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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 social oversight over the functioning of public institutions. We seek to raise the level of public debate and to "socialize" the process of making and implementing public policies.

■ 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, especially Ukraine and Belarus. 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 study visits, 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 Forum at the European Commission.

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 2012

In 2012 our activities were focused on improving the quality of public life in Poland and the development of international cooperation and solidarity, especially with the societies of countries east of Poland. Particular emphasis was placed on increasing participation of citizens in public life: creating opportunities for their engagement in the legislative process and policymaking, involvement in decision making on issues related to the development of local communities or 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 citizens in the dialogue with local authorities and decision making processes i.a. through organizing different forms of public consultations. We supported organizations which develop propositions of systemic solutions that help to modernize different spheres of social and political life; undertake activities which enable public scrutiny of legislative processes, monitor functioning of public institutions and judiciary and counteract discrimination of minorities groups. To these aims we made 31 grants of a value of PLN 3,5 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 13 coalitions received grants of a value of PLN 800 thousands to carry out their activities and strengthen their organizational capacity.

In the **Your Voice, Your Choice** program we continued our efforts to involve the citizens in the affairs of their local community. Last year we focused on promoting among local organizations participating in the Your vote your choice action activities which engage residents in such issues as: space management, allocation of selected municipal funds, introducing a system of reporting local problems to relevant authorities and ensuring information flow between residents and local government. In these activities we used knowledge and experience of the grantees of Democracy and Action program. We organized also series of *Citizens and Elections* seminars aimed to help develop changes in the electoral law to make it easier for citizens to participate in elections and make informed voting decisions.

In the **Anti-Corruption** program, together with partners from the NGO Anticorruption Coalition, we monitored how the ruling parties keep their promises to fight corruption and observe transparency standards. Together with the organizations working on transparency, accessibility, openness and accountability of public

authorities we established a Coalition for Open Government Partnership which urges Polish government to join the international Open Government Partnership initiative. We have also undertaken a range of activities aimed at raising awareness among the decision-makers to the need for changes in the legislation process and regulation of the place of public consultations in the law-making process. We completed evaluation of an anti-corruption system introduced in several institutions of public administration and developed solutions which would contribute to strengthening the legal protection of whistleblowers.

The **Batory Foundation Debates** focused on the fundamental challenges to the Polish domestic policy and public life, including protests of the young generation, the problem of nepotism and corruption, civil liberties and access to public information as well as the place of the Catholic Church in contemporary world. We also dealt with international affairs in the context of the euro crisis as well as changes taking place in the European Union.

In our efforts to advance international cooperation and solidarity, we focused on involving Polish expert circles into pan-European debate on the problems of European Union, on one hand, and on the promotion of consistent EU foreign policy, especially towards the countries of Eastern Partnership as well as strengthening contacts between Poland and its closest neighbors: Russia, Ukraine and Belarus, on the other.

During seminars and meetings organized by the **European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)**, part of a pan-European think tank operating in several European Union capitals, experts and politicians presented scenarios of overcoming current political and economic crisis in Europe, discussed EU politics toward EaP countries, as well as Russia, China and Turkey, analyzed efficiency of EU sanctions and effectiveness of foreign policy of EU member states.

In the **Open Europe** program we put particular attention to the problem of acceleration of the EU visa liberalization with the EaP countries and Russia. We promoted this issue both within 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**, and EU-Russia Civil Society Forum. In cooperation with the European Exchange from Berlin and the Eastern Europe Studies Centre from Vilnius we organized the Civil Society Election Observation to the parliamentary elections in Ukraine. We were also engaged in building the European Platform for Democratic Elections which aims to support national election observation missions in the Eastern Partnership states and Russia. We launched Polish-Ukraine Forum and the PL-RU Club of Young Public Intellectuals – two initiatives that serve to create a regular platform of meetings and dialogue of representatives of social, economic and political elites of neighboring countries.

We also continued two Open Society Foundations network programs operating in the region of Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and the Caucasus: the **Regional Alcohol and Drug** program which since 1996 has been disseminating Polish experiences in the field of addiction therapy and prevention in the countries of Eastern Europe and former Soviet Union, and the **East East Beyond Borders** program, which supports international cooperation for democratic transformations and civil society development. The latter, which during 22 years of its operation funded 514 grants for partnership projects with institutions from the Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and the Caucasus, in December 2012 completed its operation in Poland.

We continued to support initiatives aimed to equalize opportunities for young people from low-income families and children with disabilities in the **Equal Opportunities** program. 40 local organizations running scholarship programs for school children received grants of a total value of PLN 532,107 which helped to fund 874 scholarships in the 2012/2013 academic year. We also made grants to 20 organizations that use drama techniques in their work with children with disabilities, enabling organization of integration and therapeutic activities for 250 young people with disabilities and 150 of their peers. Funding for this program was made possible by donations from individuals and companies and by 1% personal income tax contributions.

In the last year we administered **8 donor advised funds**. Most of them concentrated on scholarships assistance for graduates of secondary schools from low-income families and on equalizing opportunities of disabled children (**Małgorzata Szejnert, Fund Quo Vadis Gavell Family Fund, Iwona Winiarska-Felieszko Fund, K Fund and J.& J. Putka *Spread the Wings* Fund**). From **Beata Pawlak Fund** we financed the 9th award for the authors of an article or publication on foreign cultures, religions and civilizations. From **Karol Uryga-Nawarowski Fund** we supported organizations that deal with problems of children and youth threatened with alcohol dependency. In **Staszek Jonczyk *Sing* Fund** we accumulated donations to support amateur choirs. At the end of the year a new donor advised fund was created from a donation by **Janina & Tomasz Maczuga**, which since 2013 will provide scholarship grants to graduates of secondary schools in Wadowice and Nowy Sącz.

In 2012 we made **190 grants** totaling nearly PLN **6,3 million**. We spent PLN **3,5 million** on projects implemented by ourselves or in cooperation with partners.

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Our donors

We could carry out our activities in 2012 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 Program and voter turnout campaign for Your Vote, Your Choice Program. 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** from individuals, the revenue from an endowed **Małgorzata Szejnert Fund**, donations of **Quo Vadis Gavell Family Foundation** from the US, through the donor advised **K Fund**, donation donations of **Agora Foundation**, as well as gifts from **corporate and individual donors**. With the donation from the US based **Karol Uryga-Nawarowski Foundation** we supported projects aimed at children suffering from FAS. Through the **Beata Pawlak Fund** we funded an annual literary prize in her name and with funds collected in the **Iwona Winiarska-Feleszko** and **Putka Family** trust 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!

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Our heartfelt thanks go to contributors and volunteers of our Foundation. We thank **Paweł Ciacek** from SMG/KRC Millword Brown, who supported the Equal Opportunities Program with his advice.

We also thank the volunteers who helped with the organization of the 10th anniversary celebration of the **You Vote, Your Choice** action: **Radostaw Dymowski, Agnieszka Kowalska, Magdalena Mirkowska, Martyna Solecka, Kamila Szajkowska** and **Julia Wojciechowska**.

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We thank all those who supported the **Anti-Corruption Program** with their expertise and engagement: attorney **Zbigniew Barwina** and lawyer **Magdalena Pakuła** for preparation of appeals and representing a whistleblower supported by the Foundation at a court of appeals, attorney **Agata Kaczor** and lawyer **Tomasz Konzal** for preparing an insightful legal opinion on the responsibility of whistle-blowers with regard to violation of employer's personality rights, as well as **Bogna Baczyńska**, who from 2002 has been monitoring the criminal proceedings against controllers of the National Trade Inspectorate in a bribery accusation case.

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 the spring 2012 edition of the grant competition we received 247 intention letters and awarded 29 grants (26 grants awarded in the autumn edition will be transferred in 2013, hence we do not publish them in this report). Three out of all projects that received grants in 2012 are aimed at shaping public policy and focused on health care system and rationalization of the health care provision. 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 public consultations – focus on specific issues such as public space management in city centers (Racibórz, Warsaw), deciding how to allocate part of city district (municipal) budget (Gdańsk), developing a water road connecting several lakes into the so-called *Mazury Loop (Pętla Mazurska)*. We also provided financial support to the Congress of City Movements – national scale meeting of organizations and informal groups working towards increasing the impact of residents on urban policies at local, regional and national levels. As in previous years the biggest group of our grantees were 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 governments (e.g. activities of city district and city councils in Katowice, Konin, Kraków and Lublin) and other public institutions (e.g. student health centers, maternity hospitals and wards in the Mazovia province, agencies responsible for protection of Białowieża Forest). Three grants were awarded to organizations focusing on the problems of xenophobia and discrimination against minority groups.

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

We also made attempts to promote selected projects implemented by our grantees among participants of the our Your Vote, Your Choice program. Sustainable Development Workshop, Unit for Social Innovation and Research *Shipyards* and Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups developed scenarios of activities for local organizations participating in the action and helped them in their implementation (activities and grants are described in the section devoted to Your Vote, Your Choice program).

In 2012, the program was financed from a grant by the Open Society Institute (PLN 2,648,100), the Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe (PLN 879,700) and the Batory Foundation's own resources.

Grants	PLN 3,687,800.00
Program implementation	PLN 326,962.76
Total program costs	PLN 4,024,762.76

Grants

Influencing public policies

Active Patients Foundation Argus, Warsaw

Developing analysis of efficiency and effectiveness of public spending on health care and social security with regard to chronically ill persons; initiating a debate on such an allocation of funds for the treatment of chronically ill patients that would promote their ability to work instead of making them welfare clients. **PLN 99,500**

Equal among Equal Foundation, Warsaw

Development of recommendations regarding the National Health Plan for Rare Diseases for 2013-2017 (project implemented in partnership with Be Able to Help Foundation and in cooperation with other organizations providing help to people with rare diseases). **PLN 50,000**

JUMP 93 Association, Warsaw

Activities aimed at streamlining the system for treating addiction, especially in regions where access to substitution and ambulatory treatment is limited: Podkarpacie, Podlasie, Kujawy-Pomerania, Opole and Lodz provinces (continuation). **PLN 140,000**

Involving citizens in local government decision-making processes

Gdańsk Agglomeration Development Forum, Gdańsk

Engaging citizens in developing a plan for public space management in Śródmieście (downtown) district of Gdańsk and development of the district: analysis of the current situation, work with residents applying the *charette* method. **PLN 130,000**

Center for Citizenship Education, Warsaw

Strengthening of the position of students self-governments in the legislation regulating the education sphere, developing and promoting standards of their activities, organization of national elections to students self-governments (2 times). **PLN 110,000**

On the Spot Foundation for Local Communities, Warsaw

Engaging citizens in developing recommendation of public space management in two Warsaw districts: analysis of the current situation, workshops for local residents conducted by the Project for Public Spaces experts, evaluation of the developed concepts through observation of what changes are supported by other residents and the users of these spaces (with the use of temporary objects). **PLN 108,000**

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 (supplementary grant to a project financed in 2011). **PLN 1,500**

Normal City Foundation - Phenomenon, Łódź

Organization of the II Congress of City Movements in Łódź, meetings of organizations working to increase the impact of local residents on the policies of municipalities at the local, regional and national level. **PLN 24,500**

Mazury Loop Foundation, Warsaw

Engaging citizens in the development of the Mazury region development plan, in connection with the local governments plans to build Mazury Loop water road connecting Niegocin and Śniardwy lakes: analysis of the current situation, work with local residents with the help of the Future City Game technique. **PLN 130,000**

Next to Us Foundation, Lublin

Engaging citizens in the development of the plan of space management of the Czechowka valley in Lublin district of Wieniawa: open consultation meetings, work with local residents using the *charette* method, organizing an architectural competition for the best project of space management, based on the recommendations of local residents. **PLN 40,000**

Our City Racibórz Local Government Association, Racibórz

Engaging citizens in the development of a plan of Racibórz city center revitalization: analysis of the current situation, open consultation meetings, workshops with residents. **PLN 50,000**

City Culture Association, Gdańsk

Public consultations on allocating part of budgets of two districts of Gdańsk: information campaign, meetings for local residents, assistance in developing their recommendations regarding the budget, selection of projects by way of voting of all interested residents. **PLN 84,000**

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

Nobody's Children Foundation, Warsaw

Monitoring the legislation process regarding harmonization of the Polish legislation to the EU directives on safeguarding the rights of child victims of crime. **PLN 140,000**

Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Warsaw

Monitoring the process of making and implementing laws relating to the judiciary with regard to guaranteeing protection of the rights and freedoms of citizens and ensuring observance of the constitutional right to a fair trial (continued). **PLN 180,000**

Trans-Fuzja Foundation, Warsaw

Monitoring the observance of international human rights protection standards regarding the change of birth certificate gender by the judiciary and development of recommendations to the draft law on gender realignment (project implemented in cooperation with Polish Society for Anti-Discrimination Law). **PLN 80,000**

Monitoring local government institutions

Autonomia Foundation, Kraków

Monitoring Kraków local government activities aimed at counteracting exclusion and discrimination (social policy and city budget) as well as development of Equality Action Plan for Kraków (continued). **PLN 200,000**

Positive Changes Foundation, Bielsko-Biała

Developing the plan on monitoring the activities of Bielsko-Biała public institutions responsible for protection of and support for women victims of violence. **PLN 5,800**

NOMADA Association for Integration of Multicultural Society, Wrocław

Monitoring the provision of services to foreigners by Wrocław public institutions and activities aimed at better adapting these institutions to the needs of foreigners. **PLN 75,000**

Stańczyk Institute of Civic Thoughts, Kraków

Monitoring Kraków city council and district councils (functioning of Kraków city council and district councils, presence of councillors at their regular surgeries, districts' financial reports, access to information on web-pages). **PLN 133,000**

Konin Action Association, Konin

Monitoring activities of local councillors elected to Konin city council (electoral programs, participating in committees activities, voting in committees and the council sessions, attendance to councillor surgeries). **PLN 93,000**

