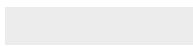




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# About the Foundation

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:

■ **Enhancing citizens' public engagement and fostering the role of civil organizations**

We support initiatives that encourage citizens to participate in public life, and create a forum for public debates on important domestic and international problems. We advocate favorable environment for the third sector and work towards institutional strengthening and financial sustainability of independent non-governmental organizations. We assist local organizations working to enhance access to education for disabled children and young people from impoverished communities.

■ **Promoting the rule of law and transparency in public life**

We support activities designed to provide the citizens with access to information and justice, as well as to protect individuals' rights against government abuse. We assist organizations working against intolerance and discrimination. We disseminate legal expertise and methods of exercising scrutiny over public institutions, and advocate systems to control corruption.

■ **Developing international cooperation and solidarity**

We assist our neighbors in the East in the democratization process, and facilitate experience sharing in the areas of political and social transformation. We implement projects aimed at building strong neighborly relations with the East and the West, contribute to the dialogue on the future of common Europe and advocate a greater role of civic initiatives in international relations and in the advancement of democratic principles and respect for human rights.

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 initiate and carry out – alone or in partnership with other organizations – various undertakings: we host public debates and conferences; organize study visits, seminars and workshops; issue publications; run social campaigns; engage in advocacy and monitoring of public institutions.

The Foundation is a partner to many institutions from Poland and abroad. It is a member of Polish Donors Forum, Polish NGO Abroad, European Foundation Centre in Brussels and Council on Foundations in the U.S.

In our activity we observe principles of transparency and accountability. Decisions on grant distribution are made by the Foundation's Board with the help of committees of experts who assess grant applications and recommend projects for funding. Our finances are audited by external experts and the financial statements are published in the Annual Report, together with the list of grants awarded and projects implemented during the year. Up-to-date information on our activities and grant-seeking opportunities is posted on our website [www.batory.org.pl](http://www.batory.org.pl).

### Foundation in 2007

In 2007, we ran **14 domestic and international programs**, the majority of which continued prior activities. We made over **350 grants** for a total amount of **PLN 9.9 million**. We spent **PLN 3.6 million** on in-house operated projects implemented by ourselves or in cooperation with partners.

A series of our activities focused on the problem of lack of public trust toward Polish democratic institutions and meager civic participation in public life, as evidenced by low electoral turnout and the popular conviction that an average citizen has no influence over authorities' actions.

We continued our **Your Vote, Your Choice** program planned for 2006-2010 (i.e. the entire term of local government officials elected in 2006) with an aim to increase public interest in local issues and activities of authorities. In 2007, the project involved 226 organizations and informal groups in 150 boroughs. They organized debates on local issues with the participation of residents and local authorities and checked how local governments were keeping their electoral promises. Together with the [21pazdziernika.pl](http://21pazdziernika.pl) coalition, which gathered 150 organizations throughout Poland, we ran a 'get-out-the-vote' campaign before the parliamentary elections. Post-election research showed the campaign encouraged 20% of the voters (ca 3.3 million people) to go to the polls. As a result, voter turnout was nearly 54%, the highest in parliamentary elections since 1989.

We continued to support initiatives aimed to exert civic control over public institutions by providing grants for non-governmental organizations to monitor access to public information, use of public funds, and execution of statutory tasks by local government and public administration [**Watchdog Initiatives**]. As part of the **Anti-Corruption** program, we monitored observance by authorities and political parties of anticorruption laws and transparency standards, monitored the legislative process and suggested legislative solutions that could ensure transparency of decision-making processes and provide a bulwark against corrupt practices.

We devoted a series of meetings as part of the **Batory Foundation Debates** to discussion on the condition of the Polish state and democracy, as well as issues that evoked extreme polemics and disputes, such as the vetting law and the vision of the state and society as part of the Law and Justice party's concept of building IV Polish Republic.

Our institutional grants, designated for organizations' core activity, capacity building and institutional development, were provided mainly to organizations that work to enhance civic participation in public sphere and promote good practices and transparency in public institutions. Grant recipients included experienced organizations with numerous achievements as well as new organizations only beginning their activities [**Civic Institutions**].

Another important sphere of our activities concerned tolerance and fostering attitudes of openness toward racial, ethnic, and religious differences. We supported educational and cultural projects that recover and discover the roots of a multinational Poland and preserve a common multicultural heritage, especially that of Polish Jews. Most projects supported this year focused on discovering the past of local communities and filling in the historical 'blank gaps'. While learning about forgotten or muted facts,

projects' participants had to face the history of Holocaust and – what was most difficult – the history of Polish anti-Semitism. Xenophobia and anti-Semitism continue to be significant Polish problems. At the same time, however, there is an increased interest in the different and a growing awareness that cultural, ethnic, and religious diversity is an important value [**For Tolerance**].

Our new program, launched in 2007 at the initiative of the Remembrance, Responsibility and Future Foundation from Germany, served the discovery of a common multicultural heritage. We supported international volunteer camps where young people learned about various aspects of history and culture of transborder regions, as well as gained knowledge and practical skills in protecting cultural heritage objects. 214 volunteers from Poland, Germany, Austria, Belarus, Lithuania, the Kaliningrad District, and Ukraine took part in 12 summer camps held chiefly in Poland, but also in Ukraine and the Kaliningrad District. The young volunteers cleaned up or renovated cemeteries and shrines of various denominations, as well as other historic monuments. In the effect they inventoried, documented, cleaned up or renovated several dozens historic places that testify to the Central Europe's multicultural heritage [**Memoria**].

We continued our support for the network of Citizens Advice Bureaus where about 30,000 people annually receive free legal advice and information as well as to organizations that provide legal aid to at-risk or discriminated groups [**Legal Education**].

The generosity of individual and business donors allowed us to continue assistance for local organizations that provide scholarships for young people from small towns and rural areas and ran integration programs for disabled children. Thanks to these donations, 1,300 high school students receive scholarships in the 2007/2008 school year and 1,100 children participate in art therapy and integration programs [**Equal Opportunities**].

In the area of international cooperation, we continued advocacy efforts aimed to ease the restrictive EU visa policies and raise the standards of service for foreigners at the European Union's eastern border. In light of the prospect of Poland acceding to the Schengen zone (which occurred in December 2007), we turned decision-makers' attention to the progress of Poland's preparations, as well as the effects Schengen membership may have on contacts with our eastern neighbors. Moreover, we took part in the debate on the European Neighborhood Policy and the discourse on changes occurring in Russia and their impact on Russian foreign policy, including Russia's use of energy resources as an instrument of international policy [**International Cooperation**].

In partnership with the Bosch Foundation we supported tripartite cooperation of Poland and Germany with Belarus, Ukraine, and Russia serving to reinforce solidarity and neighborly relations, and to resolve problems faced by states of our region [**Community Initiatives Partnership**]. With the funds provided by the Ford Foundation we supported a network of Russian and Ukrainian organizations engaged in stimulating and funding local civic initiatives, developing partnership between non-governmental organizations and private and public institutions and implementing civic and European education projects [**Citizens in Action**].

We continued two regional programs, operating within the Open Society Institute network in the region of Central-Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus: the **East East** program which supports international cooperation for democratic transformation, civil society development and promotion of innovative solutions to social ills, as well as the **Alcohol and Drug** program that disseminates Polish experiences in dependency therapy and prevention as well as in re-education of perpetrators of domestic violence.

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# Batory Foundation Debates

Batory Foundation Debates are an attempt at establishing an independent meeting and discussion forum for politicians, professionals, public intellectuals and journalists. The Foundation has long organized conferences and seminars on transition in Poland, international affairs, Poland's foreign policy and the situation in Central and Eastern Europe with the aim to initiate public discourse on subjects important to the future of our state and region.

In 2007, the subjects of our debates focused on the condition of Polish state and democracy, we undertook issues that evoked severe polemics and disputes, such as passing by the Parliament of the vetting (de-communization) law and continued discussions on Polish foreign policy.

## Debates on Polish democracy

### Journalists and de-communization

March 21

Panelists: Bogusław Chrabota (Director and Editor in Chief of Polsat TV), Igor Janke (journalist, *Rzeczpospolita* daily), Prof. Marek Safjan (professor of law, ex-President of the Constitutional Tribunal), Piotr Zaremba (journalist, *Dziennik* daily), Mariusz Ziomecki (Editor in Chief of *Przekrój* weekly), Jacek Żakowski (journalist, *Polityka* weekly). Moderators: Mirosława Grabowska (Stefan Batory Foundation Board, Institute of Sociology, Warsaw University) and Prof. Marcin Król (The Stefan Batory Foundation Council, Dean of the Faculty of Applied Social Sciences and Social Reintegration, Warsaw University).

The debate concerned the requirement, introduced by the vetting law, which obliged journalists, editors in chief and publishers of the press and electronic media to sign vetting declarations. The participants discussed whether journalists should be subject to vetting and whether the status of performing this profession of public trust requires disclosure of their biographies. Some panelists argued that readers, listeners, and viewers had the right to know the past of those who influenced public opinion. Participants debated the need to make the journalists account for their activity during the years of communism. Important bones of contention included whether the legislator may deprive journalists of the right to perform their profession for refusing to file a vetting declaration and impose vetting requirement on private media. Finally, the debate took up a fundamental issue of the relation between the law's requirements and the freedom of speech.

## Vetting after the Constitutional Court ruling

July 3

Panelists: Prof. Wiktor Osiatyński (professor of law, Political Sciences Committee of Polish Academy of Sciences), Prof. Andrzej Rzepliński (professor of law, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights), Prof. Marek Zubik (professor of law, Faculty of Law and Administration, Warsaw University), Zbigniew Romaszewski (Senator of Polish Republic). Moderator: Prof. Jacek Kochanowicz (The Stefan Batory Foundation Board, Faculty of Economic Sciences, Warsaw University).

The debate concerned the situation after the Constitutional Court ruled certain provisions of the vetting law unconstitutional in its decision of May 2007. The majority of panelists agreed the Court verdict did not strike down the entire vetting law, but only its most controversial provisions (such as vetting of journalists). The participants of the debate discussed the extent of possible vetting and practical solutions allowed under the decision. They considered fundamental issues, such as: What is to be the goal and nature of vetting (whether it is a solution that ensures security and transparency in public life, or a form of settling past scores)? What is the relationship between vetting and personal rights? Which professional and social groups may be subject to vetting procedure? How long should this law apply? They also deliberated how the vetting form to be filled out should look like and to what extent new solutions proposed by the politicians (e.g. complete access to the Institute for National Remembrance archives) were in line with the recent ruling, earlier Constitutional Court decisions, Polish Constitution and international agreements.

## Polish society and transformation: completed process?

September 27

Panelists: Piotr Frączak (Civil Society Development Foundation), Jos van Gennip (Senator of Dutch Parliament, Chairman of the National Committee for International Cooperation and Sustainable Development), Tomasz Merta (Deputy Minister of Culture and National Heritage), Małgorzata Starczewska-Krzysztozek (Polish Confederation of Private Employers Lewiatan), Irena Wóycicka (Gdańsk Institute for Market Economics). Moderator: Prof. Andrzej Rychard (Stefan Batory Foundation Board, Director of the Graduate School for Social Research / Centre for Social Studies (CSS) Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of Sciences).

The debate was organized jointly with the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Poland to culminate 15 years of operation of Matra Program of the Dutch government in Poland. The meeting reviewed changes in Poland since 1989 in several selected areas: building a civil society, social policy, corporate community involvement, and culture. The discussion focused on achievements as well as fundamental failures and negligence in these areas, including growing social exclusion caused by erroneous social policy and government moves leading to a dearth in social solidarity and feeling of community (e.g. the way in which retirement reform was implemented), alienation of NGOs from communities in which they operate and their inability to represent the interests of their beneficiaries, and the lack of reform in the cultural realm. The discussion also considered the extent to which the Polish experience may help other countries undergoing similar processes.

## The state and society according to the Law and Justice Party

October 8

Panelists: Prof. Henryk Domański (Director of the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of Polish Academy of Sciences), Prof. Antoni Kamiński (Institute of Political Studies of Polish Academy of Sciences), Prof. Lena Kolarska-Bobińska (Director of the Institute of Public Affairs), Prof. Zdzisław Krasnodębski (University of Bremen), Prof. Andrzej Rychard (Stefan Batory Foundation Board, Director of the Graduate School for Social Research / Centre for Social Studies (CSS) Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Polish Academy of

Sciences), Wiesław Staśkiewicz (Faculty of Law and Administration, Warsaw University). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Stefan Batory Foundation).

Political scientists, sociologists, lawyers, historians of ideas, and journalists took part in a conference aimed to assess achievements of the Law and Justice government in 2005-2007. The meeting concerned two areas: repair of the state and repair of the society. In the first part, the conference discussed the Law and Justice Party's vision of the state and law, institutional reforms announced by that government as well as the scope and manner of their implementation. Particular attention was devoted to changes in the functioning of the law and justice system as well as combating corruption. Panelists engaged in the argument over the recapitulation of Law and Justice activities, their effects and the depth of changes implemented (whether they were conducted solely in the sphere of propaganda and limited to impacting public opinion or if any significant institutional reforms were implemented over this time). The second part of the meeting concerned relations between politics and society, including the role and place of elites according to the Law and Justice party. The panelists discussed the tension between the liberal-influenced individualistic societal model and the adopted model of systemic transformation versus the "IV Polish Republic" project promoted by the Law and Justice party in 2005-2007. There was also a discussion about other divisions occurring over this period (including the relationship to the past and the manner of settling the score with the heritage of Communist Poland) and about the language of public discourse.

### The state and democracy in Poland in 1989-2007

#### Accomplishments and perspectives

November 26

Panelists: Prof. Wiesław Chrzanowski (former Speaker of the Parliament), Prof. Lena Kolarska-Bobińska (Director of the Institute of Public Affairs), Tadeusz Mazowiecki (former Prime Minister), Prof. Marek Safjan (former President of the Constitutional Tribunal), Prof. Piotr Winczorek (Faculty of Law and Administration, Warsaw University). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Stefan Batory Foundation).

The debate was devoted to evaluating the Polish transformation since 1989, with particular emphasis on the functioning of the state and its institutions. Panelists pointed to achievements: economic reforms from the early 1990s, economic growth, building the foundations of the rule of law, decentralization of the state and implementation of local self-government, building good relations with neighbors, and membership in the European Union and NATO. Challenges and problems arising over this time were also discussed, including social inequality, disparities in social development, weak institutions, and degeneration of the party system resulting, i.a., from the system of financing political parties from state budget.

### The repair of the state and democracy

December 6

Panelists: Rafał Matyja (Higher School of Business–National-Louis University in Nowy Sącz), Sławomir Sierakowski (Editor in Chief of *Krytyka Polityczna* quarterly), Jan Rokita (former MP, Civic Platform party), Prof. Jan Widacki (MP, Left and Democrats coalition). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Stefan Batory Foundation).

The discussion was preceded by a lecture by Jan Rokita on the fundamental problems facing the Polish state and the Polish democratic system. In the discussion, most panelists emphasized the weakness of the authorities and inability to implement planned political goals, institutional ineffectiveness, problems with the functioning of the party system and weak civic involvement. They pointed to Law and Justice party's failure to remedy the state despite the party decisive victory in the parliamentary elections of 2005. They

disputed feasibility and political will to implement serious reforms by the current government. Some panelists underlined new situation after the latest parliamentary elections of October 2007: a process of post-election social demobilization and emergence of new expectations of voters who primarily desire prosperity and social tranquility, not revolutionary changes. Panelists analyzed whether the electoral result which gave Civic Platform party a mandate to rule the country may be interpreted as social consent to return to political practice prior to 2005.

## Debates on important social issues

### Artur Żmijewski's film *A Pole in the Closet* as a voice in the discussion on the Sandomierz paintings

April 4

Panelists: Helena Datner (Jewish Historical Institute), Dariusz Karłowicz (*Teologia Polityczna* yearly), Stanisław Krajewski (Co-Chairman of Polish Council of Christians and Jews), Zbigniew Nosowski (Editor in Chief of *Więź* monthly, Co-Chairman of Polish Council of Christians and Jews), Prof. Joanna Tokarska-Bakir (Institute of Applied Social Sciences, Warsaw University), Leszek Tyboń (President of Ecosan Association) and Artur Żmijewski (artist). Moderator: Agnieszka Sabor (*Tygodnik Powszechny* weekly).

The discussion centered on paintings located in Sandomierz cathedral and St. Paul's church presenting the so-called ritual murder by Jews, as well as on the results of field research on the presence of anti-Semitic attitudes and popularity of legends of ritual murders of Jews among the residents of Sandomierz area. A group of students from the Institute of Applied Social Sciences and anthropology majors from Collegium Civitas university conducted the research under the guidance of Prof. Joanna Tokarska-Bakir. The starting point in the discussion was the premiere of a film by Artur Żmijewski, *A Pole in the Closet*, which shows workshop activities at the Center for Contemporary Art in Warsaw with the participation of students taking part in the Sandomierz research. There was a dispute as to what should be done with the paintings. The current situation, i.e. the paintings' presence in the churches without even a word of commentary explaining the falsity of the depicted events, was deemed scandalous by all participants. The panelists discussed how to deal with anti-Semitic convictions and the possibilities offered by education and contemporary art in dealing with the difficult baggage of the past.

The transcripts of the discussion was published by the literary quarterly *Kresy* (2007, No. 4). Its Polish version is also available on Batory Foundation's Internet page.

### Memory as an object of power

June 26

Panelists: Marek Cichocki (Natolin European Centre), Maciej Janowski (Institute of History of Polish Academy of Sciences), Prof. Zdzisław Krasnodębski (University of Bremen), Prof. Marcin Król (The Stefan Batory Foundation Council, Dean of the Faculty of Applied Social Sciences and Social Reintegration, Warsaw University), Prof. Joanna Tokarska-Bakir (Institute of Applied Social Sciences, Warsaw University). Moderator: Jarosław Kurski (The Stefan Batory Foundation Board, Deputy Editor in Chief of *Gazeta Wyborcza* daily).

The discussion was devoted to Polish disputes about the role of the state in building and cultivating historical memory. Participants discussed the extent to which politicians' ambitions to influence the choice of events to be remembered are justified and the policy of the state and its agencies toward history. They also compared the Polish experience to that of other states (primarily France, Germany and Russia). Questions were asked about the role of the state in reinforcing the political and civic community and the extent to which the state could and should shape national memory. One of the points in the debate was



the relationship between policy of remembrance and the sphere of individual rights and freedoms. Some panelists pointed out the dangers that might arise from the involvement of authorities in the sphere of memory: the temptation to manipulate the past, forcing a single vision convenient to politicians, and limitations on the freedom of history research. Supporters of the policy of remembrance underscored its significance for the maintenance of identity and tradition as well as the functioning of the national community of citizens. An important point of the debate was the consequence of the historical politics for relations with our neighbors.

