

## Annual Report 2015

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### **About the Foundation**

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

#### improving the quality of Polish democracy

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

#### strengthening the role of civic institutions in public life

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

#### developing international cooperation and solidarity

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

Foundation undertakes also activities aimed at equalizing educational opportunities of young people from poor communities.

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

The Foundation partners with many institutions from Poland and abroad. It is a member of Polish Donors Forum, Polish NGOs Abroad, the European Foundation Centre in Brussels, Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum at the EU-Russia Civil Society Forum.

In our activity we observe principles of transparency and accountability. Up-to-date information on our activities and grant-seeking opportunities is posted on our website www.batory.org.pl. Our finances are audited by professional auditors and the financial statements are published in the Annual Report, together with the list of grants awarded and projects implemented during the year.

### **Our Donors**

We carried out our activities in 2015 from grants from Polish and foreign private and government institutions, from donations and gifts made by companies and individuals and from the 1% personal income tax contributions.

With funds received from the **European Economic Area Financial Mechanism** (so called **EEA Grants**) we carried out **Citizens for Democracy** programme planned for 2014–2016. This programme with a budget of EUR 37 million offers grants to Polish non-governmental organisations for initiatives in the area of civic participation and civic scrutiny over public institutions, counteracting discrimination and social exclusion and initiatives targeting children and youth.

The remaining programmes were funded mainly from grants received from the **Open Society Foundation**. With grants from the **Centre for Polish-Russian Dialogue and Understanding** and from Polish Foreign Ministry we financed part of activities undertaken within the **Open Europe** programme.

The donation made by the **Agora Foundation**, the revenues from the **Małgorzata Szejnert Fund**, the funds granted by the **Quo Vadis Gavell Family Foundation** and the **1% income tax contributions** and individual gifts, financed grants to organisations running scholarship programmes aimed to equalize education opportunities of youth in rural areas and low-income families.

With monies accumulated in donor advised funds: **Iwona Winiarska-Feleszko**, **Janina & Tomasz Maczuga** and **J&J Putka Spread Your Wings Funds** we funded scholarships for university students. From **Wanda and Jadwiga Chruściel Fund** we financed scholarships for students and graduates of Gniewczyna Łańcucka secondary school complex. The **Sing Staszek Jonczyk Fund** supported amateur choirs. From the donation made by the US-based **Karol Uryga-Nawarowski Foundation** we provided grants to organisations which provide diagnosis and therapy for children suffering from the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome. Through the **Beata Pawlak Fund** we funded annual award for publication on foreign cultures, religions and civilizations.

We express our gratitude to hundreds of Polish taxpayers who chose our Foundation as a beneficiary of 1% of their income tax. With your help we can help others!

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

We would like to thank all who helped us in the past year in our campaigns to raise funds and to promote the **Equal Opportunities** programme. For free advertising space and air time, we wholeheartedly thank: RadioLublin; printed media: *21. Wiek, Kropka TV, Postępy Biochemii, Przegląd Techniczny* and Google for free access to its Adwords advertising package. Special acknowledgements go to Agora S.A. and Filmweb Ltd. for publishing free of charge online ads and banners of information **campaign** run by the **Your Vote**, **Your Choice** coalition before 25 October parlamentary elections.

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### **The Foundation 2015**

We carried out our activities within nine domestic and international programmes. Three of them provided financial support to non-governmental organisations in Poland (**Citizens for Democracy, Equal Opportunities**) and abroad (**For Belarus**). In the remaining six (**Debates, Your Vote, Your Choice**, **Public Integrity, Open Europe, Regional Alcohol and Drug Programme, ECFR Warsaw Office**) we carried out our own projects.

In the **domestic programmes**, particular emphasis was placed on developing and supporting initiatives seeking to improve public participation to create more opportunities for citizens to get involved in the legislative and public policy process at the local and national level, exercise public scrutiny over public institutions, engage community members in local decision-making and promote informed and active voting in elections. Much attention was given to discrimination, social exclusion and youth and children initiatives.

2015 was the third year of the operation of the **Citizens for Democracy** grant programme funded from the European Economic Area Financial Mechanism (EEA Grants). The programme of the budget of PLN 150 million made us for three years the largest donor for the non-governmental community in Poland.

In the begining of 2015 the last call for proposals was resolved resulting in 176 grants totalling PLN 36,6 milion for projects related to public participation, civic scrutiny, counteracting discrimination and social exclusion, as well as activities targeting children and youth.

In connection with migration crisis in Europe, we resolved to hold another call for proposals last summer for a coalition of non-governmental organisations that have been assisting refugees and migrants. We used awarded but unspent amounts from previous calls. We granted PLN 3.7 million to 17 projects that will be implemented by 60 organisations.

In addition, **31 organisations** received grants totalling **PLN 1,1 million** to support the development and strengthening bilateral partnerships between organisations in Poland and in the European Economic Area countries. As a part of technical assistance for the applicants and grantees of the programme we organised **37 meetings and workshops** designed to help them develop the concept of project, plan, implement and account for projects activities. Altogether **815** NGO activists participated in theses meetings. In the Framework of experience sparing and international cooperation we organized three fora for NGO activists from Poland and other countries: Participation Practitioners' Forum, Watchdog Forum and Diversity Forum – Together against discrimination.

Witin **Your Vote**, **Your Choice** programme organized since 2006 we encouraged local non-governmental organisations and informal groups to engage in initiatives aimed at strengthening active citizenship, forming partnerships with local governments and integrating communities around local

problem solving. Participants were offered a choice between five scenarios of involving citizens in decisions about local issues: improved quality of interactions between council members and community centres, introducing mechanisms to manage local initiatives, shared management of public space, introduce and develop citizens budgeting. The best participants received Super Local Government awards under the auspices of President Bronisław Komorowskiaction organized since 2006 we encouraged local non-governmental organisations and informal groups to engage in initiatives aimed at strengthening active citizenship, forming partnerships with local governments and integrating communities around local problem solving. This time the participants were offered a choice between four activity scenarios: localcommunity needs assessment, developing a local consultations mechanism, introducing participatory budgeting at the local level and – because of the upcoming local election - mobilisation of voters to make informed election choices. The participatory budgeting, which we have been intensely promoted in our programme, turned out to be a great success: in 120 Polish municipalities residents decided on the allocations of a portion of their municipal budgets. Our guidebooks, Participatory Budgeting, ABC of Active Citizenship, Activist's Toolbox were popular among local community leaders. The cooperation of programme experts with the Olsztyn city authorities helped ensure a ruling by the Supreme Administrative Court that confirmed the right of local governments to independently decide on ways of executing residents legislative initiative powers.

Poland had both presidential and parliamentary elections and a referendum on a political system issue (6 September) last year. Therefore, we were intensely involved in education and communication projects. We concentrated on activities aimed at informing voters about the dates of the elections and voting procedures and methods. Prior to the national referendum decreed by the President on 6 September, we staged a campaign about the questions, dates and voting methods. Our campaign before the parliamentary election focused on promoting voting facilities for the elderly and for people with special needs (voting by proxy, Braille voting card overlays).

Furthermore, we continued capacity building activities for institutions that have the major influence on civic attitudes and involvement: local government, political parties, and electoral administration. In response to major management failures during 2014 local elections 2014, we presented a range of recommendations to improve transparency, public information about the election and candidates and to raise the efficiency of government bodies responsible for managing elections, i.e. the State Electoral Commission and the National Election Office. Due to our partnership with the Directorate of State Archives, we examined the ballots to identify reasons for a high percentage of invalid votes. In order to improve the democratic nature and openness of local government we partnered with 12 nongovernmental organisations to make a joint list of recommendations to increase public participation and strengthen the role of local councils in local legislation and management. The recommendations were signed by 200 organisations and civic groups.

In the **Public Integrity** programme, we concentrated on activities aimed to ensure transparency in the legislative process and open it up to the voice of citizens, reduce the risks of corruption, nepotism and cronyism related to conflicts of interest in public life and strengthen the role and legal protection of whistleblowers. We worked with the Coalition for Open Government to monitor selected national government offices, i.e. Prime Minister's Office and 17 ministries for compliance with access to public information regulations, openness to public consultations, the capacity to prevent corruption, conflict of interest and unfair lobbying. As a result, an openness ranking of government ministries was developed and posted on otwartyrzad.org.pl. We began working to develop a corruption risk barometer, an interactive online tool that helps identify corruption threats in public procurement. The two-year project that sought to develop good practices in managing the conflict of interest practices in public administration has delivered two learning tools: (i) an online quiz at http://konflikt.batory.org.pl/ basedon conflict of interest case studies and (ii) a guide to conflict of interest legislation and ethical codes

meant as a reference for officials. The findings and observations from the monitoring exercise have been reflected in the Government 2014–2019 Programme for Conflict of Interest Prevention which has announced a review of departmental polices with respect to the conflict of interest and a launch of an anticorruption education programme for public officials.

In the **Equal Opportunities** programme, we continued to support initiatives designed to ensure equal access to education for children and youth in low-income families. 37 local organisations running scholarship programmes for school children received grants of the total value of PLN 494 thousand. Our grants, increased by funds raised by the organisations from other sources helped to fund 780 scholarships for the school year 2014/2015. Funding for this programme was made possible due to donations from individuals and companies and 1% personal income tax contributions.

A new project joined our donor advised funds last year. The **Jadwiga and Wanda Chruściel Fund** was established by daughters of one of the commanders of the Warsaw Uprising, general Antony Chruściel aka "Monter" to fund scholarships for students and graduates of the School in Gniewczyna Łańcucka, the general's home community.

most of which provide scholarship assistance for students and graduates from secondary schools from low-income families (Małgorzata Szejnert Fund, Quo Vadis Gavell Family Fund, Janina and Tomasz Maczuga Fund, Iwona Winiarska Feleszko Fund, K Fund and J. and J. Putka Spread the Wings Fund). Karol Uryga-Nawarowski Fund again supported organisations focusing on diagnosing and treating children suffering from disorders caused by FAS (Fetal Alcohol Syndrome). The Beata Pawlak Fund funded the 13th edition of the Beata Pawlak award for authors writing about other cultures, religions and civilisations. The Staszek Jonczyk Sing Fund supported the development amateur choirs.

In our **international activities**, we concentrated on developing interactions between Poland and its immediate neighbours, especially with Ukraine and representatives of independent pro-democratic circles in Russia and Belarus. We continued supporting democratic change and civic initiatives in Eastern Partnership countries. We engaged to promote a cohesive foreign policy of the European Union and the inclusion of Polish policy-makers and experts in the European debates addressing key EU issues. For the third year we supported activities of Belarusian organisations aimed to stimulate civic activism, defend human rights, improve access to independent sources of information; develop independent research and analyses. Several dozen civic organisations and initiatives received a total of **PLN 3.3 million (For Belarus)**.

Our **Open Europe** programme promoted pro-European and pro-democracy aspirations of the Ukrainian society on the international arena. We arranged a study visit to Poland for 20 young members of Ukrainian parliament from a multi-partisan group of Eurooptimists. They learned about the legislative process in Polish parliament and Poland's electoral system. Moreover, we organised several meetings and public debates with Ukrainian experts and politicians about the challenges and problems faced by Ukraine, including a third Poland Ukraine Forum meeting, whith this time focused on the security policy of both countries.

Much attention was given to interactions with pro-democratic groups from Russia. We organised two meetings of the PL\_RU Club: about cities and urban movements in Poland and Russia and the relation-ship between the political system and economic models in both countries.

We partnered with the Warsaw office of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation to evaluate the prospects of the European Neighbourhood Policy and EU relations with three Eastern Partnership countries which signed association agreements (Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine).

In 2015, in the light of the announced visa liberalisation with Georgia and Ukraine, we completed our long-term efforts to promote the liberalisation of the visa regime in the European Union for citizens of Eastern Partnership countries and Russia. The project and the website of the Coalition for visa-free travel in Europe has been transferred to our Ukrainian partner, the Europe without Barrier association.

In the course of expert meetings organised by the **European Council on Foreign Relations Warsaw Office,** operating at the Foundation, discussions centred on threats coming from the Islamic State, migration crisis in the Middle East and in Europe. Naturally, there were discussions about the potential of Grexit and Brexit and the developments in Russia and in Ukraine. Morning discussions organised with the Heinrich Boell Foundation for diplomats from countries EU, public administration, non-governmental organisations and business proved a great success.

Within the **Regional Alcohol and Drug Programme** we continued to disseminate the Polish experience and accomplishments in the area of alcohol and drug addiction therapies in Central and Eastern European countries and the former Soviet Republics. We delivered training to Polish immigrants in Western Europe to address alcohol problems and family dysfunction.

In the past year we provided **638 grants** and **137 scholarships** of a total value of nearly **PLN 68.9** million and spent **PLN 8.8** million on our own projects.

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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 15 European Union countries: Bulgaria, Croatia, 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 nongovernmental organisations. Grants are awarded for:

- thematic projects activities undertaken within five thematic areas: civic participation, public scrutiny, combating discrimination (including activities aimed at helping and integrating refugees), 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 'sub-sectors';
- bilateral cooperation activities aimed at developing and strengthening cooperation between non-governmental organisations from Poland and Donor States (Norway, Liechtenstein and Iceland).

Within the programme we also organise workshops for non-governmental organisations, events that serve to increase networking with entities from Donor States and experience sharing among organisations implementing projects supported from EEA Grants in Poland and 15 other EU countries. We also undertake initiatives that aim to counteract hate speech, xenophobia and discrimination,

#### **Calls for project proposals**

In January 2015 the third round of calls for **thematic project** proposals was resolved. 176 grants were awarded in total amount of PLN 36,6 million. Four organizations resigned from grants. 19 smaller

organisations that applied for projects of less than PLN 70,000 received additional grants of up to PLN 3,500 to cover the matching funds requirement from the Foundation's own resources.

In view of the migration crisis in Europe, unspent resources that were granted to organisations under previous calls were allocated to an additional call addressed to groups of organisations implementing activities aimed at helping and integrating refugees and migrants. We received 50 applications. 17 projects were selected, which will implemented by 60 organisations (leaders and partners) from January to April 2016. Awarded grants (PLN 3.7 million) will be transferred in 2016.

In 2015, grants aimed at extending and strengthening **bilateral cooperation** with institutions from Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein were awarded to organisations who had already received grants for thematic projects. Applications were received on an ongoing basis. 43 applications were submitted and 31 grants were awarded for a total amount of over PLN 1,1 million.

The list of grants awarded in all calls for proposals together with the information on projects implemented can be found at programme website <u>www.ngofund.org.pl</u>. In this report we present a list of grant installments released in 2015.

#### **Other activities**

#### Workshops

As a part of technical assistance we organised 37 workshops in which 815 representatives of organisations from all over Poland took part. Organisations that received grants were offered participation in two series of meetings. The first series of one-day workshops related to project management, financial and legal aspects, the rules for information and promotion, methods for the practical application of cross-cutting issues (sustainable development in environmental and social dimensions, equal opportunities, and good governance). The second series, of two-day workshops for organisations active in particular thematic areas, was intended to enhance knowledge and competencies, and to exchange experiences and to network organisations that implement similar activities.

#### **Bilateral cooperation**

Apart from awarding grants for establishing or strengthening cooperation with organisations and institutions from Donor States four study visits were organised (three to Norway and one to Iceland) with the participation of 62 representatives of Polish organisations.

The first study visit to Norway (14–16 April) on public space planning, city revitalisation and local plan management was organised in cooperation with the Ideas Bank Foundation. The participants (17 people) visited public institutions (including the Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation, and the Oslo City Bicycle Project), different districts of Oslo which have implemented participatory projects (including Vaalerenga, Grorud Valley) as well as local community centres (including the Sagene Community Centre, and the Community House Abelloftet).

The second study visit to Norway (18–20 May) was focused on integration strategies and policies for refugees. The participants (12 people) visited public institutions responsible for reception and integration schemes (including the IMDi – Directorate of Integration and Diversity), local municipalities implementing those policies (including the Grünerløkka district of Oslo, and the Bærum municipality), as well as a number of NGOs working with refugees and migrants (including the Norwegian Organisation for Asylum Seekers, and SEIF Self Help for Immigrants and Refugees).

The third study visit to Norway (1–3 December) was dedicated to the education of youngsters from migrant, refugee and minority backgrounds. The participants (15 people) visited institutions responsible for the education of migrants and refugees (including the National Centre for Multicultural Education), schools attended by young migrants and refugees (including the Verdensmesteren reception school, and the Thor Heyerdahl Upper Secondary School in Larvik) as well as NGOs specialising in multicultural learning and anti-discrimination education (including Alnaskolen Furuset).

The study visit to Iceland (2–5 June) was focused on women's rights, gender equality and counteracting gender-based violence. The participants (18 people) visited a number of public institutions dealing with gender-sensitive budgeting (including the Ministry of Welfare, and the Ministry of Finance and Economic Affairs), local authorities (the Reykjavík City Human Rights Office) as well as different NGOs working for women's empowerment (including the Icelandic Women's Rights Association, Stígamót, and WOMEN Women of Multiple Ethnicity Network).

Moreover we invited guests from Norway to participate in workshops organised by Polish Children and Youth Foundation for organisations implementing projects addressed do youngsters. During the workshop on the education of foreign youngsters: children of migrants, refugees, ethnic and national minorities (25–26 March) one session was run by an expert from the National Centre for Multicultural Education, Norway. During the workshop on engaging children and young people in community life (24–25 November) one session was run by two representatives of Alnaskolen Furuset which runs an academy for young leaders and operates in a migrant-populated area of Oslo.

#### Exchange of experiences and international cooperation

Three thematic forums were organised aimed at networking and experience-sharing among NGOs dealing with civic participation, public scrutiny and combating discrimination.

**The 2nd Participation Practitioners' Forum** (28–29 May) was organised in cooperation with the Shipyard Unit for Social Innovation and Research. The event was attended by representatives of NGOs, public administration (at local and central levels), local activists, journalists, academics and businesspeople. During 47 sessions various issues were discussed, such as how to involve the residents in creating local policies, what the difficulties and challenges concerning the participatory budget are, and how to introduce children and young people into participatory activities in a reasonable manner. The Forum was attended by 180 people, including 11 guests from Cyprus, Hungary, Norway, Romania, Slovakia.

**The Watchdog Forum** (25–26 September) was prepared in cooperation with the Citizens Network Watchdog Poland. During 15 sessions the participants discussed issues crucial for their everyday activity, such as creating a positive image for their organisation, involving more supporters, and exploring new financing sources for the future. The Forum was attended by 100 people, including 14 guests from Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Spain.

**The Diversity Forum – Together against discrimination!** (16–17 November) was organised in cooperation with the Polish Society of Antidiscrimination Law. Forum carried out in a format of unconference served to strengthen the motivation and the sense of community amongt the activists of NGOs engaged in counteracting various forms of discriminations. The Forum was attended by 60 people, including 6 guests from Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania.

#### Participation in meetings abroad

Moreover 34 representatives of Polish NGOs and Operator took part in 11 events organised in various countries: the Communication Workshop (Athens, February), the NGO Forum (Riga, March), the Facing Facts Conference (Brussels, March), NGO Fest (Bucharest, May), the 3rd Annual Conference (Sofia, May), *Shrinking Space for Civil Society* (Berlin, June), the *Models for managing diversity* seminar (Madrid,

June), the Norwegian Pattern Conference (Budapest, June), the Meeting on Anti-Semitism (Vilnius, September), the NGO Fair (Lisbon, October), and the LGBT Workshop during the ILGA Conference (Athens, October).

#### Counteracting hate speech, xenophobia and discrimination

In January 2015, the fourth and last public debate about hate speech online was organised together with the Foundation of Journalist Society. Representatives from various fields (lawyers, sociologists, journalists, NGOs etc.) were invited to present their views on how to tackle this problem effectively. The debate was attended by around 50 people.

Two publications were published: an abbreviated English-language version of *Hate speech in Poland – summary of the national opinion poll* and a Polish-language version of the Council of Europe's *Bookmarks.* A manual for combating hate speech online through human rights education. The manual was presented during a promotional seminar organised in cooperation with the Anti-discrimination Education Association and Centre for Education Development. The seminar was attended by 72 people (mainly teachers and representatives of Public Schools Superintendents and Teachers' Training Centres). After short introductory sessions, the participants took part in anti-discrimination workshops (based on *Bookmarks*' education scenarios). Both publications were made available in paper versions, and also online (in pdf version).

As in previous year, an NGO Platform was organised in cooperation with 21 organisations for the June Equality Parade in Warsaw. Over 150 people joined the platform demonstrating their support for equal rights. In July, thanks to cooperation with 13 organisations, we managed to create the 'No hate house', an NGO zone at Woodstock Festival Poland. Young people participating in the festival could visit the stands prepared by NGOs, take advantage of free counselling, learn how to deal with hate speech, and participate in anti-discriminatory workshops, games and discussions.

