list of grants in the Rainbow Academy section). Moreover, pursuant to the wish of M Fund founder, a part of the annual earnings on the investment of the Fund was allocated to the purposes identified by the donor involving support for sick children and children in need of care.

In 2008, 6 grants were made of the value of PLN 33,000 (see the list of grants in M Fund section).

### Beata Pawlak Fund

The fund was established from a donation bequeathed by the deceased Beata Pawlak, Polish journalist and writer killed in a terrorist attack on Bali in 2002. As requested by the donor, the Fund awards an annual prize to an author of an article or publication on foreign cultures, religions and civilizations (for more information see Batory Foundation Debates program).

### Iwona Winiarska-Feleszko Fund

The fund was established by friends and family of attorney Iwona Winiarska-Feleszko after her tragic death in 2007 with an aim to provide grants for bridge scholarships for 1<sup>st</sup> year Law and Administration students or other humanities majors at the University of Warsaw. The scholarships are provided by organizations taking part in the Equal Opportunity – Local Scholarship Programs which recommend Fund's scholarships' recipients.

In 2008, we provided 2 grants for a total amount of PLN 11,400 which covered scholarships for 3 students (see the list of grants in Iwona Winiarska-Feleszko Fund section).

### Karol Uryga-Nawarowski Fund

Thanks to the annual donation by the Karol Uryga-Nawarowski Foundation from the U.S., Uryga-Nawarowski Fund was established in 2008 to help organizations that support and provide therapy to children and youth threatened with alcohol addiction, diagnose and treat children suffering from the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) and provide training, support and professional assistance to their biological, foster and adoptive parents, therapists and teachers.

In 2008, we provided 3 grants for a total amount of PLN 56,900 (see the list of grants in Karol Uryga-Nawarowski Fund section).

Grants	PLN 948,570.00
Program implementation	PLN 79,119.79
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 1,027,689.79</b>



## Grants

### Local Scholarship Programs

#### **Elbląg Foundation – Community Foundation of Elbląg Region, Elbląg**

Scholarship program for youth from Elbląg area – from grant and other funds, 38 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 20,000

#### **Community Foundation of Biłgoraj Region, Biłgoraj**

Scholarship program for youth from Biłgoraj county and Zwierzyniec borough – from grant and other funds, 29 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 20,000

#### **Cultural Initiatives Foundation, Radomsko**

Scholarship program for youth from Radomsko county – from grant and other funds, 12 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 20,000

#### **Social Welfare Foundation, Brzeszcze**

Scholarship program for youth from Brzeszcze borough – from grant and other funds, 25 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 12,000

#### **Family Foundation, Sławno**

Scholarship program for youth from Sławno county – from grant and other funds, 33 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 20,000

#### **Foundation for the Development of Gołdap Region, Gołdap**

Scholarship program for youth from Gołdap county – from grant and other funds, 29 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 20,000

#### **Foundation for the Development of Łukta Region, Łukta**

Scholarship program for youth from selected boroughs of Ostróda and Olsztyn counties – from grant and other funds, 36 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 20,000

#### **Nowy Sącz Foundation, Chelmiec**

Scholarship program for youth from the selected boroughs of Nowy Sącz and Gorlice counties – from grant and other funds, 137 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 20,000

#### **Sokółka Community Foundation, Sokółka**

Scholarship program for youth from Sokółka borough – from grant and other funds, 40 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 20,000

#### **Vive Foundation Heart to Children, Kielce**

Scholarship program for youth from Staszów – from grant and other funds, 29 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 20,000

#### **Snow Mountain Community Fund, Stara Bystrzyca**

Scholarship program for youth from 4 boroughs of Snow Mountain area: Bystrzyca Kłodzka, Łądek Zdrój, Międzyzlesie and Stroń Śląski – from grant and other funds, 72 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 20,000

#### **Leżajsk Development Association, Leżajsk**

Scholarship program for youth from Leżajsk county – from grant and other funds, 35 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 13,400

#### **Success for Each Child Srokowo Association, Srokowo**

Scholarship program for youth from Srokowo borough – from grant and other funds, 37 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 13,750

#### **Barciany Educational Initiative, Barciany**

Scholarship program for youth from Barciany borough – from grant and other funds, 26 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 20,000

#### **Community Foundation of the Year 2000, Tomaszów Mazowiecki**

Scholarship program for youth from Tomaszów county – from grant and other funds, 8 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 8,000

#### **Together Charitable Association, Zelów**

Scholarship program for youth from Zelów borough – from grant and other funds, 11 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 10,700

**Education for Future Association, Namysłów**

Scholarship program for youth from Namysłów borough – from grant and other funds, 12 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 20,000

**Widok Association of Cultural Education, Białystok**

Scholarship program for youth from Białystok – from grant and other funds, 16 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 20,000

**A. Bąkowska Scholarship Fund for Young People from Rural Areas Association, Sońsk**

Scholarship program for high school youth from Gołotczyzna, Ciechanów county – from grant and other funds, 19 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 20,000

**Emka Youth for Development Association, Wieliszew**

Scholarship program for youth from Wieliszew borough – from grant and other funds, 16 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 12,650

**To Restore Hope Association for Rural Children and Youth, Głogów**

Scholarship program for youth from Głogów borough – from grant and other funds, 22 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 15,000

**Association for Local Development, Białobrzegi**

Scholarship program for youth from Białobrzegi borough in Subcarpathian province – from grant and other funds, 25 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 14,000

**Haven Association to Support the Establishment of a Friendly Educational Environment for the Children and Youth of Iława, Iława**

Scholarship program for youth from Iława county – from grant and other funds, 40 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 20,000

**Nidzica Community Foundation, Nidzica**

Scholarship program for youth from Nidzica county – from grant and other funds, 30 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 20,000

**Dezydery Chtapowski Educational Association, Kościan**

Scholarship program for youth from Kościan county – from grant and other funds, 20 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 20,000

**Helping Hand Association, Złoty Stok**

Scholarship program for youth from Złoty Stok borough – from grant and other funds, 17 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 10,000

**Without Barriers Association for Assisting the Disabled, Zakliczyn**

Scholarship program for youth from 4 boroughs of Małopolska province: Czchów, Gromnik, Pleśna and Zakliczyn – from grant and other funds, 37 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 20,000

**Promenade Association, Wyszaków**

Scholarship program for youth from Wyszaków borough – from grant and other funds, 19 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 10,000

**Friends of Jednorożec Area Association, Jednorożec**

Scholarship program for youth from Jednorożec borough – from grant and other funds, 10 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 5,000

**Friends of Klonowa Borough Association, Klonowa**

Scholarship program for youth from Klonowa borough – from grant and other funds, 11 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 5,000

**Association of Catholic Families of Katowice Archdiocese, St. George Parish Club, Goczałkowice-Zdrój**

Scholarship program for youth from Goczałkowice-Zdrój borough – from grant and other funds, 13 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 13,110

**Zarzecze Borough Development Association, Zarzecze**

Scholarship program for youth from Zarzecze borough – from grant and other funds, 15 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 20,000

**Świętkorzyskie Region Community Foundation, Kielce**

Scholarship program for youth from Kielce province – from grant and other funds, 55 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 20,000

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### **Association to Support the Development of Człuchów County, Człuchów**

Scholarship program for youth from Człuchów county – from grant and other funds, 56 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 20,000

### **Echo of Pyzdry Cultural Association, Pyzdry**

Scholarship program for youth from Gizatki, Pyzdry and Stupca boroughs – from grant and other funds, 5 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 10,000

### **Friends of Muszyna Region Society, Muszyna**

Scholarship program for high school students from Muszyna, students studying in Krynica and Nowy Sącz music schools and junior high school students from Muszyna, Powroźnik and Złockie – from grant and other funds, 19 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 20,000

### **Local Government Association, Konin**

Scholarship program for youth from Konin, Koło, Stupca, Turek, Września and Gniezno counties – from grant and other funds, 69 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 20,000

### **Students' Sports Club Dąbrówka-Kargowa Association, Kargowa**

Scholarship program for youth from Kargowa borough – from grant and other funds, 14 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2008/2009. PLN 10,000

## Rainbow Academy

### **St. Brother Albert Foundation, Trzebinia**

Theater activities for 20 disabled members of a therapeutic activity center and 10 of their peers; putting on a play that uses animation of sheets of fabric and a puppet show based on themes chosen by the children; group trips to the theater, participation of instructors in trainings (grant financed from M Fund). PLN 8,100

### **Foundation for Śrem City Revaluation, Śrem**

*My colorful world* – theater activities for 6 disabled children and 9 of their peers and siblings; putting on two plays; group trips to the theater; 20 students from school volunteer clubs helped in the activities (grant financed from M Fund). PLN 8,400

### **Heart Association for Children and Youth with Special Needs, Białogard**

*Favorite fairy tale character* – theater activities inspired by fairy tales, music and art activities for 14 disabled children and youth; putting on Cinderella play; visits in the theater, organizing art show for students (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). PLN 10,000

### **Poddębice Business Centre Assistance, Poddębice**

*Our Theater* – theater activities for 15 disabled children and youth and 23 of their peers and siblings; activities ran in two thematic cycles based on films: *Duckling* and *Colors of Africa*; theater trips (grant financed from M Fund). PLN 7,500

### **Klanza Polish Association of Educators and Animators, Bogatynia**

*Magical Power of Imagination* – theater activities for 7 disabled children and 10 elementary school children; workshops for volunteers, guardians and teachers working with the disabled (grant financed from M Fund). PLN 7,900

### **It's good that you're here Association, Sandomierz**

*In our rhythm* – dance and theater activities for 40 members of the Rehabilitation-Education Center and integration workshops with a group of students from an elementary school; theater trip (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). PLN 9,000

### **Wojnowo Local Initiative Association, Sicienko**

*In Theater Land* – theater, music and art activities for 15 disabled children and 15 volunteers from the school Caritas Club; putting on two plays; theater trips (grant financed from M Fund). PLN 9,500

### **K40 Association, Komorów**

*We are similar and different* – theater activities for 15 students of the Teaching and Rearing Center and six students from local schools, based on motifs from Umberto Eco's book *Three Astronauts*; theater trip (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). PLN 10,000

### **Dream Association, Jabłoń**

*Drawing Distaff* – stage activities for 22 disabled persons (15 over which are under 18) and 30 of their peers, thematically related to the region's tradition and customs; theater trip (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). PLN 10,000

### **Friends of Crumbs Association for Disabled Children and Youth, Kołobrzeg**

*Milutek Theater Troupe* – stage activities for 30 disabled children and youth from the Special Teaching and Rearing Center; preparing scenes using handmade dolls and shows with musical and dance elements; theater trips (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). PLN 9,400

**Together Association for Disabled Children and Youth, Piekoszów**

Theater, dance and pantomime activities for 45 disabled children and youth, their siblings (about 10) and 10 members of the community activity center organized in two age groups; preparing and presentation of shows, theater field trip (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). **PLN 10,000**

**Partner Association for Integration of the Mentally Disabled, Lesko**

*Alter Ego Movement Theater* – theater activities for 10 disabled children and youth and 10 of their peers organized in two age groups; theater workshops, putting on shows; trips to the theater and Doll Museum (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). **PLN 9,700**

**Ulka Association for Disabled and Chronically Ill, Bochnia**

*Polish poets for children* – activities for 10 disabled children and 10 of their peers constructed around an interpretation of 10 selected poems; presentations of prepared vignettes, and meetings with writers (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). **PLN 9,600**

**Good Will Association for Mentally or Physically Disabled, Nowa Iwiczna**

*Good Will Integration Theater* – theater workshops for 50 disabled children and youth, and 15 students from elementary and junior high schools; production and presentation of plays at theater reviews (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). **PLN 9,000**

**Our Hope Association of Disabled Individuals, Nowa Ruda**

*Integration theater encounters* – theater activities and music therapy for 9 disabled children and 8 elementary school students; putting on a play selected by the children; trips to shows and workshops prepared for children by actors of the Doll and Actor Theater in Wałbrzych (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). **PLN 10,000**

**Without Barriers Association for Assisting the Disabled, Zakliczyn**

*Integration Children's Theater* – theater activities for 12 disabled children and 12 children from dysfunctional families – wards of the Day Support Center; putting on two spectacles; theater trips (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). **PLN 10,000**

**Friends of Gąsawa Association, Gąsawa**

*Beautiful, nice, now everything is right* – theater and art activities for 15 disabled children and youth as well as students of the local high school; putting on a play and street spectacle; theater trips (grant financed from M Fund). **PLN 8,100**

**Friends of Hugo Kottłataj Primary School Association, Przeworsk**

*Integration theater activities* – theater and music activities for two groups: 25 children from elementary school and 12 disabled children from special classes; production of the spectacle *Creation of the World*; theater trips (grant financed from M Fund). **PLN 9,900**

**Association for the Support of the Deaf, Przemyśl**

*Pinocchio Theater* – activities for 30 students of the Special Teaching and Rearing Center organized in two dance and theater groups; putting on stage versions of fairy tales, pantomime and regional dances; trips to the theater (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). **PLN 10,000**

**Give a Joy Association in Support of Children and Youth Development, Szprotawa**

*The world around me* – theater, dance and art activities for 30 students of the Special Teaching and Rearing Center and 20 of their peers and siblings; putting on shows using handmade props and decorations; trip to the theater (grant financed from M Fund). **PLN 8,500**

**Oak Valley Association in Support of Disabled Children and Youth Development, Morąg**

*GRIIM Team* – theater and pantomime workshops for 15 students of the Special Teaching and Rearing Center and five students from a nearby village; putting on spectacles at festivals and reviews; theater trips (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). **PLN 7,960**

**Friends of the Raków Area Association, Raków**

*Colorful Academy Club* – theater workshops with Christmas themes for 20 disabled children and youth, their siblings and friends (20 individuals) and families (20 individuals); theater trips (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). **PLN 10,000**

**Złoceniec Association Child Smile, Złoceniec**

*Theater Land* – theater activities for 14 disabled and 16 neglected children organized in two age groups; putting on two spectacles; theater trip (grant financed from M Fund). **PLN 9,100**

## Commercial Union Charitable Fund

### Ultimate Players Polish Association, Warsaw

Grant for statutory activity including participation of the University of Warsaw's college team in frisbee playoffs.

