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East-East Program:
Partnership Beyond Borders

Summary of activities in 2000-2004

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The East-East Program: Partnership Beyond Borders is financed by the Open Society Institute and operates in all the states of Central, Eastern and Southern Europe, as well as Central Asia where Open Society Institute network exists. The program's objective is to support international cooperation on behalf of introducing and making permanent democratic transformations, building and development of civil society as well as dissemination of innovative solutions to social problems. As part of the East-East Program, grants are awarded for international projects realized in Poland, for the involvement of Polish participants in projects organized in other states of the region as well as for cooperation projects among new member states of the European Union, candidates and potential EU candidates and their eastern neighbors.

International projects implemented in Poland

Polish organizations and institutions may seek grants for projects implemented in cooperation with a partnership organization from at least one state of the region (Central, Eastern and Southern Europe, Central Asia). The projects may concern various spheres of social, economic, political life and should have clearly formulated objectives and specify concrete results. It is important for the involvement of partners from regional states to initiate or develop long-term transborder cooperation among people and institutions — cooperation that may contribute to development of viable social activity models and resolve problems on a local and regional scale.

Participation by Poles in programs organized in other states of the region

Grants may be sought by persons from Poland invited to participate in projects realized in other states of the region (Central, Eastern and Southern Europe, Central Asia), provided the given project is being supported by a foundation from the Open Society Institute network active in the state.

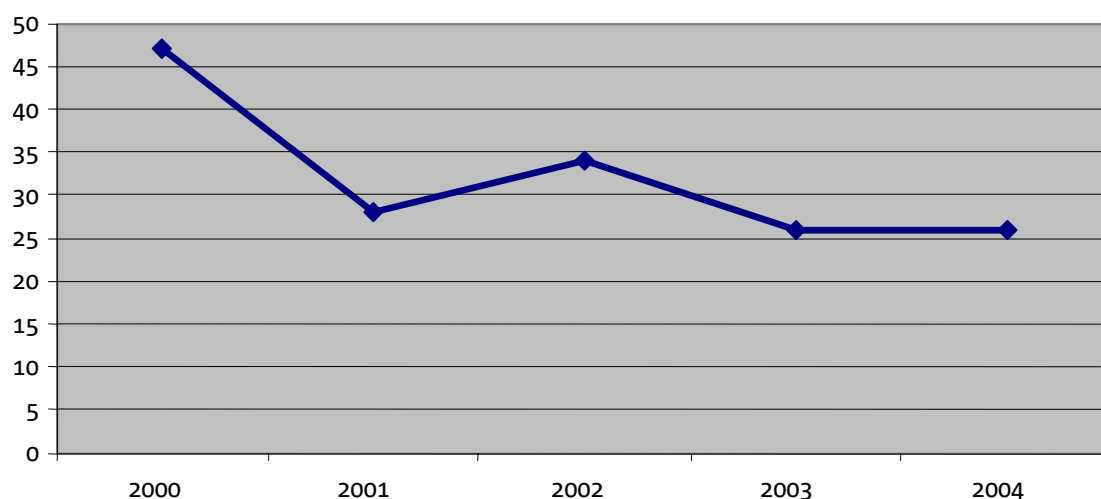
European Integration

In 2005, a new grant scheme has been opened as part of the East-East Program, for cooperation projects among new member states of the European Union, candidates and potential EU candidates as well as the EU's eastern neighbors. As part of this grant scheme, support will be given to initiatives with the objective of applying the European accession experience by Central European states for the benefit of future Union member states and EU eastern neighbors.

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International projects implemented in Poland

In 2000-2004, the East-East Program provided financing to 161 projects realized in Poland with 4,143,179 PLN designated for grants. The average grant totaled 26,000 PLN, the highest — 110 200 PLN, and lowest — 146 PLN. The largest number of grants — 47 — was awarded in 2000. Less than half that number was awarded in the ensuing year, with 28 grants being made in 2001. In 2002, the number of grants increased to 34. In 2003 and 2004, 26 projects were financed.