Homo Faber Association, Lublin

Monitoring Lublin city council (access to information about local councillors, the council and committees activities) and activities aimed at improving transparency and access to information. **PLN 78,000**

Bona Fides Association, Katowice

Monitoring Katowice city councillors' activities (their attendance of council sessions, voting, contacts with constituents, development of monthly Index of Councillors' Participation). **PLN 93,000**

Monitoring other public institutions

Student Assistance Fund Foundation, Warsaw

WatchDoctor – monitoring students' community health centres in 11 cities: study on access to and standards of services offered to patients, conformity of internal regulations with the law on universal health insurance, medical services expenses. **PLN 136,000**

Institute of Regional Development, Kraków

Monitoring the application of regulations on respecting the needs of disabled persons by higher education institutions in their bylaws as well as examining accessibility of public administration web-pages according to WCAG standards (continued). **PLN 80,000**

Birth in a Dignified Way Foundation, Warsaw

Monitoring the implementation of the new childbirth care standard in 10 selected Mazovia province maternity wards. **PLN 80,000**

Free and Open Software Foundation, Poznań

Monitoring public procurement on computer equipment and programs: examining the advertisements' content published by public administration and local government units and initiating intervention in case of discovered irregularities (continued). **PLN 100,000**

Independent Education Initiative Association, Warsaw

Monitoring the implementation by the Central Examination Commission of the Ministry of Education of three selected projects financed from the EU funds. **PLN 85,000**

Workshop for All Beings Association, Podlasie Chapter, Białystok

Monitoring the institutions responsible for the protection of Białowieża National Park, legal activities aimed at elimination of malpractices with regard to protection of the Białowieża Forest and participation in development of forest management plans (continued). **PLN 88,000**

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

Participation in legal proceedings aimed at establishing whether Members of Parliaments have a legal duty to reply to access to public information requests (continued). **PLN 15,000**

Research, monitoring and reacting to various aspects of discrimination**Buckle Foundation, Żywiec**

Our Common Żywiec – activities aimed at preventing discrimination against Roma people in the territory of Żywiec region: integration classes for children and young people, organization of two editions of Roma Days in Żywiec, workshops for local public institutions employees, monitoring and counteracting the promotion of racist content in the public sphere of Żywiec and local internet forums (continuation). **PLN 165,000**

Association for Promoting Multiculturalism – Intercultural PL, Kraków

Evaluation and operationalization of the city strategy for preventing and reacting to incidents of racism and xenophobia, as well as activities aimed at convincing Kraków city authorities to adopt the strategy. **PLN 95,000**

The Roma People Association in Poland, Oświęcim

Dissemination of the report based on the study of discrimination against Roma children in the Polish educational system and activities aimed at introducing the recommendations: presentation of the research results and recommendations to the relevant parliamentary committees, cooperation with the Ministry of Administration and Digitalization, conference for employees of psychological-pedagogical counsel wards (continued). **PLN 42,500**

Partner organizations**The Unit for Social Innovation and Research Shipyard, Warsaw**

Laboratory of civic participation – running the portal partycypacjaobywatelska.pl [civicparticipation.pl] gathering 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; developing and promotion of NaprawmyTo.pl internet service – Polish version of *Fixmystreet* platform (continued). **PLN 295,000**

Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups, Warsaw

Civic watch – running the watchdog.org.pl portal gathering information about the activities and experiences of Polish and foreign watchdog organizations, organizing courses and meetings aimed at deepening knowledge and exchanging experiences related to watchdog activities, dissemination of methodology of how to monitor local spending of cork funds (community revenue earned on sale of alcohol license) and village funds for sport (part of the community budget to be decided by residents at the village meeting). **PLN 350,000**

Other grants**Barbara Skarga Foundation for Thinking, Warsaw**

Grant for core activity: promoting the work of the Polish philosopher of ethics prof. Barbara Skarga and supporting contemporary Polish philosophy. **PLN 50,000**

Liberal Culture Foundation, Warsaw

Grant for core activity: publishing the *Liberal Culture* internet weekly, organization of debates, seminars and lectures. **PLN 50,000**

The World Makes Sense Foundation, Limanowa

Grant for publishing and promotion of a monograph publication on Jerzy Turowicz, a longtime editor-in-chief of a Catholic weekly *Tygodnik Powszechny*, to commemorate the 100 anniversary of his birth. **PLN 20,000**

Klon/Jawor Association, Warsaw

Grant to subsidize the research study *The Condition of the Non-Governmental Sector in Poland in 2012*. **PLN 50,000**

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 2012, 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: four from the Czech Republic, three from Hungary, one from Poland and one from Slovakia chosen in the second grant competition (resolved in 2011) were awarded second annual core support grants. Moreover, four coalitions (two from Poland and two from Slovakia) selected on the basis of an additional grant competition addressed to a group of invited organizations, received first annual grants for activities to be undertaken in 2012.

In 2012, the program was financed from a grant by the C.S. Mott Foundation (PLN 846,699.50) and the Batory Foundation's own resources.

Grants	PLN 832,587.00
Program implementation	PLN 81,465.50
Total program costs	PLN 914,052.50

Grants

Czech Republic

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

Second 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 (Naši politici o.s.), Prague

Second 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

Second 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

Second annual core support grant for the informal *Czech Climate Coalition* which brings together organizations involved with ecology, development cooperation and humanitarian aid to tackle climate change issues.

EUR 15,000

Poland

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

Second 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

Polish Society for Anti-Discrimination Law (Polskie Towarzystwo Prawa Antydyskryminacyjnego), Warsaw

First core support grant for an informal *Coalition for Equal Opportunities* engaged in monitoring the legislative processes and the practice of exercising observing law in the sphere of respect of human rights as well as observance of principles of equality and nondiscrimination.

EUR 15,000

Association for Antidiscrimination Education (Towarzystwo Edukacji Antydyskryminacyjnej), Warsaw

First core support grant for an informal *Coalition for Antidiscrimination Education*, which focuses its efforts on introducing appropriate antidiscrimination education to the system of formal education in Poland.

EUR 15,000

Slovakia

Friends of the Earth-CEPA (Priatel'ia Zeme CEPA), Bratislava

Second 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

Slovak Non-governmental Organizations Platform (Platforma mimovládnych rozvojových organizácií PMVRO), Bratislava

First core support grant for a coalition which unites organizations working on development cooperation and humanitarian aid, contributes to shaping public policy and increases public awareness on poverty prevention issues.

EUR 15,000

Union of Mother Centers (Únie materských centier), Bratislava

First core support grant for a coalition which seeks to mobilize mothers on maternity leave offering them a chance to get out of social isolation.

EUR 15,000

Hungary

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

Second 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

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

Second 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

Second 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 Beyond Borders

The program aimed 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 operated in the framework of East East Beyond Borders Network Program launched in 1991 by the Open Society Institute. For 22 years of program's operation in Poland we were supporting 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 covered travel costs of Polish experts invited to participate in projects carried out in other countries of the region.

Due to the change of the formula of the program's operation in the EU countries, the East East Beyond Borders Program in Poland ceased its activity in December 2012.

In 2012 we awarded last grants for 7 partnership projects. Four of them were initiated by partners from Albania, Moldova, Tajikistan and Ukraine who wanted to learn about Polish experiences in the spheres of their activities and use them to develop recommendations for changes of public policies in their own countries. The other three projects were implemented on the initiative of Polish organizations.

Polish experts took part in 12 projects organized in other countries of the region. Their subject matter varied from the reform of the systems of child care and care for mentally ill people, security in rural areas, midwifery, integration of disabled people, changes in agricultural sector to democratic transformation in Ukraine.

In 2012, the program was financed from a grant by the Open Society Institute, including East East Beyond Borders Program (PLN 363,851.04).

Grants	PLN 253,438.98
Program implementation	PLN 122,066.14
Total program costs	PLN 375,505.12

Grants

Partnerships

European Meeting Centre of Youth, Warsaw

"Young People: Citizens and Local Activists" – seminar in Ukraine with participation of Polish representatives of educational institutions and non-governmental organizations to prepare teachers and social workers to take advantage of Euro 2012 to activate urban youth (continuation of a project implemented in 2011 by Warsaw Municipal Office). **PLN 15,456.20**

Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Warsaw

“Accountability Systems and Mechanisms for the Prevention of Torture” – a study visit for lawyers from Tajikistan in Poland aimed at developing legal recommendations that will be presented to Tajikistan judiciary authorities. **PLN 56,990**

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, workshops, and expert meeting in Poland and Ukraine disseminating the results of the analysis (supplementary grant to a project financed in 2011). **PLN 3,960**

Campaign Against Homophobia, Warsaw

“Overcoming Discrimination/No Place for Homophobia in Sports” a study visit in Croatia for representatives of NGOs and media from Croatia, Poland, Serbia, Slovenia and Ukraine and a competition for journalists aimed at organizing a media campaign on homophobia in sports (continuation of a project from 2011). **PLN 28,300**

Kujawy-Pomerania Agricultural Advisory Centre in Minikowo

“Improving Agricultural and Rural Development Policy” – a study visit for Moldovan experts, representatives of NGOs and Ministry of Agriculture in Poland aimed at developing recommendations for the Moldovan authorities. **PLN 30,200**

Association for Legal Intervention, Warsaw

“Cooperation for the Rights of Migrants: Russia and Poland” – two study visits: one for Polish lawyers in Russia and one for Russian lawyers in Poland and developing a comparative analysis of migration law aimed at improving the quality of support offered to migrants and methods of informing on migrants rights. **PLN 63,140**

“Legal Protection and Social Policies for Refugees” – a study visits for Albanian experts in Poland and a seminar in Albania attended by Polish experts aimed at developing recommendations proposing amendments of Albanian legislation. **PLN 22,440**

Travels

Conference „Empowerment of Young People: Open Space for Democratic Participation”, Stara Zagora, Bulgaria

Participants from Poland: Bartosz Kosiński, Marzena Milanowska (Association for Non-formal Education *Meritum*, Kraków) **PLN 2,268.91**

Conference “Deinstitutionalization of People with Mental Disabilities”, Sofia, Bulgaria

Participants from Poland: Grażyna Jabłońska, Dorota Kulesza-Libera (Prof. Zbigniew Religa *One World* Integration Association in Białystok) **PLN 1,901.46**

Conference “Eastern Europe Needs Midwives Today More Than Ever!”, Prague, Czech Republic

Participants from Poland: Małgorzata Borecka, Maria Ryll (*Doula* Association, Warsaw), Barbara Gardyjas (Polish Society of Midwives Association, Katowice), Eliza Leoniuk, Katarzyna Oleś (*Well-Born* Association, Mikołów) **PLN 3,434.06**

Conference “Achieving Positive Change in Developing Alternative Care for Children”, Prague, Czech Republic

Participants from Poland: Dominik Denikiewicz, Elżbieta Strzemieczna, Mirosław Tymczyszyn (Association *Our Home*, Warsaw) **PLN 3,140.42**

Conference “Reviewing the Review: Universal Periodic Review in Perspective”, Tbilisi, Georgia

Participant from Poland: Dominika Bychawska-Siniarska (Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Warsaw) **PLN 1,617.64**

Study visit “Transformation of the Agricultural Sector: Sustainable Economic Development”, Chisinau, Moldova

Participants from Poland: Wanda Chmielewska-Gill (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Warsaw), Ryszard Kamiński (Kujawy-Pomerania Agricultural Advisory Centre in Minikowo) **PLN 5,309.68**

Conference “Societal Security and Safety: Engaging Rural Communities”, Chisinau, Moldova

Participant from Poland: Barbara Szczerbińska (NGO Support Centre in Białystok) **PLN 2,102.21**

Conference “Equal Opportunity for Inclusion and Integration in Higher Education”, Timisoara, Romania

Participants from Poland: Kinga Dumnicka, Anna Żebrak (Institute of Regional Development Foundation, Kraków), Łucja Kornaszewska-Antoniuk, Alicja Maślej (Foundation for Assistance to Mathematicians and Computer Specialists with Motor System Dysfunctions, Warsaw) **PLN 7,945.96**

Conference “Europeans for Visa-Free Europe: Visa Liberalization between the EU and the Eastern Partnership”, Kiev, Ukraine

Participant from Poland: Karolina Grot (Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw) **PLN 1,181.50**

Conference “The European Union, Central and Eastern Europe, and Ukraine: Prognosis and Perspectives”, Kiev, Ukraine

Participants from Poland: Bartłomiej Nowak (Center For International Relations, Warsaw), Beata Piskorska (Catholic University Institute of Political Science, Lublin)

PLN 1,584.04

Workshops “Improving Local Governance from the Bottom Up: Community Organizing”, Kunbabony, Hungary and Catemir and Cahul, Moldova

Participants from Poland: Ewa Kozub, Dagmara Kubik, Agnieszka Matusiak, Ilona Piwowarczyk, Przemysław Piwowarczyk (*Bona Fides* Association, Katowice); Helena Wróblewska (NGO Support Centre in Białystok)

PLN 9,546.06

Workshops “Innovative Fundraising Strategies and Practices for NGOs in Central and Eastern Europe”, Budapest, Hungary

Participants from Poland: Agnieszka Chmielecka (Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Warsaw), Magdalena Moll-Musiak (Spring Association, Kraków)

PLN 3,686.23

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 50 and PLN 400 per month, are used to purchase textbooks and learning aids, to pay for lodging, extra courses, commuting to school, etc.

Every year we offer grants to the organizations operating local scholarship programs. The grant depends on the organizations' experience and vary from PLN 15 000 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 networking opportunities as well as trainings on fundraising, cooperation with local partners, media, volunteers and scholarship recipients.

In 2012, the program involved 40 organizations from 14 provinces. They received grants in total amount of PLN 532,107.50 which, increased by funds raised from other sources, enabled them to award monthly scholarships for 874 students in the school year 2012/2013.