PLN 3,000

### Association for Care of Blind People, Izabelin

Grant for education and teaching activities benefiting the vision impaired.

PLN 10,000

## M Fund

### The Lower Silesian Foundation of Health Care Development, Wrocław

Donation for treatment of a sick child.

PLN 2,000

### Foundation of the Spirit for Natural Rehabilitation, Toruń

Donation for elimination of architectural barriers in the apartment of a disabled student.

PLN 2,500

### Help on Time Foundation for Children, Warsaw

Donation for treatment and rehabilitation of 12 disabled children.

PLN 19,500

### Hipomedical 2, Zabajka Hipotherapy and Rehabilitation Center, Złotów

Donation for rehabilitation of three disabled children.

PLN 5,500

### Donations to individuals

Donation for treatment of a person suffering from mucoviscydisis.

PLN 1,000

Donation for treatment and rehabilitation of a disabled child.

PLN 2,500

## Iwona Winiarska-Feleszko Fund

### Sokółka Community Foundation, Sokółka

Scholarship grant for Katarzyna Tumiel, 1<sup>st</sup> year European Studies major at the European Center of the University of Warsaw.

PLN 3,800

### Widok Association of Cultural Education, Białystok

Scholarship grants for Anna Piekutowska, 1<sup>st</sup> year Sociology Studies major at the University of Warsaw and for Szymon Prusiński, 1<sup>st</sup> year European Studies major at the European Center of the University of Warsaw.

PLN 7,600

## Karol Uryga-Nawarowski Fund

### Give us a Chance Foundation to Support the Development of Handicapped Children, Toruń

Youth alcohol abuse prevention, consultations and counseling for parents (biological, adoptive and foster) of children with the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) and trainings on FAS for school pedagogues, social workers and court guardians.

PLN 19,100

### Chance Association for Children Activity Development, Łódź

Assistance to families with alcohol problems, helping them in sustaining or restarting parental care over their own children and organization of afternoon daycare for neglected children.

PLN 19,000

### Perspective Association for Children and Youth, Biała Podlaska

Supporting 17–24 year-old wards of socio-therapeutic community centers and preparing them to provide volunteer assistance to children at risk of marginalization.

PLN 18,800

# For Tolerance

The aim of the program, implemented since 2006, is to foster attitudes of openness towards racial, ethnic and religious differences as well as prevent intolerance and discrimination. We want to contribute to 'disarming' xenophobia and prejudice enrooted in our culture and language, to expand the volume and scope of initiatives in Poland that directly address manifestations of intolerance and xenophobia and increase professionalism of organizations conducting such activities.

## The shared and the different

We provide grants to NGOs for diverse education and cultural projects that recover and discover the roots of a multinational Poland and preserve a common multicultural heritage, especially that of Polish Jews. We provide assistance to develop projects' proposals, as well as opportunity to share experiences and cooperate with peer organizations. This is facilitated by our partner organization: "ę" Society of Creative Initiatives which organizes workshops for grantseeking organizations, administers a website [www.dlatolerancji.pl](http://www.dlatolerancji.pl) and a discussion forum, and documents and promotes best projects funded in the program. Another program partner, the Encounters Association for Education and Culture, is responsible for evaluation of projects and assessment of their impact on local communities.

In third edition of the grant competition organized in 2008, 163 organizations submitted letters of intent, out of which 42 were selected. The authors of 30 projects were invited to workshops in Warsaw (March 27–29). The impact of the workshops was visible in the evolution of many projects which in their final version often differed from their original concepts. The participants had an opportunity to discuss the idea of their projects with experts and other grantees. They visited the Museum of the Warsaw Uprising and met with people whose activities are important voices on otherness, tolerance and recovering historical truth: with the oral historians from Warsaw's "Well O Group" Association, with Anna Grupińska, a journalist and writer on Jewish issues (a discussion on dialogue and remembrance), with Jacek Leociak, Ph.D., from the Polish Center for Holocaust Research at University of Warsaw (a walk around the ghetto, i.e. through a 'non-existent city'), with Jakob Dammas, Maria Zmarz-Koczanowicz and their films (*A Cupboard* and *Gdański Station*). The workshops also served to initiate direct cooperation among organizations; several of them included to their agenda regular meetings with other groups implementing projects advocating tolerance.

After the workshops, organizations submitted applications. The committee of experts recommended for funding 26 projects (11 of them continue activities that received grants in 2006 and 2007). As in previous years, the great majority of supported projects concerned the heritage of Polish Jews, Polish-Jewish relations and the problem of anti-Semitism, and are based on discovering the past of one's local homeland – town, city or region. We also supported projects dealing with Greek, Roma and Chechen communities

living in Poland. All these initiatives were conceived as a longer process that engages people in working and thinking together. And although sometimes there were only several or a dozen people implementing the project, their infectious passion had a veritable impact on their surroundings.

## Preventing intolerance

We continued to provide grants to the organizations selected in 2006 in an open grant competition for the implementation of projects focusing on research and monitoring of intolerance, xenophobia and anti-Semitism in public life as well as running educational and preventive activities. In 2008, we also awarded *City space* project aimed at preventing hate speech in the public sphere.

In 2008, the program was financed by funds from the Ford Foundation (PLN 471,060.83), the Taube Foundation for Jewish Life and Culture (PLN 52,000) and the Open Society Institute.

Grants	PLN 487,500.00
Program implementation	PLN 44,560.83
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 532,060.83</b>

## Grants

### The shared and the different

#### **Bieszczady Foundation for Development of Creative Attitudes Orelec-Gala, Uherce Mineralne**

*Closer Together. Greeks in Bieszczady* – series of cultural events recalling the Greek community post-1949 settlement in Krościenko and surrounding area. PLN 5,000

#### **Polish-German Center, Kraków**

*Let's return remembrance: following the traces of the Jewish community in my town* – education project for young people from eight towns constructed around the *Jews in Poland. Ours or alien?* traveling exhibition. PLN 9,600

#### **Education and Creativity Foundation, Białystok**

*We lived together for centuries: Jews and Poles in Białystok* – a cycle of activities for teachers, production and presentation of their projects prepared with students at an open meeting (grant underwritten by the Taube Foundation). PLN 8,700

#### **Cultural Initiatives Foundation, Radomsko**

*Following Yellowing Photographs...* – youth discover the Polish-Jewish history of Radomsko. PLN 8,600

#### **At Home Foundation, Sokołów Podlaski**

*My Multicultural City, Part 3* – youth discover the past of Sokołów Podlaski (continuation of projects implemented in 2006 and 2007, grant underwritten by the Taube Foundation). PLN 9,000

#### **Partnership Committee of the Goślina Area, Murowana Goślina**

*Murowana Goślina: a city of three nations and place of three denominations* – a cycle of activities performed by young people reviving the city's history. PLN 9,000

#### **Together for Development Local Action Group, Bodzanów**

*Lullaby for the Village...* – a series of education and cultural activities reminding history of Bodzanów's Jewish community. PLN 8,000

#### **Hear the Heart International Association, Łódź**

*Mosaic and dialectic or everything you wanted to know about Germans* – learning history and culture of Jews, Russians and Germans who used to live in Łódź (third part of a project implemented since 2006 by youth from the community center in Łódź). PLN 9,400

#### **Mężenin Bug River Area Education and Environmental Association, Platerów**

*Moses of Mężenin* – photography workshop for young people and open-air photography exhibit (black and white and pinhole photography) illustrating the text by Janusz Korczak, *Moses*. PLN 10,000

**Stołpno Voluntary Fire Brigade, Międzyrzec Podlaski**

*...traces...* – youth group discovers the Jewish past of Międzyrzec Podlaski (continuation of a project implemented in 2007). PLN 7,000

**Alternative Education Workshop, Łódź**

*Lights of Tolerance* – learning of Jewish history and culture by wards of the socio-therapeutic community center. PLN 10,000

**ASK Racibórz Association of Culture, Racibórz**

*An empty place means Jews were here* – lectures on Jewish history for high school and university students, production of a documentary film about the Jewish community of Racibórz and film screening at an empty lot where the synagogue used to stand (grant underwritten by the Taube Foundation). PLN 8,300

**Step Association of Education and Progress, Warsaw**

*Roma click 2008* – social art project for children and youth from one of the most traditional Roma settlements in Małopolska (continuation of a similar project implemented in 2007 in Szaflary). PLN 9,900

**All Together Hańczowa Association, Wysowa-Zdrój**

*Memory...* – collecting reports about the coexistence of Jews, Poles, Hungarians, Lemko, and Roma the area of Wysowa. PLN 8,500

**Yachad Historical Society, Zduńska Wola**

Organization of the first national conference of individuals active in protecting Jewish cultural heritage in Poland: *Pro memoriam Ireneusz Ślipek* (grant underwritten by the Taube Foundation). PLN 7,000

**Homo Faber Association, Lublin**

*A walk through Brzeźno* – learning the history of Brzeźno, a city once populated by Poles, Ukrainians and Jews. PLN 9,000

**Movement for Earth Association of Socio-Ecological Initiatives, Siemiatycze**

*Images of Memory, Part 3* – searching for the multicultural roots of Poland's eastern borderlands as well as popularization of the Polish-Jewish history of Siemiatycze (continuation of a project implemented in 2006 and 2007) PLN 9,000

**Bruno Jasiński Fan Club, Warsaw**

*Kaddish for the neighbors* – art and education activities addressed to children, youth and adults aimed to revive the memory of Jewish community murdered during the Holocaust in Klimontów ghetto (grant underwritten by the Taube Foundation). PLN 10,000

**Association for the Renewal of Odnowica Village, Bodzentyn**

*David Rubinovich* – art and education project concerning Jewish history and culture culminated with a play based on texts from the diary of a Jewish boy from Bodzentyn ghetto (continuation of a project *Memoir* supported in 2007). PLN 9,000

**Association for the Development of Szydłowiec, Szydłowiec**

*School Register – a story from Szydłowiec* – discovering the Polish-Jewish past of Szydłowiec through youth group's art activities: multimedia show inspired by a found class register from school year 1937/38 (continuation of a project supported in 2007, *Come, I'll tell you a story*; grant underwritten by the Taube Foundation). PLN 8,500

**OFFicyna Association, Szczecin**

*Identity #2* – social art activities held in Niebuszewo – the district of Szczecin, which was populated by Germans prior to World War II, and resettled by the repatriates of Polish Jews after 1945. PLN 9,100

**Olszówka Association, Bielsko-Biała**

*Each nation gave, each took* – series of education and cultural events devoted to multiculturalism in the Carpathians held in Bielsko-Biała and Krosno (continuation of projects supported in 2006 and 2007). PLN 9,000

**Panorama of Cultures Association, Wojślawice**

*Cobbler Fawko's House* – education workshops for cultural animators devoted to the heritage of the shtetls, and cultural events for residents of Wojślawice (grant underwritten by the Taube Foundation). PLN 10,000

**Cultural Practitioners Association, Warsaw**

*Café Caucasus* – preparation of a cultural event concerning Chechen culture and refugee issues and its presentation in towns with refugee centers. PLN 10,000

**Plan Chance Socio-Cultural Association, Żuromin**

*Listen to the song of old streets* – young people discover the Polish-Jewish history of Żuromin (grant underwritten by the Taube Foundation) PLN 8,400



**Friends of Orla Area Association, Orla**

Preparation of exhibition in the Orla Synagogue devoted to the history of Orla Jews, as well as publication of educational materials concerning the culture, tradition and history of Jews in Poland. **PLN 7,000**

**Encounters Association for Education and Culture, Warsaw**

Supplementary grant for evaluation and research of projects implemented in *The shared and the different* grant scheme. **PLN 9,000**

## Preventing intolerance

**Collegium Civitas, Warsaw**

Implementation of three projects, jointly with the Never Again Association: *Hate Speech* – monitoring and analysing racist and xenophobic statements in Polish media (covering selected press titles, TV and radio broadcasters); *The Brown Book* – documentation of racist and xenophobic incidents and crimes committed by neo-fascist groups in Poland; *Racism Delete* – monitoring the Internet and undertaking actions to close webpages and portals promoting racists ideology and inciting to racist-based violence (2<sup>nd</sup> tranche of a two-year grant in total amount of PLN 400,000). **PLN 129,700**

**Open Republic Association against Anti-Semitism and Xenophobia, Warsaw**

Implementation of two projects: *Law against Hatred* – monitoring prosecutorial and court cases for crimes against par. 256 and 257 of the Criminal Code (promoting fascism, incitement to hatred on grounds of ethnic, racial and religious differences) and *Conscience* – documenting symptoms of anti-Semitism and xenophobia in public life and intervening (2<sup>nd</sup> tranche of a two-year grant in total amount of PLN 200,000). **PLN 91,800**

**Project Poland Foundation, Warsaw**

*City space* – preventing hate speech in the public sphere by executing from public institutions their obligation to remove graffiti (text and symbols) that may violate the decency of ethnic, national, racial or sexual minorities. **PLN 30,000**

# Watchdog Initiatives

The aim of the program is to promote mechanisms of public scrutiny over public institutions and institutions of public trust to help increase the standards and transparency of their operations. In established democracies, public scrutiny of various forms of public life is ensured by watchdog organizations. In Poland, the range and scale of watchdog activities are still insufficient, therefore we support not only organizations experienced in carrying out such initiatives but also those which have just started. In addition to grants, we offer assistance to organizations in developing projects and provide them with opportunities to expand knowledge and skills in the domain of public scrutiny and monitoring.

In 2007–2009, we offer grants to organizations that engage in public scrutiny over selected aspects of functioning of public institutions, such as: access to public information, use of public funds, transparency and ethics of public officers, procedures of public institutions in contacts with citizens.