The *Gazeta Wyborcza* daily published an abbreviated transcript of the debate, while the whole transcript was published in book format, entitled *Memory as an object of power* (Warsaw 2007). It is also available on Batory Foundation's web page (in Polish language version).

### **Beata Pawlak Award**

The Beata Pawlak Award was established pursuant to the last will of Beata Pawlak, Polish journalist and writer killed in a terrorist attack on Bali in 2002. It is awarded annually to an author of an article or publication on foreign cultures, religions and civilizations. The prize is financed from the Fund administered by the Foundation.

In 2007 the Beata Pawlak Award was given to Mariusz Szczygieł for his book *Gottland* (Czarne Publishers, 2006). The award ceremony was accompanied by a photography exhibition of works by Elżbieta Piekacz *Encounter. A shard of reflection* and a debate:

#### **Travel to understand oneself** **October 10**

Panelists: Prof. Zdzisław Krasnodębski (University of Bremen), Cezary Michalski (Deputy Editor in Chief of *Dziennik* daily), Aleksander Smolar (President of the Stefan Batory Foundation), Joanna Szczęsna (journalist, *Gazeta Wyborcza* daily). Moderator: Jarosław Kurski (The Stefan Batory Foundation Board, Deputy Editor in Chief of *Gazeta Wyborcza* daily).

A discussion was devoted to the travel as an opportunity to confront one's own experiences and imaginings. Participants discussed opportunities offered by trips, such as getting to know oneself and seeing other people and communities in a new light. Speakers compared their own experiences from long-term, sometimes multiyear, stays in other countries (France, Germany, the United States). Some were forced to emigrate, others went abroad of their own free will for a scholarship or to take up an attractive employment. Panelists considered how the experiences abroad changed their view of Poland and affected their position in current civilization and cultural disputes. They tried to answer the question of whether and how their time abroad influenced the opinions they proffer and the way they describe and explain contemporary Poland.

### **Debates on Polish foreign policy**

#### **Poland and the World** **January 5**

The discussion of former foreign ministers of Poland: Włodzimierz Cimoszewicz, Prof. Bronisław Geremek, Andrzej Olechowski, Prof. Dariusz Rosati, Prof. Adam Daniel Rotfeld and Prof. Krzysztof Skubiszewski concerned Polish foreign policy since 1989 and the challenges faced presently by Polish diplomacy. In taking accounts

of the up-to-date Polish foreign policy the ministers highlighted excellent achievements of Polish diplomacy: recognition of Poland's borders and establishing proper or even good relations with our neighbors, membership in NATO and the European Union, establishing an alliance relationship with the United States, as well as formation of a professional diplomatic corps. They also pointed to the problems that appeared in recent years: breakdown of a consensus concerning foreign policy in Poland, crisis in our relations with Russia, tension in Polish-German relations, as well as damaged image of Poland within the European Union.

The transcript of the discussion, supplemented by the articles submitted by two other foreign ministers: Prof. Władysław Bartoszewski and Prof. Stefan Meller, who could not attend the meeting, was published in a book: *Poland and the World*.

### EU foreign policy toward Russia December 6

Panelists: Mark Leonard (Director of the European Council on Foreign Relations), Prof. Adam Daniel Rotfeld (former Minister of Foreign Affairs), Paweł Świeboda (Director of demosEUROPA Centre for European Strategy). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Stefan Batory Foundation).

The seminar was devoted to relations between the European Union and Russia, as well as Poland's role in formulating Community policy toward its eastern neighbor. Participants considered relations between Poland and Russia, debated how Polish politics should embrace the European dimension and the expectations and interests of other Union members, where we might look for Poland's allies in understanding Polish point of view, what tools were available to Poland's diplomacy, as well as what challenges the new government faces. The starting point for the discussion was a report by Marek Leonard and Nicu Popescu *A Power Audit of EU-Russia Relations*, published by London's European Council of Foreign Relations.

### New Polish foreign policy December 21

Panelists: Paweł Kowal (Law and Justice MP, former Minister of Foreign Affairs), Andrzej Olechowski (former Minister of Foreign Affairs), Prof. Dariusz Rosati (MEP, Left and Democrats coalition, former Minister of Foreign Affairs), Radosław Sikorski (Minister of Foreign Affairs, Civic Platform cabinet). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Stefan Batory Foundation).

The debate was devoted to the foreign policy of Donald Tusk's cabinet. Participants discussed what our policy priorities should be as well as whether and how these should differ from those of the previous government. Particular attention was given to relations between Poland, the European Union and the United States (including the presence of Polish troops in Afghanistan and Iraq). The issues discussed included also Poland's relations with Germany and with the eastern neighbors, as well as the threats connected with Poland's accession to the Schengen agreement for our relationship with Ukraine. Changes in Poland's policy toward Russia announced by Donald Tusk's government were a separate point of discussion.

In 2007, the program was financed by funds from the Open Society Institute, the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands (PLN 5,365.24), the European Council on Foreign Relations (PLN 8,135.60) and Beata Pawlak Fund (PLN 10,000).

Beata Pawlak Award	PLN 10,000.00
Debates and publications	PLN 172,639.56
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 182,639.56</b>

# Your Vote, Your Choice

The program's goal is to increase public interest in local affairs and encourage participation in public life, including informed and responsible participation in local and parliamentary elections. We organize social and awareness campaigns. We work with local organizations assisting them in undertaking activities that help to mobilize civic participation, build dialogue between constituents and their representatives in local governments, as well as integrate local communities and mobilize them to solve local problems.

## ***Your vote, your choice. Local government is yours!***

We planned the project, implemented jointly with the School of Leaders Association, for 2006-2010, i.e. the entire term of local authorities elected in 2006. We want to contribute to stimulating public debate on local issues with the participation of residents and local authorities, and reinforce the feeling of joint responsibility among the authorities and residents for decisions made on the election day.

We invited non-governmental organizations and informal groups from around the entire country to join the project. The organizations willing to participate registered at the project portal [www.maszglos.pl](http://www.maszglos.pl) and undertook to implement a set of tasks aimed to stimulate civic participation and build dialogue with local authorities, including organization of public debates with the participation of residents and local authorities as well as recording and following up on the monitoring of campaign promises made by heads of villages and city mayors in 2006. All participants were offered technical and financial support including a cycle of training meetings, consultations and expert advice, instruction and promotional materials, as well as microgrants for implementation of tasks related to the project. The project's site served as an interactive platform for exchange of information and experience-sharing among all participants, promotion of the project and dissemination of information on activities carried out on a local level.

In 2007, 226 organizations and informal groups in 150 boroughs joined the project. Participants organized 177 public debates and collected declarations on issues to be solved in the new term from 108 heads of villages and city mayors. In 56 localities, the organizations checked how these declarations were implemented and informed the residents about their findings. All reports on the activities performed by the participants were posted on the project's webpage. Some of them were financed from grants made to 44 organizations.

The School of Leaders Association organized for project's participants 70 regional workshops and a national seminar on the rules of cooperation with local authorities and methods of monitoring their commitments. Altogether 140 people took part in these trainings. We also facilitated the contacts with local authorities and media, provided consultations regarding the responsibilities and tasks of local government

and on legal regulations, and ran an Internet page that served as a forum for exchange of information and experience.

More information about the project is available at [www.maszglos.pl](http://www.maszglos.pl).

### ***Change the country. Vote!***

Before the parliamentary elections of October 21, a group of civic organizations set up the *October21.pl* coalition which launched a national public campaign aimed to encourage young people to go to the polls. Initiated by Civic Development Forum, Stefan Batory Foundation, *Leviathan* Polish Confederation of Private Employers and Association of Advertising Agencies the coalition consisted of Center for Citizens Education, Forum for Non-governmental Initiatives, Foundation for Freedom, Institute of Public Affairs, School of Leaders Association, The Great Orchestra of Christmas Charity, Union of Public Relations Agencies and over 150 local non-governmental organizations from across all of Poland. The PZL advertising agency, based on the results of qualitative research, created two slogans, *Change the country. Vote!* and *Parliament – do-it-yourself*. Photographer Tomasz Sikora provided the *Make a choice, don't cave in* television ads. Universal McCann and CR Media Consulting S.A. media houses provided media campaign coordination.

Campaign materials were published free of charge by: public and private TV channels (TVP, TVN, TVN 24, Polsat, MTV, Viva), radio stations (Polish Radio, Radio Zet, Radiostacja, RMF, TOK FM), national dailies (*Dziennik, Fakt, Gazeta Wyborcza, Przegląd Sportowy*) and weeklies (*Angora, Gala, Newsweek*), regional dailies (*Dziennik Wschodni, Echo Dnia, Gazeta Współczesna, Gazeta Lubuska, Gazeta Pomorska, Głos Szczeciński, Głos Koszaliński, Kurier Poranny, Nowa Trybuna Opolska, Nowiny*) and internet portals (Wirtualna Polska, [gazeta.pl](http://gazeta.pl), [Onet.pl](http://Onet.pl), [O2](http://O2.pl), [ngo.pl](http://ngo.pl)). Local media also supported the campaign.

Posters, stamps and stickers were disseminated locally by students from schools participating in the *Young People Vote* project coordinated by the Center for Citizenship Education, as well as by non-governmental organizations that had joined the *October21.pl* coalition (materials were distributed to 900 towns). In 18 cities in 33 academic centers, 16,640 students took part in the primaries organized by the Project Poland Foundation, the Polish Student Parliament and several other student organizations.

The campaign webpage, designed by Tribal DDB, which contained downloadable campaign and voting materials, received 310,000 unique hits. Internet users also took an active part in creating their own Internet banners with the use of the tool on the campaign website. Over 51,000 banners with original slogans encouraging people to vote were designed. The page received the Webstar award from the Internet Academy for the best public service page in 2007.

Election turnout neared 54%, the highest since 1989. Among voters 20-40 years old, the campaign's target group, the growth in turnout was quite dramatic, with over 48% of that age cohort voting, whereas 32% voted in 2005.

The public opinion polls made by Millward Brown SMG/KRC on a representative sample of Poles above 15 demonstrated that our campaign had reached almost 69% of the population. The research made by Polish General Electoral Studies on a representative group of Poles that took part in the elections showed that our campaign had convinced or encouraged to vote 20% of voters, i.e. 3.3 million people, and only 6% of voters have not heard of it. Research confirmed that the campaign had been non-partisan, as had been intended by the organizers, and had fulfilled its goal to make voters aware that every vote counts.

More information about the campaign is available at campaign website: [www.21paздziernika.pl](http://www.21paздziernika.pl).

In 2007, the program was financed by funds from Open Society Institute, including a grant from Human Rights and Governance Grants Program, OSI-Budapest.

Grants	PLN 233,606.42
Campaign costs	PLN 285,018.16
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 518,624.58</b>

## Grants

<b>School for Leaders Association</b> Warsaw	Partnership cooperation in implementation of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign (i.a. assistance and trainings for organizations participating in the campaign) PLN 146,000
<b>Centre for Innovative Development of Society</b> Cracow	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign in Trzebinia – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 40 individuals). PLN 1,994.05
<b>EUREQA Association</b> Rumia	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign in Reda – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 100 individuals) as well as information campaign. PLN 2,000
<b>Cultural Initiatives Foundation</b> Radomsko	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of 3 debates with the participation of residents (about 250 individuals). PLN 1,929.64
<b>At Home Foundation</b> Sokołów Podlaski	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (a few individuals) as well as information campaign. PLN 1,990
<b>Głogów Scientific Society</b> Głogów	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 25 individuals) as well as information campaign. PLN 2,000
<b>Dębica Kaszubska Borough</b> Dębica Kaszubska	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign conducted by informal group Youth Initiative – monitoring the keeping of promises by chairs of the village council, organization of debate with the participation of residents as well as publishing a bulletin on borough issues. PLN 2,000
<b>Jelenia Góra Association of the Unemployed</b> Jelenia Góra	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign conducted in cooperation with three other local organizations – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 150 individuals). PLN 1,200.64
<b>Kujawy and Pomerania Centre for Support of Non-Government Initiatives</b> Toruń	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 70 individuals). PLN 1,601.99
<b>Łęczyca Committee for Defense of the Unemployed</b> Łęczyca	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 100 individuals). PLN 2,000
<b>Young Centre Association</b> Cracow	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 20 individuals). PLN 1,729.10

<b>Young Centre Association</b> Opole	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 80 individuals). <b>PLN 1,680</b>
<b>Civic Democratic Forum</b> Cracow	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 80 individuals). <b>PLN 1,860</b>
<b>Pro Pomerania Polish German Association</b> Szczecin	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 50 individuals). <b>PLN 375.15</b>
<b>Pomerania and Kujawy Centre of Local Democracy</b> Bydgoszcz	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign in four boroughs of the Kujawy and Pomerania Province – monitoring the keeping of promises by chairs of village councils and mayors, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 90 individuals) as well as information campaign. <b>PLN 8,000</b>
<b>Studio for Local Initiatives</b> Bukowno	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 50 individuals). <b>PLN 1,871</b>
<b>Association of Secondary School No 1 Graduates</b> Białystok	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign conducted in cooperation with three other local organizations – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 80 individuals). <b>PLN 3,590</b>
<b>Civitas Association</b> Dąbrowa Górnicza	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 200 individuals). <b>PLN 2,000</b>
<b>Let's Work Together for Leszno Association</b> Leszno	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 40 individuals) as well as information campaign with participation of secondary school students. <b>PLN 1,987</b>
<b>Education for Development Association</b> Lubaczów	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 30 individuals) as well as information campaign with participation of secondary school students. <b>PLN 2,000</b>
<b>Europe and Us Association</b> Pułtusk	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign in Nasielsk – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (13 individuals) as well as information campaign in local press. <b>PLN 1,957</b>
<b>Effata Association of Social Initiatives</b> Piła	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign conducted in cooperation with informal group Citizens against Corruption – monitoring the keeping of promises by local government, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 150 individuals). <b>PLN 2,000</b>
<b>Together Integration Association</b> Elbląg	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign conducted in cooperation with three other local organizations – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of two debates with the participation of residents (about 100 individuals). <b>PLN 4,000</b>
<b>I Love Radom Association</b> Radom	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign conducted in Warsaw by informal group All Poland Civic Portal Sejmisja.pl. <b>PLN 2,000</b>

	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign conducted in Warsaw by informal group Young Center. <b>PLN 1,479</b>
	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign conducted in Warsaw by informal group YES Youth Initiative. <b>PLN 1,013</b>
	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, prepared by Radom Civic Self-government Association, organization of debate with the participation of a few dozen of residents. <b>PLN 1,638.87</b>
<b>Manko Association</b> Cracow	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 20 individuals). <b>PLN 1,270</b>
<b>Grażynski Voivode Residential Community Association</b> Bielsko-Biala	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 50 individuals). <b>PLN 2,000</b>
<b>Youth of Europe Association</b> Ruda Śląska	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 30 individuals). <b>PLN 1,787.64</b>
<b>Association for the Development of Domaradz Borough</b> Domaradz	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by chair of the village council, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 30 individuals). <b>PLN 2,000</b>
<b>Hope Association</b> Ostrów Mazowiecka	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 40 individuals). <b>PLN 1,720</b>
<b>Partner for Entrepreneurship Association</b> Gorlice	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 30 individuals). <b>PLN 1,535.21</b>
<b>Association for Disabled Children and Youth</b> Świebodzice	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 80 individuals). <b>PLN 2,000</b>
<b>Gorlice Coalition Association</b> Gorlice	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign conducted in cooperation with Ekstrim Sport Club – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 30 individuals). <b>PLN 1,616</b>
<b>Kołobrzeg 2010 Local Government Coalition Association</b> Kołobrzeg	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 70 individuals). <b>PLN 1,900</b>
<b>Friends of Lovely Land Association</b> Rawa Mazowiecka	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 65 individuals). <b>PLN 2,000</b>
<b>Radzymin Forum Association</b> Radzymin	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 120 individuals). <b>PLN 1,855</b>
<b>Mammography for Women Kluczbork Regional Association</b> Kluczbork	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign conducted by informal group Golden Women Club – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 60 individuals). <b>PLN 2,000</b>

<b>Włochy Neighborhood Association</b> Warsaw	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of two debates with the participation of residents (about 160 individuals). <b>PLN 1,043.80</b>
<b>Solidarity in Truth and Charity Association</b> Luboń	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 15 individuals). <b>PLN 1,864.43</b>
<b>Association for Support to Civic Initiatives and Community Development</b> Tczew	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 30 individuals). <b>PLN 1,995</b>
<b>Educational Initiatives Society</b> Cracow	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign conducted by informal group Local Government Council of Cracow Secondary School Students – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 20 individuals). <b>PLN 1,160</b>
<b>Friends of Czarna Białostocka Region Society</b> Czarna Białostocka	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate and information campaign. <b>PLN 2,000</b>
<b>Pope John Paul II School District No. 1</b> Władysławowo	Grant for implementation of tasks as part of <i>Your vote, your choice</i> campaign conducted by informal group Amicus European Club – monitoring the keeping of promises by mayor, organization of debate with the participation of residents (about 50 individuals). <b>PLN 1,962.90</b>



# Civic Institutions

The goal of the program is to reinforce the role of civic organizations in public life and build up their institutional and financial stability. We provide core support grants to organizations that play important roles in the NGO sector. We support initiatives that help to shape favorable legal and social environment for the growth and efficiency of the third sector and raise the operating standards of civil society institutions.

## **Core support grants**

We invite selected NGOs to apply for 'institutional' grants to support their long-term programs, capacity building and institutional development. Our grants are aimed to help organizations run their core activity, and can be used both for the implementation of projects and conducting their programs as well as for the development of their infrastructure, improving human resource qualifications, diversifying funding sources, improving management or preparing and implementing changes required for institutional development and stabilization.

In 2007, we provided core support grants to 12 organizations that work to increase civic participation in public life, promote the rule of law and transparency in public life, and develop international cooperation. Our grantees included experienced NGOs with extensive achievements as well as relatively new organizations only beginning their activities.

We made also three smaller grants for research projects and panel discussion.

## **Polish Donors Forum**

The Foundation is an active member of the Polish Donors Forum, an association of grant making organizations operating in Poland. The Forum was created on Foundation's initiative in 2002 with an aim to integrate donor community, promote good practices and improve effectiveness of their grant making, as well as ensure transparent and favorable environment for organized philanthropy. The Forum initiated and actively participated in many advocacy efforts concerning third sector interests. Since 2006, Ewa Kulik-Bielińska, the Foundation's representative, serves as the chair of the Donors Forum Board.

