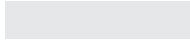




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# About the Foundation

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 organisations 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.

Foundation undertakes also activities aimed at **equalising opportunities** of young people from poor communities.

The basic method of the Foundation's operation involves making grants to non-governmental organisations engaged in public benefit activity in Poland and in Central and Eastern Europe. We also carry out – alone or in partnership with other organisations – 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.

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 Euro-

pean Foundation Centre. It participates in the work of Eastern Partnership Civil Society and EU–Russia Civil Society Forums.

In our activity we observe principles of transparency and accountability. Up-to-date information on our activities and grant-seeking opportunities is posted on our website [www.batory.org.pl](http://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 2013

In 2013, we carried out our activities within ten domestic and international programmes. Five of these programmes granted financial support to non-governmental organisations in Poland (**Democracy in Action**, **Citizens for Democracy**, **Equal Opportunities**) and abroad (**Civic Coalitions**, **For Belarus**). In five others we carried out our own projects.

In the **domestic programmes** particular emphasis was placed on developing and supporting initiatives increasing involvement of citizens in public life: by creating opportunities for their participation in the legislative process, influencing public policies, monitoring the functioning of public institutions and engaging citizens in the decision-making processes related to the development of local communities.

Our **international activities** focused on developing relations between Poland and its immediate neighbours: Russia, Ukraine and Belarus, as well as on supporting democratic transformations and civic initiatives in the Eastern Partnership countries. We took measures to promote a coherent foreign policy for the European Union and include Polish citizens in the pan-European debate on the problems of the European community.

The past year was a year of continuation, but also of new activities. In January, we commenced a new grantmaking programme offering support to organisations and civic initiatives in Belarus [**For Belarus**]. Within this programme, several organisations and informal groups from Belarus received grants totalling over PLN 3 million for measures aimed at: stimulating civic activity, developing self-governance and self-organisation; protecting human rights; providing legal aid, particularly to persons suffering discrimination; improving access to independent sources of information; carrying out independent research and analyses. Due to the difficult situation in Belarus, we do not publish information about the initiatives supported within this programme.

In mid-June, we launched another grantmaking programme – **Citizens for Democracy** – addressed to Polish non-governmental organisations and financed from **European Economic Area Financial Mechanism (EEA Grants)**. The programme, with a budget of PLN 150 million planned for the years 2014–2016, is designed to support projects in the area of civic participation and education, civic scrutiny, combating racism, discrimination, intolerance, as well as counteracting social exclusion. Grantees can use some of funds received in the programme for their capacity building and institutional development. A part of the programme budget is allocated to systemic projects aimed to enhance the quality of functioning of the overall non-governmental sector or its individual ‘subsectors’. The programme also supports the development of cooperation and experience sharing between organisations from Poland and institutions from

the European Economic Area countries: Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein. In two grant competitions launched in first six months of the programme's operation we received 1,931 letters of intent for thematic projects, and **289 for systemic projects**. The results of both competitions will be determined in early 2014. By the end of 2013, we had awarded nine grants for the total amount of nearly PLN 200 thousand for developing cooperation and the preparation of partnership projects with institutions from Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein.

Since the thematic areas of the new programme overlap with those of the **Democracy in Action** programme we have been running since 2010 funding initiatives related to civic participation, public scrutiny and counteracting discrimination, in 2013 we suspended its operation and paid out last 33 grants totalling PLN 2.5 million. The projects supported by our grants in 2013 concerned: influencing public policies, engaging citizens in the decision-making processes at the local level with the use of diverse forms of public consultations, monitoring various aspects of operations of local authorities and the functioning of judiciary, counteracting xenophobia and discrimination against minorities.

2013 was also the last year of the **Civic Coalitions** programme we have been running with the financial support of the C.S. Mott Foundation since 2009. The programme offered core support grants to coalitions of non-governmental organisations from the Visegrad countries (the Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary) which advocate the interests of the civil society and influence public policies at the national or European level. During the four years of the programme, 23 coalitions (seven from the Czech Republic, six from Slovakia, five from Hungary and five from Poland) received two or three years grants amounting to PLN 4 million to enhance their resources and organisational capacity, increase professionalism and legitimacy of their operations, build up their credibility within the third sector and vis a vis public institutions, and increase the role and participation of non-governmental organisations in civic dialogue. Thanks to the support offered in the programme, most coalitions managed to develop and improve their internal structures, procedures, and operating methods, improve their internal communication, mobilise their members and develop codes of ethics. Two informal coalitions decided to register, the remaining eight upgraded and streamlined their operations while maintaining informal structures. At the end of the program, three meetings in the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia were held to build on the experience and achievements of the coalitions supported within the programme.

In the past year, the **Anti-Corruption** programme, which had been functioning in the Foundation for 13 years, reformulated its goals, shifting the focus from combating corruption and increasing transparency to promoting the principles of good governance and improving integrity of public life. This was symbolically reflected in the change of the programme's name, which since 2013 has been operating as the **Public Integrity programme**. In 2013 the programme focused on measures aimed at ensuring the transparency of the legislative process and opening it up to the voice of citizens, reducing the risks of corruption, nepotism and cronyism linked to the presence of conflicts of interest in public life and strengthening the role and legal protection of whistleblowers. Within the Civic Legislation Forum bringing together people participating in the legislative process or monitoring it, we assessed the process of implementing the government's *Better Regulations 2015* strategy. Together with the Open Government Coalition, we undertook actions aimed at implementing good governance standards in Poland, as promoted by the international Open Government Partnership initiative. We commenced analysing the effects of amended regulations regarding public consultation and Regulatory Impact Assessment, checking how the changes translated into the quality of legal



acts and accurateness of public consultations. We also started two other new projects: Personal Unions In Local Government where we analyse the scale and nature of personal relations at the local level, checking whether and how councillors' involvement in other socio-economic roles affects economic development in local government, the political situation and civic activity; as well as an international project financed by the European Commission in which we monitor conflicts of interest in the central administration and selected local government authorities. The project is carried out in cooperation with organisations from three Eastern Partnership countries, and is aimed at enhancing citizens' participation in mitigating the risk of conflicts of interest in the public administration.

Within the **Your Vote, Your Choice** programme, we continued the action run since 2006, where we encourage local non-governmental organisations and informal groups across Poland to undertake activities aimed at stimulating civic engagement, building dialogue between local authorities and their constituencies, and integrating local communities to solve the problems of their boroughs. In 2013, we proposed the participants to follow one of seven scenarios of activities which would contribute to building of dialogue between residents and local authorities. These were: using the instrument of local initiative to introduce changes in their community; joint management of selected public space; the development of the programme offer of a local cultural institution; co-deciding on the allocation of selected municipal fund; improving the information flow between the residents and local authorities; amending the municipality's statutes to allow the residents to present draft resolutions. Mentoring and assistance for the participants of the action was provided by the grantees and partners of the Democracy in Action programme: Centre for Civic Initiatives Promotion and Development OPUS, Sustainable Development Workshop, Watchdog Poland Civic Network, and by the Your Vote, Your Choice programme's long-term partner – the School of Leaders Association.

In 2013, **Batory Foundation Debates** focused on current problems in Polish public life and international affairs. The topics of the meetings were dominated by issues related to the functioning of political parties and the quality of Polish domestic politics: the state of self-governance in Poland, urban movements and the democratisation of cities. Special attention was given to radical and populist movements in the European Union.

Four out of ten our programmes run in 2013 concerned international cooperation and solidarity. These were: the aforementioned **For Belarus** programme, the **Open Europe**, the **Regional Alcohol and Drug** programmes, and the **ECFR Warsaw Office** operating at the Foundation since 2011.

In the **Open Europe** programme, we devoted special attention to monitoring progress in visa dialogue between the EU, the Eastern Partnership countries and Russia. On one side, we verified the progress made in implementing the necessary reform for visa liberalisation among our eastern neighbours, on the other, EU compliance with commitments to the liberalisation of visa policy. We undertook advocacy efforts to liberalise the visa policy both within Visa Free Europe Coalition, as well as on the Eastern Partnership and EU–Russia Civil Society Forums. Within the Polish–Ukraine Forum and the PL–RU Club of Young Public Intellectuals, operating in the Foundation since 2012, we organised discussions aimed to exchange the opinions and views among the representatives of the social, economic and political elites of the neighbouring countries and to overcome divisions, prejudices and stereotypes among our nations.

During the meetings organised by the **European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)** the international experts discussed scenarios for further integration within the European Union, the role of sanctions in the EU's foreign policy, the German economic model, and the role of China in the contemporary world. They analysed effectiveness of the EU's sanctions, and assessed the effectiveness of foreign policy of the EU member states.

Within the **Regional Alcohol and Drug Programme**, we continued the dissemination of Polish experiences and achievements in the treatment of alcoholism and drug addiction in Eastern Europe and the former USSR. We organized trainings oriented at the re-education of domestic violence offenders and promoted the methods of treatment of addictions based on a partnership of professionals and support groups, such as AA or Al-Anon.

In the **Equal Opportunities** programme, we continued to support initiatives aimed at equalising educational opportunities for children and youth from underprivileged families. Thirty-seven local organisations running scholarship programmes for school children received grants of the total value of PLN 520 thousand. Our grants, increased by funds raised by the organisations from other sources helped to fund 779 scholarships for the school year 2013/2014. Funding for this programme was made possible due to donations from individuals and companies and 1% personal income tax contributions.

In the past year, we administered 8 **donor advised funds**. Most of them focused on scholarship assistance for graduates from secondary schools from low-income families (**Małgorzata Szejnert Fund**, **Quo Vadis Gavell Family Fund**, **Iwona Winiarska-Feleszko Fund**, **K Fund** and **J.& J. Putka *Spread the Wings* Fund**). From the **Beata Pawlak Fund** we financed the 11th award for the authors of an article or publication on foreign cultures, religions and civilizations. In **Staszek Jonczyk *Sing* Fund** we made grants to three amateur choirs for trainings, workshops and summer camps. The jury of **Janina & Tomasz Maczuga Fund** awarded first scholarships to graduates from upper secondary schools in Wadowice and Nowy Sącz.

In the past year, we provided **214 grants** for a total amount of almost **8.1 million PLN**. On our own projects, we spent **4.2 million PLN**.

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Most of our programme activity in 2013 was financed from the funds donated by the **Open Society Foundations**. With a multi-year grant from the **Charles Stewart Mott Foundation** we continued to support NGO coalitions active in the Visegrad countries. In the middle of the year we signed a contract with the **Financial Mechanism Office** in Brussels to operate a three year programme of a budget of EUR 37 million financed from the **European Economic Area Financial Mechanism (EEA Grants)** aimed to strengthen civil society development and enhance the contribution of non-governmental organizations to social justice, democracy and sustainable development.

Our projects aimed at equalising 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** and **Agora Foundations** as well as gifts from corporate and individuals donors. Through the **Beata Pawlak Fund** we funded annual literary prize in her name. With monies accumulated in three donor advised funds: **Iwona Winiarska-Feleszko**, **Janina & Tomasz Maczuga** and **Spread Your Wings J&J Putka Funds** we awarded scholarships to university students from low-income families. Through **Staszek Jonczyk Sing Fund** we supported amateur choirs.

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# Citizens for Democracy

The programme, run in cooperation with the Polish Children and Youth Foundation and planned for July 2013–December 2016, is financed from the funds of the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area (EEA Grants) provided by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway. Apart from Poland, programmes for NGOs financed from EEA Grants operate in 14 European Union countries: Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain.

The aim of the programme is to stimulate civic participation in public life, promote democratic values and human rights, develop advocacy and watchdog activity, support groups at risk of exclusion, enhance the capacity of non-governmental organisations, and foster an enabling environment for the development of the third sector. The programme puts special emphasis on such concerns as combating hate speech, hate crimes and extremism, counteracting manifestations of racism, xenophobia, homophobia and anti-Semitism, preventing sexual harassment, gender-based violence and the trafficking of women, and discrimination against the Roma minority, and the promotion of tolerance and intercultural dialogue.

The basic form of operation of the programme is to make grants for projects implemented by non-governmental organisations. Grants are offered in grant competitions for:

- thematic projects – activities undertaken within five thematic areas: civic participation, public scrutiny, combating discrimination, counteracting exclusion, children and youth.
- systemic projects – activities designed to strengthen and enhance the quality of functioning of the overall non-governmental sector or its individual ‘subsectors’.
- bilateral cooperation – activities aimed at developing and strengthening cooperation between non-governmental organisations from Poland and Norway, Liechtenstein and Iceland.

Furthermore, within the programme, complementary actions are taken that serve to exchange experiences among organisations implementing projects supported from EEA Grants in Poland and in the other 14 EU countries and strengthen initiatives aimed at counteracting xenophobia and discrimination.

Intense preparations for launching the programme started in June. In summer the programme’s website [www.ngofund.org.pl](http://www.ngofund.org.pl) was launched, and on 18–19 September the official inauguration took place at the Museum of the History of Polish Jews. 350 representatives of non-governmental organisations from all over Poland and over 20 representatives of organisations from Iceland and Norway took part in the two-day conference accompanied by workshops on programme areas and grant application guidelines.

In September, the first call for proposals for thematic projects was launched (decisions to be made in February 2014), and in October – a call for systemic projects (decisions to be made in March 2014). From September, we also accepted applications for grants to develop bilateral cooperation and prepare joint projects with partners from Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein. By the end of the year, we received 52 grant applications from 45 organisations. Nine organisations received grants.

Within the complementary actions in 2013, we supported Polish Campaign against Hate Speech on the Internet, which is part of the European Council No Hate Speech Movement Youth Campaign. On 19–20 September 2013, we organized workshops for 20 young bloggers from all over Poland on the ways to oppose on line hate speech. Programme staff participated in several international events on discrimination and hate speech: *No Hate Speech Movement Campaign* conference organised by the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, *Combating hate crime in the EU: Giving victims a voice and a face* in Vilnius organised by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, *Gender and Minorities Mainstreaming* conference in Riga organised by the Lithuanian EEA Grants NGO Fund Operator and the conference *Hate Speech and the Role of Civil Society* organised in Sofia by the Bulgarian NGO Fund Operator.

The programme was financed from the EEA Grants and the Batory Foundation's own resources.

