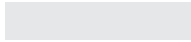




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About the Foundation

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:

■ improving the quality of Polish democracy

We support initiatives aimed at increasing civic participation and strengthening citizens' sense of responsibility for the common good. We are committed to transparency in public life and to promoting citizens oversight over the functioning of public institutions. We seek to raise the level of public debate and make the process of developing and implementing public policies more inclusive.

■ strengthening the role of civic institutions in public life

We support the development of non-governmental organizations and coalitions working to improve the quality of Polish democracy and expand international cooperation. We seek to professionalize and legitimize their activities, build up their credibility, and increase their influence on the public sphere.

■ developing international cooperation and solidarity

We are committed to closer ties between European Union states and the EU's eastern neighbors. We support activities that encourage exchange of experiences connected with the processes of political transition, building civil society, and solving social problems among the countries of Central and Eastern Europe. We seek to enhance the role of Polish NGOs in the international arena.

Foundation undertakes also activities aimed at equalizing opportunities of young people from poor communities and children with disabilities.

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 carry out – alone or in partnership with other organizations – in-house projects: we host public debates and conferences, organize seminars and workshops, issue publications, run social campaigns, engage in monitoring of public institutions and advocacy efforts.

About the Foundation

The Foundation partners with many institutions from Poland and abroad. It is a part of the Open Society Foundations network and a member of Polish Donors Forum, Polish NGOs Abroad and the European Foundation Centre. It participates in the work of Eastern Partnership Civil Society and Russia–EU Civil Society Forums.

In our activity we observe principles of transparency and accountability. Up-to-date information on our activities and grant-seeking opportunities is posted on our website www.batory.org.pl. 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.

Foundation in 2011

In 2011 our activities focused on **improving the quality of public life in Poland and the development of international cooperation and solidarity**. Particular emphasis was placed on increasing the participation of citizens in public life: from informed participation in parliamentary elections, through participation in the legislative process and policymaking, to public scrutiny over the functioning of public institutions. These objectives were pursued by grants awarded in the **Democracy in Action** and **Civic Coalitions** programs as well as through activities carried out by the **Your Voice, Your Choice** and **Anti-Corruption** programs.

In the **Democracy in Action** program we supported organizations which: engage in activities aimed to involve citizens in the dialogue with local authorities and decision making processes; develop, disseminate and implement propositions of systemic solutions that help to modernize different spheres of social and political life; monitor functioning of public institutions; counteract discrimination of minorities groups. To these aims we made 60 grants of a value of PLN 6 million.

The issue of civic engagement and mobilization of citizens for common good was at the core of our international **Civic Coalitions** program in which we offer support to NGO coalitions in the Visegrad countries (Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary) which advocate the interests of civil society and undertake efforts to influence public policies at the national and European levels. Last year 18 coalitions received grants to carry out their activities and strengthen their organizational capacity.

In the **Your Voice, Your Choice** program we continued activities to get citizens involved in the affairs of their local community and encourage informed participation in the general election. Last year we focused on building a dialogue between citizens and their representatives in local government, increasing women's participation in parliamentary elections, and monitoring the reliability and impartiality of information about the elections in television programs. 192 organizations, informal groups, local media organizations, schools, web portals, cultural centers, libraries, and cooperatives operating in 190 boroughs joined **Your Voice, Your Choice** action aimed to improve communication between citizens and local authorities. Participants competed for the **Super Local Government 2011** Award organized under the patronage of the President of Poland to promote the best practices of cooperation between citizens and local governments.

The Foundation-led NGO coalition conducted a nationwide voter turnout campaign, encouraging women to participate in the parliamentary elections. The campaign helped to reduce the difference between the women and men's turnout from 6.8% in 2007 to 2.5% in 2011. During the election campaign, we monitored the main news and information programs of public and commercial televisions, checking how these stations informed the public about the parliamentary elections and the candidates running in them.

In the **Anti-Corruption** program, we summed up how parties that held seats in the previous term of the Parliament carried out their promises to fight corruption. We evaluated the effectiveness of the anti-corruption measures of three successive governments in the years 2001–2011 recommending the development and implementation of a national anti-corruption strategy. We initiated a discussion about the need of a new legal framework that would streamline the law-making process strengthening the role of public consultations and implementing solutions increasing its transparency. We undertook evaluation of a system for preventing corruption introduced in several institutions of public administration and continued efforts to strengthen the legal protection of whistleblowers.

The **Batory Foundation Debates** focused on fundamental challenges in Polish domestic politics, especially those associated with cultural, social, and demographic changes and with the economic crisis. We discussed the changes on the Polish political scene, as well as the problems of economic reforms in the context of the global crisis. An important part of our debates were devoted to international affairs, especially Polish foreign policy, the crisis in the European Union, and EU relations with the eastern neighbors.

In our efforts to advance international cooperation and solidarity, we focused on the Eastern Partnership initiative, currently threatened by internal problems of the EU as well as growing authoritarian tendencies in Ukraine and Belarus. In particular, we were advocating for acceleration of the EU visa liberalisation with the EaP countries and Russia through the international **Coalition for the European Continent Undivided by Visa Barriers**, launched on our initiative in the fall of 2010, as well as in the **Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum**, formed at the European Commission. Within the Zagranica Group we established an interest group of Polish organizations working in Belarus. We co-organised the **EU-Russia Civil Society Forum**, a platform for increasing the impact of civil society institutions on the shape of EU–Russia relations and facilitating cooperation between non-governmental organisations from EU member states and Russia [**Open Europe Program**].

In September we opened the **Warsaw Office of the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)**, a pan-European think tank operating in several European Union countries that conducts research and promotes informed debate across Europe on the development of coherent and effective European values-based foreign policy. The task of the Warsaw Office is to bring Polish political and academic community into the Europe-wide debate on the problems of the European Union and its foreign policy.

We also continued to operate two Open Society Foundations network programs: **East East: Partnership Beyond Borders**, which supports international cooperation for democratic transformations and civil society development, and the **Regional Alcohol and Drug** program which disseminates Polish experiences in the field of addiction therapy and prevention.

The generosity of individual and business donors as well as 1% personal income tax contributions allowed us to continue our assistance to local organizations that provide scholarships for young people from small towns and rural areas and run integration programs for disabled children. Thanks to these donations 910 high school students receive scholarships in the 2011/2012 school year and 440 children participate in art therapy and integration programs [**Equal Opportunities**].

In 2011 we made **220 grants** totaling nearly **PLN 9.5 million**. We spent **PLN 6 million** on projects implemented by ourselves or in cooperation with partners.

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We could carry out our activities in 2011 thanks to grants and donations made by Polish and foreign private institutions, commercial organizations and individual donors, including taxpayers who donated us 1% of their personal income tax, and thanks to our own resources. We were assisted in our tasks by the advice and counsel of various institutions and private individuals

Most of our programs activities were financed from the funds donated by the **Open Society Institute**, founded by American financier and philanthropist George Soros. Thanks to grants from the **Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe** we co-funded projects on civic scrutiny in the Democracy in Action and Your Vote, Your Choice programs. With a multi-year grant from the **Charles Stewart Mott Foundation** we continued to support NGO coalitions active in the Visegrad countries.

Our projects aimed at equalizing educational opportunities for children and youth were financed from **1% personal income tax donations**, the revenue from an endowed **M Fund** established at the Foundation by a Polish private donor, donations of **Agora Foundation** and the **Quo Vadis Gavell Family Foundation** from the US, as well as gifts from **75 individual donors**. With the donation from the US based **Karol Uryga-Nawarowski Foundation** we supported projects aimed at children suffering from FAS. Through the donor advised **K Fund** we funded child nutrition programs and the purchase of books for children and youth to public libraries. From **Beata Pawlak Fund** we awarded an annual literary prize and with monies collected in **Iwona Winiarska-Feleszko** and **Putka Family** funds, we awarded scholarships to university students.

We wish to thank all our donors: individual, private and corporate for their continuous support. We express our gratitude to hundreds of Polish taxpayers who selected our Foundation as a beneficiary of 1% of their tax. With your help we can help others!

We thank experts, consultants and volunteers who served us *pro bono* with their professional advice and support as well as companies and institutions that provided us material and non-material assistance.

We would like to express our gratitude to all those who helped us in the past year in our campaigns to raise funds for the **Equal Opportunity** program. For the use of free advertising space and broadcasting time we thank: radio stations, newspapers and magazines of the **Agora SA**, as well as to **Radio Lublin**, **ThinkTank Magazine** and the **Warsaw ELE Taxi**. We extend special thanks to the **Ringler Informatik AG**, which gave us *pro bono* an online program to fill the personal income tax returns. We thank the **Eurobank**

Our donors

and Allianz companies for recommending our Equal Opportunities program to their employees and clients, as well as the bookstore chain Świat Książki, the chain of pre-schools Amo Play and Learn, the Kręglifyc restaurants, the Warsaw Polonia, Och-teatr, and IMKA theaters for distributing 1% campaign flyers to their clients and audiences.

We would like to thank all those who helped us in the *Women to the Polls!* voter turnout campaign organized by the Your Vote, Your Choice coalition. We thank Prof. Renata Siemińska, Joanna Piotrowska, and Małgorzata Borowska for helping us to develop the content of the campaign, the Albert Lumberjacker advertising agency which designed the strategy and promotional campaign materials, as well as the media house ZenithOptimedia Group-The ROI Agency for its assistance with media contacts. We thank Agnieszka Grochowska, Joanna Kos-Krauze, Krzysztof Krauze, and Krystyna Kofta for their involvement in promotional efforts, and Tadeusz Rolke and Armand Urbaniak for preparing the photos used in the campaign.

We thank numerous media and companies for broadcasting and distributing advertising and promotional materials: press titles of Agora SA (national and regional editions of Gazeta Wyborcza, Metro, Duży Format, Wysokie Obcasy); dailies: Dziennik, Gazeta Prawna, Rzeczpospolita, Polska The Times, Puls Biznesu; magazines: Gala, Fakt, Sens, Mój Piękny Ogród, Twoje Imperium, Bella Relax, Echo Miasta, Express Ilustrowany, Tele Magazyn; television stations: TVP INFO and TVN (TVN, TVN24, TVN Turbo, TVN Style, TVN Meteo); radio stations: Radio Zet, Chilli Zet, Złote Przeboje, Roxy FM, Tok FM, Radio Oko, Radio 5, Polskie Radio, Radio Centrum, Radio Er, Radio Park, as well as numerous local stations. We give our thanks to the Multikino cinema theatres and Silver Screen cinema in Łódź for free broadcasting of campaign spots and the POKA POKA artistic envelope for free distribution of campaign materials. We thank the portal www.ngo.pl, the magazines Pismo Samorządu Terytorialnego and Wspólnota, and the Polish Press Agency for its year-long media patronage of the Your Vote, Your Choice campaign.

We wish to express gratitude to all the associates and volunteers of our Foundation. We thank Mikołaj Cześnik from the General Election Study project and Rafał Szymczak, a PR specialist who supported the Your Vote, Your Choice coalition with their advice; as well as the volunteers Magdalena Łapa, Julia Wojciechowska, Tomasz Domański, Magdalena Mirkowska, Anita Dziewior, and Alicja Zalewska, an intern, for their assistance with the activities of the Your Vote, Your Choice program.

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We would like to thank individuals who supported the Anti-Corruption program with their knowledge and engagement: attorney Krzysztof Budnik and legal trainee Wojciech Jabłoński, attorney Łukasz Panasiuk and the law firm Wierzbowski Eversheds, who represented whistleblowers in labor courts on a *pro bono* basis, Bogna Baczyńska, who since 2002 has monitored a criminal case regarding bribery charges against the controller of the State Trade Inspection, and volunteer Magdalena Rychlik for monitoring the press.

Finally, we give our thanks to **Mirosław Czech, Anna Giza-Poleszczuk, Robert Krasowski, Rafał Matyja, Bartłomiej Sienkiewicz, and Mirosław Wyrzykowski** for making their texts available free of charge for publications of the **Batory Foundation Debates**, and to **Prof. Katarzyna Chałasińska-Macukow**, rector of the University of Warsaw, for making available the **Adam Mickiewicz Auditorium Maximum** for the *Europe and the World* debate.

Democracy in Action

The aim of the program is to promote attitudes of citizen responsibility for the quality of Polish democracy and to increase the participation of citizens and civic organizations in public life. We support nongovernmental organizations that undertake activities concerning: influencing public policies, engaging citizens in the decision-making processes of local authorities, monitoring the functioning of public institutions and counteracting discrimination.

In 2011 in two grant competitions we received over 470 letters of intent and supported 60 projects. Four of our grantees strove to influence public policies in such spheres as: energy, foreign policy and education of children with special needs.

Several organizations carried out projects aimed to engage citizens in the decision-making processes of local authorities. These activities – based primarily on various forms of social consultations – focus on specific issues such as landscaping parks in Lublin, programming budget of a culture center in Warsaw, adapting Mazovia province offices to the needs of the disabled. Several grants were made to organizations that run web portals with information about the activities of public institutions and public officials, and to organizations that run a Polish version of *fixmystreet* internet applications which enable the residents to report problems and contact the authorities.

The biggest group of our grantees are watchdog organizations which engage in monitoring legislative processes and functioning of the judiciary as well as scrutiny of various aspects of the work of local and state administrations, including policy and practice of counteracting discrimination.

The last group consisted of organizations which monitor incidents of a racist/xenophobic nature and manifestations of discrimination against groups subject to prejudice and hostility (Africans, persons of a different sexual orientation), and engage in research concerning: discriminatory practices towards Roma children in the school system, the state of anti-discrimination education and observance of the rights of foreign workers. Four organizations received grants for activities in local communities susceptible to majority/minority conflicts (refugees, Roma).

We continued our support to the Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups, which disseminates knowledge and experience regarding methods of civic scrutiny. We also continued cooperation with the Unit for Social Innovation and Research “Shipyard which received a grant for promotion of knowledge and experience in the area of civic participation.

In 2011, the program was financed from a grant by the Open Society Institute (PLN 5,189,575.02, including PLN 100,000 grant from the Information Program), the Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe (PLN 277,500) and the Batory Foundation’s own resources.