In 2007, the Forum ran successful campaigns to defend tax benefits for donations to charitable purposes and to facilitate 1% income tax designation mechanism. It forestalled introduction of the restrictive regulations in the Law on Foundations, developed recommendations to the amendments of the Law on Public Benefit Activity and Voluntarism, and organized a conference on legal and social conditions for the operation of foundations in Poland and in other EU countries. In the framework of a regional CEENERGI project funded from the funds of C. S. Mott Foundation and Trust for Civil Society in CEE, and implemented by 6 Donors Fora in Central and Eastern Europe, Polish Donors Forum undertook several initiatives to promote corporate philanthropy in Poland including research on corporate community involvement and

corporate foundations, series of workshops for corporate foundations on efficient grant making and Top Philanthropist competition for socially responsible companies.

In 2007, the program was financed by funds from the Open Society Institute.

Grants	PLN 1,065,290.00
Program implementation and membership fees	PLN 94,320.38
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 1,159,610.38</b>

## Grants

<b>Theotokos Center for Education and Dialogue</b> Gliwice	Core support grant for 2 years to conduct statutory activity in the realm of civic and European education and promoting volunteerism and intercultural dialogue in Central-Eastern Europe.	<b>PLN 100,000</b>
<b>demosEUROPA – Centre for European Strategy</b> Warsaw	Core support grant for 1 year to conduct statutory activity in the realm of European integration and international relations.	<b>PLN 100,000</b>
<b>Foundation for Freedom</b> Warsaw	Core support grant for 2.5 years to conduct statutory activity to promote knowledge about democratic institutions and attitudes of civic responsibility, as well as prevent discrimination.	<b>PLN 90,000</b>
<b>Civic Development Forum</b> Warsaw	Core support grant for 1 year for statutory activity in the scope of economics and legal education, creating conditions for social acceptance of reforms favoring national development and increasing public involvement in civic life.	<b>PLN 100,000</b>
<b><i>I don't take bribes, I want to earn honest pay</i> Foundation</b> Warsaw	Core support grant for 2 years for activities aimed to stimulate medical community to fight corruption within the health service and establish scholarship system for young doctors.	<b>PLN 80,000</b>
<b>Project Poland Foundation</b> Warsaw	Core support grant for 4 years for statutory activity aimed to stimulate civic activity of student and business communities and promote good practices of participation in public life.	<b>PLN 80,000</b>
<b>Józef Tischner Institute</b> Cracow	Core support grant for 1 year for statutory activity concerning promotion of solidarity and culture of dialogue in civic life.	<b>PLN 40,000</b>
<b>Polish Society for Anti-Discrimination Law</b> Warsaw	Core support grant for 1 year to conduct statutory activity to promote knowledge about antidiscrimination law and prevent discriminatory practices.	<b>PLN 20,600</b>
<b>Stanisław Brzozowski Association</b> Warsaw	Core support grant for 1 year for statutory activity to promote political and social thought and establish a forum for debate about contemporary issues.	<b>PLN 100,000</b>
<b>Polish Mediation Centre Association</b> Warsaw	Core support grant for 1 year for statutory activity regarding education in the realm of restorative justice and promotion of mediation methods.	<b>PLN 96,500</b>
<b>Iustitia Association of Polish Judges</b> Warsaw	Core support grant for 2 years for statutory activity to protect judicial independence and advocate justice system reforms.	<b>PLN 90,000</b>

<b>East European Democratic Centre</b> Warsaw	Core support grant for 2 years for statutory activity to support the local press, stimulate civic activity and promote the idea of local government in states of Eastern Europe and Central Asia. <b>PLN 100,000</b>
<b>Network of European Foundations for Innovative Cooperation</b> Brussels	<i>Religion and democracy</i> – joint project of several European foundations aimed to initiate debate about the relationship between religion and democracy in contemporary Europe. The project includes: conducting research on religiosity in Europe, the scale of religious intolerance and bigotry and the attendant threats to democracy, and organization of a cycle of discussions on these issues and present recommendations for EU Member States. <b>10,000 EUR</b>
<b>Zeszyty Literackie Foundation</b> Warsaw	Discussion panel: <i>Literature with respect to history and politics</i> organized on the 25 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the <i>Zeszyty Literackie</i> quarterly journal. <b>PLN 15,000</b>
<b>Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of Political Studies</b> Warsaw	<i>Polish General Electoral Study</i> – research of parliamentary elections including an analysis of Poles' social and political awareness as well as research of regional political and electoral differences. <b>PLN 15,000</b>

# Equal Opportunities

The program goal is to enhance access to education for young people from small towns and impoverished communities, as well as those striving to counteract social exclusion of physically and mentally disabled children by providing them with education and personal development opportunities. We support non-governmental organizations that run scholarship programs for school age youth as well as the organizations that work with disabled children. We also administer funds entrusted to Batory Foundation by businesses and private individuals.

## Local Scholarship Programs

The project, carried on from 2000, aims at assisting the establishment of an alternative scholarships system for youth from low-income families based on local resources and activity. We support local NGOs which raise money in their local communities (from local businesses, local governments, individual donors, street collections, auctions, 1% income tax designations) and assign them for scholarship programs addressed to secondary school students from their community. Local scholarship programs operate on the basis of their own charters drawn up by the organizations. The decision to award a scholarship is usually based on the applicant's school record and the financial standing of her/his family, sometimes also involvement in the work for community and achievements in other non-academic pursuits. The scholarships, varying between PLN 100 and 380 per month, are used to purchase textbooks and learning aids, to pay for lodging, extra courses, commuting to school, etc.

Each year, organizations participating in the program are offered grants of up to PLN 20,000. The grants are disbursed on the condition the organizations present plans and operating principles of their scholarship programs and document possession of additional funding raised from other donors in the amount that will allow to match Batory Foundation grants on at least 1:1 proportion. Additionally, 24 organizations participating in the program take advantage of Batory Foundation's three-year core support grants allotted for their capacity building and institutional development over 2007-2009. Apart from the grants, we offer to organizations technical assistance in establishing and operating scholarship programs, meetings and trainings on fund raising and financial management, cooperation with local partners, media, volunteers and scholarship recipients.

In 2007, the project involved 36 organizations from 16 provinces. They received grants in total amount of PLN 615,200. This amount increased by PLN 825,810 raised by organizations from other sources supported 1,298 monthly scholarships in the school year 2007/2008.

Furthermore, we provided a grant to the Nidzica Community Foundation to organize a cycle of trainings and consultations for organizations already participating in the program and organisations preparing to launch local scholarship funds.

In 2007, Local Scholarship Programs were financed from 1% personal income tax payments (PLN 397,466.86), donations by private donors (PLN 67,733.14), donation by Nestlé Poland (PLN 30,000) and from the Open Society Institute funds.

## **Rainbow Academy**

This project targets organizations that operate in small towns and rural areas and engage in activities to assist mentally and physically disabled children. The ultimate purpose is to improve the children's opportunities for education, and to overcome their social exclusion. We offer these organizations grants for activities that make it easier for disabled children to acquire knowledge and skills, enable them to participate in cultural and artistic events, and contribute to integration with their peers and communities.

In 2007, we received 130 applications. A committee of experts selected 30 projects involving diverse education and integration activities addressed to about 750 disabled children and youth and about 350 of their healthy peers. Eight projects also included activities directed at parents and guardians (support groups, psychological consultations, information meetings about assistance opportunities). More than half of the supported projects were implemented in small municipalities not exceeding 6,000 residents.

We have also provided a grant to the Bielsko Artistic Association Grodzki Theatre to run a cycle of trainings and consultations in 2008-2009 for organizations that use theater techniques in their work with disabled children.

In 2007, Rainbow Academy was financed from the donations by Agora Foundation (PLN 92,040), Commercial Union Poland (PLN 85,000), M Fund (PLN 76,300), donations by private donors (PLN 2,767), 1% personal income tax payments donated to the Foundation (PLN 513) and the Open Society Institute funds.

## **Donors Advised Funds**

Apart from running its own grant-making programs, the Foundation administers funds entrusted by companies and individuals. These funds, multi-year and perpetual, are created on the basis of donation agreements between a company or an individual donor and the Foundation. On the basis of the agreement, the Foundation uses the entrusted funds to support projects, institutions and social initiatives that fall in the sphere of its program activity and the donor's interest.

### **Commercial Union Charitable Fund**

Since 1995, the Foundation has been cooperating with the insurance company Commercial Union Poland, which has been providing us with donations to support the disabled, children and youth. In 2007, from the Commercial Union's funds we made 19 grants for integration and education of disabled children projects (see the list of grants in the Rainbow Academy section).

## M Fund

In 2002, thanks to a donation made to the Foundation by a private donor, an endowed donor advised fund was established. Income generated by the Fund is annually spent for various forms of assistance to needy children. In 2007, M Fund earnings were used to finance or co-finance 12 grants for integration and education of disabled children projects (see the list of grants in the Rainbow Academy section). Moreover, pursuant to the wish of the M Fund founder, a part of the annual earnings on the investment of the Fund was allocated to the purposes identified by the donor involving support for sick children and children in need of care. In 2007, 17 grants were made of the value of PLN 32,000 (see the list of grants in M Fund section).

## Helen and Peter Maxwell Fund

Since 2004, the Foundation has been receiving an annual donation from Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell from the United States for the Windows of Opportunity Program, aiming to provide equal educational opportunities for children and youth from Siedlce town and county. The program is run by the Hans Ch. Kofoed Association for Social Welfare, Rehabilitation and Social Reintegration in Siedlce, with the participation of Siedlce county and town local governments. In the framework of the program, financed in 2/3 from Maxwell Fund resources, an annual competition is organized for the purchase of computers for primary and junior high schools in Siedlce town and county. In 2007, thanks to Mrs. and Mr. Maxwell's donation, increased by funds donated by county and town local governments, 10 schools received 49 computers: 38 of them were bought from the Maxwell Fund.

## Beata Pawlak Fund

This 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 (for more information see Batory Foundation Debates program).

Grants	PLN 1,154,538.00
Program implementation	PLN 69,874.92
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 1,224,412.92</b>

## Grants

### Local Scholarship Programs

<b>Barciany Educational Initiative</b> Barciany	Grant to support <i>Bartek</i> scholarship program for children from Barciany. From grant and other funds, 36 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>
<b>Elbląg Foundation, Community Foundation of Elbląg Region</b> Elbląg	Grant to support a scholarship program for secondary school children from Elbląg area. From grant and other funds, 53 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>
<b>Community Foundation of Biłgoraj Region</b> Biłgoraj	Grant to support a scholarship program for children from Biłgoraj county and Zwierzyniec borough in Lublin province. From grant and other funds, 30 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>

<b>Cultural Initiatives Foundation</b> Radomsko	Grant to support a scholarship program for artistically gifted secondary school students from Radomsko county. From grant and other funds, 13 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>
<b>Social Welfare Foundation</b> Brzeszcze	Grant to support a scholarship program targeting young people from Brzeszcze borough. From grant and other funds, 45 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>
<b>Family Foundation</b> Stawno	Grant to support a scholarship program targeting young people from Stawno county. From grant and other funds, 40 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>
<b>Foundation for the Development of Gołdap Region</b> Gołdap	Grant to support Gołdap Scholarship Fund targeting young people from the secondary schools of Gołdap county. From grant and other funds, 29 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>
<b>Foundation for the Development of Łukta Region</b> Łukta	Grant to support a scholarship program targeting young people from selected boroughs of Ostróda and Olsztyn counties. From grant and other funds, 34 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>
<b>Sokółka Community Foundation</b> Sokółka	Grant to support the <i>Top of the Class</i> scholarship program targeting junior high and secondary school students living in the borough of Sokółka and studying in schools in the Podlaskie province. From grant and other funds, 40 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>
<b>Snow Mountain Community Fund</b> Stara Bystrzyca	Grant for a scholarship fund for youth from 4 boroughs of Snow Mountain area: Bystrzyca Kłodzka, Łądek Zdrój, Międzyzylesie and Stroń Śląski. From grant and other funds, 74 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>
<b>Leżajsk Development Association</b> Leżajsk	Grant to support a scholarship program targeting young people from the Leżajsk county. From grant and other funds, 25 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 10,100</b>
<b>Nowy Sącz Foundation for the Development of Rural Areas and Agriculture</b> Nowy Sącz	Grant to support the <i>Patoczek Brothers Scholarship Fund</i> targeting secondary school students from the selected boroughs of Nowy Sącz and Gorlice counties. From grant and other funds, 117 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>
<b>Success for Each Child Srokowo Association</b> Srokowo	Grant for <i>Bociek</i> scholarship program for youth from Srokowo borough. From grant and other funds, 36 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 7,050</b>
<b>Community Foundation of the Year 2000</b> Tomaszów Mazowiecki	Grant for a scholarship program targeting secondary school students from Tomaszów county. From grant and other funds, 8 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 7,700</b>
<b>Together Charitable Association</b> Zelów	Grant to support a scholarship program targeting secondary school students from Zelów borough. From grant and other funds, 8 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 5,400</b>
<b>Education for Future Association</b> Namysłów	Grant to support a scholarship program targeting junior high and secondary school students from Namysłów borough. From grant and other funds, 10 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>
<b>Widok Association of Cultural Education</b> Białystok	Grant to support a scholarship program targeting junior high and secondary school students from Białystok gifted in the arts and humanities. From grant and other funds, 18 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>

<b>A. Bąkowska Scholarship Fund for Young People from Rural Areas Association</b> Sońsk	Grant to support a scholarship program targeting students and graduates of Agricultural Schools in Gołotczyzna, Ciechanów county. From grant and other funds, 4 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 16,100</b>
<b>Emka Youth for Development Association</b> Wieliszew	Grant to support a scholarship program for youth from Wieliszew borough. From grant and other funds, 18 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 12,100</b>
<b>To Restore Hope Association for Rural Children and Youth</b> Głogów	Grant to support a scholarship program for youth from Głogów borough. From grant and other funds, 33 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>
<b>Association for Local Development</b> Białobrzegi	Grant to support a scholarship program targeting junior high and secondary school students from Białobrzegi borough in Subcarpathian province. From grant and other funds, 30 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>
<b>Haven Association</b> Iława	Grant to support a scholarship program targeting secondary school students from Iława county. From grant and other funds, 39 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>
<b>Nidzica Community Foundation</b> Nidzica	Grant to support the <i>Top of the Class</i> scholarship program targeting secondary school students from Nidzica county. From grant and other funds, 25 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>  Grant for a cycle of trainings and consultations for organizations participating in Equal Opportunities Local Scholarship Funds program (grant for 2008-2009). <b>PLN 70,000</b>
<b>Dezydery Chłapowski Educational Association</b> Kościan	Grant to support a scholarship program targeting junior high and secondary school students from Kościan county. From grant and other funds, 20 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>
<b>Helping Hand Association</b> Złoty Stok	Grant to support a scholarship program targeting secondary school students from Złoty Stok borough. From grant and other funds, 13 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 6,200</b>
<b>Friends of Klonowa Borough Association</b> Klonowa	Grant to support a scholarship program for youth from Klonowa borough. From grant and other funds, 10 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 5,100</b>
<b>Association of Friends of Public Junior High School in Nowiny</b> Sitkówka-Nowiny	Grant to support a scholarship program targeting junior high and secondary school students from Sitkówka-Nowiny borough, and the best players from local sport clubs. From grant and other funds, 62 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>
<b>Association of Catholic Families of Katowice Archdiocese, St. George Parish Club</b> Goczałkowice-Zdrój	Grant to support a scholarship program targeting secondary school students from Goczałkowice-Zdrój borough. From grant and other funds, 29 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>
<b>Zarzecze Borough Development Association</b> Zarzecze	Grant to support a scholarship program for youth from Zarzecze borough. From grant and other funds, 15 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 15,850</b>
<b>Association for Local Development and Philanthropy</b> Kielce	Grant to support a scholarship program targeting secondary school students from Kielce province. From grant and other funds, 66 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>



<b>Association to Support the Development of Czulchów County</b> Czulchów	Grant to support a scholarship program targeting secondary school students from Czulchów county. From grant and other funds, 101 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>
<b>Echo of Pyzdry Cultural Association</b> Pyzdry	Grant to support the Mecenat scholarship program targeting young people from Pyzdry, Stupiec and Gizatki boroughs in Poznań province. From grant and other funds, 13 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 19,600</b>
<b>Friends of Muszyna Region Society</b> Muszyna	Grant to support a scholarship program targeting secondary school students from Muszyna, students studying in Krynica and Nowy Sącz music schools and junior high school students from Muszyna, Powroźnik and Złockie in Małopolska province. From grant and other funds, 22 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>
<b>Association to Support the Development of Kwidzyn County</b> Kwidzyn	Grant to support a scholarship program targeting secondary school and university students from Kwidzyn county. From grant and other funds, 39 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>
<b>Local Government Association</b> Konin	Grant to support a scholarship program for youth from Konin, Koło, Słupca, Turek, Września and Gniezno counties. From grant and other funds, 129 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 20,000</b>
<b>Students' Sports Club Dąbrówka-Kargowa Association</b> Kargowa	Grant to support a scholarship program targeting junior high school students from Kargowa borough. From grant and other funds, 14 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2007/2008. <b>PLN 10,000</b>

## Rainbow Academy

<b>Agro-tourism Association of Ostrowo-Ostrzeszów Region</b> Przygodzice	<i>Joy Beam</i> – natural science workshop (outdoor education), crafts (painting, weaving, pottery), creative arts (literary, drama, musical), therapy sessions (with use of Paul Dennison's method) and therapeutic horseback riding for 10 disabled children and elementary school pupils; presentation of achievements at community meetings (grant funded by Commercial Union and the Agora Foundation). <b>PLN 9,790</b>
<b>Together Association for Supporting Local Initiatives of Barwice</b> Barwice	<i>Learn About Your World And Paint It</i> – four-day sessions of therapeutic activities in 4 seasons: a trip to an organic farm, Drawno National Park, museum, cinema, botanical garden plus three-day related arts workshops, relaxation and integration games for 20 children with disabilities (grant funded by the Agora Foundation and the M Fund). <b>PLN 9,300</b>
<b>Delphinus Foundation for Rehabilitation and Social Reintegration</b> Żarnowiec	<i>Here Is Your Brother, Here Is Your Sister</i> – arts workshops (fine arts, drama), swimming pool activities, mental development and recreational session in pairs: a disabled child (20 children) plus an able-bodied peer (10 volunteers and siblings), one-on-one parent's meetings with a psychologist, final event involving presentation of art work and a performance produced by project participants (grant funded by Commercial Union and the Agora Foundation). <b>PLN 7,600</b>
<b>St. Brother Albert Foundation</b> Chelmek	<i>Learning About Trades</i> – group integration meetings of the Foundation's charges with participants of the Kolping Family Day Care Centre (a total of 20 mentally disabled individuals): visiting places of work such as shops, pharmacy, bakery, police station (lecture, tour, sampling of job-related activities); fine arts contest inspired by the project (grant funded by Commercial Union and the Agora Foundation). <b>PLN 5,000</b>