In autumn 2016, an awareness-raising campaign *#Stophatespeech* was launched. The campaign targeted young people aged 15–18 who use racist and xenophobic expressions unquestioningly. The campaign video and materials prepared by young bloggers and vloggers had a very good response. The general outreach of the campaign was estimated at 2.4 million people. The campaign was also covered by foreign media (CNN) and noted by the Wirtualne Media site as a 'Commercial of the week'.

#### Solidarity with Refugees

On 15 October, we joined 87 non-governmental organisations and cultural institutions, signatories of an appeal for support for refugees from Syria and the Middle East to propose 15 October as a Day of Solidarity with Refugees. Non-governmental organisations, public and private institutions developed 99 initiatives and art projects with and/or about refugees across Poland. Meetings, discussions, lectures, exhibitions, film screenings, theatre plays, contests, street performances and fundraising were tracked and documented in real time on <u>uchodzcymilewidziani.com</u> and promoted in traditional and social media.

The programme was financed from the EEA Grants PLN 68,970,727.05) and from the Batory Foundation's own resources (PLN 69,444.48 – grants for co-funding and for Solidarity with refugees campaign).

Programme costs	PLN 68,325,583.80
Grants (minus funds returned and claimed to be returned)	PLN 64,368,524.18
Other activities	PLN 1,744,416.26
Implementation costs (including costs of projects assessment, monitoring, information and promotion, reporting and staff salaries)	PLN 2,212,643.36
Admin costs	PLN 714,587.73
Total costs	PLN 69,040,171.53

### **Thematic projects**

#### **Civic participation** Bochnia Fundation of "Salina NOVA", Bochnia Inhabitants of Bochnia co-decide – participation as the key to revitalising the town PLN 66,000 Bogucice – direction future, Katowice PLN 18,000 District Councils in Katowice Center the Promotion and Development of Civic Initiatives "OPUS", Łódź Good councils for Łódź PLN 140,000 The Center for Dispute and Conflict Resolution at the Faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Warsaw, Warsaw Enhancing civic dialogue in local conflict situations PLN 100,000 Civil Initiatives Development Centre, Rybnik Exit of the smog PLN 164,000 demosEUROPA – Centre for European Strategy, Warsaw PLN 82,763.40 **Resource-Rich Citizens** European Association of Education and Progress "PIONIER", Olsztyn New dimension to consultations PLN 116,000 Gdansk Urban Development Association, Gdańsk Strategy for transformation of Podwale Przedmiejskie in Gdańsk PLN 85,000 "Vis Maior" Foundation, Warsaw Blind people at sessions of public bodies PLN 145,800 "Zamiastem" Foundation, Mielno Zielonka Forest for Residents PLN 77,000 Foundation Activation. Warsaw From UN Convention to Social Invention PLN 202,000 ALTUM Foundation, Poznań Citizens' city. Supporting community councils in Poznań PLN 159,050.89 Foundation of Social Initiatives Office, Kraków Active space in a city district PLN 209,000 Civis Polonus Foundation, Warsaw Municipal Youth Councils: dialogue between authorities and young citizens PLN 307,600

Kazimierz Wielki University Foundation, Bydgoszcz Market square in Old Fordon – return to meetings	PLN 130,000
Natural Heritage Foundation, Leszczawa Dolna Your voice can save the forest – starting social participation in forest management	PLN 240,400
Foundation of Education and Development for Civil Society FERSO, Łódź Kindergartens and Schools of Sustainable Development	PLN 80,000
Ecological Foundation "Green Action", Legnica Strategies for civic activation in rural areas on the level of village councils	PLN 108,000
Habitat for Humanity Poland Foundation, Warsaw Social Forum for Housing Policy	PLN 183,600
Imago Foundation, Wrocław Assistance Service Coalition	PLN 148,000
the Other Space Foundation, Warsaw Local Intersectoral Policies for Immigrants	PLN 209,000
Institute for Sustainable Development, Warsaw Consensus conferences on energy in Pomorze region	PLN 132,000
The Civil Affairs Institute, Łódź Citizens Decide: Citizens' Initiative	PLN 34,790.65
Foundation Institute for Strategic Studies, Kraków Better Niepołomice	PLN 200,000
Ius Medicinae Foundation, Warsaw "Housing First" – Evidenced-Based Advocacy	PLN 79,000
Foundation Machina Fotografika, Kraków Common discussions – Beaches open for all	PLN 190,000
Media 3.0 Foundation, Rybnik Ktorzadzi.pl – data journalism	PLN 175,000
Foundation of Active People and Places, Kraków Participation – another step forward!	PLN 314,800
City Collective Foundation, Łódź Public consultations of the Local Programme for Revitalisation in Łódź	PLN 65,000
We Patients Foundation, Warsaw Patients Decide! Public consultations in healthcare – continuation	PLN 269,745.74
Phenomenon (of) the Normal City Foundation, Łódź Safe City: A Different Way	PLN 172,000
Observatory Fundation, Warsaw Improving the Relevance and Effectiveness of Refugee Programmes in Warsaw	PLN 95,000
Field of Dialogue Foundation, Warsaw Consensus conference: Learning by Doing	PLN 183,500
Field of Dialogue Foundation, Warsaw On culture with class. Breaking class barriers in public participation	PLN 247,000
The Unit for Social Innovation and Research "Shipyard", Warsaw Participatory budget laboratory	PLN 149,000
The Unit for Social Innovation and Research "Shipyard", Warsaw Citizens in the centre of culture	PLN 176,000
The project: Polska Foundation, Warsaw Equal access to education – open textbooks	PLN 150,000
Family and Entrepreneurship Foundation, Wrocław Participatory family policy of the city of Wrocław	PLN 202,500

Sendzimir Foundation, Zielonki koło Krakowa "This is My Bit of the Park" – Participation for Nature in the City	PLN 11,425.70
Around the Corner Foundation, Lublin "City for people. Standards for pedestrian infrastructure in Lublin"	PLN 111,000
Rural Development Foundation, Warsaw Let's Get Ready Together! Social Consultations on Flood Risk Management	PLN 180,000
Fundacja Wspomagania Wsi, Warszawa Our space – our cause. Public consultations of local plans	PLN 138,000
Foundation of Social Change "Creative", Gdynia City district pulse. I live here, I'm active here, I make changes here	PLN 215,000
Gdansk Foundation for Social Innovation, Gdańsk Quo vadis, Gdańsk? Citizens prepare plans for their city	PLN 133,000
Central and Eastern European Initiative for International Criminal Law and Human Rights, Warsaw	
Civil society and the development of Polish unmanned combat air systems Kalisz Urban Initiative, Kalisz	PLN 60,000
The city matters. Social analysis of budgets	PLN 95,000
Football Club Zakopane, Zakopane Citizens' Budget for Zakopane: Let's Choose Together	PLN 17,000
Lodz Federation of NGOs, Łódź A place for the Third Sector – housing policy for non-governmental organisations in Łódź	PLN 56,000
Olsztyn Prosocial Initiatives Foundation, Olsztyn We Create Local Social Policy Together	PLN 6,585.77
NGO's Support Centre, Białystok Open Podlasie	PLN 23,394.89
Polish Ecological Club Main Board, Kraków Monitoring the Implementation of the Baltic Action Plan	PLN 30,000
Polish Association of the Deaf Lodz Region, Łódź Towards bilingual education of deaf children	PLN 217,000
Polish Offshore Wind Energy Society, Gdańsk Public participation in developing maritime management plans	PLN 105,000
Polish Society for Futures Studies, Warsaw New methods of participatory planning of transport infrastructure	PLN 269,000
Non-governmental Laboratory, Koszalin Civic space – Koszalin city centre	PLN 207,000
Social Foundation of the City of Kutna, Kutno Participatory budget in Kutno	PLN 213,000
"Coalition: Quiet Please!" Association, Warsaw Let Them Hear Us	PLN 19,071.47
"Cities on Internet" Association, Tarnów My idea, my Stary Sącz	PLN 75,700
Association 61, Warsaw Parliament and Local Government – We Are Watching. Use Our Methods	PLN 139,545.08
Association 61, Warsaw www.MamPrawoWiedziec.pl (I have the Right to Know) and MojaPolis.pl (My Polis) in the election year: on politics and data	PLN 173,000
Bona Fides Association, Katowice Let's Organize: Building Strong Local Communities	PLN 157,000
Archipelagos of Culture Anthropological Association, Krzeszowice Wow! Community Centers. Participatory Culture Policy Process in Rural Areas	PLN 40,000

Association Centre for Systems Solutions, Wrocław Budget Game. Strengthening Public Participation in the Participatory Budget Process in Lublin	PLN 140,000
Association Centre for Systems Solutions, Wrocław Common management of nature – participatory mapping of protected areas	PLN 210,000
Ekopsychology Society, Zakliczyn Carpathian University of Civic Participation	PLN 53,300
The Mieczysław Karłowicz Association in Zakopane, Zakopane Civic development of cultural policy in Podhale	PLN 70,000
The City Initiative Association, Gdańsk Social revitalisation of public space using the strategy of Placemaking micro-grant to cover matching contribution	PLN 56,000 PLN 3,500
Sustainable Development Institute, Koszalin Inhabitants' needs – inhabitants' decisions	PLN 1,886.49
Association Strumillo's Institut, Książniczki I already know how local government works	PLN 28,000
Association JAROCIN XXI, Jarocin Jarocin Culture Congress	PLN 74,000
The Association of Polish Climatologists, Warsaw Climatologists for Increased Civic Participation	PLN 63,400
Association of the Rural Population "Szczepany", Szczepankowo Municipal councils are not helpless	PLN 7,000
Association for the improvement of urban habitat "Unblock", Warsaw Local land management plans in Warsaw – in search for participatory model	PLN 283,000
Association for Public Transport Development in Bydgoszcz, Bydgoszcz We are all pedestrians	PLN 56,000
micro-grant to cover matching contribution	PLN 3,500
Help Then Needy Association on "Hope", Legionowo Senior 60+ citizens of Nasielsk participate in developing senior strategy for the city activities	PLN 170,000
Civic Lab Association, Kraków City districts plan!	PLN 290,000
Development Association Social Activity "TRIADA", Chełm "Introducing participatory budgets in rural municipalities and in small towns"	PLN 108,000
Association for tourism development at Kościelisko Municipality, Kościelisko Partnership for the brand KOŚCIELISKO	PLN 98,000
Society Run To Run, Toruń Citizens for activity	PLN 236,000
Włochy Neighbourhood Association, Warsaw Active inhabitants develop the area of the garden-town Włochy	PLN 40,000
School for Leaders Association, Warsaw National Leadership Consultation Network	PLN 14,798.71
Association Warnija, Olsztyn Model consultations concerning revitalising the Dragon Barracks in Olsztyn	PLN 119,148.45
The Association for Support of Non-Governmental Organisations "Most" (Bridge), Katowice	
Dialogued Up	PLN 49,000
Association of Creative Initiatives "ę", Warsaw Zoom In on Seniors Councils	PLN 35,000

Association of Creative Initiatives "ę", Warsaw Zoom on Senior Councils – Civic University	PLN 223,200
Wrocław Cycling Initiative, Wrocław Cyclists' social participation network in transport policy	PLN 209,000
The Working Community of Associations of Social Organisations, Warsaw Towards an effective model of civic participation	PLN 200,000
Alliance of Associations Polish Green Network, Kraków European Funds for sustainable development of regions	PLN 112,000
Public scrutiny	
Action: City, Wrocław Wrocław on foot	PLN 56,700
Alivia – Young People's Oncology Foundation, Warsaw Kolejkoskop (queue-monitor) – monitoring availability of imaging examinations in public healthcare institutions	PLN 31,305
Alivia – Young People's Oncology Foundation, Warsaw ONKOMAPA – Development and Continuation of a Community Audit of Cancer Treatment Facilities	PLN 156,000
Wetland Conservation Centre, Warsaw Monitoring the river ecosystem management in Poland	PLN 23,740
Center for Sustainable Development, Łódź Citizens' watch – guardians of the good energy	PLN 95,524.33
Sustainable Transportation Centre, Warsaw Transport under Scrutiny	PLN 155,000
Time for good railways!	PLN 195,000
European 50+ Physical Activity Promotion Association, Warsaw Senior Inspection: Monitoring Local Government Sports Provision to Senior Citizens	PLN 36,400
Polish Consumer Federation, Warsaw Consumers in the Financial Market	PLN 110,000
Federation for Women and Family Planning, Warsaw Monitoring of women's rights enforcement in the field of reproductive healthcare	PLN 72,000
Monitoring the Enforcement of the Right of Young People to Sexual Education	PLN 80,000
Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations of the City of Bialystok, Białystok Białystok – A Common Home	PLN 49,000
"Law and Entrepreneurship Laboratory" Foundation, Warsaw Financial liability of public authorities	PLN 80,000
"Let's Win Health" Foundation, Warsaw Citizens Coalition for Oncology	PLN 26,913
Social monitoring of introduction and implementation of Oncological Package	PLN 238,000
Alter eco fundation, Warsaw Public scrutiny of implementation of the provisions of the act on waste management	PLN 124,000
Centre for Economic Analysis, Szczecin Promises vs. Reality: Taxes and Benefits in the Election Year	PLN 95,000
Foundation Centrum CSR.PL, Warsaw Enhanced monitoring of sustainable public procurement in Poland	PLN 78,300
Monitoring Corporate Social Responsibility of Major Polish Corporations	PLN 62,000
Foundation Centre of Initiatives for Society, Białystok Transparency of proceedings of town and district councils in Poland	PLN 18,603.78

Court Watch Poland Foundation, Toruń 2014/2015 Public Scrutiny over Courts	PLN 210,000
Mr Cat's Black Sheep Foundation, Kraków Let Them Have Their Rights!	PLN 131,000
"Argos" Animal Welfare Foundation, Warsaw Homeless animals – monitoring local government tasks	PLN 205,000
Foundation for Sustainable Development, Wrocław Protecting trees	PLN 271,000
European Forensic Initiatives Centre (EFIC) Foundation, Warsaw Forensic Watch	PLN 187,000
Forensic Watch II	PLN 314,600
Polish Student Support Fund, Warsaw Identifying and Removing Unlawful Barriers to Level II and III University Courses	PLN 105,000
Monitoring of open competitions for jobs of academic teachers	PLN 110,000
Greenmind Foundation, Warsaw Shadow Report on the Implementation of the Aarhus Convention	PLN 124,000
Foundation IDEA for Development, Wierzbica How public administration uses information	PLN 7,999.79
Social Initiatives Foundation "Can-do!", Gdańsk Rights of Individuals Working in Non-Governmental Organisations. Research – Education – Support	PLN 151,000
The Rule of Law Institute Foundation, Lublin Monitoring of using measures alternative to detention of foreigners	PLN 225,000
Institute for Regional Development Foundation, Kraków Civil monitoring of the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	PLN 147,762.36
ITAKA – Centre for Missing People, Warsaw Monitoring Police Performance in Search of People Lost in Open Terrain	PLN 145,000
Ius Medicinae Foundation, Warsaw Civic Coalition for Mental Health	PLN 70,000
The Governance Clinic Foundation, Warsaw Public or private? Monitoring of public spending	PLN 145,800
Foundation KSK, Warsaw Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Implementation Report	PLN 68,820
Buy Responsibly Foundation, Kraków Sustainable Public Procurement. Monitoring Legislation and Standards	PLN 120,000
We Patients Foundation, Warsaw Social auditing of the national programme for cancer prevention	PLN 313,000
Institute for Structural Research, Warsaw How Is My Tax Money Spent?	PLN 164,000
Phenomenon (of) the Normal City Foundation, Łódź LibraScan – Civic Monitoring of Public Libraries in Łódź	PLN 133,000
	PLN 133,000 PLN 25,000
LibraScan – Civic Monitoring of Public Libraries in Łódź Panoptykon Foundation, Warsaw	· ·

Foundation of Positive Change, Bielsko-Biała Paragraph 207 of the Criminal Code – Mistreatment of Close Ones – Monitoring the	
Courts in Silesia	PLN 43,000
The project: Polska Foundation, Warsaw Civil observatory: Housing policy	PLN 133,000
Childbirth with Dignity Foundation, Warsaw Keeping the Standards of Perinatal Care	PLN 224,000
Foundation in Support of Local Democracy, Warsaw Commissioning beneficially, spending usefully	PLN 72,000
Foundation for the Development of Combined Methods in Medicine, Warsaw Diagnosing and changing the factors leading to deficient functioning of the basic healthcare (POZ)	PLN 182,400
SOS Foundation. Responsible Driving Schools, Szczecin Monitoring of the enforcement of the rights of candidates for drivers "Safe participant of driver licence courses"	PLN 139,000
Ursula Jaworska Foundation, Warsaw Pilot Community Audit of the Quality of Hospital Care in Poland	PLN 130,000
Workshop for Social Innovation, Kraków Digital Culture for Citizens	PLN 132,000
Freedom Foundation, Lublin Open Lublin – Monitoring the Performance of City District Councils in Lublin	PLN 57,000
Grupa Zagranica, Warsaw Civil monitoring of the Polish developmental cooperation	PLN 130,700
Public monitoring of Polish developmental cooperation – continuation	PLN 54,000
Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Warsaw Monitoring Judiciary Legislation	PLN 64,000
Institute of Patient's Rights and Health Education, Warsaw Monitoring Healthcare Legislation and Public Consultations	PLN 126,000
Institute for Law and Society, Warsaw Public Monitoring of the process of electing judges	PLN 66,600
Polish Foster Care Coalition, Warsaw Getting to the Bottom Makes Community Action Effective	PLN 75,000
Natural Forest Foundation, Giżycko Monitoring of management of the area of Borecka Forest micro-grant to cover matching contribution	PLN 56,000 PLN 3,500
The Polish Federation of NGOs, Warsaw Monitoring European Union Funds	PLN 157,000
Network of Polish Streetworking Organizations – OSOS, Warsaw Monitoring of implementation of streetworking within intersectoral cooperation	PLN 89,000
The Ferdinand Lassalle Centre for Social Thought, Wrocław Outsourcing technical services by public institutions	PLN 196,000
Sand Dragon, Katowice Save the Trees	PLN 49,000
Polish Ecological Club Mazovian Branch, Warsaw Public scrutiny of implementation of the low carbon policy	PLN 237,000
Polish Association of the Deaf Lodz Region, Łódź Investments for All?	PLN 108,000
Retina AMD Poland, Warsaw Social auditing of wAMD (wet age-related macular degeneration) treatment in Poland	PLN 184,000

Social AIDS Committee, Warsaw Social auditing of counteracting HIV/AIDS infections in Poland in 2013–2014	PLN 205,000
Workshop for All Beings Podlaskie Branch, Białystok Social supervision over the most valuable forest resources in Poland	PLN 139,000
Monitoring of Regional Directorates for Environmental Protection	PLN 193,000
Akcja Konin Association, Konin Monitoring of Office Space Let to Non-governmental Organisations in Konin	PLN 44,000
Bona Fides Association, Katowice Inspect Your Local Participatory Budget	PLN 131,000
Monitoring of implementation of senior policies in cities	PLN 204,000
Association Krakow Smog Alert, Kraków INFOAIR – access to information on air pollution	PLN 104,000
Cultural Assosation House for Culture, Wieliczka Culture Polis	PLN 28,000
The Diversity Workshop – An LGBTQ Organisation, Toruń 2013-2016 Monitoring of the National Action Program for Equal Opportunities	PLN 31,000
Independent Educational Initiative Association, Warsaw Community Monitoring of Education	PLN 127,500
Citizen Mother Association, Kraków We have the right	PLN 196,500
Association OPTA, Warsaw Blue Report – monitoring of the procedure of Blue Cards in Warsaw	PLN 109,000
Association of Supporting Children with Hidden Disability of Hans Asperger "Naughty Children", Warsaw Everything is Clear	PLN 90,000
Workshop for All Beings Association, Bystra Balanced development of mountain areas – man, law, and nature	PLN 94,500
Roads – Protecting Environmental Corridors for People and Nature	PLN 100,000
Association of Psycho-education and Environment M.O.S.T., Kielce Monitoring the Effectiveness of Natura 2000 Protection in the Świętokrzyskie Province	PLN 120,000
Association of students, alumni and friends of College of Inter-faculty Individual Studies in the Humanities of University of Warsaw "ProCollegio", Warsaw	
Monitoring disciplinary judiciary	PLN 60,000
Association for Occupational Health, Warsaw Monitoring professional stress in courts of justice and its health effects	PLN 69,000
Bender Society, Wrocław Public space of Wrocław micro-grant to cover matching contribution	PLN 28,000 PLN 3,500
Society for Nature and Man, Lublin Monitoring the System of Mining Waste Management in Lublin Coal Basin	PLN 61,500
Lublin on bicycle – public monitoring of the rights of bicycle users	PLN 203,000
The society for earth, Oświęcim Waste segregation for real – Monitoring waste management regulations implementation	PLN 44,500
Green Mazovia Association, Warsaw Cities for people – cooperation for inhabitant-friendly public space	PLN 104,000
Combating discrimination	
Akceptacja – Association of Family and Friends of Homosexual, Bisexual and Transgender	
People, Warsaw Acceptance for LGB people at home and at school	PLN 30,200