Grants	PLN 6,229,675.02
Program implementation	PLN 310,909.08
Total program costs	PLN 6,540,584.10

Grants

Influencing public policies

demosEUROPA – Centre for European Strategy, Warsaw

Developing proposals of new priorities of Polish European and foreign policy for the years 2012–2030. **PLN 120,000**

Institute for Structural Research, Warsaw

Developing recommendations on Polish climate policy for the years 2012–2030 in the area of eco-innovations which promote increased energy efficiency of the economy and harness clean energy. **PLN 93,500**

National Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations, Warsaw

Developing proposals to help NGOs make use of European funds in the years 2014–2020, undertaking advocacy efforts to adopt these proposals in official documents. **PLN 160,000**

Developing proposals for changes in the Law on Associations, consultations of these proposals in the NGO community. **PLN 50,000**

Im-Polite Kids - Hans Asperger Association for Assistance to Children with Latent Disabilities, Warsaw

Advocacy efforts to support legislative changes guaranteeing governmental subsidy to educational institutions for children with special needs, running an office of spokesperson for disabled school students (continuation of a project supported in the years 2009–2010). **PLN 69,000**

Involving citizens in local government decision-making processes

Mazovia Federation of Serving Organizations, Warsaw

Engaging the disabled and organizations representing them in developing recommendations on adapting the work of municipal offices in three towns in Mazovia province (Grójec, Mińsk Mazowiecki and Sochaczew) to the needs of the disabled people. **PLN 90,000**

Our House Foundation, Lutol Mokry

Activities to ensure the influence of foster families' associations on the work and selection of coordinators of foster family care in three counties in Lubuskie province (continuation of a project supported in 2010). **PLN 63,000**

Field of Dialogue Foundation, Warsaw

Organizing public consultations on the 2013 program budget of Warsaw Downtown Culture Center: defining the profile of users of the culture center, informational and promotional activities, workshops for residents and a consultation meeting. **PLN 60,000**

The Henryk Krzeczowski Res Publica Foundation, Warsaw

Engaging residents in developing local cultural policy in two cities (Łódź and Toruń) competing for the title of European Capital of Culture 2016 (part of the wider *DNA of a city* project). **PLN 100,000**

Landscaping Association, Kraków

Engaging residents in developing plans for two city parks in Lublin: open consultation meetings, workshops for town residents with the use of the *charette* method. **PLN 45,000**

Association of Friends of Pruszcz Gdański and Surrounding Townships, Pruszcz Gdańsk

Engaging residents in developing changes in the plan for spatial management of a historic sugar factory in Pruszcz Gdański: analysis of the current situation, open meetings, workshops for representative groups of town residents. **PLN 90,000**

Bona Fides Association, Katowice

Developing propositions to strengthen housing estate councils on the basis of analysis of the operation of local government subsidiary units in ten boroughs in Silesia province. **PLN 50,000**

Toruń Old Town Foundation, Toruń

Engaging residents in developing a program for revitalization of Toruń's Old Town: analysis of the current situation and conducting public opinion poll, open debates, work in focus groups, conference on revitalization of historical city centers for local government officials, meeting in public space. **PLN 130,000**

Enabling access to information on the activities of public institutions

eGovernment Foundation, Piaseczno

Running the sejmometr.pl portal which informs on the work of the parliament and about the activities of the MPs, expanding the portal to provide information on the legislative work of the Senate and the Council of Ministers and adding new properties (PLN 100,000 from the OSF Information Program). **PLN 200,000**

61 Association, Warsaw

Running and expanding the portal mamprawowiedziec.pl [votesmart.pl] which provides information on the deputies and candidates running in the general elections. **PLN 200,000**

Klon/Jawor Association, Warsaw

Expanding the mojabolis.pl [myapolis.pl] portal with variety of data and indicators on Poland and its inhabitants, developing recommendations on how public institutions can provide access to data. **PLN 194,000**

Project Poland Foundation, Warsaw

Developing a plan for implementing the open local government project aimed at taking advantage of the opportunities offered by the internet and other digital communication technologies, making public information more accessible to the citizens. **PLN 50,000**

NaprawmyTo.pl [Letsfixit.pl] – Polish version of Fixmystreet online platforms

Civic Initiatives Center, Słupsk

Launching Słupsk online Letsfixit.pl platform aimed at enabling residents to report problems and contact the authorities. **PLN 50,000**

Plan C Foundation for Social Initiatives, Kraków

Launching Kraków online Letsfixit.pl platform aimed at enabling residents to report problems and contact the authorities. **PLN 49,600**

Normal City Foundation – Phenomenon, Łódź

Launching Łódź online Letsfixit.pl platform aimed at enabling residents to report problems and contact the authorities. **PLN 41,000**

Project Poland Foundation, Warsaw

Launching Poznań and Przemysł online Letsfixit.pl platform aimed at enabling residents to report problems and contact the authorities. **PLN 50,000**

Sustainable Development Workshop, Toruń

Launching Toruń online Letsfixit.pl platform aimed at enabling residents to report problems and contact the authorities. **PLN 50,000**

DoxoTronica Association, Kraków

Launching Kraków county online Letsfixit.pl platform aimed at enabling residents to report problems and contact the authorities. **PLN 49,000**

Homo Faber Association, Lublin

Launching Lublin online Letsfixit.pl platform aimed at enabling residents to report problems and contact the authorities. **PLN 50,000**

Bona Fides Association, Katowice

Launching online Letsfixit.pl platform aimed at enabling residents to report problems and contact the authorities in three cities in the Silesian agglomeration (Bytom, Chorzów and Tychy). **PLN 50,000**

Monitoring the process of making and implementing law and functioning of the judiciary

Institute of Regional Development, Kraków

Monitoring implementation of newly adopted legal regulations concerning disabled persons in the field of higher education, electoral law and access to information (continuation of a project supported in 2010). **PLN 100,000**

Panoptikon Foundation, Warsaw

Monitoring legislative initiatives and practices of law implementation concerning the internet and new technologies with respect to threats to basic rights and freedoms, especially the right to privacy, access to information and freedom of speech (continuation of activities supported in 2010). **PLN 198,800**

Court Watch Poland Foundation, Toruń

Citizens oversight of the functioning of regional and district courts: recruitment and training of volunteer observers, improving tools for monitoring, undertaking efforts to introduce changes into the work of selected courts (continuation of a project supported in 2010). **PLN 177,000**

Polish Society for Anti-Discrimination Law, Warsaw

Monitoring the implementation of anti-discrimination regulations by the judicial system and cooperation of courts with NGOs in the process of implementing these regulations. **PLN 130,000**

Law and Society Institute, Warsaw

Development and dissemination among NGOs of various methods of monitoring judicial institutions. **PLN 200,000**

Monitoring local government institutions**Autonomy Foundation, Kraków**

Developing methods of monitoring the activities of Kraków local government aimed to prevent exclusion and discrimination. **PLN 31,696.84**

Grapefruit Foundation for Social and Cultural Initiatives, Oława

Monitoring of municipal offices and other public institutions in the Oława county with regard to the needs of people with disabilities, undertaking activities aimed to improve the accessibility of these institutions. **PLN 45,000**

Stańczyk Institute of Civic Thoughts, Kraków

Monitoring the financing of election campaigns of candidates for the Kraków City Council (supplement to the PLN 27,600 grant awarded in 2010). **PLN 5,678.18**

Normal City Foundation – Phenomenon, Łódź

Monitoring the activities of members of the Łódź City Council: their participation in the work of Council committees, voting in committees and in Council sessions. **PLN 100,000**

bike.com Foundation, Warsaw

Monitoring the process of public consultations of the bike routes investments, technical evaluation of the routes constructed as part of the project *Bicycle routes in Eastern Poland* implemented within the Operational Program of Development of Eastern Poland. **PLN 80,000**

Homo Faber Association, Lublin

Monitoring the work of local administration offices in Lublin in regard to their capacity to serve foreigners, undertaking activities to streamline the functioning of these offices, developing proposal for appointing a special assistant to the mayor of Lublin to handle matters relating to foreigners (continuation of a project supported in 2010). **PLN 95,000**

We the Citizens of Poznań Association, Poznań

Development and dissemination of methods of monitoring city authorities regarding development of urban spaces, organizing a social movement to introduce spatial order in cities. **PLN 117,800**

Association for Promoting Multiculturalism – Intercultural PL, Kraków

Advocacy efforts aimed at making Kraków public institutions adopt recommendations of the report on monitoring their adaptation to the needs of foreigners living in or visiting Kraków (continuation of a project supported in 2010). **PLN 20,000**

Bona Fides Association, Katowice

Analysis of the barriers in access to free legal aid provided by the state (duty lawyer services, legal counselling, exemption from court fees) as well as by other institutions and organizations in Silesia province. **PLN 33,400**

Warsaw Renters' Association, Warsaw

Monitoring the implementation of the multi-year program for managing the housing supply by Warsaw City Hall, undertaking activities aimed at making city authorities adopt recommendations developed as a result of the monitoring. **PLN 66,000**

Green Mazovia Association, Warsaw

Monitoring the implementation of regulations concerning pedestrian movement by the Warsaw City Hall and its subsidiary units – Warsaw districts authorities. **PLN 60,000**

Monitoring other public institutions**Centre for Economic Analysis CenEA, Szczecin**

Analysis of the results of reforms carried out in the years 2006–2011 in the system of personal taxation and benefits, collection and analysis of promises made during parliamentary election campaigns concerning changes in taxation and benefits. **PLN 86,000**

Student Assistance Fund Foundation, Warsaw

Examining the procedure of awarding scholarships from the state Fund for Material Assistance for Students at 100 private academic institutions: analyzing by-laws and regulations of scholarship and appeal committees (continuation of a project supported in 2010). **PLN 96,000**

Workshop for All Beings Association, Podlasie Chapter, Białystok

Monitoring institutions responsible for protecting Białowieża National Park (Regional Directorate of State Forests in Białystok and District Forestry Offices: Białowieża, Hajnówka, Browsk), participation in developing plans for managing forests. **PLN 48,000**

Association of Students, Graduates and Friends of KMISH University of Warsaw – ProCollegio, Warsaw

Monitoring functioning of parliamentarians' offices and the effectiveness of public funds spent on their operation: checking how constituents are served in the offices, scrutinizing their websites, analyzing the structure of expenditures on running these offices. **PLN 130,000**

Research, monitoring and reacting to various aspects of discrimination

Africa Another Way Foundation, Warsaw

Expanding the range of activities of the Warsaw-based Advocacy Committee for the African Community in Poland which reacts to cases of discrimination against Africans to five more cities with most numerous African population (continuation of a project supported in 2010). **PLN 96,000**

Women's Space Foundation, Szczawnica

Invisible (to) society – studying the problem of discrimination against lesbians living outside large urban centers and in rural areas, documenting and disseminating information on this subject. **PLN 90,000**

Campaign Against Homophobia, Warsaw

Developing and disseminating report on the situation of LGBT persons in Poland (project carried out in cooperation with the Lambda Association). **PLN 93,000**

Diversity Workshop Association for Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Transgender and Queer Persons, Toruń

Analysis of secondary school textbooks on biology, social studies and preparation to family life with regard to their treatment of LGBTQ issues, developing recommendations for possible changes in the textbooks and curricula. **PLN 65,300**

Polistrefa Foundation for Diversity, Kraków

Research on and counteracting of the manifestation of discriminatory practices based on religion in Małopolska province schools (manner of organizing lessons on religion and ethics, presence of religious symbols and content in school curricula and ceremonies). **PLN 100,000**

Foundation for Freedom, Warsaw

Developing and implementing a plan for promotion and fundraising for the Ethno-league project (multicultural football tournaments and cultural events accompanying them) aimed at counteracting problems of racism and sexism in football. **PLN 100,000**

Local Knowledge Foundation, Warsaw

Minority report – monitoring of postings on internet forums to check for hate speech towards ethnic, sexual, religious and other minorities: two surveys of national portals as well as surveys of local portals in five cities (Lublin, Łomża, Oświęcim, Radom, Wrocław) carried out in cooperation with local organizations (continuation of a project supported in 2010). **PLN 150,000**

Legal Intervention Association, Warsaw

Analysis of the policies of the Office for Foreigners concerning creation and closure of centers for refugees, developing proposals for changes to current policies, advocacy efforts to implement the recommendations (project carried out in cooperation with the Polish Migration Forum Foundation). **PLN 100,000**

Polish Humanitarian Organization, Warsaw

Information campaign on the rules for amnesty aimed at foreigners living illegally in Poland, monitoring the amnesty process in 2012. **PLN 80,000**

Association of Ukrainians in Poland, Warsaw

Information campaign aimed at increasing participation of the Polish Ukrainian national minority in the National Census in 2011. **PLN 146,000**

Activities in communities where the majority encounter minority groups

Buckle Foundation, Żywiec

Studying the problem of discrimination and racist behavior towards Roma people in Żywiec county, developing a program for combating this problem with the help of experts and representatives of local institutions. **PLN 97,000**

Salvation Foundation, Warsaw

Research on the attitudes of citizens towards refugees carried out jointly with the University of Warsaw Center for Research on Prejudice (supplement to the PLN 130,000 grant awarded in 2010). **PLN 27,300**

Integration of local communities and refugees residing in Łomża with special attention to children and youth – activities utilizing the results of research on attitudes of citizens towards refugees, carried out jointly with the University of Warsaw Center for Research on Prejudice (continuation of a project supported in 2010). **PLN 145,600**

Polish Migration Forum, Izabelin

Building good neighborhood relations between refugees and migrants and residents of Warsaw Białotąka district. **PLN 100,000**

Cultural Practitioners Association, Warsaw

Integration of local communities and refugees residing in two centers outside Warsaw: Dębak and Moszna. **PLN 100,000**

Partner organizations

The Unit for Social Innovation and Research – Shipyard, Warsaw

Laboratory of civic participation – running the portal partycypacjaobywatelska.pl [civicparticipation.pl] gathering and disseminating information about Polish and foreign methods and good practices in participatory democracy, organizing seminars and workshops aimed at deepening knowledge and exchanging experiences related to participation, issuing publications (continuation of activities launched in 2010). **PLN 295,000**

Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups, Warsaw

Civic watch – running the watchdog.org.pl portal gathering and disseminating information about the activities and experiences of Polish and foreign watchdog organizations, organizing regular and online courses, seminars and meetings aimed at deepening knowledge and exchanging experiences related to watchdog activities (continuation of activities conducted since 2007). **PLN 350,000**

Other grants

YoungRP Association, Warsaw

Creating and running a website connected with the 35th anniversary of the establishment of the Worker's Defense Committee (KOR). **PLN 20,000**

Association for the Forum on Non-Governmental Initiatives, Warsaw

Organizing the 6th Polish Forum for Non-Governmental Initiatives. **PLN 100,000**

Civic Coalitions

The program, planned for 2008–2013, has been 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 at the national and European levels.

We offer coalitions selected in two grant competitions core support grants aimed to enhance their resources and organizational capacity, increase professionalism and legitimacy of their operations, help them build credibility within the third sector and vis a vis public institutions, and increase their role and participation in civic dialogue. The coalitions may apply for 1–3 years grants up to EUR 15,000 annually. Continued support in succeeding years is contingent on approval of their annual reports and operating plans for the following year.

In 2011 – after the monitoring visits and the acceptance of the coalitions’ progress reports and the approval of their plans for the years to come – nine coalitions chosen in the first grant competition (announced in 2008) were awarded third and final annual core support grants: three from the Czech Republic, three from Slovakia, two from Poland and one from Hungary. In the second grant competition, announced in 2010 and resolved in 2011, a new group of nine coalitions were selected for support: four from the Czech Republic, three from Slovakia, one from Poland and one from Slovakia. They received first annual grants for activities to be undertaken in 2011.

In 2011, the program was financed from a grant by the C.S. Mott Foundation.