<b>St. Brother Albert Foundation</b> Aleksandrów Kujawski	<i>Cultural and Educational Vertigo</i> – cyclic sessions in cultural and educational institutions: Paper Museum, Gingerbread Museum, theatre, cinema, botanical garden, planetarium etc. for 26 disabled charges of the Day Care Centre; arts and drama workshops inspired by the sessions (grant funded by Commercial Union and the M Fund). <b>PLN 5,000</b>
<b>Ostoja Foundation</b> Kamienna Góra	<i>Learning About the Country Life and Rural Tradition</i> – visit to a farm, bread baking in a open-air folk museum and related drama workshops (production of performance, puppets and decorations) for 10 children with disabilities; staging a play during an integration event (grant funded by the M Fund). <b>PLN 7,060</b>
<b>Caritas Local-Charitable Club, Family Intervention Center of Opoka</b> Łańcut	<i>Let's Learn More About Each Other</i> – integration meetings of 15 mentally disabled individuals from the Revalidation and Education Centre with groups of high-school students from different schools themed around seasons of the year, rites and festivals; arts, cooking, natural science workshops, trips to a theatre, cinema and concert hall (grant funded by Commercial Union and the Agora Foundation). <b>PLN 10,000</b>
<b>Łabiszyn Association of the Disabled and Their Families</b> Łabiszyn	Painting and industrial design sessions for 11 children with disabilities and their siblings, physical exercises, meetings with a folk artist, a community nurse and an athlete plus trips to the cinema, theatre; presentation of children's creative art in the local community (grant funded by Commercial Union and the Agora Foundation). <b>PLN 10,000</b>
<b>Guardian Foundation for Children and Youth</b> Opole	<i>Cooking Travel With a Difference</i> – meetings devoted to learning about European regions and countries through their regional cuisine: country/region background information, characteristic food and dishes, cooking a local special according to a recipe, learning the art of table decoration and table wear; disability integration project implemented in Strzelce Opolskie with 30 students of a school for children with special needs and 15 high school volunteers (grant funded by Commercial Union and the Agora Foundation). <b>PLN 7,320</b>
<b>Klanza Polish Association of Educators and Animators</b> Bogatynia	<i>Circus Makes Fun</i> – a cyclic circus skills workshops for 15 disabled and 15 able-bodied children with learning difficulties following a workshop for project trainers (instructors, teachers, volunteers, parents), production of short shows for groups from various child care centers and a final show (including set and costumes) as part of the Bogatynia Days festival (grant funded by Commercial Union and the Agora Foundation). <b>PLN 10,000</b>
<b>Association of Community Activists</b> Więcbork	<i>Come and Paint My World</i> – theme arts workshop inspired by famous stories for children combined with meetings with people of different professions plus music therapy sessions for 20 children with physical and mental disabilities aged 6-12 and 5 able-bodied peers (grant funded by Commercial Union and the Agora Foundation). <b>PLN 10,000</b>
<b>Special Care Children's Association</b> Głdnap	<i>Nature at the Finger Tip</i> – Travel and Sailing Club activities involving 10 students of the Special Needs Education Centre and 10-15 students of other schools: weekly meetings, in-water exercises, biking trip, canoeing, trekking and sailing (grant funded by the M Fund). <b>PLN 6,850</b>
<b>Oligus Association for Integration of the Mentally Disabled</b> Bełżyce	<i>Close Encounters with Art Therapy</i> – monthly puppet theatre meetings for 10 mentally disabled inhabitants of the Welfare Home and 10 high school students: group games, learning about the works by H. Ch. Andersen, selecting a story, selecting the name for the theatre group, puppet making techniques, visit to a theatre (play and education session), production of a play for the Family Festival Day (grant funded by Commercial Union and the Agora Foundation). <b>PLN 10,000</b>

<b>Sawin Borough Women's Association</b> Sawin	<i>Our Friends</i> – sessions for 26 disabled children and youth: hand puppet theatre – speech therapy, making the puppets, building the set (sowing, sculpting, wickerwork), performing at various events, therapeutic horseback riding and a counseling service (psychologist, educator, speech therapist, psychiatrist, physical therapist) for families of disabled children (grant funded by Commercial Union and the Agora Foundation). <b>PLN 10,000</b>
<b>On the Hill Association</b> Chodzież	<i>My Love is Adult</i> – a series of sessions around the theme of love, expressing emotions and thoughts through painting, poetry, photography or documentary videos; final exhibition, film screening, poetry night at the local community centre; project addressed to disabled 15+ youth (grant funded by the M Fund and the 1% contributions). <b>PLN 9,910</b>
<b>Association for Children, Youth and the Disabled</b> Bolków	Teaching reading by Glen Doman's method, in-water exercises, therapeutic horseback riding for 17 disabled children and integration sessions of manual exercises with 17 able-bodied peers (volunteers and siblings); psychosocial and disabled care workshops for parents; sports and recreation final event combined with an auction sale of children's works (grant funded by Commercial Union and the Agora Foundation). <b>PLN 10,000</b>
<b>Our Children Association for Disabled Children</b> Reszel	<i>Learning Our Potential – Learning New Skills</i> – pottery workshops (including two visits to professional pottery shops) and mobility exercises in water for 50 mentally disabled individuals; final exhibition of children's works and joint visit to a swimming pool with parents (grant funded by Commercial Union and the Agora Foundation). <b>PLN 5,310</b>
<b>Spring Association for Children, Youth and the Disabled</b> Ropa	<i>We Want to Help Others Have a Happy Life</i> – fine arts and speech therapy sessions for 12 disabled children; education and integration sessions with 12 able-bodied peers, psychologist-guided building of a support group for parents and custodians of disabled children; final community event, presentation of children's works (grant funded by Commercial Union and the Agora Foundation). <b>PLN 10,000</b>
<b>Self-help Association for the Disabled and Their Families</b> Kozienice	<i>Under the Variety Tree</i> – activity-based therapy combined with mobility rehabilitation and play education (arts, pottery, cooking, gypsum moulds making and painting, cuttings, board games) for 20 young, primarily autistic, children; individual sessions with educator, speech therapist, group therapy for families, short recreational events without children, (biking, barbecue, trekking), training for nursery and elementary school teachers on the basics of autistic children therapy (grant funded by Commercial Union and the Agora Foundation). <b>PLN 10,000</b>
<b>Association for the Development of Sosno Borough</b> Sośno	<i>What Did Mr. Sun See?</i> – regular meetings with 30 disabled children based on a variety of therapy methods (mobility games, eurhythmics and dancing, cooking, arts), devoted to the children's immediate environment (family home, family traditions, landmark dates, healthy nutrition, favorite stories, rhymes and books) and the nature; final Carnival Ball combined with an exhibition and performance; support group establishment (grant funded by the M Fund). <b>PLN 7,060</b>
<b>Amadei Amici Association for Culture Development</b> Milicz	A series of music therapy sessions for 90 individuals with disabilities, including 56 children and youth: workshops presenting music of different periods and styles, project participants joint therapy team members in making music, visits to philharmonic halls (grant funded by Commercial Union and the Agora Foundation). <b>PLN 10,000</b>

<p><b>Chance Association for Support to People with Special Educational Needs</b> Giżycko</p>	<p><i>Rainbow-Colored World</i> – cooking class (cooking meals of a selected color, learning restaurant decorum), art sessions (floral skills, 3d objects, post-cards, greeting cards, trip to the Folklore Museum), DIY workshops (kitchen utensils, toys, mats, frames) for 30 mentally disabled children and youth plus trips to the theatre, cinema, exhibitions, concerts, meetings with artists; production of an exhibition at the Giżycko Cultural Centre (grant funded by Commercial Union and the Agora Foundation). <b>PLN 10,000</b></p>
<p><b>Be Together Association for the Disabled</b> Aleksandrów Kujawski</p>	<p><i>It's More Fun Together</i> – volunteers meet with disabled charges in their homes plus major monthly meetings at the school, speech and general therapy sessions, joint trip to the zoological and botanical garden, fine arts contest, mental and legal counseling for parents, final event with shows and exhibitions produced by the disabled people, award ceremony of the <i>Scenic County Aleksandrów</i> contest (grant funded by the M Fund). <b>PLN 8,050</b></p>
<p><b>One World Association for Children and Youth with Special Needs</b> Białystok</p>	<p><i>Therapy-Based Cultural Education</i> – sessions of two theatre groups at Klepacze (children with verbalization problems and speaking children): speech therapy, painting, music making (production of the set and music for a show), cooking class with parents, trips to theatres (grant funded by Commercial Union and the Agora Foundation). <b>PLN 10,000</b></p>
<p><b>Tokary School Parents and Friends Association</b> Kawęczyn</p>	<p><i>Fun With Musical Theatre</i> – drama workshop, speech therapy, arts and DIY, music and movement – all leading up to a show on the story of the Snow Queen and the Red Riding Hood produced and performed by a group of 30 children (15 disabled); trip to a theatre (play and backstage tour); carnival ball; workshop with a psychologist, meeting with a pediatric doctor for parents and custodians of children (grant funded by the M Fund). <b>PLN 8,460</b></p>
<p><b>Ignis Association of Local Initiatives</b> Dąblin</p>	<p><i>Circus Tricks Appreciated Not Only on Arena</i> – art therapy (fine arts and drama combined with circus techniques) for 30 children of the Special Child and Youth Education Centre, joint activities of all clients of the Association and participants of the Occupational Therapy Workshop plus a circus pedagogy training for teachers and tutors (grant funded by the M Fund). <b>PLN 8,660</b></p>
<p><b>Heart's Need Association</b> Łabunie</p>	<p><i>Coming Out of Shadow</i> – monthly training sessions for parents and custodians of disabled children on their rights, types of welfare services, therapy methods and, parallel, sessions for 20 children involving psycho-educational games, music therapy, fine arts and DIY, bibliotherapy, outdoor physical exercise etc. (grant funded by Commercial Union and the Agora Foundation). <b>PLN 10,000</b></p>
<p><b>Olimpian School Sports Club for the Deaf</b> Olecko</p>	<p><i>The Same</i> – sports and recreation activities for younger children (games, eurhythmics, swimming) and indoor activities for approximately 100 children of the Education Centre for Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Children; Family Club meetings for parents, facilitated by educators (grant funded by the Agora Foundation and the M Fund). <b>PLN 6,850</b></p>
<p><b>Perfect 10 Warmia and Mazury Association of Families, Guardians and Friends of Children with Down's Syndrome</b> Olsztyn</p>	<p><i>Poetry Is the Child's Wings</i> – activities for 10 children with the Down Syndrome and the same number of healthy youth inspired by the poems of Jan Brzechwa and Julian Tuwim: fine arts (sticking, painting), eurhythmics (poems presentation), environmental (birds and natural reserves), dancing course and poetry reading, theatre club; final event – ball, exhibition and theatre club performance; project implemented in Pisz (grant funded by the M Fund). <b>PLN 8,700</b></p>

**Rural Association for the Mentally  
and Kinetically Disabled**  
Łopuszno

Arts and dexterity activities (flowers, compositions and traditional Christmas crepe paper ornaments) combined with music therapy for 17 children, mainly those which are covered by home learning programs plus integrating events for all clients of the Association; exhibition of children works at the Community Cultural Centre Gallery (grant funded by the M Fund).

PLN 5,700

**Bielsko Artistic Association**  
**Grodzki Theatre**  
Bielsko-Biała

Grant for a cycle of trainings and consultations for organizations applying for grants in Rainbow Academy program on using theatrical and drama techniques in work with disabled children (grant for 2008-2009).

PLN 90,000

## M Fund

**Help on Time Foundation for Children**  
Warsaw

Donation for treatment and rehabilitation of nine disabled children.

PLN 13,600

**Foundation of Assistance for Patients  
with Neuromuscular Diseases**  
Szczecin

Donation for treatment and rehabilitation of a child with neuromuscular disease.

PLN 1,600

**Neuron Ltd.**  
Bydgoszcz

Donation for rehabilitation of a disabled child.

PLN 1,300

**Freedom of Speech Association**  
Warsaw

Research on history of freedom of speech in Poland – documentation of activity of independent publishers in 1976-1989, including first underground non-censored publishing house NOWA.

PLN 10,000

**Association to Support  
the Development of Czluchów County**  
Czluchów

Scholarship for a student of the Mechanics Department of the Koszalin School of Technology.

PLN 1,000

**Donations to individuals**

Donation for treatment and rehabilitation of 5 sick children.

PLN 1,500

Donation for elimination of architectural barriers in the apartment of a disabled person.

PLN 1,000

Donation for purchase of an anti-bedsore mattress and cushion for bedridden person.

PLN 1,000

Donation for costs of tuition of post-diploma studies in special pedagogy at Szczecin University.

PLN 1,000

## Helen and Peter Maxwell Fund

**Hans Ch. Kofoed Association  
for Social Welfare, Rehabilitation  
and Social Reintegration**  
Siedlce

*Windows of Opportunity* program: computerization of elementary and junior high-schools in Siedlce town and county, IV edition (from a grant matched in 1/3 by local governments' subsidies 10 schools were equipped with 49 new computer sets, 33 of them were financed from Maxwell's Fund).

PLN 90,718

# For Tolerance

The aim of the program, implemented since 2006, is to foster attitudes of openness towards racial, ethnic and religious differences as well as prevent intolerance and discrimination. We want to contribute to 'disarming' xenophobia and prejudice enrooted in our culture and language, to expand the volume and scope of initiatives in Poland that directly address manifestations of intolerance and xenophobia and increase professionalism of organizations conducting such activities.

## The shared and the different

We provide grants to NGOs for diverse education and cultural projects that recover and discover the roots of a multinational Poland and preserve a common multicultural heritage, especially that of Polish Jews. We also support art projects that provide a new voice in the discussion about Polish anti-Semitism and Poland's tolerance and intolerance, as well as projects opposing acts of xenophobia and racism. We provide assistance to develop projects' proposals, as well as opportunity to share experiences and cooperate with peer organizations. This is facilitated by our partner organization: the Society of Creative Initiatives which organizes workshops for grantseeking organizations, administers a webpage [www.dlatolerancji.pl](http://www.dlatolerancji.pl) and a discussion forum, and documents and promotes best projects funded in the program. Another program partner, Encounters Association for Education and Culture, is responsible for evaluation of projects and assessment of their impact on local communities.

In 2007, in the competition's second edition, 226 organizations submitted letters of intent – nearly twice the number in the preceding year. We invited the authors of 39 projects to workshops in Warsaw (March 22-24). The workshops contributed to new cooperation among the organizations and the improvement and elaboration of original projects' concept. The participants had an opportunity to meet and discuss with people whose activities are important voices on otherness, tolerance and recovering historical truth (meeting with Bożena Szroeder from the Borderland Foundation in Sejny, discussion on the power of stereotypes with Jacek Leociak Ph.D., a researcher from the Warsaw University as well as the Holocaust Institute of the Polish Academy of Science, and with Prof. Joanna Tokarska-Bakir and Zuzanna Radzik on the film by Artur Żmijewski, *A Pole in the Closet*).

After the workshops, we received 34 applications. The committee of experts recommended for funding all submitted projects (8 of them continue activities that received grants in the first program edition in 2006). The great majority of supported projects concern the heritage of Polish Jews, Polish-Jewish relations and the problem of anti-Semitism, and are based on discovering the past of one's local homeland – town, city or region. For most participants, this meant filling in historical gaps, i.e. learning about forgotten or muted facts. Fascination with Jewish culture intertwined with the efforts to face the history of the Holo-

caust and, what was most difficult, to learn about different attitudes of Poles toward those issues in the past and present. In addition to activities concerning Polish-Jewish matters, we also supported a project exploring Russian roots in the city of Łódź and photography workshops for Roma children in Szaflary that resulted in a photography exhibition traveling throughout Poland.

## Preventing intolerance

We continued to provide grants to the organizations selected in 2006 in an open grant competition for the implementation of projects focusing on research and monitoring of intolerance, xenophobia and anti-Semitism in public life as well as running educational and preventive activities.

In 2007, the program was financed by funds from the Ford Foundation (PLN 267,230.52), Taube Foundation for Jewish Life and Culture (PLN 67,425.10) and the Open Society Institute, including grant from Human Rights and Governance Grants Program, OSI-Budapest.