Grants	PLN 190,992.74
Complementary actions, bilateral activities and costs connected with programme's launch and management	PLN 1,297,822.12
<b>Total programme costs</b>	<b>PLN 1,488,744.86</b>

## Grants for establishing cooperation and developing partnership projects

### **Alivia – Oncological Foundation for Young People, Warsaw**

**Partner: Kraftur Cancer Foundation, Iceland**

Developing a project designed to monitor access to imaging tests for the prevention and treatment of oncological diseases within public healthcare (first tranche of a grant of PLN 17,050). PLN 15,345

### **Culture and Education Development Centre Foundation, Poznań**

Study visits in Norwegian organisations dealing with civic education for children and youth. During the visit, the Foundation plans to find a partner for a planned project (first tranche of a grant of PLN 19,255). PLN 7,000

### **Court Watch Poland Foundation, Toruń**

**Partner: Konflikttraadet, government agency for mediation at the Norwegian Social Affairs Ministry**

Developing a joint application for a pilot project of the Polish version of a community court (first tranche of a grant of PLN 20,557). PLN 18,501

### **The Civil Affairs Institute (INSPRO) Foundation, Łódź**

**Partner: Citizens Foundation, Iceland**

Learning about the operating methods of Icelandic organisations and institutions in building the tools for direct democracy in order to develop a joint project (first tranche of a grant of PLN 33,100). PLN 21,348

### **Polish Economic Thought Institute Foundation, Warsaw**

**Partner: Oslo University, Norway**

Establishment of cooperation with Oslo University to work out solutions for streamlining public hearings in Poland (first tranche of a grant of PLN 30,550). PLN 27,495

### **Stanisław Jabłonka Friendly House Foundation, Warsaw**

**Partner: Bruduheimar World of Puppets, Iceland**

Cooperation (study visits in Poland and Iceland) to develop a joint project regarding the sensitising of children and youth to the problem of discrimination against people with mental disabilities (first tranche of a grant of PLN 43,300). PLN 38,970



**Student Association, Szczytno**

**Partner: Grunnskólinn Álfhólsskóli z Álfhólsvégi, Iceland**

Developing a joint project on the education of children and youth on the prevention of peer violence, counteracting xenophobia, homophobia, racism, anti-Semitism and discrimination, and the promotion of tolerance and respect for differences (first tranche of a grant of PLN 26,682).

PLN 24,228

**KARAT Coalition Association, Warsaw**

**Partner: Centre for Knowledge and Gender Equality (KUN), Norway**

Preparatory meeting to plan a joint project regarding the monitoring of gender-based discrimination (first tranche of a grant of EUR 4,590).

PLN 17,335.74

**Congress of Women Association, Warsaw**

**Partner: Centre for Gender Equality, Iceland**

Joint development of a concept for a project regarding the unequal participation of women and men in public life in Poland (first tranche of a grant of PLN 23,000).

PLN 20,700

# Democracy in Action

The aim of the programme is to promote attitudes of citizen responsibility for the quality of Polish democracy and to increase the participation of citizens and civic organisations in public life. We support non-governmental organisations 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 2013, we provided grants to 26 organisations selected in the grant competition held in fall 2012. In this competition we had received 224 letters of intent, 36 applicants were invited to submit full proposals. Out of all projects supported in 2013 eight aim to influence public policies in various areas. Six organisations received grants for activities 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 management of urban space (Białystok, Kraków), deciding how to allocate part of city district budget (Kraków, Lublin). Another group of our grantees are organisations which engage in watchdog activities. They received grants for monitoring legislative processes and functioning of the judiciary as well as scrutiny of various aspects of the work of local governments (e.g. counteracting violence or organisation of public transport). Two grants were awarded to organisations focusing on the problems of xenophobia and discrimination against minority groups.

We made grants to two partner organisations which had been assisting us in the implementation of the programme: the Unit for Social Innovation and Research – Shipyard for activities aimed to promote knowledge and experience in the area of civic participation and for Watchdog Poland Civic Network for dissemination of knowledge and experience regarding methods of civic scrutiny.

In mid-2013, the programme was suspended due to the launch of a new four-year Citizens for Democracy programme of a similar thematic scope and priorities, financed from the Financial Mechanism of the European Economic Area (EEA Grants).

The programme was financed from a grant by the Open Society Foundations (PLN 2,604,115.90) and the Batory Foundation's own resources.

Grants	PLN 2,720,180.33
Programme implementation	PLN 228,914.18
<b>Total programme costs</b>	<b>PLN 2,949,094.51</b>

## Grants

### Influencing public policies

#### **The PPP Centre Foundation Warsaw**

Development and promotion of the *Report on PPP*: presenting major barriers to the Public-Private Partnership development and the strategies for popularisation of this form of execution of public investments. **PLN 97,882.45**

#### **Feminoteka Foundation, Warsaw**

Activities for the introduction of systemic solutions regarding prevention of sexual harassment (procedures for proceeding with rape victims, training for the services dealing with the victims, procedures for prosecution of rape crime) and information campaign on the problem of stereotypical perception of sexual harassment. **PLN 100,000**

#### **Secondly Foundation, Warsaw**

Activities aimed at the establishment of units for mothers with children at the rehabilitation facilities for underage mothers (Youth Fostering Centres, reform schools). **PLN 69,500**

#### **Polish NGOs Abroad, Warsaw**

Monitoring and co-creation of the state's policy in the area of cooperation on development; support for democratisation activities and global education, analysis of effectiveness of public spending on such objectives. **PLN 90,000**

#### **Systems Institute, Stare Babice**

Initiation of broad social discussion on the condition of science and higher education in Poland: a cycle of debates leading to the formulation of the Pact for Science. **PLN 96,000**

#### **Karat Coalition, Warsaw**

Activities aimed at improvement of compliance with the right to legal abortion in cooperation with NGOs and UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW); elaboration of a report for CEDAW on practical application of the provisions of the applicable statute. **PLN 56,600**

#### **National Federation of Non-Governmental Organisations, Warsaw**

Developing proposals to facilitate the use of European Funds in the years 2014–2020 by the NGO community; advocacy efforts to ensure broader participation of NGOs in public consultations (continuation of activities supported in 2011 and 2012). **PLN 129,500**

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

Activities aimed at introducing legal guarantees for transfer of governmental subsidy to schools educating children with special needs; developing an Internet tool allowing parents and school principals for individual actions in the interest of students with disabilities (continuation of activities supported since 2009). **PLN 60,000**

### Involving citizens in local government decision-making processes

#### **Next to Us Foundation, Lublin**

Engaging citizens in the development of the plan of space management of the Czechówka 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 (supplementation of the grant in the amount of PLN 40,000 provided in 2012). **PLN 5,000**

#### **Freedom Foundation, Lublin**

Engagement of residents of Rury District in Lublin in decision-making on distribution of funds from the earmarked reserve of the city budget: information campaign, meetings for residents, and assistance with development of their propositions to the budget, organisation of the selection of projects by voting of all stakeholders. **PLN 27,000**

#### **Sustainable Development Workshop, Toruń**

Initiation of the civic dialogue on planned shale gas mining in the Mikołajki Pomorskie municipality with the participation of the representatives of residents, the investor, the governor and the Ministry of the Environment. **PLN 100,000**

#### **Kraków the City of Bikes Association, Kraków**

Public consultations in five districts of Kraków regarding the planning of the road infrastructure that would be friendly to pedestrians, children, cyclists and the disabled. **PLN 77,767.21**

#### **Creative Podlasie Association, Białystok**

Developing a social concept for the space management of Węglowa Street (an area of former military warehouses in Białystok) on the basis of the public opinion poll, results of discussion of the working groups, and a public debate. **PLN 100,000**

**Civic Workshop Association for Social Capital Development, Kraków**

Inclusion of residents in decision-making on distribution of funds from district budgets – pilot projects in three districts: information campaign, meetings for residents and officials, assistance with development of proposals for the budget, selection of projects by voting of all stakeholders. PLN 99,700

**Bona Fides Association, Katowice**

Activities aimed to prepare residents of two districts in Katowice to participate in decision-making processes which impact their community (*community organizing*). PLN 49,000

## Enabling access to information on the activities of public institutions and officials

**61 Association, Warsaw**

Running and expanding the portal [mamprawowiedziec.pl](http://mamprawowiedziec.pl) [[votesmart.pl](http://votesmart.pl)] which provides information on the deputies and candidates running in the general elections; developing expert studies based on the aggregated data. PLN 150,000

**Klon/Jawor Association, Warsaw**

Running and expanding [mojapolis.pl](http://mojapolis.pl) website which presents public data in a way that allows to present the effects of activities undertaken by central and local public administration; developing expert studies based on the aggregated data. PLN 150,000

## Monitoring the functioning of the judiciary and other public institutions

**Court Watch Poland Foundation, Toruń**

Citizens oversight of the functioning of regional and district courts: improvement of tools supporting court watch movement in Poland, activities aimed to ensure open court hearings (continuation of activities supported since 2010). PLN 200,000

**Centre for Economic Analysis CenEA, Szczecin**

Monitoring of changes in the system of taxes and benefits proposed by decision-makers in the years 2013–2014; preparation of analysis of consequences of these changes for Polish households (SIMPL analysis). PLN 135,000

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

Analysis of the scope of public information made available by the Chancellery of the Parliament and the Chancellery of the Senate on expenditures and activities of MP offices and senator offices; undertaking legal measures to determine the duty of MPs' making available the public information on activities of offices in their constituencies. PLN 30,000

## Monitoring local government institutions

**Positive Changes Foundation, Bielsko-Biała**

We respond – monitoring of public institutions practices in 167 municipalities of the Silesian Province as regards the assistance to women victims of violence; application of the regulations of the act on prevention of domestic violence, undertaking actions to improve the support system. PLN 100,000

**Bochnia Municipality for Everyone Association, Bochnia**

Monitoring of measures taken by the Bochnia Municipality Office as regards development of the sewerage system within the Bochnia Municipality, interventions in the event of irregularities detected. PLN 20,000

**Kielce Investments Association, Kielce**

Monitoring of the institutions in charge of road investments and organisation of public transport in Kielce; measures taken by the Kielce Ombudsmen for Pedestrians and Cyclists to improve the situation of pedestrians, cyclists and public transport passengers in line with the urban sustainable development strategy. PLN 30,000

**Victoria Association for Women, Rzeszów**

Monitoring of application of the selected regulation of the act of domestic violence prevention by public institutions responsible for implementation of the system of support to women – victims of violence in 160 municipalities of the Podkarpackie Province. PLN 130,000

**Our Nature Independent Initiatives Association, Ignatki Osiedle**

Monitoring of the Regional Management of Drainage and Water Equipment in Białystok as regards drainage works and elimination of the effects of flood; interventions in the event of detection of irregularities with negative consequences to the residents and the natural environment. PLN 73,000

## Research, monitoring and reacting to various aspects of discrimination

### Halina Nieć Human Rights Association, Kraków

Analysis of the situation of people without citizenship in Poland; undertaking action to amend regulations governing their status and living situation. PLN 63,500

### TrzyRzecz Theatre Młynowa House Theatrical Association, Białystok

Prevention of xenophobic and racist incidents in Białystok: campaign involving residents to document the manifestations of hatred in public space, happenings and information actions. PLN 36,000

## Partner organisations

### Unit for Social Innovation and Research – Shipyard, Warsaw

*Laboratory of Civic Participation* – organizing seminars and workshops aimed at deepening knowledge and sharing experiences related to civic participation, undertaking advocacy efforts to implement Code of Public Consultations, developing Polish standards of participatory budget, organisation of the first national Participation Forum, running of PartycypacjaObywatelska.pl website, issuing publications (continuation). PLN 150,000

### Watchdog Poland Civic Network, Warsaw

*Civic watch* – running the watchdog.org.pl portal, organizing local meetings aimed at deepening knowledge on civic scrutiny, summary of the pilot monitoring of spending of village funds for sport (continuation). PLN 150,000

## Other grants

### Sichów Manor and Library, Rytwiany

Conference *The profile and work of Anna Radziwiłł against the contemporary educational dilemmas*. PLN 15,800

### Tygodnik Powszechny Foundation, Kraków

Publication of a special insert with *Tygodnik Powszechny* weekly: *Krzysztof Michalski – farewell*. PLN 5,000

### Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw

Publication of *Trzeci Sektor [Third Sector]* quarterly in the years 2013–2015. PLN 90,000

### National Federation of Non-Governmental Organisations, Warsaw

Information and promotion campaign on how to wisely donate 1% of income tax – dissemination of the instructions on donation of 1% tax in the Internet and the media, TV ad production. PLN 21,340

### Association of Ukrainians in Poland, Warsaw

Social Reunion Campaign – civic celebration of the 70th anniversary of the events in Volhynia: celebrations on Polish and Ukrainian tombs of the victims of the conflict from World War II in Poryck/Pavlivka (Volhynia) and Sahryń (Lublin Province), seminar Reunited to the United Europe at Lesya Ukrainka Eastern European National University in Lutsk, performance Decalogue/Aporia 43/47 in the local theatre. PLN 12,590.67

# Civic Coalitions

The programme, planned for 2008–2013, has been initiated and co-financed by the C.S. Mott Foundation. It aimed 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 offered core support grants aimed to enhance resources and organisational capacity of NGO coalitions, 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 might apply for grants up to EUR 15,000 annually for the period of one to three years. Continued support in succeeding years was contingent on approval of their annual reports and operating plans for the following year.

During the four years of programme operation two rounds of grant competition were held: in 2009 and 2011. In the first round 10 coalitions received the pledge of support for the years 2009–2012. In the second – 9 coalitions received the same for the period 2011–2013. In 2011 we organized additional grant competition addressed to a group of invited organisations. In the effect four organisations received a pledge of a two-year support for years 2012–2013.

In 2013, the last year of the programme's operation, after the monitoring visits in Prague, Bratislava, Budapest and Warsaw and the approval of the coalitions' progress reports and action plans for the years to come, nine coalitions (four from the Czech Republic, three from Hungary, one from Poland and one from Slovakia) received the third (and last) annual core support grants. Four coalitions (2 from Poland and 2 from Slovakia) selected in the additional grant competition organized in 2012 received second annual grants to support their activity.

As a result of the programme, the institutional support was provided to 23 coalitions (seven from the Czech Republic, six from Slovakia, five from Hungary and five from Poland). This group includes 13 formal and 10 informal coalitions. All of them undertake advocacy efforts at the local or national level. Some act for the benefit of marginalised and discriminated groups: immigrants, the elderly, the poor, the disabled, or mothers. Others aim at amending public policies in such areas as environmental protection, transport, or anti-discrimination policy. Yet another monitor the observance of transparency and accountability standards by public institutions (fighting corruption at local level, spending of European funds, implementation of the equal opportunities policy, development cooperation).

Thanks to the support offered in the programme, most coalitions managed to develop and improve their internal structures, procedures, and operating methods. Six coalitions focused on improving their internal communication, the mobilisation of the membership base, and developing codes of ethics. Two

informal coalitions decided to register, the remaining eight upgraded and streamlined their operations while maintaining informal structures.

At the end of the programme, we offered our grantees the possibility to apply for grants up to 6,000 EUR to organize a sum-up meeting (seminar, workshop, conference) in each participating country. As a result, three coalitions (one from Czech Republic, one from Slovakia and one from Poland) received grants and organized meetings devoted to the problems of the coalitions' functioning, their role and significance in particular countries and/or in the international arena.

The programme was financed from a grant by the C.S. Mott Foundation (PLN 885 657.67 ) and the Batory Foundation's own resources.