In 2012, Local Scholarship Program was financed by funds from 1% personal income tax payments (PLN 392,490.50), the K Fund (PLN 91,035) and Gavell Family Fund (PLN 48,582) as well as from the Batory Foundation's own resources.

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.

2012 was the last year of grants distribution. In the open grant competition we received 50 letters of intent. Out of them 19 were selected to receive grants of a total value PLN 156,800. The grants allowed 250 disabled youth and 150 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 full proposals took part in the trainings organized by the Grodzki Theatre. Instructors from the Grodzki Theatre were been monitoring the work of the grantees, providing in-place consultations for the pedagogues and supervising their work with the children.

In 2012, Rainbow Academy was financed from the donation by the Agora Foundation (PLN 100,900), income from the Małgorzata Szejnert Fund (PLN 55,900) 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.

Małgorzata Szejnert Fund (formerly known as M Fund)

The Fund was established in 2002 thanks to a donation made by Małgorzata Szejnert. Since then it has been operating as an endowed donor advised fund. The revenues generated from the investment of its assets has been allocated annually for assistance to children and youth.

In 2012, the Fund earnings were used to finance 8 grants in the amount of PLN 55,900 for projects that use scenic arts in work with the disabled children (see the list of grants financed from the Fund 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 2012, 8 grants in the amount of PLN 91,035 were disbursed to organizations running local scholarship programs (see the list of grants financed from the Fund in Local Scholarship Programs section).

Gavell Family Fund

The Gavell Family Fund was established in 2010 thanks to the annual donation by the Quo Vadis Gavell Family Foundation from the US with an aim to help equalize educational opportunities of underprivileged youth in Świętokrzyskie Province.

In 2012, 4 grants in the amount of PLN 48,582 were disbursed to organizations running local scholarship programs (see the list of grants financed from the Fund in Local Scholarship Programs section).

Beata Pawlak Fund

The Fund was established from a donation bequeathed by the deceased Beata Pawlak, Polish journalist and writer killed in a terrorist attack on Bali in 2002. As requested by the donor, the Fund awards an annual prize to an author of an article or publication on foreign cultures, religions and civilizations .

In 2012 the Beata Pawlak Award went to Bartosz Jastrzębski and Jędrzej Morawiecki for their book *Krasnojarsk Zero* (Sic! Publishing House, Warsaw 2012). The award ceremony was accompanied by a debate described in the Batory Foundation Debates section.

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 2012, we provided 2 grants in the amount of PLN 52,000.

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 2012, five students were awarded scholarships of PLN 500 per month.

Spread Your Wings J. & 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 2012 the Fund awarded 30 grants to cover costs of enrollment at the universities in the amount of PLN 8,135 scholarships of PLN 630 per month for 1st year students and 14 scholarships ranging from PLN 350 to PLN 410 per month for 2nd year students.

Equal Opportunities (grants)	PLN 758,907.50
Donor Advised Funds (grants, scholarships, award)	PLN 204,045.00
Program implementation (including annual meeting of local scholarship programs)	PLN 228,687.09
Cost of fundraising (1% income tax campaign)	PLN 66,523.70
Total program costs	PLN 1,258,163.29

Grants

Local Scholarship Programs

One Heart Foster Parents Association, Biała 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, 20 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 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, 12 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year (grant funded by Gavell Family Fund).

PLN 13,000

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, 47 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year (grant funded by K Fund).

PLN 15,000

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, 43 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year.

PLN 15,000

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 2012/2013 school year (grant funded by K Fund).

PLN 15,000

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, 13 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year.

PLN 15,000

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, 17 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 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, 21 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year.

PLN 14,000

Social Welfare Foundation, Brzeszcze

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Brzeszcze borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 17 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 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, 34 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year (grant funded by K Fund).

PLN 15,000

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, 27 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year.

PLN 15,000

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, 38 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year.

PLN 15,000

Foundation for Development of Świętochłowice, Świętochłowice

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Świętochłowice – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 17 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year (grant funded by K Fund).

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, 25 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year.

PLN 15,000

Vive Foundation Heart to Children, Kielce

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Staszów – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 31 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year (grant funded by Gavell Family Fund).

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, Międzyzysie and Stronie Śląskie, and Wojbórz village from Kłodzko borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 51 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 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, 16 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year.

PLN 8,500

Barciany Educational Initiative, Barciany

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Barciany borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 22 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year.

PLN 15,000

Czajnia Association, Tomaszów Lubelski

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Tomaszów Lubelski – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 15 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year. **PLN 15,000**

Widok Association of Cultural Education, Białystok

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Białystok – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 21 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 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, 14 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year. **PLN 15,000**

Emka Youth for Development Association, Wieliszew

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Wieliszew borough – from the grant in amount of PLN 3,622.50 and other funds raised by the grantee, 14 scholarships were awarded for the second semester of 2011/2012 school year; from the grant in amount of PLN 8,000 (financed by K Fund) and other funds raised by the grantee 13 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year. **PLN 11,622.50**

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 2012/2013 school year. **PLN 6,700**

Nidzica Community Foundation, Nidzica

Scholarship program for high school students from Nidzica county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 12 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year. **PLN 10,000**

Dezydery Chłapowski Educational Association, Kościan

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Kościan county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 14 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year. **PLN 15,000**

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, 5 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year. **PLN 5,500**

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, 35 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year. **PLN 10,000**

Without Barriers Association for Assisting the Disabled, Zakliczyn

Scholarship program for high school students from the boroughs of Brzesko, Czchów, Gromnik, Pleśna and Zakliczyn – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 34 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 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, 16 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year (grant funded by K Fund). **PLN 8,800**

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, 10 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year (grant funded by K Fund). **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, 15 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year. **PLN 15,750**

Haven Association, Iława

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Iława county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 32 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year. **PLN 15,000**

Association for Development of Łagów Borough, Łagów

Scholarship program for middle school students from Łagów borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 22 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year (grant funded by Gavell Family Fund). **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, 6 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year. **PLN 4,500**

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, 18 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year (part of a grant in amount of PLN 5,582 funded by Gavell Family Fund). **PLN 15,000**

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, 25 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year. **PLN 20,000**

Association for Child Development, Pustelnik

Scholarship program for middle school students in Stanisławów borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 8 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year. **PLN 10,000**

Echo of Pyzdry Cultural Association, Pyzdry

Scholarship program for secondary school students from Bilzanów boroughs – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 4 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year (grant funded by K Fund). **PLN 4,235**

Society for Promotion and Development of Skulsk Region, Skulsk

Scholarship program for middle school students from Skulsk – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee 23 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 school year. **PLN 7,000**

Local Government Association, Konin

Scholarship program for high school students from the counties of: Gniezno, Koło, Konin, Sępólno, Turek and Września – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 45 scholarships were awarded for the 2012/2013 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**

“Alter” Association for Assisting Children and Youth with ADHD and in Need of Special Care, Białogard

Theater classes for 25 young people under the care of the Association (including 13 disabled persons), arts contest, preparation and staging of a show, a theatre visit (grant funded by Agora Foundation). **PLN 8,900**

“Rawita” Kłodawa School Association, Kłodawa

Theatre classes for 10 children with disabilities from the region of Kłodawa and 10 students from Kłodawa primary school that the Association is related to, preparation and staging of 3 shows, 3 to regional arts and performance contests (grant funded by Agora Foundation). **PLN 9,000**

Milicz Society of the Friend of Children and Disabled, Milicz

“A trip into the Unknown” – theatre classes for 6 children in the care of the Rehabilitational-Educational Day Centre, preparation and staging of a show, a theatre visit (grant funded by Małgorzata Szejnert Fund). **PLN 7,000**

“Oligus” Association for Integration of the Mentally Disabled, Matczyn

Theater classes for 10 students of the Special Schools Complex of the Social Help Center in Matczyn and 5 fully-abled students from primary school in the same town, preparation and staging of a show, a theatre visit, show by travelling theater in Matczyn (grant funded by Agora Foundation). **PLN 8,000**

“Bukownica Station” Cultural Educational Association, Bukownica

Theatre and musical-vocal classes for persons under the care of the Association for Help to the Disabled (16 disabled persons) in Syców and persons under the care of the “To Find Joy and Hope” Association for the Disabled (11 disabled persons) and two presentation of artistic programs by both groups, visits to shows and concerts at the Stacja Bukownica Theatre and Choir (grant funded by Agora Foundation). **PLN 6,000**

“We Have Big Hearts” Association, Świnice Warckie

“Together we dance and have great fun” – theater, dance and arts classes for persons under the care of the “Together” Integration Day Centre: 12 students of the Special Educational Center and 8 students from schools from the region, preparation and staging of shows, a theater visit, classes for a larger number of students during winter school break (grant funded by Agora Foundation). **PLN 9,500**

On the Hill Association, Chodzież

Theater classes accompanied by ceramics workshops (creation of clay musical instruments) for 14 young people with disabilities, residents of Social Care Centre in Rządaków and vicinity and 8 secondary school students from Miasteczko Krajeńskie, preparation and staging of a show (3 times) (grant funded by Agora Foundation and Małgorzata Szejnert Fund). **PLN 10,000**

Association for Disabled Children and Youth, Pobiedziska

“To show and to understand” – theater classes for 20 children under the care of the Association, their siblings (8 persons) and young volunteers (10 persons), 6 meetings with parents focused on using drama techniques in everyday life (grant funded by Agora Foundation). **PLN 8,000**

“We Can Do More Together” Association for Disabled People and Victims of Accidents, Warta

Theater classes for 21 persons under the care of the Association and 6 students of Secondary Schools Complex, preparation and staging of a show, a theater visit, participation in arts contest (grant funded by Małgorzata Szejnert Fund). **PLN 9,900**

“Our Little Garden” Association for Disabled People, Wschowa

Theater classes for 12 students of the Special Educational Center (aged 8 to 20), supported by 10 volunteers from secondary schools, preparation and staging of a show, a theater visit (grant funded by Małgorzata Szejnert Fund). **PLN 7,000**

Association for the Support of the “Eighth” Special School, Strzelce Opolskie

Theater classes for 15 students of the A. Kamiński Special Schools Complex, supported by 10 volunteers from secondary schools, preparation and staging of a show, visits to theatre contests organized at the Strzelce Culture Center (grant funded by Agora Foundation). **PLN 9,300**

“For a Student’s Smile” Association at the Janusz Korczak Primary School, Błonie

“Theater with a Smile – Together at School and on the State” – theater classes for 20 students of the Janusz Korczak Primary School No 2 with Integration Divisions (10 students with disabilities), preparation and staging of a show (3 times), 2 theater visits, participation in theatrical and musical contest (grant funded by Małgorzata Szejnert Fund). **PLN 8,700**

The Chance Association for Help and Support for the Disabled, Kębło

Theater classes for 13 boarding students of the Special Educational Center, batik workshops, arts and crafts classes, working with fabrics, stage and costumes design, preparation and staging of a show, a theater visit (grant funded by Małgorzata Szejnert Fund). **PLN 4,400**

“Radlin Haven” Association, Radlin

“Who I Am” – theater classes for 10 disabled children under the care of the Association and 5-7 their fully tabled peers, preparation and staging of a show, legal support for parents (grant funded by Agora Foundation). **PLN 8,400**

“Just the Same” Association of Parents of Children with Disabilities, Głubczyce

Theatre classes for 11 disabled children and their 15 peers (siblings and children of therapists) preparation and staging of a show, a theater visit, visit to watch a show at the Culture Center (grant funded by Małgorzata Szejnert Fund). **PLN 9,000**

Association of Families and Friends of Persons with Mental Disabilities, Knurów

“Limited” – theater classes for 13 persons under the care of the Association and 4 secondary school students, preparation and staging of a show, 2 theater visits (grant funded by Agora Foundation). **PLN 7,800**

Association for the Welfare of the Deafblind, Kraków

Theatre classes for 5 persons under the care of the Association (helped by 3 interpreters-guides) and 6 children with disabilities from Wieliczka municipality, preparation and staging of a show, (grant funded by Małgorzata Szejnert Fund). **PLN 8,000**

Rural Association for the Mentally and Kinetically Disabled, Ruda Zajączkowska

Theatre classes for 10 children with disabilities and 2 fully abled children, preparation and staging of 2 shows, participation in the disabled persons arts and theater contest (grant funded by Agora Foundation). **PLN 9,000**

“The Awakening” Association for Autistic Children, Zamość

Theatre classes for 15 autistic children and their 15 siblings, attended by their parents, preparation and staging of 2 shows, visits to watch a show at Zamość Cultural Center (grant funded by Agora Foundation). **PLN 8,900**

Donor Advised Funds

Małgorzata Szejnert Fund (formerly known as M Fund)

Grants for projects that use scenic arts in work with the disabled children described in the Rainbow Academy section above.

K Fund

Grants to organizations running local scholarship programs described in the Local Scholarship Programs section above.

Gavell Family Fund

Grants to organizations running local scholarship programs described in the Local Scholarship Programs section above.