Grants	PLN 773,675.10
Program implementation	PLN 39,480.52
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 813,155.62</b>

## Grants

### The shared and the different

<b>Association of Belarusian Students</b> Białystok	Ethnographic Laboratory <i>The Jews of Podlasie: Troubled Memory</i> part 2 – a research camp for Belarusian students and youth: workshops introducing participants into the history of Jews in eastern Białystok region, recording interviews with individuals who still remember their Jewish neighbors, evening discussion and meetings (continuation of project implemented in 2006). <b>PLN 10,000</b>
<b>Auschwitz Jewish Center</b> Oświęcim	<i>My Former Neighbors</i> – a series of workshops for young people on the history of the Jewish community in Oświęcim and, more broadly, the common history of Poles and Jews; also a series of open lectures and debates on the Jewish history, religion and culture, Polish-Jewish relations and xenophobia in contemporary Poland ( <i>Discussions on Tolerance</i> ). <b>PLN 8,000</b>
<b>Civis Polonus Foundation</b> Warsaw	<i>My Multicultural Town</i> – a project for young people from Sokółów Podlaski: making a film about the past of Sokółów, organizing workshops on the Jewish culture ('Daily life in a Multicultural Town') and documentary film screenings (continuation of project implemented in 2006). <b>PLN 10,000</b>
<b>Foksal Gallery Foundation</b> Warsaw	<i>We Were Here: the Chasid Jews</i> – a photography project of Tadeusz Rolke: documenting the sites in Poland and Ukraine where traces remained of Chasidim who were living there before the Holocaust; also documenting projects of other organizations implemented in the framework of the Program for Tolerance; outdoor photography workshops for young people in a selected community (jointly with ę Society of Creative Initiatives). <b>PLN 9,000</b>

<b>Yakiza Foundation of Culture</b> Bydgoszcz	<i>Let's Meet In a Synagogue</i> – a series of high school students' initiatives to rediscover the history of Stary Fordon district of Bydgoszcz: genealogy, history and photography workshop, collecting 'oral histories' and records of the past, reconstructing the fate of the Jews who once lived here, large-size photography exhibition, a klezmer music concert and a meeting at the table of project's participants and guests. <b>PLN 8,000</b>
<b>City Foundation</b> Suwałki	<i>Together and Apart</i> – a series of arts and education activities for young people interested in the Jewish culture and the history of Jews in Poland: music workshop, drama workshop ( <i>Dybbuk</i> by Szymon An-ski, directed by Avishai Hadari), lectures on literary and audiovisual evidence of the Holocaust and open meetings for all interested parties as well as film screenings. <b>PLN 9,000</b>
<b>University of Białystok Foundation</b> <b>Universitas Bialostocensis</b> Białystok	<i>The Jewish Heritage Trail in Białystok</i> – documenting and marking sites related to the history of the Białystok Jews (from 1658 till World War Two), publication of a trail brochure and map, building an interactive website, education and art events connected with the Trail: film screening, exhibitions, lectures. <b>PLN 8,000</b>
<b>Committee for the Protection of Monuments of Jewish Culture</b> Tarnów	<i>The Tarnów Cheder</i> – seeking and documenting traces of Tarnów Jews (photographs of remnants of mezuzahs, wall inscriptions, registration of testimonials of local people who remember their Jewish neighbors) and an exhibition of compiled findings; project targeting high school students (grant funded by the Taube Foundation). <b>PLN 8,250</b>
<b>Hear the Heart International Association</b> Łódź	<i>A 3D Mosaic: A Journey in Time and Space</i> part 2 – a continuation of the project from 2006 implemented by youth from a day care community centre: learning about the history and culture of communities that once made up the city of Łódź: Jews, Russians and Germans. The second part of the project is dedicated to Russian culture: a series of workshops on culture and tradition, arts and photography activities, making a documentary film that is to denude stereotypes. <b>PLN 9,200</b>
<b>Voluntary Fire Brigade</b> Orla	<i>With a Synagogue in the Background</i> – preparing a photography exhibit devoted to history of the Jewish community, which once constituted a majority of Orla's residents; opening a unique site to visitors – an 18 <sup>th</sup> century synagogue in Orla. <b>PLN 5,000</b>
<b>Stołpno Voluntary Fire Brigade</b> Międzyrzec Podlaski	<i>Authentic Voices of the Past</i> – rediscovery and awareness building of the Polish-Jewish history of Międzyrzec Podlaski: workshops for young people (journalism, photography, film-making), collecting documents, photographs and testimonials submitted by community members (including descendants of Jewish survivors), making a short film about town former residents, building a history portal of Międzyrzec (grant funded by the Taube Foundation). <b>PLN 10,000</b>
<b>Radom Scientific Society</b> Radom	<i>Kiliński's Laboratory</i> – rediscovery of the forgotten history of Radom: research into the past of the Jewish community in Radom (particularly the fate of individual histories of students and teachers of the <i>Friends of Knowledge</i> Society Grammar School); related cultural initiatives: outdoor drawing and photography workshop, exhibition, collecting photographs from home archives, developing a map of the historic centre of Radom, review of documentary and feature films under the theme of <i>With Radom in the Background</i> . <b>PLN 10,000</b>
<b>Theatre and Education Association</b> <b>Theater Center Station Szamocin</b> Piła	<i>The Grand Season Night</i> – production of a theatre play based on Bruno Schulz's writings; related cultural events, e.g. Schulz books exhibition, screening of films depicting his literary work, films and plays based on his works, debates on tolerance. <b>PLN 8,000</b>



<b>Educator Association</b> Łomża	<i>Multicultural Path</i> – training a group of 20 teachers who will conduct classes on the multicultural history of the Podlasie Province with particular attention to Polish-Jewish relations: workshops, study tours, developing school multicultural education projects, student activities and teacher experience sharing (in partnership with the Teacher Training Centre in Łomża; grant funded by Taube Foundation). <b>PLN 8,750</b>
<b>Education for Development Association</b> Lubaczów	<i>The Third Element or Discovering the Atlantis</i> – restoring the memory of the Jewish community in Lubaczów, one of the three communities in the town before World War Two – beside Poles and Ukrainians): collecting testimonials from Holocaust witnesses, symbolic restoration of the Jewish Ghetto boundaries and the outline of the synagogue, radio programs in Your Lubaczów local radio station. <b>PLN 8,000</b>
<b>Step Association of Education and Progress</b> Warsaw	<i>The Roma Click</i> – an education and arts project for Roma children in Szaflary: pinhole photography workshops, hand making of pinhole cameras out of cardboard boxes, making illustrations to a selected Roma fairy tales inspired by the landscape of the Roma settlement, workshop conducted by Roma children for their Polish peers (one of the schoolrooms will be turned into a big <i>camera obscura</i> ), preparations of a roadshow of children's art (presented among others in Warsaw, Jastrzębie Zdrój and Stary Sącz). <b>PLN 9,800</b>
<b>Venae Artis Association of Education and Culture</b> Łódź	<i>Tenement</i> – project built 'around' one of the Łódź tenement houses, whose history embodies the history of the entire city (built by Jews, it witnessed the prosperity of its tenants and their later tragedy): young contemporary tenants in cooperation with a local history teacher and students from a nearby school and under the professional guidance of a journalist re-discover the history of the house and its former inhabitants. <b>PLN 7,500</b>
<b>Homo Faber Association</b> Niemce	<i>Singer at Ulanów</i> – education and arts project involving young people in Ulanów designed to help rediscover the history of their community: developing and production of a film based on a short story by Isaac Bashevis Singer <i>Lemel and Cypa</i> , screenings in small towns near Lublin (grant funded by Taube Foundation). <b>PLN 7,425.10</b>
<b>Movement for Earth Association of Socio-Ecological Initiatives</b> Siemiatycze	<i>Images of Memory</i> – re-discovery and awareness building of the Polish-Jewish history of Siemiatycze: collecting photographs and memorabilia, recording the recollections of senior citizens, poster campaigns, graffiti painting, photo exhibition, cleaning up the Jewish cemetery and continued search for paintings by Józef Charyton, the project's 'patron' (continuation of activities initiated in 2006). <b>PLN 9,500</b>
<b>Magurycz Association</b> Uście Gorlickie	<i>Stones in perpetuum memoriam. Gluing the Past Together</i> – 38 <sup>th</sup> Magurycz summer camp (in the villages of Nowica, Przysług and the town of Nowy Żmigród) devoted to saving sepulchral art and roadside religious features (inventory, documentation and conservatory repairs) and rediscovering the history of the villages and cultural heritage of southeastern Poland. <b>PLN 9,000</b>
<b>Association for the Renewal of Odnowica Village</b> Bodzentyn	<i>Diary</i> – learning the culture and history of Bodzentyn's Jews by a group of junior high school students; project built around the personal history of David Rubinowicz, a boy who lived and died in this area during the Nazi occupation, an author of a stunning diary: search for sites described in the diary, collecting testimonials, interviews with journalists and historians, learning pinhole photography and an exhibition of pictures taken by young participants of the project, art activities. <b>PLN 7,500</b>

<b>Association for the Development of Szydłowiec</b> Szydłowiec	<i>Come and Listen to a Story</i> – re-discovery of Polish-Jewish history of Szydłowiec through arts activities with a group of young people: drama workshop and production of a play based on testimonials of local people, film workshop and production of a reportage from the scenery of Wojsławice and Szydłów, photography workshop and outdoor photo exhibitions, street shows. <b>PLN 9,500</b>
<b>Drumla Association for Podlasie Region</b> Łomianki	<i>Krynki – Sobienie: Two Histories, Common Memory</i> – discovery of multicultural Atlantises in Podlasie (Krynki) and Mazowsze (Sobienie-Jeziory near Otwock); two-stage project implemented in two communities with two youth groups: stage 1 – young people collect historical content and testimonials in their communities to prepare photo exhibitions closing this stage of the project; stage 2 – youth meetings in Krynki and Sobienie and joint production of a photoblog, radio reportage and a film on similarities and differences in the histories of the two communities plus cleaning up the Jewish cemeteries (project implemented jointly with the <i>Terra Incognita Association</i> ). <b>PLN 8,000</b>
<b>Our Community Association</b> Radomyśl Wielki	<i>Without the Sin of Omission. Homage to residents of Podborze who saved Jewish lives</i> – commemoration of Poles who were hiding Jews during the Nazi occupation of Poland (in 1943, the Nazis ravaged the village in retaliation): art and literary contest for high school students, exhibition, history session, performance of the NN Theatre from The Brama Grodzka Centre in Lublin, monument unveiling ceremony in Podborze (grant funded by Taube Foundation). <b>PLN 8,250</b>
<b>Olszówka Association</b> Bielsko-Biała	<i>Each Nation Gave, Each Took</i> – re-discovering the multicultural character of the Carpathian region: musical and drama events ( <i>Carpathian Carnival</i> ), training workshop for young Beskid mountains guides <i>Cultural Frontiers-Spisz</i> , exhibition devoted to Krosno Jews and to a restoration work in Krosno Jewish cemetery, production of a map and guidebook on the cultural heritage of Gypsy Forest district in Bielsko-Biała (continuation of a project funded in 2006). <b>PLN 10,000</b>
<b>Padre Association</b> Chęciny	<i>Community in Diversity</i> – rediscovering Polish-Jewish history of Chęciny, summer activities for a group of young people: collecting information about the community's past, learning about the Jewish customs and culture, developing a website, publication of a brochure <i>History of Jews in the Chęciny Area</i> , cleaning up the Jewish cemetery (grant funded by Taube Foundation). <b>PLN 8,250</b>
<b>Panorama of Cultures Association</b> Wojsławice	<i>Wojsławice Musics</i> – multicultural traditional song and dance workshop devoted to the traditions of communities that used to live in the village: Poles, Ukrainians and Jews enriched with concerts, theater production and public lectures. <b>PLN 10,000</b>
<b>Studio Theatre Association</b> Warsaw	<i>Sources of Memory</i> – work on a play based on a story of a Jewish girl who survived the Holocaust ( <i>The King of Hearts is Off Again</i> by Hanna Krall) and a discovery journey following the sites known from traditional songs of Old Believers, Christian Orthodox and Tartar recorded in 1980 in eastern Poland, distributing the recordings to the then performers or their families and shooting a documentary on this reunion ( <i>The Song is Over</i> ). <b>PLN 9,000</b>
<b>Węgajty Village Theater Association</b> Jonkowo	<i>Art of Dialogue – Dialogue through Art</i> – education project for rural children and their parents, implemented in 10 villages in the boroughs of Jonkowo and Świątki: drama workshops for children to instill tolerance, workshops on drama in education and social therapy methods for educators in village community centers, annual Theatre Village festival focusing on multiculturalism. <b>PLN 9,000</b>

<b>Tarnowskie Góry Culture and Art Foundation</b> Tarnowskie Góry	<i>Residents of Tarnowskie Góry for Remembrance</i> – one of the series of cultural initiatives organized since 2005 to protect the heritage and memory of the multicultural history of Tarnowskie Góry: commemoration of the Jewish community by marking a cobblestone contour of the former synagogue destroyed by the Nazis and ‘casting’ its shadow on a wall of an adjacent building. <b>PLN 7,000</b>
<b>Alternative Education Society</b> Opole	<i>The Rabbi from Opole</i> – an attempt to restore in the local community of Opole the memory of Leo Baeck, a prominent Jewish theologian who was the city rabbi at the turn of the 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> centuries: collecting material on Leo Baeck and history of the today non-existent Jewish community in Opole, organizing a series of photography exhibitions, preparing a theatre play and a radio program (part of <i>Following Vincenz</i> project implemented by students and faculty of the TAK School Complex). <b>PLN 10,000</b>
<b>Friends of Ponidzie Region Society</b> Pińczów	<i>In Sepia and In Color</i> – continuation of efforts to raise public awareness of the Jewish heritage in Poland, a long-term project of the Pińczów Regional Society and Museum: collecting documents and testimonials from witnesses of history (project involves young people who process the findings as part of a journalism workshop), identifying the regional list of the Righteous Among the Nations, translation of the Jewish memory books of the town, theatre play directed by Luba Zarembińska, photography exhibition in a synagogue (grant funded by Taube Foundation). <b>PLN 10,000</b>
<b>Gorlice Resident Social Cooperative</b> Gorlice	<i>Gorlice People: Here and There... Recent History</i> – rediscovery of the Polish-Jewish history of Gorlice: workshops for young people on the Jewish culture and religion, journalism, photography and drama workshop, session on ‘oral history’ and collecting testimonials from senior community members, open meetings for Gorlice residents community members (e.g. guided tour of the Jewish cemetery, lectures). <b>PLN 8,000</b>
<b>Jesuit University of Philosophy and Education Ignatianum, Center of Culture and Dialogue</b> Kraków	<i>Leżajsk – Small Homeland of Poles and Jews</i> – education workshops for youth and teachers living in the Leżajsk area conducted by representatives of both nations and religions; the workshops accompany the opening of the Museum of Three Cultures in Leżajsk, designed to breed positive attitudes towards cultural diversity in the town annually visited by more than ten thousand Jews on their pilgrimage to the grave of the tzadik Elimelech of Lizensk [Leżajsk] (grant funded by Taube Foundation). <b>PLN 8,250</b>
<b>Collegium Civitas</b> Warsaw	Three projects implemented jointly with the Never More Association: <i>Hate Speech</i> – monitoring and analyzing racist and xenophobic statements in Polish media (covering selected press titles, TV and radio broadcasters); <i>The Brown Book</i> – documentation of racist and xenophobic incidents and crimes committed by neo-fascist groups in Poland; <i>Racism Delete</i> – monitoring the Internet and undertaking actions to close webpages and portals promoting racists ideology and inciting to racist-based violence (first tranche of a two year grant in amount of PLN 400,000 co-funded by the Human Rights and Governance Grants Program). <b>PLN 270,300</b>
<b>Foundation for the Preservation of Jewish Heritage in Poland</b> Warsaw	Research of attitudes towards Jews and the Jewish heritage in 15 communities in the Lublin, Podlasie and Podkarpacie provinces; subsequently, launching public debates and partnerships with local partners in those communities aiming at initiating educational or preventive action to respond to problems identified in the local community. <b>PLN 100,000</b>

## Preventing intolerance

**Open Republic Association against  
Anti-Semitism and Xenophobia  
Warsaw**

Implementation of two projects: *Law against Hatred* – monitoring prosecutorial and court cases for crimes against Articles 256 and 257 of the Criminal Code (promoting fascism, incitement to hatred on grounds of ethnic, racial and religious differences) and *Conscience* – documenting and responding to symptoms of anti-Semitism and xenophobia in public life. (First tranche of a two year grant in amount of PLN 200,000).

**PLN 108,200**

## Watchdog Initiatives

The aim of the program is to promote mechanisms of public scrutiny over public institutions and institutions of public trust to help increase the standards and transparency of their operations. In established democracies, public scrutiny of various forms of public life is ensured by watchdog organizations. In Poland, the range and scale of watchdog activities are still insufficient, therefore we support not only organizations experienced in carrying out such initiatives but also those which have just started. In addition to grants, we offer assistance to organizations in developing projects and provide them with opportunities to expand knowledge and skills in the domain of public scrutiny and monitoring.

In 2007, we offered grants to organizations that engage in public scrutiny over selected aspects of functioning of public institutions, such as: access to public information, use of public funds, transparency and ethics of public officers, procedures of public institutions in contacts with citizens. Out of the 66 letters of intent received, 33 qualified to the second stage of the grant competition. Their authors were invited to a meeting (March 22) to consult their projects and discuss issues concerning the legal and practical aspects of access to public information (the workshop was carried out by Krzysztof Izdebski and Szymon Osowski from Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups). After the meeting, we received 32 project proposals. 13 of them were recommended for funding by the committee of experts. The majority of projects supported in this grant competition focused on monitoring the execution of public agencies' obligations arising under the public information act, execution of statutory tasks by local governments and the functioning of particular public administration agencies. Outside the grant competition, we awarded a grant for the Social Education Monitor project implemented since 2006.

We also support Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups which runs a specialized portal documenting Polish and foreign watchdog initiatives and organizes seminars that help to convey knowledge and share experience among organizations engaging in watchdog activities.

In 2007, the program was financed by funds from the Trust for Civil Society in Central in Eastern Europe (PLN 292,054.86) and the Open Society Institute.