Grants	PLN 1,087,299.50
Program implementation	PLN 99,001.01
Total program costs	PLN 1,186,300.51

Grants

Czech Republic

Czech Transport Federation (Dopravní federace), Tabor

Third annual core support grant for a coalition that deals with the impact of transport on the natural environment.
EUR 15,000

Easy Giving Coalition (Koalice Za snadné dárcovství), Braha

Third annual core support grant for an informal coalition that implements solutions facilitating raising funds from individual donors.
EUR 15,000

SKOK Civic Association (SKOK občanské sdružení), Praha

Third annual core support grant for a coalition that advocates for the development of the social services market and equalizing the rights of NGOs providing social services with those of public institutions. **EUR 15,000**

Consortium of Migrants Assisting Organizations in the Czech Republic (Konsorcium nevládních organizací pracujících s migranty v České republice), Prague

First annual core support grant for a coalition that works to introduce legal regulations aimed to help integration and improve the conditions of immigrants. **EUR 15,000**

Our Politicians Civic Organization (Naší politici o.s.), Prague

First annual core support grant for an informal Czech-Slovak coalition that gathers information on politicians from various sources and makes it public. **EUR 15,000**

Revival Civic Organization (Oživení s.o.), Prague

First annual core support grant for the informal *Less Corruption Platform* coalition that monitors problems connected with corruption and conflict of interest in local governments and works for transparency of public institutions. **EUR 15,000**

Centre for Transport and Energy, CDE (Centrum pro dopravu a energetiku), Prague

First annual core support grant for the informal *Czech Climate Coalition* which brings together organizations involved with ecology, development and humanitarian assistance to tackle climate change issues. **EUR 15,000**

Poland

Polish NGOs Abroad (Grupa Zagranica), Warsaw

Third annual core support grant for a coalition that advocates for increasing involvement of Polish NGOs in international development aid. **EUR 15,000**

National Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations (Ogólnopolska Federacja Organizacji Pozarządowych), Warsaw

Third annual core support grant for a coalition that advocates on behalf of the NGO sector, supports regional and local NGO coalitions and represents the third sector vis a vis public officials. **EUR 15,000**

European Physical Activity Promotion Association 50+ (Europejskie Stowarzyszenie Promocji Aktywności Ruchowej 50+), Warsaw

First annual core support grant for an informal coalition, Forum 50+ Seniors of the 21st Century, that seeks to change stereotypical approach to older people and improve the quality of their lives. **EUR 15,000**

Slovakia

Ekoforum Service Centre (Servisné centrum Ekofóra), Bratislava

Third annual grant for the *Ekoforum* informal coalition (20 members) which articulates the interests of the environmental organizations and represents them before public authorities and other institutions. **EUR 15,000**

SOCIA Social Reform Foundation (SOCIA – nadácia na podporu sociálnych zmien), Bratislava

Third annual core support grant for the *SocioForum* informal coalition (100 members) that advocates for equal status of NGOs in the social service system and for citizens' right to choose service providers. **EUR 15,000**

Slovak Disability Council (Národná rada občanov so zdravotným postihnutím), Bratislava

Third annual core support grant for a coalition (21 members) that advocates on behalf of the interests of the disabled at the national and European level. **EUR 15,000**

Friends of the Earth-CEPA (Priatelia Zeme CEPA), Bratislava

First annual core support grant for the informal coalition *Independent Team for Monitoring of EU Funds* which monitors the programming and implementation of European Union Structural Funds. **EUR 15,000**

Hungary

Federation for the Development of Community Participation (Szövetség a Közösségi Részvétel Fejlesztéséért), Debrecen

Third annual core support grant for a coalition (10 members) which promotes civic participation in decision-making, supports development of local communities and represents their interests at the national level. **EUR 15,000**

Hungarian Anti-Poverty Foundation (Magyar Szegénységellenes Alapítvány), Budapest

Core support grant for an informal coalition, the *Hungarian Anti-Poverty Network*, that represents the interests of people living in poverty and fights against discrimination and social exclusion. **EUR 15,000**

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Hungarian Association of NGOs for Drug Prevention and Harm Reduction (Magyar Drogprevenációs és Ártalomcsökkentő Szervezetek Szövetsége), Budapest

Core support grant for a coalition that represents the interests of member organizations and works to increase effectiveness of their activities.

EUR 15,000

Nonprofit Information and Training Centre Foundation (Nonprofit Információs és Oktató Központ NIOK), Budapest

Core support grant for an informal coalition, the *Accountability and Trust Working Group*, that works to raise the operating standards of organizations which fund their activity from private donations.

EUR 15,000

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 partner organizations 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.

In 2011 we awarded grants for 17 projects. Polish experts took part in 14 projects organized in other countries of the region. The issues most frequently tackled by the program grantees dealt with advocacy on behalf of groups at risk of exclusion: people with disabilities, women, children, LGBT. We also supported initiatives relating to good governance, involvement of adults and youth in the work for the local community, and encouraging citizens to exercise their right to information. A new theme that appeared last year involved development of alternative approaches to pre-school education.

Increasingly, projects that we funded were initiatives of a long-term and multifaceted nature (bringing together partners from several countries). The majority of initiatives were based on exchange of experience and good practices, primarily with partners from Moldova, Ukraine and Georgia.

In 2011, the program was financed by a grant from Open Society Foundations East East: Partnership Beyond Borders Program (PLN 787,992.19) and the Batory Foundation's own resources.

Grants	PLN 688,971.11
Program implementation	PLN 145,446.21
Total program costs	PLN 834,417.32
Costs connected with closure of the Community Initiatives Partnership program run in 2004–2010	PLN 35,169.23

Grants

Partnerships

CAL Local Activity Support Center, Warsaw

New Methodologies for Community Activism in Russia and Poland – two study visits: in Poland with representatives of Russian NGOs and local authorities and in Russia with representatives of Polish NGOs and local authorities, aimed at introducing new methods of activating local communities (developing maps of resources and needs and charitable campaigns planning). **PLN 105,700**

Federation for Women and Family Planning, Warsaw

Sexual education of youth – workshops in Poland for representatives of NGOs from 9 countries devoted to developing new strategies of action for sexual education of youth and introducing the function of the youth spokesperson in schools. **PLN 42,680**

Ari Ari Foundation, Bydgoszcz

Partners: Best Practices of Advocacy for Disabled Persons – two study visits in Georgia and Armenia with psychologists, students and teachers from Armenia, Poland and Georgia aimed at preparing training courses on methods to help people with disabilities and running assistance centers (continuation of a project from 2010). **PLN 35,670**

Partnership for Warmia Local Action Group Foundation, Pieniężno

Strengthening Youth Activism: Participating in Community Development – two study visits: in Poland with Moldovan rural youth and teachers and in Moldova with Polish rural youth and teachers, implementing locally projects designed by school students, development of *The Atlas of Local Initiatives of Moldova and Warmia Rural Youth* (continuation of a project from 2010). **PLN 17,870**

Foundation in Support of Local Democracy Regional Center, Gdańsk

Active Local Communities – Active Cities – study visit in Ukraine by representatives of local governments and NGOs from Poland, and a study visit, workshops and a conference in Poland with participation of representatives of local governments and NGOs from Ukraine, aimed at developing methods for citizens to influence local authorities to introduce monitoring of the energy efficiency of public buildings. **PLN 50,637.39**

Comenius Foundation for Child Development, Warsaw

Developing Alternative Models of Pre-School Education – two study visits: in Poland with representatives of the educational system and NGOs from Tajikistan and Kazakhstan and in Tajikistan with representatives of the educational system and trainers from Poland, aimed at introducing new forms of education of small children in rural areas (establishment of local centers and adaptation of a Tajik program of pre-school education to Polish conditions). **PLN 68,590**

Polish-Ukrainian Cooperation Foundation PAUCI, Warsaw

Building Public-Private Partnership to Ensure Sustainable Community Development – study visit to Moldova by a foundation expert, aimed at developing recommendations on the necessary conditions for the development of PPP in Moldova (continuation of a project from 2010). **PLN 5,114.86**

Models of Decentralization Reforms and Local Autonomy – seminar in Moldova, two study visits in Poland and Latvia, and a conference in Moldova with Moldovan politicians, central and local administration officials and experts from Poland and Latvia aimed to prepare a project for local government reform in Moldova. **PLN 75,150**

Life with Dignity Foundation, Pruszcz Gdański

Social Inclusion of People with Disability – cycle of three study visits in Poland, Georgia and Ukraine by representatives of local governments and NGOs aimed to develop a model of decision-making by local authorities that takes account of the rights of disabled people and to advocate for appointment of the ombudsmen for disabled people at the local level. **PLN 45,188.29**

Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw

Absorption of International Assistance: Challenges for NGOs – cycle of four seminars in Ukraine aimed at evaluating the current state of play and analyzing the needs of Ukrainian organizations with regard to using European funds, two conferences in Poland and Ukraine disseminating the results of the analysis. **PLN 39,645**

Campaign Against Homophobia, Warsaw

Overcoming Discrimination / No Place for Homophobia in Sports – meeting and conference in Poland with representatives of sports clubs, NGOs and media from Croatia, France, Serbia, Slovenia and Ukraine as well as a study visit in Croatia for representatives of NGOs and media from Croatia, Poland, Serbia, Slovenia and Ukraine aimed at organizing a media campaign before and during Euro 2012 and a competition for journalists on homophobia in sports. **PLN 21,780**

Karat Coalition, Warsaw

Connect! Women in Development Cooperation: Gender Perspectives in Aid Effectiveness – workshops in Poland with representatives of NGOs and state administration from 11 countries aimed to prepare advocacy activities to involve women's perspectives in the strategies for developmental cooperation of the new EU member states. **PLN 30,870**

Educational Society for Małopolska, Nowy Sącz

Parent-Teacher Associations in Action for Community Development – study visit of Society's representatives to Azerbaijan, presenting the results of the competition for the best student project for the local community in Georgia and Azerbaijan (continuation of a project from 2010). **PLN 6,297.92**

Domestic Violence – Not With Us – study visit to Poland of representatives of NGOs from 12 countries aimed to develop a method for running a public campaign targeting children and youth on the need to oppose domestic violence. **PLN 38,827.36**

Warsaw Municipal Office

Young People: Citizens and Local Activists – study visit by representatives of educational institutions from Ukraine to prepare teachers and social workers to take advantage of Euro 2012 to activate urban youth. **PLN 22,331**

Centre for Eastern Studies, Warsaw

Critical Thinking to Accelerate Conflict Resolution in Moldova: Involvement of International Actors – participation of specialists from the Centre in conferences in Moldova and France, disseminating alternative proposals for resolving the conflict in the Transnistria region (continuation of a project from 2010). **PLN 6,303.32**

Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups, Warsaw

Citizens for Transparent and Accountable Governance – workshops for representatives of watchdog organizations from 9 countries devoted to experience sharing on effective ways to encourage citizens to exercise their right to information. **PLN 36,280**

Travels**Conference: Making Democracy Work Where Transition Seems to Fail: Challenges and Perspectives in the Western Balkans, Tirana, Albania**

Polish participant: Marta Kołczyńska (Collegium Invisible Association, Warsaw) **PLN 1,311.53**

Conference: What Future for Democracy and Civil Society?, Yerevan, Armenia

Polish participant: Maciej Nowicki (Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Warsaw) **PLN 2,676.23**

Conference: Quality Care for Children in Europe, Sofia, Bulgaria

Polish participants: Beata Kulig (SOS Children Village Association, Warsaw), Elżbieta Strzemieczna (Our Home Association, Warsaw) **PLN 1,888.50**

Conference: No to Cyber-Bullying!, Sofia, Bulgaria

Polish participant: Agnieszka Nawarenko (Nobody's Children Foundation, Warsaw) **PLN 1,764.02**

Conference: Establishing the EU-Russia Civil Society Forum, Prague, Czech Republic

Polish participant: Danuta Przywara (Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Warsaw) **PLN 1,482.72**

Conference: Empowerment of LGBTI Organizations in Eastern and Central Europe, Prague, Czech Republic

Polish participant: Hanna Cieślak, Greg Czarnecki (Campaign Against Homophobia, Warsaw) **PLN 2,412.08**

Conference: Past in the Present and Future: Identity and Personality during Communist Rule, Tallinn, Estonia

Polish participant: Przemysław Gosztold-Seń (Institute of National Remembrance, Warsaw) **PLN 1,023.73**

Conference: Participation in Public Life: Civic Activity of Students, Chisnau, Moldova,

Polish participant: Mateusz Celmer (Students Parliament Foundation, Wrocław) **PLN 2,766.08**

Conference: Successes and Failures of Two Decades of Development in post-Soviet Countries, Chisnau, Moldova

Polish participant: Witold Rodkiewicz (Center for Eastern Studies, Warsaw), Pavel Usov (Belarusian Centre of European Studies, Warsaw) **PLN 4,084.37**

Conference: Enhancing Palliative Care Compliance to International Standards, Bucharest, Romania

Polish participant: Józef Jan Biennebesel, Anna Janowicz, Piotr Krakowiak (I Like to Help Foundation, Gdańsk), Anna Mardofel (Hospice Association, Łódź) **PLN 6,563.40**

Conference: Alternative Measures of Development: Recommendations for Policy Debates – Indicators of Wellbeing, Bucharest, Romania

Polish participant: Michał Remisz (Barka Foundation for Mutual Help, Poznań) **PLN 2,567.99**

Conference: Judicial Reforms: Past and Future, Bratislava, Slovakia

Polish participants: Łukasz Bojarski, Barbara Godlewska-Michalak (National Council of the Judiciary, Warsaw), Dorota Marszałkowska (Regional Court, Bydgoszcz) **PLN 5,471.76**

Conference: External Independent Testing: International Experience of Implementation, Kyiv, Ukraine

Polish participants: Marek Barański (Students Parliament Foundation, Warsaw), Jadwiga Brzdąk (Regional Exam Commission, Jaworzno), Wojciech Małcki (Regional Exam Commission, Wrocław), Rafał Matuszewski (Manko Association, Kraków) **PLN 4,623.67**

Conference: International Perspectives on the Orange Revolution: 6 Years Later, Odessa, Ukraine

Polish participant: Grzegorz Gromadzki (expert, Warsaw) **PLN 1,399.89**

Equal Opportunities & Donor Advised Funds

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 the Foundation by corporate and individuals donors.

Local Scholarship Programs

Since 2000, we have been supporting a network of local organizations that: run scholarship programs for low-income youth from their communities raising funds from diversified sources (local governments, local businesses, individual donors, public collections, auctions, 1% designations) and engage scholarship recipients in volunteer work for local 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 financial standing of the applicant's family, his/her school record, involvement in the work for community and achievements in other non-academic pursuits. The scholarships, varying between PLN 75 and PLN 300 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's grants on at least 1:1 proportion. Apart from the grants, we offer to organizations technical assistance in establishing and operating scholarship programs, as well as trainings on fundraising, cooperation with local partners, media, volunteers and scholarship recipients.

In 2011, the program involved 39 organizations from 14 provinces, including 9 selected in 2011 grant competition. The organizations participated in a training (March) and a peer learning meeting (October). They received grants in total amount of PLN 608,085 which, increased by funds raised from other sources, enabled them to award monthly scholarships for 910 students in the school year 2011/2012.

In 2011, Local Scholarship Program was financed by funds from 1% personal income tax payments (PLN 566,137.50), donation of the Quo Vadis Gavell Family Foundation (PLN 41,947.50) and from the Batory Foundation's own resources. Moreover, Agora SA supported the program by in-kind contribution of the free-of-charge advertisements (value of PLN 1,619,114.80).

Rainbow Academy

Since 2008 we have been supporting organizations which in their work with the disabled children and youth from small towns and rural areas concentrate on use of drama techniques and art therapy. We offer these organizations grants and qualitative support: trainings and consultations designed and conducted by the Bielsko Artistic Association Grodzki Theatre.

In 2011, from among 90 letters of intent submitted in the open grant competition 20 projects were selected to receive grants of a total value PLN 168,400. The grants allowed 280 disabled youth and 160 of their healthy peers participate in different therapeutic activities: theater, dance, and art classes complete with stage production for local community, as well as in excursions to watch professional theatre performance. All grantees before developing final proposals took part in the trainings organized by the Grodzki Theatre. Instructors from the Grodzki Theatre have been monitoring the work of the grantees, providing in-place consultations for the pedagogues and supervising their work with the children.

In 2011, Rainbow Academy was financed from the donation by the Agora Foundation (PLN 100,000), income from the M Fund (PLN 68,400) and from the Batory Foundation's own resources.

Donor Advised Funds

The Foundation administers several donors advised funds established from donations and gifts by private individuals. Monies from these funds are used to support activities that lie in the donors' areas of interest and are in conformity with the Foundation's statutes.

M Fund

In 2002, thanks to a donation made to the Foundation by a private donor, an endowed donor advised M Fund was established. Income generated by the Fund is allocated annually for assistance to needy children.

In 2011, M Fund earnings were used to finance 8 grants in the amount of PLN 68,400 for projects that use scenic arts in work with the disabled children (see the list of grants in the Rainbow Academy section).

K Fund

The Fund was established with two donations made by a private donor in 2005 and 2010 with an aim to expand public and school library collections for children and youth, provide school meals for malnourished children, and support organizations running local scholarship programs.

In 2011, 2 grants in the amount amount of PLN 100,000 were disbursed.

Karol Uryga-Nawarowski Fund

The Fund was established in 2008 with an annual donation by the US based Karol Uryga-Nawarowski Foundation to help organizations that support and provide therapy to children and youth suffering from the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS), as well as provide training, support and professional assistance to their families, therapists and teachers.