Beata Pawlak Fund

Bartosz Jastrzębski and Jędrzej Morawiecki – Beata Pawlak Award for a book *Krasnojarsk Zero* **PLN 10,000**

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 Nowy Dwór counties (diagnosis and individual therapy, workshops for parents and caretakers, training for therapists) – continuation of activities supported in 2011. **PLN 26,000**

Rainbow of Hearts Family Support Foundation, Szczecin

Dissemination of knowledge about FAS in schools in West Pomerania district (training of educators, publishing information bulletin, organizing workshops during national conference); assistance for children suffering from this syndrome (consultations, diagnosis and individual therapy) – continuation of activities supported in 2011. **PLN 26,000**

Iwona Winiarska-Feleszko Fund

Scholarships of PLN 500 monthly paid for January-June 2012 for 3 first year students selected in 2011. **PLN 9,000**

Scholarships of PLN 500 monthly for 5 first year students (grants paid for September-December 2012). **PLN 10,000**

Scholarships recipients:

Miłosz Bogić, a student of Sound Engineering at Fryderyk Chopin University of Music

Piotr Budziński, a student of European Studies at the University of Warsaw

Maciej Gawłowski, a student of Geodesy and Cartography at Warsaw University of Technology

Estera Przestrzelska, a student of Geodesy and Cartography at Warsaw University of Technology

Agata Sarzyńska, a student of Local Government and Regional Policy Studies at the University of Warsaw

Spread Your Wings J. & J. Putka Fund

Scholarships of PLN 630 monthly paid for January-June 2012 for 15 first year students selected in 2011. **PLN 56,700**

Scholarships ranging from PLN 140 to PLN 780 to cover university enrollment costs of 30 secondary school graduates. **PLN 8,135**

Scholarships of PLN 630 monthly for 15 first year students (grants paid for September-December 2012). **PLN 37,170**

Scholarships recipients:

Ewelina Bukowska, a student of Construction at Gdańsk University of Technology

Marta Fiedler, a student of Sociology at Adam Mickiewicz University

Sylwester Filip, a student of Materials Engineering at Rzeszów University of Technology

Władysław Gałat, a student of Transportation at Kielce University of Technology

Kamil Jadeszko, a student of Computer Science at Białystok University of Technology

Sandra Jasionowska, a student of Technical Physics at Gdańsk University of Technology

Jolanta Jaśkiewicz, a student of Midwifery at Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce

Monika Kowalik, a student of Architecture and Urban Planning at Wrocław University of Technology

Ewelina Lubach, a student of Geodesy and Cartography at AGH University of Science and Technology

Kamil Maczuga, a student of Biophysics at the Jagiellonian University

Małgorzata Partyka, a student of Chemistry at Maria Curie-Skłodowska University

Ewelina Podlewska, a student of Environmental Sources of Energy at AGH University of Science and Technology

Karol Stępień, a student of Electronics at Wrocław University of Technology

Natalia Stępień, a student of Medicine at Medical University of Gdańsk

Marek Wośko, a student of Teleinformatics at Wrocław University of Technology

Scholarships ranging from PLN 350 to PLN 410 monthly for 14 second year students (grants paid for September-December 2012). **PLN 21,040**

Scholarships recipients:

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

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

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

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

Aneta Jankowska, a student of Construction at Gdańsk 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 Poznań University of Economics

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

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

Patrycja Pudętko-Skóra, 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

Natalia Wojtków, a student of Dentistry at the Jagiellonian University

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 2012 our debates focused on the fundamental challenges to the Polish domestic policy and public life, including protests of the young generation, the problem of nepotism and corruption, civil liberties and access to public information as well as the place of the Catholic Church in contemporary world. We also dealt with international affairs in the context of the euro crisis as well as changes taking place in the European Union.

Reports on the meetings, along with audio recordings, are posted on the Foundation's website.

Current political and social problems

Protest and generation

26 March 2012

The conference devoted to the protests of the young generation in the streets of Poland and other countries in Europe and the world, the ideas and values that motivate the young „indignant” people, their worldviews and attitudes to politics, similarities and differences between the 2011-2012 protests and the 1968-69 student revolt. Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

Session I: Who are They? What is the young generation protesting in the streets of Poland and other countries like?

Speakers: Krzysztof Kosela (Institute of Sociology of the University of Warsaw), Mikołaj Rakusa-Suszczewski (Center for Analysis of Social Movements), Tomasz Szlendak (Institute of Sociology of the Mikołaj Kopernik University), Alek Tarkowski (Creative Commons Polska).

Session II: The 2011-2012 Movement and the 1968 and 1989 young generation. Commonalities and differences

Speakers: Edwin Bendyk (*Polityka* weekly), Rafał Kalukin (*Newsweek Polska* weekly), Michał Łuczewski (Institute of Sociology of the University of Warsaw), Andrzej Mencwel (Institute of Polish Culture of the University of Warsaw), Karolina Wigura (*Kultura Liberalna*).

Urban Movements: Protest or Care for Common Good?

24 May 2012

The discussion about the phenomenon of city movements: whether they are expressions of protests against the actions of authorities, attempts to make the city more community-friendly or a fight for particularistic interests of residents.

Speakers: Agata Diduszko-Zyglewska (The Warsaw 2020 Initiative), Joanna Erbel (*Krytyka Polityczna*), Marcin Świącicki (Member of the Polish Sejm, former president of Warsaw). Moderator: Wojciech Przybylski (editor-in-chief of *Res Publika Nowa*).

The debate was accompanied by an electronic publication presenting texts by Agata Diduszko-Zyglewska, Joanna Erbel, Łukasz Jurczyszyn, Barbara Lewenstein and Wojciech Przybylski, entitled *Democracy of the City*.

Appropriation of the State: Clientelism, Corruption, Nepotism

17 September 2012

The conference devoted to the privatization of the public sphere in Poland, appropriation of the state by politicians and the ways of counteracting these phenomena. Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

Session I. Our and Your Pathologies: Reflections on the Issues of Clientelism, Corruption, Nepotism in Different Periods of Time and under Different Parties Governments as well as on the Situation in this Sphere in other Countries

Speakers: Marek Borowski (Member of the Polish Senate), Ludwik Dorn (Member of the Polish Sejm), Radosław Markowski (Institute of Political Studies of the University of Social Sciences and Humanities), Edmund Wnuk-Lipiński (rector of the Collegium Civitas).

Session II. Current Treats: the Specificity of Current Problems and Ways of Counteracting Them

Speakers: Antoni Kamiński (Institute of Political Studies of the Polish Academy of Science), Grażyna Kopyńska (the Batory Foundation), Grzegorz Makowski (Institute of Public Affairs), Paweł Solocho (the Sobieski Institute), Marcin Walecki (Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights – ODIHR).

The Church Facing the World

10 October 2012

The discussion on the relations between the Catholic Church and the outside world in the past two hundred years as well as the changes brought about by the II Vatican Council and the pontificates of John Paul II and Benedict XVI.

Speakers: Dominika Kozłowska (editor-in-chief of *the Znak* magazine), Marcin Król (Institute of Applied Social Sciences of the University of Warsaw, head of the Batory Foundation Council) and reverend Andrzej Szostek MIC (Institute of Theoretical Philosophy of the John Paul II University in Lublin).

The debate was organized on the centennial anniversary of the birth of Jerzy Turowicz.

Freedom vs. Efficiency. Power and Freedom of Information **29 October 2012**

The discussion on the tensions between the state's functioning, its efficiency and effectiveness and the scope of civil liberties and access of citizens to information.

Speakers: Adam Bodnar (Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights), Jacek Cichoński (minister of internal affairs), Jacek Czaja (Supreme Administrative Court of Poland, former minister of justice), Ludwik Dorn (member of the Polish Sejm, former minister of internal affairs and administration), Ryszard Kalisz (member of the Polish Sejm, former minister of internal affairs and administration), Katarzyna Szymielewicz (Panoptykon Foundation). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

The Church on the Polish Problems **28 November 2012**

The debate devoted to the place of the Catholic Church in Poland after 1989, its relations with the state and its attempts to answer contemporary challenges.

Speakers: Maciej Zięba OP (theologian, philosopher, Dominican friar), Jacek Żakowski (*Polityka* weekly). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

International Relations and Problems of Europe **Facing Europe and the Crisis** **10 January 2012**

The debate on possible scenarios of the situation in Europe threatened by the collapse of the euro zone and other disintegration processes as well as Poland's responses to these challenges.

Speakers: Marek A. Cichoński (*Teologia Polityczna* quarterly), Konstanty Gebert (director of the ECFR Warsaw Office), Radosław Sikorski (minister of foreign affairs), Paweł Świeboda (demosEUROPA Foundation – Center for European Strategy), Karolina Wigura (*Kultura Liberalna*). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

The debate was organized in cooperation with the demosEUROPA Foundation – Center for European Strategy and the Warsaw Office of European Council on Foreign Relations.

Other debates

How to Write about Otherness **The Debate on the 9th Edition of the Beata Pawlak Award** **12 October**

The discussion among writers on the ways of writing about different cultures, religions and traditions at the times of growing conflicts and tensions as well as how to avoid escalating mistrust and animosity, as well as paternalism or ignoring uncomfortable and controversial issues.

Speakers: Wojciech Jagielski (reporter, correspondent of the Polish Press Agency), Bartosz Jastrzębski (philosopher, Institute of Journalism and Social Communication of the University of Wrocław), Jędrzej Morawiecki (reporter and sociologist, Institute of Journalism and Social Communication of the University of Wrocław), Paweł Smoleński (reporter and writer, *Gazeta Wyborcza* daily), Olga Stanisławska (reporter and columnist). Moderator: Konstanty Gebert (columnist, Warsaw ECFR Office).

The program was financed from the Batory Foundation's own resources.

Total program costs

PLN 162,314.01

Your Vote, Your Choice

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

Since 2006 we have been organizing nationwide action aimed at initiating and promoting cooperation between residents and local authorities in solving local problems and to reinforce a sense of joint responsibility for the election promises and decisions made on the election day. The action 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 2012 we conducted the action in partnership with The Unit for Social Innovation and Research *Shipyards*, Sustainable Development Workshop, School of Leaders Association and Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups. We suggested the participants the choice of six scenarios of activities that would contribute to joint decision-making process between residents and local authorities: managing selected public spaces; deciding on the allocation parts of the community budgets (e.g. community revenue earned on sale of alcohol license); introducing a system of reporting local problems to relevant authorities; and ensuring information flow between residents and local authorities.

170 organizations, informal groups, local media, cultural centers, libraries and other institutions from 150 localities joined the project. 18 participants who were most effective in facilitating cooperation of residents and local authorities competed for the *Super Local Government 2012* award, held under the honorary patronage of the President of Poland.

Project's participants were offered different forms of support. They could take part in three-day workshops teaching skills necessary for undertaking activities in local communities (120 people); in two-day meetings devoted to discussing the effects of undertaken activities and developing the concepts further

endeavors (80 people); four-day trainings of the School of Moderators which prepared participants to organize and moderate meetings and debates in their community (20 people); a one-day seminar for mayors and village leaders who distinguished themselves through their cooperation with project's participants (60 people). They could also apply for micro grants of about PLN 500 for activities they undertake as part of the Your Vote, Your Choice action (in total 71 participants received the micro grants).

We also facilitated contacts with local authorities and media, helped the participants in promotion activities (providing them with posters and other informational and promotional materials). We consulted them on the scope of local authorities' powers and legal regulations (including publication and dissemination of the Charter of Residents Rights). Our partners advised the participants on how to conduct activities, engage residents and encourage local authorities to cooperation.

Citizens and Elections seminars

Together with the organizations of the Your, Vote Your Choice pro-turnout coalition, we engaged in advocacy efforts aimed at introducing further changes in the electoral law to make it easier for citizens to participate in elections and make informed voting decisions.

We continued a series of *Citizens and Elections* seminars launched in December 2011 aimed to discuss the problems connected with the elections and develop recommendations which will encourage informed voting and high voter participation. 51 experts (sociologists, political scientists, lawyers), representatives of relevant institutions (including National Elections Commission, Ministry of Administration and Digitalization) as well as activists of non-governmental organizations working on civic participation and civic education took part in seminars. The discussions focused on electoral education of youth and adults, the ways to ensure voters a 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.

With the help of the Public Opinion Research Centre we conducted an opinion poll on the reasons of electoral abstention. Its findings together with the results of experts' work and conclusions from seminars will be published in a report and will serve as a springboard for further advocacy activities.

In 2012 the program was financed from the grants by the Open Society Institute (PLN 429,771.11), the Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe (PLN 382,626.18) and from the Batory Foundation's own resources.

Grants	PLN 515,400.00
Program costs	PLN 430,206.94
Total program cost	PLN 945,606.94

Grants

The Unit for Social Innovation and Research *Shipyards*, Warsaw

Training seminars and other forms of support for participants of the Your Vote, Your Choice project engaged in developing local versions of online *Let's fix it* platforms. **PLN 55,000**

Sustainable Development Workshop, Toruń

Training seminars and other forms of support for participants of the Your Vote, Your Choice project engaged in activities focusing on spacial arrangement (*Common Space*). **PLN 61,300**

Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups, Warsaw

Training seminars and other forms of support for participants of the Your Vote, Your Choice project engaged in involving residents in decision making about the use of cork funds (community revenue earned on sale of alcohol license) and village funds (part of the community budget to be decided by residents at the village meeting). **PLN 110,000**

School of Leaders Association, Warsaw

Training seminars and other forms of support for participants of the Your Vote, Your Choice action engaged in activities aimed to make local councils more open to residents (*Accessible local councilors* and *Accessible Council Sessions*), organization of Local Government Club and School of Moderators. **PLN 170,000**

Activities aimed at improving leadership skills among local authorities representatives and non-governmental organizations representatives and increasing participation of women in public life. **PLN 150,000**

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 or mismanagement in their workplace, face harassment from employers.

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, 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. After 2011 parliamentary elections the Coalition decided to limit the monitoring to the activities of the ruling parties in these areas of public life which are covered by the Coalition's members (education, special agencies, electoral corruption, protection of whistleblowers, recruitment of supervisory boards members of state-owned companies).

During a conference on October 9 we presented an evaluation of the implementation of the Civil Platform's and Polish People's Party's election campaign programs regarding quality and transparency of government. The evaluation report was rather negative. The government had not introduced any steps towards increasing transparency of public life: neither had it join the Open Government Partnership nor had it adopted the Corruption Prevention Program.

The Coalition also expresses its opinions on important matters related to counteracting corruption and transparency of public life. In 2012 it criticized Prime Minister's decision to vest the supervisory power over the Central Anti-corruption Bureau in the Minister of Internal Affairs. The Coalition regarded the situation where a public service institution conducting investigation into a case of public tenders corruption at the Ministry of Internal Affairs is supervised by head of the ministry under investigation as unacceptable.