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Citizens for Democracy

Autonomy, Kraków Antidiscrimination perspective in programmes against violence	PLN 314,400
Foundation 'Africa Another Way', Warsaw Africans in Poland - survey and monitoring for combating discrimination	PLN 118,000
Active Women's Initiative Foundation, Olsztyn Anti-discrimination Academy in Warmińsko-Mazurskie	PLN 70,000
Foundation "MultiOcalenie", Warsaw "Different Point of View"	PLN 28,400.03
MultiTolerance	PLN 200,000
Ocalenie Foundation, Warsaw Programme for the Prevention of the Discrimination of Foreigners	PLN 115,000
Foundation "Out loud", Konin Gender-sensitive budget – an initiative from Konin	PLN 25,500
"Phan Bde" Foundation, Warsaw Scene for tough men micro-grant to cover matching contribution	PLN 56,000 PLN 3,500
Ad Hoc Foundation, Warsaw Digital Tales: I-We-Society	PLN 5,851.24
Arte Ego Foundation, Łódź Laundry – or on taboo themes in Łódź micro-grant to cover matching contribution	PLN 48,500 PLN 3,500
Bronisław Geremek Foundation, Warsaw School of equal treatment	PLN 148,500
Women's Rights Center, Warsaw "Stereotypes or evidence" – monitoring court cases concerning violence against women	PLN 224,000
Foundation For Freedom, Warsaw Ethnoleague	PLN 136,000
Auschwitz Jewish Center, Oświęcim To understand the evil – workshops for higher ranks of the police	PLN 133,100
Feminoteka Foundation, Warsaw Women and men, boys and girls TOGETHER against gender stereotypes	PLN 157,000
Women's Anti-violence Network (ASK)	PLN 157,000
Futurama Foundation, Legnica I know my rights – Legnica against discrimination of women micro-grant to cover matching contribution	PLN 51,000 PLN 3,330
HerStory Foundation, Lublin Krasnystaw – the lost shtetl	PLN 120,000
Foundation Humanity in Action Poland, Warsaw Antivirus Programme: No to Internet Hate Speech!	PLN 24,594.07
Start up! Action and ideas laboratory against hate speech	PLN 137,000
Foundation Institute for Creative Activities, Łódź Others are us	PLN 82,000
Foundation Institute for Social-Economic Balance, Gdynia Virtu@lni-Re@lni	PLN 234,000
Foundation Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw Gender (in)equality in law	PLN 99,000
Klamra Foundation, Żywiec Together against hatred	PLN 92,000

Culture for Tolerance Foundation, Kraków Transsexualism and gender diversity in culture	PLN 28,300
Kultura Liberalna Foundation, Warsaw Public debate observatory	PLN 129,400
LGBT Business Forum Foundation, Warsaw Friendly workplace for LGBT persons	PLN 80,000
Foundation for Equality and Emancipation the Helm, Warsaw To break the taboo - rights of sexual violence victims	PLN 281,000
The Diversity Foundation Polistrefa, Kraków Actions Advocating Religious and Worldview Equality in Public Education	PLN 101,200
Present? Religious and world view equality in public education	PLN 107,600
Foundation for Social Diversity (FSD), Warsaw Implementation of standards of equal treatment in education and in public institutions	PLN 207,500
Foundation for Tolerance Through Intercultural Understanding, Warsaw Refugees in school and in municipality	PLN 200,000
Polish Migration Forum Foundation, Izabelin From Tolerance to Integration	PLN 84,000
Women's Space Foundation, Szczawnica You Can See More From Outside the Centre – Preventing Intersectional Discrimination	PLN 15,400
History of women as a tool for counteracting discrimination	PLN 84,700
On countryside without prejudices	PLN 109,000
Point of View Foundation, Wrocław On Equal Terms with Literature	PLN 7,283
EQUALITY.INFO Foundation, Warsaw Equality and Diversity – Analytically	PLN 6,277.96
Equality.org.pl Foundation, Kraków Discriminating/Discriminated. LGBT in Małopolska	PLN 23,000
Volunteers for Sport Foundation, Warsaw Popular sports open for women – let them be active	PLN 160,000
Local Knowledge Foundation, Warsaw Tolerance network. Internet anti-discrimination platform	PLN 105,000
Freedom from Religion Foundation, Lublin Discrimination of non-believing children and children not attending lessons of religion in schools	PLN 8,985
Fundation Western Centre for Social and Economic Research, Gorzów Wlkp. Romani migrants of Romanian origins in Poland – with their own voice about themselves	PLN 80,000
Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Warsaw Improving Sensitivity of Judges in Matters of Equal Treatment	PLN 70,800
Institute of Global Responsibility, Warsaw Talking about the majority of the world	PLN 157,000
ITAN – Blind of Theatre, Kraków Fifth Element	PLN 202,000
Campaign Against Homophobia (KPH), Warsaw Equal School Without Discrimination and Violence	PLN 141,700
Full access – education for healthcare sector	PLN 140,000
Open Republic Association against Anti-Semitism and Xenophobia, Warsaw Society for tolerance	PLN 250,000

Polish Society of Antidiscrimination Law, Warsaw Academy of Discrimination Tests	PLN 132,400
Lawyers for equality. Local forms of cooperation	PLN 95,000
Observatory for anti-discrimination legislation	PLN 237,000
Common Space, Warsaw Meetings with Islam	PLN 157,000
Association "For the Earth", Kamionka Speaking in a Women's Voice	PLN 104,100
Arteria Association, Gdynia Spoken history as a method to combat discrimination	PLN 100,000
Diversja, Wrocław Development of Live Libraries in Poland – counteracting discrimination on the local level	PLN 227,000
Jewish Culture Festival Society, Kraków We say "No" to the hate speech – Cracow against anti-semitism	PLN 60,000
Homo Faber Association, Lublin Support for Anti-Discrimination Counselling	PLN 100,700
Stanislaw Brzozowski Association, Warsaw The voice of women matters	PLN 157,000
The Jan Karski Society, Kielce "For justice, freedom, dignity" – antidiscrimination workshops	PLN 191,000
Association INTERKULTURALNI PL, Kraków Hate Speech Alert – Against the hate speech in public space	PLN 209,000
Association for Legal Intervention, Warsaw Equal and Safe	PLN 157,500
Karat Coalition, Warsaw Preventing Discrimination on the Provincial Level	PLN 140,300
CEDAW as a tool for combating discrimination	PLN 90,000
Intersectional discrimination. Gender and vocational education	PLN 200,000
Association Kofe(m)ina, Olsztyn We Play Fair!	PLN 88,300
The Congress of Women Association, Warsaw Strong together! Counteracting gender discrimination in politics and media	PLN 177,000
Association Laboratory of Changes, Opole I see, hear, feel, and react – against discrimination of women in their workplace	PLN 147,000
Lambda Warsaw Associociation, Warsaw School without homophobia	PLN 166,000
Love Does Not Exclude Association, Warsaw Marital equality for all	PLN 202,500
Young Journalists' Association 'Polis', Warsaw Education against the hate speech on the Internet	PLN 155,000
Association for Women "Victoria", Rzeszów Women's rights are human rights	PLN 100,000
Association for LGBT Tolerado, Gdańsk Rainbow families strong and thriving	PLN 154,000
A. Gołąb Association for Children's and Youth Development in Zgierz, Zgierz Open Zgierz	PLN 94,709.44

	PLN 229,000
Association of Drama Pracitioners STOP-KLATKA, Warsaw The Drama Anti-discrimination Academy F	PLN 112,000
Association for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Social Support "One World", Kraków Analysis of how HIV and people living with HIV are presented in national media	PLN 26,700
The project: Polska Association, Warsaw HateStop	PLN 88,800
HejtStop – continuation and development	PLN 135,000
Roma Association in Wroclaw "Romani Bacht", Wrocław Included in community	PLN 78,000
Judges Association THEMIS, Warsaw Together against discrimination	PLN 76,300
ETHNOS Social Cultural Association, Łódź "To understand differences, to find similarities" PLN	130,584.27
Association Important Rose, Deskurów Black Book of Discrimination in eastern Mazowsze	PLN 36,000
Borussia Cultural Community Association, Olsztyn Safe Diversity in the Warmińsko-Mazurskie Province F	PLN 150,000
Network of East-West Women, NEWW, Gdańsk Counteracting various aspects of violence towards immigrant women in Pomorskie region	PLN 45,000
Psychology of Health Center, Pruszków I am HIV-positive! F	PLN 124,000
Anti-discrimination Education Association, Warsaw Discrimination at School – Unjustified Presence	PLN 34,800
Anti-discrimination education – check!	PLN 111,300
Video Studio Gdańsk Catholic Films and Programs Foundation, Gdańsk Woman lacking space F	PLN 130,000
Polish Roma Union, Szczecinek Tolerance is Trendy	PLN 98,900
Jewish Association Czulent, Kraków "Anti-Semitism is not a consistent outlook" F	PLN 127,500
Counteracting exclusion	
"Jestem" Association of Helping Disabled Children and People Who Need Support, Toruń Here I Am	PLN 100,000
SOS Food Bank in Warsaw, Reguły Inclusion Through Volunteering	PLN 64,000
Lodz Food Bank, Łódź Unique Activity Academy	PLN 67,000
Caritas Archdiocese of Warsaw, Warsaw This is where homelessness comes to an end	PLN 105,000
Caritas of Toruń Diocese, Toruń Put Family Violence to A Stop	PLN 76,900
RES-GEST The Centre of Education and Support, Rzeszów NGO Started By The Deaf – Advice And Support F	PLN 198,000
UNESCO Initiatives Centre, Wrocław Two Cultures – One Pre-School F	PLN 135,000

Immigrant Support Center, Gdynia Migrants For Integration In Pomorskie Voivodeship	PLN 108,000
Christian Association of Handicapped People, Their Families and Friends "Ognisko", Kraków Social Management Through Quality	PLN 88,000
Yellow Kite Foundation, Siedlce Children With Autism – Leaving The Shadow Of Exclusion In Siedlce micro-grant to cover matching contribution	PLN 56,000 PLN 3,500
Foundation Child at the Center, Poznań Parent In Need – Multifaceted Support For Parents With Mental Problems	PLN 190,000
Nasz Dom Foundation, Trzciel Active Community for Mutual Support	PLN 16,613.39
Foundation "Our Choice", Warsaw Ukrainian Women Club	PLN 72,000
Foundation "Divorce? Wait!", Warsaw Dad is coming home micro-grant to cover matching contribution	PLN 56,000 PLN 3,480
"Changes" Foundation, Gdynia Tri-City Environment Map For The Visually Impaired	PLN 47,630
Foundation "Znaczenie", Dąbrowa Tarnowska Family Together	PLN 87,000
Concordia Foundation, Kaszczor Metacognitive Training (MTC) for People with Schizophrenia	PLN 4,835.62
Therapeutic Support In Mental Crisis According To Open Dialog Approach (ODA)	PLN 143,000
Court Watch Poland Foundation, Toruń Corrective Justice Centers	PLN 315,000
Kazimierz Wielki University Foundation, Bydgoszcz Let's Help One Another. Seniors And Prisoners Are Improving Fordon	PLN 234,000
Forani Foundation, Warsaw An Accident – And Then What? micro-grant to cover matching contribution	PLN 56,700 PLN 3,500
Foundation of Initiatives for the Disabled "Impulse", Białystok Able Białystok	PLN 48,600
Foundation of Innovation and Knowledge, Warsaw Gain More! Financial Education For Economically Excluded	PLN 137,552.92
L'Arche Foundation, Śledziejowice Amplify The Voice Of The Weak – Implementation Of Key Standards Of Care	PLN 104,000
Women's Place Foundation, Warsaw I Am Coming Home	PLN 6,250.83
Foundation for the improvement of quality of life from New, Szczytno We Will Not Be Excluded	PLN 24,740.49
Fundation Which Support Disabled People "Go Outside", Moszczenica Overcoming Barriers Together	PLN 4,639.13
Go Out And Move On	PLN 28,000
Foundation of the Polish Blind and Visually Impaired 'Trakt', Warsaw WCAG 2.0: Promotion Of Good Programming Practices	PLN 158,000
Dialogue Lab Foundation, Toruń Mobile Mediation Center	PLN 67,000
Foundation – "Project: The elders", Warsaw Stop Violence Against Senior Citizens (SCs)	PLN 6,250.60

Comenius Foundation for Child Development, Warsaw Local Support System For Families At Risk Of Exclusion	PLN 155,000
SMA Foundation Poland, Warsaw WE ARE NOT ALONE: Support For Families With Spinal Muscular Atrophy	PLN 6,300
Synapsis Foundation, Warsaw Autism – Specialised Consulting Against Exclusion	PLN 122,000
Szarik Foundation, Warsaw Give Uniformed Services A Helping Paw	PLN 6,194.44
PTSD Mission	PLN 223,000
Foundation United Way Poland, Warsaw Cancel Cancer – Magic Of Hospital Volunteering	PLN 99,000
Origo – Foundation, Warsaw Mothers To Mothers	PLN 6,307.36
Foundation Change, Warsaw Books In A Box	PLN 90,000
Gdansk Foundation for Social Innovation, Gdańsk Enjoy Living In Your Own Place	PLN 202,000
Associacion of Deaf Their Families and Friends "Effetha", GDYNIA I Actively Use Sign Language And I Understand	PLN 60,000
Allerhand Institute, Kraków Opportunity 2.0	PLN 254,600
Institute for Law and Society, Warsaw New Applications in the Judiciary to Counteract Exclusion of People with Disabilities	PLN 99,800
Institute of Psychology of Health, Warsaw Operating Algorithms in Domestic Violence Cases	PLN 118,033.28
Krakow Medical Association, Kraków Behavioral Addiction Psychotherapy Center And Train The Trainer School	PLN 137,000
La Strada Foundation Against Trafficking in Persons and Slavery, Warsaw Reconstruction – Program Supporting Victims Of Human Trafficking For Their Social Reintegration	PLN 215,000
Nomada Association for Multicultural Society Integration, Wrocław Counteracting Structural Exclusion Of Romanian Roma Community	PLN 64,000
West Pomeranian Branch of the Polish Association of the Deaf, Szczecin Safe Citizens Of The World Of Silence	PLN 160,000
Polish Federation of NGO for people with cerebral Palsy ' CP Network', Zamość Active in the Network – Self-Advocacy Development Programme	PLN 40,000
Polish Federation Of Organisation Helping Children And The Youth With Diabetes, Kraków	
Pre-School And School Friendly To Diabetics!	PLN 234,000
Polish Association for the Blind (PAB), Silesian Branch, Chorzów Step Towards Activity	PLN 25,000
Polish Association of the Deaf - Mazovian Branch, Warsaw Online Advisory Services in Sign Language	PLN 17,212
Polish Association for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities Chapter in Jarosław, Jarosław Hear Our Voices: Citizen-Focused	PLN 22,775.74
Polish Association for witch Intellectual Disabilities Chapter in Koszalin, Koszalin Road To Independence	PLN 220,000
Polish Association for Handicapped Persons Center in Lublin, Lublin Talking Without Words – Communication Development Clinic	PLN 100,000

Polish Association for Persons with Mental Handicap Branch in Świnoujście, Świnoujście Let's Open Life To Them	PLN 104,000
Tourette Syndrome Association of Poland, Warsaw "With Tourette Around Poland" – Program Against Exclusion Of People With Tourette	
Syndrome	PLN 280,000
Pomeranian Foundation for Development, Culture and Art, Toruń Advisory Services For Citizens	PLN 109,000
Powiśle Community Foundation, Warsaw Together Against Exclusion	PLN 110,000
Volunteer Centre Association, Warsaw Volunteering – Give Integration a Chance	PLN 32,532.81
Change Engine. Senior Community Activities	PLN 313,000
Open The Door Association, Kraków Against Social Exclusion Of People With Mental Diseases	PLN 32,737.15
Stowarzyszenie "Otwórzcie Drzwi", Kraków Cogito Expert	PLN 63,000
micro-grant to cover matching contribution	PLN 3,500
The Common Yard Association, Warsaw Two Generations – So Much to Share	PLN 19,336.05
Archipelagos of Culture Anthropological Association, Krzeszowice Kobierzyn Closer. Against Stigmatization Of People With Mental Disorders	PLN 90,000
Arteria Association, Gdynia Shipyard Is Of Female Gender – Project For Female and Male Seniors	PLN 105,000
Polish Librarians' Association, Warsaw Librarians Are Friends Of People With Autism	PLN 153,500
The Center For Social Information Association, Warsaw Support For People In Debt	PLN 148,000
"Res Sacra Miser" Charity Association, Olkusz "Helping Ourselves In A Friendly Environment"	PLN 119,000
Association of informal education KALEIDOSCOPE, Kielce Local Activity Centre In Pierzchnica Municipality	PLN 27,800
Association of Social Initiatives Creation, Gorzów No Barriers	PLN 197,500
Association for Legal Intervention, Warsaw Safe Home	PLN 158,000
The Jump'93 Association, Warsaw JUMP Crisis Intervention Center For People Who Are Excluded Due To Addiction	PLN 130,000
Lambda Warsaw Associociation, Warsaw Emergency Intervention Shelter For LGBT Community	PLN 157,000
Associaton for Children and Youth with Cerebral Palsy, Poznań "I Know What I Want"	PLN 57,600
Association for Municipal Dzierzążnia, Dzierzążnia Mutual Help Bank	PLN 57,600
Association for the civil counseling "DOGMA", Mikołów Mobile Lawyer	PLN 71,000
Spinaker Edukacation Support Association, Grudziądz Spinnaker For The Disabled	PLN 131,000
An association for supporting people with disabilities and their environment "Together",	
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Rybnik	51.11.0.000
'Believe in Yourself' Activation Incubator in Krzanowice Town	PLN 9,800
LIFE – A Role OF MY OWN	PLN 150,000
Association for Defense of Human Rights "St.O.P", Wałbrzych Regional Centre for Social Counselling	PLN 101,000
Association OPTA, Warsaw 'Closer to One Another' – Support Model for People Who Experience Violence	PLN 24,259.61
About Yourself – Support For And Activation Of Families Who Care For An Ill Member	PLN 121,000
Association Ovum, Gdynia Advisory Services Without Barriers	PLN 100,000
Penitentiary Association "Patronage" Agency in Warsaw, Warsaw Society is You	PLN 69,000
Association of Charity and Help named Brother Chrystyn in Gorzów Wielkopolski, Gorzów	
Wlkp. Say Yes To Old Age – i.e. Independence, Integration, Activity	PLN 224,000
Help Then Needy Association on "Hope", Legionowo Legionowo Volunteering Center For Senior Citizens (LVC)	PLN 270,000
Association of Psychological Aid Syntonia, Warsaw Close To Our Loved Ones	PLN 132,000
Association for addicts and their families "Falochron", Tarnowskie Góry Time to Talk – At Your Place, At Our Place, In The Street	PLN 175,000
Circle Assistance Association, Nowe Miasto n/Wartą Against Violence – Mobile Academy For A Knowledgeable Senior Citizen	PLN 68,000
Imbramowice Friends Association "Dłubnia at source", Imbramowice Senior Citizen At The Source Of Dłubnia River	PLN 108,000
Pitagoras The Development Association, Rzeszów Right to Information for the Deaf	PLN 66,200
Sports Rehabilitation Association "Start", Poznań Take a breath	PLN 190,800
"These Things"	PLN 314,000
ASSOCIATION OF VOLUNTEERS AGAINST AIDS "BE WITH US", Warsaw World Of Women Plus	PLN 98,000
Professional associaton for public support Civis Sum, Zielona Góra Civic Advice Mobile Consultation Centres in Zielonogórski District	PLN 88,700
Advisory, Assistance And Mediation Services	PLN 315,000
Association Pro Ethica, Ruda Śląska Let Bykowina Shine In Its Full Colors	PLN 156,000
Association of Citizen's Advice Bureau's Support, Łomża Support Through Advice	PLN 78,600
Publishing Association "Barki", Poznań Street Gazette Circle – STOP Exclusion And Deprivation	PLN 65,000
Psychology of Health Center, Pruszków Family with a Plus	PLN 13,220.28
Our Home Association, Warsaw Reintegration of families with consultant's help	PLN 99,400