In 2011, we provided 2 grants in the amount of PLN 44,000.

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 scholarships for 1st year students from low-income families and small communities who enroll at Warsaw-based state universities.

In 2011, three students were awarded scholarships of PLN 500 per month totaling PLN 15,000.

Spread Your Wings J. and J. Putka Fund

The Fund was established in 2011 by Putka family to support young people from low-income families who intend to study at Polish state institutions of higher learning.

In 2011 the Fund awarded 29 grants to cover costs of enrollment at the universities in the amount of PLN 4,135 and 15 scholarships for 1st year students of PLN 630 per month in the amount of PLN 9,450.

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 .

In 2011 the Beata Pawlak Award went to Witold Szabłowski for his book *Killer from the Apricot City: Reportages from Turkey* (Czarne, Wołowiec 2010). The award ceremony was accompanied by a debate described in the Batory Foundation Debates section).

Equal Opportunities – grants	PLN 846,485.00
Donor Advised Funds – grants, scholarships, award	PLN 204,737.00
Meetings and trainings	PLN 23,557.40
Program implementation	PLN 198,329.49
Cost of 1% income tax campaign	PLN 45,206.99
Program promotion costs (in-kind contribution of the free-of-charge advertisement in Agora SA media)	PLN 1,619,194.80
Total program costs	PLN 2,913,953.28

Grants

Local Scholarship Programs

One Heart Foster Parents Association, Biata Podlaska

Scholarship program for middle and high school students from foster families and Family Homes affiliated with the Association – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 28 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year.

PLN 10,000

Give Us a Chance Foundation, Skarżysko-Kamienna

Scholarship program for high school students from Skarżysko county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 24 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year (grant funded from Quo-Vadis Gavell Family Foundation's donation).

PLN 20,000

Elbląg Foundation, Community Foundation of Elbląg Region, Elbląg

Scholarship programs for middle and high school students from Elbląg and Elbląg county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 28 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year.

PLN 20,000

Community Foundation in Leżajsk, Leżajsk

Scholarship program for middle school students from Leżajsk borough and high school students from Leżajsk county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 40 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 13,850**

Community Foundation of Biłgoraj Region, Biłgoraj

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Biłgoraj county and Zwierzyniec borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 28 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 20,000**

Cultural Initiatives Foundation, Radomsko

Scholarship program for artistically talented secondary school students from Radomsko county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 20 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 20,000**

Foundation for the Development of Wieluń County, Wieluń

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Wieluń county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 20 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 20,000**

Garden of Dreams Foundation, Jarocin

Scholarship program for secondary school students from the boroughs of: Jarocin, Jaraczewo, Kotlin, Nowe Miasto, Żerków – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 15 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 12,000**

Social Welfare Foundation, Brzeszcze

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Brzeszcze borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 16 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 7,500**

Family Foundation, Sławno

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Sławno county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 27 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 20,000**

Foundation for the Development of Gołdap Region, Gołdap

Scholarship program for high school students from Gołdap county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 29 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 20,000**

Foundation for the Development of Łukta Region, Łukta

Scholarship program for high school students from the boroughs of: Łukta, Gietrzwałd, Miłomłyn, Ostróda, Morąg – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 39 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 20,000**

Foundation for Development of Świętochłowice, Świętochłowice

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Świętochłowice – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 16 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 15,000**

Sokółka Community Foundation, Sokółka

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Sokółka borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 26 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 20,000**

Vive Foundation Heart to Children, Kielce

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Staszów – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 30 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year (grant awarded from Quo-Vadis Gavell Family Foundation's donation). **PLN 20,000**

Snow Mountain Community Fund, Stara Bystrzyca

Scholarship program for secondary school students from four boroughs of Snow Mountain area: Bystrzyca Kłodzka, Łądek-Zdrój, Międzyzlesie and Stronie Śląskie – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 59 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 20,000**

Success for Each Child Srokowo Association, Srokowo

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Srokowo borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 21 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 16,000**

Barciany Educational Initiative, Barciany

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Barciany borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 24 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 20,000**

Czajnia Association, Tomaszów Lubelski

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Tomaszów Lubelski – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 18 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 15,500**

Widok Association of Cultural Education, Białystok

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Białystok – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 18 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 20,000**

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

Scholarship program for high school students from the Group of Agricultural Schools – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 25 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 20,000**

Inspirations Association for Local Community Development, Rozdrażew

Scholarship program for middle school students from Rozdrażew borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 8 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 8,000**

Nidzica Community Foundation, Nidzica

Scholarship program for high school students from Nidzica county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 23 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 20,000**

Dezydery Chłapowski Educational Association, Kościan

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Kościan county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 16 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 20,000**

Krajna and Pałuki Partnership Association, Nakło nad Notecią

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Nakło county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 12 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 13,000**

Helping Hand Association, Złoty Stok

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Złoty Stok borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 19 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 10,000**

Without Barriers Association for Assisting the Disabled, Zakliczyn

Scholarship program for high school students from the boroughs of Czchów, Gromnik, Pleśna and Zakliczyn – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 34 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 20,000**

Promenade Association, Wyszaków

Scholarship program for high school students from Wyszaków borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 28 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 12,000**

Friends of Jednorożec Area Association, Jednorożec

Scholarship program for middle school students from Jednorożec borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 9 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 6,000**

Society of the Friends of Muszyna Almanac, Muszyna

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Muszyna and Krynica boroughs – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 13 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 10,000**

Association of Friends of Pruszcz Gdański and Surrounding Townships, Pruszcz Gdański

Scholarship program for middle school students in the boroughs of: Przywidz, Pszczółki, Trąbki Wielkie, Suchy Dąb, Cedry Wielkie – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 10 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 12,000**

Haven Association, Iława

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Iława county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 29 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 20,000**

Association for Development of Łągów Borough, Łągów

Scholarship program for middle school students from Łągów borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 33 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 10,000**

Zarzecze Borough Development Association, Zarzecze

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Zarzecze borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 8 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 6,000**

Świętokrzyskie Region Community Foundation, Kielce

Scholarship program for secondary school students from the region of Świętokrzyskie – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 16 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 20,000**

W.A.R.K.A. Association, Warka

Scholarship program for middle school students from Warka borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 35 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 17,000**

Association for Child Development, Pustelnik

Scholarship program for middle school students in Stanisławów borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 12 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 10,000**

Echo of Pyzdry Cultural Association, Pyzdry

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Pyzdry, Pleszew, Słupca and Września boroughs – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 4 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 4,235**

Local Government Association, Konin

Scholarship program for high school students from the counties of: Gniezno, Koto, Konin, Słupca, Turek and Września – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 56 scholarships were awarded for the 2011/2012 school year. **PLN 20,000**

Rainbow Academy**Bielsko Artistic Association Grodzki Theatre, Bielsko-Biała**

Cycle of trainings and consultations for organizations applying for grants in Rainbow Academy program on using theatrical and drama techniques in work with disabled children. **PLN 70,000**

Cultural Initiatives Foundation, Radomsko

Integration theater and dance classes for 23 wards of the Assistance for Physically Handicapped Children and Youth group at the Friends of Children Society, and 10 healthy peers (scouts, siblings), preparation and presentation of 3 performances, trip to a theater (grant financed by the Agora Foundation) **PLN 8,200**

Open Your Wings, Somonino

Integration theater and dance classes for 15 elementary and middle school students (including 7 disabled) from Somonino borough, preparation and presentation of a performance, trip to a theater (grant financed by the M Fund). **PLN 8,500**

Alternative Association for Active Support for Families, Prudnik

Theater classes for 10 students from the Special Educational Center conducted with the assistance of 5 disabled volunteers, support classes with a psychologist and speech therapist, trip to a theater (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). **PLN 6,500**

Be Together Association for the Disabled, Aleksandrów Kujawski

Theater classes on environmental and family issues for 13 young people under the care of the Association and for 10 healthy peers (siblings, pre-schoolers, young volunteers), preparation and presentation of 2 shows, trip to a theater, participation in the disabled persons' theaters festival (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). **PLN 10,000**

Smile Association for Disabled Children, Wałcz

Integration theater classes for 15 young people under the care of the Association and their siblings (15 people), preparation and presentation of a show, participation in an artistic festival (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). **PLN 6,000**

Everyone Has a Chance Association for Special Needs Children and Youth at the Special Education Center in Olbęcín

Milk-wolves – theater classes for 14 students from the Special Educational Center, preparation and presentation of a performance, trip to a theater (grant financed by the M Fund). **PLN 8,200**

Association for Integration of Special Needs Children and Youth in Zamość, Zamość

Fairy-tale world as a medicine for our sadness – integration theater classes for 14 students of the Special Educational Center and 10 children from the neighboring housing project, preparation and presentation of 2 shows, participation in a theatrical festival, trip to a theater (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). **PLN 8,500**

Life-boat Association for Disabled Persons, Gniew

In the magical world of the theater – stage classes (theater, dance, drumming, juggling) for 25 students of the local middle school (including 20 from special classes), trips to theaters, participation in a school art festival (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). **PLN 9,500**

Straight from the Heart Association for Disabled Persons, Dębica

Synesthesia – theater classes for 20 students of the school for children with special needs and 20 students from the high school organized with the assistance of 20 volunteers, preparation and presentation of shows, sessions with a psychologist and a speech therapist (grant financed by the M Fund and the Agora Foundation). **PLN 10,000**

Understanding Their World Association for Disabled Persons, Międzyrzec Podlaski

Little Spark – theater classes for 12 students of the Special Educational Center, preparation and presentation of 2 performances, participation in an artistic festival, trip to a theater (grant financed by the M Fund). **PLN 9,900**

The Source Association for Students and Graduates of Special Education School, Ostrowiec Świętokrzyski

Enchanted theater – theater classes for 12 students of the Special Education School and 14 children from the Little Pearls ensemble from the City Cultural Center, preparation and presentation of a show, trip to a theater (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). **PLN 8,300**

It's Simple Association. Center for Personal Development, Stubice

Four seasons – integration theater and dance classes for 10 students of the Special Educational Center and 6 students of the Economic-Agricultural School, preparation and presentation of a show, trip to a theater (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). **PLN 8,000**

Association of Friends of Special Needs Children and Youth, Długopole Zdrój

Momo – integration theater classes for 8–12 students of the Special Educational Center and 13 peers (residents of Długopole Zdrój and members of the TUB Street Theater), art classes (doll-making), preparation and presentation of a show, participation in the amateur theaters festival (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). **PLN 8,500**

Association of Friends of the Center, Świdnik

Theater classes for 10 students of the Special Educational Center, preparation and presentation of a performance, participation in theatre festivals (grant financed by the M Fund). **PLN 5,400**

Same as Others Association of Friends of Special School, Jarocin

We are the same – theater classes for 20 students of the Jarocin Special School, preparation and presentation of 2 shows, participation in artistic festivals, trips to theaters (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). **PLN 6,400**

School without Barriers Association, Łapy

Theatrical circle – theater classes for 15 elementary school students (including 10 disabled) from classes for children with special needs, preparation and presentation of a performance, trips to theaters (grant financed by the M. Fund). **PLN 9,000**

Mitek Association for Support of Disabled Persons, Wojcieszów

Help me express myself – theater classes for 12 students from special schools in Wojcieszów and Złotoryja and 6 participants of Occupational Therapy Workshops in Świerzawa, preparation and presentation of a performance, trips to a theater (grant financed by the M Fund). **PLN 8,000**

Ab Ovo Association for Support of Disabled Persons, Sieradz

Family life theatre – integration theater classes for 8 students from Special Educational Center and 8 students from Catholic School, sessions with a speech therapist, preparation and presentation of a show, trip to the theater and opera (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). **PLN 9,500**

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

GRiM Team – education, development, integration – integration theater classes for 15 students from the Special Educational Center and 5 peers from a local middle school, preparation and presentation of a show, organization of integration theater meetings, trips to theaters (grant financed by the Agora Foundation). **PLN 10,000**

Society of the Friends of Children, Płońsk

Integration theater classes for 15 disabled and 10 healthy children under the care of the Society, preparation and presentation of a show, participation in artistic festivals, trip to a theater (grant financed by the M Fund). **PLN 10,000**

Donor Advised Funds

M Fund

(for the list of grants subsidized from the Fund see the Rainbow Academy section above)

K Fund

ABC XXI Foundation, Warszawa

Promoting reading among children and youth (providing 264 libraries in Poland with 2,600 copies of books awarded in the 2nd Astrid Lindgren Literary Competition for best contemporary children and youth book in Poland, as well as with 580 copies of educational books encouraging “education through reading”) **PLN 50,000**

Polish Humanitarian Organization, Warszawa

Providing meals to children in elementary, middle schools and day care centers (from the grant 14,700 meals were funded for 150 children in 10 schools). **PLN 50,000**

Karol Uryga-Nawarowski Fund

Foster Parents Association, Elbląg Chapter

Comprehensive assistance for children and youth with FAS raised in foster families and children homes in Elbląg, Braniewo and Sztum counties (diagnosis and individual therapy, workshops for parents and caretakers, training for therapists). **PLN 22,000**

Rainbow of Hearts Family Support Foundation, Szczecin

Dissemination of knowledge about FAS in schools in West Pomerania district (poster campaign, training of educators) as well as assistance for children suffering from this syndrome (consultations, diagnosis and individual therapy, workshops for foster parents and those in charge of family children's homes). **PLN 22,000**

Iwona Winiarska-Feleszko Fund

Scholarships of PLN 500 monthly for the first year of studies (in 2011 grants were paid for September-December). **PLN 6,000**

Scholarships recipients:

Marta Dorszyńska, a student at the Warsaw School of Economics

Ewelina Jesionowska, a student of Finance and Accounting at the University of Warsaw

Daria Pszena, a student of Interdisciplinary Studies in the Humanities at the University of Warsaw

Spread Your Wings J. and J. Putka Fund

Scholarships ranging from PLN 105 to PLN 405 to cover university enrollment costs of 29 secondary school graduates. **PLN 4,135**

Scholarships of PLN 630 monthly for the first year of studies (in 2011 grants were paid for September-December). **PLN 37,800**

Scholarships recipients:

Konrad Czarniewski, a student of Construction at Warsaw University of Technology

Katarzyna Fleśman, a student of Economics at the Poznan University of Life Sciences

Mateusz Głąbiński, a student of Ocean Technology, Specialization in Shipbuilding, at the Gdansk University of Technology

Paulina Habułyk, a student of Administration at the University of Gdansk

Aneta Jankowska, a student of Construction at Poznań University of Technology

Agnieszka Lewińska, a student of Medical Analysis at Nicolaus Copernicus University

Paulina Malczyk, a student of European Studies at the University of Warsaw

Natalia Murawska, a student Finance and Accounting at Koszalin University of Technology

Tomasz Nierychły, a student of Information Technology and Econometrics at Poznan University of Economics

Anna Ozimek, a student of Pharmacy at the Medical University of Lublin

Tomasz Paczos, a student of Electronics, Information Technology and Telecommunications at the Warsaw University of Technology

Patrycja Pudełko, a student of Pedagogy at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin

Olga Sokołowska, a student of Economics at the University of Humanities and Sciences in Kielce

Artur Świtata, a student at the Warsaw School of Economics

Natalia Wojtków, a student of Pharmacy at the Jagiellonian University

Meeting of scholarships recipients

PLN 2,802

Beata Pawlak Fund

Beata Pawlak Award

PLN 10,000

Batory Foundation Debates

Batory Foundation Debates are an attempt at establishing an independent meeting and discussion forum for politicians, professionals, public intellectuals and journalists. We have long organized conferences and discussions on changes taking place in our country, in Europe and in the world, on Polish and EU foreign policy and international affairs. Our goal has been to foster public debate on issues important to the future of our country and region.