The Coalition requested from the Ministry of Internal Affairs access to information on new tasks of the so-called “Anti-corruption Shield” which was adopted by the Special Services Committee in 2011 without clause of secrecy. The documents were disclosed by the Director of the Office of Committee and made public on the Coalition’s webpages.

Members of the Coalition also took part in a consultation meeting on the draft State Corruption Prevention Program for 2012-2016 organized by Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs. During the meeting they proposed new more precise indicators of the implementation of the Program’s goals.

The Coalition also took part in the anti-corruption media campaign initiated by the Central Anticorruption Bureau aimed to raise awareness about corruption as a still existing social problem. For three months two spots by the Central Anticorruption Bureau and the Customs Services as well as an updated spot prepared by the Coalition as part of a 2001 awareness raising campaign were broadcast on public television channels.

Open Government Coalition

In February the Coalition appealed to the Prime Minister Donald Tusk with regard to Poland’s joining the Open Government Partnership, an international initiative for improving the quality of governance, launched in 2011 by governments of 8 countries. The initiative is open to any country that pledges to respect and promote the rules of transparency, openness and accountability in governance and undertakes concrete steps towards increasing the participation of the society in monitoring and evaluating the activities of the government. In 2012 there were 58 members of the Partnership. Poland is one of the 2 new EU member states that have not joined this initiative.

In August we set up Coalition for Joining the Open Government Partnership together with a group of organizations working on transparency, accessibility, openness and accountability of government. The Coalition members included: Centre for Civic Education, ePF (e-state Foundation), Civil Development Forum Foundation, Batory Foundation, Panoptikon Foundation, Project: Poland Foundation, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups, Healthy State Association, School of Leaders Association, Unit for Social Innovation and Research - Shipyard, Association 61/I Have the Right to Know.pl. [MamPrawoWiedziec.pl]. The Coalition informs about its activities on its web-page, facebook and TAK.dla.OGP web-portal.

Activities to implement an anti-corruption strategy

Driven by the conviction that a precondition for transparent good governance of the state is the development and implementation by the government of a long-term anti-corruption strategy, we undertake activities aimed at monitoring and evaluating government’s efforts to prevent and fight corruption and engage in exploring, developing and promoting proposals for the adoption of effective anti-corruption measures.

In 2009-2011 we evaluated the effectiveness of the anti-corruption measures of three successive governments ruling in the years 2001-2011. A report from the research was presented at a conference on December 2, 2011 and distributed among Polish and international institutions responsible for fighting corruption. In 2010 we prepared a manual *How to Fight Corruption*, presenting step by step how to develop and implement a national anti-corruption strategy. Some of the our recommendations, such as requirement for external evaluation of the implementation of the goals and tasks of the anti-corruption strategy, were

included in the draft Government Anti-Corruption Program for the years 2011-2016 prepared in 2011 by the Ministry of Internal Affairs.

In 2012 we continued our activities aimed at convincing the authorities to prepare and implement a national anticorruption strategy. We presented our ideas for effective corruption prevention on September 13 during a session of the Parliamentary Administration and Internal Affairs Committee devoted to discussing anticorruption strategy. A representative of the Ministry of Internal Affairs taking part in the meeting declared that the government would resume works on the State Anticorruption Program. In October we presented the arguments for implementing an anticorruption strategy at a seminar *What Kind of Anticorruption Policy?* organized by the Institute of Public Affairs and Friedrich Ebert Foundation and attended by representatives of non-governmental organizations, politicians and Ministry of Internal Affairs representatives.

Transparency in legislative procedure

For several past years we have been undertaking activities aimed at introducing legal solutions that will increase transparency of legislative processes. In these activities we use knowledge and experience gained in the process of monitoring of functioning of Lobbying Act.

We ran advocacy efforts to implement the proposals and recommendations developed over the past few years with the help of the Citizens Legislative Forum which we set up in 2009 with an aim to bring together people participating in the legislative process or monitoring it: representatives of NGOs, the academia, 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 2012 the Forum conducted a range of activities aimed at raising awareness among decision-makers with regard to the need for changes in the legislation process. The Forum members took part in working seminars and expert meetings as part of the Public Debate Forum, a channel of President's public consultations. The meetings and seminars were devoted to the place of lobbying and advocacy in the law-making process, the system of sources of law, and the regulatory impact analysis as an instrument of improving the law-making process.

On the Forum's initiative, several meetings with government representatives were organized to discuss plans of changing the procedures of consultation of draft legislation. The meetings were attended by Minister Adam Jasser from the Prime Minister's Chancellery, Maciej Berek, head of the State Legislation Center and Deputy Minister of Economy, Mariusz Haładyj. As part of public consultations, the Forum members presented their commentaries on the *Better Regulations* program for 2012-2015, prepared by the Ministry of Internal Affairs as well as took part in a conference devoted to finalizing the program. In May and June, the Forum representatives took part in Communications and Consultations workshop organized by the Ministry of Administration and Digitalization and the Unit for Social Innovation and Research *Shipyards* which resulted in the development of the Consultations Code that sets out the rules for conducting public consultations.

In the search of support for transparent regulation of the place of public consultations in the law-making process, the Forum members met with the Ombudsmen, Parliamentary Group on Cooperation with Non-Governmental Organizations and with Public Benefit Activity Council at the Ministry of Labour and

Social Affairs. After the meeting, the Ombudsmen sent a letter to Prime Minister indicating the need to consider the regulation of the legislative process due to frequent irregularities.

In 2011-2012 the Forum members protested against the amendments to the Bylaws of the Cabinet of Ministers, introduced by the resolution of 6 December 2011 which limited the role of public consultations in the law-making process. 10 MPs supported Forum's position by writing their interpellations on this matter.

The activities of the Forum have brought some tangible results: the Better Regulations Program for 2012-2015 adopted by the Permanent Committee of the Cabinet of Ministers introduced obligatory consultations of legal acts on all stages of their development, raised regulatory impact analysis requirements and defined standards of proper consultation. The organizers of the President's Chancellery debates promised to include recommendations on improving law-making process into the February 2013 "green book" that would propose amendments to the Constitution such as: rules regulating citizens participation in decision-making process, amendments to legal acts regulating the works of the government and the both chambers of the Parliament, a provision on the need to introduce and implement standards of good legislation. Also Minister of Justice supported the idea of legal regulating of law-making process during a conference organized by the ministry in November.

Preventing corruption in practice

The UN Anticorruption Convention, adopted by Poland in 2006, obliges the participating states to put more emphasis on fighting corruption (art. 5 and 6). The experiences of other countries, such as the Netherlands, Australia or New Zealand, demonstrate that one of the best mechanisms to prevent corruption is to introduce a system of corruption prevention in public institutions. Such systems developed in continuous cooperation with employees and with respect to the specific circumstances of each institution constitute one of the most effective ways of counteracting corruption. In Poland, several public institutions introduced a System of Counteracting Corruption Threats within the ISO 9001. Some central institutions have introduced their own systems too.

In 2011-2012 we prepared evaluations of corruption prevention systems in three public institutions: Ministry of Economy (2011), Office of the Marshall of Mazovia Province (2012) and Agency of Material Reserves Agency (2012). The evaluations were conducted by the program's team, with the assistance of two experts: Piotr Koryś (an economist) and Cezary Trutkowski (a sociologist). Our goal was to evaluate the quality and effectiveness of the introduced solutions and prepare a guidebook on introducing corruption prevention systems in public administration institutions on the basis of our evaluations. The results of our research show that the introduced systems in the above mentioned institutions have various shortcomings: they give too much discretion with regard to implementation, do not force the introduction of effective remedies, whereas the method of analyzing corruption risk is relatively arbitrary. Research reports were published on the Foundation's web-page. In 2013 the guidebook will be prepared.

Support and protection for whistleblowers

Since 2009 we have been working to strengthen legal protection for whistleblowers i.e. 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 many countries such individuals 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 letter, however, by not recognizing specificity of their activities do not provide sufficient legal protection for whistleblowing.

After a range of activities conducted in previous years (monitoring of the legal situation of whistleblowers and activities aimed at strengthening their protection on the basis of the existing law) in 2011-2012 we focused on analysis of legal solutions and whistleblowers protection practices in other European countries as well as in the United States and Australia in order to prepare Guidelines for a legislative act on protection of whistleblowers in the Polish legal system.

We analyzed five legal acts regulating the issues of reporting irregularities and abuses at place of work to relevant authorities from United Kingdom, Australia (Queensland) and three countries of Central and Eastern Europe (Slovenia, Hungary and Romania). We also examined a *qui tam* complaint with a possibility of financial gratification for whistleblowers. In the autumn, on the basis of the analysis of effectiveness of legal regulations existing in different states, our own experience, as well as the information gained during a study visit to organizations working on whistleblowers protection in the US we prepared the *Guidelines of the draft law on protection of persons reporting on irregularities and abuses in their professional environment*. In this document we developed a concept of a complex system of regulations on reporting irregularities and abuses, not only with regard to legal protection, but also to issues related to disclosing legally protected secret information, responsibility for violating personality rights, implementation of internal systems of reporting irregularities and abuses within structures of an organization, etc.

The comparative part of the Guidelines was consulted during an expert seminar attended by representatives of the Civil Service Department of the Prime Minister's Chancellery, Ministry of Internal Affairs, National Labor Inspectorate, Supreme Audit Office, Central Anticorruption Bureau, the Ombudsmen, non-governmental organizations, business, trade unions and experts on labor law. The final version of the Guidelines reflecting the comments made during the seminar was presented to the public on December 17. Commentaries to the Guidelines were made by Paweł Śmigielski, lawyer of the National Alliance of Trade Unions and Piotr Hans, internal auditor, author of the blog on whistleblowing: *Whistle-blowing – Honesty without Fear*. The Guidelines were presented to representatives of the government and parliament and regional labor inspectorates responsible for monitoring of how well labor law is applied.

In April we commissioned an opinion poll on the perception of whistle-blowers in Poland from the Public Opinion Research Center. The Heros or Snitches? study was conducted on a 1018 sample. Our aim was to check what legal, social and cultural barriers are faced by people who in good faith report on irregularities and abuses threatening public interest: what the attitude of employers and colleagues is, what Poles think about such activities and how they evaluate the effectiveness of their protection on the basis of existing laws. The results identified three main barriers: unwillingness to get involved, fear of being labeled a „snitch”, and fear of negative consequences. *Our intuitions were confirmed that the majority of Poles (77% of respondents) are afraid of negative reactions from their employer (56% actually expect to be fired), and believe that the legal regulations for protection of whistleblowers are completely ineffective.* The results of the study were presented at a press-briefing and described at length in *Gazeta Wyborcza*. The study, together with analyses prepared in the previous years (research on judge's decisions in labor courts, legal assistance, monitoring of whistleblower cases), helped us to develop arguments for the need of legal changes.

The problems related to the lack of legal protection of whistleblowers in Poland were presented at a number of public events, including the Institute of Public Affairs' conference *Whistleblowing. How to Protect Persons Disclosing Abuses?*; seminar for members of the Praxeology Scientific Association, Center for Ethics in Business, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences and Leon Koźmiński Academy; Ernst&Young press conference related to the publication of the Twelfth Study on Economic Abuses. We also consulted: the Polish National Railways' project on implementing an internal system of whistleblowing and the concept of the campaign promoting the whistleblowing procedure among employers.

In the past year, as part of our legal aid for whistleblowers, we undertook three cases: in one we observed legal proceedings and prepared *amicus curie* position, in another we a legal firm with which we cooperate *pro bono* provided a comprehensive legal opinion, in a third one we established a professional legal representative.

Our activities in this area were widely reflected in the media. We managed to convince decision-makers that the status of whistleblowers needs to be legally regulated. In the National Anticorruption Program for 2011-2016 the task to "develop and implement legal solutions with regard to protection of whistleblowers" has been introduced.

Funding election campaigns and political parties

In cooperation with the *Viitorul* Institute for Development of Social Initiatives from Moldova, Young Lawyers Association from Georgia, Open Society Forum from Mongolia as well as Transparency International from Armenia, Czech Republic and Estonia we prepared an analysis of the systems of political parties and election campaigns financing in seven countries of the European Union and Eastern Partnership. As part of the project, a website www.politicalfinance.org was created in Russian and English version which presents comparative analysis of basic elements of electoral systems together with country reports as well as recommendations of legal amendments that would increase transparency of existing regulations. The Project was supported by a grant from the East East Beyond Borders Program.

Other Activities

In the first half of 2012 we took part in the project led by Hungarian K-Monitor Watchdog for Public Fund association which undertook cross-country analysis by a comparative research of the public procurement systems in the Visegrad countries. Experts from Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia and Hungary prepared reports describing legal framework and practice of implementing public procurement regulations in their countries. Polish report was prepared by Bartosz Majerski, lawyer specializing in public procurement law. During an expert workshop attended by the authors of country reports recommendations were developed on good practices and necessary changes in the public procurement systems in all Visegrad countries. Final study is available on: [//k-monitor.hu/egyeb/transparency-and-accountability-in-public-procurement-a-the-case-of-v4-countries](http://k-monitor.hu/egyeb/transparency-and-accountability-in-public-procurement-a-the-case-of-v4-countries). Project was funded by the Visegrad Fund.

In 2012 the program was funded by grants from the Open Society Institute PLN 189,767.18 (including PLN 36,083.71 from East East Beyond Borders Program), a grant from K-Monitor Association (PLN 4,061.70) and from the Foundation's own resources.

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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 were 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.