In 2008, out of the 105 letters of intent received, 28 were qualified to the second stage of the grant competition. Their authors were invited to a meeting (January 29) to consult their projects and discuss issues concerning the legal and practical aspects of access to public information (the workshop was carried out by Katarzyna Batko-Tołuć and Krzysztof Izdebski from the Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups). After the meeting, we received 28 project proposals. 16 of them were recommended for funding by the committee of experts. The majority of projects supported in 2008 grant competition focused on monitoring the execution of public agencies' obligations arising under the Access to Public Information Act, execution of statutory tasks by local governments and the functioning of particular public administration agencies.

We also support the Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups which runs a specialized portal [www.watchdog.org.pl](http://www.watchdog.org.pl) documenting Polish and foreign watchdog initiatives and organizes seminars that help to convey knowledge and share experience among organizations engaged in watchdog activities. In March, the first international seminar for watchdog organizations was organized. It was attended by 80 representatives of watchdog organizations, 15 from abroad. The participants discussed legal aspects, standards and good practice as well as the role of the media in watchdog activity.

In 2008, the program was financed by funds from the Trust for Civil Society in Central in Eastern Europe (PLN 400,705.35) and the Open Society Institute.

Grants	PLN 787,160.00
Applicants meeting	PLN 6,901.92
Program implementation	PLN 93,734.47
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 887,796.39</b>

## Grants

### **Civic Initiatives Center, Stupsk**

*Civic Stupsk* – monitoring activities of local authorities concerning public consultations, and reviewing opinions of citizens regarding bills published in the *Public Information Bulletin* as well as activities related to the planned placement of an antimissile shield in Redzików. PLN 31,200

### **Federation of Polish Patients, Warsaw**

*Health Barometer* – monitoring legislative work on amending Pharmaceutical Law and ruling of the Minister of Health on refunded drugs; undertaking activities aimed to increase involvement of social representatives in refund commissions. PLN 28,000

### **Institute of Regional Development, Kraków**

Investigating access to information on selected public institutions' websites for the vision impaired. PLN 41,100

### **Birth in a Dignified Way Foundation, Warsaw**

*Care for mother and child* – monitoring local governments decisions concerning organization of pre- and postnatal care in 16 cities. PLN 39,960

### **Ronald Reagan Institute of Civil Rights Development, Kraków**

Scrutinizing the *Public Information Bulletins* of all local governments in Małopolska province to check whether they contain asset declarations by public officials; organization of an information meeting for administrators of *Bulletins* which did not meet standards of public information disclosure. PLN 20,600

### **Committee for Protection of Children's Rights, Warsaw**

*Start of self-dependence* – checking access to information at County Family Assistance Centers regarding availability of assistance to wards of orphanages or foster homes that have reached the age of majority; scrutinizing the manner of distribution of public funds designated for this assistance. PLN 42,200

### **Polish National Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations, Warsaw**

Monitoring the activity of NGOs' representatives in the Monitoring Committees reviewing implementation of operational programs financed from EU structural funds for 2007–2013. PLN 38,000

### **Polish Association of the Blind, Warsaw**

Investigating access to information and services available in selected public institutions' Internet services for the vision impaired. PLN 36,000

### **Polish Association for Persons with the Mental Handicap, Warsaw**

Investigating the practice by social assistance homes in Mazovia and Podkarpacie provinces of inducing families and guardians of mentally handicapped individuals to apply to courts to rule them legally incapacitated. PLN 41,000

### **Studio for Local Initiatives, Bukowno**

*Bukowno for Her and Him* – monitoring observance of gender equality in local government programs and expenditures in Bukowno. PLN 20,600

### **61 Association, Warsaw**

*mamprawowiedziec.pl [ihaverighttoknow.pl]* – expansion of Internet service containing biographies and information regarding parliamentary activity of deputies and senators. PLN 85,000

### **City Culture Association, Gdańsk**

*Index 73* – monitoring violations of artistic freedoms, freedom of academic research and teaching and access to cultural goods. PLN 29,800

### **Bona Fides Association, Katowice**

*Access to public information* – analysis of local laws and quality of answers granted in public access information requests in all 166 counties of Silesia province (continuation of activities conducted in 2007). PLN 43,960

### **Healthy Employment Association, Warsaw**

Verifying information released to the public regarding the scale of occupational accidents in Poland and verification of duties executed by the State Labor Inspectorate, prosecutorial services, Social Insurance Office and courts with respect to victims of occupational accidents and diseases. PLN 20,000

### **Silesian League for Combating Cancer, Katowice**

Monitoring of actions of county and borough authorities in Silesia province regarding planning and spending public funds on health protection issues. PLN 28,380

**“ę” Society for Creative Initiatives, Warsaw**

*Transparent cultural center* – monitoring 12 cultural centers regarding effectiveness and efficiency of their operation and use of public funds. **PLN 38,300**

**Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups, Warsaw**

Creation and maintenance of an on-line portal offering information on non-governmental watchdog initiatives concerning public scrutiny of functioning of public institutions; organization of seminars on watchdog techniques (2<sup>nd</sup> tranche of a grant in total amount of PLN 448,000). **PLN 203,000**

# Legal Education

The goal of the program is to improve public access to legal aid and the justice system as well as promote the rule of law. We assist organizations that offer free legal advice to citizens and provide specialized counsel to the most vulnerable or socially discriminated groups. We support initiatives that promote good and eliminate bad practices in the Polish legal system.

In 2007–2009 we offer grants to organizations active in the sphere of law for projects involving direct legal aid for citizens as well as for activities aimed to curtail discriminatory regulations and practices in Polish law and increase transparency and efficiency of the justice system.

In a grant competition organized in 2008, we received 91 letters of intent. 19 applicants were invited to submit full proposals; out of them a committee of experts selected 12 projects. Still very few organizations conduct professional, systematic activities that go beyond the provision of legal aid. Hence, the majority of grants awarded in this edition went again for projects involving legal aid for individuals threatened with discrimination or in difficult life situation.

In 2008, we also made the tied-off grants to 23 organizations associated in Citizens Advice Bureaus network we have supported since 1999. In Citizens Advice Bureaus operating in different locations about 100 trained advisers provide each year ca. 30,000 pieces of free-of-charge information and legal counsel to individuals who cannot afford professional legal assistance in such fields as the penal law and the labor law, as well as refugee, consumer and patient rights. Bureaus act on the basis of harmonized standards of accessibility, confidentiality, professionalism and independence. Their counselors participate in a cycle of trainings run by experts.

In 2008, the program was financed by funds from the Open Society Institute.

Grants	PLN 523,400.00
Program implementation	PLN 40,236.02
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 563,636.02</b>

## Grants

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#### **Elbląg Center of Mediation and Social Activism, Elbląg**

*Would mediation please the Court?* – promoting mediation in the justice system; publication of the *Mediator's Handbook* and its distribution in all courts in Warmia-Mazury province. **PLN 8,000**

#### **Nobody's Children Foundation, Warsaw**

Legal and psychological aid to child victims of crime as well as their parents and guardians during court proceedings; workshops for parents and guardians on their rights during court proceedings; activities to reinforce the institution of a 'social representative' in court proceedings. **PLN 30,000**

#### **La Strada Foundation against Trafficking in Women, Warsaw**

Legal aid for victims of human trafficking and persons exposed to that crime; legal consultations for witnesses and victims of organized crime; acting as social representative in court proceedings. **PLN 42,600**

#### **Nationwide Association of Persons of Pre-Retirement Age, Łódź**

Legal aid for the elderly in Łódź, Pabianice and Tomaszów Mazowiecki concerning loans and credits, early retirement; drafting formal petitions; representing applicants before administrative and court bodies. **PLN 42,300**

#### **Probus Legal Association, Częstochowa**

Establishing a Citizens Advice Bureau by a group of young law school graduates to provide free legal aid to the poor. **PLN 24,500**

#### **Barbara Grabowska Anti-mobbing Association, Gdańsk**

*Law against discrimination* – providing free legal aid to victims of workplace mobbing; promoting knowledge about the problem by disseminating leaflets and posters in government offices, schools and places of employment. **PLN 18,200**

#### **Czajnia Association, Tomaszów Lubelski**

*Proficient in law* – legal aid in the Zamość Correctional Facility and five boroughs of Tomaszów county; organization of a cycle of open meetings for citizens regarding current laws. **PLN 18,500**

#### **Aperto Association, Koszalin**

*Your work, your dignity* – free legal aid (mainly in labor law) for residents of Koszalin and surrounding areas; representation of interested parties before courts. **PLN 27,600**

#### **Legal Intervention Association, Warsaw**

*Family children's homes* – developing a legal aid program for foster care workers run in cooperation with the Family Children's Homes Employees Labor Union: providing legal aid, handling precedential cases, representation in court proceedings; drafting a report on the functioning of family children's homes. **PLN 17,000**

#### **Paragraph Association, Tarnobrzeg**

Free legal aid and drafting of procedural writings for residents of Tarnobrzeg and surrounding area by qualified attorneys. **PLN 21,900**

#### **Freedom of Speech Association, Warsaw**

*Forgotten Heroes* – legal aid to lower income individuals who were victims of Communist repressions in seeking due compensation in courts. **PLN 40,000**

#### **Regional Committee for Protection of Children's Rights, Poznań**

Free legal aid for individuals with family problems, especially for parents during divorce. **PLN 33,000**

### Citizens Advice Bureaus

#### **Kamelot Foundation, Łódź**

Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Ozorków which in 2008 provided counsel to 1,879 clients. **PLN 6,360**

#### **Mikołajki Association in Support of Local Initiatives, Mikołajki**

Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Mikołajki which in 2008 provided counsel to 199 clients. **PLN 6,360**

#### **Słupsk Citizens Advice Bureau, Słupsk**

Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Słupsk which in 2008 provided counsel to 560 clients. **PLN 6,360**

#### **All Together – In Corpore Association of the Unemployed and Their Supporters, Łódź**

Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Łódź which in 2008 provided counsel to 1,306 clients. **PLN 6,360**

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### **Citizens' Advice Bureau, Social Information Center Association, Warsaw**

Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Warsaw which in 2008 provided counsel to 4,290 clients.

PLN 12,720

### **Citizens' Advice Bureau, Social Information Center Association, Przemyśl**

Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Przemyśl which in 2008 provided counsel to 1,056 clients.

PLN 6,360

### **Association of Center of Voluntarism, Radom**

Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Radom which in 2008 provided counsel to 159 clients.

PLN 6,360

### **Misericordia Association, Zabrze**

Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Zabrze which in 2008 provided counsel to 1,082 clients.

PLN 6,360

### **Association for the Unemployed, Ostrowiec Świętokrzyski**

Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Ostrowiec Świętokrzyski which in 2008 provided counsel to 805 clients.

PLN 12,720

### **Association for the Development of the Town and Community of Debrzno, Debrzno**

Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Debrzno which in 2008 provided counsel to 241 clients.

PLN 6,360

### **St.O.P. Human and Civic Rights Defense Association, Wałbrzych**

Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Wałbrzych which in 2008 provided counsel to 2,235 clients.

PLN 12,720

### **Macrobiotic Education Center, Jelenia Góra**

Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Jelenia Góra which in 2008 provided counsel to 350 clients.

PLN 6,360

### **Ovum Association, Gdynia**

Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Gdynia which in 2008 provided counsel to 4,573 clients.

PLN 12,720

### **Helping Hand Association, Garwolin**

Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Garwolin which in 2008 provided counsel to 305 clients.

PLN 12,720

### **Chance Association of Non Material Counsel, Krosno**

Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Krosno which in 2008 provided counsel to 259 clients.

PLN 6,360

### **Advice Association, Gliwice**

Start up grant for launching Citizens Advice Bureau in Gliwice.

PLN 5,000

### **Citizens' Advice Bureau of Radlin Association, Radlin**

Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Radlin which in 2008 provided counsel to 637 clients.

PLN 12,720

### **Common Care Association for Parents and Guardians of Disabled Children, Skierniewice**

Start up grant for launching Citizens Advice Bureau in Skierniewice.

PLN 5,000

### **Helping Account Ruda Association, Ruda Śląska**

Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Ruda Śląska which in 2008 provided counsel to 901 clients.

PLN 6,360

### **Feniks Association, Kołobrzeg**

Start up grant for launching Citizens Advice Bureau in Kołobrzeg.

PLN 5,000

### **Association of Citizens' Advice Bureau's Support, Łomża**

Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Łomża which in 2008 provided counsel to 944 clients.

PLN 12,720

### **Local Committee for the Protection of Children's Rights, Częstochowa**

Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Częstochowa which in 2008 provided counsel to 49 clients.

PLN 6,360

### **Union of Citizens Advice Bureaus, Warsaw**

Training and expert support to Citizens Advice Bureaus in searching for new sources of funding.

PLN 19,440

# Anti-Corruption

The program's goal is to prevent corruption and increase transparency in public life. We monitor the government and political parties for compliance with anti-corruption legislation and transparency standards, evaluate how electoral campaign promises to prevent corruption made by political parties are kept and check the implementation of government anticorruption strategies. We investigate transparency of campaign financing and public expenditures. We observe the legislative process and support regulations that ensure transparency in decision-making and provide bulwarks against corrupt practices. We work with local civic groups that monitor transparency of public institutions at the local level. We also provide legal counseling to individuals who have reported or encountered corruption, especially whistleblowers facing harassment from employers and officials.

## Monitoring of electoral promises

This project has been operated since 2001 by the NGO Anticorruption Coalition, which consists of Batory Foundation, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Foundation for Social Communication, Civic Education Center, School for Leaders Association and Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups. Prior to each parliamentary election, the Coalition asks political parties to submit declarations on the anti-corruption measures they would advocate in the Parliament. The Coalition reviews later how political parties elected to the Parliament keep their election promises and whether party members observe transparency standards. The results of the monitoring are presented at the annual conferences and summed up in a report published at the end of the term of the Parliament.