In 2011, our debates focused on fundamental challenges in Polish domestic policy, including the consequences of the presidential plane crash of April 10, 2010, changes in the Polish political scene, and the problem of economic reforms in the context of the global crisis. We also dealt with international affairs, especially Polish foreign policy, the European Union and its relations with our eastern neighbors. We organized discussions around three reports by the European Council on Foreign Relations published in Polish-language versions: *The Spectre of a Multipolar Europe* by Ivan Krastev and Mark Leonard, *Turning Presence into Power: Lessons from the Eastern Neighbourhood* by Nicu Popescu and Andrew Wilson, and *The Scramble for Europe* by François Godement and Jonas Parelló-Plesner (the first two supplemented with commentary by Polish experts).

Full reports on all the meetings, along with complete audio recordings, are posted on the Foundation's website.

Current political and social problems

Prospects for Poland's New Right

January 13

The emergence of a new party Poland Comes First raised the question of whether a new party located between the ruling Civic Platform and the opposition Law and Justice can find its place on the political scene. Participants: **Ludwik Dorn** (independent MP), **Witold Gadomski** (*Gazeta Wyborcza* daily), **Joanna Kluzik-Rostkowska** (MP, Poland Comes First), **Cezary Michalski** (*Europa* monthly, *Krytyka Polityczna* journal). Moderator: **Aleksander Smolar** (President, Stefan Batory Foundation).

Post-Catastrophe Poland. State – Society – Politics

April 7

Conference about the social and political consequences of the tragic Smolensk air crash and floods of 2010. Moderators: **Jacek Kochanowicz** (Stefan Batory Foundation Board), **Aleksander Smolar** (President, Stefan Batory Foundation).

Session I: What have we learnt about Polish state?

Panelists: **Aleksander Hall** (University of Information, Technology and Management in Rzeszów), **Rafał Matyja** (Business University – National-Louis University in Nowy Sącz), **Andrzej Rychard** (Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw), **Wiesław Staśkiewicz** (Law Department, University of Warsaw), **Mirostaw Wyrzykowski** (Faculty of Law, University of Warsaw).

Session II: What have we learnt about Polish society?

Panelists: **Henryk Domański** (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology Polish Academy of Science), **Mirostawa Grabowska** (Director of Public Opinion Research Centre), **Anna Giza-Poleszczuk** (Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw), **Ireneusz Krzemiński** (Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw), **Janusz Reykowski** (Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities).

Session III: Catastrophe, disasters and politics

Panelists: **Dariusz Gawin** (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Science), **Maciej Gdula** (*Krytyka Polityczna* journal; Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw), **Robert Krasowski** (*Europa* monthly; Immanuel Kant Foundation), **Radosław Markowski** (Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Stefan Batory Foundation Board).

Polish Youth: Problem and a Challenge

May 30

Conference devoted to the problems of the young generation in the face of growing pressure associated with cultural, social, and demographic changes and the economic crisis. Moderator: **Aleksander Smolar** (President, Stefan Batory Foundation).

Session I: Young people as a sociological and economic category

Panelists: **Paweł Dobrowolski** (Sobieski Institute), **Henryk Domański** (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Science), **Barbara Fatyga** (Youth Research Center, University of Warsaw), **Tomasz Szlendak** (Institute of Sociology, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń), **Hanna Świda-Ziemba** (Institute of Applied Social Sciences, University of Warsaw).

Session II: Young people as political actors

Panelists: **Szymon Gutkowski** (Project: Poland, Stefan Batory Foundation Board), **Krzysztof Mazur** (Jagiellonian Club), **Wojciech Przybylski** (*Res Publica Nowa* monthly), **Michał Sutowski** (*Krytyka Polityczna* journal), **Karolina Wigura** (*Kultura Liberalna* journal).

The State and the Citizen: Transparency and Its Limits

September 29

Debate on the conflict between transparency in public life and protection of privacy in the context of a growing trend by state institutions to conceal more and more areas of public life while infringing upon the privacy of citizens with the use of new technologies (street video cameras, cell phone bills, etc). Participants: **Grażyna Kopińska** (Stefan Batory Foundation), **Paweł Łuków** (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, University of Warsaw), **Ewa Siedlecka** (*Gazeta Wyborcza* daily), **Szymon Wróbel** (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences), **Mirostaw Wyrzykowski** (Faculty of Law, University of Warsaw).

Moderator: **Celina Nowak** (Institute of Legal Studies, Polish Academy of Science, Batory Foundation Anti-Corruption program Advisory Board).

Who Have We Elected? What Have We Chosen? 2011 Elections **October 13**

Discussion on the results of the parliamentary elections in October 2011 and the emergence of a new party – the Palikot Movement – on the Polish political scene, heralding a major political and cultural change. Participants: **Janusz Czapiński** (Department of Psychology, University of Warsaw), **Jarostaw Flis** (Faculty of Management and Social Communication, Jagiellonian University) **Mirosława Grabowska** (Director of Public Opinion Research Center) and **Radosław Markowski** (Faculty of Social Science, Warsaw School of Social Sciences and Humanities). Moderator: **Aleksander Smolar** (President, Stefan Batory Foundation).

Poland's Dividing Lines **December 9**

Discussion on social divisions and conflicts in Poland, new ones – of a cultural and moral nature, such as women discrimination, gender equality, the rights of sexual minorities, and traditional ones – connected with class differences and economic inequalities. Participants: **Józefina Hryniewicz** (Member of Parliament, Institute of Applied Social Sciences, University of Warsaw), **Joanna Kluzik-Rostkowska** (Member of Parliament, former Minister of Labor and Social Policy), **Andrzej Rychard** (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences) and **Michał Sutowski** (*Krytyka Polityczna* journal). Moderator: **Aleksander Smolar** (President, Stefan Batory Foundation).

Government Plans and Poland's Development Challenges **December 15**

Conference on fundamental challenges facing the new government, both in the economic sphere (budget deficit, tax policy, re-privatization) and in social policy (retirement age, reform of farmers insurance fund and pensions of the uniformed services, youth unemployment). Introduction: **Leszek Balcerowicz** (Warsaw School of Economics, former Deputy Prime Minister and Deputy Finance Minister). Participants: **Henryka Bochniarz** (President, Polish Confederation of Private Employers – Lewiatan), **Stanisław Gomulka** (Chief Economist, Business Center Club, former Deputy Finance Minister), **Mirosław Gronicki** (Deputy Finance Minister), **Janusz Jankowiak** (Chief Economist, Polish Business Council), **Ryszard Petru** (Chairman, Association of Polish Economists), **Agnieszka Chłoń-Domińczak** (Institute for Structural Research, former Deputy Minister of Labor and Social Policy), **Katarzyna Duczkowska-Małysz** (Institute of Social Economy, Warsaw School of Economics), **Maciej Duszczyk** (Institute of Social Policy, University of Warsaw), **Stanisława Golinowska** (Institute of Public Health, Medical College, Jagiellonian University), **Aleksandra Wiktorow** (Academy of Finance, former President, Social Insurance Institution). Moderator: **Aleksander Smolar** (President, Stefan Batory Foundation).

International relations and regional problems

Europe and the World **February 21**

Debate on the presence of the European Union in the world and the need for a strong EU foreign policy. The event attended by the ECFR board members, was organized on the occasion of launching the ECFR

Office in Warsaw. Opening remarks: **Martti Ahtisaari** (ECFR Co-Chair, Nobel Peace Prize laureate, former President of Finland). Speakers: **Radosław Sikorski** (Foreign Minister of Poland, ECFR Council member), **Timothy Garton Ash** (Professor of European Studies, Oxford University, ECFR Board member), **Ivan Krastev** (Board Chair, Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia, ECFR Board member), **Mark Leonard** (ECFR Director). Moderator: **Aleksander Smolar** (President, Stefan Batory Foundation, ECFR Board member).

A Multipolar Europe? The European Union, Russia and Turkey **February 22**

A debate among experts about the place of the European Union in international relations in the face of the breakdown of the post-Cold War unipolar European security order and system of cooperation, spurred by *The Spectre of a Multipolar Europe* report by Ivan Krastev and Mark Leonard. Opening remarks: **Ivan Krastev** (Board Chair, Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia, ECFR Board member), **Mark Leonard** (ECFR Director). Moderator: **Aleksander Smolar** (President, Stefan Batory Foundation).

The debate was accompanied by publication of the Polish version of the report, supplemented with commentary by Polish experts: Adam Balcer, Mirosław Czech, Olaf Osica, and Bartłomiej Sienkiewicz.

Europe's Future: Viewing Crisis as Opportunity **June 1**

Debate on the weaknesses of the European project revealed by the Eurozone crisis and on possible remedy scenarios. Introduction: **Marek A. Cichoński** (Natolin European Centre), **Mikołaj Dowgiewiełowicz** (Poland's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs), **Lena Kolarska-Bobińska** (Member of European Parliament), **Dariusz Rosati** (Warsaw School of Economics, former Minister of Foreign Affairs), **Konrad Szymański** (Member of European Parliament), **Paweł Świeboda** (demosEUROPA – Centre for European Strategy). Moderator: **Aleksander Smolar** (President, Stefan Batory Foundation).

European Neighbourhood Policy: an Example of EU's Helplessness? **July 19**

Discussion among experts on the European Union's relations with its eastern neighbors and the need to define long-time political perspective attractive for countries of the Eastern Partnership. Participants: **Paweł Bagiński** (Stefan Batory Foundation), **Konstanty Gebert** (ECFR Warsaw Office), **Paweł Kowal** (Member of European Parliament), **Nicu Popescu** (ECFR London). Moderator: **Klaus Bachmann** (Stefan Batory Foundation Board).

The starting point for the discussion was the Polish translation of the ECFR report *Turning Presence into Power: Lessons from the Eastern Neighbourhood* by ECFR fellows Nicu Popescu and Andrew Wilson, supplemented with commentary by Polish experts Andrzej Brzezicki, Bartosz Cichoński, Andrzej Szeptycki, and Marcin Wojciechowski.

How did Europe Become a Union? Lessons and Cautions for Today **October 27**

Discussion about the ways Europe had integrated in the past, historical concepts for building its unity, integration processes after the Second World War that led to the emergence of European Union, prospects of continuation of the European Commonwealth and steps essential for preventing its breakup. Partici-

pants: **Krzysztof Pomian** (philosopher/ historian, Scientific Director of the Museum of Europe in Brussels), **Aleksander Smolar** (political scientist, President, Stefan Batory Foundation), **Maciej Zięba O.P.** (theologian, philosopher, political commentator).

Poland's Policy Towards Its Eastern Neighbours: Continuity, Correction or Break? November 21

Debate among experts on Poland's Eastern policy in the past 5 years and new challenges: the need to be prepared for a "long march" and "organic work", to support sovereignty of post-Soviet states and to develop contacts at the level of societies. Introduction: **Bogumiła Berdychowska** (political commentator), **Paweł Kowal** (member of European Parliament, Poland's former Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs) and **Bartłomiej Sienkiewicz** (political commentator). Moderator: **Aleksander Smolar** (President, Stefan Batory Foundation).

Other debates

The Author and the Protagonist, the Author and the Reader Debate on the occasion of the 9th edition of the Beata Pawlak Award October 15

Debate among the feature writers and photojournalists about their work and their relations towards the protagonists of their texts and photographs: about methods of acquiring materials, the limits of infringing on the privacy of persons described, and the responsibility towards the protagonists of their work and towards the readers. Participants: **Magdalena Grochowska** (*Gazeta Wyborcza* daily), **Miłada Jędrzyk** (columnist), **Tadeusz Rolke** (photographer, photojournalist) and **Witold Szablowski** (*Gazeta Wyborcza* daily). Moderator: **Konstanty Gebert** (columnist, ECFR Warsaw Office).

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The program's goal is to increase public interest in local affairs and to encourage civic participation in public life, including an informed and responsible participation in local and parliamentary elections. In order to achieve these goals we organize social and awareness raising campaigns. We work with the local organizations assisting them in undertaking activities that spur civic participation, foster dialogue between constituents and their representatives in local governments and integrate local communities around local problems solving. We carry out activities aimed to increase voter turnout and improve the quality of elections, as well as ensure reliable, unbiased information about elections and candidates on public television.

Your Vote, Your Choice project

In cooperation with the School of Leaders Association since 2006 we have been mobilizing civic organizations to take part in the nationwide action aimed to stimulate public debate on local issues with the participation of residents and local authorities, and to reinforce a sense of joint responsibility for the election promises and decisions made on the election day. The project is open to any organization or informal group as well as libraries, schools, and other institutions which register at the portal www.maszglos.pl and make a commitment to implement a set of tasks aimed at mobilizing civic participation. All registered participants are offered substantive support, which includes a cycle of workshops, individual consultations and expert advice, instruction and promotional materials as well as information and experience sharing through the project's website.

In 2011, the project focused on improving the flow of information between citizens and local governments elected a year earlier. The participants undertook at least one of the following tasks: develop a set of rules regulating communication and cooperation between the local government and the residents, develop guidelines for public consultations related to the management of public space, introduce regular meetings between residents and councilors in commonly frequented places, organize meetings with town and village mayors to present local government action plans and budgets for 2012, engage in a nationwide voter turnout campaign in the run-up to parliamentary elections.

192 organizations, informal groups, local media, schools, web portals, cultural centers, libraries and cooperatives from 159 localities joined the project, undertaking 184 activities in their communities. 16 participants who carried out all the tasks designed for 2011 edition of the project competed for the *Super Local Government 2011* award, held under the honorary patronage of the President of Poland.

The School of Leaders Association organized a series of workshops and trainings for project's participants: an opening conference presenting the tasks to be undertaken; three-day workshops on methods for engaging residents and promoting activities in the local community; two workshops of the School

of Moderators preparing participants to organize and moderate meetings and debates, and a one-day seminar for mayors and village leaders who distinguished themselves through their cooperation with project's participants. We also facilitated contacts with local authorities and media, provided consultations on the responsibilities and competences of local government as well as advice on legal regulations. The project's website served as an interactive platform for exchange of information and experience sharing among participants, promotion of the project and dissemination of information on activities carried out at a local level.

Voter turnout campaign

The activities carried out locally by non-governmental organizations taking part in the *Your vote, your choice* project were complemented and reinforced by a nationwide voter turnout campaign before the October 9 parliamentary election. The 2011 campaign run under the slogan *Women to the polls!* addressed underrepresentation of women in the politics and at the polling stations. targeted women constituency. It was devised and carried out by a broad coalition of NGOs comprising the Center for Citizenship Education, the European Forum at the Warsaw University European Center, the Civil Development Forum, the Project: Poland Foundation, the Information Society Development Foundation, External Advertising Chamber of Commerce, Chamber of News Publishers, the Polish Confederation of Private Employers *Lewiatan*, the Polish Robert Schuman Foundation, Local Press Association, Association of Marketing Communications SAR, Local Newspapers Association, the Friends of Integration Association, the School of Leaders Association.

The strategy and campaign materials were developed by the Albert Lumberjacker agency. The activities of the coalition were supported by the ZenithOpitmedia Group media agency. Campaign spots were broadcast in the TVN and TVP Info television networks, in Multikino cinemas network and Silver Screen cinema in Łódź, as well as in public and commercial radio stations. Ads appeared in major national newspapers (including *Gazeta Wyborcza* and other periodicals published by Agora SA, *Dziennik*, *Gazeta Prawna*, *Rzeczpospolita*, *Polska The Times*, *Puls Biznesu*, and *Fakt*) as well as in the regional press. On the eve of the elections, *Gazeta Wyborcza* placed a voter turnout sticker on its front page, while the gazeta.pl portal displayed a banner.

As part of the voter turnout campaign we published *All about Eve* booklet describing the problem of women discrimination in Poland and explaining the reasons for their low participation in public life. 9,000 copies of the publication were delivered to secondary schools, small towns libraries, Krytyka Polityczna clubs, Congress of Women participants, local community and opinion leaders.