Thanks to our efforts the perspective of visa liberalization for the Eastern Partnership states has not been postponed into indefinite future in the documents adopted during the Eastern Partnership-EU Summit in Warsaw. We have also pointed out to relevant institutions that the EU member states' visa issuance policies vary to a great degree and that many countries do not fully apply the legally available facilitations. As a result, the European Commission has initiated steps towards further facilitation and streamlining of the EU visa policy.

In 2012 we continued **information and advocacy efforts** 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. We monitored progress on liberalization of EU visa policy towards our Eastern neighbors and used the results of monitoring to urge countries of the Eastern Partnership to implement the commitments made in “road maps” and agreements on visa facilitation, on one hand, and on the other, to make the European public opinion aware of how the neighboring countries are changing as a result of the implemented reforms. Last year, all the Eastern Partnership countries made considerable achievements with regard to implementation of reforms that are necessary for future visa liberalization. Moldova fulfilled

all the criteria of the first phase of the Action Plan and started implementing the second phase criteria. Ukraine almost fulfilled the first phase criteria. Georgia was granted an Action Plan, Armenia signed a visa facilitation agreement with the UE and Azerbaijan will sign such an agreement in 2013.

We coordinated the activities of the **Visa-free Europe Coalition**, a network of 43 organizations from all over Europe, working towards visa liberalization. The Coalition implements joint activities aimed at accelerating visa liberalization between the EU and Eastern Partnership countries and Russia. Its web-site www.visa-free-europe.eu is a source of information on the EU visa policy towards the EaP states and Russia, progress in visa liberalization process, as well as activities by the Coalition members aimed at facilitation of this process. In July we organized a coordination meeting of the Coalition members in Warsaw. The meeting was attended by the Ambassador of Moldova, the country that has made the greatest progress in implementing the reforms necessary for visa liberalization.

On November 28, together with partners from the Coalition we launched the **Eastern Partnership Liberalization Index**, an interactive internet tool (monitoring.visa-free-europe.eu) showing the progress of the EaP states towards visa liberalization. The Index is regularly updated on the basis of the data collected by a network of experts from the Eastern Partnership states who regularly evaluate approximation of their countries' legislation towards the criteria set out in Action Plans and other bilateral agreements. Regularly updated results are presented during conferences and seminars in the EU and EaP states as well as disseminated among a wide range of recipients including ministries of foreign and internal affairs, state agencies and institutions, experts and the media.

As part of our activities aimed at promoting the idea of visa liberalization among wider public opinion (especially young people) we published a paper and electronic versions of a comic strip *European on the Road* in four languages: English, Polish, Russian and Ukrainian. The strip demonstrated the barriers that Eastern Europeans face when travelling to the EU. It is used in promotion and advocacy activities by the Coalition members and its electronic version is downloadable from the Coalition's web-page.

Together with the Visa-free Europe Coalition partners we organized several **conferences and seminars** focusing on the need for and benefits of visa liberalization both in the EU and the EaP states. Last year, Armenia was at the center of our attention: the country was negotiating the visa facilitation agreement with the EU. On February 25-26, together with the Analytical Centre for Globalization and Regional Cooperation and the Yerevan Office of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation we organized a conference devoted to the negotiations of the visa facilitation agreement with the EU in Chakhkadzor. The panelists included Traian Hristea (EU Ambassador to Armenia), Elenora Vergeer (EU Advisory Group to Armenia), Naira Gevorgyan (The Friedrich Ebert Foundation, Germany), Stepan Grigoryan (Analytical Centre on Globalization and Regional Cooperation, Armenia), Leonid Litra (Institute for Development and Social Studies "Viitorul", Moldova), Zohrab Mnatsakanian (vice minister of foreign affairs and the main negotiator of the visa facilitation agreement), Boris Navasardyan (Yerevan Press Club, Armenia), Iryna Sushko (Europe without Barriers, Ukraine), Soso Tsikarishvili (European Integration Forum, Georgia) and Joanna Fomina (Batory Foundation). The conference was attended by non-governmental organizations activists, European affairs experts, journalists, representatives of Armenian authorities, students.

In October, also in cooperation with the Analytical Centre on Globalization and Regional Cooperation, Armenia we organized a seminar on the EU visa policies towards the Eastern Partnership countries. The

target audience was representatives of the Armenian scientific and cultural community, journalists, representatives of the third sector. Panelists included: Stepan Grigoryan (Analytical Centre on Globalization and Regional Cooperation, Armenia), Joanna Fomina (Batory Foundation), Iryna Sushko and Maryana Kuzio (Europe without Barriers, Ukraine), Elenora Vergeer (EU Advisory Group to Armenia), Artur Ghazinyan (Centre for European Studies at the Yerevan State University), Alžběta Chmelarova (Association for International Affairs, Czech Republic) and Elena Shuba (Office for a Democratic Belarus, Belgium).

On September 24-25 together with Ukrainian partner organization Europe without Barriers we organized a seminar focused on the progress made by Ukraine towards visa liberalization and on the EU member states visa policies towards Ukraine. The conference took place at the Ukrainian UKRINFORM Press Agency in Kyiv. During the event we presented the results of the monitoring of Ukraine's progress in meeting the visa liberalization criteria. The conference was attended by representatives of ministries of foreign and internal affairs, the EU states embassies as well as the EU Representation in Ukraine.

In 2012 the EU initiated visa liberalization dialogue with Georgia. On November 22, together with the CIPDD, the Caucasus Institute for Peace, Democracy and Development in Tbilisi we organized a conference *Social monitoring of the EU visa policy: the practice and prospects for the Eastern Partnership states*. The participants of the discussion included diplomats (e.a. Philip Dimitrov, the Ambassador of the EU to Georgia), Georgian politicians and officials (Thea Akhvediani, Director of the European Integration Department of the Georgian MFA; Tornike Nozadze from the Euro-Atlantic Integration Ministry; Natalia Chubinidze from the State Commission on Migration), representatives of the civil society, including members of the Visa-free Europe Coalition as well as the media.

As part of our activities aimed at changing the attitudes towards visa liberalization of the EU governments and public opinion, we continued organizing **seminars in the EU states**. On June 28, together with two Paris institutions: Notre Europe and Centre for International Studies and Research, CERI we held a seminar in Paris, the capital of one of the states that is least supportive to visa liberalization. The *Access to Europe and Visa Policy: Challenges for the European Union and its Neighbors* seminar was chaired by Antonio Vitorino, president of Notre Europe. The panel discussants included Pierre Beckouche (Institut de Prospective Économique du Monde Méditerranéen, IPEMED), Katharina Knaus (European Stability Initiative, ESI), Roderick Parkes (German Institute for International and Security Affairs) and Joanna Fomina (Batory Foundation).

On November 14, together with Europe without Barriers from Kyiv we organized a seminar at the European Parliament for MEPs and the media. The *Visas? What's the Reason?* seminar was devoted to the EU visa policy towards the Eastern Partnership states. The meeting was accompanied by a photo exhibit prepared by Europe without Barriers showing the effects of the restrictive visa policy of the EU to the Eastern Europeans. Issues discussed at the seminar included unwillingness of the EU states to fully implement the rules of the EU Visa Code and visa facilitation agreements and the progress made by the EaP states towards visa liberalization. The speakers included: Kostiantyn Yelisieiev (Ambassador of Ukraine to the European Union), Paweł Zalewski (Member of the European Parliament), Joanna Fomina (Batory Foundation) and Iryna Sushko (Europe without Barriers, Ukraine).

For the fourth time we were selected as members of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum that brings together more than 200 organizations from the EU and Eastern Partnership countries and where from 2011 we have been coordinating the visa facilitation subgroup. During the EAP Civil Society meeting in Stockholm (November 29-30) we organized a workshop, where we presented the results of the EaP Visa

Liberalization Index. Members of the visa subgroup also prepared recommendations regarding the EU visa policy presented to the representatives of the European Commission.

On October 9-10 we took part in the third EU-Russia Civil Society Forum in St. Petersburg. With our partners participating in the visa policy working group we prepared recommendations on the EU-Russia visa policies, developed a statement on making public the List of Common Steps, an EU-Russia bilateral document setting out the criteria to be met for both parties before an agreement on visa-free regime can be signed. We also prepared an appeal regarding the reintroduction of visa requirement for EU vehicles crew members by Russia. This position was jointly adopted by the Steering Committee of the Forum and the Visa-free Europe Coalition.

We also presented and disseminated recommendations on EU visa liberalization as well as information about the Coalition activities during events organized by our partner organizations, These included: the annual Schuman Parade organized by the Schuman Foundation (Warsaw, May 12); Eurovillage, European days in Kyiv (June 4-5); the Black Sea Young Reformers Fellowship Program (Munich, October 15-18); Eastern Partnership migration panel organized by the European Commission in Chisinau (October 18-19).

We continued our activities aimed at improving the **practice of visa issuance by Poland** as well as making the Polish-Ukrainian border crossings more friendly and effective. On August 30, on our initiative a meeting with Polish non-governmental organizations and representatives of deputy-ministers Katarzyna Pełczyńska-Nałęcz (Eastern policy affairs) and Janusz Cisek (consular affairs) and Polish consuls in Kyiv and Lviv was held at the Polish MFA. During the meeting different problems identified with regard to the Polish visa issuance and the way Polish visa issuance centers function were raised. The meeting contributed to partial improvement of the Polish visa policy: in the second half of 2012 the Polish consulates in the Eastern Partnership states and Russia issued more long-term visas with 3 to 5 year validity, than in the first half of the year.

In spring we published a report based on the results of **monitoring of the border crossing** conducted in winter 2011. The study comprised of: monitoring the traffic at the border crossings, interviews with representatives of local authorities, business, and civil society organizations from both sides of the border as well as analysis of media discourse on Polish-Ukrainian border. The report entitled *A Border to Repair. Problems of Polish-Ukrainian Borderland*, accompanied by recommendations as how to improve the functioning of border crossings and streamline traffic across the border was presented on May 31 at a public seminar attended by representatives of Border Guard, Customs Service, Ministry of Sport and Tourism and Members of Parliament. The main findings and recommendations presented by Joanna Konieczna-Sałamatin and Elżbieta Świdrowska were commented on by Maria Napiórkowska (Border Management Director of the Border Guard Headquarters), Tadeusz Piłat (deputy director of the Polish-Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce), Mirosław Sienkiewicz (director of Customs Service in Białystok), Marcin Świącicki (Polish Member of Parliament).

In June and July we made a research on how the **Polish-Ukrainian border was functioning during the EURO 2012** football championship, to what extent the facilitations in crossing the border introduced during this period were effective and which of them can be introduced permanently. We conducted in-depth interviews with border guard and customs service officers and a survey among people crossing the border. The study was completed in cooperation with our Ukrainian partner Europe without Barriers and

supported by the International Renaissance Foundation. The report will be presented in Kyiv and Lviv in February 2013.

Eastern Debate Forum

In the recent years, the level of interest with regard to Eastern Europe has decreased both in Poland and the EU. This is related on one hand to our integration with the European structures, and on the other, to the disappointment with the current situation in Eastern Europe. Representatives of elites on both sides of the EU Eastern border complain about the lack of contacts and institutionalized forms of dialogue where one can discuss and analyze the current situation and challenges as well as directions of developments in the Central and Eastern European states; present ideas, programs and visions of political and social leaders, review new concepts and trends, mitigate stereotypes and prejudices, work out opinions and attitudes.

In response to these needs, we organize seminars, conferences, and meetings, thus creating a space for discussion and dialogue between social, economic and political elites from Eastern Europe. Our ambition is to invigorate the interest of the Polish public opinion and decision-makers in the affairs of our Eastern neighbors, introducing new issues into the discussion, shaping a friendly and active foreign policy of Poland and the EU towards the Eastern European states and supporting pro-European aspirations and democratic processes in these states.

On March 20, in cooperation with the European Commission Representation in Poland as well as the European Council on Foreign Relations we organized *The European Union at the Times of the Crisis. The Trio Institute as an Experience-sharing Mechanism* conference. The starting point for the discussion was a reflection on three dimensions of the crisis: the crisis of the euro zone, the crisis of institutions and the crisis of foreign policy. The debate focused on such questions as to what extent the presidency trio institute can be an effective mechanism for experience sharing and ensuring stability of the EU policy as well as whether the Eastern Partnership initiative will be present in the EU foreign policy during the Danish presidency. The discussion was moderated by Paweł Bagiński (director of the Open Europe Program) and Konstanty Gebert (director of the ECFR Warsaw Office), the speakers included Krzysztof Bobiński (Unia&Polska Foundation), Janusz Jankowiak (Polish Business Council), Leszek Jesień (Collegium Civitas and National School of Public Administration), Niyazi Kizilyurek (Cyprus University), Jana Kobzova (European Council for Foreign Relations), Agnieszka Łada (Institute of Public Affairs), Jarosław Pietras (the Council of the European Union), Aleksander Surdej (Cracow University of Economics), Ewa Synowiec (European Commission Representation in Poland), Maciej Szpunar (vice-minister of foreign affairs of the Republic of Poland). The conference took part under the honorary patronage of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Denmark and the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus.

As part of our activities aimed at promoting coherence of the EU and Polish policy towards the Eastern Europe states, on March 27 we organized a discussion with representatives of the most relevant units of public administration and ministries of finances, economy, justice, agriculture, transport, construction and maritime economy, internal affairs and foreign affairs, as well as the Chancellery of the Cabinet of Ministers. During the meeting the participants focused on the challenges and barriers in regular cooperation of different units and department of public administration and the possibilities of increasing such cooperation in order to achieve a more coherent policy towards our Eastern neighbors. The comments collected during the meeting were reflected in the report by Paweł Bagiński, entitled *Policy Coherence for Development and Polish policy towards Eastern Europe*. The report presents the concept of policy coherence for development and how it can be employed in planning and implementing Polish foreign policy.