On October 21, we organized the first review conference of the 6<sup>th</sup> term of the Parliament. Materials presented at the conference indicated the governing parties are slow to implement their campaign promises concerning corruption. In the course of a year, only two out of seven promised bills had been adopted, and the promised government strategy to prevent corruption had not been developed. Conference experts, Prof. Edmund Wnuk-Lipiński and Prof. Antoni Kamiński, criticized changes proposed by the government in the bill amending the Civil Service Act as insufficient. Representatives of political parties, Mieczysław Augustyn (Civic Platform), Elżbieta Jakubiak (Law and Justice) and Katarzyna Piekarska (Democratic Left Alliance) commented the experts' assessments.

The NGO Anticorruption Coalition also gives opinions on important corruption prevention issues. In March, it published a statement expressing concern with the government's failure to present corruption prevention policy priorities and criticized government's ambiguous position on the Central Anticorruption Office (CAO). In the electoral campaign in 2007, the Civic Platform accused the CAO of illegal activities and promised far-reaching changes in its functioning. Yet, while in the office, it has proposed no moves and made secret the report on the CAO operations. In May, in connection with the completion of the report



on the effectiveness of Poland's anticorruption strategy drafted by German experts – Claus-Peter Wulff, Ph.D. and Marcus Ehbrecht – as part of the government Twinning Project, we called for dissemination of the report findings and declared the institutions responsible for preventing corruption should publicly respond to the evaluations and conclusions the report contains.

More information about the Coalition activities is available at [www.akop.pl](http://www.akop.pl).

On March 17, we organized a conference entitled *Anticorruption Strategies in Central and Eastern Europe. Is a long-term anti-corruption strategy possible in Poland?* Participants included Prof. Rasma Karklins (Chicago University, Illinois), Drago Kos (head of Slovenia's Corruption Prevention Commission, current head of GRECO), Arkadiusz Mularczyk (MP, Law and Justice), Katarzyna Piekarska (MP, Democratic Left Alliance) and Julia Pitera (Secretary of State at the Prime Minister's Office, the Government Plenipotentiary for Elaborating the Programme of Combating Abuses In Public Institutions). Most discussion participants, especially the foreign experts, felt it impossible to resolve a national corruption problem without developing and then effectively implementing a strategy that details the current and desired anti-corruption regulations and anti-corruption practices, describes methods to achieve such and sets achievement benchmarks. Participants agreed an anti-corruption strategy should rest on three pillars: education, prevention, and execution of the law, while also clearly indicating the institution responsible for its implementation.

### **Monitoring of legislative procedure**

In 2006–2008, pursuant to the Lobbying Act adopted in 2005, we conducted monitoring of the legislative process of selected laws important with respect to preventing corruption and increasing transparency of public life. We formulated our opinions and, following the procedure, submitted them to legislators, i.e. the government or the Parliament. Depending on the legislators' decisions, we took part in the parliamentary subcommittees and committees meetings or public hearings. We published annual reports on our findings, including violations in the process of adopting the relevant statutes. We strived to assure inclusion in the statutes such provisions that will protect the public interest and to verify the extent to which the Lobbying Act contributes to increased transparency of the legislative process and secures it against extralegal influence.

In 2008, we monitored legislative procedure of four bills: the Freedom of Economic Activity Act, the Act on the Office for Registration of Therapeutic, Medical and Biocidal Products, the Act on Lifetime Capital Retirement Funds, as well as the Public-Private Partnership Act. A grant from the EU Transition Facility Program 2005 allowed us to invite groups interested in increasing legislative transparency: journalists-parliamentary reporters, professional lobbyists, and NGOs – to cooperate in the project. We conducted quantitative surveys of one-fourth of all deputies and senators on lobbying as well as qualitative opinion surveys of journalists and professional lobbyists through open interviews. We also monitored contents of the *Public Information Bulletins* published by all ministries and the Parliament to assure these met the requirements of the Lobbying Act.

Furthermore, we undertook activities to change parliamentary practice. We appealed to all parliamentary clubs to have their members reliably fill out questionnaire regarding professional experience and economic activity of their staff. There was a positive response to our appeal from all parliamentary clubs, and the Law and Justice adopted the changes we postulated. We also appealed to the Marshal of the Parliament to expand the questionnaire to include information on the MPs' offices staff education. We also appealed to the heads of five Parliament committees to begin using a questionnaire that would disclose the interests of informal lobbyists who take part in committee work on draft bills in the Parliament (where they are categorized as 'guests'). The chairs of the Justice and Human Rights Committee as well as

the Public Finances Committee agreed to adopt our proposals. The Presidium of the Legislative Committee agreed to each time decide whether to ask a committee guest to fill out the questionnaire. The heads of the remaining two committees made their decision contingent upon the position of the Rules and Deputies' Affairs Committee which should be disclosed in February 2009.

At a November conference we presented a report on three years of monitoring which contained conclusions, proposed legislative amendments, and suggested changes to practice.

### **Electoral campaign financing**

In 2005–2006, we monitored financing of presidential and local government election campaigns. Our observations identified gaps in current law that enable political parties to cover up improprieties in financial management and uncovered weaknesses in statutory supervision over electoral funds. This induced us to advocate electoral campaign finance reform, an initiative carried out together with the Institute of Public Affairs.

In 2008, we disseminated our proposed amendments to electoral law, especially regarding presidential campaign finance reform, by presenting them, amongst other, at the meeting of the Presidium of the Parliament Legislative Committee, as well as at its plenary meeting on September 18. As a result, we contributed to the appointment of the Subcommittee for Electoral Law Amendments. Representatives of our program are invited to participate in the subcommittee meetings as parliamentary guests. Near the end of the year, the Subcommittee submitted the draft bill amending the Act on the Election of the President of the Republic of Poland and other acts, which included the changes we postulated.

Moreover, at a meeting in the Parliament on April 24, we presented our comments to the project of the Electoral Code developed at the time by the Left and Democrats parliamentary club.

### **Monitoring public expenditures**

Within this project, planned for 2007–2008, we checked for ties between public contract awards and prior donations made by managers or owners of winning companies to governing politicians at various levels of power, especially during the 2005–2007 electoral campaigns. We drafted a list of companies that received public contracts at select ministries and cities, and identified the companies' owners and directors. Subsequently, we crosschecked this data against donor lists of political parties and of electoral committees of their candidates in local and parliamentary elections, seeking any connections. We also searched for other improprieties in the public procurement process, not necessarily related to politicians "returning favors" for support in electoral campaigns. The improprieties may result, e.g., from the amendments of the Public Procurement Law implemented in 2006 and 2007. Adopted to facilitate the absorption of the EU funds, these changes deregulate tender procedures and limit appeals thus possibly create opportunities for abuse.

We selected two ministries and three cities to investigate possible ties between politics and business. Each has been controlled by different parties. Of the two ministries, the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy was run through August 2007 by the Self-Defense party, then by the Law and Justice, and, as of December 2007, by the Civic Platform. The Ministry of Transport was controlled through December 2007 by the Law and Justice party and is currently controlled by the Civic Platform. With respect to the cities, we have chosen Warsaw (governed by the Civic Platform), Płock (Law and Justice) and Oświęcim (Self-governing Oświęcim Election Committee).

In our work, we mainly used data made available by the *Public Information Bulletins*, the National Court Register and the State Electoral Commission as well as information published in *Rzeczpospolita* and *Gazeta*

*Wyborcza* dailies. The results of research and analyses as well as recommendations concerning necessary legal changes will be presented in the report to be published in 2009.

### Legal counsel

Since 2000, we have provided legal aid to individuals reporting corruption. We advise in cases that deal with regulations concerning corruption offenses, conflicts of interest, access to public information, public hiring and public procurement. We inform clients and institutions on ways to move forward in specific situations. In appropriate cases, we offer assistance in appeals proceedings or petition supervisory and address control bodies and, sometimes, the prosecutor's office with requests to investigate the matter. In selected cases, we monitor court proceedings as a social representative.

In 2008, we received 105 cases and handled 38 of them. We submitted 19 legal briefs, intervened nine times with control institutions and courts, submitted four public information requests, and observed six court proceedings in the labor court where whistleblowers who had lost their jobs after disclosing irregularities in their workplace sued their former employers demanding justice for their unlawful dismissal.

A grant from the EU Transition Facility Program 2005 enabled us to expand our activities connected with legal protection for whistleblowers. In addition to legal aid, interventions and monitoring of select court proceedings, we published a manual *Reporting fraud? A guide on whistleblowing*.

### Medical Task Force

The Medical Task Force has been operating at Batory Foundation since 2001. It deals with issues of ethics and preventing corruption in the health service.

In April 2008, members of the Task Force, in cooperation with the Polish Chamber of Physicians and Dentists, organized a conference on systemic solutions that prevent corruption in the health service. Three thematic sessions included discussions on the system for specialized physicians training, prescription drug refund system, as well as the health service contract system.

In 2008, the program was financed by funds from the Open Society Institute and a grant from EU Transition Facility Program 2005 (PLN 149,408.32).

**Total program costs**

**PLN 538,707.64**

# Community Initiatives Partnership

The goal of the program is to develop transborder cooperation among NGOs from Poland and Germany with organizations from Belarus, Ukraine and Russia (Kaliningrad District) that will contribute to strengthening solidarity and good neighborhood relations, as well as facilitate initiatives aimed to resolve problems faced by the countries of this region. The program, planned for 2004–2009, is run with the Robert Bosch Foundation from Germany. Our partner in Ukraine is PAUCI Foundation for Polish-Ukrainian Cooperation from Kyiv.

We offer grants for trilateral projects carried out by Polish, German and Belarusian, Russian or Ukrainian organizations. The projects may target various social groups and involve diverse subject areas. However, it is important that the participation of the partners from the three countries involved is not coincidental but initiates long-term cooperation that may contribute to the dissemination of model social initiatives. In addition to grants, we offer organizations assistance in finding partners in other countries and organize seminars that allow for experience sharing and planning of joint activities.

In 2008, we provided 14 grants for projects selected for funding in the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the competition completed in 2007. Implemented projects concern sharing experiences and good practices in such areas of social life as integration of the disabled, civic youth education, environmental education, social and professional stimulation of residents of rural areas. As each year, a large portion of activities addressed socially active youth and local leaders.

In the 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008 edition of the competition, we received 49 letters of intent. Authors of 25 projects were invited to participate in tripartite seminars organized in Rynia (September 14–17 and 24–26). During these meetings, the NGOs presented and improved their projects and consulted them with the group of experts from Batory, Bosch and PAUCI Foundations. After the seminars, we received 16 grant applications. A committee of experts from Poland, Germany, Ukraine, Russia and Belarus selected 12 projects which are to be implemented in 2009.

In 2008, the program was financed by funds from the Robert Bosch Foundation (PLN 630,337.34) and the Open Society Institute.

Grants	PLN 648,312.70
Seminars and international committee meetings	PLN 119,264.64
Program implementation	PLN 86,763.90
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 854,341.24</b>

## Grants

### **Angelus Silesius House, Wrocław**

*Teaching informal youth education leaders* – trainings and study visits in Germany and Poland for a group of educators from Mahileuskaja District (Belarus) to prepare them to be informal educators. EUR 12,450

### **EtK Ecological Association, EtK**

*Building partnerships for the natural environment through promotion of environmental education* – workshops for students from Berlin, EtK and Gusev (Kaliningrad District) and study visits for teachers from Gusev. EUR 10,980

### **Rodowo Foundation, Sorkwity**

*Active women* – cycle of trainings and study visits organized by German and Polish partnership organization for women from rural areas of Grodno District (Belarus) to prepare them to run their own businesses. EUR 15,000

### **Michael Tiffernus Institute, Ehrenkirchen**

*Look twice!* – working with groups of residents from Wałbrzych and Uzhorod (Ukraine) on alternative development strategies for their cities using the experiences of German methods of mobilizing and integrating urban communities. EUR 19,693

### **Kultur Aktiv, Dresden**

*BelaPlus 2008* – seminar in Poland and internships at European organizations for young Belarusians, winners of the competition for best local socio-cultural initiatives (continuation of a project implemented in 2007). EUR 13,000

### **Ca-Tee-Drale Mission, Goerlitz**

*City of children* – grant for participation of Ukrainian students in a multi-year tripartite project aimed to stimulate civic activism of school-age youth from Goerlitz (Germany), Tarnopol (Ukraine) and Zgorzelec (Poland). EUR 4,000

### **German-Russian Exchange, Berlin**

*Volunteerism without borders* – workshop and study visit cycle in Germany and Poland preparing NGOs from Rivne (Ukraine) to cooperate with Ukrainian and foreign volunteers. EUR 12,000

### **Polish Robert Schuman Foundation, Warsaw**

*Tri.net Ukrainian-Polish-German forum* – workshops for NGOs from Poland, Germany and Ukraine concerning international cooperation, building tripartite partnerships and developing joint projects. EUR 15,000

*Young journalists forum* – training cycle for younger journalists from local and student media from Germany, Poland and Ukraine on ways to present European issues. EUR 12,540

### **SIE Social Ecological Institute, Warsaw**

*Common ways of eco-development* – training and study visit cycle for Belarusian teachers and environmental organizations representatives from Mahileuskaja District (Belarus) presenting the experiences of Mazovia and Saxony regions in involving local communities in solving environmental problems. EUR 12,250

### **Viva Art Cultural Association, Elbląg**

*Integration = acceptance* – seminar and study visit cycle on rehabilitation and social integration of the disabled involving the mentally or physically disabled, their caretakers and therapists from Dresden, Elbląg and Zelenogradsk (Kaliningrad District). EUR 11,020

### **Rerum Novarum Association, Warsaw**

*drohobych.eu* – art project implemented in Drohobych (Ukraine) centered around the city's multicultural history and the figure of Bruno Schulz: art workshops for children, youth and adults run by young artists from Germany, Poland and Ukraine, finalized with an exhibition of the created artworks. EUR 13,390

### **East Democratic Society, Warsaw**

*Youth and volunteerism* – activities promoting volunteerism in Kaliningrad District: trainings and study visit for leaders of the volunteer center from Gusev and internships of Polish and German volunteers in Gusev (continuation of activities from 2005–2006). EUR 15,200

### **Trialog New Ideas Network, Berlin**

*InterNos – being active throughout life* – seminar for young people from Mecklenburg, Mazury and Crimea regions on social and civic activism in the provinces. EUR 15,000

# Memoria

The goal of the program is to encourage young people from Central and Eastern Europe to undertake joint activities to preserve the European cultural heritage. The program, initiated by the German Remembrance, Responsibility and Future Foundation, is planned for 2007–2009.