St. Brother Albert's Aid Society, Wrocław Volunteering for Senior Citizens: 'Active for Their Own Sake – Active for the Sake of Others'	PLN 23,517.20
St. Brother Albert's Aid Society, Zabrze Support Centre for Women (SCW)	PLN 25,000
Saint Brother Albert's Aid Society – Department in Gdansk, Gdańsk Give The Homeless A Stronger Voice	PLN 163,427.64
The Society Of The Friends Of Children West Pomeranian Regional Branch, Szczecin ADHD – Societal Challenge Or Negation?	PLN 101,000
Society for Psycho-Prevention Branch in Warsaw, Warsaw Assistance For Independence	PLN 179,360
In the key of heart, Wrocław It Is Up To The Neighbor To Decide	PLN 145,000
Zaborskie Scientific Society, Brusy Kaszuby Closer To The Law	PLN 176,000
ZERO-FIVE. The Foundation for Infant Mental Health, Poznań You Are Not Alone – Keeping Little Children Out Of Harm's Way	PLN 102,000
Green Mazovia Association, Warsaw Together Without Barriers – Warsaw Friendly To All Inhabitants	PLN 90,000
Union for People Living with HIV/AIDS Positive in the Rainbow, Warsaw Life with a Plus!	PLN 18,500
Safety Net	PLN 315,000
The Central Association of the Kolping Society of Poland, Kraków Senior Citizens (SCs) for Democracy	PLN 208,000
Children and youth	
Projects in this thematic area are run by the Polish Children and Youth Foundation	
The Bielsko Artistic Association Grodzki Theatre, Bielsko-Biała Volunteering – We Can Do More Together	PLN 138,286
Center for Social Prevention and Education Parasol, Kraków 10 Rakowicka Street Programme	PLN 139,965
Youth Sport Training Centre Orły Rzeszów, Rzeszów Respect and Tolerance is a Young Fan's Motto	PLN 283,500
Christian Charity Association, Klucze Volunteering as a Way Out of Inherited Helplessness	PLN 51,891
The Elbląg Association for the Support of Non-Governmental Initiatives, Elbląg Youth Perspective on Elbląg	PLN 270,000
Forum of Social Animators, Kacze Bagno I Make Things Happen in Zatorze	PLN 160,800
Forum for Dialogue, Warsaw The School of Dialogue	PLN 150,000
"House of Culture" Foundation, Warsaw Together: Kamionek & Kopavogur	PLN 125,505
Foundation of the "Fair Trade Coalition", Kraków The Just, Pro-active and Informed	PLN 107,870
Ocalenie Foundation, Warsaw Support for Public Participation of Refugee Children and Young in Łomża	PLN 210,000

Foundation The Academy of Cheerful Creation, Olecko Youth in Charge micro-grant to cover matching contribution	PLN 55,420 PLN 3,422
Mobile Education Center Foundation, Nowy Sącz Youth e-Inspirers micro-grant to cover matching contribution	PLN 56,700 PLN 3,500
Center For Citizenship Education, Warsaw Hatred. I am Against!	PLN 166,232
School of Democracy	PLN 315,000
Foundation for Poland, Warsaw We Are Building a Youth Community Projects Bank	PLN 135,236
Kazimierz Wielki University Foundation, Bydgoszcz Fordon. Together	PLN 102,259
Nobody's Children Foundation, Warsaw Internet without hate	PLN 105,600
We Empower Children! Children's Rights in Legal Proceedings	PLN 252,720
Foundation of the Kolping Society of Poland, Kraków Local Global Community Centre: Children and Youth Education	PLN 174,932.57
Global Action Plan for the Earth Poland, Warsaw Youth Leaders in the City of the Future	PLN 140,000
Habitat Foundation Group, Bielsko-Biała I Spy Discrimination: Young Socially Engaged Artists	PLN 48,385
Hereditas Foundation, Warsaw Praga – My Passion! Praga Youth Participation in Community Revitalisation	PLN 119,160
Foundation Institute for Creative Activities, Łódź Don't Chicken Out, Bring About!	PLN 45,347
The ISKIERKA Foundation, Warsaw Mine of Volunteering: Youth for Youth	PLN 107,428
Creative Education Foundation, Pamięcin Our Little Big Issues: Young Citizens	PLN 64,800
Microfinance Centre (MFC), Warsaw My Home – My Responsibility	PLN 61,200
Nomina Rosae Foundation Early Culture Garden, Nowy Sącz Shtetl in Nowy Sącz: Youth Tolerance Ambassadors	PLN 115,668
Nowe Centrum Foundation, Kraków Local Youth Projects	PLN 120,350
Foundation to help children "Scream", Biłgoraj Encounters with the Different Other? – OK!	PLN 98,400
Owl Family Assistance Foundationa, Warsaw We Celebrate Our Differences, We Can Work Together micro-grant to cover matching contribution	PLN 56,700 PLN 3,500
Workshop Competence Foundation, Legionowo A Declaration of Kindness: I Do Not Exclude	PLN 19,025.13
Foundation for Promoting Science and Creativity, Nowy Sącz Better Understand than Hate	PLN 5,913.44
Stanislaw Jablonka Friendly House Foundation, Wrocław We Are Changing the World Heart by Heart	PLN 169,355
Blessed John Paul II Foundation of Polish Families, Świętochłowice Black Theatre	PLN 41,305

Foundation for Development "Good Life", Lutcza Log on to Activity	PLN 263,004
Foundation in Support of Local Democracy, Warsaw Lubuskie Academy of School Debates	PLN 220,851
Foundation for Development of Local Initiatives Qdowa, Kudowa Zdrój Locally Mad micro-grant to cover matching contribution	PLN 56,700 PLN 3,500
Foundation for Regional Development Viribus Unitis, Nowy Sącz School Voluntary Clubs for Deaf Young People in Małopolska	PLN 136,102
Knowledge-Tolerance-Integration	PLN 227,934
Social Development Foundation "Demos", Odporyszów The Korba Project	PLN 93,985
Sempre a Frente Foundation, Lublin Safe on the Web	PLN 240,192
Happy Childhood Foundation, Lublin Crown of Polish Education: Youth Citizenship Education Programme	PLN 255,897
Realistic Theatre Foundation, Skierniewice Change in Sight	PLN 81,600
TVNET Foundation, Kraków On-line Audio Description of Theatre for Visually Impaired Children and Youth	PLN 63,000
Hear Africa Foundation, Warsaw Combating Social Exclusion of Children in the Era of Globalisation	PLN 100,000
Art Supporting Foundation "Freedom Art", Kraków Tolerance in the Making!	PLN 162,000
Foundation to support education and development "Innowatorium", Zalesie Górne I Know Why I Vote: Promoting Civic Attitudes Among Students	PLN 102,518.54
Foundation of Supporting the Development of Modern Technologies 4Future, Łódź Teens4Future	PLN 72,437
Gdansk Educational Foundation, Gdańsk Tell Their Story: Multicultural Gdańsk	PLN 120,911
Katowice Regional Institute, Katowice Silesian Leadership Academy	PLN 6,435.52
Institute of sport development and education, Warsaw Handball for Playground	PLN 196,400
Committee for Protection of Jewish Heritage in Tarnów, Tarnów Mezuzah	PLN 164,533
Kwiatonowickie Organization Homini, Kwiatonowice Time to Volunteer	PLN 105,000
"De Facto" Association, Płock Audio Volunteering	PLN 209,400
Mederi, Warsaw Kaleidoscope	PLN 157,320
NGO's Support Centre, Białystok Open Your Eyes	PLN 172,153.41
The Polish Robert Schuman Foundation, Warsaw How Does My Local Government Work?	PLN 158,068.91
The Polish Association for Persons with Mental Handicap Department in Rzeszów,	
Rzeszów ABC of Social Skills	PLN 47,169

Polish Association of Teachers and Animators KLANZA, Lublin Engaged Youth in Action	PLN 174,600
ASK Culture Association, Racibórz Scorching Words. Fighting Online Hate Speech	PLN 21,380
Semper Avanti, Wrocław Youth Participation Mechanism in Lower Silesia	PLN 210,000
Association "Harmony", Bytom Odrzański Spatial Planning is a Child's Play	PLN 53,255.34
'Cavalery' Association, Toporzysko 454 Youth Councils: Hands-on Civic Education	PLN 314,397
"Citizens for Citizens" Association, Łódź Youth Journalism Support Centre	PLN 90,090
Association of Civic Activity Carpe Diem, Świdnica TOLERANCE?! I DON'T GET IT	PLN 144,000
Association of socially active "Trampolina", Wrocław A Streetworking Prevention Programme for Youth in Nadodrze	PLN 100,000
Amnesty International, Warsaw We Are Strong Together: Stop Discrimination!	PLN 90,300
Civic Education Development Center, Poznań GREAT SOULS – Volunteering Development in Primary Schools	PLN 187,699
Volunteering with Class – Community Engagement Support Programme for Middle School Students	PLN 303,813
Association for Children and Young People CHANCE, Głogów Lower Silesia Campaign against Hate Speech	PLN 122,670
"Res Sacra Miser" Charity Association, Olkusz Young People in Action: Leadership School in Olkusz	PLN 128,906
STEP Association for Education and Progress, Warsaw Polish Phrasebook	PLN 51,335.41
Cultural Initiatives Association Group, Lublin Hate Over: I'm Free from Hate Speech	PLN 207,925
Hate Over: Hate Speech-Free Class	PLN 223,812
Obvious Thing Association of Grassroots Activities, Ornowo We Have a Say	PLN 137,816
The Association of Impossible Initiatives "Motyka", Toruń Next Stop Diversity	PLN 54,378
micro-grant to cover matching contribution	PLN 3,500
Association of Family Initiatives, Komorowo Żuławskie Zatorze – I Like It	PLN 14,821.35
Association of Educational and Social Initiatives, Widoma Nihil Novi Nisi Commune Consensu (Nothing About Us Without Us) or Our Participation in Democracy	PLN 3,731
Association of Trawniki's Initiatives, Trawniki Average Citizen – Big Cause	PLN 148,550
Catholic Anti-narcotic Movement Association Karan, Radom Innovative support methods for children in the Warsaw district of Praga	PLN 34,919.81
Womens Transmission Association, Kraków CARIOCA GIRLS ROCK CAMP – Poland	PLN 207,217
Cultural-Educational Association Libri, Tarnobrzeg Exploring the World through Touch	PLN 62,442

9/12 – The Association for Culture and Dialogue, Białystok "Community Master Academy" Citizenship Promotion Program	PLN 67,022
Assosiation for cultural and economic development of villages Krzelów-Młoty "Jezierzyca", Krzelów Now, It's Us, Pro-active Young People in the Community of Wińsko	PLN 4,938
Association for the Local Community Development "Strong Together", Katowice Citizens of Planet "A"	PLN 224,584
A. Gołąb Association for Children's and Youth Development in Zgierz, Zgierz Travelling Children's University	PLN 164,520
Association for Sustainable Socio-Economic Development, Key ", Kolbark Youth Co-operatives	PLN 93,000
Association of Beautiful Angels, Niedźwiedź My Peer, My Coach	PLN 37,692
Civic Lab Association, Kraków Local Change Youth Lab	PLN 11,471.46
Association of Drama Pracitioners STOP-KLATKA, Warsaw Drama Citizens	PLN 138,588
Citizen PRO	PLN 72,900
Culture Practitioner's Association, Warsaw Borderland People	PLN 20,399.54
Crossborder in Action	PLN 261,000
Outside-Inside Project Society, Toruń Architecture's Pre-School micro-grant to cover matching contribution	PLN 51,919 PLN 2,500
Regional Volunteer Center Association, Katowice Volunteering? Count me in!	PLN 206,700
RAMPA – Youth Development Association, Kraków Youth in the Web – ENTER!	PLN 19,815.36
Movement for Support Civil Initiatives U'RWIS, Czernica Civic Children Stories; Educating Young Citizens	PLN 85,200
Association "Weaving Mill", Zgierz Multicultural Zgierz	PLN 166,860
W.A.R.K.A. Association, Warka Social Creatiffcah: Just Cause Advertising School	PLN 68,600
Cheerful Diabetic Association, Lublin Engaged, Needed, Happy	PLN 166,500
Villa Decius Association, Kraków Hip Hop, Stop Haters!	PLN 92,000
Large Dogs Don't Bark	PLN 270,000
WIOSNA Association, Kraków Success Academy	PLN 35,000
Bottom-up Initiatives Support Association, Kudowa Zdrój Youth in School Parliament Benches micro-grant to cover matching contribution	PLN 56,700 PLN 3,500
Teatr Figur Krakow Foundation of Creative Activities, Kraków Multicultural Małopolska	PLN 135,000
The Society of Friends of Bielsko-Biała and Podbeskidzie, Bielsko-Biała Young Creatives: redakcjaBB	PLN 174,000

Local Government Association, Konin My Place	PLN 205,891
Association of culture and social initiatives TWIKS, Szczecin Outdoor Vertigo	PLN 126,013
The Polish Scouting and Guiding Association, Warsaw Finance: Like It	PLN 105,000
Systemic projects	
Federation of Polish Food Banks, Warsaw Food – an engaging good	PLN 198,500
ePaństwo Foundation, Zgorzała Gamification of efforts for the public good	PLN 225,000
Foundation for Social and Economic Initiatives, Warsaw Consultations based on rules	PLN 353,000
Karta Center Foundation, Warsaw More stable social archives in Poland	PLN 461,000
Praesterno Foundation, Warsaw PROFNET. Support for non-governmental organizations for addiction prevention.	PLN 500,000
Nidzica Developmnent Nida Foundation, Nidzica Thematic villages – diversification of income for NGOs from rural areas	PLN 485,500
Citizens Network Watchdog Poland, Warsaw WATCHDOG ACTIVITY – permanently and professionally in the public interest	PLN 942,000
The Network of Support for Non-Governmental Organisation, Warsaw Nationwide debate – the Third Sector for Poland	PLN 332,000
Klon/Jawor Association, Warsaw Non-governmental Center for Information, Knowledge and Opinion ngo.pl	PLN 421,000
Bilateral cooperation	
Center for Citizenship Education, Warsaw Establishing cooperation with the institutions from Iceland	PLN 41,800
Immigrant Support Center, Gdańsk Establishing cooperation with the institutions from Norway	PLN 39,357.38
Concordia Foundation, Kaszczor Establishing cooperation with the institution from Norway	PLN 23,974.84
European Forensic Initiatives Centre (EFIC) Foundation, Warsaw Establishing cooperation with the institutions from Norway	PLN 38,700
Foundation IDEA for Development, Wierzbica Establishing cooperation with institution from Norway	PLN 32,310.13
Imago Foundation, Wrocław Establishing cooperation with institution from Norway	PLN 56,600
The Civil Affairs Institute, Łódź Extending cooperation with the Partner from Iceland	PLN 30,550
L'Arche Foundation, Wieliczka Extending cooperation with the Partners from Norway	PLN 1,499.07
Foundation of Active People and Places, Kraków Extending cooperation with the Partners from Norway and establishing contacts with other Norwegian institution	PLN 58,300
We Patients Foundation, Warsaw Establishing cooperation with the organisation from Norway	PLN 55,000

Foundation of Positive Change, Bielsko-Biała Establishing cooperation with the institutions from Iceland	PLN 12,500
Foundation for Promoting Science and Creativity, Nowy Sącz Establishing cooperation with the institution from Norway	PLN 25,000
Stanislaw Jablonka Friendly House Foundation, Wrocław Extending cooperation with the Partners from Norway	PLN 13,444.40
Comenius Foundation for Child Development, Warsaw Extending cooperation with the Partners from Norway	PLN 53,080
Sendzimir Foundation, Zielonki Establishing cooperation with the institutions from Iceland	PLN 47,277.24
Allerhand Institute, Kraków Establishing cooperation with the institution from Iceland	PLN 23,600
Committee for Protection of Jewish Heritage in Tarnów, Tarnów Extending cooperation with the Partner from Norway and establishing contacts with other Norwegian institutions	PLN 18,700
Tourette Syndrome Association of Poland, Warsaw Extending cooperation with the Partner from Norway and establishing contacts with the organisation from Iceland	PLN 58,500
Polish Society for Futures Studies, Warsaw Extending cooperation with the Partner from Norway and establishing contacts with other Norwegian institution	PLN 49,600
Association "For the Earth", Bratnik Extending cooperation with the Partner from Norway and establishing contacts with other Norwegian institutions	PLN 29,882.93
Open The Door Association, Kraków Establishing cooperation with the institution from Norway	PLN 23,385.55
Association of Socially Active "Trampolina", Wrocław Establishing cooperation with the institutions from Liechtenstein	PLN 31,580
Amnesty International, Warsaw Extending cooperation with the Partners from Norway	PLN 12,800
Association for Children and Young People CHANCE, Głogów Extending cooperation with the Partner from Norway and establishing contacts with other Norwegian institutions	PLN 10,323.52
Karat Coalition, Warsaw Establishing cooperation with the institutions from Norway	PLN 9,945
Womens Transmission Association, Kraków Extending cooperation with the Partners from Norway	PLN 10,719.62
Association for Municipal Dzierzążnia, Dzierzążnia Establishing cooperation with the institution from Norway	PLN 39,173
Union for People Living with HIV/AIDS Positive in the Rainbow, Warsaw Extending cooperation with the Partner from Norway and establishing contacts with other Norwegian institutions	PLN 34,000
Family Center Foundation Cooperation with the Partner from Norway on thematic project	PLN 360.55
Parts of grants returned (thematic projects) Pars of grants returned (bilateral projects)	PLN -14,423.99 PLN -51,235.42

## Equal Opportunities and 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 supported a network of organisations which: run local scholarship programmes addressed to underprivileged students from secondary schools, particularly from smaller towns or villages; obtain the funds for scholarships from various sources (from local governments, local business, individual donors, public collections, auctions, 1% personal income tax designations, etc.); cooperate with the scholarship beneficiaries and involve them in voluntary work for the benefit of the scholarship programme and the local community.

Scholarship programmes are offered on the basis of principles and regulations developed by the organisations, considering local needs and capabilities. Decisions on scholarship granting depend on good results at school, family income, involvement in the local community, or other achievements. Scholarships in the amount of from PLN 50 to 400 per month are allocated for textbooks, learning aids, payment for dormitories, additional courses, commuting to schools, etc.

Every year, the organisations are offered the possibility of obtaining grants for their scholarship programmes. The organisations that have been participating in the programme for over ten years can obtain a grant in the amount of up to PLN 15,000, the remaining ones – up to PLN 20,000. The grant is provided upon the presentation of the plan and rules of the scholarship programme operation, and when the organization documents funds raised from other donors to match the amount provided by the Foundation. Apart from grants, we offer opportunity to participate in an annual meeting where we discuss the principles and experiences in running scholarship programmes, fundraising, cooperation with local partners, the media, voluntary workers and scholarship beneficiaries. The meetings serve to present the latest research on inequalities and barriers in access to education, discuss the situation of young people, use of modern technologies in youth projects and to review the regulations for nongovernmental scholarship programmes.

In 2015, **37** organisations from 13 provinces participated in the programme. They received a total of **PLN 494,853** in grants. These funds matched by funds raised from other sources generated scholar-ships for **780** students in the 2015/2016 school year.

## **Donor Advised Funds**

The Foundation administers endowed and time-limited funds entrusted by corporate or private donors to support charitable objectives agreed with the donor.

In 2015 the Foundation administered 9 Donor Advised Funds: the two of them: Małgorzata Szejnert Fund and Gavell Family Fund financed grants to organisations participating in the Equal Opportunities programme, the four of them: Iwona Winiarska-Feleszko Fund, Janina and Tomasz Maczuga Fund, J., and J. Putka "Spread Your Wings" Fund, Wanda and Jadwiga Chruściel Fund financed scholarships for school age youth and students from low-income families and small communities. The rest of Donor Advised Funds financed: an annual prize to an author of an article or publication on foreign cultures, religions and civilizations (Beata Pawlak Fund), grants for amateur choirs (Staszek Jonczyk "Sing" Fund), grants to organizations that support and provide therapy to children and youth suffering from the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS).

**16** grants were finnaced within Donor Advised Funds totaling **PLN 190,450** and **137** scholarship grants totaling **PLN 228,050**.

## Małgorzata Szejnert Fund

The Fund was established in 2002 thanks to a donation made by Małgorzata Szejnert. The revenues generated from the investment of its assets has been allocated annually for assistance to children and youth.

In 2015 the Fund financed **3** grants in the amount of **PLN 34,200** to organisations participating in the Equal Opportunities programme.

## **Gavell Family Fund**

The Fund was established in 2010 from annual donation by the Quo Vadis Foundation of the Gavell Family from the USA. The Fund's resources are used as scholarships for underprivileged students from smaller towns or villages in the Świętokrzyskie Province.