On April 20, we organized *The New Face of Russia?* conference devoted to the current situation after the recent social-political developments in this country: protests and demonstrations after parliamentary and presidential elections. The aim of the conference was to introduce the new Russian social leaders and political experts, their ideas for the current situation as well as to present the opinions of Russian political life observers on the recent changes as well as possible scenarios for the future. The participants of the discussion moderated by Aleksander Smolar included social movements leaders and activists: Sergey Davidis (Solidarity United Democratic Movement), Ilya Ponomarev (A Just Russia), Olga Romanova (League of Voters, slon.ru web-portal), Masha Gessen (editor-in-chief of *Wokrug swieta*), and political analysts and commentators: Vladislav Inozemtsev (director of the Centre of Research on Postindustrial society), Yekaterina Kuznetsova (Higher School of Economics), Alexander Kynev (director of the Regional Program of the Foundation for Innovative Policy Development), Nikolay Petrov (Carnegie Center, Moscow), Konstantin von Eggert (*Kommersant FM*). The presentations by the Russian guests as well as fragments of discussion were published in our *New Face of Russia?* publication.

On May 25, due to Germany's unexpected pushing forward of the idea of boycotting the football championship 2012 in Ukraine, we organized a round table attended by politicians, experts and journalists entitled *Germany and Ukraine: Boycott and What Next?* The introduction to the German foreign policy and its effects was made by Jörg Lau, commentator of *Die Zeit*. The meeting was moderated by Paweł Bagiński (director of Open Europe Program) and Konstanty Gebert (director of the ECFR Warsaw Office).

On June 4, several months after parliamentary elections in Ukraine, in cooperation with the International Renaissance Foundation from Ukraine we organized a conference *What Kind of Ukraine?* during which the programs of the main political forces were presented. Arseniy Yatsenyuk, the leader of the Front of Changes party and *Fatherland* United Opposition was the speaker of the first part of the conference. He presented a program of changes that the opposition political forces would like to implement. In the second part political commentators – Volodymyr Fesenko (director of the *Penta*, Center for Applied Political Studies), Sonia Koshkina (editor-in-chief of the *Liwj Bereh* web-portal), Vitaliy Portnikov (editor-in-chief of the TVi television), Mykola Ryabchuk (vice-president of the Ukrainian PEN Club) – presented their evaluation of the situation in Ukraine after four years in power of president Viktor Yanukovyvh and the Party of Regions. The conference was moderated by Mirosław Czech (member of the Board of the Batory Foundation) and Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

On December 11, in cooperation with a German foundation European Exchange we organized a seminar *Electoral Fraud and Election Observation in Eastern Europe*. The participants included representatives of non-governmental organizations from the Eastern Partnership countries and Russia working on electoral issues. The participants of the panel discussion, including Tatyana Bogussevich (OSCE/ODIHR), Olexandr Chernenko (Committee of Voters of Ukraine), Aleh Hulak (Belarus Helsinki Committee), Uladzimir Labkovich (*Viasna* Human Rights Center) and Lilia Shibanova (GOLOS Association) presented the problems and challenges that they face in their work and the most recurring techniques of vote rigging. The seminar was accompanied by a working meeting of representatives of non-governmental organizations working on elections monitoring, devoted to possible forms of cooperation and coordination of activities. The participants of the meeting established the European Platform for Democratic Elections, which will be supporting national election observation missions in the Eastern Partnership states and Russia.

PL-RU Young Public Intellectuals Club

The PL-RU Young Public Intellectuals Club is a platform for exchange of thoughts between the young generation of Polish and Russian experts, commentators and activists. The members of the Club include sociologists, political scientists, economists as well as historians of ideas and anthropologists. The discussions within the Club help to understand the Russian and the Polish perspectives on significant issues of internal and foreign policies as well as contribute to eliminating divisions, prejudices and stereotypes.

The inaugural meeting of the PL-RU Young Public Intellectuals Club took place on October 15. The debate on *Poland and Russia towards Europe* was attended by ten representatives from Poland and eight from Russia. The participants discussed the diminishing attractiveness of Europe as a model of democracy, modernization and development and the meaning and consequences of the European crisis for Russia and Poland. The introduction to the discussion was made by Paweł Świeboda (demosEUROPA, European Strategy Center) and Natalia Zubarevich (Independent Institute of Social Policy and Moscow University).

The meeting was accompanied by a public debate *Russia on the Challenges of the Present*. The Russian guest speakers included Ilya Barabanov (*Kommersant*), Daniil Gorbatenko (Higher School of Economics), Yekaterina Kuznetsova (Centre of Research on Postindustrial society), Anna Panikhina (Higher School of Economics), Lyubov Payakina (Institute of Europe of the Russian Academy of Sciences), Ivan Preobrazhenskiy (independent commentator), Sergey Utkin (Institute of World Economy and International Relations of the Russian Academy of Sciences), Sergey Zhavoronkov (Gaydar's Institute). The debate focused on the most compelling challenges in front of Russia: economy based on mineral-extracting industries, weak small and medium enterprise sector, deeply-rooted corruption, low level on investment and innovation. The participants also discussed modernization perspectives of the country as well as whether the current political power can introduce the necessary reforms, and whether the recent protests could threaten the system of power created by Vladimir Putin. The debate was moderated by Aleksander Smolar (president of the Batory Foundation). The meeting of the Club was funded by the Centre for Polish-Russian Dialogue and Understanding.

Poland-Ukraine Forum

The Poland-Ukraine Forum brings together politicians, experts, civil society activists and public opinion leaders from Poland and Ukraine. Regularly held meetings contribute to the exchange of thoughts and ideas, mutual understanding in both countries, building stronger ties between representatives of both peoples. Discussions that are part of the Forum go beyond Polish-Ukrainian relations and focus on issues significant for both countries, including internal and foreign policies, international relations and global challenges. Meetings are attended by experts and practitioners specializing in particular issues that are relevant for a given discussion topic.

The First Poland-Ukraine Forum was organized in Warsaw on November 29 and was devoted to the discussion on Europe, seen from the perspectives of society and political elites of Poland and Ukraine. During a whole days discussion the 27 participants from Poland and 21 from Ukraine focused on the role of Europe for Poland, an EU member, and the strategies of solving the European crisis as well as the changes taking place within the EU (e.g. the fiscal pact); on Europeanization of Ukraine, the conditions of it as well as the signing of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement and its possible effects on the chances of

Ukraine for EU membership. The introduction to the discussion was made by Dariusz Rosati (Member of the Polish Parliament) and Oleh Shamshur (former minister of foreign relations of Ukraine). The meeting was moderated by Mirosław Czech (member of the Board of the Batory Foundation) and Aleksander Smolar (president of the Batory Foundation).

The Forum was accompanied by a conference *Where Ukraine is Heading?*, which presented the socio-political landscape after the October elections in Ukraine. In the first part, politicians and newly elected Members of Parliament (Verkhovna Rada): Hanna Herman (the Party of Regions), Ihor Hryniv (Reforms and Order party), Mykola Knyazhytski (*Fatherland* United Opposition) and Oxana Prodan (the UDAR party) presented the plans of their parties and possible scenarios of developments in Ukraine in the coming months. The second part was devoted to the analysis of the elections results and Ukraine's prospects: the political scene, public attitudes as well as the effects of the elections results for the integration of Ukraine with the European Union. The participants included: Oleksiy Haran (Kyiv Mohyla Academy), Kateryna Horchynska (*Kyiv Post*), Oleh Medvedev (journalist) and Mykola Ryabchuk (Ukrainian PEN Club). The discussions were moderated by Mirosław Czech (member of the Board of the Batory Foundation). Fragments of the speeches and exchanges were published in the *Więź* quarterly (2013, no 1).

Monitoring of elections in Ukraine

Together with the European Exchange from Berlin and Eastern Europe Studies Centre from Vilnius we organized the Civil Society Election Observation Mission during the 2012 parliamentary elections in Ukraine on October 28. Aleksander Kwaśniewski (former Polish President) and Markus Meckel (former Member of the German Bundestag, the last minister of foreign affair of the former DDR) offered the honorary patronage of the mission. A team of 15 international experts and long-term observers and a similar number of short-term observers were sent to Ukraine. The observers were present in Lviv, Ternopil, Kharkiv, Dnepropetrovsk, Odesa and Kyiv. The observation mission lasted from September 17 to November 7.

Before the launch of the mission, on September 20 we organized a coordination meeting of representatives of all elections observation missions in Ukraine. The meeting was officially opened by Aleksander Kwaśniewski and Markus Meckel and the Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs Radosław Sikorski. The participants discussed the situation in Ukraine with regard to the on-going electoral campaign. The goals and methodology of the Polish-German-Lithuanian mission were also presented.

During the elections the Mission presented two partial reports on the electoral campaign (October 5 and 22). A day after the elections, on October 29, the preliminary full report was presented at a press conference in Warsaw. The results of the observation mission were also presented on October 30 during a meeting with the media at the German Embassy in Kyiv. The final report was published in English, Polish and Ukrainian and presented by the manager of the International Civil Society Observation Mission, Jarosław Domański and the mission's patron Markus Meckel on November 30 during the international conference *Where Ukraine is Heading?*

The organization of the Mission was funded by a grant from the Solidarity Fund PL as part of the Poland's Development Cooperation Program of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2012 and by a grant from the Polish-German Cooperation Foundation.

Open Europe

In 2012 the program was financed by a grant from the Open Society Institute (PLN 469,562.03, including PLN 30,507.20 from East East Beyond Borders Program), Solidarity Fund PL (PLN 278,739.44), Centre for Polish-Russian Dialogue and Understanding (PLN 28,277.52) and the Batory Foundation's own resources.

Total program costs	PLN 1,071,046.23
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The ECFR Warsaw Office

The European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) is a part of a pan-European think tank operating since 2007 in seven European Union capitals. 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 each year 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 2012 the ECFR Warsaw Office focused its activities on disseminating new reports prepared by ECFR experts, organizing meetings, both debates opened to wider public as well as closed expert meetings, preparing an analysis of the effectiveness of EU sanctions towards selected states, as well as developing *European Foreign Policy Scorecard report* evaluating the effectiveness of the EU member states foreign policies.

Debates and seminars

On January 10, together with the Batory Foundation Debates Program and DemosEUROPA Foundation a public discussion *On Europe and the Crisis* was organized attended by Radosław Sikorski, Polish foreign minister. The panelists: Konstancy Gebert (director of the ECFR Warsaw Office), Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation, member of the ECFR Council), Marek A. Cichocki (*Teologia Polityczna* quarterly), Paweł Świeboda (President of the DemosEUROPA Foundation – European Strategy Centre, member of the ECFR Council) and Karolina Wigura (*Kultura Liberalna*) discussed the current social, political and economic situation in the European Union. The starting point for the discussion was Radosław Sikorski's speech in Berlin on 28 November 2011.

On January 26 we organized a conference devoted to ECFR report *What does Turkey think?* edited by Dimitar Bechev from ECFR Sofia. The panelists: Dimitar Bechev (director of the ECFR Sofia Office), Mustafa Akyol (independent journalist), Murat Belge (Bilgi University of Istanbul), Suat Kınıklıoğlu (Member of Parliament of Turkey), Grzegorz Michalski (former Polish ambassador to Turkey) and Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation and member of the ECFR Council) discussed transitions and changes in Turkey and their impact on the relations of Turkey with its main neighbors and partners on the international political stage. The panel was moderated by Konstancy Gebert (director of the ECFR Warsaw Office).

On January 31 we organized a seminar around the *Dealing with a post-BRIC Russia* ECFR report prepared by Jana Kobzova and Ben Judah. The introduction to the discussion on current challenges faced by Russia and on its relations with the European Union were made by the authors of the publication and by Adam Daniel Rotfeld, member of the ECFR Council, former Polish minister of foreign affairs.

On March 16, in cooperation with the Centre for Political Analysis of Warsaw University, we organized a public debate around the ECFR's *Scorecard 2012 – Evaluation of the European Foreign Policy in 2011*.

The participants of the meeting: Hans Kundnani (editor-in-chief of the *Scorecard*) and Marcin Terlikowski (co-author of the study), Jan Borkowski (the Centre for Political Analysis expert), Renata Mieñkowska (the Centre for Political Analysis expert), Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation, member of the ECFR Council), Paweł Świeboda (President of the DemosEUROPA Foundation, member of the ECFR Council) discussed the successes and failures of the EU foreign policy in 2011 with special attention given to the role of Poland.

On March 20, together with the Open Europe Program of the Batory Foundation and the Representation of the European Commission in Poland we organized a conference *The European Union at the Times of the Crisis. The Trio Institute as and Experience-sharing Mechanism*. The introduction to the discussion was made by Maciej Szpunar (deputy minister of foreign affairs) and Paweł Świeboda (President of the DemosEUROPA Foundation and member of the ECFR Council). The conference was organized under the honorary patronage of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Denmark and the Embassy of the Republic of Cyprus (more in the Open Europe Program section).

On April 2 we organized an expert seminar *Beijing's Engagement in the South China Sea region and Washington's „Asian turn”: the Threat of a Confrontation?* attended by François Godement, and ECFR expert on China. The discussion was devoted to the Chinese-American relations with regard to the South China Sea. The participants focused on the mutual relations between the two countries and possible scenarios of further development of the situation.

On May 23 we organized an expert seminar on *the Hypotheses for Europe* with Mark Leonard (Director of the ECFR) and Polish members of the ECFR Council: Andrzej Olechowski and Adam Daniel Rotfeld. The meeting was moderated by Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation, member of the ECFR Council). The participants discussed possible scenarios for ending the political and economic crisis in the EU and its implications for further EU integration.

On June 27 we held a debated *Poland towards France and Germany: New Opening?* devoted to the position of Poland in the current German-French power balance. The panelists: Georges Mink (research director of the Institut des Sciences Sociales et du Politique, College of Europe) and Janusz Reiter (president of the Center for International Relations, former Ambassador to Germany) discussed to what extent the potential of Warsaw as part of the EU's driving force is attractive for Berlin and Paris.