We support international summer volunteer camps where young people from Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Russia (Kaliningrad District), Belarus and Ukraine learn various aspects of culture of borderland regions and obtain knowledge, experience and practical skills in preserving cultural assets. We offer grants to NGOs that have experience in protecting and promoting European cultural achievements and base their activity on cooperation with young people aged 18–28. In addition to grants, we provide organizations with opportunities to participate in seminars that serve to exchange experience, expand knowledge and improve working methods of the grantees.

The second grant competition was announced in 2008. We received 33 applications, out of which a Polish-German committee of experts selected 12 projects. 200 volunteers from six countries took part in camps that were held mainly in Poland (7), but also in Belarus (2), Ukraine (2) and Kaliningrad District (1). They worked on cleaning up or renovating cemeteries, shrines of various denominations, or other local historical monuments as well as made inventories of cultural objects and documents in local museums and archives, recorded songs, tales and other testimonies of multicultural heritage of a given region. They also took part in workshops and lectures on history, culture or conservation techniques, and organized meetings to present the results of their work to the local communities. Implemented projects are presented on [www.memoria.org.pl](http://www.memoria.org.pl).

Volunteer camp organizers took part in two seminars. The first (May 19–20) served to develop their knowledge and working methods in international volunteerism, conservation of historic sites, protection of sites of multicultural remembrance, and cooperation with local residents. The second seminar (October 24–25) was devoted to presentation and evaluation of projects' results, experience sharing and planning of further activities.

A second seminar was preceded by a debate *Gone – Present. European cultural heritage in local context* held on October 23. The debate centered on the practice of protection of cultural heritage in local conditions and restoring memory of communities which once made up the multicultural mosaic of borderlands. Participants included Prof. Robert Traba (Polish Historical Research Center in Berlin), Longin Graczyk (KZKO Armenian Foundation), Andriy Salyuk (Foundation for the Protection of Lviv's Heritage Sites), Aleksandra Sulikowska-Gąska, Ph.D. (Art History Institute, University of Warsaw). The discussion was moderated by Grzegorz Godlewski, Ph.D. (Institute of Polish Culture, University of Warsaw).

In 2008, the program was financed by funds from the Remembrance, Responsibility and Future Foundation (PLN 586,888.93) and the Open Society Institute.

Grants	PLN 503,437.88
Seminars, website and international committee meetings	PLN 83,451.05
Program implementation	PLN 93,536.81
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 680,425.74</b>

## Grants

### **UNESCO Pro-Environmental Club – Workshop for Biodiversity, Piaski**

*Protestant Guesthouse* – a camp with the participation of 15 volunteers from Belarus, Lithuania, Germany, Poland, and Ukraine: research and documentation of the impact of Protestants on the culture and economic life of Lublin and surrounding areas; organization of Protestant culture festival (continuation of a project supported in 2007). **EUR 13,481**

### **KZKO Armenian Foundation, Warsaw**

*Kuty nad Czermoszem or Little Armenia* – a camp with the participation of 17 volunteers from Germany, Poland, and Ukraine: inventory and renovating of Armenian cemeteries in Kutuy (Ukraine). **EUR 14,698**

### **Education Initiatives Center Charitable Organization, Lviv**

*Traces of the past* – a camp with the participation of 18 volunteers from Belarus, Germany, Poland and Ukraine: cleaning up and conservation of monastery in Podkamen village (Ukraine); developing a brochure about the region's history. **EUR 14,550**

### **Regional Polish-German Society, Zielona Góra**

*Together in Europe* – a camp with the participation of 16 volunteers from Germany, Poland and Ukraine: inventory and cleaning of local monuments as well as organization of the Wine Fest in the Historic Village Museum in Ochla near Zielona Góra. **EUR 15,000**

### **Anawoj Association of International and Intercultural Exchange, Michałowo**

*Living history* – a camp with the participation of 15 volunteers from Belarus, Germany and Poland: discovering and documenting traces of Michałowo borough's multicultural past as well as conservation of the local Jewish cemetery (continuation of a project supported in 2007). **EUR 10,577**

### **Drumla Association for Podlasie Region, Łomianki**

*In the footsteps of tales about Podlasie history* – a camp with the participation of 18 volunteers from Belarus, Germany and Poland: renovation of synagogue and Jewish cemetery in Krynki and interviews with residents regarding the multicultural past of their town. **EUR 12,820**

### **Regionet Association, Poznań**

*Along Batory Track* – a camp with the participation of 20 volunteers from Belarus and Poland: cleaning up Jewish cemetery and World War I fortifications near the town of Pastavy (Belarus), preparing documentation of these monuments for the entry into the state register of historic sites and making a film about these little known places of remembrance. **EUR 11,220**

### **Borussia Cultural Community Association, Olsztyn**

*International volunteerism* – a camp with the participation of 12 volunteers from Germany, Poland and Russia: cleaning up the area and renovation of elements of the Frydland Gate historic architectural complex in Kaliningrad (continuation of a project supported in 2007). **EUR 13,007**

### **Amicus Society, Białystok**

*Grodno 2008* – a camp with the participation of 19 volunteers from Belarus, Germany and Poland: making documentary films about residents and historic sites in Grodno's old town (Belarus) threatened with being razed to make way for a highway and a new housing project. **EUR 13,700**

### **Society for Nature and Man, Lublin**

*Borderland hideaways* – a camp with the participation of 17 volunteers from Belarus, Germany, Poland and Ukraine: conservation of cemeteries of various denominations, art workshops referring to the multicultural heritage of Western Polesie (continuation of a project supported in 2007). **EUR 10,916**

### **Edyta Stein Association, Wrocław**

*Jewish traces III* – a camp with the participation of 14 volunteers from Germany, Poland and Belarus: activities devoted to changes in Jewish culture in the 19<sup>th</sup>–20<sup>th</sup> centuries, photography and journalism workshops on Jewish tombstone symbolism as well as cleaning up the New Jewish Cemetery in Wrocław. **EUR 11,147**

### **Volyn District, Plast National Scout Organization of Ukraine, Lutsk**

*Remembrance without borders* – camp with the participation of 12 volunteers from Germany, Poland and Ukraine: cleaning up and conservation of historic Orthodox Christian cemetery near Saint Mary's sanctuary on Chełmskie Hill. **EUR 12,574**

# East East: Partnership Beyond Borders

The program aims to support initiatives designed to share ideas, expertise, experiences and knowledge and to promote practical actions that result from information and knowledge networking beyond borders. The program operates in the framework of East East Partnership Beyond Borders Network Program launched in 1991 by the Open Society Institute.

We support international projects implemented by Polish organizations in cooperation with at least one partner organization from the region of Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia or the Caucasus. We also cover travel costs of Polish experts invited to participate in projects carried out in other countries of the region. We try to encourage Polish organizations to develop projects of sharing experience with the EU candidates as well as EU Eastern neighbors.

In 2008, we made 29 grants for projects developed by Polish organizations or carried out in Poland jointly with foreign partners. Majority of these projects were longer-term initiatives that often continued activities launched in previous years. Polish experts participated in 24 projects implemented in other countries of the region.

The subject matter of the projects was quite diverse and included cooperation between local governments and civic organizations for local development, transparency and accountability of the authorities, entrepreneurship, assistance to the disabled, health care and patients rights. As it was in previous years, most projects were implemented jointly with partner organizations from Eastern countries, especially from Ukraine, but also from Moldova, Russia, and the countries of Central Asia and the Caucasus. Although still only few projects involved partners from Belarus and Balkan countries, we managed to increase a number of joint Polish-Russian initiatives. This might be attributed to our efforts to stimulate such cooperation by organizing meetings of Polish and Russian NGOs. In June, a second such meeting (after the first one held in Warsaw in 2006) was organized in Pskov, in cooperation with Moscow's New Eurasia Foundation. The participants (about 50 people, including 19 from Poland) discussed the situation of the third sector in Russia and Poland and presented the most successful projects initiated after Warsaw meeting in 2006. Subsequently, during the workshops organized in two thematic groups: on methods and forms of stimulation of local activity and on the problem of migrants and refugees, they searched for potential partners for future projects and discussed the ideas of possible joint activities. The Polish participants visited NGOs and other institutions in Pskov.

In 2008, the program was financed by the Open Society Institute East East: Partnership Beyond Borders Network Program.

Grants	PLN 1,312,932.00
Meeting of Polish and Russian NGOs	PLN 98,585.07
Program implementation	PLN 129,755.80
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 1,541,272.87</b>



## Grants

### Projects initiated by Polish NGOs or implemented in Poland

**Theotokos Center for Education and Dialogue, Gliwice**

*Peer Support as a Methodology of Overcoming Social Exclusion* – study visits of Ukrainian NGOs to Poland and a supervising meeting in Ukraine. PLN 54,551.60

**Opus Center for Promotion and Development of Civic Initiatives, Łódź**

*Open Community School – Best Practices and Lessons Learned in Local Community Development* – trainings for representatives of Russian NGOs from Buriatia. PLN 120,724.51

**Federation of Polish Patients, Warsaw**

*Patients' Organizations for Patients' Rights and Safety* – seminar for representatives of patients organizations from Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia in Poland and their participation in seminars in Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Moldova and Georgia. PLN 38,091.10

**Education for Democracy Foundation, Warsaw**

*Entrepreneurship Centers against Unemployment* – study tours and workshops for representatives of public administration, NGOs and schools from Moldova, Russia and Ukraine (continuation of activities run since 2006). PLN 95,658.71

**Intercultural Education Foundation, Warsaw**

*Development of Agrotourism* – workshops and study visit of local leaders from Georgia (continuation of a project launched in 2007). PLN 21,730

**Krzyżowa Foundation for European Understanding, Grodziszczce**

*Civic Counseling and Citizen Advice Bureaus* – study visits and trainings for NGOs representatives from Ukraine. PLN 36,603.78

**Happy Childhood Foundation, Lublin**

*Internet Stock Market of Youth Initiatives* – workshops and trainings for Ukrainian and Polish teachers and pupils. PLN 68,436.72

**Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Warsaw**

*Juvenile Justice: Legal Procedures for Protection of Minor Victims and Witnesses of Crimes* – study visits for representatives from four Russian regions (Mari El, Chuvashia, Nizhny Novgorod, and Tatarstan). PLN 37,240

**Institute of Public Information, Sopot**

*Public Policy at the Local Level: Implementation of European Standards* – study visit of Ukrainian local authorities to Poland and supervising meeting in Ukraine. PLN 41,308.55

**National Autism Society, Kraków**

*Support Systems for People with Autism* – workshops and study visit of NGOs representatives from the Czech Republic, Hungary, Lithuania, Macedonia, Slovakia and Ukraine. PLN 37,500

**Kraków Association of Municipal Dwelling Administration, Kraków**

*Municipal Housing Utilities Tariffs: Engagement of Citizens* – participation of Polish experts in seminar in Lviv and study visit of Ukrainian municipal authorities to Poland. PLN 14,848.07

*Housing and Communal Service Reform* – training in Poland for Ukrainian managers from property and communal service management associations. PLN 9,500

**Educational Society for Małopolska, Nowy Sącz**

*Academy for Young Social Entrepreneurs: Poland and Azerbaijan* – study visit of young social leaders and teachers from Azerbaijan. PLN 18,500

**Polish Robert Schuman Foundation, Warsaw**

*Promoting Volunteerism in the Non-Governmental Sector* – study visit of Armenian NGOs and local authorities to Poland and their participation in conference in Armenia. PLN 28,659.64

**Seed Cultural and Ecological Association, Stubice**

*Farmers for Sustainable Rural Communities* – study visit of Belarusian farmers. PLN 26,380

**Łódź Hospice Association, Łódź**

*Palliative Care and Pain Treatment* – trainings for physicians, nurses, physiotherapists, clergymen and social workers of medical centers from Ukraine. PLN 21,950

**Effata Association of Social Initiatives, Piła**

*No place for failure where the true leaders are!* – workshops for representatives of Ukrainian NGOs. PLN 17,280

- One World Association, Poznań**  
*Human Rights Education in Practice* – two workshops for young representatives of partner NGOs from Moldova, Romania, Russia and Ukraine. PLN 60,700
- Shelter Association, Iława**  
*Volunteers in Social Services* – workshops for teachers, educators and volunteers in Poland and Lithuania. PLN 22,770
- European Cooperation Center Association, Dzierżoniów**  
*Information about European and Euro-Atlantic Integration for Regions in Ukraine* – study visit of Ukrainian journalists to Poland and workshops in Ukraine. PLN 21,280.31
- Polish Mediation Center Association, Warsaw**  
*Restorative Justice and Mediation: Overcoming Juvenile Violence* – trainings for educators from Russia and Ukraine. PLN 114,845.10
- Step by Step Association of Aid to Disabled Children, Zamość**  
*Equal Access to Health, Social and Educational Care for Disabled Children* – trainings and study visit to Poland of representatives of Ukrainian NGOs and supervising meeting in Ukraine. PLN 14,925.51
- Barka Publishing Association, Poznań**  
*Integration of Vulnerable Groups in Society* – study visit of Ukrainian NGOs working with homeless and unemployed individuals to Poland, and three visits of Polish experts to Ukraine. PLN 18,663.20
- Paweł Włodkowiec Higher School, Płock**  
*Youth Clubs in Secondary Schools* – study visit of Ukrainian teachers to Poland and participation in seminar in Ukraine. PLN 26,252.52
- FSLD Świętokrzyskie Center, Kielce**  
*Transparent Self-Government Practices: Public Administration Institutions* – study visit of local government representatives from Ukraine. PLN 55,682.12
- Common Knowledge Educational Association, Gdańsk**  
*Promoting Gender Equality in the Educational System in Belarus* – workshops and trainings for Belarusian teachers. PLN 42,110
- University of Warsaw, Institute of Journalism, Warsaw**  
*European Integration and Media Practices* – study visits of students and representatives of faculty of journalism from Baku (Azerbaijan) to Poland and from Poland to Azerbaijan. PLN 15,817.74
- East European Democratic Center, Warsaw**  
*Young Activists and Leaders* – internship program for young leaders from Interbilim Center in Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan) (continuation of cooperation initiated in 2007). PLN 26,245.52  
*Protection of National and Ethnic Minority Rights* – study visit of young leaders from Buryatia (Russian Federation). PLN 55,440.65
- Young Men's Christian Association, Warsaw**  
*Free Legal Assistance* – study visit and workshops for students of law faculties from Armenia, Georgia and Ukraine. PLN 19,700
- Promoting Collaboration between Non-Governmental Sectors**  
Meeting of representatives of Polish and Russian NGOs in Pskov organized by the Stefan Batory Foundation in cooperation with the New Eurasia Foundation. PLN 98,585.07