Grants	PLN 887,157.77
Programme implementation	PLN 60,697.10
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 947,855.17</b>

## Grants

### Czech Republic

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

Third core support grant for a coalition that carries out activities to introduce appropriate legal regulations serving an integration and improvement of immigrants situation. EUR 15,000

#### **Revival Civic Organisation (Oživení s.o.), Prague**

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

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

Third core support grant for the informal Czech Climate Coalition which brings together organisations involved with ecology, development and humanitarian assistance, and deals with climate change issues. EUR 15,000

#### **Our Politicians Civic Organisation (Naši politici o.s.), Prague**

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

### Poland

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

Third core support grant for an informal coalition, Forum 50+ – Elderly people of the 21st century, that seeks to change the stereotypical approach to older people, and to improve the quality of their lives. EUR 15,000

#### **Association for Anti-discrimination Education (Towarzystwo Edukacji Antydyskryminacyjnej), Warsaw**

Second core support grant for an informal Coalition for Anti-discrimination Education, which focuses its efforts on introducing appropriate anti-discrimination education to the system of formal education in Poland. EUR 15 000

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

Second core support grant for an informal Coalition for Equal Opportunities engaged in monitoring of 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 non-discrimination. EUR 15,000

## Slovakia

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

Third 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 Organisations Platform (Platforma mimovládnych rozvojových organizácií PMVRO), Bratislava**

Second core support grant for a coalition which unites organisations 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 Centres (Únie materských centier), Bratislava**

Second 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 Hálózat Alapítvány), Budapest**

Third 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**

Third core support grant for a coalition that represents the interests of member organisations and strives for effectiveness of their activities. EUR 15,000

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

Third core support grant for an informal coalition, the Accountability and Trust Working Group, that works to raise the operating standards of organisations that use donations and to increase transparency in the use of funds. EUR 15,000

## Meetings

### **Czech Transport Federation (Dopravní Federace), Prague**

A meeting of the Czech coalitions and non-governmental organisations (mainly environmental ones) dedicated to reaching a common position and planning activities in a new political situation after the elections. EUR 6,000

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

A meeting of the non-governmental organisations from the region of Central and Eastern Europe working to the benefit of equal opportunities and against discrimination, dedicated to exchange of experience and establishing cooperation. EUR 6,000

### **SOCIA Social Reform Foundation (SOCIA - nadácia na podporu sociálnych zmien), Bratislava**

An open conference on the tasks and of the kinds of coalitions and three thematic workshops of environmental organisations, which deal with development cooperation and supporting disabled persons. EUR 6,000



# Equal Opportunities & Donor Advised Funds

The programme goal is to enhance access to education for young people from small towns and impoverished communities. We support non-governmental organisations that run scholarship programmes for school age youth. We also administer funds entrusted to the Foundation by corporate and individuals donors.

## Equal Opportunities

Since 2000, we have been supporting a network of local organisations that run scholarship programmes 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 programmes operate on the basis of their own charters drawn up by the organisations. 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 organisations operating local scholarship programmes. The grant depends on the organisations' experience and vary from PLN 15 000 to 20 000. The grants are disbursed on the condition the organisations present plans and operating principles of their scholarship programmes 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 the organisations participation in an annual meeting where we discuss the rules of scholarship programmes, experiences in programmes management, fundraising, cooperation with local partners, the media, volunteers and scholarship recipients. The meeting provides an opportunity to present the latest studies on educational inequalities and hold discussions on the situation of young people and the use of the latest technologies when working with them.

In 2013, the programme involved 37 organisations from 13 provinces. They received grants in total amount of PLN 520,185 which increased by funds raised from other sources, enabled them to award monthly scholarships for 779 students in the school year 2013/2014.

In 2013, Equal Opportunities programme was financed by funds from 1% personal income tax designations (PLN 338,485), the donations by the Agora Foundation (PLN 100,000), the Gavell Family Fund (PLN 48,200) and the Małgorzata Szejnert Fund (PLN 33,500) as well as 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

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 2013, the Fund's earnings in the amount of PLN 33,500 were used to fund 4 grants to organisations participating in the Equal Opportunities programme.

### 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 equalise educational opportunities of underprivileged youth in Świętokrzyskie Province.

In 2013, the Fund financed 3 grants in the amount of PLN 48,200 to organisations participating in the Equal Opportunities programme.

### Staszek Jonczyk *Sing* Fund

The Fund was established in 2011 by the family of the tragically deceased Staszek Jonczyk, an artist of the Gregorianum Choir passionate about choral music, with an aim to help the development of the amateur choir movement, and principally activities related to perfecting the voices and the improvement of the vocal skills of choir members. It is supported by donations from private individuals as well as by 1% personal income tax designations.

In 2013, the Fund financed 3 grants for amateur choirs in the total amount of PLN 8,600.

### 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 2013 the Beata Pawlak Award went to Wojciech Górecki for his book *Abkhazia* (Czarne Publishing House, Wołowiec 2013). The award ceremony was accompanied by a debate described in the Batory Foundation Debates section.

### 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 students from low-income families and small communities who enroll at Warsaw-based state universities. It is supported by donations from private individuals as well as by 1% personal income tax designations.

In 2013, the Fund disbursed 6 scholarships of a total value of PLN 28,600: 5 scholarships of PLN 500 per month for first year students and one scholarship of PLN 400 per month for a second year student.

### Janina and Tomasz Maczuga Fund

The Fund was established in 2012 by Janina and Tomasz Maczuga from a sale of books and prints collection to support young people from low-income families who enroll at Polish state institutions of higher learning for bachelor's or master's studies. The Fund is designated for scholarships for graduates of three upper secondary schools from donors' family towns of Wadowice and Nowy Sącz.

In 2013, the Fund awarded 4 scholarships of PLN 500 per month for first year students of a total value of PLN 20,000.

### Spread Your Wings J. & J. Putka Fund

The Fund was established in 2011 by the Putka family with an aim to support young people from low-income families who would not have decided to study at institutions of higher learning without scholarship support. The Fund is supported by individual donations and 1% personal income tax designations from members and friends of the Putka family. It offers one time grants to secondary school graduates to cover the costs associated with the process of enrolment at the university, scholarships for the first year of bachelor's or master's studies at Polish state institutions of higher learning, and scholarships for the continuation of studies in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

In 2013, the Fund's assets were used to award 28 scholarships from PLN 170 to 840 to cover enrolment costs totalling PLN 7,952, 14 scholarships of PLN 630 per month for the first year of studies totalling PLN 88,200, eight scholarships from PLN 350 to 380 per month for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of studies totalling PLN 27,090, and seven scholarships from PLN 350 to 410 per month for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of studies totalling PLN 23,670. Total amount of scholarships awarded amounted to PLN 146,912.

Equal Opportunities (grants)	PLN 520,185.00
Donor Advised Funds (grants, scholarships, award)	PLN 196,032.28
Programme implementation (including annual meeting of local scholarship programmes)	PLN 215,743.25
Cost of 1% income tax campaign	PLN 55,207.39
Promotion (in-kind contribution of ad space for media campaigns)	PLN 814,372.21
<b>Total programme costs</b>	<b>PLN 1,801,548.13</b>

## Grants

### Equal Opportunities

#### Grants financed from the donation by the Agora Foundation

##### Community Foundation in Leżajsk, Leżajsk

Scholarship programme for middle school students from Leżajsk borough and high school students from Leżajsk county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 30 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year.

PLN 15,000

##### Barciany Educational Initiative, Barciany

Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Barciany borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 22 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year.

PLN 15,000

##### Foundation for the Development of Goldap Region, Goldap

Scholarship programme for high school students from Goldap county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 24 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year.

PLN 15,000

**Inspirations Association for Local Community Development, Rozdrażew**

Scholarship programme for middle school students from Rozdrażew borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 8 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year. PLN 5,000

**Dezydery Chłapowski Educational Association, Kościan**

Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Kościan county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 13 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year. PLN 15,000

**Haven Association, Iława**

Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Iława county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 29 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year. PLN 15,000

**Local Government Association, Konin**

Scholarship programme for high school students from the counties of: Gniezno, Koło, Konin, Słupca, Turek and Września – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 39 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year. PLN 20,000

## Grants financed from the Małgorzata Szejnert Fund

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

Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Srokowo borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 19 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year. PLN 12,000

**Zarzecze Borough Development Association, Zarzecze**

Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Zarzecze borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 3 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year. PLN 3,500

**Association for Child Development, Pustelnik**

Scholarship programme for middle school students in Stanisławów borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 11 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year. PLN 10,000

**Society for Promotion and Development of Skulsk Region, Skulsk**

Scholarship programme for middle school students from Skulsk – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 15 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year. PLN 8,000

## Grants financed from a donation by the Gavell Family Foundation

**Vive Foundation Heart to Children, Kielce**

Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Staszów – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 31 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year. PLN 20,000

**Give Us a Chance Foundation, Skarżysko-Kamienna**

Scholarship programme for high school students from Skarżysko county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 32 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year. PLN 20,000

**Association for Development of Łagów Borough, Łagów**

Scholarship programme for middle school students from Łagów borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 14 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year (PLN 8,200 co-funded by the Fund). PLN 15,500

## Grants financed from the 1% income tax donations

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

Scholarship programmes for middle and high school students from Elbląg and Elbląg county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 20 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year. PLN 15,000

**Community Foundation of Biłgoraj Region, Biłgoraj**

Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Biłgoraj county and Zwierzyniec borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 22 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year. PLN 15,000

**Cultural Initiatives Foundation, Radomsko**

Scholarship programme for artistically talented secondary school students from Radomsko county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 15 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year. PLN 15,000

**Foundation for the Development of Wieluń County, Wieluń**

Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Wieluń county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 19 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year. PLN 20,000

**Garden of Dreams Foundation, Jarocin**

Scholarship programme for secondary school students from the boroughs of: Jarocin, Jaraczewo, Kotlin, Nowe Miasto, Żerków – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 19 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year.

PLN 13,000

**Social Welfare Foundation, Brzeszcze**

Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Brzeszcze borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 16 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year.

PLN 7,400

**Family Foundation, Sławno**

Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Sławno county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 18 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year.

PLN 15,000

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

Scholarship programme for high school students from the boroughs of: Łukta, Gietrzwałd, Miłomłyn, Ostróda, Morąg – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 31 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year.

PLN 15,000

**Foundation for Development of Świętochłowice, Świętochłowice**

Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Świętochłowice – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 17 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year.

PLN 15,000

**Sokołka Community Foundation, Sokółka**

Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Sokółka borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 27 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year.

PLN 15,000

**Snow Mountain Community Fund, Stara Bystrzyca**

Scholarship programme for secondary school students from four boroughs of Snow Mountain area: Bystrzyca Kłodzka, Łądek-Zdrój, Międzylesie and Stronie Śląskie – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 59 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year.

PLN 20,000

**Czajnia Association, Tomaszów Lubelski**

Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Tomaszów Lubelski – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 26 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year.

PLN 20,000

**Widok Association of Cultural Education, Białystok**

Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Białystok – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 14 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year.

PLN 15,000

**Emka Youth for Development Association, Wieliszew**

Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Wieliszew borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee 14 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year.

PLN 11,000

**Nidzica Community Foundation, Nidzica**

Scholarship programme for high school students from Nidzica county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 17 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year.

PLN 15,000

**Helping Hand Association, Złoty Stok**

Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Złoty Stok borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 31 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year.

PLN 15,000

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

Scholarship programme for high school students from the boroughs of Czchów, Gromnik, Pleśna and Zakliczyn – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 34 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year.

PLN 20,000

**Promenade Association, Wyszaków**

Scholarship programme for high school students from Wyszaków borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 18 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year.

PLN 10,550

**Society of the Friends of Muszyna Almanac, Muszyna**

Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Muszyna and Krynica boroughs – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 18 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year.

PLN 10,000

**One Heart Foster Parents Association, Międzyrzec Podlaski**

Scholarship programme 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, 17 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year.

PLN 10,000

**Świętokrzyskie Region Community Foundation, Kielce**

Scholarship programme for secondary school students from the region of Świętokrzyskie – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 10 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year. PLN 15,000

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

Scholarship programme for middle school students from Warka borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 23 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year. PLN 20,000

**Echo of Pyzdry Cultural Association, Pyzdry**

Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Pyzdry, Pleszew, Słupca and Września boroughs – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 4 scholarships were awarded for the 2013/2014 school year. PLN 4,235

## Donor Advised Funds

### Staszek Jonczyk *Sing* Fund

**Allegrezza del Canto Association, Warsaw**

Summer camp and workshop for the members of the Allegrezza del Canto Choir – work on improving vocal skills and repertoire development. PLN 3,000

**Carmen Cultural Association, Warsaw**

A cycle of training workshops of the Cantate Deo Choir (voice emission and interpretation of the works), and two music workshops with the audience on the repertoire connected with national and ethnic minority songs and Christmas songs. PLN 3,600

**Edward Jozajtis *Gregorianum* Warsaw Choral Society, Warsaw**

Summer music camp of the *Gregorianum* boys' choir – preparations for autumn concerts. PLN 2,000

### Beata Pawlak Fund

Wojciech Górecki – Beata Pawlak Award for a book *Abkhazia* (Czarne Publishing House, Wołowiec 2013) PLN 10,000

### Iwona Winiarska-Feleszko Fund

Scholarships of PLN 500 monthly (grants paid for the period January–June) for 5 first year students selected in 2012. PLN 15,000

Scholarships of PLN 500 monthly for 5 first year students (grants paid for the period September–December 2013). PLN 10,000

**Scholarships recipients:**

**Magdalena Bobel**, a student of European Studies at the University of Warsaw

**Sylwia Daśko**, a student at the Warsaw School of Economics

**Agnieszka Mendyk**, a student of Sociology at the University of Warsaw

**Olga Rybak**, a student of Slavic Philology at the University of Warsaw

**Roberta Zaręba**, a student of Italian Studies at the University of Warsaw

Scholarship of PLN 400 monthly for second year student (grant paid for October–December 2013). PLN 1,200

**Scholarship recipient:**

**Agata Sarzyńska**, a student of Regional Studies at the University of Warsaw

### Janina and Tomasz Maczuga Fund

Scholarships of PLN 500 monthly for 4 first year students (grants paid for September–December 2013). PLN 8,000

**Scholarships recipients:**

**Katarzyna Paździor**, a student of Accounting and Controlling at the Cracow University of Economics

**Andrzej Pestkowski**, a student of Economy at the Wrocław University of Economics

**Magdalena Różalska**, a student of Tourism and Recreation Studies at the University School of Physical Education in Kraków  
**Magdalena Wyka**, a student of Chemical Engineering at the AGH University of Science and Technology

### *Spread Your Wings J. and J. Putka Fund*

Scholarships of PLN 630 monthly paid for January–June 2013 for 15 first year students selected in 2012. PLN 52,920

Scholarships from PLN 350 to 410 monthly paid for January–June 2013 for 14 second year students selected in 2012. PLN 30,160

Scholarships ranging from PLN 170 to 840 to cover university enrollment costs of 28 secondary school graduates. PLN 7,952

Scholarships of PLN 630 monthly for 14 first year students (grants paid for September–December 2013). PLN 35,280

#### **Scholarships recipients:**

**Monika Bednarek**, a student of Management and Production Engineering at the Rzeszów University of Technology

**Szymon Borys**, a student of Conducting at the Academy of Music in Katowice

**Edyta Drzewiecka**, a student of Medicine at the Poznań University of Medical Sciences

**Szymon Florek**, a student of Medicine at the Medical University of Silesia

**Monika Gołębiwska**, a student at the Warsaw School of Economics

**Anna Herda**, a student of Medicine at the Medical University of Warsaw

**Agnieszka Kaczor**, a student of Architecture and Urban Planning at the Poznań University of Technology

**Karolina Klawikowska**, a student of Finance and Accounting at the Nicolas Copernicus University

**Katarzyna Korab**, a student of Medical Physics at the University of Silesia

**Mateusz Młynek**, a student of Biotechnology at the Warsaw University of Technology

**Aneta Pyziak**, a student of Medicine at the Poznań University of Medical Sciences

**Dagmara Świerkowska**, a student of Slavic Philology at the Adam Mickiewicz University

**Ewelina Waglewska**, a student of Biotechnology at the University of Wrocław

**Justyna Wóltańska**, a student of Nursing at the Medical University of Warsaw

Scholarships from PLN 350 to 380 monthly for 8 second year students (grants paid for October–December 2013). PLN 9,030

#### **Scholarships recipients:**

**Władysław Gałat**, a student of Transport at the Kielce University of Technology

**Sandra Jasionowska**, a student of Engineering Physics at the Gdańsk University of Technology

**Jolanta Jaśkiewicz**, a student of Medicine at the Medical University of Silesia

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

**Ewelina Lubach**, a student of Geology and Cartography at the AGH University of Science and Technology

**Ewelina Podlewska**, a student of Ecological Sources of Energy at the AGH University of Science and Technology

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

**Marek Wośko**, a student of Information and Communication Technologies at the Wrocław University of Technology

Scholarships from PLN 350 to 410 for 7 3<sup>rd</sup> year students (grants paid for October–December 2013). PLN 7,890

**Scholarships recipients:**

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

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

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

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

**Tomasz Nierychły**, a student of Information Technology and Econometrics at the Poznań University of Economics

**Patrycja Skóra**, a student of Pedagogy at the Catholic University of Lublin

**Natalia Wojtków**, a student of Dentistry at the Jagiellonian University



# For Belarus

The aim of the programme is to stimulate the development of civil society and support democratic changes in Belarus. We make grants to Belarusian non-governmental organisations which undertake initiatives aimed to:

- stimulate civic engagement and developing self-government and self-organisation (also through educational and cultural activity, and youth initiatives);
- defend human rights, provide legal assistance, counteract discrimination and promote tolerance;
- enhance access to reliable information and develop traditional and social media;
- conduct independent research and analyses.