In 2015 the Fund financed **5** grants in the amount of **PLN 81 000** to organisations participating in the Equal Opportunities programme.

## Staszek Jonczyk "Sing" Fund

The Fund was established in 2011 by the family of 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 voice perfecting and improvement of vocal skills of choir members. It is supported by donations from private individuals as well as by 1% personal income tax designations.

In 2015 the Fund financed 5 grants for amateur choirs in the amount of PLN 13,250.

### **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.

### Iwona Winiarska-Feleszko Fund

The Fund was established in 2008 by friends and family of a tragically deceased lawyer, Iwona Winiarska-Feleszko 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 2015, the Fund disbursed: 4 scholarships of PLN 600 per month for first year students of a total vaue PLN 24,000 and 5 scholarships of PLN 500 for second year students totalling PLN 22,500.

## 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 secondary schools from donors' family towns of Wadowice and Nowy Sącz.

In 2015, Fund awarded **4** annual scholarships of **PLN 500** per month for first year students of a total value of **PLN 18,000**.

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

The Fund was established in 2011 by the Putka family. The Fund benefits from donations and 1% personal income tax designations from the Putka family members and people supporting the Fund's aim. The Fund's assets are allocated to scholarships for young people from low-income families who without scholarship support would not decide to study at institutions of higher learning. The Fund 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 continuation of studies in the second and third year.

In 2015, the Fund granted 25 scholarships from PLN 85 to PLN 710 to cover enrolment costs totalling PLN 6,069.64, 14 scholarships of PLN 630 per month for first year students totalling PLN 88,200, 11, scholarships of PLN 350–410 per month for second year students totalling PLN 37,350 and 4 scholarships of PLN 350–380 per month for 3d year students totalling PLN 13,410. In total the Fund awared scholarships in the amount of PLN 145,029.64.

## Wanda and Jadwiga Chruściel Fund

The Fund was established in 2015 thanks to a donation of USD 50,000 made by Jadwiga Chruściel to support youth from low-income families. The Fund is designated for scholarships for students and graduates of Antoni Chruściel "Monter" Primary and Middle School in donors' family village of Gniewczyna Łańcucka.

In 2015, the Fund granted **11** scholarships for secondary school students from PLN 100 to PLN 200 per month totalling **PLN 14,000**; 14 scholarships for upper-secondary school students from PLN 150 to PLN 300 per month totalling **PLN 25,500**; **2** scholarships for students at institutions of higher learning of PLN 300 per month totalling **PLN 5,400**.

In 2015, Fund awarded 27 annual scholarships of a total value of PLN 44,900.

## Karol Uryga-Nawarowski Fund

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

### In 2015, the Fund financed 2 grants in the amount of PLN 52,000.

In 2015, the Equal Opportunities programme was financed from the 1% personal income tax designations (PLN 286,853), donations from Agora Foundation (PLN 80,400), the Gavell Family Fund (PLN 81,000), revenues from Małgorzata Szejnert Fund (PLN 34,200), gifts from individuals donors (PLN 12,400). Donor Advised Funds were financed from funds entrusted by corporate and private donors: Iwona Winiarska-Feleszko Fund PLN (PLN 41,100), Janina and Tomasz Maczuga Fund (PLN 18,000), J. and J. Putka "Spread Your Wings" Fund (PLN 151,269.64), Staszek Jonczyk "Sing" Fund (PLN 13,250), Wanda and Jadwiga Chruściel Fund (PLN 18,081,61), Karol Uryga-Nawarowski Fund (PLN 52,000).

Equal Opportunities (grants)	PLN 494,853.00
Donor Advised Funds (grants, scholarships, prize)	PLN 303,219.64
Program implementation (including annual meeting of local scholarship programmes)	PLN 114,093.98
Cost of 1% income tax campaign	PLN 35,948.11
Total programme cost	PLN 948,114.73
Total costs of the programme	PLN 1,193,470.64

## Grants

## Equal Opportunities

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

Barciany Education Initiative Association, Barciany Scholarship programme for students of secondary schools from Barciany – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee 21 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year. Foundation for the Development of Gołdap Region, Gołdap

# Scholarship programme for high school students from Gołdap county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 24 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.

#### Garden of Dreams Foundation, Jarocin

Scholarship programme for secondary school students from the boroughs: Jarocin, Jaraczewo, Kotlin, Nowe Miasto, Żerków – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee 24 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.

#### Dezydery Chłapowski Education Association, Kościan

Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Kościan county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee 14 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.

PLN 15,000

PLN 15.000

PLN 16,000

Society for Promotion and Development of Skuls Region, Skulsk Scholarship programme for middle school students from Skulsk – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 14 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year (grant financed by PLN 4,400 from Agora Foundation and PLN 600 from gifts from individuals donors).	PLN 5,000
Haven Association, Iława Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Iława county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 26 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 15,000
Grants financed from Gavell Family Fund	
Fans of the Iłża Region Society, Iłża Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Iłża – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 11 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 6,000
Vive Heart for Children Foundation, Kielce Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Staszów – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 21 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 20,000
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, 14 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 15,000
Association for Development of Łagów Borough, Łagów Scholarship programme for middle school students from the boroughs: Łagów, Brody Iłżeckie and Waśniów – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 33 scholar- ships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 20,000
Give Us a Chance Foundation, Skarżysko-Kamienna Scholarship programme for high school students in form Skarżysko county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 28 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 20,000
Grants financed from Małgorzata Szejnert Fund	
Association for Child Development, Pustelnik Scholarship programme for middle school students from Pustelnik and Stanisławów – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 10 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 10,000
A. Bąkowska Scholarship Fund for Rural Youth Association, Sońsk - Gołotczyzna Scholarship programme for high school students from Ciechanów county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 18 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 12,000
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, 26 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 12,200
Grants financed from the 1% income tax donations	
Widok Association of Cultural Education, Białystok Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Białystok – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 18 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 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, 29 scholar- ships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 15,000

Social Welfare Foundation, Brzeszcze Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Brzeszcze borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 10 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 7,000
Elbląg Foundation – Community Foundation for Elbląg Region, Elbląg Scholarship programmes for secondary school students from Elbląg and Elbląg county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 39 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 15,000
Local Government Association, Konin Scholarship programme for secondary school students from the counties of: Kolno, Konin, Słupca, Turek and Września – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 44,scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 15,000
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 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 15,000
Foundation for the Development of Łukta Region, Łukta Scholarship programme for high school students from the boroughs: Łukta, Gietrzwałd, Miłomłyn, Ostróda, Morąg – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 49,scho- larships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 15,000
Society of the Friends of Muszyna Almanac, Muszyna Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Muszyna and Krynica boro- ughs – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 16 scholarships were awar- ded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 12,000
Krajna and Pałuki Partnership Association, Nakło nad Notecią Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Nakło county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 6 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 5,000
Nidzica Community Foundation, Association, Nidzica Scholarship programme for high school students in County Nidzica – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 20 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 15,000
EMKA Youth for Development Association, Wieliszew Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Wieliszew county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 6 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 9,000
Echo of Pyzdry Cultural Association, Pyzdry Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Bilzanów borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 6 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year).	PLN 6,353
Cultural Initiatives Foundation, Radomsko Scholarship programme for artistically talented secondary school students in Radomsko county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 10 scholarships were awar- ded in the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 15,000
Family Foundation, Sławno Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Sławno county – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 23 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 15,000
Sokółka Community Foundation, Sokółka Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Sokółka boroughs – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 29 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 15,000

Snow Mountain Community Found, Stara Bystrzyca Scholarship programme for secondary school students from boroughs of Snow Mountain area:	
Bystrzyca Kłodzka, Lądek-Zdrój, Międzylesie and Stronie Śląskie and the village of Wojbórz in Kłodzko borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 38 scholar- ships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 15,000
Foundation for the Development of Świętochłowice, Świętochłowice Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Świętochłowice – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 15 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 15,000
Czajnia Association, Tomaszów Lubelski Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Tomaszów Lubelski – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 24 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 20,000
W.A.R.K.A. Association, Warka Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Warka borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 23 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 20,000
Foundation for the Development of Wieluń County, Wieluń Scholarship programme for secondary school students in County Wieluń – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 22 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 20,000
Promenade Association, Wyszków Scholarship programme for high school students from Wyszków borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 26 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 15,000
Grants financed from gifts from individuals donors	
One Heart Foster Parents Association, Międzyrzec Podlaski Scholarship programme for secondary school students from foster families and Family Homes affiliated with the Association – from the grant and other funds raised by the gran- tee, 22 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 10,000
Zarzecze Borough Development Association, Zarzecze Scholarship programme for secondary school students from Zarzecze borough – from the grant and other funds raised by the grantee, 5 scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 school year.	PLN 1,800
Donor Advised Funds	
Staszek Jonczyk "Sing" Fund	
John Paul II Primary and Middle School, Łazy Autumn workshops for the members of "Animoto" choir – work on improving vocal skills and rendition, recording session and participation in Myślenice Festival of Choral Music.	PLN 4,000
No. 5 European Union Middle and High School, Ostrołęka Vocal workshops for the members of "Ars Longa" choir.	PLN 3,000
Municipal Cultural Center, Grodzisk Mazowiecki Participation of "Bogorya" choir in International Choral Festival of Marian Song in Czestochowa.	PLN 3,000
No. 2 Knights of the Virtuti Militari Middle School, Warsaw Vocal, stage movment and acting skills workshops for the members of "Amo Liberatem" choir.	PLN 1,250
Edward Jozajtis Gregorianum Warsaw Choral Society, Warsaw Summer music camp of the "Gregorianum Boys" choir.	PLN 2,000

## Beata Pawlak Fund

Konrad Piskała for the book "Dryland" (wydawnictwo W.A.B., Warsaw 2014).	PLN 10,000
Iwona Winiarska-Feleszko Fund	
Scholarships of PLN,500 per month (payments for the period January–June 2015) for 5,fir- st-year university students selected in 2014.	PLN 15,000
Scholarships of PLN,500 per month (paymens for the period of January–June 2015) for 3,second-year university student selected in 2014.	PLN 9,000
Scholarships of PLN 600 per month for 4 first-year university students selected in 2015 (payments for September–December 2015).	PLN 9,600

#### Scholarship recipients:

Michał Młynarski – first-year student of automotive and construction machinery engineering at the Warsaw University of Technology

Karolina Oleksiak – first-year student of informatics and econometrics at the Warsaw University of Sciences

Anna Suska – first-year student of internal security at the University of Warsaw

Paweł Ziemiański - first-year student of power at the Warsaw University of Technology

Scholarships of PLN 500 per month for 5 second-year students (payments for October– December 2015)

PLN 7,500

PLN 10,000

PLN 8,000

### Scholarship recipients:

Adam Dobrakowski – second-year student of mathematics at the University of Warsaw Paulina Kloczkowska – second-year student of general and clinical speech therapy at the University of Warsaw

Ida Matysek – second-year student of Finno-Ugric studies at the University of Warsaw Natalia Siereda – second-year student of Arabic studies at the University of Warsaw Andrzej Strzałkowski – second-year student of law at the University of Warsaw

### Janina and Tomasz Maczuga Fund

Scholarships of PLN,500 per month for 4 first-year college students selected in 2014 (payments for January and June 2015).

Scholarship of PLN 500 per month for 4 first-year students selected in 2015 (payments for September–December 2015).

### Scholarship recipients:

Katarzyna Jurczak – first-year student of ecological sources of energy at the AGH University of Science and Technology

Patrycja Mikołajczyk – first-year student of pharmacy at the Medical University of Silesia Paweł Mleczek – first-year student of technical physics at the AGH University of Science and Technology Gabriela Studnicka – first-year student of pharmacy at the Jagiellonian University

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

Scholarships of PLN 630 per month for 15 first-year students selected in 2014 (payments for January and June 2015).

PLN 56,700

Scholarships of PLN 350–410 per for 12 second-year students selected in 2014 (payments for January and June 2015).	PLN 27,360
Scholarships of PLN 350–410 per month for 4 third-year students selected in 2014 (pay- ments for January and June 2015).	PLN 8,940
Scholarships ranging from PLN 85–710 to cover university enrollment costs for 25 secon- dary school graduates.	PLN 6,069.64
Scholarships of PLN 630 per month for 14 first-year students selected in 2015 (payments for September–December 2015).	PLN 35,280

### Scholarship recipients:

Ewelina Drelich – first-year student of automotive and construction machinery engineering at the Warsaw University of Technology

Paulina Gadzała - first-year student of economics at the University of Wrocław

Monika Giżyńska – first-year student of mechanical engineering at the State School of Higher Education in Chełm

Marta Grzelak – first-year student of biotechnology at the Nicolaus Copernicus University Patrycja Kowalska – first-year student of biology at the University of Łódź

Kamila Kowalewska – first-year student of finance and accounting at the Nicolaus Copernicus University Paulina Mackiewicz – first-year student of biotechnology at the Warsaw University of Technology

Mateusz Mili – first-year student of management and production engineering at the Poznań University of Technology

Klaudia Podlecka – first-year student of national security at the Military University of Technology Anna Raczkowska – first-year student of law at the University of Białystok

Emilia Stępień – first-year student of law at the Jagiellonian University

Tomasz Szczepański – first-year student of automotive and construction machinery engineering at the Warsaw Univerity of Technology

Mateusz Szlęzak – first-year student of computer science at the Kielce University of Technology Paulina Wojciechowska – first-year student of biology at the University of Wrocław

Scholarships of PLN 350–410 per month for 11 second-year students selected in 2015 (payments for October–December 2015).

PLN 12,450

### Scholarships recipients:

Tomasz Derdak – second-year student of energy and aviation at the Warsaw University of Technology Damian Jarzembowski – second-year student of Chinese studies at the University of Gdańsk Bartosz Jędraszczak – second-year student of law at the Nicolaus Copernicus University

Iga Korbuszewska – second-year student of applied linguistics at the Nicolaus Copernicus University Małgorzata Struzik – second-year student of nursing at the State Medical Vocational University in Opole

Kinga Szczepaniak – second-year student of medicine at the Medical University of Warsaw Kamil Sztejnbis – second-year student of aviation and aerospace at the Ignacy Łukasiewicz Rzeszow University of Technology

Mateusz Szumiela – second-year student of information technology at the State Vocational University in Kalisz

Monika Tabor – second-year student of biotechnology at the University of Warsaw Paulina Węgrzyn – second-year student of conservation and restoration of works of art at the Academy of Fine Arts in Kraków

Patryk Żemajduk – second-year student at the Warsaw School of Economics

Scholarships of PLN 350-380 per month for 4 third-year students selected in 2015 (payments for October-December 2015).

### **Scholarships recipients:**

Szymon Borys – third-year student of conducting at the Karol Szymanowski Academy of Music Szymon Florek - third-year student of medicine at the Medical University of Silesia Agnieszka Kaczor – third-year student of architecture and urban planning at the Poznań University of

Technology

Katarzyna Korab - third-year student of Medical Physics at the University of Silesia

## Fundusz Wandy and Jadwigi Chruściel

Scholarships of PLN 100-200 per month for 11 students of Antoni Chruściel "Monter" Primary and Middle School in Gniewczyna Łańcucka selected in 2015 (payments for October-December 2015).

#### **Scholarships recipients:**

Paweł Bosak, Gabriela Botwina, Beata Chruściel, Gabriela Deput, Karolina Janusz, Michał Kulpa Tomasz Krupa, Klaudia Krutysz, Rafał Powroźnik, Maciej Rzerzyca, Mateusz Żemojdzin.

Scholarships of PLN 150–300 per month for 14 high school students selected in 2015 (payments for October-December 2015).

#### Scholarships recipients:

Wojciech Chajec, Gabriela Kubrak, Dawid Oleksak, Aleksandra Rzerzyca, Kacper Wasilewski from Władysław Jagiełło High and Vocational School in Przeworsk;

Bartłomiej Słysz from Jan III Sobieski Vocational Schools in Przeworsk; Tomasz Chruściel, Jakub Karaś from Tadeusz Kościuszko Technical Schools in Leżajsk; Rafał Dąbrowicz, Paulina Piróg, Piotr Wojtuń from No. 2 Leopold Lisa-Kula High School in Rzeszów, Katarzyna Drozd, Bartłomiej Kozyra – No.1 Mikołaj Kopernik High School in Jarosław; Artur Krupa from Electronic Technical High School in Rzeszów.

Scholarships of PLN 300 per month for 2 students selected in 2015 (payments for October-December 2015).

### **Scholarships recipients:**

Magdalena Chmura – fifth-year student of psychology at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin Michał Gwóźdź – second-year student of aviation and aerospace at the Ignacy Łukasiewicz Rzeszow University of Technology

Stefan Batory Foundation

PLN 4.470

PLN 5.600

PLN 10,200

PLN 1,800

## Karol Uryga-Nawarowski Fund

Fastryga Foundation, Lędziny Tacking the System II – policy measures to support people with FASD and their families.	PLN 26,000
Adoptive Parents Foundation, Warsaw Training professionals to work with children with FAS and FASD	PLN 26,000

## **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.

## Dotacje

Majority of the projects supported within the programme focused on **stimulating civic activism**: engaging residents in initiatives for the benefit of local communities including activities aimed to improve quality of life and cooperation between residents and local government (i.a. public consultations, improving quality of public transport), improve schooling and higher education, build national identity and preserve historic and cultural heritage and improve the quality and effectiveness of Belarusian non-governmental organisations.

With an idea of enhancing **human rights protection** we supported projects aimed at introducing changes in the functioning of law, monitoring observance of civic rights as well as activities aimed at building tolerance and preventing discrimination.

A significant group of initiatives aimed to improve **citizens' access to information.** We made grants to enable the operation of independent journals, portals and online magazines, adapt forms of communication to the needs of targeted audiences with the use of new technologies, enhance the skills of journalists and media professionals. We supported also activities aimed to defend the freedom of speech.

We supported the work of **independent research centres** which monitor the social, economic and political situation in Belarus. We undertook efforts to develop the **capacity of non-governmental organisations** in Belarus by helping develop knowledge and skills of the third sector activists in such areas as management, team-building, developing strategies and operational plans, advocacy, building relations with stakeholders, media and fundraising.

We are not publishing the list of grants and grantees because of risks related to the current political situation in Belarus.

Grants	PLN 3,365,189.59
Meetings, conferences	PLN 71,947.87
Programme implementation	PLN 324,815.21
Total programme cost:	PLN 3,761,952.67

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 2014, our debates concentrated on the central issues of Poland's internal policy and the quality of public life.

## Things Have an End and a Beginning; The Polish Society in the Global World 25 February 2015

The discussion addressed developments in modern societies, the meaning of globalisation processes, new technologies, cultural shift, and the comparison and contrast between the society in Poland and societies of the West.

Edwin Bendyk (*Polityka* weekly), Prof. Henryk Domański (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences), Dr Maciej Gdula (*Krytyka Polityczna*), Prof. Mirosława Marody (Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw), Prof. Krystyna Skarżyńska (Institute of Psychology, Polish Academy of Sciences) and Prof. Szymon Wróbel (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (president of the Batory Foundation) Recording of the dabate was published in *Przegląd Polityczny* (2015, nr 111)

### Changing environment of Israel: New Enemies and New Friends 15 April 2015

Expert discussion among 25 individuals: political scientists, sociologists, international affairs specialists, and journalists about the results of parliamentary elections in Israel, changes in other countries in the Middle East and the Iran nuclear programme deal and its consequences for the region. Wprowadzenie: Prof. Shlomo Avineri (Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

## What has happened? What will happen? Diagnosis of the election year (half way through) 15 June 2015

Expert discussion among about 30 political scientists, sociologists, social psychologists and political commentators about the root causes of strong anti-establishment and populist sentiment the presidential campaign and the impact of the presidential race on the autumn and generally on Polish politics.

Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

## Referendums: what do they mean for democracy? 15 June 2015

Expert discussion among about 30 political scientists, sociologists, lawyers and journalists. Topics included referendums – are they a threat or an opportunity for democracy in Poland, what role do they and should they play in national/local politics, should the existing law be changed and how much and how this can affect the political system in Poland.

Moderator: Dr. Anna Materska-Sosnowska (Institute of Political Sciences, University of Warsaw).

## Youth rebellion in modern Poland. Political perspectives 16 June 2016

Public conference with activists, pundits and researchers of the younger generation about the condition, identity and challenges faced by young people in Poland and the ideological and political choices they make.

### Session I: Why rebel?

Youth fortune: social and economic status of young people; political and cultural choices; interest representation

Participants: Prof. Michał Bilewicz (Center for Research on Prejudice, University of Warsaw), Paweł Dobrowolski (Sobieski Institute), Dr Dominika Kasprowicz (Institute of Political Sciences, Pedagogical University of Cracow), Dr Michał Łuczewski (Institute of Sociology, University of Warsaw), Dr Karolina Wigura (member of the board of the Batory Foundation).