Picture 1: The number of grants for projects realized in Poland in 2000-2004

Project focus and types

Over the last five years, over 10 percent of the realized projects concerned social aspects of health and medicine. Psychological health, particular illnesses (autism, AIDS), as well as disability issues were dealt with. An especially large number of projects from this category (8) were realized in 2000; over time, there was a decline in the number of projects relating to health. A similar number of projects dealt with civic activism — the development of local communities, local governance as well as support of NGO development and activities. The highest number of these sorts of projects was funded in 2000 and 2001. Social work was also included among the frequently supported topics, with homelessness as well

as dependency prevention and treatment topping that list. Still, projects concerning cooperation and activation of youth received the lion's share of support. They constituted over 30 of the projects realized (nearly 20 percent of all grants). In part, such a large number of youth-oriented projects stemmed from the announcement in 2003 of the "Social Activation of Youth" competition. Projects concerning rural entrepreneurship as well as environmentalism were also quite popular. Each year, two projects were realized from each of those subject areas. In 2000-2004, the East-East Program provided funding to 10 history projects — concerning the Polish-Soviet war, Polish-Ukrainian relations, as well as very recent Polish history and the changes progressing since 1989. Issues concerning national minorities, multiculturalism and regionalism, higher education, human rights and media were engaged relatively less frequently, with 3-6 projects granted funding from each of those realms.

Thematic competitions and long-term projects

A significant portion of the projects realized as part of the East-East Program is of a long-term nature. These are series of interrelated meetings, often taking place in more than one country. Long-term initiatives directly realize the Project tenet, which states that the projects should lead to lasting partnerships. Over five years, 1,813,940 PLN was spent on multi-phase projects, which constitutes 33 percent of program outlays.

As of 2003, thematic competitions have been announced as part of the project and serve to narrow the scope of issues to a single selected subject area. A portion of the competitions were closed, meaning specifically selected organizations were invited to participate, which would usually guarantee they would provide a high level of realized activities, had verified partners abroad and were ready to realize multi-phase initiatives. By design, the projects related to these competitions are long-term. In 2003, when the percentage of long-term projects was particularly high (63%) and funding for such projects exceeded 600,000 PLN, two editions of the "Social Activation of Youth" competition were announced. Within the main theme, four additional topics were selected (two for each of the announced editions):

- integration of underprivileged and marginalized youth groups;
- the law on a daily basis: civic education in schools, civil rights offices, Street Law, student government, victimized children;
- youth entrepreneurship;
- local activism and civic participation by youth.

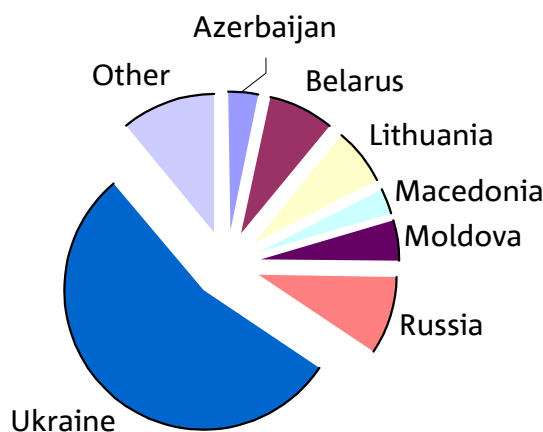
After good experiences with the first competition, the East-East Program announced three additional topics in 2004:

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- Civil rights: the citizen as patient, client, applicant — the competition did not net the expected results with only 3 applications submitted, of which only one was approved and realized (realization began in 2005).
- The school as the center of provincial social and cultural life — 5 applications were submitted of which one was approved (realization is ongoing in 2005).
- Friendly border — the competition's objective was to assist local coalitions supporting opening of new border crossings, a higher service standard provided by border officials to parties crossing, improved technical infrastructure and equipment of existing border crossings on Poland's eastern border. Due to its subject matter, the competition could only concern cooperation with partners from Ukraine, Belarus and Kaliningrad. Five applications were submitted and four projects received funding.

Geographic vectors of cooperation

Over two-thirds of the projects were bilateral, with the remaining third being multilateral. In 2000, the number of bilateral projects constituted only slightly more than half of all projects realized, while in the succeeding year it already climbed to over 70 percent. There has been a material increase in bilateral cooperation within the East-East Program with respect to three countries: Belarus, Lithuania and Russia. Eight projects were realized with Belarusian partners, seven with partners from Lithuania and 10 from Russia. However, it is clear that the most extensive cooperation is developing among organizations and institutions from Poland and Ukraine. In 2000-2004, 58 Polish-Ukrainian projects were realized in Poland, which constitutes over half of all bilateral projects and nearly 40 percent of all grants. In 2001 as well as 2004, bilateral projects with Ukrainian partners comprised 50 percent of all grants awarded. The great majority of these were projects realized with NGOs and to a lesser degree their targets were Ukrainian opinion-leaders — journalists and academics. A large number of projects were also directed to local governments. The majority of partnership organizations and institutions were from two centers — Kiev and Lvov, though a number of projects were also conducted with organizations from Volyn, the Eastern Ukraine (mainly from Donieck and Harkhov) and Crimea.