In 2013, the majority of the projects supported within the programme focused on stimulating civic activity: engaging residents in initiatives for the benefit of local communities (including initiatives related to the management of public space and monuments preservation), running public-interest social campaigns, the development of self-government (students, housing, small business), conducting educational and cultural activities, improving the education system, building national identity through promoting the Belarusian language and care for historical legacy.

The second largest group of projects consisted of initiatives related to the protection of human rights. We supported free legal counselling for persons in a difficult material situation, victims of justice system, and for those requiring specialist care; monitoring of the respect and protection of civic rights, and activities aimed to influence public policies and introduce changes in the legal system.

In the area of enhancing the access to information we made grants to help the publication of independent periodicals, run portals and Internet-based magazines, improve the professional qualifications of journalists and people working in the media sector, and for activities aimed to protect freedom of speech.

We have also supported the work of independent research centres which monitor the social, economic and political situation in Belarus and assist and train young academics and researchers.

On August 4, during the International Day of Solidarity with Belarusian Society established on the second anniversary of the arrest of Ales Bialiatski, the human rights activist, we organised a public debate in Warsaw dedicated to the social situation in Belarus. The debate was accompanied by a concert by Krystyna Gedzik, a Belarusian jazz singer and author of a musical project inspired by Belarusian folklore. The participants in the debate included: Michał Potocki, a journalist, Inna Reut, an art critic, Jan Malicki, Director of the Centre for East European Studies at the University of Warsaw, Adriaan Palm, Chargé d'affaires at the Embassy of the Netherlands in Warsaw as well as experts from the Centre for Eastern Studies.

The programme was financed from the Open Society Foundation's grant and the Batory Foundation's own resources.

For Belarus

Grants	PLN 3,229,259.82
Meetings, conferences, debates	PLN 58,130.87
Implementation costs	PLN 191,205.76
<b>Total programme costs</b>	<b>PLN 3,478,596.45</b>

## Grants

### Belarusian organisations

Activities aimed at encouraging civic engagement, protecting human rights, expanding access to information, conducting independent research. (Due to the political situation in Belarus, we do not disclose the details of grants made in 2013).

PLN 3,173,909.82

### Free Belarus Initiative Association, Warsaw

*In Solidarity with Belarus* campaign – a press conference with the participation of the families of Belarusian political prisoners, the screening of independent Belarusian films, a concert of bands from Belarus and Poland attended by over 3000 spectators, happenings aimed to highlight the problem of political prisoners in Belarus.

PLN 55,350

# Batory Foundation Debates

The 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 2013, the major challenges relating to Polish domestic policy and public life occupied an important place in our debates. These included the functioning of political parties, the quality of Polish politics, urban movements and city democratisation as well as the state of self-governance in our country. We also addressed topics related to international affairs, including the radical and populist movements within the European Union.

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

## Current political and social problems

### Polish political parties: are they fulfilling their functions?

15 January 2013

This expert debate was dedicated to the functioning of Polish political parties. The participants: experts, journalists and politicians discussed party life (internal relations, the system for electing leaders, ideological debate, relations between the party leadership and party members, recruiting new members and supporters) as well as party relations with: the state (limits to party autonomy), voters (the "socialising" functions of a party) and the media (i.a. appropriating the media by politicians and parties).

Introductions: Aleksander Smolar, President of the Batory Foundation (Session I: The internal dimension of party life), Dr Radosław Markowski, Centre for Political Sciences at the University of Social Sciences and Humanities, member of the Batory Foundation Board (Session II: The parties vs. the outside world).

### Opportunities for a different type of politics

20 February 2013

The debate was devoted to the chances of running a different type of politics in Poland: more substantive, loyal to underlying values, while at the same time respecting the views of others.

Speakers: Dr Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz (senator, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland), Marek Jurek (President of the Right Party of the Polish Republic, former Speaker of Parliament), Tadeusz Mazowiecki (former Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland), Prof. Wiktor Osiatyński (Central European

University in Budapest) and Prof. Magdalena Środa (Faculty of Philosophy at University of Warsaw). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

### Polish political parties: What should be changed in the way they operate?

8 May 2013

This debate held among a group of 30 political scientists, sociologists, lawyers, politicians and journalists focused on the necessary changes in the ways political parties operate, including potential changes in legislation and financing models. Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

### Local government and democracy

4 June 2013

This debate was dedicated to local government and the state of Polish democracy: To what extent the current operation of local governments is conducive to democratic processes at local, well as national level? And to what extent are the various negative phenomena of our local governance leading to the undermining of its foundations? The starting point for the discussion was the *Report about the state of territorial government in Poland* published by a team led by Prof. Jerzy Hausner.

Speakers: Dr Katarzyna Dzieniszewska-Naroska (Faculty of Administration and Social Sciences, Warsaw University of Technology), Dr Jarosław Flis (Faculty of Management and Social Communication, Jagiellonian University), Prof. Jerzy Hausner (Chair of Public Management and Administration, Cracow University of Economics), Dr Rafał Matyja (Wyższa Szkoła Biznesu – National-Louis University in Nowy Sącz), Dr Aleksander Nelicki (Institute for Research and Expert Analysis, Łazarski University) and Prof. Paweł Swianiewicz (Institute for Development and Local Policy, Department of Geography and Regional Studies, Warsaw University). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

### City. Participation. Management

20 November 2013

This discussion, organized in cooperation with *Res Publica Nowa* magazine, was dedicated to the democratisation of cities and improvement of the efficiency of their operation through engaging residents in decision-making on public expenditure, and at the same time making sure that the city authorities are efficient and can make difficult and even unpopular decisions.

Speakers: Wojciech Bartelski (Mayor of Śródmieście District, City of Warsaw), Piotr Guział (Mayor of Ursynów District, City of Warsaw), Łukasz Medeksza (Plenipotentiary of the Council of Dolnośląskie Region for the information society), Agnieszka Nowak (Deputy Mayor of Łódź), Marta Poślad (Cambridge University). Moderator: Wojciech Przybylski (*Res Publica Nowa* magazine, editor-in-chief).

Following the debate, we published a collection of texts on city democracy (*Democracy of the City II*) by Paweł Kubicki, Lech Mergel and Jan Sowa.

## Past and memory

### The dilemmas of Polish education - In memoriam Anna Radziwiłł

12–13 April 2013

A conference commemorating Anna Radziwiłł, member and chair of the Stefan Batory Foundation Council (1999–2009), celebrated teacher, author of history textbooks, and Solidarity trade union activist,

Deputy Minister for Education in the 90s. The conference was devoted to state education policy after 1989, the reform of school system, education and the teaching of history.

**Session I: Polish education after 1989 – achievements and challenges.**

**Debate with the participation of former education ministers of the Republic of Poland**

Speakers: Prof. Henryk Samsonowicz (Institute of History, University of Warsaw, Minister of National Education 1989–1990, Mirosław Sawicki (Minister of National Education 2004-2005), Katarzyna Hall (Minister of National Education 2007-2011). Moderator: Piotr Pacewicz (columnist).

**Session II:** Speakers: Prof. Wiesław Caban (Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce) *How should one write about national uprisings?*, Dr Jarosław Czubaty (Institute of History, University of Warsaw) *A non-autonomous state in a history book*, Dr Jacek Jakubowski (TROP Group) *An alternative school*, Prof. Andrzej Janowski (former Deputy Minister of National Education) *The educational ideology of Anna Radziwiłł*, Prof. Wojciech Roszkowski (Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences PAN) *The dilemmas of 20th century history in a textbook*, Mirosław Sawicki (Minister of National Education 2004-2005) *Anna Radziwiłł and Jacek Kuroń – two models of upbringing*. Moderator: Prof. Henryk Samsonowicz (Institute of History, University of Warsaw, Minister of National Education 1989-1990).

**Session III:** Speakers: Dr Małgorzata Budyta-Budzyńska (Pro-Vice Chancellor, Collegium Civitas) *Anna Radziwiłł: Teacher of teachers*, Dr Janina Kamińska, Dr Adam Fijałkowski (Faculty of Education, University of Warsaw) *Upbringing at the time of Sanacja – with the PhD dissertation of Anna Radziwiłł*, Zofia Kozłowska (Polish Historical Society) *Between solitude and a public mission*, Prof. Adam Massalski (Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce) *Schooling traditions in the Staszów region and the role of the Radziwiłł Family*, Dr Krystyna Starczewska (Chair of the National Forum of Non-public Education) *The educational projects of Solidarity*, Dr Krzysztof Śliwiński (social activist) *In March. On an attempt at a diagnosis*.

Moderator: Mirosław Sawicki (the Minister of National Education in years 2004–2005)

**Session IV:** Speakers: Prof. Wanda Dróżka (Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce) *Between the ethos and the profession: the teacher in the context of a school's educational goals*, Dr Anna Wilkomirska (Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Warsaw) *The sense and nonsensicality of the state promotion system for teachers*, Prof. Marta Zahorska (Faculty of Sociology, University of Warsaw) *The teacher – subject or object of educational policy?*, Dr Anna Zielińska (Faculty of Education, University of Warsaw) *The assessment and promotion of teachers in the eyes of the bodies responsible for their professional promotion*. Moderator: Prof. Jacek Semaniak (Rector, University of Jan Kochanowski in Kielce).

The conference was organised in cooperation with Sichów Manor and Library, Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce and the Faculty of Education at the University of Warsaw.

### **Who and for whom writes the? Central and Eastern Europeans in the history of Europe 28 November 2013**

A debate about the place of Central and Eastern Europe's history in the history of our continent, the reasons why this region was absent from European historiography and the role of historians such as Norman Davies, Timothy Garton Ash, Tony Judt or Timothy Snyder, in presenting a vision of Europe which does not focus exclusively on its western part.

Speakers: Prof. Norman Davies (London University) and Prof. Timothy Snyder (Yale University). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

## International affairs and Europe's problems

### Radical politics: Hungary, Poland, Europe

8–9 April 2013

An international conference dedicated to the current situation in Hungary under the government of Viktor Orbán, changes that were introduced to Hungarian legislation (weakening of the roles of the Constitutional Tribunal, the Central Bank, modifications in the voting system, media law restricting freedom of speech), domestic and foreign policy, the development of a radical and populist movement in Europe as well as identity and ideological changes on the right side of the Polish political spectrum. Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

#### Session I: Orbán's Hungary: How far is it from liberal democracy?

Speakers: Dr Zoltán Miklósi (Central European University in Budapest), Ágoston Sámuel Mráz (Nézópont Intézet consulting company, Budapest), Prof. György Schöpflin (MEP, Fidesz, Hungary), Prof. Gabor Attila Tóth (University of Debrecen), Prof. Balázs Váradi (Central European University in Budapest).

#### Session II: The Polish right in search of identity. The role of fascination with Hungary

Speakers: Dr Agata Bielik-Robson (Institute of the Americas and Europe of University of Warsaw, Nottingham University), Ludwik Dorn (MP, United Poland), Dr Radosław Markowski (University of Social Sciences and Humanities in Warsaw), Robert Krasowski (columnist), Przemysław Wipler (MP, Law and Justice).

#### Session III: Against liberal democracy and against the Union – new political phenomena in Europe

Speakers: Sylvie Kauffmann (*Le Monde*), Ivan Krastev (Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia), Prof. Jacques Rupnik (Centre for International Studies and Research CERI, Paris), Prof. György Schöpflin (MEP, Fidesz, Hungary).

### The Chinese blogosphere – Sphere of freedom or freedom under control?

14 June 2013

A debate about the role of the Internet and independent blogs, their importance in shaping social dialogue in China, as well as about the ways in which new means of communication influence the traditional media and social and political activity.

Speakers: Michael Anti (blogger and journalist, Beijing), Jiang Fangzhou (writer, deputy editor-in-chief of the *Xin Zhoukan* weekly, Beijing), Jia Jia (Tencent portal) and Murong Xuecun (blogger, writer and pro-democracy activist, Beijing). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

The meeting was co-organised by the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Beijing and the natematchin.pl portal.

## Other debates

### Why travel? A debate on the 11<sup>th</sup> edition of the Beata Pawlak Award

14 October 2013

A debate, with the participation of award-nominated authors, about what inspires them to travel, what traps writers-travellers encounter and what benefits they get from these travels.

Speakers: Wojciech Górecki (journalist and analyst, the Centre for Eastern Studies, Warsaw), Dorota Kozińska (music and theatre critic, translator, Institute of Literary Research, Polish Academy of Sciences), Adam Leszczyński (historian, columnist, Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences), Andrzej Muszyński (writer), Krzysztof Środa (writer, translator, historian of philosophy) and Maciej Wasielewski (journalist).

Moderator: Justyna Sobolewska (*Polityka* weekly).

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

**Total programme costs**

**PLN 176,148.70**

# Your Vote, Your Choice

The programme'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 organisations 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 to initiate and promote cooperation between residents and local authorities in solving local problems and to reinforce a sense of joint responsibility for the decisions made on the election day. The action is open to organisations or informal groups as well as libraries, schools, and other institutions which register at the portal [www.maszglos.pl](http://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 2013 we conducted the action in partnership with Opus Centre for Promotion and Development of Civic Initiatives, Sustainable Development Workshop, Civic Network – Watchdog Poland and School of Leaders Association. The participants of the action were offered to follow one of seven scenarios of activities which would contribute to building of dialogue between residents and local authorities. These were: using the instrument of local initiative to introduce changes in their community; joint management of selected public space; the development of the programme offer of a local cultural institution; co-deciding on the allocation of selected municipal fund; improving the information flow between the residents and local authorities; amending the municipality's statutes to allow the residents to present draft resolutions. In over 50 locations the participants of the action organized a Local Government Day – meetings of residents with councillors in a casual atmosphere (handing out leaflets, organizing contests).