### Session II: What to do? Political perspectives

Can young people find they way in modern society and what can be offered to them? (What do they offer themselves?)

Dr Monika Bartoszewicz (Vistula University), Leszek Jażdżewski (editor-in-chief of "Liberté!"), Sebastian Kaleta (chair of Youth for Poland association), Dr Krzysztof Mazur (president of the Jagiellonian Club), Prof. Jan Sowa (Faculty of Polish Studies, Jagiellonian University), Michał Syska (president of the Ferdinand Lassalle Centre for Social Thought).

Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

## Catholic Church and Democracy: Boundaries of Acceptance and Refusal 29 September 2015

A discussion on the position and role of the Catholic Church in Poland. Topics included the disputes over the church/state separation, the presence of the clergy in public debate, alleged politicisation of the Catholic Church and clericalisation of the state.

Participants: Paweł Lisicki (editor-in-chief of *Do Rzeczy* weekly), Dr Dominika Koowska (editor-in-chief of *Znak* monthly), Zbigniew Nosowski (editor-in-chief of *Więź* quarterly) and Prof. Stanisław Obirek (American Studies Center, University of Warsaw).

Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

The debate was part of the Dialogue Courtyard series. http://dziedziniecdialogu.pl/

## Polish politics 2015 – how much of continuation and how much of a break-off? 18 November 2015

An expert discussion among about 30 political scientists, sociologists, social psychologists and political commentators about Polish politics after the parliamentary elections. Participants explored social, economic and cultural causes for the political shift in 2015. Policies of the new government were anticipated as was the Law and Justice's vision of the country and society. Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

## A debate on the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of the Beata Pawlak Award The writer and the war 23 November 2015

A debate, with the participation of award-nominated authors about challenges faced by journalists, reporters and writers who write about modern conflicts, wars and violence. The responsibility towards the protagonists of their stories and towards the readers was one of the main topics. Participants: Miłada Jędrysik (journalist), Andrzej Muszyński (reporter), Konrad Piskała (fotograf, jour-

nalist), Mirosław Wlekły (reporter) and Ludwika Włodek (journalist, sociologists).

Moderator: Tomasz Stawiszyński (RDC Polskie Radio, Krytyka Polityczna).

Total programme costs:

PLN 145,815.21

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 elections. We organize national actions and awareness raising campaigns. We work with the local organizations assisting them in undertaking activities that spur civic participation, foster dialogue between constituencies 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 od elections.

## Your Vote, Your Choice project

Since 2006 we have been organizing nationwide action aimed at initiating and promoting cooperation between residents and local authorities in solving local problems and to reinforce a sense of joint responsibility for the election promises and decisions made on the election day. The action is open to any organization or informal group as well as libraries, schools, and other institutions which register at the portal www.maszglos.pl and commit to engage in projects aimed at increasing public participation, fostering dialogue between community members and their representatives in local government and integrating local communities around local problem solving. 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. Participants who most effectively engage with the local government and community are nominated for the **Super Local Government** award.

This year over 500 participants: organizations, informal groups, local media, cultural centers, libraries and other institutions from 400 localities joined the project. were offered to follow one of five scenarios of activities that would help engage residents in the decision making about their communities: better rapport between the local council and residents, local initiative embraced by the community, joint management of public space, tailoring the services of public institution to the needs of the local people, embracing the participatory budgeting mechanism. In connection with the presidential and parliamentary elections, we included initiatives aimed to mobilise the citizens to go to the polls and make informed choices.

The campaign was implemented in partnership with Opus Center for Promotion and Development of Civic Initiatives, Sustainable Development Workshop, Bona Fides Civil Activity Association and the Unit for Social Innovation and Research "Shipyard". Our partners supervised implementation of particular scenarios and advised the participants on how to engage residents and encourage local authorities to cooperation. We facilitated contacts with local authorities and media, helped the participants in promotion activities (providing them with posters and other informational and promotional materials). We consulted them on the scope of local authorities' powers and legal regulations (including publications *How to talk to local residents, Vademecum of local consultations, Local Government in a Nutshell.* 

*The Local Government System in Poland*). We also organised a three-day workshop to help develop skills essential for working with local communities which attended by 110 individuals and 10 regional workshops attended by 150 local activists.

The 2014 Super Local Government Gala was held under the honorary auspices of President Bronisław Komorowski on 27 February in the Presidential Palace in Warsaw. The award went to: The Healthy Lifestyle Academy Foundation and the Nitka Development Foundation from Bełchatów (Łódź Province), the Regional Development Institute Foundation from Cracow (Małopolska Province), the Urban Initiative from Kalisz (Wielkopolska Province), portal www.lomianki.info from Łomianki (Masovian Province), Civic Initiatives Movement, Biking Initiative, the Generations Foundation and the Zebra Culture Space from Tczew (Pomeranian Province), the Carpe Diem Social and Cultural Association from Świdwin (Western Pomeranian Province). In addition, sixteen voter turnout campaigns before the 2014 local elections received recognition.

## Educational and voter turnout campaigns

## **Presidential Campaign**

Two nationwide campaigns – informational one before the presidential elections of 10 May and the turnout campaign before October 25 parliamentary elections – complemented and reinforced the activities carried out locally by non-governmental organizations taking part in the *Your Vote, Your Choice* project. These campaigns, like those in previous years, were conducted within a broad coalition of NGOs: Center for Citizenship Education, European Forum at the Warsaw University European Center, Civil Development Forum, Project:Poland Foundation, Information Society Development Foundation, Institute of Public Affairs, Chamber of News Publishers, Polish Confederation Lewiatan, Polish Robert Schuman Foundation, Association of Marketing Communications SAR, Economic Chamber of Outdoor Advertising, Friends of Integration Association, School of Leaders Association.

During the campaign before the presidential elections we focused on informing voters about the key election dates, procedures and voting methods. We developed *The Voter Guide* and several infographic about the different voting methods, including postal voting by proxy or voting outside of your constituency. This content was posted on the websites of the coalition members and participants of the Your Vote, Your Choice campaign, in social media, on **glosuj.org.pl** and masz glos.pl and the campaign's FB fanpage.

### **Parliamentary Campaign**

Before the parliamentary elections on 25 October, we conducted the national Vote without Obstacles information campaign that highlighted the availability of different voting methods, including postal voting or outside your home constituency. We put a major emphasis on the voting facilities for elderly or disabled people who find it more difficult to vote. We partnered with organisations that represent or support these social groups (voting by proxy, tactile voting devices).

We produced press and online advertising copies and posters (40,000 copies) and flyers (220,000 copies). We consulted with organisations and made this content accessible to people with disabilities. Flyers and posters were distributed in public institutions and local communities by Your Vote, Your Choice participants and students from schools that had partnerships with the Civic Education Centre, students in the University of Warsaw and the Coalition of Disability Organisations and people with disabilities. Flyers and posters were also sent to Civil Rights Ombudsman offices and in libraries (thanks to the Foundation for the Development of Information Society). The ads were published in electronic

media: Agora, Polityka and Filmweb and in printed press: local dailies and monthlies and in *Tygodnik Przegląd*.

We developed and published a guide for voters and simple and easy to understand infographics explaining the voting process. We consulted with disability organisations and sent the infographics and electronic content to 1,500 participants of the Your Vote, Your Choice campaign, several hundred local news portals and papers, non-governmental organisations and schools. The content was posted on www.glosuj.org.pl, the websites of member organisations of the Your Vote, Your Choice campaign, on selected online portals and in social media. During the election campaign, we were busy working with media providing them with content explaining election procedures and the powers of the parliament.

## 6 September Referendum Campaign

In the face of the relative inactivity of government institutions and political parties before the national referendum called by the Polish President for 6 September, we conducted a communication and education campaign to explain the referendum questions, dates and voting methods. The aim of the campaign was to deliver politically neutral information about the issues to help citizens make informed decisions about going to the polls and answering each of the questions while understanding the ramifications over every choice.

We developed a *Referendum Guidebook* containing information about who can vote and how, what must be done and when and how to take advantage of the voter-friendly arrangements. Moreover, we developed a background paper for each question using a simple language to explain the current legal framework and the possible consequences of new legislation if it should gain support in the referendum. The papers addressed single ballot constituencies, no government funding for political parties and the principle whereby any doubts that may arise in tax legislation must be resolved to the benefit of the taxpayer.

The campaign ended with a day conference on 31 September that addressed the issues covered by the referendum. Experts presented a wide range of possible opinions and views, the conference was webcast and a compilation of presentations and interviews with speakers was posted on youtube.

The papers, the *Referendum Guidebook*, and the presentations were promoted in traditional and electronic media. This resulted in 550 publications, including over 60 in traditional press and over 200 in online portals. The experts participated in over 20 radio and television shows.

### Advocacy efforts

We continued projects designed to improve the capacity of institutions that play a major role in encouraging public participation. We advocated for quality improvements in operations and the underlying legislation. We engaged with politicians, media, experts, the relevant institutions and the general public (local activists, bloggers, Twitter users, cartoonists etc.). We concentrated on three areas: more democratic elections (legislation and practice of voter-friendly systems), more democratic local government and enhancement of political parties.

## **More Democratic Elections**

We continued projects aimed at changing the election legislation and practice to raise the credibility and efficiency of the election system, i.e. improved transparency, more efficient process management, better communication with citizens about elections and candidates, operational enhancement in the State Electoral Commission and the National Election Office.

Local elections in 2014 were marred by management problems including delays in vote counting and a surprisingly high percentage of invalid votes. This led to a crisis in confidence in election institutions and procedures. A team of experts was established in the Your Vote Your Choice programme with a task to examine root causes of the crisis and recommend corrective action so as to avoid the emarrasing problems in the future. The team members included Dr. Mikołaj Cześnik (Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, the University of Social Psychology), Dr. Jarosław Flis (Department of Management and Social Communication, the Jagiellonian University, Dr. Adam Gendźwiłł (Development and Local Policy Unit, Department of Geography and Regional Studies, the University of Warsaw, Professor Mirosława Grabowska (Social Studies Methodology Unit, Sociology Institute, University of Warsaw), Dr. Jacek Haman (Faculty of Statistics, Demographics and Mathematical Sociology, Sociology Institute, University of Warsaw), Dr. Anna Materska-Sosnowska (Institute of Political Science, Department of Journalism and Political Science, University of Warsaw), Dr. Bartłomiej Michalak (Department of Political Science and International Studies, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń), Dr. Bartłomiej Nowotarski (Faculty of Philosophy and Economic History, University of Economics in Wrocław), Professor Jacek Raciborski (Political Sociology Unit, Sociology Institute University of Warsaw), Professor Andrzej Rychard (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences), Dr. Dawid Sześciło (Administrative Studies Unit, Department of Law and Administration, University of Warsaw), Dr. Jarosław Zbieranek (Election Studies Centre, Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń), Dr. Tomasz Żukowski (Institute of Social Policy, University of Warsaw). The expert team published a report in June (What happened on 16 November? Local elections in 2014) in which they outlines the causes of the crisis and preliminary recommendations for corrective ation (e.g. broad education and communication campaigns and improved election rules).

Meanwhile, we built a partnership with the Directorate of State Archives that secured voting cards from 1,000 randomly selected constituencies; a team of experts reviewed voting cards in the Provincial Diet election from 100 randomly selected districts. The aim of the study was to develop recommendations for modifications in the election process to eliminate 'unintentionally' invalid votes. The study was conducted between August and October. Preliminary findings were presented at a public meeting attended by: TVP, TVN24, *Rzeczpospolita*, *Gazeta Wyborcza*, *Dziennik Gazeta Prawna*, *Do Rzeczy*, *wSieci*, PAP, local government media and the Election Scrutiny Movement activists. There was a wide media and social response to the presented results. The meeting was webcast and followed on Twitter. The full report including the recommendations will be published in Q1 of 2016.

Before the parliamentary elections, we presented to the State Electoral Commission our evaluation of the available information, election cards and recommendations regarding the local election process.

## **More Democratic Local Government**

We joined 12 non-governmental organisations that seek to improve the quality of democracy and develop civil society in drafting a list of demands for a greater involvement of citizens in local government affairs and for a greater role for council members in local legislations and policy. The demands were signed by over 200 organisations and community groups. We approached the Joint Central and Local Government Committee and the Sejm Select Committee on Local Government to present our demands. Moreover, we met with the Chancellery of the President for consultation. We marked the 25th anniversary of the country's first local elections by hosting a widely followed debate on the subject on the ngo.pl portal. In September before the parliamentary elections, we sent a questionnaire to national election committees where we asked for their opinion about our demands and other important local government issues. All committees responded to the questionnaire apart from Kukiz'15. We presented the responses to the *Citizens in local government* conference. The conference was followed by *Rzeczpospolita*, wyborcza.pl, Local Government PAP and wiadomosci.onet.pl.

## **Enhancement of Political Parties**

In spring, we completed a cycle of seminars for policy-makers and experts launched in 2014 to discuss possible ways of improving the quality of political party system in Poland. During four meetings the participants explored means of improving political party communications with the public, preventing 'oligarchisation' and authoritarian leadership styles, raising quality of party programmes and improving the transparency of party financing. A preliminary version of the report was written by Dr. Paweł Marczewski. The report will be supplemented with findings and recommendations regarding the latest parliamentary elections and will be published in 2016.

Grants	PLN 343,850
Programme implementation (including in-kind contribution of free adverti- sing space in media with a value of PLN 261,712.52)	PLN 1,130,397.63
Total programme costs	PLN 1,474,247.63

## Grants

OPUS Centre for Promotion and Development of Civic Initiatives, Łódź Training and other forms of support for participants of the Your Vote, Your Choice project engaged in activities aimed to promowe and implement the mechanism of local initiative ("Local initiative").	PLN 85,600
Sustainable Development Workshop, Toruń Training and other forms of support for participants of the Your Vote, Your Choice project engaged in activities designed to involve residents and local authorities in the process of aimed to engahe residents and local authorities in the process of joint planning of public space ( <i>Space for people</i> ).	PLN 85,000
Bona Fides Civil Activity Association Training and other forms of support for participants of the Your Vote, Your Choice project engaged in activities designed enhance the transparency of functioning of local council and councillors and increase their cooperation with the residents (Accessible local coun- cillors).	PLN 85,000
The Unit for Social Innovation and Research "Shipyard", Warsaw Training and other forms of support for participants of the Your Vote, Your Choice project engaged in activities designed to engage residents to cooperate with local authorities and/ or selected local government institution and joint development of a programme or me- thod of operation for a local government institution (measure: "Better institutions").	PLN 84,850

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 present 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.

## **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 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.

Since mid-2014 the members of the Forum carried out observation of the process of drafting selected government acts, verifying to what extent the new Work Regulations of the Council of Ministers and *Guidelines to Regulatory Impact Assessment and Public Consultations in Government Legislative Drafting* led to enhancing the standards of public consultations. Conclusions from the observations are presented on quarterly basis during press conferences and in a communication sent to the Chancellery of the Prime Minister, Government Legislation Office, Chancellery of the President, ministries, selected parliamentary committees and to the media. Observation reports led to adjustments to the Government Legislative Drafting platform legislacja.rcl.gov.pl/. Department for Public Consultation Co-ordination in the Prime Minister's Chancellery developed a proposal to create a public consultation observatory unit within the office.

Forum members presented comments to the draft law on Civil Dialogue Council and supported the recommendations of non-governmental organisations to strengthen and structure civil dialogue by establishing a Civil Dialogue Council, a body that would be similar to the European Economic and Social Committee.

Before the parliamentary elections, OFL approached eight election committees that sought to register their election lists across Poland and asked them about their vision of the structure of the legislative process in Poland and the public consultation rules. Of the six committees that responded (committees of KORWiN and Kukiz'15 did not respond), most declared their support for a fully open public consultation process based on equality, transparency and mutual respect of all stakeholders and a, statutory obligation to respond to public comments, as recommended by OFL. A conference was organised to present the views of election committees and all its participants supported the idea of new legislation on the legislative process (the conference was attended by representatives of PiS, PO, PSL, United Left and Together Party).

In the light of the legislative offensive after the parliamentary elections, OFL issued two statements: on the politicisation of the elections of the Constitutional Tribunal judges and on the government's practice of bypassing public consultations. Forum members appealed **to the government and members of the ruling party to deliver on its promises to engage in a full legislative process** so that all interested parties can be involved in it.

## **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, Civic Network – Watchdog Poland, Unit for Social Innovation and Research – Shipyard, Association 61, Klon/Jawor Association, Foundation of Social Communication and Frank Bold Foundation. 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. In 2015 OGP was joined by 69 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.

Whereas Donald Tusk's government refused to join the Partnership and the Partnership goals and objectives were included in the *Efficient State 2020* strategy, the Open Government Coalition prepared a report *Waiting for Open Government* in which it presented the current state of legislation and implementation progress 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 presented at a public conference held in December 2013.

In 2015, the Coalition monitored the open government using transparency and openness measures in the Primie Minister's Chancellery and 17 government ministries. All of them were measured against 141 indicators including access to public information, openness to public consultations, ability to prevent corruption, conflict of interest and unfair lobbing. Public domain information was monitored including websites and the Public Information Bulletins. In some instances, requests for public information were sent to government offices to measure their responsiveness.

The monitoring exercise revealed that government ministries on average met 35% of the transparency and openness indicators. They fare worst in openness to citizens's involvement in decision-making, mainly through public consultations. Anti-corruption standards received the best scores.

The findings and a openness ranking list were presented to a conference before the parliamentary elections on 15 October. The conference was attended by about 100 people, including representatives of Law and Justice, Civic Platform, Together Party and United Left. All participants supported the idea

of Poland joining the international Partnership for Open Government. Both the monitoring results and the event were widely covered by media.

The openness ranking list of government ministries was presented in an interactive online tool at otwartyrzad.org.pl. The next monitoring exercise will use the same methodology and will be conducted in 2017.

## Preventing corruption in public procurement

Government contracts account for a major part of the economy. The value of this market has been growing steadily for several years and it exceeded PLN 143 billion in 2013 (about 8% of GDP). Public procurement is seen as one of the most vulnerable areas with high risks of corruption and abuse, which is confirmed in the 2014 European Commission report about the effects of fighting corruption in Member States.

In 2015, we launched a two-year project aimed at raising public awareness and promote greater transparency in public procurement procedures. The project has designed a corruption risk barometer, an interactive online tool that helps identify corruption threats in public procurement and pinpoint areas with the highest vulnerability (by the type of contracting, type of contracting agencies, types of projects etc.). The barometer will provide information and education. It can be used by clients, prospective clients, bidders, journalists, experts, researchers or interested citizens. We hope that by making this information public we will spur a debate and increase popular support for improvements to the public procurement system and review the 2014 amendments to the public procurement legislation that increased the threshold for single source procurement thus lowering the degree of transparency.

The project is implemented in partnership with the portal Zamówienia 2.0., an online provider of public procurement market data and a Hungarian organisation The Corruption Research Center from Budapest, which has vast experience in designing similar tools.

In 2015, we wrote a legal review of the public procurement system. We developed a list of risk indicators and a statistical concept of the barometer based on our review and other relevant reports. We consultated with all major public procurement institutions and analysts. Our consultants included: Tomasz Berdyga (Zamówienia 2.0); Łukasz Burnat, Katarzyna Kreft, Piotr Szymankiewicz (PwC); Wojciech Dorabialski, Jacek Kraska, Michał Polak (Office for the Protection of Competition and Consumers); Włodzimierz Dzierżanowski (Grupa Doradcza Sienna Sp. z o.o.); Mariusz Haładyj, Piotr Tefelski (Ministry of Economy/Ministry of Development); Krzysztof Izdebski (independent expert) Karol Kacprzak, Magdalena Koralewska-Zielińska, Dariusz Piasta (Public Procurement Office); Grzegorz Lang, Ministry of Economy/Ministry of Development, Maciej Łaszczuk (Łaszczuk and Wspólnicy); Hubert Nowak (Huberta Nowaka, legal counsel); Andrzej Panasiuk (Supreme Chamber of Audit); Magdalena Rams, Paweł Trojan (National Chamber of Appeal); Ewa Świątkowska, Marta Tomczak (Ministry of Infrastructure and Development/Ministry of Development; Wojciech Tokarski, Central Anti-Corruption Office; Sławomir Wikariak (*Dziennik Gazeta Prawna* daily). We developed a data base of government contracts in 2010-2015 with nearly 2.5 million records.

The project attracted much media attention and interest from public institutions, mainly the Public Procurement Office. Some recommendations (e.g. to increase access to the government contract market) formulated early in the process were incorporated into new public procurement bills.