### Grants for participation in projects implemented in other countries of the region

- Conference *Designing Policies to Combat Social Exclusion*, Tirana, Albania  
Polish participant: Olga Soszyńska (Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, Warsaw). PLN 2,620.57
- Seminar *Interdisciplinary Approaches to Solving Cases of Child Abuse*, Sofia, Bulgaria  
Polish participants: Dorota Gajewska, Maria Keller-Hamela, Olga Kudanowska and Gabriela Roszkowska (Nobody's Children Foundation, Warsaw). PLN 6,311.88
- Conference *Participation of the NGO Sector in Decision-Making Processes in the EU*, Sofia, Bulgaria  
Polish participant: Marta Pejda (Zagranica Group, Warsaw). PLN 1,718.34
- Seminar *Common Way to Europe. Knowledge, Experience, Development*, Prague, Czech Republic  
Polish participants: Krzysztof Balon, Piotr Dancewicz, Jan Kopeć, Agnieszka Krawczyk, Justyna Ochędzan and Kamila Płowiec (Working Community of Associations of Social Organizations WRZOS, Warsaw). PLN 3,449.88

Experts' seminar <b><i>From Strengthening ENP to the Czech EU Presidency in 2009. Energy Game: Nord and South Stream</i></b> , Prague, Czech Republic Polish participant: Ernest Wyciskiewicz (Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw).	PLN 398
Two trainings <b><i>Reporting Economics: Transparency of Public Entities</i></b> , Almaty, Kazakhstan Polish participants: Tomasz Chmielewski, Adam Kot and Marcin Polak (Think Point Ltd, Warsaw).	PLN 22,411
Conference <b><i>Perspectives for Development of the State and the Civil Society in Central Asia</i></b> , Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan Polish participant: Mariusz Marszewski (Eastern Institute, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań).	PLN 2,744.83
Training <b><i>Measuring Performance as a Tool for Better Governance</i></b> , Tukums, Latvia Polish participants: Magdalena Pszczółkowska and Witold Spirydowicz (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Warsaw).	PLN 1,805.83
Conference <b><i>Information Society and its Impact on Development of Youth Media</i></b> , Skopje, Macedonia Polish participants: Jan Dabkowski and Filip Jurzyk (POLIS Young Journalists Association, Warsaw).	PLN 3,057.05
Seminar <b><i>Strengthening NGO Capacity in Transnistria</i></b> , Chisinau, Moldova Polish participants: Kamila Hernik (Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw), Radziława Gortat (University of Warsaw) and Marzena Strokowska (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Warsaw).	PLN 6,364.14
Seminar <b><i>Election Monitoring Strategies and Civil Society Advocacy for Transparency in Electoral Processes</i></b> , Ulan Bator, Mongolia Polish participant: Grzegorz Lewocki (Ministry of Justice, Warsaw).	PLN 3,039.80
Three expert's visits <b><i>Breaking Cycles of Domestic Violence: Experiences in Poland and Mongolia</i></b> , Ulan Bator, Mongolia Polish participants: Alicja Łukaszewicz, Marta Łukaszewicz, Bogusława Ułanowicz-Pęcherczyk and Waldemar Weihs (Merkury Foundation, Wałbrzych).	PLN 45,782.12
Seminar <b><i>Challenges of Migration in Europe</i></b> , Bucharest, Romania Polish participant: Magdalena Lesińska (Centre of Migration Research, University of Warsaw).	PLN 1,324.64
Seminar <b><i>Legislation and Legal Frameworks for Volunteering</i></b> , Bratislava, Slovakia Polish participants: Galia Chimiak (UNDP Bosnia and Herzegovina) and Grzegorz Makowski (Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw).	PLN 2,821.34
Workshop <b><i>Finding Common Grounds</i></b> , Stambul, Turkey Polish participant: Agnieszka Cianciara (Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw).	PLN 2,038.88
Experts' conference <b><i>Enhancing Transparency in EU Negotiation Processes: International Experience and Lessons for Ukraine</i></b> , Kyiv, Ukraine Polish participant: Łukasz Lipiński ( <i>Gazeta Wyborcza</i> daily, Warsaw).	PLN 1,424.17
Film workshop <b><i>Documentary Film in Consolidating Democracy and Struggle against Injustice: International Practices</i></b> , Kyiv, Ukraine Polish participant: Maciej Nowicki (Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Warsaw).	PLN 1,333.11
Seminar and supervising meeting <b><i>Rehabilitation and Resocialization of Prisoners</i></b> , Kyiv and Lviv, Ukraine Polish participants: seminar – Jacek Kitliński and Andrzej Leńczuk (Regional Polish Penitentiary Service, Rzeszów), supervisory meeting – Janusz Koczberski (Youth Center of Therapy and Re-adaptation, Cholewianka near Kazimierz Dolny).	PLN 2,630.99
Conference <b><i>Protecting Human Rights through Administrative Justice</i></b> , Jalta, Ukraine Polish participants: Jacek Chlebny (Regional Administrative Court, Warsaw), Wojciech Hermeliński (Polish Constitutional Tribunal, Warsaw), Stanisław Mikke, Piotr Sendeci, Andrzej Siemiński and Monika Strus-Wotos (Supreme Bar Council, Warsaw), Leszek Leszczyński (Regional Administrative Court, Lublin).	PLN 13,673.92
Training <b><i>Enhancing Partnership between Schools and Communities</i></b> , Odesa, Ukraine Polish participants: Maria Nowak and Stanisława Płaszczczyńska (Federation of Educational Initiatives, Warsaw).	PLN 3,390.16
Conference <b><i>Overcoming Absent Memory in European and Latin American Contexts: Lessons for Russia Today</i></b> , Budapest, Hungary Polish participant: Paweł Machcewicz (Institute of Political Studies of Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw).	PLN 1,196

# Citizens in Action

The program aims to support democratic changes and the development of civil society in Belarus and Ukraine. We cooperate with non-governmental organizations from Belarus and Ukraine that support grass-root initiatives, engage in building partnership between non-governmental organizations and public administration sectors and undertake civic education activities. The program involves grant making to Belarusian and Ukrainian organizations, selected on the basis of open competitions or individually invited to apply for grants. Our grantees are also invited to participate in study visits, meetings and trainings organized in Belarus, Ukraine, Poland and other countries.

## **Regional partner organizations**

We support a network of 49 regional partnership organizations (38 from Ukraine and 11 from Belarus) selected during three open grant competitions held in 2004-2006 in various regions of Belarus and Ukraine. We provide these organizations with grants designated for activities that involve, i.a., legal education and legal counseling for citizens, protection of civic rights, civic education for young people, establishing local civic activity centers, securing transparency of governance and access to information, development of philanthropy. A part of these grants is used to institutional strengthening and capacity building (improving staff, board and volunteers' skills, streamline organization's management and operations, diversifying funding sources, etc.). We also invite our partners for study visits to Poland and provide them with grants to organize meetings and trainings that serve to exchange as well as increase knowledge and skills in areas within their scope of interest.

In 2008, a group of 20 partners selected in the 3rd edition of the program received grants for program activities and institutional development in 2008–2009. Ukrainian Professional Help Organization received a grant for continuation of a cycle of trainings on advocacy for regional partner organizations. Organizations that participated in the trainings were offered grants to implement their advocacy projects. Out of 14 applications submitted, five projects received grants.

We organized three study visits in Poland (April 13–19, June 8–14, September 28 – October 4) for 63 representatives of local governments and business collaborating with regional partner organizations from Ukraine and Belarus. Participants visited 26 Polish NGOs from 20 localities. During the visits, they learned about Polish experiences in resolving local community problems and methods of cooperation with local partners: authorities and business.

## Civic and European education

We support civic and European education projects, particularly those that lead to the development of a model action plan, easy to replicate or apply in different places and on different scale, and addressed to a large group of potential clients. We award grants for research and information activities aimed at increasing and disseminating knowledge on the third sector as well as initiatives that serve better integration within the NGO community. We aid projects aimed at international cooperation and the inclusion of local civic initiatives in Belarus and Ukraine into the trans-border cooperation with organizations from other countries.

In 2008, we provided four grants for educational and research projects, as well as for the publication of *New Europe* journal addressed to Belarusians.

In 2008, the program was financed from the Ford Foundation grant.

Grants	PLN 1,869,532.93
Study visits and monitoring	PLN 282,481.85
Program implementation	PLN 217,066.43
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 2,369,081.21</b>

## Grants

### Regional partner organizations

#### **Bukovyna Partnership Agency, Chernivtsi, Ukraine**

2008–2009 grant for institutional development and for continuation of activities concerning local community development, including support to grass-root initiatives. USD 20,310

#### **Totem Center of Youth Initiatives, Kherson, Ukraine**

2008–2009 grant for institutional development and for support of grass root-initiatives including support for projects carried out by the disabled; implementation of a project on corruption problem for high school youth. USD 23,210

#### **Center for Civic and Cultural Initiatives Support Tamarisk, Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine**

2008–2009 grant for institutional development and for stimulating civic activity in Dnipropetrovsk province, including support to grass-root initiatives. USD 27,255

#### **Social Adaptation Khmelnytskyi Regional Organization, Khmelnytskyi, Ukraine**

2008–2009 grant for institutional development and for activities concerning third sector cooperation with local authorities. USD 24,995

#### **Cherkassy Regional Organization of the Committee of Voters of Ukraine, Cherkasy, Ukraine**

2008–2009 grant for institutional development and for support of local initiatives from the Cherkasy province, including support to grass-root initiatives. USD 25,710

#### **Dniprovs'k Association for Regions' Development, Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine**

2008–2009 grant for institutional development and for continuation of stimulation of civic activity in small towns and villages of Dnipropetrovsk province, including support to grass-root initiatives. USD 22,420

#### **Aist Charitable Foundation, Simferopol, Ukraine**

2008–2009 grant for institutional development and for promotion of restorative justice and mediation in Crimea, including support to grass-root initiatives. USD 26,000

#### **Kirovohrad Regional Public Organization Institute of Socio-Cultural Management, Kirovohrad, Ukraine**

2008–2009 grant for institutional development and for support of civic initiatives from Kirovohrad province, including support to grass-root initiatives. USD 24,400

#### **Mama-86-Feodosia Feodosian Towns Public Ecological Organization, Feodosia, Ukraine**

2008–2009 grant for institutional development and for activities concerning civic control of local government in Feodosia, including support to grass-root initiatives. USD 21,480

<b>Our Children Non-governmental Organization, Odessa, Ukraine</b> 2008–2009 grant for institutional development and for support to local youth initiatives.	USD 24,980
<b>NGO Rural Village Development, Lugansk, Ukraine</b> 2008–2009 grant for institutional development and for continuation of activities aimed to simulate civic activism in rural communities, including support to grass-root initiatives.	USD 29,400
<b>Krok Poltava City Organization for Children and Young People, Poltava, Ukraine</b> 2008–2009 grant for institutional development and for activities targeting children and youth as well as for development of philanthropy in Poltava province, including support to grass-root initiatives.	USD 26,080
<b>Law and Democracy Regional Public Human Right Foundation), Lviv, Ukraine</b> 2008–2009 grant for institutional development and for activities to improve communal services and create legal aid centers for lower income, elderly and disabled persons in Lviv province.	USD 24,976
<b>Volyn Youth Rights Protection Association, Lutsk, Ukraine</b> 2008–2009 grant for institutional development and for support of civic initiatives in Volyn District, including support to grass-root initiatives.	USD 25,935
<b>Creative Technologies for the Optimal Development of a Personality Association, Kirovohrad, Ukraine</b> 2008–2009 grant for institutional development and for support of civic initiatives in Kirovohrad District.	USD 22,390
<b>Women's Perspectives West Ukrainian Center, Lviv, Ukraine</b> 2008–2009 grant for institutional development, education and legal aid activities as well as support for local civic initiatives in Lviv province.	USD 25,120
<b>Advance Transcarpathian Advocacy and Development Center, Beregovo, Ukraine</b> 2008–2009 grant for institutional development and for support of civic initiatives in Beregovo province.	USD 26,000
<b>Professional Assistance Non-for-profit NGO, Komsomolsk, Ukraine</b> Training cycle in advocacy, monitoring techniques and protection of human rights for grant recipients of the Citizens in Action program (continuation of trainings organized in 2007)	USD 94,200
<b>Agency for the Economic Development of Voznesensk City, Voznesensk, Ukraine</b> Activities to involve residents of Voznesensk in developing the city's new zoning and spatial management plan – one that accounts for their needs and the city's balanced development.	USD 13,850
<b>Cherkassy Regional Organization of the Committee of Voters of Ukraine, Cherkasy, Ukraine</b> Activities to involve youth from Cherkasy province in the process of creating local youth policy and building a transparent system for financing youth initiatives from public funds.	USD 11,000
<b>Donetsk Regional Organization of the Committee of Voters of Ukraine, Donetsk, Ukraine</b> Activities to engage Donetsk province residents in the decision-making process regarding traffic safety in their towns.	USD 12,800
<b>Belarusian organizations</b> Grants for institutional development and implementation of projects aimed to promote European education and support local civic initiatives (due to the political situation in Belarus we do not identify our grantees in this country).	USD 106,370

## Civic and European education

<b>European Dialogue, Lviv, Ukraine</b> <i>European education for NGO initiatives</i> – supporting development of informal European education initiatives in further 10 Ukrainian towns (continuation of activities launched in 2005); preparing a group of trainers to conduct trainings on European funding and developing a database on European funds available to Ukrainian organizations.	USD 92,200
<b>Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies BISS, Vilnius, Lithuania</b> <i>Foundations of the social contract in Belarus</i> – research project regarding attitudes of Belarusians towards the Lukashenka regime.	USD 10,000
<b>Belarusian Robert Schuman Society, Warsaw</b> Investigating the impact of new legal regulations concerning tax relieves and welfare payments introduced in December 2007 on the situation of the most vulnerable social groups in Belarus.	USD 48,300
<b>Europe without Borders, Dortmund, Germany</b> Publication of two issues of the paper version of the Internet magazine <i>New Europe</i> addressed to Belarusians, which contains information about European and Euro-Atlantic integration as well as EU-Belarus relations.	USD 17,780

# International Cooperation

The aim of the program is to support democratic transition in Eastern Europe, to shape friendly Polish and EU policies towards new neighbors in the East, and to initiate as well as participate in the debate on international issues in Poland and on the European forum.