This time 274 organisations, informal groups, local media, cultural Centres, libraries and other institutions from 214 localities joined the project. 13 participants who were most effective in facilitating cooperation of residents and local authorities competed for the Super Local Government 2013 Award, held under the honorary patronage of the President of Poland.

The participants of the action were offered different forms of support. They could take part in three-day workshops teaching skills necessary for undertaking activities in local communities (140 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 68 participants received the micro grants). We also facilitated contacts with



local authorities and the media, helped the participants in promoting their activities (we provided them with posters and informational materials).

We offered them consultations on the scope of local authorities' powers and competencies as well as legal regulations (i.a. we published and disseminated the *Charter of Residents Rights, Civic Toolbox*, and a leaflet on citizen's legislative initiative and participatory budgeting). We advised them on how to carry out social activities (i.a. we published an instruction on *How to organise a meeting*). Our partners advised the participants on how to engage residents and encourage local authorities to cooperation. In response to the problems identified by the participants, we organized a meeting with experts on the need of introducing legal regulations governing the process of creating participatory budgets in towns and cities (such solutions exist in villages).

## Citizens and elections seminars

We continued 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.

In 2013 we concluded a series of *Citizens and elections* seminars launched in December 2011. We organized a summary meeting with the participation of 30 experts and published a report which comprises propositions which will help to encourage informed voting and high voter participation. The recommendations formulated by the experts taking part in our seminars refer to such areas as: 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. The report was sent to the media, politicians and experts, as well as stakeholder institutions. On the basis of the report the coalition of non-governmental organisations developed a plan of further advocacy activities.

The programme was financed from the grant by the Open Society Foundations and from the Batory Foundation's own resources.

Grants	PLN 350,000.00
Programme costs	PLN 559,517.51
<b>Total programme cost</b>	<b>PLN 909,517.51</b>

## Grants

### Opus Centre for Promotion and Development of Civic Initiatives, Łódź

Training seminars and other forms of support for participants of the Your Vote, Your Choice project engaged in activities aimed to promote the *local initiative* instrument in the community and organize activity of residents with the use of this instrument (*Local initiative*). PLN 110,000

### Sustainable Development Workshop, Toruń

Training seminars and other forms of support for participants of the Your Vote, Your Choice project engaged in activities aimed to involve residents in joint management of selected public space and development of the programme offer of a local cultural institution, e.g. a library, community hall, cultural centre (*Common Space* and *Let's do it together*). PLN 110,000

### Civic Network – Watchdog Poland, 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 village funds - part of the community budget to be decided by residents at the village meeting (*Village funds*). PLN 55,000

### 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 improve the information flow between the local councillors and the residents (*Accessible local councillors*). PLN 55,000

# Public Integrity

The goal of the programme is to increase transparency and integrity in public life and to promote open, accountable governance. Within the programme we undertake activities which aim to ensure the transparency of the legislative process and open it up to the voice of citizens, to reduce the risks of corruption, nepotism and cronyism linked to the presence of conflicts of interest in public life and to strengthen the role and legal protection of whistleblowers. We monitor and analyze processes and events which affect the integrity of public life. We make proposals and recommendations aiming at improving the standards of public life and curbing corruption. We take measures to develop, disseminate and implement solutions which comply with the standard of good governance and accountable government.

The programme is a continuation of the Anti-Corruption programme, which was started in 2000 and has led to significant institutional and legislative change.

## Civic Legislative Forum

For several past years we have been undertaking activities aimed at introducing legal solutions that will increase transparency of legislative processes. We have been carrying out advocacy efforts within the framework of the Civic Legislative Forum set up in 2009 with an aim to bring together people participating in the legislative process or monitoring it. In 2011 the Civic 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. Within the framework of the Public Debate Forum operating under the auspices of the President of the Republic of Poland, a series of meetings and seminars were held on the quality of legislation with the participation of the members of the Civic Legislative Forum. The results of these debates were summarised in September 2013 in the Green Paper *The Legislative System in Poland* published by the Chancellery of the President and the postulates comprised in the Green Paper were submitted for further consultation.

In 2013, the Forum monitored the implementation of the *Better Regulations 2015* strategy adopted by the government in January, which included the Code of Public Consultations. Forum members engaged in developing new Regulations of the Council of Ministers in regard to the procedure for Regulatory Impact Assessments (RIAs) and public consultations, and also in the work at the Ministry of Justice on developing the guidelines for an act that would comprehensively regulate the public consultation process and the preparation of RIAs at the stage of government legislative work. Members of the Forum presented their assessment of consultation procedures and the role of citizens in the legislative process during the public hearing on the Petitions Act, which was held by the Senate Legislative and Human Rights, Rule of Law and

Petitions Committees, during a training course for employees of legislative offices of ministries and of the Government Legislation Centre and also during meetings with the Ombudsman.

The Forum intervened also at the Ministry of the Interior in connection with bad consultation practices in which the absence of consultation participants at consensus conferences was interpreted as the withdrawal of opinions made at earlier stages of work on the project). The new Regulations of the Council of Ministers should prevent such treatment of social partners.

## Analysis of public consultations in practice

Public consultations are an important component of the modern model of legislature. They open the legislative process to public input, make it more transparent, improve the chances of the new legislation being more readily understood and accepted by society. Consultations are also an important part of the Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) procedure which is aimed to develop the substantive basis for the legislative proposals. Sound consultations conducted as part of the RIA process ensure that such new legislation is designed to best meet the goals and objectives of the lawmakers without generating detrimental social, economic or political impacts. By involving a variety of stakeholders with different backgrounds and expertise in the RIA process legislators can get an important source of knowledge about the practical implications of the proposed law.

In 2013, in collaboration with members of the Civic Legislative Forum, we studied the effects of changes related to public consultations and RIAs introduced by the government in late 2011. The aim of the analysis is to check the impact of these amendments on the quality of legislation and the accuracy of the public consultations process. We examined 110 draft bills which were processed by the government in 2012, together with related documentation. We conducted quantitative analyses of the accuracy of the problem's identification, the specification of purposes of proposed legislative changes, the conditions of implementation if the regulations and the manner in which public consultations were conducted. We also prepared an expert opinion on current legal framework of the procedure for developing RIAs and conducting public consultations which includes recommendations *de lege ferenda*.

In 2014, the analysis will be supplemented by six case studies on selected bills. The findings of the study will serve to formulate recommendations concerning further changes in the manner of processing government-initiated bills, including the implementation of the government's *Better Regulations 2015* Programme.

## Open Government Coalition

The Open Government Coalition was created in May 2012 by Polish non-governmental organisations that work for transparency, accessibility and openness of public institutions. Apart from the Stefan Batory Foundation, the Coalition includes: Centre for Civic Education, ePF (e-State Foundation), Civil Development Forum Foundation, Panoptykon Foundation, Project: Poland Foundation, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Citizens Network Watchdog Poland, Unit for Social Innovation and Research – Shipyard, Association 61, Klon/Jawor Association, Foundation of Social Communication. The goal of the Coalition is to implement the good governance standards promoted by the Open Government Partnership (OGP) – an international initiative established in September 2011 by the governments of eight countries (including Brazil, the US and the UK). In 2013 OGP was joined by 63 states that pledged to respect and promote the

rules of transparency, openness and accountability in governance and undertake concrete steps towards increasing the participation of the society in monitoring and evaluating the activities of the government. Poland is one of the 2 new EU member states that have not joined this initiative.

The Open Government Coalition started its activities by trying to urge the Polish government to join the international initiative. However, despite initial announcements, the government did not join the Open Government Partnership declaring that the objectives and requirements of this initiative will be realised in the framework of the *Efficient State 2020* strategy adopted in February 2013. In this situation the Coalition decided to monitor the implementation of the strategy provisions in four areas of key importance from the point of view of open government's principles: access to public information, the openness of public data, anti-corruption policies and the openness of decision-making processes.

The results of the monitoring were comprised in the report *Waiting for Open Government* and presented at a public conference held on 18 December 2013. The conference was attended i.a. by government representatives: Maciej Berek, Head of the Government Legislation Centre, Maciej Groń, Director of the Information Society Department at the Ministry of Administration and Digitisation, and the representatives of the Parliament: Waldemar Pawlak, Polish Peasants' Party, Elżbieta Witek, Law and Justice Party and Grzegorz Napieralski, Democratic Left Alliance. The government representatives agreed with the report's conclusion of the need to expand and develop IT systems to ensure broader and equal access to public information while the representatives of the parliamentary opposition stressed the need for the development and implementation of a long-term anti-corruption government strategy which would be pursued irrespective of political divisions.

## Personal unions in local government

The project planned for 2013–2014 aims to investigate the scale and character of personal links at the local level and to determine whether and how the fact that councillors play other socio-economic roles (in public administrations, public and private business and in non-governmental organisations) affects the economic development of local community, the political situation and civic activity.

In 2013, we commissioned an expert opinion on the legal framework and feasibility of tracing the connections between councillors and other entities. On the basis of publicly available sources (declarations of assets, National Court Register, Central Statistical Office and National Electoral Commission databases), we analysed nearly 9,000 financial declarations by councillors from all levels of local government (including Warsaw): municipalities, districts and cities with a district status.

This quantitative research will be supplemented by in depth case studies in selected local governments at the beginning of 2014. The findings will be published in a report which will characterize and assess existing links among local councillors and offer recommendations and suggestions for improvements in the quality of public life and conflict of interest prevention.

## Monitoring of conflict of interest policies

The objectives of this international project we planned for 2013–2015 and implemented in collaboration with organisations from three Eastern Partnership countries (Armenia, Moldova and Ukraine) is to strengthen the role of citizens in the activities aimed to reduce conflicts of interest in public government.

Participants in the project, which is funded by the European Commission, include the Moldova branch of Transparency International (project leader), Eurasia Partnership Foundation and Transparency International Anti-Corruption Centre from Armenia, the TORO Creative Union and Ukrainian Institute for Public Policy from Ukraine.

In 2013, we prepared a legal opinion that described the existing rules on conflicts of interest, in international and in domestic legislation. Based on the experience of TI Moldova and in cooperation with Polish experts a methodology was developed for monitoring the manner in which regulations on conflicts of interest are implemented by central government institutions. In December, the first stage of monitoring was conducted which covered all ministries and the Chancellery of the Prime Minister. Documents (codes, regulations, ordinances, programmes and strategies) that describe government policies on conflicts of interest were analysed. Cooperation was established with Poland's National School of Public Administration, the Ministry of the Interior and the Civil Service Department. The monitoring will help to identify barriers to the introduction of policies that prevent conflicts of interest and to suggest better ways of overcoming such obstacles. In 2014 we will monitor conflict of interest in the selected municipalities and undertake advocacy efforts aimed to increase the participation of citizens in reducing the risk of conflict of interest in central and local governments.

## Support and protection of whistleblowers

Since 2009, we have been working to strengthen the legal protection of whistleblowers, i.e. persons who, acting in good faith and in the interest of the public good, disclose irregularities or unethical behaviour in their workplace or profession and thus run the risk of being mobbed, losing their job or finding themselves on the margins of their profession. In previous years our efforts consisted mainly of monitoring the legal situation of whistleblowers and advocating stronger legal protection for such persons. We have prepared guidelines for a legislative act on the protection of whistleblowers in Poland.

In 2013, we focused on finding potential allies among the groups and professions who may significantly contribute to the effort of strengthening legal protection for whistleblowers, create a more favourable environment for them and develop practices that would promote whistleblowing. To this end, we organized a series of expert seminars targeted at three groups: employers, trade unions and lawyers. The seminars were organized in cooperation with: the Civil Service Department and the Ernst & Young company (seminar for employers), the All-Poland Alliance of Trade Unions (seminar for trade union activists) and the Institute for Law and Society INPRIS (seminar for lawyers). During the seminars we discussed the concept of introducing the system of signalling irregularities in the workplace, the problems encountered by whistleblowers and the best ways to protect them.

We continued to carry out informational and advocacy activities aimed to promote the idea of whistleblowing in Poland. We presented the problems of the legal status of whistleblowers in Poland at the conference of the Business Ethics Centre at the Kozminski University and at the seminar held by the Responsible Business Forum. We also opined the systemic solutions aimed to support the protection of whistleblowers prepared by Polish State Railways and the Customs Service. Our conclusions concerning the need to strengthen the legal protection of whistleblowers, confirmed by our studies and opinions by international organisations (Transparency International, OECD), were presented to the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy which agreed to consider the appointment of a ministerial or inter-ministerial task force

to analyse the effectiveness of the current legal protection. As a result of our efforts, the postulate to examine the current situation of whistleblowers and to develop appropriate recommendations as well as conduct awareness-raising campaign in the public and private sectors was reflected in *Government Anti-Corruption Programme for the Years 2011–2016*.

As part of legal aid for whistleblowers we provided consultations, observed court proceedings, prepared *amicus curiae* letters and intervened with the Ombudsman.

## Preventing corruption in practice

The aim of this project carried out since 2011, was to evaluate the quality and effectiveness of the anti-corruption systems introduced in selected government institutions and to develop a guidebook presenting good practices in implementing anti-corruption systems in public administration, based on the results of the conducted evaluation.

In 2011–2012 we conducted evaluation of corruption prevention system introduced as an extension of ISO 9001 in three institutions: Ministry of Economy (2011), Marshal Office of Mazovian Province (2012) and Material Reserves Agency (2012). The results of our study showed that the introduced systems in the above institutions have three major shortcomings: they give too much discretion with regard to implementation, they do not enforce effective remedies and the method of analysing corruption risk is too arbitrary.

In 2013, on the basis of this evaluation, we developed a guidebook for public institutions showing the strengths and weaknesses of the anti-corruption systems we had analysed. The guidebook together with the evaluation reports of all three anti-corruption systems we had been conducting were published on the Foundation's website. The guidebook was sent to central government institutions, including all ministries and parliamentary parties as well as to several parliamentary committees and local government associations.

On 21 June, together with the Ministry of the Interior, we organised a conference *Anti-Corruption Systems in the Government*. During the conference attended by around 150 persons (mainly civil servants) we summarised the results of the evaluations of anticorruption systems we had examined and the representatives of the Agency for Material Reserves, the Customs Service, the Ministry of the Interior, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of National Defence presented the anti-corruption systems implemented in their institutions. An extensive report from the conference was published in the July–August issue of *Civil Service Review* magazine. The Head of Poland's National School of Public Administration invited the programme team to collaborate with the School in introducing anti-corruption elements into its training curriculum.

## Civic Observatory

We closely monitor initiatives and events important from the point of view of the integrity of public life. On the basis of the monitoring we produce reports and in-depth analyses of events, initiatives and bills etc. which are relevant to transparency, accountability and integrity of public life. Through the Observatory we want to reach out to the public, to pro-actively affect public debate and increase awareness of such issues as good governance, transparency, problems of corruption and anti-corruption policies.