Grants	PLN 813,760.00
Applicants meeting	PLN 5,837.32
Program implementation	PLN 63,972.68
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 883,570.00</b>

## Grants

<b>Prism Center for Social Activity</b> Suwałki	<i>Openness and Competence</i> – monitoring Podlasie province local government's compliance with the Law on Access to Public Information and the Law on Local Government Employees; checking the terms and conditions of tenancy contracts between the local government and local offices of Members of Parliament and clubs of city councilors. <b>PLN 41,400</b>
<b>Charter 99 Lower Silesian Victims Assistance Association</b> Wrocław	<i>Friendly Court</i> – monitoring the practice of court fee exemptions and ex officio proxy appointment at the District Court in Wrocław. <b>PLN 14,800</b>
<b>Mazovia Federation of Serving Organizations</b> Warsaw	Monitoring the procedures and practices of contracting and subsidizing NGOs as well as accessibility of public information in the Regional Government of the Mazovia Province and the Marshal Office (project continuation). <b>PLN 30,000</b>
<b>Better World Foundation</b> Poznań	<i>Participatory Democracy Bureau</i> – collecting and analyzing information on existing conflicts and disputes between the city authorities and citizens in Poznań, review of the city's conflict resolution practices. <b>PLN 38,440</b>
<b>Foundation for Specialized Transport Services to the Disabled</b> Warsaw	<i>Disabled Citizen</i> – study aimed at identifying social conflict resolution strategies adopted by boroughs and counties in the Mazovia Province and whether the strategies cover the needs of the disabled; development of recommendations to such strategies. <b>PLN 31,500</b>
<b>Comenius Foundation for Child Development</b> Warsaw	<i>Monitoring implementation of the local Elementary Education Strategies</i> – training 30 local education officials to perform monitoring in 10 boroughs. <b>PLN 57,500</b>
<b>Civic Democratic Forum</b> Kraków	<i>Kraków Project</i> – monitoring the performance of the Architecture and Urban Planning Department of the City Executive Office in Kraków: new investments, decision-making process, expenditure decisions, complaints handling. <b>PLN 13,800</b>
<b>Polish Association for Legal Education</b> Warsaw	<i>Monitoring prisons</i> – research on conditions of visits in prisons and their accordance with European Incarceration Regulations signed in 2006, and on the possibility of introducing education for prison inmates. <b>PLN 30,000</b>
<b>Association of Educators</b> Warsaw	Public Education Monitor – monitoring activity of educational authorities and the activity of Parliamentary Education Commission, administration of a special monitoring webpage <a href="http://www.monitor.edu.pl">www.monitor.edu.pl</a> , undertaking interventions and public campaigns (continuation of a project launched in 2006) <b>PLN 120,000</b>
<b>Future Association</b> Kraków	<i>Labor Office or Unemployment Office</i> – assessing the efficiency of two selected County Labor Offices (in Kraków and in Nowy Sącz) in the area of active employment promotion practices; developing recommendations on changes in the offices. <b>PLN 47,600</b>
<b>Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups</b> Warsaw	Creation and maintenance of an on-line portal offering information on non-governmental watchdog initiatives concerning public scrutiny of functioning of public institutions; organization of seminars on watchdog techniques. <b>PLN 245,000</b>
<b>Workshop for All Beings Association, Podlasie Chapter</b> Białystok	Public scrutiny of the Regional Operational Program implementation in the Podlasie Province with regard to compliance with sustainability, transparency and eligibility principles applicable to EU funded projects. <b>PLN 30,000</b>

<b>Pro Aequo Association</b> Rzeszów	Monitoring the quality and accessibility of services to mentally disturbed individuals in four selected public Mental Care Clinics in Rzeszów. <b>PLN 37,300</b>
<b>Bona Fides Association</b> Katowice	<i>Friendly Public Information Bulletin</i> – monitoring the availability and content of Public Information Bulletins in 166 boroughs of the Silesia Province; project implemented by a group of trained volunteers. <b>PLN 30,100</b>
<b>Transparency International Poland</b> Warsaw	<i>Monitoring County Construction Oversight Inspectorates</i> – review of practices adopted by 30 selected Inspectorates and identification of key irregularities. <b>PLN 46,320</b>

# Legal Education

The goal of the program is to improve public access to legal aid and the justice system as well as promote the rule of law. We assist organizations that offer free legal advice to citizens and provide specialized counsel to the most vulnerable or socially discriminated groups. We support initiatives that promote good and eliminate bad practices in the Polish legal system.

## **Public interest law**

We offer grants to organizations active in the sphere of law for projects involving direct legal aid for citizens as well as for activities aimed to curtail discriminatory regulations and practices in Polish law and increase transparency and efficiency of the justice system.

In a grant competition organized in 2007, we received 79 letters of intent. 32 applicants were invited to submit full proposals; out of them a committee of experts selected 14 projects. Still very few organizations conduct professional, systematic activities that go beyond the provision of legal aid. Hence, the majority of grants awarded in this edition went for projects involving legal aid for individuals threatened with discrimination or in difficult life situation. We also provided a grant to the Legal Clinics Foundation which supports a network of 24 university legal clinics where students supervised by academics provide free legal aid for individuals who cannot afford the assistance of professional attorneys.

## **Citizens Advice Bureaus**

Since 1999, we have supported the Citizens Advice Bureaus in which about 100 trained advisers provide each year free-of-charge information and legal counsel to ca 300,000 individuals who cannot afford professional legal assistance in such fields as the penal law and the labor law, as well as refugee, consumer and patient rights. Bureaus act on the basis of harmonized standards of accessibility, confidentiality, professionalism and independence. Their counselors participate in a cycle of trainings run by experts.

In 2007, we made 29 core support grants to the network of Citizens Advice Bureaus.



## Public scrutiny of candidates to Constitutional Tribunal

In 2006, jointly with the Polish Section of the International Commission of Jurists and the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, we monitored the process of nominating candidates and ultimately appointing six Constitutional Tribunal judges. Monitoring results were discussed at a meeting to which we invited Supreme Court and Constitutional Tribunal judges, representatives of the State Judiciary Council, NGOs and experts (March 6, 2007). Meeting participants, among them constitutional law specialists: Prof. Marek Safjan, Prof. Wiktor Osiatyński and Prof. Andrzej Rzepliński, also considered the possibilities for monitoring the process of appointing judges to various courts and tribunals. After the meeting, we completed a report on the monitoring activities, supplemented by recommendations concerning the procedure of appointing judges to the Constitutional Tribunal. Our postulates include that judicial candidacies be submitted at least 100 days prior to the end of a judicial term. This would allow time for public debate about the candidates and verification of the candidates' formal requirements, which should result in a reliable and transparent evaluation of their qualifications.

In 2007, the program was financed by funds from the Open Society Institute, including grant from Human Rights and Governance Grants Program, OSI-Budapest.

Grants	PLN 637,140.00
Monitoring	PLN 13,446.69
Program implementation	PLN 67,411.67
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 717,998.36</b>

## Grants

### Public interest law

<b>Center of Conflict Resolution at the Faculty of Law and Administration at Warsaw University Warsaw</b>	<i>Promoting mediation</i> – carrying out 100 mediation sessions (so called court and out-of-court mediations) as well as the implementation of a research project concerning functioning and financing of mediation method in Poland. PLN 36,000
<b>Rule of Law Foundation Lublin</b>	<i>Practice of using temporary detention</i> – developing a report on the scale and legitimacy of using temporary detention in Poland in the context of Polish and international legislation and rulings, as well as organizing a cycle of trainings for judges and attorneys on the use of precautions. PLN 33,700
<b>Mederi Foundation Warsaw</b>	<i>Legal aid for children and their families</i> – counseling during weekly call duties, responding to letters, telephones and e-mails (about 650 individuals are expected to be counseled within 12 months) and acting as public defender in court cases. PLN 17,100
<b>Second Chance Foundation for Prevention and Rehabilitation Toruń</b>	<i>Education and legal aid as an efficient tool of social reintegration of inmates and ex-inmates</i> – implementing a system of legal counsel in Kujawy and Pomerania province targeting inmates, ex-inmates and their families (about 300 individuals are expected to be assisted within 12 months). PLN 40,000
<b>Legal Clinics Foundation Warsaw</b>	<i>Supporting university legal clinics</i> – distribution of grants for operation of legal clinics and organization of two training conferences to prepare students to work in the legal clinics. PLN 92,100

<b>ITAKA Centre for Missing People</b> Warsaw	<i>Legal counsel for missing persons and their families</i> – counsel for people pronounced missing and for their families as well as for victims of human trafficking (about a 100 cases a month); development of a report on the procedures in cases of reporting a teenager missing (often classified not as missing but runaways); trainings and study visits of Foundation's staff. <b>PLN 53,740</b>
<b>Campaign Against Homophobia</b> Warsaw	<i>Legal counsel for victims of discrimination on the basis of homosexuality</i> – counseling during weekly call duties, responding to letters, telephones and e-mails (about 360 individuals are expected to be counseled within 12 months) and acting as public defender in court cases. <b>PLN 19,700</b>
<b>Baba Association for Women</b> Zielona Góra	<i>Legal counsel for women</i> – expanding the scope of legal aid through organization of cyclical circuit counsel desks in a number of towns and villages in Lubuskie province (about 500 individuals are expected to be counseled within 8 months) and reprint of legal manuals. <b>PLN 22,000</b>
<b>Subcarpathian Region Center for Civil Society Development</b> Rzeszów	<i>Knowing and understanding law</i> – counsel services in Rzeszów and four towns in Subcarpathian province: Tyczyn, Strzyżów, Hyżne, Kolbuszowa (about 480 people are expected to be counseled within 12 months), making inventory of malfunctioning regulations along with organization of trainings and production of legal information brochures. <b>PLN 34,300</b>
<b>Human Rights Initiative Association</b> Warsaw	<i>Legal aid for Ukrainian migrants</i> – developing an information brochure in Ukrainian (10,000 copies) for people who want to work in Poland (distribution of the brochure through non-governmental organizations, Polish consulates, border checkpoints and religious centers), administration of a dedicated web site. <b>PLN 28,600</b>
<b>Lublin Self-Help Centre Association</b> Lublin	<i>Legal counsel for individuals threatened with social exclusion</i> – expanding the range of legal aid through establishment of two counsel desks in towns of Adamów and Biłgoraj (about 400 individuals are expected to be counseled within 10 months). <b>PLN 17,700</b>
<b>Halina Nieć Human Rights Association</b> Kraków	<i>Legal counsel for individuals threatened with discrimination and social exclusion</i> – providing counsel on a daily basis on the phone and by e-mail (about 600 individuals are expected to be counseled within 12 months) as well as administration of a website containing ready-made legal letters and forms. <b>PLN 36,900</b>
<b>University of Silesia, Faculty of Law and Administration, Facultas Iuridica Mediation Center</b> Katowice	<i>Promoting mediation method in Silesia province</i> – carrying out in cooperation with a prison about 150 mediation sessions (so called post-verdict mediations), organizing training for policemen on restorative justice and a cycle of lectures for students interested in mediations. <b>PLN 24,500</b>
<b>Białystok School of Public Administration</b> Białystok	<i>Administrative Information Center AIC</i> – expanding the scale of legal aid provided by students through organizing circuit counsel desks in 6 small towns and villages of Podlasie province (200 individuals are expected to be counseled within 9 months). <b>PLN 5,300</b>
<b>Civitas Foundation</b> Nakło nad Notecią	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Nakło which in 2007 provided counsel to 247 clients. <b>PLN 4,000</b>
<b>Camelot Foundation</b> Łódź	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Ozorków which in 2007 provided counsel to 1,200 clients. <b>PLN 5,500</b>

## Citizens Advice Bureaus

<b>Mikołajki Association in Support of Local Initiatives</b> Mikołajki	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Mikołajki which in 2007 provided counsel to 204 clients. PLN 4,500
<b>Together – Forum of Organizations and Associations in Puławy</b> Puławy	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Puławy which in 2007 provided counsel to 237 clients. PLN 4,500
<b>Słupsk Citizens Advice Bureau</b> Słupsk	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Słupsk which in 2007 provided counsel to 750 clients. PLN 4,500
<b>All Together – In Corpore Association of the Unemployed and Their Supporters</b> Łódź	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Ostrowiec Świętokrzyski which in 2007 provided counsel to 2,231 clients. PLN 7,250
<b>Citizens Advice Bureau, Social Information Center Association</b> Przemyśl	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Przemyśl which in 2007 provided counsel to 1,264 clients. PLN 4,500
<b>Citizens Advice Bureau, Social Information Center Association</b> Warsaw	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Warsaw which in 2007 provided counsel to 5,387 clients. PLN 10,000
<b>Association of Center of Voluntarism</b> Radom	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Radom which in 2007 provided counsel to 284 clients. PLN 4,500
<b>Good Hope Association</b> Kraków	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Kraków which in 2007 provided counsel to 15 clients. PLN 4,000
<b>Education for Development Association</b> Lubaczów	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Lubaczów which in 2007 provided counsel to 39 clients. PLN 4,500
<b>Wejsuny Association of Rural Initiatives</b> Ruciane Nida	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Ruciane Nida which in 2007 provided counsel to 49 clients. PLN 4,000
<b>Misericordia Association</b> Zabrze	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Zabrze which in 2007 provided counsel to 1,016 clients. PLN 6,500
<b>Support Association for Children and Youth</b> Nowa Dęba	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Nowa Dęba which in 2007 provided counsel to 220 clients. PLN 4,500
<b>Strokolis Association for the Coordination of Local Social and Civic Initiatives</b> Piekary Śląskie	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Piekary Śląskie which in 2007 provided counsel to 992 clients. PLN 4,500
<b>Association for the Unemployed</b> Ostrowiec Świętokrzyski	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Ostrowiec Świętokrzyski which in 2007 provided counsel to 312 clients. PLN 5,500
<b>Association for the Development of Kijewo Królewskie Borough</b> Kijewo Królewskie	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Kijewo which in 2007 provided counsel to 657 clients. PLN 5,500
<b>Association for the Development of the Town and Community of Debrzno</b> Debrzno	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Debrzno which in 2007 provided counsel to 233 clients. PLN 5,500

<b>St.O.P. Human and Civic Rights Defense Association</b> Wałbrzych	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Wałbrzych which in 2007 provided counsel to 2,523 clients. <b>PLN 10,000</b>
<b>Macrobiotic Education Center</b> Jelenia Góra	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Jelenia Góra which in 2007 provided counsel to 632 clients. <b>PLN 4,500</b>
<b>Ovum Association</b> Gdynia	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Gdynia which in 2007 provided counsel to 3,263 clients. <b>PLN 9,000</b>
<b>Helping Hand Association</b> Garwolin	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Garwolin which in 2007 provided counsel to 375 clients. <b>PLN 5,500</b>
<b>Chance Association of Non Material Counsel</b> Krosno	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Krosno which in 2007 provided counsel to 580 clients. <b>PLN 5,500</b>
<b>Citizens Advice Bureau of Radlin Association</b> Radlin	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Radlin which in 2007 provided counsel to 560 clients. <b>PLN 4,500</b>
<b>Helping Account Ruda Association</b> Ruda Śląska	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Ruda Śląska which in 2007 provided counsel to 1,106 clients. <b>PLN 6,500</b>
<b>Civis Sum Association for the Support of Civic Activity</b> Zielona Góra	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Zielona Góra which in 2007 provided counsel to 564 clients. <b>PLN 4,500</b>
<b>Association of Citizens Advice Bureau's Support</b> Łomża	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Łomża which in 2007 provided counsel to 1,336 clients. <b>PLN 8,250</b>
<b>Local Committee for the Protection of Children's Rights</b> Częstochowa	Grant for the operation of Citizens Advice Bureau in Częstochowa which in 2007 provided counsel to 600 clients. <b>PLN 5,500</b>
<b>Union of Citizens Advice Bureaus</b> Warsaw	Training and expert support to Citizens Advice Bureaus. <b>PLN 18,000</b>

# Anti-Corruption

The program's goal is to prevent corruption and increase transparency in public life. We monitor the government and political parties for compliance with anti-corruption legislation and transparency standards, evaluate how electoral campaign promises to prevent corruption made by political parties are kept and check the implementation of government anticorruption strategies. We investigate transparency of campaign financing and public expenditures. We observe the legislative process and support regulations that ensure transparency in decision-making and provide bulwarks against corrupt practices. We work with local civic groups that monitor transparency of public institutions at the local level and provide legal counseling for individuals who have reported corruption.

## Monitoring of electoral promises

This project has been operated since 2001 by the NGO Anticorruption Coalition, which consists of Batory Foundation, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Foundation for Social Communication, Civic Education Center, School for Leaders Association and Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups. Prior to each parliamentary election, the Coalition asks political parties to submit declarations on the anti-corruption measures they would advocate in the Parliament. The Coalition reviews later how political parties elected to the Parliament keep their election promises and whether party members observe transparency standards. The results of this monitoring are presented at the annual conferences and summed up in a report published at the end of the term of the parliament.

On September 26, 2007, we organized the annual review conference, which due to early parliamentary elections, turned to the conference on the fulfillment of anti-corruption promises made by parties elected to the previous term of the parliament. The coalition's materials included data on implementation of promises made by parties (summary of parliamentary work: legislative bills, votes by party members) as well as data concerning behavior of various party members (violations of the law, conflicts of interest). The data showed that the governing party, Law and Justice, was the most active in the sphere of fighting corruption. However, not all legislative projects submitted by that party properly served the purpose. Some of the amendments to Public Procurement Law and the Law on State Human Resources and High State Positions stirred criticism. Our experts: Mirosława Grabowska Ph.D. and Prof. Edmund Wnuk-Lipiński (sociologists), Prof. Andrzej Zoll (professor of law, former Chair of the Constitutional Tribunal), and Michał Karnowski (journalist), evaluated the parties' anticorruption activities using materials prepared by the Coalition. After hearing expert evaluations, representatives of the political parties presented rebuttals: Łukasz Zbonikowski (Law and Justice), Paweł Olszewski (Civic Platform), Ryszard Kalisz (Democratic Left Alliance), Bogdan Socha (Self-Defense) and Józef Szczepańczyk (Polish Peasants Party).

Prior to the earlier parliamentary elections in October 2007, we asked seven political parties to answer three questions concerning the problem of corruption: to identify the most important issues related to corruption prevention, to recommend ways of resolving these issues, and to define their opinion about the future of the Central Anticorruption Office (CAO). Three parties: the Democratic Left Alliance, Civic Platform, and Polish Peasants Party provided answers and declared they would place significantly greater emphasis on the corruption prevention and subject CAO to the oversight the Parliament. We presented these responses along with our commentary to journalists at a press conference on 16 October 2007.

The NGO Anticorruption Coalition also opines on important corruption prevention issues. In spring 2007, the Coalition submitted its position paper on the government draft bill to limit economic activity by persons fulfilling public functions to the Marshal of the Parliament and the Parliamentary Justice and Human Rights Commission. After the October elections, the Coalition issued a statement distributed to all parliamentary parties about the need to continue fight with corruption. In the letter, the organizations recommended to put more emphasis on corruption prevention and to subject the Central Anticorruption Office to parliamentary control.

More information about Coalition activities is available at [www.akop.pl](http://www.akop.pl).

### **Monitoring legislative procedure**

Since 2006, pursuant to the Lobbying Law adopted in 2005, we have been conducting legislative monitoring of selected laws important with respect to preventing corruption and increasing transparency of public life. We formulate our opinions and, following procedure, submit them to legislators, i.e. the government or to the Parliament. Depending on the legislators' decisions, we take part in parliamentary subcommittee and committee meetings or public hearings. We publish an annual report on our findings, including violations in the process of adopting the relevant statutes. We strive to assure inclusion in the statutes of provisions that will protect the public interest and to verify the extent to which the Lobbying Act contributes to increased transparency of the legislative process and secures it against extralegal influence.

In January 2007, we published a report containing our observations and recommendations from the monitoring of legislative procedure in 2006. This included the monitoring of the works on the Law on Central Anticorruption Office, a package of laws on state human resources, appointments to high state positions and the civil service, and the bill on financial market supervision. The report notes that deputies of the governing coalition frequently prioritized speed of legislative work over quality and recommends that in order to increase the scarce number of public hearings introduced by the Lobbying Law, the initiative to request their convening should be expanded to all interested parties, not only parliamentary deputies.

In 2007, we conducted legislative monitoring of three government bills: amendment of the Public Procurement Law, legislation on the Office for Registration of Therapeutic, Medical and Biocidal Products, on limitations related to performing public functions, on conveying State Treasury real property in perpetual usufruct for housing construction purposes, as well as on the amendment of the Games and Betting Law. The monitoring report concludes that the most important legislative process, i.e. the government portion, is least transparent. Further, it is necessary to define the status of 'guests' of the parliamentary committees who – often without formal authority – influence legislative solutions adopted by the deputies.