## Friendly EU border

In the framework of the project carried out since 2002, we have been undertaking activities aimed at liberalizing visa policy of Poland and other EU Member States towards citizens of Eastern Europe and at improving the standards of border services on the EU's Eastern frontier. Together with a group of non-governmental organizations from Poland, Russia, Ukraine and Belarus we conducted the monitoring of Polish border crossing points to register the attitude of border staff toward citizens from Eastern Europe (2002–2003), the monitoring of Polish visa policy (2003–2004), the monitoring of visa issuing procedures by EU Member States to citizens of Eastern Europe (2005–2006) and the monitoring of land border crossings of the European Union (2007). We published the results of the monitoring efforts in reports distributed in Poland, EU states, Ukraine, Belarus, and Russia. The findings of the reports and the resulting recommendations are used to advocate for the policy of easy access and affordable entry visas for EU's Eastern neighbors.

In 2008, we completed processing of data collected in a 2007 monitoring of 19 border crossings in seven states: Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, Poland, Romania, Hungary and Slovakia. Seven national reports were drafted along with one summary report *Gateways to Europe. Checkpoints on the EU External Land Border* by Marta Kindler and Ewa Matejko from the Center of Migration Research, University of Warsaw, developed in cooperation with representatives of institutions that conducted the research in particular states. Our research revealed the need for immediate changes in the way the travelers are treated at the border crossings as well as improvement of conditions in which they are made to wait for entering the EU territory. The biggest problems concern the infrastructure of border crossings, communication (access to information about border procedures and communication between the travelers and border guard officers), and cooperation between institutions managing the border as well as local and central authorities. The consequences of these problems include long wait lines, insufficient application of non-discrimination regulations, and corruption practices.

The report was presented: in Warsaw at the conference *What's happening on the border of the European Union?* held in May, in Brussels at a meeting organized in June in cooperation with the Centre for European



Policy Studies (CEPS) and the Open Society Institute Brussels's Office, in Kyiv at a seminar organized in June jointly with the Center for Peace, Conversion and Foreign Policy of Ukraine (CPCFPU) and the International Renaissance Foundation, in Budapest at the annual *Challenge* program conference in July, and in Helsinki at a conference co-organized with the Finish Institute of International Affairs in September. Research results and report conclusions were also discussed during less official meetings with representatives of EU member states and the European Union institutions.

We also advocated on behalf of liberalizing visa procedures. In January, jointly with the Association for International Affairs (AMO) from Prague, we made an appeal entitled *How to avoid an iron curtain between the EU and Belarus?* that postulated Schengen visa fees to be lowered for residents of Belarus from EUR 60 to 35. Former presidents of the Czech Republic and Poland, Václav Havel, Lech Wałęsa and Aleksander Kwaśniewski, Polish and Czech parliamentarians as well as Polish and Czech NGOs signed the appeal. In June, we published an analysis *What can be changed regarding visas? Visa policy upon Poland's accession to the Schengen Zone* presenting the effects of stricter EU visa policy on Poland's Eastern neighbors as well as activities that should be taken to mitigate those effects in the East. We also raised these issues during meetings with the Consular Department of Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, during conferences, and in articles and statements for the media.

In autumn, in cooperation with the Carnegie Moscow Center, Center for Social Innovations from Minsk, Center for Peace, Conversion and Foreign Policy of Ukraine from Kyiv, and the Institute for Public Policy from Chisinau we conducted a monitoring in Chisinau, Kyiv, Minsk and Moscow of nine EU states consulates: the Czech Republic, Lithuania, Latvia, Finland, France, Germany, Poland, Great Britain and Italy. We investigated the changes in visa procedures and the quality of service provided to applicants seeking a legal stay in the EU as compared to the situation three years prior, when we conducted similar research using the same methodology. In December, at the *Visa Policy One Year after Schengen* conference, sociologist Leszek Chajewski presented the preliminary research results and conclusions. Discussion participants included Leonid Kalicenia (Center for Social Innovations, Minsk), Oleksandr Sushko (Center for Peace, Conversion and Foreign Policy of Ukraine, Kyiv) and Krzysztof Lisek (Chair of the Parliamentary Foreign Relations Committee).

## More than neighbors

The project aims at promoting integration of the European Neighborhood Policy (ENP) countries with the European Union. In addition to Belarus and Ukraine, we focus on Moldova as well as states of the southern Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia) which are also addressees of the ENP.

In 2008, Batory Foundation was a partner of four meetings organized by the Czech Association for International Affairs entitled *From Strengthening ENP to Czech EU Presidency 2009*, which aimed to prepare Czech authorities to assume the EU presidency in 2009. Meeting topics covered energy issues, including construction of the northern and southern gas pipelines (May), the possibility of resolving 'frozen conflicts' in the Black Sea region (November), and EU visa policy toward the Schengen zone's Eastern neighbors (December).

In October, we issued an electronic paper *Five Theses on European Neighborhood Policy*, which includes a critique of the Union's up-to-date activities toward neighboring countries and the conclusion that EPS is increasingly bifurcating into two different policies: toward its Eastern and its Southern neighbors. Referring to *Eastern Partnership* document submitted at the EU forum by Poland and Sweden in June, we published to *Eastern Partnership – Commentary* e-publication in October, in which we welcomed the preliminary



concept of the Eastern Partnership but also suggested changes, such as including energy security issues in Partnership priorities.

Issues of European Union cooperation with its Eastern neighbors were covered during a Polish-German meeting organized in November in Berlin in cooperation with the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP). Participants included Jarostaw Bratkiewicz (Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Johannes Jung (Bundestag Member), Hans-Dieter Lucas (Special Envoy of German Federal Foreign Office for Eastern Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus), Alexander Schönfelder (German Federal Foreign Office) and Paweł Zalewski (deputy to the Polish Parliament). We also took part in conferences on this subject matter in Bratislava, organized by the Slovak Foreign Policy Association (SFPA) and in Tallinn, prepared by the Estonian School of Diplomacy (November).

Batory Foundation and the Swedish International Liberal Centre partner the Lithuanian Central and Eastern Europe Studies Centre in the *Enhancing Research Centres' Activities in Belarus* project financed by the Nordic Council. The first meeting of nine experts from Belarusian research centers and three partnership organizations took place in October in Vilnius.

In cooperation with Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we recruited polling supervisors for the OSCE mission for the parliamentary election in Belarus. In November, after the elections, we organized a discussion *What's Happening in Belarus* with the participation of experts from the Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies: Aliaksandr Chubrik, Kiryl Hayduk and Vitali Silitski, and attorney Alena Tankachova, who has been working for many years on NGO issues in Belarus. The meeting attempted to answer questions regarding the genesis and source of Belarusians' support for Aliaksandr Lukashenka and their attitude toward the European Union, as well as the condition of the Belarusian economy.

A grant from Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs as part of the "Polish Aid" program enabled Batory Foundation to continue, in cooperation with the International Renaissance Foundation from Kyiv, the *Ukraine on the path to EU* project, which in 2008 addressed Ukrainian organizations dealing with immigrants and refugees. Representatives of nine organizations selected in a grant competition, from seven cities located in various Ukrainian provinces (Chernihiv, Drohobych, Kherson, Kyiv, Kirovohrad, Lviv, Vinnica), took part in study visits and internships at Polish organizations that have the greatest experience in working on behalf of migrants and refugees: Halina Niec Legal Aid Centre in Kraków, Regional Volunteer Center in Lublin, One World Association in Poznań, Polish Humanitarian Organisation and Association for Law Intervention in Warsaw (July 22 – August 9, and August 31 – September 20). After returning to Ukraine, the internees organized meetings in their localities with local authorities and state institutions, journalists, and representatives of other NGOs dealing with similar issues. The meetings endeavored to improve cooperation of Ukrainian third sector with the state administration and initiate debate on assistance to migrants and refugees. As part of the project, we also published an Ukrainian-language handbook entitled *Helping Foreigners*, which presents experiences of the Polish third sector in working with migrants and refugees.

## Russia in Europe

As part of this project we participate in Polish and European debate on changes occurring in Russia as well as on Poland's and EU policy toward the Russian Federation.

In June, in cooperation with the Carnegie Moscow Center we organized the conference *Russian Gas in Europe* that included participation by energy experts from Russia and the European Union: Sławomir Dębski (Polish Institute of International Affairs), Agata Łoskot-Strachota (Center for Eastern Studies), Jakub Godzimirski (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs), Roland Götz (German Institute for International and Security Affairs), Samuel Greene (Carnegie Moscow Center), Tatiana Mitrova (Energy Research Institute,

Russian Academy of Sciences), Jens Müller (Nord Stream AG), Andris Spruds (Latvian Institute of International Affairs), Frank Umbach (German Council on Foreign Relations), Piotr Woźniak (former Polish Minister of the Economy), Ernest Wyciszkievicz (Polish Institute of International Affairs) and Jean-Arnold Vinois (European Commission). The discussion concerned the main problems related to Russian gas exports: size of gas extraction and Russian export capacity given increased internal gas consumption, the main political and economic factors behind construction of new gas pipelines, use of old routes for transmitting Russian gas to the EU, as well as the presence of Gazprom and companies with Russian capital on the Union's internal market. About 100 people took part in the meeting.

As part of the Working Group for EU Eastern Policy, which we run along with the Center for Eastern Studies, we organized two meetings: in January – on Polish policy toward Russia and in September – on consequences of Russian military intervention in Georgia. A Batory Foundation representative took part in the Russia Task Force operating at the Paris-based European Union Institute for Security Studies.

### **Focus on Central Asia**

This project aims to expand cooperation between organizations from Poland and Central Asia and to promote knowledge about that region in Poland.

In 2008, we organized two seminars on local development and social problems in Central Asia. In May, about 60 people from Poland and Central Europe took part in the *Social Problems and Civil Society in Central Asia* seminar, including Valentyn Bogatyriev (Foundation for Support Program in Development, Kyrgyzstan), Marina Glushkova (Institute of Humanitarian Projecting, Kyrgyzstan), Gochmurad Kutliyev (independent expert, Turkmenistan), Oybek Mahmudov (National University of Uzbekistan) and Yevegny Zhovtis (Kazakhstan International Bureau for Human Rights and Rule of Law). In December, about 30 people took part in the *Territorial Administration and Local Development in Central Asia* seminar, including Marina Glushkova (Institute of Humanitarian Projecting, Kyrgyzstan) and Rachmoil Safarov (former local government activist and analyst for the Tajikconsult group, Tajikistan).

### **Challenge project**

Since November 2004, the Foundation has participated in the international project *Challenge. The Changing Landscape of Liberty and Security in Europe*, financed from the EU's Sixth Framework Program. The project is coordinated by the Centre for European Policy Studies and carried out by a consortium of 21 partner organizations cooperating in 17 thematic areas devoted to various aspects of security policy and its influence on civic freedoms. Project-related activities include scientific research and promotional campaigns. On July 3–5, at the annual project conference in Budapest we presented the *Gateways to Europe. Checkpoints on the EU External Land Border* report from monitoring of the situation at European Union border crossing points.

### **Zagranica Group (coalition of Polish NGOs working abroad)**

In 2001, Batory Foundation initiated and since then has been involved in the work of a coalition of Polish NGOs operating outside Poland. The goals of the *Zagranica* Group include: exchange of information, cooperation with public administration, participation in shaping and implementing Polish aid policy, cooperation with related associations in other states, dissemination of information about the activity of Polish NGOs operating outside Poland and garnering public support for their activities. The Group comprises of more than 50 organizations. The Foundation's representative, Wojciech Tworkowski, is one of 6 members of the Executive Committee (managing board) of *Zagranica* Group.

In 2008, the *Zagranica* Group worked with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Polish Parliament to implement solutions that effectively involve Poland in development cooperation, especially through promoting adoption of the Act on Polish Foreign Aid. The Group also consulted the tenets of the “Polish Aid” program for the year 2009 and worked with the Development Co-operation Department of Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs on drafting an auxiliary document regarding the involvement of Polish institutions in Georgia. Moreover, the Group intermediated in exchange of information and enhancing the potential of its member organizations by organizing seminars and a series of working groups.

Batory Foundation activities in the *Zagranica* Group included the November presentation of the report *For the Future of Georgia in Europe. It's Time for Polish NGOs to Act* penned by Wojciech Tworowski of Batory Foundation and Witold Hebanowski from the Different Space Foundation. The report attempts to diagnose the situation in Georgia after the Ossetian conflict and defines the opportunities for Polish engagement in this region, especially through Polish NGOs. The report was commissioned by the Polish-American Freedom Foundation in cooperation with the Caucasus Plus working group of the *Zagranica* Group.