In 2013, we published 15 articles and press releases, i.a. relating to the organisation of public consultations held by ministries, development of the government anti-corruption programme, changes in the Council of Ministers Regulations aimed to improve the manner of preparation of Regulatory Impact As-

assessments, and the use of volunteers to support parties in court proceedings. We published three analyses in the leading Polish dailies *Dziennik Gazeta Prawna* and *Rzeczpospolita* and in the ngo.pl portal: on the need to reform the Central Anti-Corruption Office, the anti-corruption shield and the court judgement in the famous bribery case involving ex-MP.

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# Open Europe

The goal of the programme is to promote an active and friendly Polish and European Union policy towards our Eastern neighbors and to support democratic processes and pro-European trends in Eastern Europe. We work to bring the Eastern Partnership societies closer to the European Union and to accelerate the process of liberalization of the visa regime. We conduct our activities in cooperation with organisations and institutions from the EU, Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries and Russia.

## Friendly EU border

Our aim is to eliminate visas between the EU, Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries and Russia, through gradual liberalization of EU visa policy. We have been engaged in efforts to introduce friendly visa and border solutions for our Eastern neighbors since 2002. In previous years we monitored the visa policies and procedures for issuing visas for citizens of Eastern Europe by the countries of the European Union, as well as the conditions of crossing the European Union's eastern border. Since visa-free travel between the EU and selected countries of Eastern Europe has become a long-term EU objective, we focus on proposing solutions which would facilitate implementation of the declarations of the EU member states concerning visa-free travel in that region.

We actively advocate for: implementation of the declarations made in visa facilitation agreements and in the *Community Code on Visas*; adoption of Operational Programs leading to visa-free travel; designing special solutions for Belarus, which does not have an agreement on visa facilitation; eliminating visa fees for EaP countries and Russia. We seek to present strong arguments for liberalizing visa policies and to dispel the doubts and anxieties of member states related to the introduction of visa-free movement across borders. We also monitor the quality of service at border crossings between Poland and Ukraine and the practice of issuing visas and permits to Ukrainians in local border traffic.

In our efforts to accelerate the process of lifting the visa regime and improve the quality of service for travellers at the eastern border of the EU, we collaborate with organisations and institutions from the EU and from Eastern European countries, including the **Visa-Free-Europe Coalition** launched on our initiative in 2010, which brings together 47 organisations and institutions from the Eastern Partnership countries and EU member states. We raise the issue of visa liberalization at the Eastern Partnership and EU-Russia Civil Society Fora where we are actively engaged in the work of visa subgroups.

In 2013, we continued the monitoring of progress in visa dialogue between the EU, the EaP states and Russia. On one side, we verified the progress made in implementing the necessary reforms for visa liberalisation among our eastern neighbours, on the other, EU compliance with commitments to the liberalisation of visa policy.



In cooperation with observers from EaP countries we conducted regular compliance assessments of the legislation in those countries with reference to the requirements stipulated in Action Plans or other bilateral documents. The results of this research were presented in regularly updated the **Eastern Partnership Visa Liberalisation Index**, an interactive internet tool ([monitoring.visa-free-europe.eu](http://monitoring.visa-free-europe.eu)) showing the progress of the EaP states towards visa liberalization. We disseminated information about progress in the implementation of reforms and visa dialogue via electronic newsletter, distributed every quarter to over 10,000 recipients (decision-makers, ministries of foreign and internal affairs, agencies and government institutions, public administration, academic and analytical centres, media). In 2013, with the launch of the Russian version of the Index, we increased our outreach in Russia and the EaP countries.

We used the results of the monitoring illustrated by the Index in the information, promotion and **advocacy efforts** carried out in the EU and the EaP countries. In cooperation with members of the Visa-Free-Europe Coalition in Europe we organised conferences and seminars on the need for and the benefits of liberalising visa policy.

On 10–17 June, we presented a photographic exhibition at the Polish Parliament *Visas? What for?* prepared by our Ukrainian partner Europe without Barriers Foundation. The exhibition presented the stories of 12 well-known Ukrainian intellectuals and academics whom the refusal to grant a visa disrupted professional plans in the EU countries. The exhibition was accompanied by a debate *EU and Polish visa policies towards Ukraine – the achievements and challenges ahead*. Together with the Ukrainian members of the Coalition (Europe without Barriers and the Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation) we presented the problems faced by the citizens of the EaP countries in Polish and EU consulates. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Polish-Ukrainian Parliamentary Group, the Department of Migration Policy at the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Consular Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Embassy of Ukraine.

On 24 September, together with the office of Paweł Kowal, Polish MEP, and Belarus Watch from Lithuania, we organised a debate at the European Parliament dedicated to visa dialogue between the EaP and EU countries before the Vilnius Summit. The meeting was attended by Polish and Ukrainian journalists, representatives of European institutions and European Parliament deputies.

On 3 October, together with the Moldovan *Viitorul* Institute for Development and Social Initiatives, we organised a debate in Chişinău *The European path of the Eastern Partnership countries in 2013*. During the debate we presented the outcomes of the Visa Liberalisation Index for the EaP countries as well as the progress achieved in the visa dialogue between the EU and Moldova. The meeting was attended by activists and experts from the EaP NGO sector, representatives of embassies, Moldova's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and local media.

On 28–29 October, in cooperation with the Minsk Forum, the German-Belarusian Society (DGB) and the Centre for Eastern European Studies, we organised a conference in Vilnius dedicated to Belarus–EU relations and the prospects for dialogue between Minsk and Brussels. The conference was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Lithuania, embassies from the EU member states, Belarusian, Lithuanian and German members of parliament, representatives of non-governmental organisations, and journalists.

On 29 October, together with the analytical Centre for Global and Regional Cooperation, we organised a debate in Yerevan *The EU-Armenia visa dialogue: before and after the Eastern Partnership Summit in Vilnius* dedicated to the progress achieved to date in bilateral negotiations between the EU and Armenia on visa liberalisation. The meeting was attended by representatives from embassies and consulates of the EU

member states, the EU delegation representation in Armenia, the ambassadors of Brazil and Kazakhstan, students, activists and experts from Armenian non-governmental organisations and local media.

On 19 December, we organised a public discussion in Warsaw dedicated to the possibility of the temporary suspension of visas for Ukrainian citizens, following the social protests in Euromaidan *Can we really do away with visas for Ukraine?* The participants of the debate included a group of EaP experts who cooperate on the **Eastern Partnership Visa Liberalisation Index**: Vugar Bayramov (Centre for Economic and Social Development, Azerbaijan), Stepan Grigoryan (Analytical Centre on Globalization and Regional Cooperation, Armenia), Andrei Yeliseyev (Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies, Belarus), Leonid Litra (Institute for Development and Social Studies *Viitorul*, Moldova), Lia Sanikidze (Caucasian Institute for Peace, Democracy and Development, Georgia), Iryna Sushko (Europe without Barriers, Ukraine), Oleksandr Sushko (Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation, Ukraine), as well as Michał Chabros (Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Andrzej Drozd (Polish-Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce), Michał Kaciewicz (Newsweek), Maryana Kuzio (Europe without Barriers), Paweł Lickiewicz (Eastbook portal), Margita Petriková (MitOst).

As a part of advocacy we also participated in a number of debates and conferences organized by our partners from Europe Free Visa Coalition:

On 18 February, at a conference in Berlin organised by the Heinrich Böll Foundation, MitOst, Europe without Barriers and the Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation, we presented Polish borders and visas policy towards Ukraine. The speakers included: Marieluise Beck, Viola von Cramon, Werner Schulz, Josef Winkler (deputies to Bundestag), Oleksiy Khmara (Transparency International, Ukraine) Andreas Metz (spokesperson of German entrepreneur organisations) and Iryna Sushko (Europe without Barriers). The conference was attended by representatives from academia, non-governmental organisations and the media.

On 19–21 April, on the BY Watch invitation, we conducted in Vilnius a seminar and training course for volunteers from Belarus devoted to advocacy activities on visa policy liberalisation.

On 13 May, in a conference *The mobility of youth – the key to democratic reform in Eastern Partnership countries*, organised in the European Parliament by Paweł Zalewski (Polish MEP, European People's Party), European Students' Forum (AEGEE) and EurActiv portal we talked about the progress achieved in visa dialogue with the EaP countries. The meeting was attended by officials from the European Commission responsible for educational and visa policies and programmes targeting youth (including youth from the EaP countries) as well as representatives of non-governmental organisations from the EU and the EaP countries.

On 8 July, at a conference *How is Ukraine implementing the most sensitive reform in the context of the plan for visa liberalisation?*, organised by Europe without Barriers at the Ukrainian Information Agency Ukrinform in Kyiv, we presented the EaP Visa Liberalisation Index to Ukrainian politicians, officials, representatives of academia, and non-governmental organisations, as well as the EU delegations in Ukraine.

On 26 July 26, during two debates *Citizen's journalism – are leaders of opinion outsiders?* and *Europe and crisis*, organised in Perm as part of the EU-Russia Civil Society Forum, we presented the prospects, opportunities and threats for visa-free traffic between the EU and Russia. The meeting was attended by the media, administration officials, social activists, scientists and students, as well as the Human Rights Ombudsman for the Perm Region.

In 2013 we continued to participate in the work of the **Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum**, that brings together over 200 organisations from the EU member states and the EaP countries. During the meeting of Working Group 1: Democracy, Human Rights, Good Governance and Stability (Brussels, 14 May) we developed Forum's position on EU visa policy which recommended more effective EU visa policy and

improvements in the functioning of consulates of member states in the EaP countries. The recommendations were submitted to the Commissioner for Home Affairs, Cecilia Malmström, as well to the European Commission officials responsible for visa dialogue with the EaP countries. During the meeting in Chişinău (4–5 October) the Forum adopted a resolution appealing to the European Commission to adopt an agreement about visa-free movement with Moldova and calling upon the European Parliament and the Parliament of Armenia to accelerate the ratification of the Agreement on Visa Facilitation and Readmission.

Within the visa group of the **EU–Russia Civil Society Forum** (The Hague, October), we prepared a report on the EU-Russia visa dialogue. The report *EU–Russia. Visa facilitation and liberalisation: Current state and future prospects* was presented during a debate at the Higher School of Economics in Moscow on November 5, participated by representative of the Russian Migration Agency, the EU delegation in Russia, the embassies of several EU member states, representatives of academia and the media.

The activities of the Visa-Free Europe Coalition contributed to the mobilisation of governments in EaP countries to implement the necessary reforms. They also affected the character and temperature of the visa policy debate. Our recommendations and appeals were reflected in official parliamentary documents of Armenia, Ukraine and the European Commission. The postulate to unify the EU countries' approach to policy on issuing of visas, including particularly the use of legally admissible facilitation in the visa issuing process, was included in the work of the Commission aimed at improving EU visa policy.

2013 saw some progress in the visa dialogue with the EaP countries. During the the Eastern Partnership Vilnius Summit, the European Commission recommended to the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament to introduce visa-free movement with Moldova, the unquestionable leader in last year's visa dialogue. In July, amendments to the agreement about visa facilitation with Ukraine were adopted. In February, the Action Plan for Visa Liberalisation in Georgia was finalised. In October, an agreement was signed with Armenia on readmission and visa facilitation. In November, a visa facilitation agreement was signed with Azerbaijan. During the Vilnius Summit, the Belarusian Minister of Foreign Affairs, announced the opening of visa dialogue with the EU.

In 2013 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. We prepared a report on the results of the research on how Polish-Ukrainian border was functioning during the EURO 2012 football championship we had conducted in cooperation with our Ukrainian partner Europe without Barriers with a financial support of the Renaissance Foundation. The report assesses the efficacy of the solutions applied to date: single-location customs clearance (the Ukrainian customs services performed their duties in the Polish section of the crossing) and green corridors (a quick passage for tourists who do not declare goods subject to excise duty). The key statements in the report *The Polish-Ukrainian border during Euro 2012. Single location customs clearance as a recipe for improving the throughput of border crossings* were presented at a conference in Warsaw and during debates in Lviv (30 April) and Kyiv (25 July), organised by Europe without Barriers and the Lviv Law Association. The Warsaw conference was attended by: Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Internal Affairs, Sports and Tourism and Finance, the Polish-Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce, Customs Service, Border Guards. The meetings in Ukraine were attended by representatives of the Ukrainian Customs Service, the Border Guards, the Highway Association and the media.

We also presented our opinions on the **functioning of the EU eastern border** and the proposals for its improvements during a panel discussion **I-border: the future, cooperation, partnership** organised in Przemysł on 20 September by Polish Customs Service.

## Eastern debate forum

Interest in Eastern European countries has been on the decline for the last few years. There has been a dominant feeling of disappointment and fatigue with the development in this part of Europe and disillusionment with the political elites. There is a scarcity of regular contacts and institutionalized forms of dialogue between representatives of societies from Poland and the countries of this region. By organising conferences, seminars and meetings dedicated to the problems of our Eastern neighbours, we want to create space for discussion with the participation of representatives of the social, economic and political leaders of Eastern European countries and stimulate interest of public opinion and decision-makers in the situation of our Eastern neighbours. We want to reinforce the debate on EU and Polish foreign policy towards the countries of the Eastern Partnership and Russia and to support the process of bringing them closer to the European Union.

On 11 March, we organised an expert discussion *The political prospects for Russia's modernisation* attended by Prof Vladislav Inozemtsev, director of the Centre of Post-Industrial Studies, Moscow. The participants: experts, politicians, state officials and analysts), discussed the possibilities and prospects for the modernisation of the Russian economy and political system, as well as social changes in this country. The transcription of this debate is available on the Foundation's website (*e-book*).

On 23 June, in relation to the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Volhynia Massacre, we organised a public discussion *Volhynia and reconciliation* attended by Bogumiła Berdychowska (*Więź* quarterly), Prof. Yaroslav Hrytsak (Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv), Dr Łukasz Kamiński (President of the Institute of National Remembrance) and Prof. Myroslav Marynovych (pro-Vice Chancellor of the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv). The meeting was organised in the eve of the release of a joint letter by the Catholic and Greek Catholic churches from Poland and Ukraine.

## PL–RU Club

The informal PL–RU Club, inaugurated in October 2012, constitutes a platform for exchanging opinions between representatives of the young generation of Polish and Russian experts, commentators and activists. Members of the Club include political scientists, sociologists and economists as well as historians of ideas and cultural anthropologists. The discussions held during the meetings promote the knowledge and understanding of the Polish and Russian ways of looking at important domestic and international policy issues and also help to overcome divisions, prejudices and stereotypes.

On 16–17 April, we organised a second meeting of the Club: *Poland and Russia – evolving societies*, dedicated to changes taking place in both societies in recent years as well as the situation of the new generation. The participants discussed about generational and social changes: the ageing of societies and the emergence of new age groups who have no experience of the Cold War period, as well as the phenomenon of radicalisation and emergence of new extremisms. The meeting was attended by nine Russians and fifteen Poles. The introduction to the discussion was delivered by Prof. Ireneusz Krzemiński (Institute

of Sociology, University of Warsaw) and Prof. Nikolay Petrov (Higher School of Economics, Moscow). The discussion was closed by a conversation with Aleksander Smolar dedicated to the experiences of Polish Solidarity movement of 80s *Social movements and politics*.