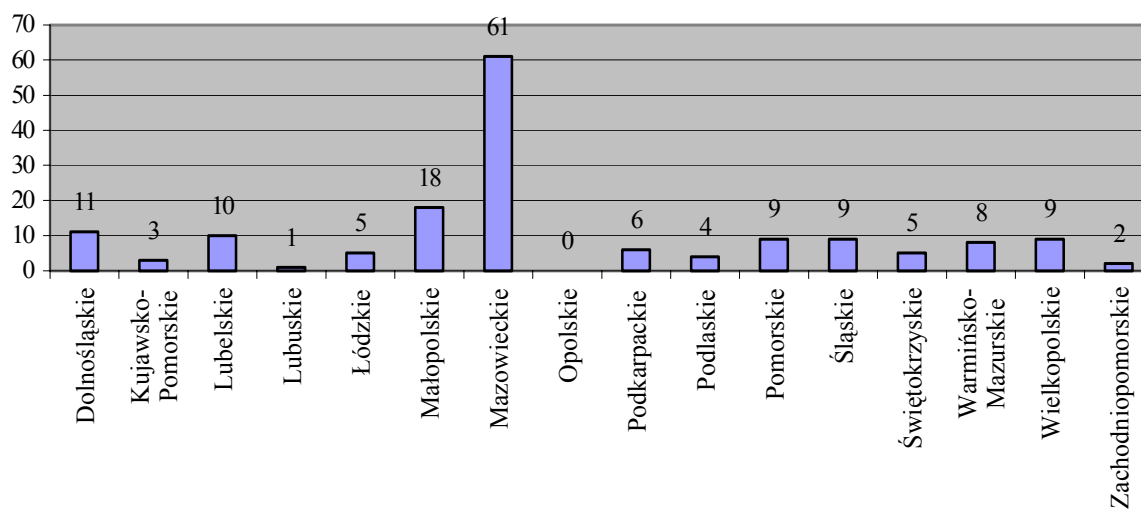
Picture 2: Country of origin of partners in bilateral projects in 2000-2004

Grant Recipients

The prioritized grant recipients in the East-East Program are NGOs; they received the decided majority of grants. During the relevant period, foundations constituted about 39 percent of grant recipients, with associations and other NGOs making up 45 percent, which totaled 84 percent of all East-East Program beneficiaries. Of the remaining amount, 13 percent was allotted to colleges or scientific and research institutes, and 3 percent to other types of institutions (public administration and local government offices, professional associations and high schools). Organizations from Warsaw decidedly predominate among recipients of East-East Program grants. Of the 61 applications from the Mazovian Voivodship, which amounted to over one-third of all grants over the five year period, the majority were submitted by Warsaw organizations. Malopolska is also a very active region with 18 grants, though it is worth noting that it is not the capital of that voivodship but the city of Nowy Sacz which is the center where the majority of East-East Programs were realized in this region.

Organizations from a number of regions have a similar, relatively high activity level in obtaining grants from the East-East Program. Over the five years, eight to eleven projects supported by the East-East Program were realized in the Dolnoslaskie [Lower Silesian], Lubelskie, Pomorskie [Pomeranian], Slaskie [Silesian], Warmińsko-Mazurskie [Warmian-Masurian] and Wielkopolskie Voivodships.

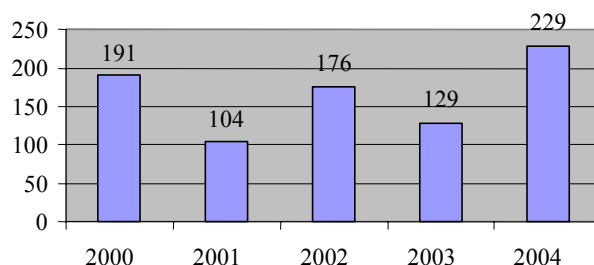
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Picture 3: Grants by Voivodship in 2000-2004

Participation of Poles in projects organized in other countries of the region

Polish organizations and institutions not only organize international projects in Poland, but also delegate their representatives to participate in projects realized as part of the East-East Project in other countries. Those traveling to such meetings may seek a refund of travel expenses from the Stefan Batory Foundation. Particular phases of long-term projects usually take place in various countries and thus organizations receiving grants for the realization of their projects domestically also often receive travel grants to cover travel expenses for the project phases held abroad. Over the course of 5 years, 829 Polish participants took part in 233 foreign projects. Usually, one to three persons take part in a single project. In 2004, the number of people traveling was higher — 229 people took part in 52 projects.



Picture 4: Number of travel grants in 2000-2004

The subject matter and geographic distribution of projects with Polish participants

Nearly 1/4 of projects involving representatives of Polish organizations and institutions were related to building and reinforcing civil society, development of NGOs and activation of local groups.