In 2008, the program was financed by funds from the Open Society Institute, Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (PLN 111,031.57) and the Centre for European Policy Studies CEPS (PLN 29,255.65).

<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 736,987.66</b>
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# Alcohol and Drug Program

The program was launched in 1996, to share Polish experiences in prevention and treatment of alcohol and drug addiction in East Central Europe, Central Asia and the Caucasus. We cooperate with non-governmental organizations and public administration in countries of these regions to help implement treatment and prevention methods proven in Poland. We organize seminars, workshops, internships and study visits, and support publication of literature, both professional and popular, on the addiction problems. We aim to develop cooperation among addiction professionals, the Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and others 12 Steps fellowships who provide the necessary support to the recovering alcoholics and addicts during clinical treatment and afterwards.

## ***Atlantis*: treatment of alcoholics in penitentiary institutions**

The program brought from the U.S. to Poland in 1990–1992 with the help of Batory Foundation, currently operates in 20 Polish correctional facilities. *Atlantis* offers rehabilitation of alcoholics based on the philosophy of 12 Steps and partnership with the AA. With our assistance, *Atlantis* units have been opened in several countries and regions, including Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, Lithuania, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Uzbekistan, Moldova, Siberia. Specific issues of treatment in prison and detailed presentation of the *Atlantis* model are presented and thoroughly discussed during seminars and workshops organized in Poland in cooperation with the State Penitentiary Headquarters and *Atlantis* units in Warsaw or Barczewo near Olsztyn.

## **Project Siberia**

Since 2005, addiction professionals from Poland and St. Petersburg, have trained hundreds of counselors and “narcologists” in Siberia and Russian far east. Our experts have shared their professional experience with colleagues in Irkutsk, Angarsk, Ulan-Ude, Chita, Novosibirsk, Vladivostok, Khabarovsk, Nakhodka, Magadan, Kamchatka and Sakhalin. Our close cooperation with local therapists has contributed to the development of Alcoholics Anonymous as well as Al-Anon and Adult Children of Alcoholics groups in Russia. New therapeutic centers have been opened in several locations offering effective treatment and aftercare to people suffering from alcoholism or drug addiction.

## **Seminars in Poland and abroad**

In 2008, we organized in Poland three events: a workshop for addiction counselors, a seminar for the media on drug policy in Poland and in the world, and the 14<sup>th</sup> Regional Summer School of Addiction Therapy. During the seminars held in Tajikistan, Bulgaria, Russia and Ukraine, we promoted *Minnesota* Model based on the 12 Steps program and close cooperation with the AA and Al-Alon groups. The seminar organized

in Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan) was attended by penitentiary staff from Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan interested in implementing *Atlantis* program in correctional institutions in their countries.

## Publications

In 2008, we published three issues of the popular journal on addiction problems *Arka* (in Polish, Russian and Bulgarian), as well as a translation into Bulgarian of a book *Recovery from Addiction* by Ewa Woydytło. We also supported publication of a book *Closer to Dreams* written and illustrated by children from the Ochota District Culture Center in Warsaw.

The program was financed by the Open Society Institute.

**Total program costs**

**PLN 615,992.75**

# Abbreviated Financial Report

## Grants and donations (in PLN)

Open Society Institute Foundation, Zug (Switzerland)	8,307,110.00
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, Flint, Michigan	2,569,920.00
Robert Bosch Foundation, Stuttgart	623,036.75
Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe, Washington	614,640.00
Remembrance, Responsibility and Future Foundation, Berlin	610,959.20
1% Personal Income Tax Donations	521,885.91
Ford Foundation, New York	428,517.00
Agora S.A., Warsaw	311,523.00
Individual Donor from the United States	139,398.00
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Warsaw	131,683.45
Agora Foundation, Warsaw	125,200.00
UE Transition Facility Program 2005	121,349.97
Friends of Batory Foundation, Washington	112,687.95
Individual Donors from Poland	39,662.15
NGO Fund - EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanism	35,996.67
Nestle Poland, Warsaw	30,000.00
Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels	20,677.72
Open Society Foundation, London	14,936.84
Damage fines adjudged by the courts in favor of the Foundation	4,900.00
Open Society Institute, Brussels	2,040.59
Axel Springer Poland, Warsaw	1,200.00
Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia	1,163.22
Polityka Cooperative, Warsaw	665.20
Caritas of the Hildensheim Diocese, Hildensheim (Germany)	494.00
Commercial Bank BH, Warsaw	169.28
Grants returned	194,424.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,964,241.00</b>

## Expenditures (in PLN)

Programs	12,806,017.29
Information and development	191,630.91
Administration	2,070,264.86
Depreciation	914,678.53
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,982,591.59</b>

## Expenditures according to programs (in PLN)

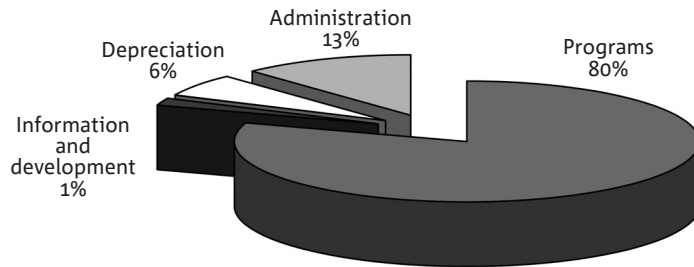
<b>Domestic programs</b>	
Batory Foundation Debates	172,072.84
Your Vote, Your Choice	1,349,184.87
Civic Institutions	936,767.44
Equal Opportunities	1,027,689.79
For Tolerance	532,060.83
Watchdog Initiatives	887,796.39
Legal Education	563,636.02
Anti-Corruption	538,707.64
<b>International programs</b>	
Community Initiatives Partnership	854,341.24
Memoria	680,425.74
East East: Partnership Beyond Borders	1,541,272.87
Citizens in Action	2,369,081.21
International Cooperation	736,987.66
Alcohol and Drug Program	615,992.75
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,806,017.29</b>

The average exchange rate for the year 2008 according to Polish National Bank:

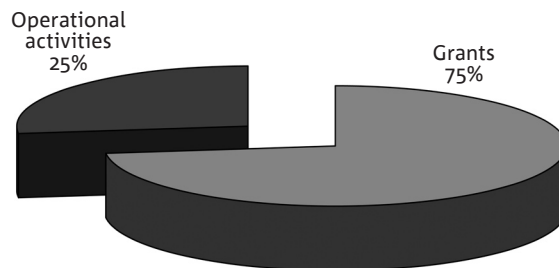
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1 EUR = PLN 3.5166

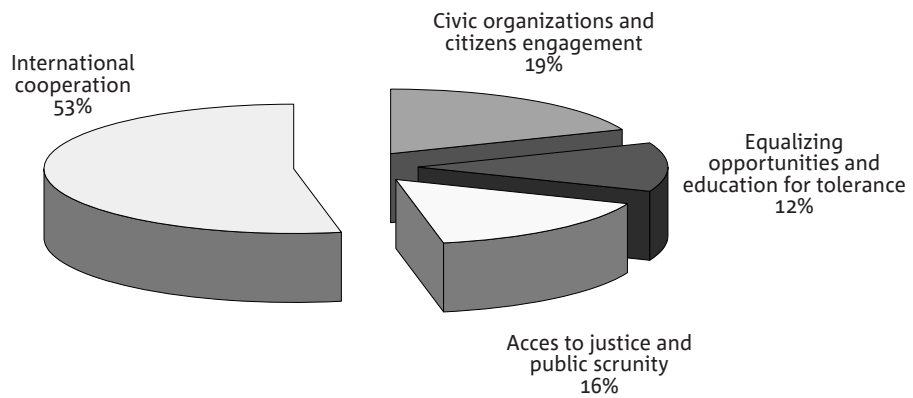
### Structure of total expenditures



### Structure of program expenditures



### Expenditures according to program areas





**Balance Sheet (in PLN)**

ASSETS		As of	
		31.12.2007	31.12.2008
1	2	3	4
<b>A</b>	<b>Fixed assets</b>	<b>95,718,056.14</b>	<b>56,771,373.12</b>
I	<u>Intangible fixed assets</u>	55,479.87	22,730.02
II	<u>Tangible fixed assets</u>	25,863,776.27	25,022,143.10
	– perpetual usufruct of land	3,450,805.08	3,450,805.08
	– building	21,644,260.92	20,984,272.56
	– equipment	768,710.27	587,065.46
III	Long-term investments	69,798,800.00	31,726,500.00
<b>B</b>	<b>Current assets</b>	<b>72,988,933.22</b>	<b>100,679,905.09</b>
I	<u>Short-term receivables</u>	1,596,723.76	442,166.56
	– trade receivables	327,298.31	237,653.50
	– financial receivables	1,223,324.06	174,859.29
	– other receivables	46,101.39	29,653.77
II	<u>Short-term investments</u>	71,360,001.23	100,210,309.15
1	Short-term financial assets	57,034,385.06	92,224,712.71
	– shares	36,711,236.14	15,805,284.24
	– government bonds, bank deposits, investment funds units	18,225,172.92	75,611,120.47
	– other (interest on government bonds)	2,097,976.00	808,308.00
2	Cash and other monetary assets	14,325,616.17	7,985,596.44
	– cash in hand and bank accounts	9,555,499.09	4,580,683.87
	– other cash (bank deposits)	4,770,117.08	3,404,912.57
III	<u>Prepayments</u>	32,208.23	27,429.38
	– short-term prepayments	32,208.23	27,429.38
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>168,706,989.36</b>	<b>157,451,278.21</b>

EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		As of	
		31.12.2007	31.12.2008
5	6	7	8
<b>A</b>	<b>Equity</b>	<b>165,599,504.94</b>	<b>154,018,619.81</b>
I	Statutory capital	108,477,504.35	129,943,584.83
	– unappropriated profit	108,384,919.51	129,827,006.60
	– start-up fund	92,584.84	116,578.23
II	Revaluation reserve	(154,882.63)	(2,526,354.38)
III	Financial result	57,276,883.22	26,601,389.36
	– from previous years	37,935,791.80	35,834,796.13
	– from current year	19,341,091.42	(9,233,406.77)
<b>B</b>	<b>Liabilities and provisions for liabilities</b>	<b>3,107,484.42</b>	<b>3,432,658.40</b>
I	Long-term liabilities	621,513.64	40,000.00
II	Short-term liabilities	2,227,633.55	3,170,111.86
1	To other entities	2,169,547.04	3,107,149.95
	– grants payables	1,728,223.22	1,860,787.65
	– trade payables	110,897.17	71,960.41
	– amounts owned to the state budget	136,312.96	104,267.18
	– social security payables	68,301.04	37,982.62
	– financial payables	95,882.10	393,687.95
	– wages and salaries payables	–	153,965.00
	– others	29,930.55	484,499.14
2	Social fund	58,086.51	62,961.91
III	Accruals and deferred income	258,337.23	222,546.54
	– short-term accruals and deferred income	258,337.23	222,546.54
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		<b>168,706,989.36</b>	<b>157,451,278.21</b>

## Profit and Loss Account (in PLN)

Item	Description	Amount	
		2007	2008
1	2	3	4
<b>A</b>	<b>Income from statutory activities</b>	<b>15,720,548.67</b>	<b>18,054,994.23</b>
1	Income from public benefit activity	13,684,344.10	14,964,24.00
2	Other income defined by statute	2,036,204.57	3,090,753.23
<b>B</b>	<b>Costs of statutory activities</b>	<b>13,545,613.35</b>	<b>12,806,017.29</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Gross profit on statutory activities A-B</b>	<b>2,174,935.32</b>	<b>5,248,976.94</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>Foundation office costs</b>	<b>3,491,248.18</b>	<b>3,176,574.30</b>
1	Material and energy consumption	243,937.46	250,356.69
2	Third party services	1,266,046.78	1,062,611.09
3	Depreciation	1,046,491.39	914,678.53
4	Salaries and related expenses	739,919.92	704,679.68
5	Other	194,852.63	244,248.31
<b>E</b>	<b>Other income</b>	<b>55,030.72</b>	<b>87,111.44</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Other costs</b>	<b>23,755.91</b>	<b>1,451.59</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>Financial income</b>	<b>21,113,369.95</b>	<b>4,921,824.96</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>Financial costs</b>	<b>483,303.48</b>	<b>16,308,508.22</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>Gross financial result on entire activity C-D+E-F+G-H</b>	<b>19,345,028.42</b>	<b>(9,228,620.77)</b>
<b>J</b>	<b>Corporate income tax</b>	<b>3,937.00</b>	<b>4,786.00</b>
	<b>Net profit I-J</b>	<b>19,341,091.42</b>	<b>(9,233,406.77)</b>



**REGISTERED AUDITOR'S OPINION  
ON THE ABBREVIATED FINANCIAL REPORT**

**TO THE COUNCIL OF FUNDACJA IM. STEFANA BATOREGO**

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The attached abbreviated financial report of Fundacja im. Stefana Batorego, ul. Sapieżyńska 10 a, Warszawa (hereafter referred to as "the Foundation") was prepared by the Management Board of the Foundation based on the audited financial statements of the Foundation for the year ended 31 December 2008 ("the financial statements"). The financial statements were prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Polish Accounting Act and the Decree of the Minister of Finance on specific accounting regulations for certain organisations other than commercial companies and not engaged in business.

We have audited the financial statements of the Foundation, from which the abbreviated financial report was derived, in accordance with auditing standards issued by the National Council of Registered Auditors in Poland. On 7 April 2009 we issued an unqualified audit opinion on these financial statements.

In our opinion, the a abbreviated financial report presented on the previous pages is consistent, in all material respects, with the Foundation's financial statements from which it was derived.

For a fuller understanding of the Foundation's financial position and the results of its operations for the year ended 31 December 2008, the abbreviated financial report should be read in conjunction with the financial statements from which it was derived and our opinion and audit report thereon.

On behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers Sp. z o.o.:

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Member of the Management Board  
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Kraków, 7 April 2009