The Club meeting was accompanied by a public debate on *Russian society and politics: attitudes, new phenomena, other politics?* with the participation of Russian Club members: Maria Lipman (The Carnegie Centre, editor-in-chief of a Moscow-based periodical *Pro et Contra*) – introductory statement, Dr Alexander Bikbov (Moscow State University), Lubov Bisson (Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow), Natalia Burlinova (*Gorchakov Foundation* for Public Diplomacy Support, Moscow), Timofey Dziadko (TV Dohzd, Moscow), Aleksander Kynev (Foundation for Innovative Policy Development, Moscow), *Ivan Preobrazhensky* (Rosbalt Information Agency, Moscow) and Dr Sergey Utkin (Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow).

On 18–19 November we organised the third meeting of the PL-RU Club *Poland and Russia – the communist past*, attended by eleven Russians and fifteen Poles. The discussion of the Club focused on the attitudes to the communist past in both countries, the problem of reconciliation and the impact of the past on today's political and social life as well as the question of memories about communist times (including the phenomena of nostalgia for the Soviet Union and communist Poland) and the place of this past in culture. The introductory remarks were delivered by *Ivan Preobrazhensky* and Dr Karolina Wigura (Batory Foundation Board member, editor of Internet magazine *Kultura Liberalna*). The discussion was accompanied by a conversation with Agnieszka Holland (movie director, Batory Foundation Council member) about film and art as a means of talking about the past.

The Club's meeting was preceded by a public debate on *Nostalgia for communism* in Russian mass culture, the media and public debate, with the participation of Russian Club participants: Dr Roman Abramov (Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow), Dr Iryna Chechel (Internet-based magazine *Gefter*, Moscow), Jan Levchenko (Higher School of Economics, Moscow), Dr Kirill Levinson (Higher School of Economics, Moscow), Sergey Lukashevsky (Sakharov Centre, Moscow), Dr Mikhail Nemcev (Novosibirsk State University of Economics and Management), Dr Galina Orlova (Southern Federal University, Rostov-on-Don) and Aleksandra Polivanova (Memorial Society, Moscow).

Together with *Tygodnik Powszechny* weekly, a special supplement was prepared *Russia's Faces* (TP No. 46/2013), dedicated to Russian society. The authors of the texts included members of the PL-RU Club (Lubov Bisson, Natalia Burlinova, Timofei Dziadko, Yekaterina Kuzniecova, *Ivan Preobrazhensky* and Michał Łuczewski, Michał Sutowski and Karolina Wigura). In the articles in the supplement the authors analyse the changes taking place in Russia and the potential of social movements. They also discuss the understanding of the term "aware citizen" under the Russian conditions. The supplement also presented new Russian art addressing social and political issues from the collection of the Museum of Modern Art in Warsaw.

The activities of the Club, including the publication in *Tygodnik Powszechny* weekly, were supported by a grant from the Centre for Polish-Russian Dialogue and Understanding.

## Poland-Ukraine Forum

The Forum was set up in November 2012 in response to the declining interest and intensity of contacts between both countries as well as a lack of regular platforms for Polish-Ukrainian meetings. The discussions that we organise are an attempt at reversing these trends and reinvigorating the contacts between representatives of the intellectual, political and cultural elites from both countries.

The 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, help to improve the understanding of the situations in both countries and build stronger ties between representatives of both peoples. Discussions that are part of the Forum go beyond bilateral relations and focus on issues that are relevant 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

On 25–26 March, we organized an expert Polish-Ukraine meeting (so called small Forum) dedicated to economic issues, the question of economic integration and energy: *Association with the EU/Customs Union: the consequences for Ukraine, the consequences for Poland*. Ten Ukrainians and twenty Poles participated in a closed discussion with experts and politicians from Poland and Ukraine. During the discussion ideas were exchanged about what both these choices mean for Ukraine, its economy and the functioning of the state as well as what the consequences of both choices might be for Poland and for its economic and political relations with Ukraine. The introduction to the discussion was delivered by Dr Ihor Umansky, (former Deputy Minister of Finance of Ukraine, Kyiv) and Marcin Świącicki, (Polish MP).

The expert discussion was followed by a public debate *The economy of Ukraine 2010–2013: Time of modernisation?*, with the participation of the Ukrainian Forum guests: Mikhail Gonchar (Nomos Centre, Sevastopol), Dr Vasyl Yurchyshyn (Razumkov Centre, Kyiv), Yuriy Korolchuk (Institute for Energy Strategies, Kyiv), Veronika Movchan (Institute for Economic Studies and Political Consultation, Kyiv), Oksana Prodan (MP of the UDAR party), Dr Oleksandr Sharov, (National Institute for Strategic Studies of the President of Ukraine, Kyiv), Dr Ihor Umansky, and Oleh Zarubinskyi (MPs, the Party of Regions).

On 20–21 June, we organised a second Polish-Ukraine Forum *Identity politics and politics of remembrance* with the participation of specialists (31 from Poland and 19 from Ukraine) in the 20th century history, experts on politics of remembrance and identity as well as education and social behaviour. The introductions to the discussion were delivered by Prof. Andrzej Friszke (Institute for Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences) and Prof. Maksym Strikha (Chair of Humanities, Hrinchenko University in Kyiv).

The meeting was accompanied by a public conference *Memory of the 20th century and modernity. Ukrainian disputes about the past*, dedicated to debates taking place in Ukraine around such events as the Great Famine, the Second World War, the Polish-Ukrainian conflict in the years 1943–1947, and the anti-Communist movement after 1945. The first session *The disputes about memory in Ukraine* was dedicated to disputes in Ukraine related to the past as well as the politics of the Ukrainian state with respect to memory. The speakers included Ukrainian participants of the PL-UK Forum: Kost Bondarenko (Institute of Ukrainian Politics, Kyiv), Prof. Vyacheslav Briukhovetskyi (National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kyiv), Prof. Georgiy Kasianov (UAN Institute of Ukrainian History, International Renaissance Foundation, Kyiv), Mykola Kniazhystky (MP, Batkivshchyna party) and Dr Volodymyr Kulyk (UAN Institute for Political Sciences and Ethnology, Kyiv). The second, *Memory and relations with neighbours*, with statements by Andriy Portnov (Humboldt University, Berlin), Prof. Mykola Riabchuk (Ukrainian PEN Club, Kyiv), Prof. Maksym Strikha (Chair of Humanities, Hrinchenko University, Kyiv) and Taras Voznyak (*Ji* quarterly, Lviv) was dedicated to the role of memory in relations with Ukraine's neighbours, particularly with Poland and Russia.

Conference presentations together with excerpts from the Forum debate and the public discussion on *Volhynia and reconciliation*, were published in the volume *Memory and questions of identity* in Polish and Ukrainian language versions.

The activities of the Forum were supported by a grant from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as part of the Cooperation in the Area of Public Diplomacy Competition 2013.

## The monitoring of elections in the Eastern Partnership countries and Russia

Both independently and in collaboration with non-governmental organisations in the EU, we undertake activities aimed at organising and promoting independent election monitoring missions in the EaP countries and Russia. We support local electoral monitoring organisations, disseminate the results of independent observations, recruit observers and arrange observation missions.

In 2012 we joined the European Platform for Democratic Elections, whose objective is to support domestic civic election monitoring missions in the Eastern Partnership countries and in Russia. Members of the Platform participate as experts in national monitoring missions, disseminate the results of local independent observations, publicising irregularities and election fraud. They stand in defence of their repressed colleagues (*Golos* in Russia, Election Monitoring and Democracy Studies Centre EMDSC in Azerbaijan) and conduct advocacy activities vis-à-vis international institutions (ODIHR, European Commission and other). They organise training courses, workshops and exchanges of experience on the monitoring of elections.

In 2013, members of the Platform participated in expert missions during the elections in Georgia and Azerbaijan, supporting local observatory missions and disseminating the results of their observations. On 9–11 December, in cooperation with the European Exchange from Germany, we organised in Warsaw the second annual meeting of organisations associated within the Platform representing 13 countries from the EaP countries, Russia, Germany, Sweden and Norway. During the workshops organized as a part of the meeting we presented experiences and methodology on monitoring the financing of election campaigns conducted within our Anti-Corruption (now Public Integrity) programme. The meeting was accompanied by an expert seminar **Social observations on elections in the Eastern Partnership countries and Russia in 2013**, dedicated to the experience of conducting civic election monitoring in the countries of the region.

The programme was financed from grants by the Open Society Foundations (PLN 326,967.61), the National Endowment for Democracy (PLN 80,776.45), the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (PLN 65,758.93), the Centre for Polish-Russian Dialogue and Understanding (PLN 19,240) and from the Batory Foundation's own resources.

**Total programme costs**

**PLN 721,511.08**

# 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 2013, the ECFR Warsaw Office focused on disseminating reports prepared by ECFR experts, organising meetings (both debates open to the wider public and closed expert meetings) and developing communication channels to promote the activity of ECFR, including, in particular, the Polish-language website devoted to the activities of the Warsaw Office.

## Debates and Seminars

On 14 January, we held a closed expert seminar on the role of sanctions in the foreign policy of the European Union; this involved the presentation of the report *The Role of Sanctions in EU Foreign Policy* by Konstanty Gebert (an independent journalist and foreign affairs commentator, associate fellow of the ECFR Warsaw Office). Commentary on the report was provided by Maciej Popowski (Deputy Secretary General of the European External Action Service).

On 14 February, a closed expert seminar was held on the *Reconstruction of the Euro Zone and Polish Dilemmas* with the participation of Ambassador Marek Prawda, Polish Permanent Representative to the Council of the European Union. The seminar concerned ongoing reforms of the euro zone, including the joint banking supervision project and the consequences of these reforms for Poland.

On 7 March, we held a public debate on directions of further political integration in Europe *European Union = Euro Zone? Lessons from the Crisis and the Future of European Integration* with Piotr Serafin (Undersecretary of State at the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Jose Ignacio Torreblanca (ECFR expert ) and Jean Pisani-Ferry (director of the Brussels-based Bruegel think tank). During the meeting, an ECFR analytical paper *What is a Political Union?* by J.I. Torreblanca was presented.

On 13 March, we held a public debate *European Union and Russia: We are United but are We More Effective? Conclusions from the European Foreign Policy Scorecard*. During the debate, *EU Foreign Policy Scorecard 2013* ECFR report was promoted. Panellists included Katarzyna Pełczyńska-Nałęcz (Undersecretary of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Andreas Schockenhoff (representative of the government of the Federal Republic of Germany responsible for relations with Russia), Kadri Liik (ECFR expert), Sergei Utkin (expert in European affairs at the Institute of World Economics and International Relations in Moscow) and Prof. Adam Daniel Rotfeld (ECFR Board member). Both events were co-financed by the Ministry



of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland within the framework of the Cooperation in the Field of Public Diplomacy 2013 competition.

On 15 April, in cooperation with Heinrich Böll Stiftung in Warsaw, we organized an expert seminar *Quo Vadis, Georgia?* on changes in Georgia's external and internal policy after the October 2012 elections. During the event, a report *Changes in Domestic Policy, Challenges to Foreign Policy* by the ECFR expert Jana Kobzova was presented. The meeting was attended by experts from Poland, Georgia, Russia, Turkey and Germany as well as by Philippe Lefort, the EU Special Representative for the Caucasus.

On 8 May, we held a public debate *Italy, Cyprus and...?* on the impact of the European crisis on political change in EU Member States during which we promoted the ECFR report *The New Political Geography of Europe*. The debate was attended by Giampiero Gramaglia (head of the EurActiv.it portal), Thomas Klau (head of the ECFR Paris office), Johanna Korhonen (Finnish journalist from the *Helsingin Sanomat*) and Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation, ECFR Board member).

On 27 May, we organised a public debate *Orban's Lesson. Should the EU Protect Democracy in its Member States?* attended by Jan-Werner Müller (professor of politics at Princeton University), Marek Cichocki (Research Director at the Natolin European Centre), Heather Grabbe (Director of the Open Society European Policy Institute) and Kai-Olaf Lang (Head of the EU Department at the Berlin-based Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik think-tank). The meeting was co-organised by the European Solidarity Centre.

On 11 June, together with the Foundation for Polish-German Cooperation, we organised an expert conference *Berlin's Voice in Europe: German Security Policy and EU Strategic Challenges*. Introductory speeches in the discussion on European defence capabilities and common security policy challenges were delivered by: Judy Dempsey (Carnegie Europe), Vivien Pertusot (IFRI Brussels), Olivier de France (ECFR Paris), Constanze Stelzenmüller (German Marshall Fund), Claudia Major (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin), Hans Kundnani (ECFR London) and Jörg Lau (*Die Zeit*).

On 25 June, in cooperation with the Embassy of France in Poland and the French Cultural Centre at the University of Warsaw, we organized a public debate *After the Arab Spring and Intervention in Mali: EU and the Challenges in North Africa*. Panellists included Gilles Kepel (political scientist, expert on Islam, Professor at Sciences Po in Paris), Susi Dennison (ECFR expert), Marcin Zaborowski (Polish Institute of International Affairs) and Konstanty Gebert (ECFR Associate Fellow).

On 26 and 27 June, together with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung in Warsaw and the Leviathan Confederation, we organized a two day seminar *German Economic Model – a Model for Europe* during which Polish and German experts discussed the possibilities of transplanting some elements of German economic model to the other European Union economies. Panellists included Jan Krzysztof Bielecki (President of the Economic Council to the Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland, ECFR Board member and the Batory Foundation Council member), Sebastian Dullien (ECFR expert), Dirk Heilmann (*Handelsblatt* daily), Mark Schieritz (*Die Zeit* correspondent), Sebastian Płóciennik (University of Wrocław), Marco de Andreis (ECFR expert), Ryszard Petru (PwC partner), Javier Doz (Deputy Chairman of the European Trade Union Association) and Dirk Schumacher (Goldman Sachs). On 26 September, during the European Forum for New Ideas in Sopot, a public presentation of reports on the German economic model by Sebastian Dullien and Sebastian Płóciennik followed by a public debate was held as a continuation of the June seminar on the German economic model.

On 30 September we organised a meeting in Warsaw of the Polish-German Eastern Partnership Task Force, a joint ECFR and DGAP (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik) initiative. The meeting was accompanied by an expert discussion on Polish and German eastern policy *After the Eastern Partnership Summit: the Renewal of EU's Eastern Policy and Polish-German Cooperation* with introductions by Sabine

Fischer (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin), Olaf Osica (Director of the Centre for Eastern Studies), Josef Janning (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik, Berlin) and Kai-Olaf Lang (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin). The task force produced the memorandum *After Vilnius: How Germany and Poland Can Change the EU's Eastern Policy*, which was published by the *Gazeta Wyborcza* and *Die Welt* dailies and presented on 22 November at an expert seminar in Berlin.

On 8–9 October, together with the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung in Warsaw and the demosEuropa Centre for European Strategy, we organized an expert seminar and a public debate *Europe in Asia's Century* on China's position in the modern world and its relations with the European Union. Guests included François Godement (ECFR expert), Jakub Wiśniewski (Head of the Department of Foreign Policy Strategy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland), Marjut Hannonen (Member of Cabinet of the Commissioner for Trade, European Commission) and Annika Bolten-Drutschmann (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany).