## Monitoring of conflict of interest policies

The objective of this international project planned for 2013–2015 and implemented in collaboration with organisations from three Eastern Partnership countries (Armenia, Moldova and Ukraine) is to improve state efficiency and strengthen the role of citizens in their efforts designed to reduce conflicts of interest in government. Participants in the project, which is funded by the European Commission, include the Moldova branch of Transparency International (project leader), Eurasia Partnership Foundation, Transparency International Anti-Corruption Centre from Armenia and the Ukrainian Institute for Public Policy and TORO Creative Union from Ukraine.

In 2014, in cooperation with the Department of Civil Service, the National School of Public Administration and the Ministry of the Interior, we carried out a study of internal policies concerning conflict of interest in the Chancellery of the Prime Minister and 18 ministries.

In 2015 we concentrated on communication and education efforts to promote the research findings both nationally and locally. The latter task was delegated to three local watchdog organisations selected on a competitive basis. They organised a conflict of interest workshop for council members, developed analytical reports and publications potential conflict of interest in the monitored public offices, produced communication and education materials about the conflict of interest. Six-month projects raised the awareness of the potential for conflict of interest among community members and officials and helped establish good practices in institutions such as abstention from voting if in conflict of interest or the appointment of an Ethics Officer in the local government office.

We developed two educational tools for public administration to make officials more aware of the conflict of interest risks: an online quiz (http://konflikt.batory.org.pl/) that includes conflict of interest case studies in administration and a guidebook that covers rules and regulations and ethical principles to guide officials in conflict of interest situations.

we organised a seminar on the conflict of interest in the defence sector, in partnership with the Ministry of Defence and the UK chapter of Transparency International in April; on 12 June, in partnership with the Institute of Public Affairs and Transparency International in Berlin, we held a seminar that focused on the links between lobbying and conflict of interest consideration.

Following two years of project activities with participants in Eastern Partnership countries and Poland a review conference was held in Brussels on 29–30 June. The conference was attended by officials from the European Commission, diplomats and journalists. The monitoring conclusions and recommendations were reflected in the *Government Corruption Prevention Programme 2014–2019* which announces a review of government department policies with respect to the conflict of interest and a,launch of an anti-corruption and conflict of interest education programme for public officials. The following government departments expressed interest in building on the project outcomes: Civil Service of Chancellery of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Defence and the National School of Public Administration.

The project was funded by the European Commission via the Moldovan chapter of Transparency International.

## Support and legal 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, reveal 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. Initially our efforts consisted of monitoring the legal situation of whistleblowers and advocating for strengthening their protection. We also tried to engage representatives of groups and professional circles (trade unions, legal professionals and employers) whose voice is important for raising the status and public perception of whistleblowers. Last years, we have been concentrating on activities aimed at introducing legal regulations ensuring better protection of whistleblowers. We also conduct information and educational activities that would lead to a change of the attitude of general public towards the whistleblowers.

In August within a framework of cooperation with Transparency International Secretariat in Berlin we began to implemem a project *Building Positive Attitudes of Trade Unions and Employers Organizations Towards Whistle-blowing Regulation*. The project seeks to encourage social partners (trade unions, employers' organisations and government) to discuss the relevance of passing legislation that would protect whistleblowers and regenerate an only recommendation that whistleblowers are better protected in the government *Corruption Prevention Programme 2014–2019*. The project includes a survey among trade unions, employers' organisations, business and experts regarding whistleblowing, workshop discussing the survey results and present recommendations to the government regarding whistleblowing legislation in Poland.

In 2015, we developed a report about the involvement of employers' organisations and trade unions in drafting whistleblower legislation in selected EU Member States (including the UK, the Netherlands and Czechia); the report will be used in advocacy work in 2016.

In September, we organised an all-day workshop for about 100 government officials in partnership with National School of Public Administration. The topic was whistleblowers and the use of existing legislation to protect individuals who come forward with reports of abused in their workplace, implementing whistleblower protection systems in organisation and building public awareness of the challenges involved in whistleblowing. We held an all-day training workshop on whistleblowing in November for about 50 students of the National School of Judges and Prosecutors. We presented opportunities for improving the security for whistleblowers by an adequate use of litigation measures.

In 2015, the programme was financed from funds provided by the grants from the European Commission via the Moldavian branch of Transparency International (PLN 120,0150.74), The Transparency International Secretariat in Berlin (PLN 15,699.07) and Transparency International in Brussels (PLN 440.96).

Programme implementation	PLN 590,277.21
Grants	PLN 40,786.67
Total programme costs	PLN 631,063.88

## Grants

#### Niesiołowice Węsiory Stone Circles Association, Sulęczyno

Added value in a new office: risk analysis of job positions in the municipality office in Stężyca (Pomeranian Province), mapping conflict of interest threats, a workshop for council members and officials, introducing a rule of abstention from council voting in a conflict of interest situation, lobbying for an ethical officer position to be established.

#### Watchdog Poland Civic Network/Change Group, Radom

Change Group, an informal watchdog group in Radom has undertaken to monitor conflict of interest situations, relevant laws and regulations and ethical codes in city authorities in Radom; a survey has been conducted in the local community about perceived conflict of interest in the local government offices and has recommended changes in the code of ethics and council rules and regulations.

#### Freedom Foundation, Lublin

Without Conflict: an assessment of the conflict of interest status of the city office in Lublin, a review of employment contracts of local officials, civil law contracts, public procurement, liquidated damages in public procurement contracts and office rental agreements; a conference about the conflict of interest was organised for local media, activists and officials; an exhibition of contract registers.

PLN 14,000

PLN 11,310

PLN 16,000
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 and Eastern Partnership countries.

## A friendly EU border

In 2015, we completed our long-term activities aimed at gradual liberalisation of the EU's visa policy and abolition of visas for Eastern Partnership countries and Russia. We advocated for the implementation of the commitments included in visa facilitation agreements and in the Visa Code, adoption of action plans for visa liberalisation, preparation of special solutions for Belarus, which does not have a visa facilitation agreement. We tried to present arguments in favour of visa policy liberalisation and dispel fears and concerns among the member states concerning the perspectives of visa-free movement.

In our efforts to accelerate the process of lifting the visa regime and improve the quality of service for travelers at the eastern border of the EU, we collaborated with organizations and institutions from the EU and from Eastern European countries, including the Visa-Free-Europe Coalition which brings tige-tehr 50 organizations and institutions from the EU states and Eastern European countries and Russia.

In 2015, in cooperation with observers from EaP countries from the Visa-Free-Europe Coalition, we continued the four years long monitoring of progress in visa dialogue between the EU and, the Eastern Partnership states. There are large discrepancies between Eastern Partnership states in their progress towards a visa-free regime so we made a decision last year to differentiate between them in terms of how often we would report our observations: preparations for a visa-free regime to be reported on a quarterly basis in Georgia and Ukraine (most advanced) and twice a year for Armenia, Azerbeijan and Belarus. The results of these observations together as well as the assessments of the harmonisation of the legislation in those countries with the requirements stipulated in Action Plans or other bilateral documents were presented in the Eastern Partnership Visa Liberalisation Index – an interactive internet tool (monitoring.visa-free-europe.eu) which illustrated the progress of the EaP states towards visa liberalization. Information about progress in the implementation of reforms and visa dialogue between EU and EaP countries and Russia were disseminated via electronic newsletter, every quarter to over 10,000 recipients from EU and the EaP countries.

We handed over the co-ordination of the Visa-Free-Europe Coalition and the maintenance of the Visa Liberalisation Index to a Ukrainian organisation, Europe without Barriers, in December.

We used the findings from the monitoring of visa liberalisation and our analyses of the visa dialogue between the Eu and the Eastern Partnership and Russia in our communication, promotion and advocacy efforts in institutions in the EU and in the Eastern Partnership countries.

In May, we made a presentation about the state of play of the visa free travel regime between Moldova and the European Union one year after it had been implemented, based on the report *Moldova's success story. The visa-free regime with the EU one year on* jointly developed with the Institute of World Politics from Kiev. The report shows how clearly successful the visa-free travel arrangement with Moldova was with no major increase in illegal migrants and asylum applications filed by Moldovan nationals in the EU. We sent the report to the European Commission, European Parliament and national governments in EU Member States to state our case in support of visa liberalisation with Georgia and Ukraine.

During a public hearing in the European Parliament in June about the European Commission's proposed amendments of the Visa Code, we expressed our opinion on the proposed changes based on complaints from individuals from Eastern Partnership countries that we had collected via the website of the Coalition for Visa Free Travel. Our comments were incorporated in drafting process.

On 30 June At a press conference on 30 June in Minsk organised by the Belarus Watch association, a member of the Coalition for Visa Free Travel in Europe, we made a review of the visa policy between the EU and Belarus and the proposed measures to reduce the price of visas for Belarusians. We were invited by the same organisation to hold two meetings in Lithuania on 26–28 October and 28 November: for young people from France, Belarus, Lithuania, Georgia and Moldova about barriers encountered by Europeans trying to travel across Europe and the prospects improving access to visas for Belarusian citizens, for Belarusian journalists from government and independent media.

We also raised the issue of visa liberalisation at the **EaP Civil Society Forum** encompassing over 200 organisations from the EU member states and EaP countries, and in the **EU-Russia Civil Society Forum**, participated by 140 organisations from Russia and the EU member states.

During the 2nd Conference of the **EaP Civil Society Forum** that accompanied the Eastern Partnership Summit in Riga on 21–22 May, we made our contribution to recommendations regarding visa facilities and visa liberalisation for the Eastern Partnership countries. The recommendations were presented to heads of state of EU Member States and Eastern Partnership countries that attended the Summit. During the 7th General Assembly of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum in Kiev on 20–21,November, we worked in the task force for the development of democratic institution and the rule of law with focus on mobility and visa liberalisation.

We presented a report about visa relations between the EU and Russia that had been developed by a group of Russian and EU visa experts at a conference of the **European Union – Russia Civil Society Forum in** Wandlitz, Germany on 17 June and at an expert seminar in Warsaw two weeks later. Within the framework of the Forum, we co-organised the Europe Lab workshop for young experts from Russia, other countries in Eastern Europe and the EU in Vilnius and in Raseiniai on 22–24 July. We delivered one session on mobility, migration and visas for 21 young people from the EU, Russia, Eastern Europe and the Balkans. After the workshop, participants developed two visa projects that received grants from the Forum's mini-grant scheme. The first project focuses on integrating migrants in selected EU Member States and the other one promotes the visa-free travel concept. Both projects were presented to the General Assembly of the EU-Russia Civil Society Forum in Budapest in December 2015. During the General Assembly of the EU-Russia Civil Society Forum in Budapest (7–9 December), we presented the outcomes of the visa project implemented by the Forum and co-ordinated by us over the past two years.

In 2015 we continued our activities aimed at improving the quality of **service of travellers** at the crossings the EU eastern border.

In August, we developed an analytical report on *Pedestrian border crossings: Diagnosis, arguments and recommendations, in* which we described the quality of border crossings between Poland and Belarus, Russia and Ukraine and offered a range of recommendations regarding the need for a higher number and more efficient crossings. We presented the first draft of the report on 27 August at a seminar with independent experts and representatives of the Presidium of the Sejm, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Sports and Tourism, Border Guards, Customs Service and local governments in the Podkarpacie province. We posted the publication and conclusions from the discussion on our website and in social media and mailed to public and local government institutions.

### **Eastern Debate Forum**

In 2015 we organized several conferences, seminars and meetings attended by experts, politicians, and journalists from Eastern Partnership member states and from Russia. We offer space to discuss matters of concern to our eastern neighbours, their relations with the European Union and Russia, as well as priorities and directions in Polish and European Union eastern policies.

We joined the Warsaw office of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation to evaluate EU relations with three countries in the Eastern Partnership that have signed association agreements: Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.

We took part in social consultations opened by European Commission President, Jean-Claude Juncker about the future of the European Neighbourhood Policy. The following individuals had contributed to the recommendations: Grzegorz Gromadzki (the Stefan Batory Foundation), Victor Chirila (the Foreign Policy Association of Moldova), Vano Chkhikvadze (the Open Society Georgia Foundation), Hennadiy Maksak (the Polissia Foundation of International and Regional Studies, Ukraine), Bastian Sendhardt (the Warsaw office of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation).

We organised a public debate *Breakthrough or inertia? Reforms in Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine* with the same experts in Warsaw on 28 April to assess the situation in their countries. On 25 June, we met with foreign diplomats accredited in Warsaw, officials from the Polish Foreign Office and foreign affairs experts to present the said recommendations on the future of the European Neighbourhood Policy (*The Future of the ENP – some remarks and recommendations*).

We worked again with the same group to develop the report *Eastern Partnership Revisited*. Associated *Countries in Focus* in which we presented the relations between the EU and Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine; we held a public discussion with the experts on 13 October: *Running Out of Patience? The relations of the EU with Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine*. The report will be presented in expert meetings in Berlin, Brussels, Bucharest and the Eastern Partnership countries in early 2016.

On 18 May, we organised a public discussion on *Russia: How Do You Speak About It?* The main guest was a Russian columnist, writer and satirist Victor Shenderovitch who was visiting Poland at the invitation of the *For Free Russia* Association. The discussion focused on the popular support for President Putin in Russia and repressions by Russian authorities against non-governmental organisations and independent media. The discussion was facilitated by Bogumiła Berdychowska.

On 26 May, the discussion about *Ukraine 2015: Major Challenges* with Oksana Syroid, Deputy Chair of the Supreme Council of Ukraine, was attended by politicians, non-governmental leaders and experts on Ukraine. We discussed the current political situation and the economic crisis in Ukraine and Polish-Ukrainian relations.

On 30 June, we organised a meeting of experts in connection with the preparations for presidential elections in Belarus. We invited officials from the Foreign Office, non-governmental organisations activists and experts on Eastern Europe. We discussed the current situation in Belarus, political prisoners, prospects for less severe repressions of the Lukashenka regime, his policies towards Russia and the EU and the Polish – Belarusian relations; the latter topic included efforts by Poland to implement the local border traffic.

On 8 October, three days before presidential elections in Belarus, we organised a public discussion on *Business As Usual in Belarus* with Ryhor Astapenia (the Ostrogorski Centre), Aleś Alachnovič (CASE Belarus) and Svetlana Kalinkina (*Narodnaya Volya* newspaper). We discussed the situation in Belarus and about Lukashenka's foreign policy on the eve of presidential elections and about the social impact of the Nobel prize for Belarusian writer Svetlana Alexievich.

On 14 December we organised a public debate on *Ukrainian reforms – reality or illusion*? with two Ukrainian political commentators: Olexiy Haran, professor of the National University of "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" and Oleksandr Sushko, co-chair of the National Council for Reforms, and Adam Balcer from the Jan Nowak-Jeziorański College of Eastern Europe. The panelists shared their own views of the progress of reforms in Ukraine, spoke in unison about their critical opinion on the government's slow progress in implementing the reforms but also identified the reforms that we successfully implemented.

Several weeks before the parliamentary elections in Poland, we sent a questionnaire to eight election committees that put forward candidates in constituencies. We asked them about Poland's policy towards its eastern neighbours. Six committees responded: KORWiN, Modern, Civic Platform, Polish People's Party, Together and United Left. We presented the responses to a meeting with media, election committees and experts on Eastern Europe on 13 October.

## Study visit of deputies to the Supreme Council of Ukraine

On 31 March – 2 April we organised a study visit for 20 young deputies to the Supreme Council of Ukraine who had been involved in the Euromaidan and who had created an inter-partisan parliamentary group 'EuroOptimists' in February 2015. 'EuroOptimists' promote compliance with parliamentary procedures, actively present their own bills; they have led to Ukrainian Parliament successfully passing a law on volunteering and amend the law on joint stock companies (the latter helped the government regain control over such enterprises as Ukrnafta.

The goal of the study visit was to help Ukrainian parliamentarians understand the legislative process in the Polish parliament, the rules and regulations, interactions between deputies experts while drafting laws and the election system. Young parliamentarians met with President Bronisław Komorowski, the Speaker of the Sejm, Radosław Sikorski, the Speaker of the Senate, Bogdan Borusewicz, the former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, officials from the Chancellery and administration of the Sejm and experts on legislation, election procedures and party financing.

On 1 April, we organised a public debate on *The new Ukraine. Maidan activists in politics* with: Mustafa Nayy (Petro Poroshenko Bloc), Viktoria Ptashnyk (Samopomich) and Aliona Shkrum (Batkivshchyna). Ukrainian guests shared their experience working in parliament, efforts to bring in new democratic rules in Ukrainian politics, the difficulties they encounter with various oligarchic groups who sit in the Supreme Council.

## Polish-Ukraine Forum

The Forum launched by the Foundation in November 2012 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. The Forum also includes closed meetings for smaller groups of experts and practitioners. They are accompanied by public debates and conferences with Ukrainian participants.

We organised the third meeting of the Poland-Ukraine Forum in Warsaw on 1–2 October, 2015. The meeting focused on the security policies of Poland and Ukraine and the current challenges faced by both countries such as the aggressive Russian politics, conflict in Eastern Ukraine and the threat from the Islamic State). Apart from military aspects of security, the participants addressed economic, energy and information aspects as well. Potential for co-operation between Poland and Ukraine in the area of security was reviewed. The participants (25 from Poland and 17 from Ukraine) included politicians, experts, journalists and NGO activists who specialise in foreign and defence policy, economic affairs and information policy. Keynotes were delivered by: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation, Volodimir Fesenko (Penta Center for Applied Political Studies). Conclusions were presented by Borys Tarasyuk (former minister of foreign affairs of Ukraine).

The meeting was accompanied by a conference on *The security policy of Ukraine* that focused on the foreign and defence policy, economic reforms and change in governance. Speakers in the first session on *Foreign and defence policy* included Alyona Getmanchuk (president of the Institute of World Policy), Dr Yevhen Magda (National Technical University of Ukraine Kiev Polytechnic Institute), Volodimir Fesenko (Penta Center for Applied Political Studies), Borys Tarasyuk (former minister of foreign affairs of Ukraine) and Prof. Przemysław Żurawski *vel* Grajewski (Faculty of International and Political Studies, University of Łódź). The discussion was moderated by Bogumiła Berdychowska (*Więź* quarterly). The second session, *Economic and information security* was chaired by Grzegorz Gromadzki (Batory Foundation) and included the following speakers: Mikhail Gonchar (president of the Centre for Global Studies "Strategy XXI"), Ihor Hryniv (deputy head of administration of the President of) Wojciech Konończuk (Centre for Eastern Studies), Oksana Prodan (Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Petro Poroshenko Bloc) and Victoria Voytsitska (Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Samopomich parliamentary club).

A special issue of *Tygodnik Powszechny* was published to mark the conference (Issue No. 40, 4 October 2015). Entitled *The Security Policy of Ukraine and Poland*, the issue contained an interview of Andrzej Brzeziecki with Aleksander Smolar and articles written by Piotr Kosiewski (Batory Foundation), Bohdan Kostiuk (Svoboda Radio – Ukrainian section) and Paweł Kowal (former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs). Excerpts of the Forum debates and conference presentations were published in two language versions under the title *Security Policy. Poland. Ukraine*.

The Forum was supported by the Foreign Office in the framework of the *Supporting the local government and civic dimension of the Polish foreign policy* grant programme.

## Club PL\_RU

In 2012, we established the Club PL\_RU as a platform for opinion exchange between representatives of Polish and Russian experts, publicists, and activists of the younger generation. Regular Club meetings are frequented by young political scientists, sociologists, economists, historians of ideas, and

cultural anthropologists. Their discussions serve the purpose of learning about and comprehending the Polish and Russian ways of perceiving crucial social change, domestic policy, and international strategy issues, and of overcoming differences, bias, and stereotypes. Closed sessions are accompanied by public debates attended by Russian Club members.

In 2015, we organised two meetings of the PL\_RU Club: on 13–14 April, about the city and urban movements in Poland and Russia and on 19-20 October, about the relationship between the political system and the economic models in both countries.

The April Club meeting was attended by 11 young intellectuals from Russia and 19 from Poland. The participants discussed the role of cities and urban movement in evolving societies, the importance of large metropolitan areas, their effect of modernisation, major cultural shifts and the role of cities in policy. Other topics included the responsibilities assumed by urban movements, the limits of their impacts and their relations with local governments and political parties. Keynotes were delivered by Dr. Łukasz Pawłowski (*Kultura Liberalna*) and Ivan Preobrazhensky (political scientist and columnist).

The Club meeting was accompanied by a public debate about *The 'new' and 'old' enemies of the Russians* on 14 April with Dr Irina Chechel (Gefter.ru), Mikhail Fishman (Slon.ru), Dr Alexander Kynev (Foundation for Information Policy Research), Ivan Preobrazhensky (political scientist and columnist), Dr Mark Simon (Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences) and Denis Volkov (Levada Center). The topics included the role of 'the enemy' in internal and international Russian politics, who was and who is considered an enemy by the current authorities and the society and the enemy creation process in official propaganda and the perceptions of such techniques.