During voter turnout drive, we carried out an intensive information campaign about election procedures. Leaflets and posters were dispatched by members of the voter turnout coalition to 1,200 schools, 400 libraries, 300 European clubs, and 70 organizations taking part in the *Your Vote, Your Choice* project. The School of Leaders Association distributed informational materials about the possibility of voting outside the place of residence to local community leaders. Leaflets about the possibility of postal voting were delivered to leaders of Polish communities abroad. 100,000 postcards with information on voting procedures were sent out in artistic covers to patrons of cafes and clubs in 13 large cities in Poland.

Information campaign was carried out in the Internet on a special campaign website: Kobietynawybory.pl [Womentothepolls.pl] and on Facebook, which contained election manual and calendar, promotional materials in downloadable format, information about changes in the election law about voter turnout campaigns carried out locally by *Your vote, your choice* project's participants.

In 2011 the turnout in the elections was 49.2%, less than in previous parliamentary elections (54%), but more than observers of the political scene had predicted pointing to growing popular disillusionment

with Polish politics. The campaign helped to reduce the difference between the men and women's voter turnouts: according to public opinion polls (TNS OBOP agency) in 2005 women's turnout was 4.5% lower and in 2007 even 6.8% lower than men's, whereas in 2011 the difference shrank to 2.5%.

Citizens and Elections seminars

Together with organizations participating in the voter turnout coalition, we engaged in advocacy efforts aimed at changing the electoral law in order to make it easier for citizens to participate in elections and make informed voting decisions. Some of our recommendations were incorporated in the Electoral Code which came into force before the 2011 parliamentary elections. These include the possibility of voting by post and by proxy (for seniors, disabled persons, and persons residing abroad) and measures to make voting easier for disabled people (Braille covers on ballots for the visually impaired, the possibility of voting in locations without physical barriers), as well as the extension of voting hours (from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm). Also, the Code gives the President of Poland the right to call a two-day election.

In December we launched a series of *Citizens and Elections* seminars aimed to discuss the problems connected with the elections and develop recommendations which will encourage informed voting and high voter participation. The first seminar was attended by experts and academics (sociologists, political scientists, lawyers) as well as representatives of NGOs working to increase civic participation in public life. The discussion focused on the ways to ensure elections offer voters real right to choose representatives, to increase the quality of candidates' and political parties' platforms, and to encourage citizens to vote and to run for office.

Monitoring TV information programs during election campaign

During the October parliamentary election campaign, we monitored the main information programs of public and commercial TV to check how they fulfilled the task of informing citizens about the parliamentary elections and the candidates running for public office. As part of the monitoring, we tracked the amount of time devoted to the election campaign, to the committees running candidates, and to the candidates themselves, and evaluated the context in which they were presented. Furthermore, we studied the correlation between the time spent on candidates and the manner in which they were presented. We analyzed also the categories of themes and main topics exploited during the election campaign as well as studied the means of non-verbal communication used for conveying information. During the monitoring process we issued weekly reports on our findings, and after the elections we published final report summarizing the results of the observations. The monitoring was carried out by a team of sociologists from the Theory of Social Change Laboratory at the Institute of Sociology of University of Warsaw. It was based on the methodology modeled on the National Democracy Institute's guide *Media Monitoring to Promote Democratic Elections*. The reports from the monitoring are available on the Foundation's website www.batory.org.pl.

In 2011 the program was financed from the grants by the Open Society Institute (PLN 706,135.11), the Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe (PLN 273,577.92) and from the Batory Foundation's own resources. Companies: Agora SA, Bauer Publishing House, G+J Gruner+Jahr Poland Ltd. & Co., Burda Publishing Media Poland, Infor Biznes Ltd., Bonnier Business (Poland), supported voter turnout campaigns with in-kind donations in the form of free classified ads in their media outlets equivalent to PLN 1,274,419.50.

Grants	PLN 370,000
Program costs (including free classified ads for media campaign valued PLN 1,274,419.50)	PLN 2,052,388.02
Total program cost	PLN 2,422,388.02

Grants

School of Leaders Association, Warsaw

Partnership cooperation in organization of Your vote, your choice action, i.a. assistance and trainings for organizations participating in the project (continuation of activities carried out since 2006).

PLN 370,000

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 anti-corruption strategies. We investigate the transparency of campaign financing and public expenditures. We observe the legislative process and support regulations that ensure transparency in decision-making and provide defense against corrupt practices. We also provide legal counseling to individuals who, having disclosed corruption crime, face harassment from employers and authorities.

Monitoring of electoral promises

This project has been operated since 2001 by the NGO Anticorruption Coalition, which consists of the Batory Foundation, the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, the Foundation for Social Communication, the Civic Education Center, the School for Leaders Association and the Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups, and the Healthy State Association. 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 annual conferences and summed up in a report presented at the end of the term of the Parliament.

On October 6, 2011 we organized the last review conference of the 6th term of the Parliament, during which we summed up the commitments of individual parties to fulfill the promises made in the 2007 election campaign. In our opinion, in the previous term neither the opposition nor the governing coalition did much to fulfill their promises to tackle corruption. The planned changes in the management and operations of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau were not implemented. No activities were undertaken to put in place preventive programs in all public institutions. Implementation of the government's anti-corruption strategy ended in 2009, and no new strategic document taking a long-term view was prepared as a replacement. Not even the medium-term *Anti-Corruption Program for 2011–2016* developed by the Ministry of Internal Affairs was adopted by the end of the government's term in office.

At the conference we also presented the answers of four parliamentary parties: Civic Platform, Law and Justice party, Peasant Party and Left Democratic Alliance to a questionnaire sent during the election campaign to the seven national election committees running candidates for parliament in the 2011 elections. In the questionnaire we asked the committees about proposals to improve the quality and transparency

of governance in selected areas of public life (education, special services, electoral corruption, protection of whistleblowers, recruitment for the supervisory boards of state-owned companies).

The Coalition also expresses its opinions on important matters concerning the fight against corruption. In 2011 it expressed its concern about the liquidation of the position of Government Plenipotentiary for Developing a Program for Prevention of Irregularities in Public Institutions and the transferring the tasks relating to corruption prevention to the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau. It also presented the results of its efforts to obtain information on the government's bill on the so-called "Anti-Corruption Shield" designed to protect the process of privatization of state-owned entities as well as public procurements against corruption. After being denied access to the document setting up the Anti-Corruption Shield, the Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups, on the behalf of the coalition, filed an appeal against the prime minister's decision with the Provincial Administrative Court. In December 2010, the Court ruled that the refusal of the prime minister to release information was unlawful. In June 2011 this decision was upheld by the Supreme Administrative Court, dismissing the prime minister's cassation appeal and ordering the release of the document in question. The Coalition obtained a copy of an extract from the minutes of session no. 5/08 of the Special Services Committee, and found out that the project to create an "Anti-Corruption Shield" was limited to notes of an informal discussion between heads of the special services.

Activities to implement an anti-corruption strategy

Driven by the conviction that a precondition for transparent good governance of the state is development and implementation by the government of a long-term anti-corruption strategy, we have been carrying out activities aimed at monitoring and evaluating actions taken thus far by the government in the fight against corruption on one hand and, on the other, we have engaged in searching, formulating, and promoting proposals for anti-corruption solutions.

In 2009–2011 we evaluated the effectiveness of the anti-corruption measures of three successive governments in the years 2001–2011 (Left Democratic Alliance – Peasant Party, Law and Justice – Self-Defence – League of Polish Families, Civic Platform – Peasant Party). For this purpose, two sociological research projects were conducted: the first, evaluating the effectiveness of various types of preventive measures implemented by government institutions and selected local governments in the years 2001–2007, and the second, evaluating the effectiveness of preventive measures taken by government institutions in the years 2008–2010. These research projects were supplemented by two analyses: a sociological-legal one: *Prosecution of corruption crimes in the years 2000–2010 in light of official data* (comparing the number of ongoing and completed prosecutions in corruption cases and the types of detected crimes, and evaluating the impact of changes in the Criminal Code on the detection of corruption), and a political analysis presenting a critical evaluation of the implementation of the government's *Anti-corruption program in the years 2005–2009*. A report from the research was presented at a conference on December and sent to Polish and international institutions responsible for fighting corruption.

Based on the program's ten years of experience and the experiences of other countries in our region we developed guidelines for designing and properly implementing a national anti-corruption strategy. The manual *How to Fight Corruption*, showing step by step how to develop and implement a national anti-corruption strategy in Poland was presented at plenary sessions of the State Control and the Administration and Internal Affairs parliamentary committees. Some of the our recommendations, such as requirement for external evaluation of the implementation of the anti-corruption program, were included in the draft Government Anti-Corruption Program for the years 2011–2016 prepared by the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

The manual was translated into English and Russian and made available for organizations participating in the anti-corruption working group at the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum. During the November meeting of the Forum in Poznań we organized a seminar for participants from Eastern European countries on ways of developing effective anti-corruption strategies.

Promoting transparency in politics

For the past ten years we have been undertaking activities aimed at introducing legal solutions that will increase transparency of legislative processes and politics financing. In these activities we use knowledge and experience gained in the process of monitoring of electoral campaign financing, functioning of Lobbying Act and observance of the legislative procedure.

Monitoring legislative procedure

In 2006–2008, pursuant to the Lobbying Act adopted in 2005, we monitored the legislative process of selected laws important in preventing corruption and increasing transparency of public life. Conclusions from the monitoring, which revealed lack of transparency of legislative process and lack of mechanisms ensuring effective participation of citizens together with our recommendations regarding changes in law and in practice have been summed up in a publication *The Transparency of the Law Making Process*. In 2009 we set up the Citizens Legislative Forum which has been undertaking advocacy efforts to implement the proposals and recommendations developed over the past few years. The Forum brings together people taking part in the legislative process or monitoring it: representatives of NGOs and the academic and scientific communities, law firms, and professional lobbyists.

In 2011 the Citizens' Legislative Forum, supported by experts in constitutional law initiated a discussion on the merits of creating new legal frameworks that would reorganize the law-making process, strengthening the role of public consultations in this process and implementing solutions increasing its transparency. In May Forum members took part in a public debate attended by the President, as a result of which the Chancellery of the President began to work on developing proposals for changes in the legislative procedure. Since the autumn, Forum members have taken part in a series of working seminars organized through the Presidential Forum for Public Debate, focusing on issues concerning public consultation as well as lobbying and advocacy.

In September, as part of the 6th National Forum of Non-Governmental Initiatives, the Citizens' Legislative Forum organized a public discussion on the topic *How much does the voice of citizens and non-governmental organizations count in the legislative process?* Members of the Forum gave their opinions on the second version of the draft law on lobbying as well as the draft strategy *Efficient State 2011–2020* prepared by the Ministry of Internal Affairs. They also took part in consultations on the statement of purpose for a draft law on an electronic platform for consultation on legal acts, prepared by the Ministry of Economy's Department of Regulatory Reform.

Transparency of political parties and electoral campaign financing

In 2005–2009, we monitored the financing of three election campaigns: presidential, local and elections to the European Parliament. Based on this experience we developed recommendations to increase the transparency of election campaign financing and practice many of which were reflected in the new Electoral Code adopted by the Parliament in 2010.

In 2011 we were advocating for increasing the scope of information contained in the financial reports of election committees' and a more transparent presentation of their expenditures. Our recommendations were reflected in the forms prepared by the Finance Ministry for 2011 local election campaign. On the invitation of the parliamentary committee we participated in the sessions devoted to the discussion on the draft bill on political foundations where we recommended adoption of similar principles for the political foundation funding as those existing in the law on political parties and in the Electoral Code.

Preventing corruption in practice

In order to identify and promote effective tools for reducing corruption risks in public institutions we have undertaken evaluation of corruption preventing systems which have been introduced in several public institutions in Poland.

In 2011, aided by two external experts: Dr Piotr Koryś (an economist) and Dr Cezary Trutkowski (a sociologist), we conducted comprehensive evaluation of Corruption Preventing System implemented at the Ministry of Economy under ISO 9000. In our evaluation we assessed the appropriateness of the adopted procedures, the quality of their implementation and degree of their observance by the ministry employees. Our examination comprised of: analysis of documentation, interviews with the representatives of the company which implemented the system as well as representatives of certifying institution, interviews with the management and staff of the ministry, the ministry's clients, contractors, and cooperating institutions. In December we produced the initial report which was submitted to the ministry for its preview. The complete results will be presented in the final report which will evaluate the system and its implementation in the Ministry.

Support and protection for whistleblowers

Since 2009 we have been working to strengthen legal protection for individuals who, acting in good faith and out of concern for the public good, disclose irregularities or unethical behavior in their workplace, at the risk of mobbing, loss of employment or professional marginalization. In some countries, particular Anglo-Saxon ones, such individuals, known as whistleblowers, receive statutory legal protection, separate from the general rules of labor law. In Poland, they either do not benefit from any protection (in connection with civil law contracts or temporary work contracts) or may claim their rights on the basis of Labor Code regulations. The latter, however, by not recognizing specificity of their activities do not provide sufficient legal protection for whistleblowing.

In 2011 we focused on activities aimed at strengthening legal protection of whistleblowers in labor law. In April, at a conference with participation of representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ombudsman Office, inspectorates of the National Labor Inspection, judges presiding at labor courts, and representatives of NGOs, we presented a report on research on the effectiveness of labor law regulations with regard to protection of whistleblowers we had conducted in 2010 with the support of the Royal Embassy of the Netherlands among 29 judges presiding at labor courts. The judges' responses confirmed the inadequate protection in labor law of persons reporting irregularities in the workplace. The results of the research were submitted to the parliamentary Legislative Committee.

In order to learn the effectiveness of legal solutions concerning protection of whistleblowers in other countries, we organized a working seminar on September 27–28 devoted to legal protection of whistleblowers.

wers in Eastern European countries, Great Britain and Ireland. During the seminar, representatives of the State Anti-Corruption Commission in Slovenia, as well as activists from Transparency International in the Czech Republic, Estonia, Ireland, Lithuania, Latvia, Romania, and Hungary and from the British organization Public Concern at Work presented a variety of legal solutions concerning protection of whistleblowers in European legislation: from a single legal act covering a wide range of professional groups and different forms of employment (Great Britain, Romania), to protection of whistleblowers informing on irregularities of a corrupt nature (Slovenia), to protection guarantees in various legal acts (Ireland). The experts agreed that the optimal protection for whistleblowers should be based on one universal legal act. They were also in accord that the minimum standard of regulation should be to treat retaliatory actions against whistleblowers as a form of discrimination and to shift the burden of proof in the process to the employer. The experiences of the seminar participants concerning advocacy efforts they had undertaken to strengthen protection of whistleblowers in their countries showed that effective action must be taken at the national level while the European Commission mechanism for monitoring anti-corruption systems in member states can serve as an auxiliary tool for stimulating new legal solutions.

In the past year, as part of our legal aid for whistleblowers, we observed six court proceedings. Acting as a social representative, we attended four cases at labor courts, one at a criminal court in a slander case and one at a civil court in a case concerning personal rights violation. In cooperation with the Pro Bono Center we appointed a *pro bono* attorney for two whistleblowers, which led to the first precedent-setting rulings. In one case, a trial court awarded damages to a plaintiff, stating in its justification that the dismissal of an employee disclosing irregularities was incompatible with the principles of social coexistence. In another case, a trial court reinstated a former municipal police chief, who had been fired for refusing to carry out an unlawful order.

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Open Europe

The goal of the program is to encourage Poland and the European Union to implement policies that are friendly towards the Eastern Europe and to support democratic processes and pro-European aspirations in these countries. In 2011 we focused, on the one hand, on promoting the Eastern Partnership initiative, which is threatened by the serious internal problems of the EU, and on the other, by the growing authoritarian trends in Ukraine and Belarus. We paid particular attention to the issue of speeding up the liberalization of the EU's visa system towards Eastern Partnership countries and Russia.