On 15–16 October, in collaboration with the demosEuropa Centre for European Strategy we organised an expert seminar followed by a public debate *Turkey in the Post-Soviet Area: Implications for Europe*. The panellists included Patricia Flor (Special Representative of the EU for Central Asia), Dimitrios Triantaphyllou (Director of the Kadir Has University), Dimitar Bechev (ECFR expert from Sofia), Pavel Baev (expert of the Peace Research Institute Oslo – PRIO), Amanda Paul (expert of the European Policy Centre) and Prof. Adam Daniel Rotfeld (the ECFR Board member). The project was co-financed by the Department of Public and Cultural Diplomacy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland within the framework of the Cooperation in the Field of Public Diplomacy 2013 competition.

On 18 November, we organized a public debate *Smart Growth: How Europe and Poland Can Benefit from the Crisis* with the participation of Ralf Fücks, Director of the Heinrich Böll Stiftung. The discussion was moderated by Piotr Buras, Director of the ECFR Warsaw Office. The meeting was held during the UN Climate Change Conference (COP 19) in Warsaw in cooperation with the Heinrich Böll Stiftung in Warsaw.

On 3 December, we held a public debate *Europe in No-One's World: Why the EU Needs a Global Strategy*, with interventions by Mark Leonard (Director of the ECFR), Jacek Saryusz-Wolski (MEP), Krzysztof Szczerski (Member of the Polish Parliament) and Stanisław Koziej (Head of the National Security Bureau). The meeting served to promote the ECFR policy brief *Why Europe Needs a New Global Strategy?* by Mark Leonard and ECFR experts Susi Dennison, Richard Gowan, Hans Kundnani and Nick Witney.

## Publications

In spring 2013 we launched a Polish-language website of the ECFR Warsaw Office that includes articles, commentaries and information on current activities of the Office. In September, the ECFR published an analysis *EU Silent Revolution* by the Director of the ECFR Warsaw Office Piotr Buras on the evolution of the institutional framework of the European Union. In November, an expert seminar was held in London devoted to this publication. Also in November, the ECFR Warsaw Office published a report by Sebastian Płóciennik *Effective but Difficult. Can the German Model be an Example for Europe?* The report was distributed among participants of the European Forum for New Ideas international conference in Sopot (25–27 September).

All publications are available on the ECFR website: [www.ecfr.eu](http://www.ecfr.eu)

The activities of the ECFR Warsaw Office were funded from grants by the Open Society Foundations (PLN 494,267.86), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (PLN 36,737), Foundation for Polish-German Cooperation

(PLN 9,695.21), Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (PLN 8,801.79) and the European Solidarity Centre (PLN 4,154.10).

<b>Total programme costs</b>	<b>PLN 554,496.95</b>
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# Regional Alcohol and Drug Program

The aim of the programme 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 groups. Our activities include workshops for trainers skilled in reeducation 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 programme 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.

In 2013, on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Atlantis* chapter at Rakowiecka Street in Warsaw, we supported the organisation of a conference **Treatment of Addiction in the Prison Environment: Possibilities and Limitations**.

## **Training and Internships**

In 2013, we held four training courses in Poland: for addiction therapists (March), for penitentiary staff on working with violent offenders (March, April) and for social workers on working with the homeless (June). In June, we also ran a five-day regional Summer School in Warsaw, and in December we ran a supervision programme for prison psychologists. The training courses were attended by 194 participants from Poland and around a dozen other countries in the region.

We also held ten workshops and seminars abroad, including Lviv, Sevastopol, Novosibirsk, Chelyabinsk, Palanga, Yakutsk, Krasnoyarsk and Vilnius. In Carlsberg (Germany) we organised a conference and training course targeted at Polish immigrants on the issues of alcoholism and pathological families. Moreover, we placed 22 therapists from the East in internships at treatment facilities in Poland. We also helped four therapists from Lviv to participate in internships at an addiction treatment centre in Sevastopol.

## Publications

In 2013, we issued two editions of the *ArkA* newsletter on addictions (in Bulgarian and Polish).

The programme was financed from a grant by the Open Society Foundations.

Grants	PLN 54,250.00
Programme costs	PLN 874,128.44
<b>Total programme costs</b>	<b>PLN 928,378.64</b>

# 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 2013, profit and loss accounts for the year ended 31 December 2013 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, with further amendments) and the Decree of the Minister of Finance of 15 November 2001 on specific accounting regulations for certain non-profit organisations other than profit-oriented companies (Journal of Laws of 2001 No. 137, item 1539, with further amendments).

## Grants and donations (PLN)

Open Society Institute, New York (USA)	7,073,711.02
Foundation to Promote Open Society, New York (USA)	6,213,172.85
The Financial Mechanism Office, European Free Trade Association, Brussel	3,562,375.62
Agora SA, Warsaw (in-kind contribution of ad space for media campaigns of Equal Opportunities Programs)	812,551.81
Private donors from Poland	270,334.37
1% Personal Income Tax donations	295,127.53
Transparency International, Chişinău (subgrant from the European Commission)	145,985.27
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Warsaw	104,371.93
Agora Foundation, Warsaw	100,000.00
National Endowment for Democracy, Washington (USA)	100,402.80
Agora Foundation, Warsaw	100,000.00
Open Society Institute, Paris (France)	87,142.67
Friends of Batory Foundation (donation by Quo Vadis Gavell Family Foundation), Washington (USA)	48,246.00
Altus TFI S.A., Warsaw	20,000.00
Centre for Polish-Russian Dialogue and Understanding, Warsaw	19,239.30
Monolith Films Ltd, Warsaw	15,000.00
Palmer&Dodge Fiduciary Account, Boston (USA)	4,642.65
Google Matching Gift Program, Princeton (USA)	4,565.24
Bonnier Business (Poland) Ltd	1,820.40
CEM Market&Public Opinion Research Institute Ltd	120.00
Grants returned	145,925.20
Other (e.g. travel reimbursement for conferences)	32,028.57
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18,956,360.43</b>

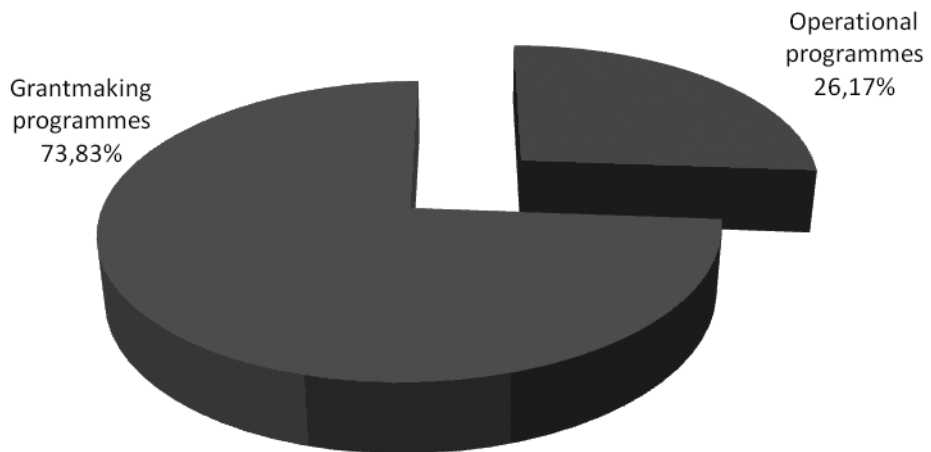
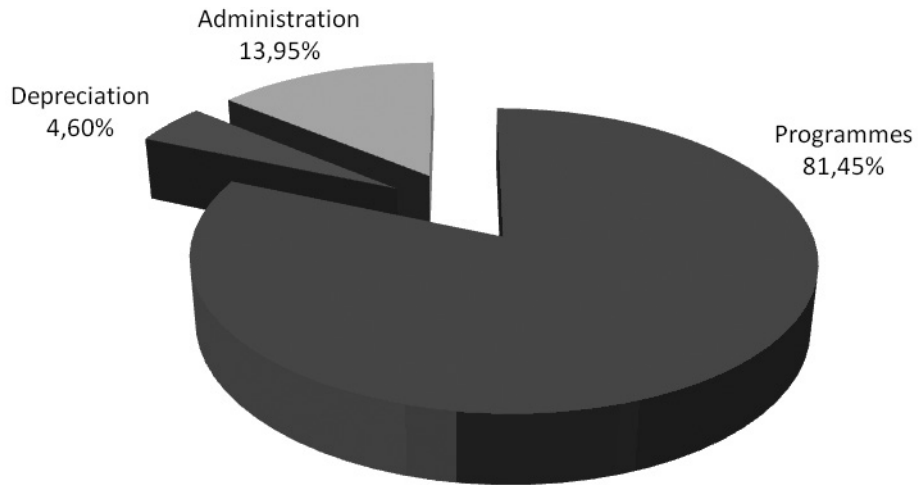
## Expenditures (in PLN)

Programmes	14,447,359.75
Administration	2,474,467.95
Depreciation	816,893.39
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,738,721.09</b>

## Structure of expenditures according to programmes (in PLN)

<b>Grant making programmes</b>	
Democracy in Action	2,949,094.51
Citizens for Democracy	1,488,744.86
Civic Coalitions	947,855.17
For Belarus	3,478,596.45
Equal Opportunities and Donor Advised Funds	1,801,548.13
<b>Operational programmes</b>	
Batory Foundation Debates	176,148.70
Your Vote, Your Choice	909,517.51
Public Integrity	491,467.75
Open Europe	721,511.08
ECFR Warsaw Office	554,496.95
Regional Drug and Alcohol Programme	928,378.64
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,447,359.75</b>

## Structure of expenditures





## Balance Sheet (in PLN)

ASSETS		As of	
		31.12.2012	31.12.2013
<b>A</b>	<b>Fixed assets</b>	<b>32,883,232.48</b>	<b>23,871,043.53</b>
I	Intangible fixed assets	–	82,060.22
II	Tangible fixed assets	22,032,847.48	21,288,983.31
	– perpetual usufruct of land	3,450,805.08	3,450,805.08
	– building	18,344,319.12	17,684,330.76
	– equipment	237,723.28	153,847.47
III	Long-term investments (treasury bonds)	10,850,385.00	2,500,000.00
<b>B</b>	<b>Current assets</b>	<b>169,216,861.45</b>	<b>195,352,362.98</b>
I	Short-term receivables	45,233.07	312,041.55
	– trade receivables	23,709.73	307,551.66
	– other receivables	21,523.34	4,489.89
II	Short-term investments	169,126,288.41	194,997,281.43
1	Short-term financial assets	152,074,894.20	178,432,625.99
	– government bonds, bank deposits, investment funds units	151,740,904.15	178,004,332.74
	– other (interest on government bonds)	333,990.05	428,293.25
2	Cash and other monetary assets	17,051,394.21	16,564,655.44
	– cash in hand and bank accounts	3,149,120.05	10,310,291.41
	– other cash (bank deposits)	13,902,274.16	6,254,364.03
III	Prepayments	45,339.97	43,040.00
	– short-term prepayments	45,339.97	43,040.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>202,100,093.93</b>	<b>219,223,406.51</b>

**Balance Sheet (continued) (in PLN)**

	EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	As of	
		31.12.2012	31.12.2013
<b>A</b>	<b>Equity</b>	<b>196,746,064.87</b>	<b>205,788,299.72</b>
I	Statutory capital	166,557,742.71	168,414,627.34
	– inappropriated profit	166,425,926.11	168,285,128.99
	– start-up fund	131,816.60	129,498.35
II	Revaluation reserve	11,121,463.96	4,021,615.07,
III	Financial result	19,066,858.20	33,352,057.31
	– from previous years	8,301,354.87	17,207,655.32
	– from current year	10,765,503.33	16,144,401.99
<b>B</b>	<b>Liabilities and provisions for liabilities</b>	<b>5,354,029.06</b>	<b>13,435,106.79</b>
I	Long-term liabilities	350,259.82	131,440.02
II	Short-term liabilities	5,002,684.24	13,085,706.30
1	To other entities	4,903,645.56	12,970,414.34
	– grants payables	1,239,020.00	816,767.64
	– trade payables	202,369.34	151,170.21
	– amounts owed to the state budget	109,261.00	143,651.00
	– social security payables	92,681.55	139,483.37
	– financial payables	42,908.23	11,318,629.45
	– wages and salaries payables	54,760.00	34,035.07
	– others	3,162,645.44	366,677.60
2	Special funds	99,038.68	115,291.96
III	Accruals and deferred income	1 085.00	217,960.47
	– short-term accruals and deferred income	1,085.00	217,960.47
	<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>202,100,093.93</b>	<b>219,223,406.51</b>

## Profit and Loss Account (in PLN)

Item	Description	Amount	
		2012 restated	2013
<b>A</b>	<b>Income from statutory activities</b>	<b>27,141,775.66</b>	<b>39,251,457.92</b>
1	Income from public benefit activity	15,534,730.51	18,956,360.43
2	Other income defined by statute	3,305,690.28	3,087,442.17
3	Income from the settlement of the result of the previous year	8,301,354.87	17,207,655.32
<b>B</b>	<b>Costs of statutory activities</b>	<b>10,464,850.11</b>	<b>14,447,359.75</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Gross profit on statutory activities A-B</b>	<b>16,676,925.55</b>	<b>24,804,098.17</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>Foundation office costs</b>	<b>3,233,756.33</b>	<b>3,291,361.34</b>
1	Material and energy consumption	345,094.42	327,060.78
2	Third party services	995,791.20	917,887.30
3	Depreciation	803,640.31	816,893.39
4	Salaries and related expenses	793,195.69	925,757.82
5	Other	296,034.71	303,762.05
<b>E</b>	<b>Other income</b>	<b>3,187.85</b>	<b>2,207.74</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Other costs</b>	<b>3,344.12</b>	<b>320.05</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>Financial income</b>	<b>6,536,446.59</b>	<b>12,640,045.01</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>Financial costs</b>	<b>903,374.34</b>	<b>794,352.22</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>Gross financial result on entire activity C-D+E-F+G-H</b>	<b>19,076,085.20</b>	<b>33,360,317.31</b>
<b>J</b>	<b>Corporate income tax</b>	<b>9,227.00</b>	<b>8,260.00</b>
<b>Net profit I-J</b>		<b>19,066,858.20</b>	<b>33,352,057.31</b>
1	Difference increasing revenues next year	17,207,655.32	24,025,437.88

The average exchange rate for the year 2013 acc. to Polish National Bank:

1 USD=3,1608 PLN, 1 EUR=4,1975 PLN



## **Independent Registered Auditor's Opinion on the abbreviated financial statements**

### **To the Council of Fundacja im. Stefana Batorego**

The attached abbreviated financial statements of Fundacja im. Stefana Batorego, 10a, Sapieżyńska Street, Warsaw (hereafter referred to as the "Foundation") were prepared by the Management Board of the Foundation based on the audited annual financial statements of the Foundation for the year ended 31 December 2013 (the "financial statements of the Foundation"). The financial statements were prepared in accordance with the Accounting Act of 29 September 1994 (uniform text, Journal of Laws of 2013, item 330 with amendments) and the Decree of the Minister of Finance of 15 November 2001 on specific accounting regulations for certain non-profit organizations other than profit-oriented companies (Journal of Laws of 2001 No. 137, item 1539 with amendments).

We have audited the financial statements of the Foundation, from which the abbreviated financial statements were 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 15 April 2014 we issued an unqualified audit opinion on these financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying abbreviated financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the financial statements of the Foundation from which they were derived.

For a fuller understanding of the Foundation's financial position and the results of its operations for the year ended 31 December 2013, the abbreviated financial statements 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, 15 April 2014

*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.*