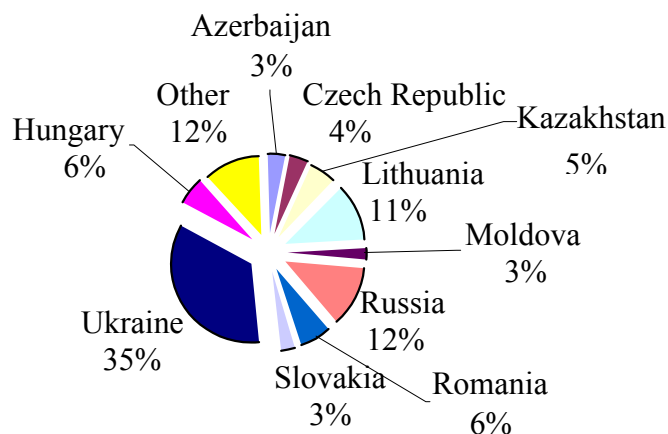
Next in terms of numbers of projects, were those that concerned social issues such as assistance to the dependant, methods for working with at-risk youth as well as working to improve the situation of the disabled. Also taken up were matters of cultural heritage, multiculturalism, ethnic issues, human rights,

education — often in the context of education reform, international matters, especially European integration, migration policy or NATO expansion.

Most frequently, Polish participants traveled to Ukraine — 56 (24 percent of all foreign projects) and 287 people, which makes up nearly 35 percent of all travelers. Ninety-five Polish participants were involved in 30 projects in Lithuania, while 97 participants were engaged in Russia.

Participants of projects realized abroad

Those traveling included instructors, trainers and lecturers conducting trainings or seminars in the country of destination. The majority of trip participants represented NGOs, i.e. about 55 percent of the total number. Representatives of colleges and research institutions constituted about 16 of those traveling, officials made up about 8 percent, while schools, i.e. teachers and students, represented about the same percentage. In addition, journalists, representatives of county government, trade unions, private enterprise and political parties also took part in the projects.



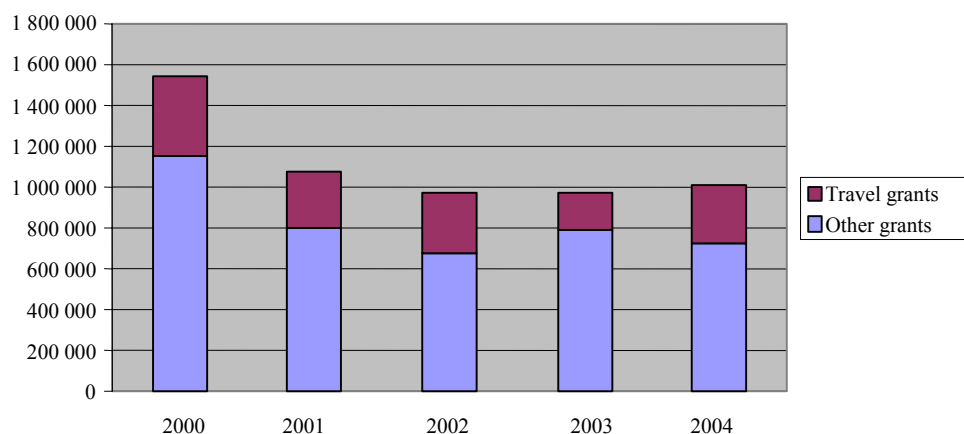
Picture 5: Participation by Poles in foreign projects in 2000-2004

Financial summary

In 2000-2004, the Program awarded grants for a total amount of 5,575,252 PLN, of which slightly more than 3/4 was allocated to grants for Polish organizations and institutions organizing events in Poland, while the remaining amount was spent on participation by experts in undertakings organized abroad.

Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	Total
Grants for projects	1 154 778	798 668	675 977	790 725	723 031	4 143 179
Travel grants	384 252	279 388	295 280	182 771	290 383	1 432 073
Total	1 539 030	1 078 056	971 257	973 496	1 013 414	5 575 252

Table 1: East-East Program grants in 2000-2004 (in PLN)



Picture 6: East-East Program grants and travel grants in 2000-2004 (in PLN)

The average grant amount for projects realized in Poland totaled about 26,000 (see Table No. 2), while the actual amounts vary between just a few to nearly 100,000 PLN.

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Year	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2000-2004
Average value of grant	24 570	28 524	19 882	30 413	27 809	26 239
Average value of travel grant	2 012	2 686	1 678	1 417	1 268	1 812

Table 2: Average values of grants and travel grants in 2000-2004 (in PLN)