Friendly border

In this project, carried out since 2002, we monitor visa policy and procedures for issuing visas to the citizens of Eastern Europe by EU countries as well as conditions for crossing Union's eastern border. We use monitoring results of surveys in campaigns run in Poland and at EU level to bring about – through gradual liberalization of EU visa policy – complete abolition of visas with Eastern Partnership countries and with Russia. Our activities had a visible effect on shaping the Polish and European debate on visa policy. Our recommendations have been reflected in official documents of the European Parliament. The question of liberalizing visa policy has become one of the top priorities of the Eastern Partnership, and visa-free movement with selected Eastern European states has been officially declared a long-term EU goal. In Poland our actions have led to the lowering of fees for national visas and influenced regulations governing the issuing of multiple-entry visas and fee waivers.

In 2011 we focused on monitoring progress on liberalization of EU visa policy towards our Eastern neighbors and encouraging countries of the Eastern Partnership to implement the commitments made in “road maps” and agreements on visa facilitation. We ran information and advocacy campaigns to provide arguments supporting liberalization of visa policy and to dispel fears and concerns in the EU member countries associated with the prospect of visa-free travel.

In July, at the start of the Polish presidency of the EU Council, we launched a website for the **Coalition for a European Continent Undivided by Visa Barriers** which brings together 40 organizations from Eastern Partnership countries and the EU. The aim of the Coalition is to accelerate, through joint advocacy activities, the process of EU visa liberalization with countries of the Eastern Partnership. The Coalition's website www.visa-free-europe.eu serves as a platform for the exchange of information on its members' activities. It is also a source of knowledge and information on visa policy and progress in the liberalization process.

Before and during the presidency, we strove to make visa issues visible in the program of the Council and other EU institutions. Together with coalition members, we submitted an open letter supporting engagement of the Polish presidency in visa liberalization efforts and an appeal regarding the political situation in Belarus. Before the European Partnership Summit (September 29–30) we called on its participants to

remove from the draft declaration a clause about treating visa liberalization as a long-term goal, i.e. a goal moved to an unspecified future. Our call was reflected in the Summit's conclusions.

As part of an effort aimed at changing the attitudes of governments and societies in EU countries towards visitors from the East, we continued to organize exhibits showing the difficulties facing residents of Eastern European countries traveling to the Schengen zone. The exhibition was held in several European capitals: in Tallinn (January) and Stockholm (May) with the support of the Polish embassies in these cities, and in Berlin (May) in cooperation with the German association MitOst. The exhibitions were accompanied by political debates and expert seminars on the prospects and challenges of abolishing visas for Eastern European countries and the role of civil society in this process, attended by representatives of the diplomatic corps, NGOs, local governments, media and experts.

In September, together with the Analytical Centre for Globalization and Development from Armenia, we organized a seminar in Yerevan on EU visa policy towards that country that brought together the heads of the Polish, Lithuanian, and Ukrainian diplomatic missions, as well as representatives of the European Commission, the media, and NGOs.

On June 28, in the middle of the Europe-wide debate on changes to the Schengen Treaty, we organized an expert discussion in Warsaw on *The Schengen Treaty and new international challenges – a task for the Polish Presidency of the EU Council?* during which experts on migration examined to what extent the ideas presented by France and the European Commission for reorganizing the Schengen zone are an adequate tool for shaping EU migration policy and whether they would lead to the loss of one of the most important achievements of European integration – free movement of people. The participants of the discussion included Tomasz Dąbrowski (Centre for Eastern Studies), Maciej Duszczak (Centre of Migration Research, University of Warsaw), Janusz Gąciarz (Permanent Representation of the Republic of Poland to the EU), Robert Rybicki (independent expert), Monika Trojanowska-Strzęboszewska (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University) as well as Paweł Bagiński and Joanna Fomina (Stefan Batory Foundation).

Addressing the fears and concerns connected with the prospect of visa-free movement, we organized, in cooperation with the Centre of Migration Research, University of Warsaw, a conference on the relationship between visa policy and migration flows to Poland from Eastern European countries (October 26). Participants from Poland, the EU, and countries of the Eastern Partnership and Russia included Zuzanna Brunarska, Maciej Duszczak, Magdalena Lesińska, Stefan Markowski and Joanna Nestorowicz from the Centre of Migration Research, University of Warsaw, Oleg Bakhur (Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Belarus), Franck Duvell (Compass, Oxford University), Irina Ivakhnyuk (Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia), Olga Kupets (Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine), Iryna Sushko (Europe without Barriers initiative, Ukraine), Tamar Zurabishvili (Eurasia Partnership Foundation, Georgia), as well as Paweł Bagiński and Joanna Fomina (Stefan Batory Foundation). During the conference, participants examined the optimal model for migration policy that could be useful from the viewpoint of Polish interests and would protect Poland and the EU from illegal immigration. They discussed Poland's migration needs, trends in migration from Eastern European countries, effective and ineffective solutions applied in migration policy by recipient states, and the extent to which visas are an appropriate tool for shaping a state's migration policy.

In 2011 we were once again accepted to the **Civil Society Forum of the Eastern Partnership** created by the European Commission, whose work involves over 200 organizations from EU member states and

Partnership countries. During the Forum meeting in Poznań (November 29–31) we organized a seminar at which representatives of NGOs from various parts of Europe shared their experiences in conducting effective campaigns for visa abolition. We distributed among the Forum participants a set of informational and promotional materials about EU visa policy and visa problems faced by citizens of Eastern European countries which could help them in their advocacy activities. A Foundation representative was elected the coordinator of the Forum sub-group on visa liberalization.

In November we began the monitoring of meeting of the technical criteria essential for liberalization of the EU visa regime by individual Eastern Partnership countries. In cooperation with partners from the **Coalition for a European Continent Undivided by Visa Barriers** we established a network of experts from each of the Partnership countries who monitor legislative initiatives in their countries, checking implementation of existing regulations with regard to compliance with the criteria in the Action Plans and in other bilateral documents currently in force.

In November we also launched a study on how Polish border guards handle the movement of people between Poland and Ukraine. Our goal is to find out what kind of problems are faced by citizens of Eastern Partnership countries and Russia when they cross the eastern borders of the EU, and whether the standards of handling the movement of people at Polish-Ukrainian border crossings have improved. The results of the study will help planning activities aimed at introducing changes in management of the EU's eastern border to make it friendlier towards citizens of Eastern European states.

We also presented recommendations regarding visa policy liberalization and the activities of the anti-visa coalition at seminars and meetings organized by our partners: *The 4th Conference of Alumni of the Lane Kirkland Scholarship Program: The Polish EU Presidency and Cooperation in the Region* (Polish-American Freedom Foundation, July 2, Warsaw), *Visions and Perspectives for Black Sea Region*. Black Sea Young Reformers Fellowship Conference (Robert Bosch Foundation, Brussels, October 6–7), seminar on *The Role of the EaP Civil Society Forum in Media and Visa Liberalization Issues* (Yerevan Press Club, Aghveran, Armenia, September 8–10), *OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting* (Warsaw, September 9), *Parliamentary Evening* devoted to EU visa liberalization towards our eastern neighbors attended by representatives of the Bundestag and the European Commission (Committee for Eastern European Economic Relations, Berlin, November 22).

Eastern Partnership and Russia

With the start of the Polish presidency in the EU Council, we initiated a series of seminars on the political and economic situation in the countries of the Eastern Partnership and the process of bringing these states closer to the European Union.

On June 8, in cooperation with the Institute of Public Affairs and the Heinrich Böll Foundation, we organized a conference in Warsaw on Two Years of the Eastern Partnership – Results and Prospects. The conference was attended by Krzysztof Stanowski (Deputy Foreign Minister), Andrzej Cieszkowski (Plenipotentiary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the Eastern Partnership), Maciej Stadejek (representative of the European External Action Service), Borys Tarasyuk, (former Foreign Minister of Ukraine), Tamar Beruchashvili (advisor to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia), Alex Oprunenco (representative of the consulting firm Expert Grup from Moldova), Jeff Lovitt (Executive Director of Policy Association for an

Open Society – PASOS, an Eastern European network of think tanks), Dzianis Melantsou (expert from the analytical center of the Belarusian Institute of Strategic Studies, BISS) and Joanna Fomina (Stefan Batory Foundation). Conference participants summed up the up-to-date achievements of the Eastern Partnership and explored possible scenarios for the further development of this initiative.

On July 18 we organized a working seminar for NGOs operating in Eastern Partnership countries. It was attended by Ashot Galoyan, Armenia's ambassador to Poland, Stepan Grigoryan, the chairman of the board of the Analytical Centre on Globalisation and Regional Development in Yerevan and representatives of Polish Foreign Ministry. During the meeting we discussed the internal situation in that country and explored potential areas of cooperation between organizations from Poland and Armenia.

Before the October elections for the Polish parliament, we launched a campaign to promote a credible and coherent Polish and EU foreign policy towards Eastern Partnership countries and Russia. In a survey sent out to election committees, we asked about their opinion on the key questions in Polish policy towards Eastern Europe. The results of the survey were presented at a debate with experts, representatives of electoral committees, and the media on October 4, in the last week of the election campaign. The survey and the discussion confirmed that there is no substantive differences among the Polish political elites with regard to the general priorities of Polish Eastern policy. All political parties want to support democratic changes in Belarus and are in favor of intensified cooperation and dialogue with Russia. There is also consensus on Ukrainian membership in the EU, even if it means opening the Polish labor market to Ukrainians, opening the European market to Ukrainian agriculture, and sharing structural funds with Ukraine. However, there are fundamental differences between political parties concerning specific questions, including prospects for EU membership for Eastern Partnership countries, especially from the South Caucasus region. There are differences of opinion regarding the Eastern Partnership itself, with the majority of parties seeing a need to modify this program.

On November 18, together with the European Commission Representation in Poland and Ukraine's International Renaissance Foundation, we organized a seminar on *Association and Free Trade between the EU and Ukraine*, aimed at evaluating progress in negotiations on the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement with Ukraine as well as the implications of the implementation of the agreement for the EU and Ukraine. The meeting was attended by Jerzy Pomianowski (Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Jose Manuel Pinto Teixeira (Director of the European Union Representation in Ukraine), Oleksandr Sushko (Chairman of the Board of the International Renaissance Foundation in Kyiv), Taras Kachka (Director of the Department of International Economic Relations at the Ministry of Agriculture of Ukraine), Alan Mayhew (University of Sussex), Philippe Cuisson (deputy head of unit at the European Commission responsible for relations with non-EU European and Central Asian countries) and Jacek Piechota (Chairman of the Board of the Polish-Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce).

On December 8 we organized, in cooperation with the Polish Embassy in Chisinau and the Soros Foundation in Moldova, a seminar on *Moldova on the Road to European Integration: an Example of Success of the Eastern Partnership*. The participants included: Eugen Caras (Ambassador of Moldova to the EU), Igor Botan (Executive Director of the ADEPT Association for Participatory Democracy), Arcadie Barbarosie (Executive Director of the Institute of Public Policy), Valeriu Prohntichi (Executive Director of Expert Group), Martin Sieg (Foreign Policy Advisor to the Bundestag), Witold Rodkiewicz (expert from the Centre for Eastern

Studies, Warsaw) and Joanna Fomina (Stefan Batory Foundation). The seminar assessed the political and economic situation in that country, cooperation with European institutions, and prospects for further integration with the EU. Some panelists called for the EU to engage in resolving the conflict in Transnistria and to ease and ultimately (upon compliance by the authorities in Chisinau with the commitments stated in the Action Plan) abolish visa requirements for Moldovan citizens. Representatives of Moldova underlined Poland's active support for its European aspirations and expressed hope that this will continue after the end of Polish presidency in the EU Council.

In 2011 we were involved in the establishment of **EU-Russia Civil Society Forum**: a permanent platform for dialogue and cooperation between civil society representatives from the EU and Russia. In March we took part in a founding meeting in Prague, and on December 1–2 we hosted – together with the Education for Democracy Foundation and the Helsinki Human Rights Foundation – a Civil Society Forum conference in Warsaw. The ambition of the Forum is to increase the impact of civil society institutions on the shape of EU–Russia relations and to strengthen cooperation between NGOs from EU countries and the Russian Federation. Regular meetings of Forum serve to promote the development of cooperation, exchange of experiences, and support for civil society in Russia. The Forum seeks to influence official relations between the European Union and Russia in order to promote the strengthening of democracy, human rights, the rule of law and good governance, and to help the modernization of Russia.

The Warsaw meeting of the Forum was attended by over 70 representatives of organizations from the EU and Russia. It was held under the patronage of Minister of Foreign Affairs Radosław Sikorski. President Bronisław Komorowski sent an address to the participants. The Forum was opened by Jacek Michałowski (Head of the Chancellery of the President), Jerzy Pomianowski (Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs responsible for Eastern policy), Mikhail Fyedotov (advisor to the President of Russia for the development of civil society institutions) and Michael Pulch (head of the Russian department in the European External Action Service). In the plenary session Alexander Alexeev (Ambassador of Russia to Poland), Nadia Arbatova (Head of the Department of European Studies at the Institute of World Economy and International Relations in Moscow), Fraser Cameron (Director of the EU-Russia Centre in Brussels) and Michael Pulch discussed challenges and prospects of EU-Russian relations, including the questions of the new agreement regulating mutual relations and entry of Russia into the World Trade Organization and liberalization of the visa regime. Forum participants issued statements on Ales Bialiatski and political prisoners in Belarus and in defense of a Russian activist from the *Golos* association monitoring elections to the State Duma. They also adopted positions and recommendations on: implementation of the European Court of Human Rights rulings in Russia and protection of human rights activists; participation of civil society in modernization of the state; citizens oversight of the electoral process, access to public information and transparency of decision-making by the state administration; liberalization of the visa regime between the EU and Russia; participation of NGOs in decision-making concerning the natural environment and cooperation between the EU and Russia on combating climate change. The positions and documents adopted by the Forum were forwarded to the leaders of the EU and Russia before the December summit.

Zagranica Group

As part of the activities of the Zagranica Group, an association of Polish NGOs working abroad, we were involved in the development of a report on monitoring of Polish aid program implemented in 2010, in the preparation of Poland's official position at the Fourth High Level Forum on Aid Effectiveness, as well as in the consultations regarding the multi-year plan for Polish development assistance and

Polish aid plan for 2012. We also evaluated the draft law on development cooperation, adopted in 2011, seeking to introduce provisions that would facilitate the aid activities of Polish non-governmental organizations.

In connection with the tense situation in Belarus after the December 2010 elections, we helped to set up a working group of organizations cooperating with civil society representatives in that country. Within the group, we carried out a range of activities aimed to support civil society actors in Belarus: we influenced the grant competition procedures of Polish Foreign Ministry assistance programs to better protect Belarusian partners, we persuaded the Foreign Ministry to provide assistance to Belarusian human rights activists after disclosure of information on the accounts of Belarusian democratic activists in Polish banks to Lukashenka regime, we carried out a campaign for the release of Ales Bialacki, Belarusian human rights activist arrested in the result of the disclosure of information by Polish prosecutor's office as well as an information campaign in Poland about the situation in that country.

In 2011 this program was financed by a core support grant from the Open Society Institute (PLN 409,315.79) and from the Batory Foundation's own resources.

Grants	PLN 50,000
Program costs	PLN 630,334.36
Total program costs	PLN 680,334.36

Grants

Zagranica Group, Warsaw

Belarus working group – platform of cooperation of organizations involved in support of civic and democratic initiatives in Belarus.

PLN 50,000

The ECFR Warsaw Office

In September 2011 the Foundation and the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR), a pan-European think tank operating since 2007 in seven European Union capitals, launched ECFR Office in Warsaw. ECFR's objective is to conduct research and promote informed debate across Europe on the development of coherent and effective European values-based foreign policy. ECFR issues publications on topics related to European Union foreign policy, prepares reports and analyses, and organizes conferences and public debates, seminars, and expert discussions.