On July 9, together with the Polish Institute of International Affairs and *Gazeta Wyborcza* daily, a discussion *Where the World has Gone? The International Affairs in the Polish Media* was organized. Participants of the seminar included: Jarosław Gugąta (Polsat), Roman Imielski (*Gazeta Wyborcza* daily), Paweł Lisicki (*Uważam Rze* weekly) and Andrzej Mietkowski (Polish Radio). Additional commentary on the military mission in Afghanistan was made by Tadeusz Mincer (analyst of the Foundation for European Studies). Panelists discussed the reasons of the diminishing popularity of international affairs in the media as well as on the effects of this situation.

On September 1 Andreas Schockenhoff, vice-chairmen of the CDU/CSU faction at the German Bundestag in an expert seminar discussed the EU Common Security and Defense Policy. The participants gauged the

chances of success of close military cooperation between the EU member states, with special attention given to Polish-German cooperation.

On October 2, in a public debate *More Europe or Better Europe?* organized in cooperation with Heinrich Böll Foundation we focused on the possible scenarios for further European integration. Luis Doncel (journalist of the *El Pais*, Spain), Teta Papadopoulou (journalist, Greece), Włodek Goldkorn (journalist, *L'Espresso*, Italy), Ralf Fücks (Board Member of Heinrich Böll Foundation, Germany) presented key points of the debate on Europe's future held in their own countries and discussed the relationship between the egoistic national interests and pan-European solidarity at the times of the global crisis.

On November 5, with Heinrich Böll Foundation in Warsaw, we organized another debate: *Polish-German policy towards Eastern Europe: an Appraisal*. The discussion moderated by Konstanty Gebert (director of the ECFR Warsaw Office) focused on the interests of Poland and Germany in Eastern Europe. The participants: Jarosław Bratkiewicz (Political Director, Polish MFA), Jana Kobzova (ECFR), Paweł Kowal (Poland Comes First party), Anna Kwiatkowska-Drożdż (Centre for Eastern Studies), Witalij Portnikow (journalist, political scientist), Rainder Steenblock (president of the European Integration Strategy Association) tried to identify common and diverse elements of both countries' policies, pointing to a considerable consensus between the two as well as agreeing that more concerted actions with benefit both countries.

Research

In 2012 we also worked on an analysis of the efficiency and effectiveness of the EU sanctions policy towards selected international actors. Several months of research resulted in a report *Shooting in the dark? EU sanctions policies*, authored by Konstanty Gebert, who asked the question on the effectiveness of sanctions applied by the EU. The dissemination of the report was planned for January 2013.

Participation in Polish and international conferences

In the XXII Krynica Economic Forum (4-6 September) we co-organized a panel discussion *Evaluation of EU Sanctions towards selected Eastern Partnership states* with the participation of: Leila Alieva (director of the Center for National and International Studies), Mikulas Dzurinda (former Prime Minister of Slovakia), Jana Kobzova (ECFR Policy Fellow) and Pirkka Tapiola (Strategic Planning Division, European External Action Service) and Konstanty Gebert (director of the ECFR Warsaw Office) as the moderator.

On September 19-21, at the II Polish Congress of Political Scientists in Poznań Marta Makowska, PR and Communications coordinator of the ECFR Warsaw Office, presented the channels of promotions and models of political advising employed by ECFR on the example of the *Scorecard 2012 - the Evaluation of the EU Foreign Policy*.

The ECFR Warsaw Office representatives participated also in an international conference *Future of Transatlantic Relations: South-Eastern Europe and Peripheries*, organized by the ECFR and Kosovo Ministry of Foreign Relations. Participants discussed the challenges of the EU foreign policy, relations of the UE with the United States and the position of the Balkan states.

In 2012 the activities of the ECFR Warsaw Office were funded by a grant from the Open Society Institute (PLN 292,124.76) and from the Batory Foundation's own resources.

Total program costs

PLN 364,188.36

Regional Alcohol and Drug Program

The purpose of the program is to share Polish experience in prevention and treatment of alcohol and drug addiction with professionals from the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Our seminars, workshops, internships, and conferences offer education and training to the addiction counselors from the region. We also support publication of popular literature on the methods of treatment based on partnership of the professionals and AA and Al-Anon. Our activities include workshops for trainers skilled in re-education of domestic violence offenders.

Atlantis: treatment of alcoholics in penitentiary institutions

Since 1991, Poland has successfully applied a model of addiction treatment in correctional facilities. Rehabilitation of alcoholics is based on the program of Alcoholics Anonymous and cooperation with the AA community. We share Polish experiences with other countries organizing workshops and internships for penitentiary staff. 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 2012, we organized six seminars in Poland: in March for addiction counselors, in May for anti-violence trainers, in October for journalists and in December for social workers, employees of family crisis centers and prison personnel. 186 professionals from several countries (including Poland) have participated. We also conducted ten workshops and courses: in Sevastopol, St .Petersburg, in the Far East of the Russian Federation, and in Hamburg, London and Dublin. The latter were addressed to the Polish migrants in need of assistance because of alcohol problems and family pathology. Eleven therapists from the region completed professional internships in Poland or at the St. Petersburg inpatient center based on the Minnesota Model, a program founded with our assistance.

Publications

In 2012, we published two issues of the *Arka* bulletin on addictions (in Russian and Bulgarian). We sponsored publication of a booklet for parents and teachers on positive communication (*ABC of Upbringing*) and the Polish translation of *Joining the Resistance* by Carol Gilligan (which will be published by *Krytyka Polityczna*).

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

Grants	PLN 31,800.00
Program costs	PLN 716,657.24
Total program costs	PLN 748,457.24

Abbreviated Financial Report

The attached abbreviated financial report of Stefan Batory Foundation (hereafter referred to as “the Foundation”) consisting of balance sheet as of 31 of December 2012, profit and loss accounts for the year ended 31 December 2012 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 2013, item 330) 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).

Grants and donations (PLN)

Open Society Institute, New York (USA)	13,789,994.64
Individual donors from Poland	370,935.07
1% Personal Income Tax donations	328,790.35
Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe, Washington (USA)	312,630.00
Foundation “Know-How”, Warsaw	278,517.80
Open Society Institute Foundation, Zug (Switzerland)	111,897.34
Friends of Batory Foundation, Washington (donations by Karol Uryga-Nawarowski – PLN 48,582 and Quo Vadis Gavell Family Foundation – PLN 51,821)	100,402.80
Agora Foundation, Warsaw	100,000.00
Open Society Institute, Paris (France)	58,408.55
Centre for Polish-Russian Dialogue and Understanding, Warsaw	28,207.72
Agora SA, Warsaw (in-kind contribution of ad space for media campaigns of Equal Opportunities Programs)	18,450.00
Altus TFI S.A., Warsaw	13,000.00
K-Monitor Association, Budapest (Hungary)	4,061.70
Google Matching Gift Program, Princeton (USA)	1,914.13
Damage fines adjudged by the courts in favor of the Foundation	500.00
Grants returned	13,017.85
Other (travel reimbursement for conferences abroad)	4,002.56
TOTAL	15,534,730.51

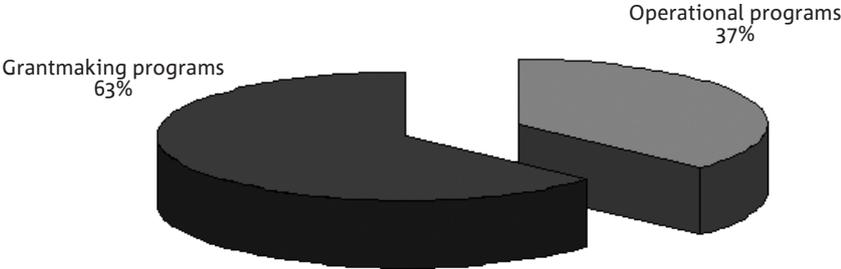
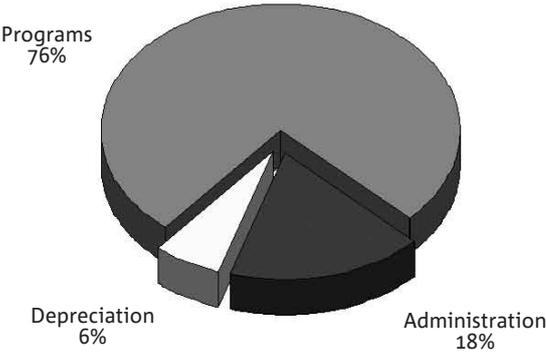
Expenditures (in PLN)

Programs	10,464,850.11
Administration	2,430,116.02
Depreciation	803,640.31
Total	13,698,606.44

Expenditures according to programs (in PLN)

Grant making programs	
Democracy in Action	4,024,762.76
East East Beyond Borders	375,505.12
Civic Coalitions	914,052.50
Equal Opportunities	1,258,163.29
Operational programs	
Batory Foundation Debates	162,314.01
Your Vote, Your Choice	945,606.94
Anti-Corruption	600,753.66
Open Europe	1,071,046.23
ECFR Warsaw Office	364,188.36
Regional Drug and Alcohol Program	748,457.24
Total	10,464,850.11

Structure of expenditures



Balance Sheet (in PLN)

ASSETS		As of	
		31.12.2011	31.12.2012
A	Fixed assets	22,777,842.66	32,883,232.48
I	Intangible fixed assets	–	–
II	Tangible fixed assets	22,777,842.66	22,032,847.48
	– perpetual usufruct of land	3,450,805.08	3,450,805.08
	– building	19,004,307.48	18,344,319.12
	– equipment	322,730.10	237,723.28
III	Long-term investments	–	10 850 385.00
B	Current assets	171,026,785.41	169,216,861.45
I	Short-term receivables	34,023.20	45,233.07
	– trade receivables	19,653.34	23,709.73
	– financial receivables	–	–
	– other receivables	14,369.86	21,523.34
II	Short-term investments	170,947,835.31	169,126,288.41
1	Short-term financial assets	118,169,132.88	152,074,894.20
	– shares	15,243,300.86	–
	– government bonds, bank deposits, investment funds units	102,560,328.02	151,740,904.15
	– other (interest on government bonds)	365,504.00	333,990.05
2	Cash and other monetary assets	52,778,702.43	17,051,394.21
	– cash in hand and bank accounts	1,681,092.87	3,149,120.05
	– other cash (bank deposits)	51,097,609.56	13,902,274.16
III	Prepayments	44,926.90	45,339.97
	– short-term prepayments	44,926.90	45,339.97
TOTAL ASSETS		193,804,628.07	202,100,093.93

Balance Sheet continued (in PLN)

EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		As of	
		31.12.2011 restated	31.12.2012
A	Equity	176,357,180.61	196,746,064.87
I	Statutory capital	161,333,636.58	166,557,742.71
	– unappropriated profit	161,189,923.33	166,425,926.11
	– start-up fund	143,713.25	131,816.60
II	Revaluation reserve	1,486,186.38	11,121,463.96
III	Financial result	13,537,357.65	19,066,858.20
	– from previous years	10,367,718.18	8,301,354.87
	– from current year	3,169,639.47	10,765,503.33
B	Liabilities and provisions for liabilities	17,447,447.46	5,354,029.06
I	Long-term liabilities	446,562.07	350,259.82
II	Short-term liabilities	17,000,615.39	5,002,684.24
1	To other entities	16,915,263.63	4,903,645.56
	– grants payables	1,040,810.00	1,239,020.00
	– trade payables	131,721.40	202,369.34
	– amounts owned to the state budget	111,566.00	109,261.00
	– social security payables	103,894.89	92,681.55
	– financial payables	15,499,092.24	42,908.23
	– wages and salaries payables	24,643.20	54,760.00
	– others	3,535.90	3,162,645.44
2	Social fund	85,351.76	99,038.68
III	Accruals and deferred income	270.00	1,085.00
	– short-term accruals and deferred income	270.00	1,085.00
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		193,804,628.07	202,100,093.93

Profit and Loss Account (in PLN)

Item	Description	Amount	
		2011	2012
A	Income from statutory activities	16,173,527.01	18,840,420.79
1	Income from public benefit activity	12,979,507.68	15,534,730.51
2	Other income defined by statute	3,194,019.33	3,305,690.28
B	Costs of statutory activities	16,474,361.32	10,464,850.11
C	Gross profit on statutory activities A-B	-300,834.31	8,375,570.68
D	Foundation office costs	3,326,355.08	3,233,756.33
1	Material and energy consumption	337,398.01	345,094.42
2	Third party services	1,070,304.51	995,791.20
3	Depreciation	799,234.92	803,640.31
4	Salaries and related expenses	831,058.89	793,195.69
5	Other	288,358.75	296,034.71
E	Other income	35,300.93	3,187.85
F	Other costs	5,583.69	3,344.12
G	Financial income	7,281,565.30	6,536,446.59
H	Financial costs	507,920.68	903,374.34
I	Gross financial result on entire activity C-D+E-F+G-H	3,176,172.47	10,774,730.33
J	Corporate income tax	6,533.00	9,227.00
Net profit I-J		3,169,639.47	10,765,503.33

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

1 USD = 3.2570 PLN, 1 EUR = 4.1850 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 10a 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 2012 (the "financial statements"). The financial statements were prepared in accordance with the Accounting Act of 29 September 1994 (uniform text, Journal of Laws of 2013, item 330) 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 the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Accounting Act, national standards of auditing issued by the National Council of Registered Auditors in Poland and International Standards on Auditing. On 16 April 2013 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 2012, 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:

Tomasz Kociołek

Key Registered Auditor
No. 11920

Warsaw, 16 April 2013

Translation note:

This version of our report is a translation from the original, which was prepared in Polish language. All possible care has been taken to ensure that the translation is an accurate representation of the original. However, in all matters of interpretation of information, views or opinions, the original language version of our report takes precedence over this translation.