The autumn Club meeting themed *Economy–Democracy–Authoritarianism* was attended by 6 representatives of the younger generation from Russia and 14 from Poland. Participants discussed about the relations between politics and economy, contemporary economic models and their potential advantages and disadvantages, changes in the global economy and the economic policies of Poland and Russia. The keynote was delivered by Dr. Łukasz Pawłowski (*Kultura Liberalna*) and Denis Volkov (Levada Center). One part of the meeting was attended by Aleksander Smolar (President of Batory Foundation) and the specific topic of the discussion was the political and economic transition in Central Europe and in the former Soviet Union after the fall of Communism.

The Club meeting was accompanied by a public discussion on *The Russian economy at the time of crisis* (20 October) with the Russian Club participants: Denis Burakov (Gefter.ru), Pavel Kazarin (Svoboda Radio), Dr Ekaterina Romanova (Institute of Europe of the Russian Academy of Sciences) and Denis Volkov (Levada Center). The discussion was chaired by Dr Jarosław Kuisz (editor-in-chief of *Kultura Liberalna*). The topics included the Russian economy at the time of crisis and the Russian-Ukrainian conflict, the importance of sanctions imposed on Russia by Western countries and the influence of the economic situation on politics (internal and international) and society. Among participants were Russian Club members: Denis Burakov (Gefter.ru), Dr Ekaterina Romanova (Institute of Europe of the Russian Academy of Sciences) and Denis Volkov (Levada Center). The meeting was co-organised by the Students' Foreign Affairs Research Club of the Warsaw School of Economics (about 40 students of this university attended the meeting).

We developed a bilingual Club website <u>http://pl-ru.club/</u> which offers updates on meetings and public discussions, biography notes of Club discussion participants and links to their articles.

Electronic and traditional media covered the meetings with the Russian members of the Club (for example gazeta.pl, onet.pl, fakty-interia.pl, wyborcza.pl, international service of the Polish Radio

(Anna Zawisza's programme on the Russian economy), *Nowa Europa Wschodnia* (interview with Mikhail Fishman).

The autumn Club meeting was co-funded by the Centre for Polish-Russian Dialogue and Understanding.

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Total programme costs

PLN 779,316.09

The European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) is a part of a pan-European think tank operating since 2007 in seven European Union capitals. The goal of ECFR 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 2015, activities of the ECFR Warsaw focused on disseminating reports prepared by ECFR experts and organising meetings in the form of debates open to the wider public and closed expert meetings.

### **Debates and seminars**

On 15 January, we organised a public debate about the internal situation and foreign policy of Russia: *Russia's Crisis: How Conservative Turn and Economic Malaise Translate into Foreign Policy*. The debate was attended by: Maria Lipman (ECFR Visiting Fellow), Jadwiga Rogoża (Eastern Studies Centre expert) and Jens Siegert (Director of the Heinrich Boell Foundation in Moscow).

On 11 February, another public debate was held about Russia: *Does the European Union need new opening with Russia*? and it was combined with the promotion of the ECFR *EU Foreign Policy Scorecard 2015*. report Participants included: Kadri Liik (ECFR expert), Nicu Popescu (analyst with the European Union Institute for Strategic Studies), Johannes Regenbrecht (representative of the Foreign Office, Berlin) and Wojciech Zajączkowski (Director, Foreign Policy Strategy Department, Foreign Office).

On 17 March, we organised a public debate and an expert seminar about reforms in Ukraine: *Ukraine's Complex Transition: reforms, war and European integration*. Both meetings were attended by: Ricardo Giucci (German Advisory Group on Ukraine), Igor Torbakov (University of Uppsala), Natalia Shapovalova (FRIDE Institute, Madrid) and Dmytro Ostroushko (Gorshenin Institute, Kiev).

On 18-19 March, a conference organised in partnership with the German Marshall Fund of the United States was held and it addressed the transatlantic partnership towards Russia: *Transatlantic strategy toward Russia*. The event was attended by more than ten experts from Europe and the United States, e.g. Ulrich Speck (Carnegie Europe expert), Angela Stent (Georgetown University), Marie Mendras (Chatham House, Sciences Po, Paris).

On 19 March, we organised a public debate that addressed the major challenges in EU foreign policy and the co-operation with the US: *New European (dis)order*. The debate was attended by: Roman Kuźniar (advisor to Polish President), Mark Leonard (Director, ECFR), Daniela Schwarzer (German Marshall Fund) and Stephen Szabo (Director, Transatlantic Academy). The meeting was moderated by Adam Michnik (*Gazeta Wyborcza*). On 17 April, we organised an expert seminar and a public debate about the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership negotiate between the European Union and the United States (TTiP). Participants included: Sebastian Dullien (ECFR), Daniel S. Hamilton (Johns Hopkins University), Leokadia Oręziak (Warsaw School of Economics) and Mieczysław Nogaj (Ministry of Economy).

On 20 April, a public debate was held about foreign policy in East Asian countries: *Asia's Pandora Box*. Speakers: Professor Chung-in Moon (Yonsei University, Seoul), Professor Yoshihide Soeya (Keio University, Tokyo) and Angela Stanzel (ECFR).

On 5 May, we organised a public debate about the escalating activity of the Islamic State, pt.: *Islamic State and the Arab Counter-revolutions*. Participants included: Professor Jean-Pierre Filiu (Sciences Po, Paris), Anthony Dworkin (ECFR) and Professor Maciej Duszczyk (Ośrodek Badań nad Migracjami University of Warsaw).

On 21 May, we hosted a public debate: *Is Europe doomed to Brexit and Grexit*? with Josef Janning (ECFR), Philippe Legrain (visiting Senior Fellow, London School of Economics) and Henryka Mościcka-Dendys (Undersecretary of State for Parliamentary Affairs, European Policy human rights, Foreign Office).

On 16 June, we organised, in partnership with International Initiatives Centre and the University of Warsaw, a public discussion was held about parliamentary elections in Turkey. The meeting was attended: Adam Balcer (Eastern Europe Study Centre, University of Warsaw), Konstanty Gebert (ECFR expert), Karol Wasilewski (International Initiatives Centre) and Barcin Yinanc (journalists, Hurriyet Daily News).

On 25 June, we held an expert seminar that addressed scenarios for continued co-operation between Europe and countries in Asia. Guests included experts from EU Member States and Japan, South Korea and India such as Volker Stanzel (former German Ambassador to Japan and China, ECFR Member), Rüdiger Frank (expert on China, University of Vienna), Professor Bogdan Góralczyk (sinologist, University of Warsaw).

On 1 July, we organised a public debate about the situation in the Middle East: *The Middle East: No way out? A regional crisis with global implications*. The debate was held in partnership with the *New Eastern Europe* quarterly in Cracow was attended: Peter Beinart (journalist, USA), Konstanty Gebert (ECFR expert) and Jonathan Orenstein (Director, Jewish Community Centre, Cracow).

On 7 September, a public debate was held about the prospects for the EU – Belarus relations in the face of the new geopolitical situation in the region: *The Middle East: No way out? A regional crisis with global implications*. Participants included: Anna Maria Dyner (Polish Institute of International Affairs), Jörg Forbrig (Director, Fund for Democracy in Belarus, German Marshall Fund of the United States, Berlin) and Jarosław Kryvoy (Director, Ostrogorski Centre, editor-in-chief *Belarus Digest*).

On 23 September, we organised another public debate about *Europe and the refugees* that addressed migration challenges for Europe in the context of a record high levelo of migration from the Middle East. Participants included: Mattia Toaldo (ECFR, London), Professor Maciej Duszczyk (Centre for Migration Studies, University of Warsaw) and Kai-Olaf Lang (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin).

On 29 October, we organised an expert seminar: *Russia's quiet military revolution and what it means for Europe* with ECFR expert Gustav Gressel. The meeting was attended by experts, journalists, public administration officials and diplomats residing in Poland.

On 12 November, we organised an expert seminar about methods of managing migration crisis in the EU with Gerald Knaus, Director European Stability Initiative.

On 13 November, we organised a public debate about major challenges in EU foreign policy. The title was *The return of geopolitics. Are international crises leading to the renationalisation of foreign policy?* The participants included: Hubert Vedrine (former Foreign Minister of France) and Andrzej Olechowski (former Foreign Minister of Poland).

16 November, we organised an expert seminar in partnership with the National Chamber of Commerce. The seminar focused on political and economic relations between the UE and iran. Guest experts from the UK – Ellie Gerenmayeh (ECFR) and Sajjad Khoshroo (consultant, White & Case LLP), exchanged views with Polish specialists on the Middle East and Polish private sector representatives.

7 December, we held a debate on the civil war in Syria and the self-proclaimed Islamic State: *Europe at war. What policy towards Syria and Islamic State after attacks in Paris is needed?* Speakers included: Professor Jean Pierre Filiu (Sciences Po, Paris), Julien Barnes-Dacey (ECFR) and Elena Suponina (Russian Institute of Strategic Studies, Moscow).

In partnership with the Warsaw Office of the Heinrich Böll Foundation, we organised 9 morning discussions (*Diplomatic Morning Briefing*) for EU diplomats residing in Poland, representatives of public administration, non-governmental organisations and business: 15 January – with Maria Lipman (ECFR expert) about interal Russian politics; 11 February – with Nicu Popescu (analyst, European Union Institute of Security Studies) about Russian foreign policy; 18 March – with Ivan Krastev (Director, Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia, co-founder and member of ECFR) about the relations between the West and Russia; 20 April – with Professor Chung-in Moon (Department of Political Science, University of Yonsei in Seoul, editor-in-chief of *Global Asia*) about the political situation in Asia; 20 May – with Philippe Legrain (advisor to the President of the European Commission, Jose Manuela Barroso) about the Eurozone crisis; 23 June – with Miles A. Pomper (sepcialist on foreign policy and security the United States and NATO, Institute of Interneational Studies in Monterey) about future of NATO, 6 October – meeting with Andrew Moravcsik (director of European Program, Princeton University), 12 November – with Gerald Knaus (European Stability Initiative) on European migration policy, 8 December – with Professor Jean-Pierre Filiu (Science Po in Paris) about Middle East.

On 1–3 October, another European Forum for New Ideas was organised by Lewiatan Condederation in Sopot. ECFR Warsaw Office provided technical input by hosting a panel discussion on *Europe in the Face of Growing Inequality, Radicalism, and Geopolitical Threats,* with Henryka Bochniarz (President of Lewiatan Confederation), Professor Salvatore Bobonesa (sociologist, University of Sydney), Professor Olivier Roya (European University Institute, France) and Professor Magdalena Środa (Institute of Philosophy, University of Warsaw) and a plenary session on the *End of Post-Cold War Illusions: Does Europe Need a New Order?*, with Fiodor Lukianov (editor-in-chief *Russia in Global Affairs*), Olaf Osica (Director,Centre for Eastern Studies), Norbert Roettgen (Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee of the Bundestag) and Eugen Rumer (Director, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in United States).

Total programme costs

PLN 544,579.67

The aim of the program is to share Polish experience in prevention and treatment of alcohol and drug addiction with professionals from the countries of Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Further, we organise training in domestic violence re-education and prevention. Supporting the provision of improved therapy programmes for alcoholics in penitentiary institutions has been one of our priorities. 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. We have supported Polish minority organisations for a number of years to help them provide mental help for Polish people living in several cities in Western Europe.

### **Seminars in Poland**

In 2014, we organised five seminars for over 120 therapists and social workers from the region. Four training workshops addressed working with perpetrators of violence.

## **Seminars abroad**

We organised seven seminars and workshops on addiction therapy and co-addiction in Lviv, Irkutsk, Varna and for Polish people in London and Dublin.

## Training courses and internships

11 therapists from Russia, Kyrgystan and Bulgaria completed internships in alcohol abuse treatment facilities in Poland and in the model addiction therapy centre in Vladivostok.

### Conferences

We paid for one person to attend a conference in Brussels on the strategy of preventing domestic violence in Europe. We co-organised a conference at the Medical University in Gdańsk entitled *The Woman and Alcohol* and a seminar for therapists of Polish origin from eight countries in the Polish Consultation and Therapy Centre in Dublin.

## **Publications**

We paid for addition copies of the 12 Steps Manual for AA and Al-Anon in Russian and Ukrainian. We developed an electronic version of issue 56 of the ArkA bulletin available in Polish on the Foundation's website.

Total programme costs

# **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 2015, profit and loss accounts for the year ended 31 December 2015 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).

## **Grants and donations (PLN)**

The Financial Mechanism Office. European Free Trade Association, Brussel	68,766,635.90
Foundation to Promote Open Society, New York (USA)	4,953,437.77
Agora inc., Warsaw (in-kind contribution)	261,712.52
Private donors from Poland	101,908.53
1% Personal Income Tax donations	387,879.87
Transparency International, Berlin	55,956.98
International Solidarity Foundation, Warsaw	46,482.54
Agora Foundation, Warsaw	80,000.00
Friends of Batory Foundation (donations by: Quo Vadis Gavell Family Foundations , Karol Uryga-Nawarowski Foundations and W.,J. Chruściel), Washington (USA)	326,900.50
Grupa Pracuj Ltd., Warsaw	100,000.00
Polpain Putka Ltd., Warsaw	54,000.00
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Warsaw	77,142.17
Centre for Polish-Russian Dialogue and Understanding	14,523.63
Google Matching Gift Program, Princeton, USA	14,866.45
Private donor from Boston (USA)	10,874.70
CTER Ltd., Warsaw	8,702.14
Informica Ltd., Grodzisk Mazowiecki	2,000.00
Foundation Public Opinion Research Center, Warsaw	1,920.00
TNS Poland inc., Warsaw	960.00
Reimbursement of subsidies received in previous years	(19,952.53)
Other (e.g. travel reimbursement for conferences )	19,610.74
TOTAL	75,265,561.91

## Expenditures (in PLN)

Programmes	77,693,657.97
Returned to the grants paid in previous years	(46,199.71)
Administration (Including 714,587.73 administrative costs of the program Citizens for Democracy)	2,806,016.16
Depreciation	793,242.24
Total	81,246,716.66

## Expenditures according to programmes (in PLN)

Grant making programmes	73,082,963.44
Citizens for Democracy	68,325,583.80
For Belarus	3,761,952.67
Equal Opportunities and Donor Advised Funds	948,114.73
Other	47,312.24
Operational programmes	4,610,694.53
Batory Foundation Debates	145,815.21
Your Vote, Your Choice	1,474,247.63
Public Integrity	631,063.88
Open Europe	779,316.09
ECFR Warsaw Office	544,579.67
Regional Drug and Alcohol Program	1,035,672.05
Total	77,693,657.97

## Balance Sheet (in PLN)

,	ASSETS	As of	
,		31.12.2014	31.12.2015
Α	Fixed assets	42,048,239.85	44,690,416.03
I	Intangible fixed assets	92,066.55	79,470.16
п	Tangible fixed assets	20,703,873.30	20,050,565.87
,	– land – perpetual usufruct of land	3,450,805.08	3,450,805.08
,	– building	17,024,342.40	16,364,354.04
,	– technical equipment, machines and other	228,725.82	235,406.75
III	Long-term investments – long-term financial assets	21,252,300.00	24,560,380.00
В	Current assets	170,615,318.89	168,062,208.89
I	Short-term receivables	290,404.48	431,845.81
,	- trade recivables, maturing above 12 months	136,888.80	66,780.58
,	– other	153,515.68	365,065.23
п	Short-term investments	170,291,785.95	167,586,453.26
1	Short-term financial assets	170,291,785.95	167,586,453.26
	a) in other entities	147,131,646.63	158,101,379.83
,	– government bonds, bank deposits, investment funds units	146,697,330.43	157,584,629.83
,	– other financial assets (interest on government bonds)	434,316.20	516,750.00
	b) cash and other monetary assets	23,160,139.32	9,485,073.43
,	– cash in hand and bank accounts	4,217,532.07	4,653,450.48
,	– other cash (bank deposits)	18,942,607.25	4,831,622.95
III	Short-term prepayments	33,128.46	43,909.82
,	Total assets	212,663,558.74	212,752,624.92

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## Balance Sheet continued (in PLN)

,	Equity and liabilities	As of	
,		31.12.2014	31.12.2015
А	Equity	208,811,736.39	210,428,923.62
I	Statutory capital	177,763,717.32	181,629,632.70
,	– unappropriated profit	177,611,748.42	181,460,595.89
,	– start-up fund	151,968.90	169,036 81
II	Revaluation reserve	6,429,534.16	3,324,753.84
III,	Previous years profit	24,243,398.35	20,769,637.44
,IV	Net profit	375,086.56	4,704,899.64
В	Liabilities and provisions for liabilities	3,851,822.35	2,323,701.30
I	Long-term liabilities	307,087.76	424,799.86
II	Short-term liabilities	3,544,734.59	1,898,901.44
1	To other entities	3,409,706.60	1,744,903.72
,	– grants payables	716,354 89	1,074,874.80
,	– other financial payables	2,057,889.70	38,162.97
,	– trade liabilities, maturing above 12 months	175,241.33	203,899.65
,	– tax. customs, insurance and other liabilities	320,355.82	316,031.58
,	– payroll liabilities	59,866.57	106,298.00
,	– other	79,998.29	5,636.72
2	Special funds	135,027.99	153,997.72
,	Total Equity and Liabilities	212,663,558.74	212,752,624.92

## Structure of expenditures



**1,0%** Depreciation

**3,0%** Administration

**96,0%** Programmes



**4,0%** Grantmaking Programmes

**96,0%** Operational Programmes

## Profit and Loss Account (in PLN)

	Description	Amount	
		2014	2015
Α	Net revenues from basic operating activities:	63,657,903.13	78,213,200.97
	Income from public benefit activity	60,910,048.06	75,265,561.91
	Other income defined by statute	2,747,855.07	2,947,639.06
В	Basic operating expenses	65,450,987.32	77,647,458.26
	Costs of statutory public benefit activity	65,450,987.32	77,647,458.26
С	Gross profit (loss) on basic operating activities (A-B)	(1,793,084.19)	565,742.71
D	General and administrative expenses	3,558,544.12	3,599,258.40
Е	Profit (loss) on operating activities (C-D)	(5,351,628.31)	(3,033,515.69)
F	Other operating revenues	6,500.92	8,985.67
G	Other operating expenses	4,112.73	2,211.92
н	Profit (loss) on operating activities (E+F-G)	(5,349,240.12)	(3,026,741.94)
Ι	Financial revenues	6,042,071.02	7,920,631.60
	Dividents	—	41,262.92
	Interest	690,413.41	906,561.69
	Gain on disposal of investments	2,847,663.18	5,229,983.40
	Other	2,503,994.43	1,784,086.51
J	Financial expenses	302,457.34	178,621.02
	Interest	132.52	0.02
	Other	302,324.82	178,621.00
К	Gross profit (H+I-J)	390 373.56	4,715,268.64
L	Income tax	15 287.00	10,369.00
М	Net profit (K-L)	375,086.56	4,704,899.64

The average exchange rate for the year 2015 acc. to Polish National Bank: 1 USD = 3.7730 PLN. 1 EUR = 4.1843 PLN.



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

#### To the Council of the Stefan Batory Foundation

The accompanying abbreviated financial statements, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2014, the income statement for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2014 and note on principles of preparation of these abbreviated financial statements and selected additional notes and explanations (hereinafter called 'the financial information') are derived from the audited financial statements of the Stefan Batory Foundation, 10a, Sapieżyńska Street, Warsaw (hereinafter called 'the Foundation') for the year ended 31 December 2014 (hereinafter called 'the financial statements') in conformity with the Polish Accounting Act of 29 September 1994 (uniform text – Journal of laws of 2013, item 330, as amended, hereinafter called 'the Accounting Act').

We have audited the financial statements, based on which the financial information is prepared in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Accounting Act and national standards of auditing issued by the National Council of Registered Auditors and International Standards on Auditing. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated 14 April 2015. Those financial statements and the financial information do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our opinion on those financial statements.

The financial information of Foundation does not contain all the disclosures required by the Accounting Act. For a full understanding of Foundation's financial position as at 31 December 2014, its results for year from 1 January to 31 December 2014 and the scope of the audit of financial statements, the financial information should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and our opinion and audit report thereon.

#### Management's responsibility for the financial information

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial information on the basis described in the note thereto.

#### Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial information based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 810, 'Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial information derived from the audited financial statements of the Foundation for the year from 1 January 31 December 2014 is consistent, in all material respects, with those financial statements on the basis described in the note to the financial information.

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

Tomasz Kociołek Key Registered Auditor No. 11920

Warsaw, 14 April 2015 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.

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