In 2011 the activities of the ECFR Warsaw Office focused on organizing the annual meeting of the ECFR Council, bringing together over 130 eminent Europeans (politicians, economists, political commentators, and independent intellectuals), as well as disseminating the latest reports prepared by ECFR experts and preparing the Polish contribution to two ECFR reports: *European Union – North Africa Power Audit*, which examines the degree of coherence of the policies of EU states towards North Africa, and the annual *European Foreign Policy Scorecard*, which assesses the foreign policy of EU member states.

Debates and seminars

On October 25 ECFR Warsaw organized, in cooperation with the Batory Foundation Debates program, a public discussion on the ECFR report *Scramble for Europe* by François Godement and Jonas Parello-Plesner. Three panelists: co-author Jonas Parello-Plesner (ECFR analyst, China program), Jerzy Pomianowski (Deputy Foreign Minister of Poland) and Krzysztof Rybiński (President of the University of Economics and Computer Science in Warsaw, former Vice-President of the National Bank of Poland) took part in the debate, moderated by Aleksander Smolar, President of the Batory Foundation and member of the ECFR Council. The panelists discussed the consequences of the changing attitudes of EU states towards Beijing and pondered on how China exploits the crisis in the European Union to expand its presence on European markets.

ECFR Council Meeting

On November 9–10 the annual meeting of the ECFR Council took place in Warsaw with participation of 130 people: current and past representatives of member state governments, representatives of EU institutions, think tanks and academia, business, and media. The discussions were organized in four panels: *Two-Speed Europe and its Discontents*, with Joschka Fischer (former Foreign Minister of Germany), Toomas Ilves (President of Estonia), David Milliband (former Foreign Minister of Great Britain), Radosław Sikorski (Foreign Minister of Poland) and Alexander Stubb (former Foreign Minister of Finland); *Europe's Response to the Arab Spring*, with Emma Bonino (Deputy Speaker of the Italian Senate), Gunilla Carlsson (Minister of Development Cooperation, Sweden), Olivier Roy (European University Institute, Florence), Antonio Vitorino (former EU Commissioner from Portugal), Ana Palacio (former Foreign Minister of Spain) and Christine

Ockrent (former Executive Director of Audiovisuel Extérieur de la France); *The Politics of the Eurocrisis*, with George Soros (Founder of the Open Society Foundations), Hans Eichel (former Minister of Finance of Germany), Steven Heinz (co-founder of Lansdowne Partners Ltd.), Peter Kellner (President of YouGov), Marietje Schaake (deputy in the European Parliament), Loukas Tsoukalis (professor at the University of Athens) and Gideon Rachman (chief foreign affairs columnist of the Financial Times); and *The New German Question and the New European Divide*, with Joschka Fischer (former Foreign Minister of Germany), Alexander Graf Lambsdorff (Member of the European Parliament) and Ruprecht Polenz (Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Bundestag).

The panelists reflected on problems that the European Union is wrestling with and ways to get out of the crisis. They analyzed the risk presented by the division of the EU into Eurozone states and the periphery, presented alternative ways of getting out of the crisis, including the introduction of strict fiscal regulations. They drew attention to the crisis of legitimacy of governments within the EU and the rising tide of populism in Europe, which could gain strength in the absence of strong pro-European leadership. The panelists also pointed to the disastrous consequences of governments not making unpopular decisions and reforms, especially for economies in deep crisis, and the leading role of France and Germany in striving to rectify the situation in the region. Finally, they underscored the need for a reassessment of EU policy towards the countries of the Middle East and North Africa, drawing attention to the opening up of new economic opportunities, on the one hand, and the great risk of destabilization of governments that do not have popular legitimacy, on the other.

Research

In November, ECFR Warsaw conducted a series of interviews with high-ranking representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, diplomats based in missions in North African countries, and journalists and experts from the academic community, about Poland's relations with the countries of North Africa after the events of the Arab Spring. Conclusions were presented in a report on the political, economic, humanitarian, and social aspects of these relations. This report was used by an international team of ECFR analysts in the publication *European Union – North Africa Power Audit* which assessed the degree of coherence of the policies of EU states towards North Africa.

Participation in conferences abroad

Representatives of the ECFR Warsaw Office took part in two international conferences: *Germia Hill Forum: South East Europe in a Multipolar Era* (November 18–19 in Prishtina), organized by ECFR and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kosovo, during which participants discussed the challenges facing EU foreign policy, further enlargement of the EU to the Western Balkans and Turkey, and reorientation of EU policy towards the MENA region; and *Sofia Platform: the Way Forward for the Arab Spring* (December 1–2), organized by the Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, during which participants discussed the usefulness of the Central and Eastern Europe transformation experiences for the Arab countries.

In 2011 the activities of the ECFR Warsaw Office were financed by a core support grant from the Open Society Institute (339,943.59 PLN) and from the Batory Foundation's own resources.

Total costs	PLN 434,652.26
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Regional Alcohol and Drug Program

The aim of the program is to share Polish experiences in prevention and treatment of alcohol and drug addiction with specialists from other countries. We work with doctors, psychologists, and addiction therapists from the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia, organizing seminars, internships, and conferences. We support publication of literature on addiction and methods of therapy based on partnership between professionals and AA and Al-Anon groups. For past few years we have been also organizing trainings on rehabilitation of domestic violence offenders.

Atlantis: treatment of alcoholics in penitentiary institutions

Since 1991 Poland has successfully applied a model of addiction therapy in correctional facilities imported from the US. Therapy and rehabilitation of alcoholics is based on the program of Alcoholics Anonymous and cooperation with the AA community. We share Polish experiences with other countries by means of organizing trainings for penitentiary educators. We cooperate with the representatives of justice ministries in Ukraine, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Estonia, as well as Siberia and the Russian Far East.

Training and Internships

In 2011 we organized three seminars in Poland: in March for addiction therapists, in June for journalists, and in November for prison system staff. 76 participants from several countries of the region took part in them. We conducted also eight 3-day training courses (in Ukraine, Estonia and the Russian Far East, among other places). We also continued working with Polish communities in Western European countries, organizing training for therapists and psycho-educational marathons for persons with problems of addiction and co-dependency in Dublin, London, and other cities. This cooperation resulted in further plans encompassing support for training courses for the most active therapists in Polish communities. Four individuals from Estonia and Latvia took part in internships at a St. Petersburg in-patient center based on the Minnesota Model, a program created 10 years ago by Russian and Polish addiction therapy specialists.

Publications

In 2011 we published three editions of the *Arka* bulletin on addictions (in Polish, Russian, and Bulgarian). We co-funded the publication of two Polish books on recovery from addiction and co-dependency in Georgia and published a Russian version of *ABCs of Education* brochure as well as a book on discrimination of women in public life *All about Eve*, published as a part of the Your Vote, Your Choice program.

The program was funded with a grant from the Open Society Institute.

Total program costs

PLN 644,496.71

Abbreviated Financial Report

Grants and donations (PLN)

The attached abbreviated financial report of Stefan Batory Foundation (hereafter referred to as “the Foundation”) consisting of balance sheet as of 31 of December 2011, profit and loss accounts for the year ended 31 December 2011 as well as related information on income and expenditure, was prepared on the basis of the audited financial statements of the Foundation prepared in accordance with the rules described in the Accounting Act of 29 September 1994 (uniform text, Journal of Laws of 2009, No. 152, item 1223 with further amendments) and the Decree of the Minister of Finance of 15 November 2001 on specific accounting regulations for certain non-profit organizations other than profit-oriented companies (Journal of Laws of 2001 No. 137, item 1539).

Open Society Institute Foundation, Zug (Switzerland)	8,013,430.00
Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe, Washington	945,934.00
1% Personal Income Tax donations	405,982.13
Individual donors from Poland	278,997.87
Agora Foundation, Warsaw	100,000.00
Friends of Batory Foundation, Washington (donations by Karol Uryga-Nawarowski and Quo Vadis Gavell Family Foundation)	85,755.50
Robert Bosch Foundation, Stuttgart	60,133.56
Remembrance, Responsibility and Future Foundation, Berlin	5,837.48
Private foreign donor	2,295.70
Agora SA, Warsaw (in-kind contribution of ad space for media campaigns of Your Vote Your Choice and Equal Opportunities programs)	2,849,526.90
Bauer Publishing House, Warsaw (in-kind contribution of ad space for Your Vote, Your Choice media campaign)	26,937.00
G+J Gruner + Jahr Poland Ltd. & Co. (in-kind contribution of ad space for Your Vote, Your Choice media campaign)	7,380.00
Burda Publishing Media Poland (in-kind contribution of ad space for Your Vote, Your Choice media campaign)	6,950.00
Bonnier Business (Poland) (in-kind contribution of ad space for Your Vote, Your Choice media campaign)	1,820.40
Infor Biznes Ltd. (in-kind contribution of ad space for Your Vote, Your Choice media campaign)	1,000.00
Grants returned	187,527.14
TOTAL	12,979,507.68

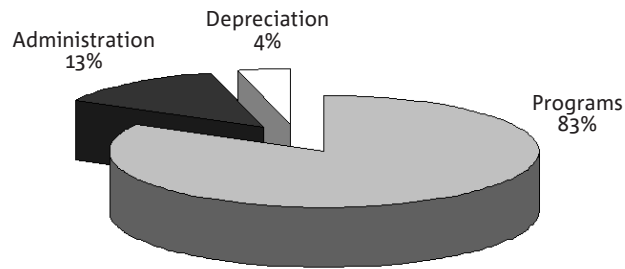
Expenditures (in PLN)

Programs	16,474,361.32
Administration	2,527,120.16
Depreciation	799,234.92
Total	19,800,716.40

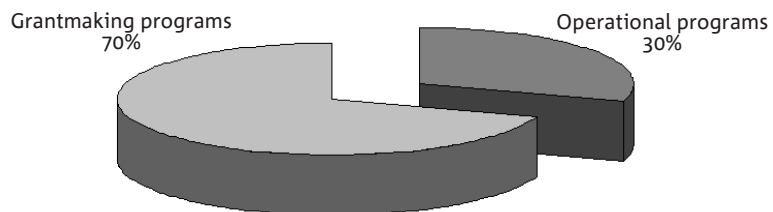
Expenditures according to programs (in PLN)

Grant making programs	
Democracy in Action	6,540,584.10
Civic Coalitions	1,186,300.51
East-East: Partnership Beyond Borders	869,586.55
Equal Opportunities	2,937,510.68
Operational programs	
Batory Foundation Debates	156,588.32
Your Vote, Your Choice	2,422,388.02
Anti-Corruption	601,919.81
Open Europe	680,334.36
ECFR Warsaw Office	434,652.26
Regional Drug and Alcohol Program	644,496.71
Total	16,474,361.32

Structure of total expenditures



Structure of program expenditures



Balance Sheet (in PLN)

ASSETS		As of	
		31.12.2010	31.12.2011
A	Fixed assets	45,912,549.99	22,777,842.66
I	Intangible fixed assets	2,548.56	–
II	Tangible fixed assets	23,497,068.43	22,777,842.66
	– perpetual usufruct of land	3,450,805.08	3,450,805.08
	– building	19,664,295.84	19,004,307.48
	– equipment	381,967.51	322,730.10
III	Long-term investments	22,412,933.00	–
B	Current assets	136,624,875.50	171,026,785.41
I	Short-term receivables	36,297.71	34,023.20
	– trade receivables	16,953.35	19,653.34
	– financial receivables	–	–
	– other receivables	19,344.36	14,369.86
II	Short-term investments	136,558,618.04	170,947,835.31
1	Short-term financial assets	126,308,961.59	118,169,132.88
	– shares	18,021,558.33	15,243,300.86
	– government bonds, bank deposits, investment funds units	108,130,827.46	102,560,328.02
	– other (interest on government bonds)	156,575.80	365,504.00
2	Cash and other monetary assets	10,249,656.45	52,778,702.43
	– cash in hand and bank accounts	2,445,302.86	1,681,092.87
	– other cash (bank deposits)	7,804,353.59	51,097,609.56
III	Prepayments	29,959.75	44,926.90
	– short-term prepayments	29,959.75	44,926.90
TOTAL ASSETS		182,537,425.49	193,804,628.07

EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		As of	
		31.12.2010	31.12.2011
A	Equity	181,072,602.88	176,357,180.61
I	Statutory capital	150,352,306.25	161,333,636.58
	– unappropriated profit	150,229,133.85	161,189,923.33
	– start-up fund	123,172.40	143,713.25
II	Revaluation reserve	9,391,788.97	1,486,186.38
III	Financial result	21,328,507.66	13,537,357.65
	– from previous years	8,073,882.37	10,367,718.18
	– from current year	13,254,625.29	3,169,639.47
B	Liabilities and provisions for liabilities	1,464,822.61	17,447,447.46
I	Long-term liabilities	211,407.63	446,562.07
II	Short-term liabilities	1,227,893.58	16,988,438.39
1	To other entities	1,150,550.81	16,903,086.63
	– grants payables	635,466.47	1,040,810.00
	– trade payables	97,841.36	119,544.40
	– amounts owned to the state budget	109,382.00	111,566.00
	– social security payables	84,486.68	103,894.89
	– financial payables	159,771.54	15,499,092.24
	– wages and salaries payables	34,630.00	24,643.20
	– others	28,972.76	3,535.90
2	Social fund	77,342.77	85,351.76
III	Accruals and deferred income	25,521.40	12,447.00
	– short-term accruals and deferred income	25,521.40	12,447.00
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		182,537,425.49	193,804,628.07

Profit and Loss Account (in PLN)

Item	Description	Amount	
		2010	2011
A	Income from statutory activities	16,981,790.96	16,173,527.01
1	Income from public benefit activity	14,172,493.99	12,979,507.68
2	Other income defined by statute	2,809,296.97	3,194,019.33
B	Costs of statutory activities	15,906,788.39	16,474,361.32
C	Gross profit on statutory activities A-B	1,075,002.57	-300,834.31
D	Foundation office costs	3,157,319.72	3,326,355.08
1	Material and energy consumption	314,572.26	337,398.01
2	Third party services	965,087.16	1,070,304.51
3	Depreciation	893,734.81	799,234.92
4	Salaries and related expenses	698,979.28	831,058.89
5	Other	284,946.21	288,358.75
E	Other income	24,352.00	35,300.93
F	Other costs	785.68	5,583.69
G	Financial income	15,938,798.85	7,281,565.30
H	Financial costs	621,594.73	507,920.68
I	Gross financial result on entire activity C-D+E-F+G-H	13,258,463.29	3,176,172.47
J	Corporate income tax	3,828.00	6,533.00
Net profit I-J		13,254,625.29	3,169,639.47

The average exchange rate for the year 2011 acc. to Polish National Bank:

1 USD = 2.9634 PLN, 1 EUR=4.1198 PLN



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

TO THE COUNCIL OF FUNDACJA IM. STEFANA BATOREGO

The attached abbreviated financial report of Fundacja im. Stefana Batorego, Sapieżyńska 10 a Street, Warsaw (hereafter referred to as "the Foudation") was prepared by the Management Board of the Foundation based on the audited financial statements of the Foundation for the year ended 31 December 2011 ("the financial statements"). The financial statements were prepared in accordance with the Accounting Act of 29 September 1994 (uniform text, Journal of Laws of 2009, No. 152, item 1223 with further amendments) and the Decree of the Minister of Finance of 15 November 2001 on specific accounting regulations for certain non-profit organizations other than profit-oriented companies (Journal of Laws of 2001 No. 137, item 1539).

We have audited the financial statements of the Foundation, from which the abbreviated financial report was derived, in accordance with national standards of auditing issued by the National Chamber of Registered Auditors in Poland. On 23 April 2012 we issued an unqualified audit opinion on these financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying abbreviated financial report 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 2011, 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.

Conducting the audit on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers Sp. z o.o., Registered Audit Company No. 144:

Adrian Karaś

Key Registered Auditor
No. 12194

Warsaw, 23 April 2012

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