## Electoral campaign financing

In 2005-2006, we monitored financing of presidential and local government election campaigns. Our observations identified gaps in current law that enable political parties to cover up improprieties in financial management and uncovered weaknesses in statutory supervision over electoral funds. This induced us to advocate campaign finance reform, an initiative carried out together with the Institute for Public Affairs.

In 2007, we organized an international conference *Effective control of political financing* (April 26). Speakers included Wolfgang Rau, Secretary-General of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), Prof. Karl-Heinz Nassmacher from the University of Oldenburg, Yves-Marie Doublet, Deputy Director of the Legal Department of the French National Assembly, as well as Marcin Walecki Ph.D. from the European University in Florence. Our guests presented solutions adopted in other countries in relation to parties and electoral campaigns financing, especially in states where political parties are financed from public sources. The second part of the conference focused on our recommendations of possible changes in Polish regulations to ensure better control and oversight of electoral campaigns. The participants, including members of the Parliament present at the conference, received the recommendations with approval.

We also organized a working seminar to summarize local government election campaign monitoring, with the participation of representatives of NGOs, local governments, State Election Commission, and other state institutions (June 21). Conclusions and recommendations developed during the seminar outlined the direction of necessary changes in election laws to borough and county councils as well as to province assemblies to eliminate in future contests the improprieties observed during the monitoring. The recommendations were delivered to the media and the MPs.

## Monitoring public expenditure

This project, planned for 2007-2008, intends to check for ties between public contract awards and prior donations made by managers or owners of winning companies to governing politicians at various levels of power, especially during the 2005-2007 electoral campaigns. We intend to draft a list of companies that have been awarded public contracts at select ministries and cities, and check the companies' owners and directors. Subsequently, we will crosscheck this data against political party and candidate donor lists seeking any connections. Such analysis may also flesh out other improprieties in the public procurement process, not necessarily related to politicians' 'returning favors' for support in electoral campaigns. The improprieties may result, e.g., from the amendments of the Public Procurement Law implemented in 2006 and 2007. Adopted to facilitate absorption of union funds, these changes deregulate tender procedures and limit appeals thus possibly creating opportunities for abuse. We have selected two ministries and three cities to investigate possible ties between politics and business. Each has been controlled by different parties and election committees. Of the two ministries, the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy was run through August 2007 by the Self-Defense Party, then by Law and Justice, and, as of December 2007, by the Civic Platform. The Ministry of Transport was controlled through December 2007 by the Law and Justice party and is currently controlled by the Civic Platform. With respect to the cities, we have chosen Warsaw (governed by Civic Platform), Płock (Law and Justice) and Oświęcim (Self-governing Oświęcim election committee). The project will be completed in 2008 with a report presenting an analysis of findings as well as recommended changes in the law and its application.

In 2007, we drafted a list of donors to political parties participating in presidential and parliamentary elections in 2005, as well as local government elections in 2006. We also compiled a list of public contractors that received orders from the monitored cities and ministries in 2006 to identify the names of winning

companies' owners and directors in the relevant cities and ministries. The Public Information Bulletin, the National Court Register and State Election Commission were sources of the information.

## Legal counsel

Since 2000, we have provided legal aid to individuals reporting corruption. We advise in the cases that deal with regulations concerning corruption offenses, conflicts of interest, access to public information, public hiring and public procurement. We inform clients and institutions on ways to move forward in specific situations. In appropriate cases, we offer assistance in appeals proceedings, petition supervisory and control bodies and, sometimes, the prosecutor's office, with requests to investigate the matter. In selected cases, we monitor court proceedings as a social representative.

In 2007, we received 67 cases and handled 44 of them. We submitted 23 legal briefs, intervened 10 times with courts, control institutions and the prosecutor, submitted four public information requests, and observed seven court proceedings. The majority of monitored court proceedings were conducted against whistleblowers who had reported abuses in their place of employment or in their community. These individuals were fired, charged with slander or sued. Our interventions with control bodies, investigative agencies, court presidents and the Commissioner for Civil Rights Protection noted the problems raised in the complaints such as limiting access to public information, improprieties in electoral campaign financing, and/or misappropriation of public funds, as well as premature dropping of relevant preliminary proceedings respecting the reported abuses. Our legal advice was primarily dispensed to local activists, journalists, and private individuals who turned to us with the questions whether the problems they encountered or those that outraged public opinion were violations of the law or infringement of ethical standards.

## Medical Task Force

The Medical Task Force has been operating at Batory Foundation since 2001. It deals with issues of ethics and preventing corruption in the health service.

A report on survey research prepared by the members of the Medical Task Force in cooperation with the Esculap medical portal, *Rzeczpospolita* daily and *Zdrowie* monthly, concerning corruption threats in physician-patient, physician-pharmaceutical company, physician-National Health Fund and physician-medical facility was published on 11 January 2007. Group members, doctors Ewelina Janota and Wiktor Górecki presented the report. Opinions and comments were provided by Wacław Wojtala, Vice Minister of Health, Sylwia Szparkowska, *Rzeczpospolita* journalist, Jarosław Kosiąty, editor of the Esculap medical portal, Izabella Radecka, editor in chief of *Zdrowie* monthly, Agnieszka Mielczarek, attorney at Baker & McKenzie law firm, and Adam Kozierkiewicz, member of the Medical Task Force. The then-Minister of Health, Zbigniew Religa, conveyed his comments on the report in writing.

In May 2007, the Group submitted a letter to the Minister of Health suggesting implementation of pilot projects of various forms of patient co-payments. In December 2007, the group submitted a letter to Prime Minister Donald Tusk and Minister of Health Ewa Kopacz indicating the need to implement transparent regulations for selecting drugs to be refunded by the state. Moreover, in 2007, group members reviewed ten draft legislative bills and draft regulations submitted by the Ministry of Health for consultations and submitted their commentary to three of them, including the Law on Hospital Network (some of the bills could not be reviewed due to the brief time provided for this procedure).



In 2007, the program was financed by funds from the Open Society Institute, including a grant from Human Rights and Governance Grants Program, OSI-Budapest and 1% personal income tax payments donated to the Foundation (PLN 170.80).

<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 423,003.40</b>
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## Community Initiatives Partnership

The goal of the program is to develop transborder cooperation among NGOs from Poland and Germany with organizations from Belarus, Ukraine and Russia (Kaliningrad District) that will contribute to strengthening solidarity and good neighborhood relations, as well as assist in developing good neighboring relations and facilitate initiatives to resolve problems faced by the countries of this region. The program, planned for 2004-2009, is run with the Robert Bosch Foundation from Germany. Our partner in Ukraine is PAUCI Foundation for Polish-Ukrainian Cooperation from Kyiv.

We offer grants for trilateral projects carried out by Polish, German and Belarusian, Russian or Ukrainian organizations. The projects may target various social groups and involve diverse subject areas. However, it is important that the participation of the partners from the three countries involved is not coincidental but initiates long-term cooperation that may contribute to the dissemination of model social initiatives. In addition to grants, we offer organizations assistance in finding partners in other countries and organize seminars that allow for experience sharing and planning of joint activities.

In 2007, we provided 17 grants for projects selected for funding in the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the competition completed in 2006. The majority of projects involved work with civic leaders and was implemented in the form of seminars or study visits aimed to share knowledge and experience in resolving various social issues (such as unemployment, social exclusion, migrations, restructuring of rural and postindustrial areas). Over a half of the projects that received grants focus on youth education and activation as well as promotion of volunteerism.

In the 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 edition of the competition, we received 49 letters of intent. Authors of 23 projects were invited to participate in tripartite seminars organized in Rynia (September 24-26) and Kraków (September 27-29). During these meetings, the NGOs presented and improved their projects and consulted them with the group of experts from Batory, Bosch and PAUCI Foundations. After the seminars, we received 22 applications. A committee of experts from Poland, Germany, Ukraine, Russia and Belarus selected 12 projects which are to be implemented in 2008.

In 2007, the program was financed by funds from the Robert Bosch Foundation (PLN 834,966.76) and the Open Society Institute.

Grants	PLN 786,594.57
Seminars and international committee meetings	PLN 91,072.19
Program implementation	PLN 110,063.82
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 987,730.58</b>

## Grants

<b>Aktion West-Ost</b> Düsseldorf	<i>Each Child Has a Voice</i> – producing three performances based on different methods of communication (puppet theater, radio-plays, and street actions) aimed to promote the idea of children's rights by a group of 30 youth leaders from Ukraine, Poland and German; presenting the performances at local fairs and meetings with the personnel and charges of foster homes in Lviv, Ostrog and Rivne. <b>14,000 EUR</b>
<b>Kultur Aktiv</b> Dresden	<i>BelaPLUS 2007. Hope for young civic initiatives in Belarus</i> – a cycle of two-day workshops on local activity planning, media cooperation and international project management conducted by trainers from Poland, Germany and Belarus for a group of 20 young people from 20 Belarusian towns. <b>13,942 EUR</b>
<b>Educational Initiatives Center</b> Lviv	<i>Beskidy Brooks</i> – a cycle of seminars for high school principals on methods of stimulating civic activism among high school students prepared by Polish and German experts and a small grant competition for young people from rural areas in Lviv District. <b>12,000 EUR</b>
<b>NGO GURT Resource Center</b> Kyiv	<i>Self-aid groups as a method of work with groups socially excluded</i> – a training on initiating and supporting activity of self-aid groups for 25 employees of non-governmental organizations in Ukraine conducted by Polish and German experts; assistance in establishing five Self-aid Centers in Ukraine and training of 10 staff persons to be employed in these institutions. <b>13,600 EUR</b>
<b>Theotokos Center for Education and Dialogue</b> Gliwice	<i>Developing grass-root initiatives in industrial and post-industrial areas on the example of Silesia, Ruhr and Donetsk Areas</i> – a cycle of seminars and study visits aimed to share experiences in social and economic activation of the residents of postindustrial regions between Polish and German non-governmental organizations. <b>PLN 49,700</b>
<b>Casimir Pulaski Foundation</b> Warsaw	<i>Eurobus around Ukraine</i> – a tour of workshops and meetings on European integration conducted by Polish and German volunteers from small towns and rural areas of Central and Eastern Ukraine. <b>PLN 47,800</b>
<b>Rodowo Foundation</b> Sorkwity	<i>Youth Transborder Academy</i> – a cycle of trainings on planning, implementing and evaluation of transborder initiatives carried out by Polish and German instructors for young leaders from small towns in Kaliningrad District, along with a small grant competition for cross-border projects suggested by the participants of the trainings. <b>PLN 36,900</b>
<b>Chance Foundation</b> Warsaw	<i>Mazury Channel. A trail and an opportunity for transborder cooperation</i> – educational trekking camp for Russian, Polish and German youth in the borderline area of Mazury and Kaliningrad District, meetings with local leaders aimed at creating a platform for cyclical integration meetings for young people of the three nations. <b>PLN 39,050</b>
<b>Polish Robert Schuman Foundation</b> Warsaw	<i>3E4U</i> – a cycle of workshops for 20 Ukrainian teachers and educators, with the participation of Polish and German experts, on various methods of transferring knowledge about European Union; study visits of Ukrainian teachers to Polish European institutions and schools. <b>PLN 47,960</b>
<b>SIE Social Ecological Institute</b> Warsaw	<i>Green Bridge Munich-Warsaw-Odessa</i> – study visits of Ukrainian farmers from Odessa region at the farms of Polish organic food producers; a German-Polish-Ukrainian seminar on the preservation of biodiversity and local development based on the use of unique ecological and cultural features of the region. <b>PLN 44,750</b>

<b>Eco-Initiative Association</b> Kwidzyn	<i>Towards Nature</i> – a summer camp for unemployed youth from Zelenogradsk region (Kaliningrad District) aimed to prepare the participants to work in Curonian Spit National Park; stimulating vocational and civic activity of young people through organization of ecological actions (so called eco-land-ing); project implemented in cooperation with Polish and German partner organizations. <b>PLN 61,000</b>
<b>Euro-Concert Association</b> Wrocław	<i>Bridges. Developing a network of international cooperation in the area of aid to migrants and refugees</i> – a conference and a cycle of thematic seminars on legal and organizational aid for refugees in Kaliningrad District with the participation of experts from Russia, Poland and Germany. <b>PLN 35,600</b>
<b>Drumla Association for Podlasie Region</b> Łomianki	<i>Dialogue with Neighbors</i> – a cycle of trainings for Belarusian students and local culture animators on multiculturalism and customs among various nations inhabiting borderline regions and on different methods of work with young people conducted by Polish and German trainers. <b>PLN 50,900</b>
<b>Our Town Association</b> Zgorzelec	<i>Identity and Displacement</i> – interviews conducted by school students from Poland, Germany and Ukraine with individuals inhabiting vicinities of Ternopil (Ukraine) and Görlitz who became victim to forced displacement after the Second World War. <b>PLN 40,700</b>
<b>Borussia Cultural Community Association</b> Olsztyn	<i>Promoting voluntary movement as an educational method of youth, part 2</i> – study visits by 12 leaders of voluntary work from Kaliningrad District to non-governmental organizations in Warmia and Mazury region in Poland and in Saxony in Germany. <b>PLN 34,390.74</b>
<b>Amicus Society</b> Białystok	<i>Non-governmental centers and information networks</i> – a cycle of trainings in organization management, planning and implementation of projects conducted by Polish and German experts for 20 employees of Belarusian Information Centers. <b>PLN 42,700</b>
<b>Polish German Society</b> Kraków	<i>Civic initiatives partnership for local and regional development</i> – a cycle of three workshops aimed at elaborating a strategy for local development in selected local communities of Grodno Region (Belarus) with the participation of Polish and German experts and members of oppositional groupings of former Polish People Republic and German Democratic Republic (DDR). <b>PLN 48,800</b>

# Memoria

The goal of the program is to encourage young people from Central and Eastern Europe to undertake joint activities to preserve the European cultural heritage. The program, initiated by the German Remembrance, Responsibility, Future Foundation, is planned for 2007-2009.

We support international summer volunteer camps where young people from Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Russia, Belarus and Ukraine learn various aspects of culture of borderland regions and obtain knowledge, experience and practical skills in preserving cultural assets. We offer grants to NGOs that have experience in protecting and promoting European cultural achievements and base their activity on co-operation with young people aged 18-28. In addition to grants, we provide organizations with opportunities to participate in seminars that serve to exchange experience, expand knowledge and improve working methods of the grantees.

The first grant competition was launched in 2007. We received 44 applications, out of which a Polish-German committee of experts selected 12 projects. 214 volunteers from Poland, Germany, Austria, Belarus, Lithuania, Kaliningrad District and Ukraine took part in camps that were held mainly in Poland, but also in Ukraine and the Kaliningrad District. Young volunteers worked on cleaning up or renovating cemeteries, shrines of various denominations, or other local historical monuments. They also took part in workshops and lectures on multiculturalism of a given region and organized meetings and events during which they presented the results of their work to the local communities. Occasionally, young people living or vacationing in the summer camp area joined the activities. As a result of the efforts of volunteers, tens of locations that testify to the multicultural heritage of Central Europe were inventoried, recorded, cleaned up or renovated.

The volunteer camp organizers took part in two seminars. The first one (June 4-5) served to present the experiences of Polish and German organizations in implementing similar activities and discuss issues related to cultural heritage. During the seminar, Janusz Smaza, director of the Stone Sculpture Conservation and Renovation Faculty of the Academy of Fine Arts, presented issues of renovating stone carvings and architectural features and Monika Koszyńska from the *Encounters* Association for Education and Culture lectured on multiculturalism. The second seminar (October 22-23), attended also by young volunteers from Poland and Ukraine, was devoted to the presentation of the results and experiences from the summer camps funded in this edition of the program. Dariusz Polok from Berlin's MitOst Association facilitated the meeting helping us to sum up the results and plan future activities.

In 2007, the program was financed by funds from the Remembrance, Responsibility and Future Foundation (PLN 698,908.74) and the Open Society Institute.

Grants	PLN 640,719.84
Seminars and international committee meetings	PLN 58,188.90
Program implementation	PLN 69,203.96
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 768,112.70</b>

## Grants

<b>European Dialogue</b> Lviv	<i>Bridges of the Past</i> – a camp with the participation of volunteers from Lithuania, Ukraine, Poland and Germany: restoration and cleaning of three graveyards, a church and botanic garden in Kremenec (Ukraine). <b>16,000 EUR</b>
<b>Charity Foundation Caritas Sambir-Drohobych Diocese</b> Drohobych	<i>Tracing forgotten stories</i> – a camp with the participation of volunteers from Ukraine, Poland, Austria and Germany: cleaning a graveyard in Drohobych (Ukraine). <b>6,577 EUR</b>
<b>Prism Center for Social Activity</b> Suwałki	<i>On Multicultural Paths</i> – a camp with the participation of volunteers from Lithuania and Poland: preparation of inventory and cleaning all graveyards in Suwałki Landscape Park area. <b>PLN 63,169.10</b>
<b>UNESCO Pro-Environmental Club-Workshop for Biodiversity</b> Piaski	<i>The Arian Track</i> – a camp with the participation of volunteers from Lithuania, Ukraine and Poland: cleaning monuments left behind by protestants in Piaski Luterskie, and setting educational track following Arian traces. <b>PLN 69,095.74</b>
<b>Borussia Foundation</b> Olsztyn	<i>From Past towards Future</i> – a camp with the participation of volunteers from Russia, Poland and Germany, restoration, cleaning and minor conservation of monuments in Kaliningrad District. <b>PLN 65,669.90</b>
<b>Foundation for European Education</b> Wałbrzych	<i>The Old Sambor</i> – a camp with the participation of volunteers from Ukraine, Poland and Germany: minor conservation of local monuments and recording stories from the first half of the 20 <sup>th</sup> century told by local people. <b>PLN 75,300</b>
<b>Foundation for the Spiritual Culture of the Borderland</b> Lublin	<i>Korczmin: Open Border</i> – a camp with the participation of volunteers from Ukraine, Poland and Germany: conservation of a wooden hut adjoined to the Orthodox church, cleaning two graveyards and field research (interviews). <b>PLN 46,096.37</b>
<b>Borderland Foundation</b> Sejny	<i>Krasnogruda Track</i> – a camp with the participation of volunteers from Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, Poland and Germany: examination of old basements in Krasnogruda court, setting up sculpture installations in a historic park and collecting information concerning regional multicultural customs (reportages and photos). <b>PLN 58,753.76</b>
<b>Carpathian Minorities Heritage Association</b> Zagórz	<i>Multicultural Tyrawa Wołoska</i> – a camp with the participation of volunteers from Ukraine and Poland: restoration and cleaning of a Jewish graveyard and Greek Catholic graveyards. <b>PLN 53,876.33</b>
<b>Magurycz Association</b> Uście Gorlickie	<i>Galicja, Galizien, Hałyczyna. Forgotten Graveyards in the Middle of Multi-ethnic Europe</i> – a camp with the participation of volunteers from Ukraine and Poland: restoration of selected objects and necropolises in Beskid Niski region, developing documentation and inventory. <b>PLN 59,378.14</b>
<b>Anawoj Association of International and Intercultural Exchange</b> Michałowo	<i>Tracking Jewish Culture</i> – a camp with the participation of volunteers from Lithuania, Poland and Germany: restoration of a Jewish graveyard in the vicinity of Michałowo, developing documentation and information boards. <b>PLN 39,649.87</b>
<b>Society for Nature and Man</b> Lublin	<i>Borderline Graveyards: Preservation of historic Jewish and Orthodox necropolises</i> – a camp with the participation of volunteers from Ukraine and Poland: cleaning and restoration of two graveyards in Włodawa borough and Jewish cemetery in Lublin. <b>PLN 24,728.23</b>

# East East Partnership Beyond Borders

The program aims to support initiatives designed to share ideas, expertise, experiences and knowledge and to promote practical actions that result from information and knowledge networking beyond borders. The program operates in the framework of East East Partnership Beyond Borders Network Program launched in 1991 by the Open Society Institute.

We support international projects implemented by Polish organizations in cooperation with at least one partner organization from the region of Central and East Europe, Central Asia or Caucasus. We also cover travel costs of Polish experts invited to participate in projects carried out in other countries of the region. We try to encourage Polish organizations to develop projects of sharing experience with the EU candidates as well as EU Eastern neighbors.

In 2007, we made 41 grants for projects developed by Polish organizations or carried out in Poland jointly with foreign partners. Some of these projects were longer-term initiatives that continued activities launched in previous years. Polish experts participated in 26 projects implemented in other countries of the region.

The subject matter of the projects was quite diverse and included cooperation between local governments and civic organizations for local development, transparency and accountability of the authorities, youth entrepreneurship and activation, education, assistance to marginalized and disabled groups, health care and patients rights. Most projects were implemented jointly with partner organizations from Eastern countries, especially from Ukraine, but also from Moldova, Russia, and the countries of Central Asia and Caucasus. Few projects involved partners from Belarus and Balkan countries.

In 2007, the program was financed by the Open Society Institute East East Partnership Beyond Borders Network Program.

Grants	PLN 1,475,919.23
Program implementation	PLN 105,605.93
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 1,581,525.16</b>

## Grants

<b>European Center for Sustainable Development</b> Wrocław	<b>Projects initiated by Polish NGOs or implemented in Poland</b>  <i>European Standards in Public Sector Initiatives: Local Governments and NGOs</i> – exchanges for representatives of local government and non-governmental organizations in Poland and Ukraine, to share experiences and best practices of public participation in local decision-making and ensuring access to information according to European standards and based on Poland's membership in the EU (continuation of the project initiated in 2006). <b>PLN 10,076.97</b>
<b>Theotokos Center for Education and Dialogue</b> Gliwice	<i>Creation of Social Capital to Solve Public Problems</i> , Donetsk, Ukraine – exchanges for leaders of non-governmental organizations and representatives of local self-government in Silesia and Donbass, to share experiences in engaging citizens in social development and public debate about overcoming social problems in industrial and post-industrial regions and to create conditions for collaboration between the non-governmental sector and local self-governments in Ukraine, based on experiences and best practices in Poland (continuation of the project initiated in 2005). <b>PLN 15,755.26</b>
<b>Opus Center for Promotion and Development of Civic Initiatives</b> Łódź	<i>Open Hands – Open Minds</i> – study visit to Poland for representatives of social assistance non-governmental organizations working for excluded and marginalized groups in Moldova, to share know-how and experiences of organizations in Poland for potential implementation in Moldova. <b>PLN 20,470</b>
<b>European Meeting Centre – Nowy Staw Foundation</b> Lublin	<i>Civic Information for Local Development</i> – workshops in Poland for young journalists and students from Belarus, specifically to learn about civic journalism and improve professional skills. <b>PLN 70,000</b>
<b>Mazovia Federation of Serving Organizations</b> Warsaw	<i>Promoting Activities in the Media of Civil Society Organizations in Belarus</i> – workshops in Poland for Belarusian non-governmental organizations and independent media, to share know-how and experiences in Poland about promotion of civil society goals and activities in the media and to promote exchange of independent information and collaboration among civil society activists. <b>PLN 31,857.27</b>
<b>Patients Safety Foundation</b> Łódź	<i>Advocacy for NGOs and Monitoring of Public Administration</i> – study visit to Poland for non-governmental organizations from Moldova, to share experiences in non-governmental cooperation with public administration and building formal and informal platforms of NGOs and advocacy groups. <b>PLN 38,400</b>
<b>Education for Democracy Foundation</b> Warsaw	<i>Patients for Patient Safety</i> – exchanges for experts in public health care and public health reform, specifically to utilize experiences in Poland in healthcare quality and patient safety and to engage civic participation in the formulation and implementation of methodologies of patient safety in practice and in legislative protection. <b>PLN 10,604.93</b>
<b>Intercultural Education Foundation</b> Warsaw	<i>Entrepreneurship in Practice</i> – workshops in Moldova and Poland for young people from Ukraine, Moldova and Russia, to develop educational methodologies for young people entering the labor market (continuation of the project initiated in 2006). <b>PLN 29,768</b>
<b>Intercultural Education Foundation</b> Warsaw	<i>Development of Agro-Tourism and Support for Civil Society in Rural Regions</i> – study visit to Poland for representatives of minority communities from Georgia, to analyze experiences of rural community development and sustainability through tourism based on experiences in Poland. <b>PLN 23,000</b>



<b>Krzyżowa Foundation for European Understanding</b> Grodziszczce	<i>Protecting Human Rights of People with Disability</i> – workshop in Poland for youth workers from Belarus and Ukraine to expand knowledge and practical approaches to protecting rights of people with disability and to introduce innovative practices and methodologies of cooperation between the civil and official sectors in working with young people with disability. PLN 46,700
<b>Merkury Foundation</b> Wałbrzych	<i>Mutual Learning – More Effective Engagement with Marginalized Youth</i> – exchange for non-governmental organizations from Kazakhstan, Poland and Tajikistan, working with marginalized young people, specifically alcohol/drug abuse and HIV/AIDS, to share best practices in overcoming social exclusion, particularly in creating and conducting a special web-portal for on-line counseling and preventative interventions with youth using alternative approaches for engagement. PLN 79,789.91
<b>Young Democracy Foundation</b> Lublin	<i>European Studies for Institutions of Local Governing</i> – contribution to the creation and implementation of a distance learning course for representatives of local government in Ukraine and specifically to address the principles of functioning of European Union institutions, requirements to local authorities in the EU, principles of cooperation of central power and local authorities in the EU and European funds for support of local initiatives. PLN 8,000
<b>Rodowo Foundation</b> Sorkwity	<i>Agro-Tourism</i> – study visit and workshop in Poland for farmers from Grodno region of Belarus to interact with Polish farmers who have experience and expertise in creating conditions for agro-tourism to adapt such methodologies in Grodno region. PLN 34,080
<b>Foundation in Support of Local Democracy</b> Warsaw	<i>Fostering Public Accountability and Transparency</i> – study visit to Poland for representatives of local governments, non-governmental organizations and citizen groups from Kazakhstan, to analyze experiences of the <i>Transparent Poland</i> initiative. PLN 54,520
<b>Polish-Czech-Slovak Solidarity Foundation</b> Warsaw	<i>Public Participation in the Formation of Municipal Budgets: Poland and Azerbaijan</i> – study visit to Sheki, Azerbaijan, for representatives of Polish local government to transfer best practices in community engagement and public participation based on experiences of Mazovia region of Poland (continuation of the project initiated in 2006). PLN 3,867.68
<b>Polish NGOs Abroad Group</b> Warsaw	<i>Promoting Social Engagement and Activism</i> – study visit to Poland for representatives of non-governmental organizations from Moldova and Georgia to share experiences and best practices in promoting citizens' participation and introducing collaboration of civic organizations (continuation of the project initiated in 2006). PLN 36,968.28
<b>Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights</b> Warsaw	<i>Building Cooperation in Development Assistance among NGOs</i> – two seminars in Kraków and Warsaw (Poland) for non-governmental organizations engaged in development assistance, to share experiences and information on the current status of development aid regulations, structures and practices in Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and Slovakia and to promote dialogue between the non-governmental and governmental sectors in assessing development aid and practices. PLN 26,000
	<i>The Role of School Psychologists in Child and Family Care System</i> – study visit to Poland for social pedagogues from Ukraine, to analyze international standards of child and family care and child care systems in Poland. PLN 32,480.47
	<i>Protection of Rights of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS</i> – study visit to Poland for activists and human rights monitors from Kazakhstan, to analyze in-depth experiences of similar organizations and activists in Poland and to prepare trainings in Kazakhstan on legal assistance to vulnerable people. PLN 32,100

<b>Institute of Public Information</b> Sopot	<i>Public Policy at the Local Level: European Standards Implementation in Crimea</i> – exchange for local authorities, decision-makers, non-governmental organizations and mass media, specifically to share information with stakeholders in Ukraine about issues of European integration, including EU legislation, institutions, policies and procedures, and EU public policy, based on experiences of Poland's and Lithuania's membership in the EU. <b>PLN 45,759.51</b>
<b>Institute for Local Partnership and Cooperation</b> Katowice	<i>Partnership – Dialogue – Development</i> – workshops in Russia and Poland for Russian NGOs on building cooperation between private and public sectors by introducing tools of Local Partnership Model. <b>PLN 61,560.33</b>
<b>College of Eastern Europe</b> Wrocław	<i>Local Partnership for Local Community Development</i> – study visit to Poland for activists and citizen coalitions from Moldova, specifically to analyze processes of partnership building among media, NGOs and local administrations. <b>PLN 17,300</b>
<b>Educational Society for Małopolska</b> Nowy Sącz	<i>Academy for Young Social Entrepreneurs</i> – workshop in Poland for young social entrepreneurs from Bosnia and Herzegovina, to empower young leaders to engage in and resolve local social problems based on experiences in Poland. <b>PLN 73,998.36</b>
	<i>Public Achievement: Globally Aware/Socially Responsible Citizens</i> – visits to Ukraine, to monitor implementation of <i>Public Achievement</i> program aimed to encourage engagement of young people to make positive changes in their immediate environment and to overcome stereotypes of apathy among young people (continuation of the project initiated in 2006). <b>PLN 9,105.20</b>
<b>Polish Robert Schuman Foundation</b> Warsaw	<i>European Legal Education System</i> – two study visits to Poland for young teachers of law from Georgia, to analyze legal education system at Polish universities, and participation in seminar in Tbilisi on educational reforms in Georgia. <b>PLN 71,886.59</b>
<b>Polish Medical Mission Association</b> Kraków	<i>Decentralization of Health Services</i> – study visit to Poland for representatives of local governments and medical service provision professionals from Tajikistan, specifically to share Polish experiences in providing emergency medical services in rural areas. <b>PLN 39,970</b>
<b>Network of Information and Support for Non-Governmental Organizations SPLOT</b> Warsaw	<i>Efficiency and Productivity of NGO Support Centers</i> – exchange for representatives of NGO support centers in Poland and Russia, to share know-how and experiences on efficiency, service standards and self-evaluation of NGO support centers. <b>PLN 62,000</b>
<b>Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups</b> Warsaw	<i>Transparency in Public Life</i> – study visit to Poland and workshop for public organizations from Ukraine and Russia, to share expert experiences and good practices to promote transparency in the activities of local and state authorities and to promote watchdog engagement of non-governmental organizations. <b>PLN 45,400</b>
<b>Villages and Europe Association for Renewal of Rural Areas</b> Kraków	<i>Youth Entrepreneurship in Rural Areas</i> – a series of workshops in Moldova, Ukraine and Poland for high school students from rural areas of Moldova and Ukraine, to learn effective entrepreneurial skills and to create professional career youth clubs in high schools in rural areas. <b>PLN 66,041.60</b>
<b>Step by Step Association of Aid to Disabled Children</b> Zamość	<i>Step by Step to European Model of Supporting Children with Special Needs and Their Families</i> – working meetings and workshops in Bela Tserkvia, Ukraine, and Chisinau, Moldova, to exchange Polish experience in implementation of Conductive Education System (continuation of the project initiated in 2005). <b>PLN 13,169.36</b>
<b>Spring Foundation</b> Kraków	<i>Local Initiative for Building Civil Society</i> – study visit to Poland for civic activists from Russia, to exchange knowledge and experiences in voluntarism and promotion of citizens involvement in local community initiatives. <b>PLN 18,269.49</b>

<b>Free Entrepreneurship Association</b> Gdańsk	<i>Gdańsk–Lviv–Lugansk Link: Exchange of Experience of Women Engaged in Entrepreneurial Activities</i> – study visit to Poland for female entrepreneurs from Ukraine, to analyze the framework of support for women to engage in entrepreneurial activities. PLN 13,389.83
<b>Barka Publishing Association</b> Poznań	<i>New Social Economy – a Voice to Overcome Poverty</i> – study visit to Poland for civic activists from CEE countries who work with socially excluded segments of the population, to exchange experiences about new forms of employment within the social economy, e.g. street newspapers. PLN 25,554.57
<b>Foundation in Support of Local Democracy</b> <b>Świętokrzyskie Centre</b> Kielce	<i>Transparent Self-Government Practices</i> – study visit to Poland for public administration officials from Serbia, to exchange experiences and best practices in transparency, professionalism and accessibility of local government, to analyze experiences of the <i>Transparent Poland</i> initiative and to share practical knowledge about division of tasks and responsibilities of local institutions. PLN 44,520
	<i>From Ukraine to United Europe: Raising Quality Standards in Schools</i> – study visit to Poland for secondary school teachers from Ukraine, to share best practices and lessons learned in Poland in the realization of educational reform based on the effectiveness of education of youth and the system of improving teachers' qualifications, to compare experiences in methodologies of civic education. PLN 44,500
<b>Common Knowledge Educational Association</b> Gdańsk	<i>Solving Policies to Overcome Challenges Faced by Elderly People</i> – cooperation with non-governmental organizations and local authorities in Kaliningrad, to share experiences and best practices overcoming stereotypes of elderly people and in integration of elderly people into society. PLN 37,620
<b>Strzegowo Development Society</b> Strzegowo	<i>Local Government in Crimea</i> – study visit to Poland for representatives of local authorities and NGOs from Crimea, Ukraine, to analyze modern principles of management, small city and village development and partnerships among local authorities, the business community and the non-governmental sector. PLN 29,900
<b>Wrocław Palliative Care Society</b> Wrocław	<i>Trans-border Cooperation in the Implementation of Palliative Care in Poland and Ukraine</i> – exchanges for experts in Poland and Ukraine to inform a multi-disciplinary task force in Ukraine, charged with drafting a Statute for Hospice Service and the Standards of Palliative Care in Ukraine, of experiences, expertise and standards of implementation of palliative care in Poland. PLN 15,577.51
<b>East European Democratic Centre</b> Warsaw	<i>Young Activists and Leaders</i> – study visit to Poland for young activists and leaders from Kyrgyzstan, to develop an educational program for leadership development to be implemented in Kyrgyzstan based on leadership training in Poland. PLN 22,950
<b>Working Community of Social Welfare Organizations</b> Warsaw	<i>Common Way to Europe</i> – initiative for civil society activists and non-governmental development organizations in the Visegrad countries, to compare and publicize experiences in new EU member states of civil organizations' participation in planning and implementing processes of National Development Plans and participation and experiences of civil organizations in EU supported projects addressed to human resource development. PLN 40,460
<b>School for Special Education</b> Kraków	<i>Social Integration of People with Autism</i> – study visit to Poland for social workers from Ukraine, to exchange know-how and experiences on therapy, education and social integration of people with autism (continuation of the project initiated in 2006). PLN 10,064.78

## Projects implemented in other countries of the region

Meeting of experts <b>Implementation of an Optional Protocol of UN Convention Against Torture</b> Erewan, Armenia	Polish participant: Maria Nielącza (Warsaw University and Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights). PLN 1,998.17
Conference <b>Silence about Communism in Central and Eastern Europe 18 Years after the Fall of Berlin Wall</b> Sofia, Bulgaria	Polish participant: Paweł Sowiński (Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw). PLN 1,106.42
Seminar <b>Reforming Repressive State Apparatus in Central Europe</b> Prague, Czech Republic	Polish participants: Stanisław Koziej (retired general, Kraków), Zbigniew Nawrocki (Institute of National Remembrance, Warsaw) and Marek Pędziwol (journalist, Tesin). PLN 3,558.25
Expert study visit <b>Modern Child Welfare Services</b> Tbilisi, Georgia	Polish participants: Sylwia Borowiec and Tomasz Polkowski (Our Home Association, Warsaw). PLN 3,221.72
Workshop <b>Intercultural Differences: Speak Up for What Is Important</b> Andorniskis, Lithuania	Polish participants: Elżbieta Bębnik, Ewelina Czyżewska, Dominika Łukoszek, Barbara Stoecker, Ewa Stoecker and Artur Wiercioch (Expedition Inside Culture Association, Kraków). PLN 6,608.40
Seminar <b>Social Welfare: Equal Opportunities for All</b> Vilnius, Lithuania	Polish participant: Zdzisław Witkowski (Institute of Public Service Development, Warsaw). PLN 297.61
Seminar <b>Children as Witnesses in Legal Procedures</b> Riga, Latvia	Polish participants: Agata Jaworska, Maria Keller-Hamela, Gabriela Roszkowska and Marcin Skiba (Nobody's Children Foundation, Warsaw). PLN 3,567.40
Conference <b>National Development Plan for Moldova</b> Chisinau, Moldova	Polish participant: Małgorzata Jakubiak (Center for Social and Economic Research CASE, Warsaw). PLN 2,711.19
Conference <b>Transparency in Legislative Process</b> Ulan Bator, Mongolia	Polish participant: Grzegorz Makowski (Institute of Public Affairs Foundation, Warsaw). PLN 2,903.32
Seminar <b>Gender Dimensions of Pension Reform</b> Bucharest, Romania	Polish participant: Irena Wójcicka (Gdańsk Institute for Market Economics, Warsaw). PLN 2,519.11
Workshop <b>Best Practices in Promoting Voluntary and Non-Remunerated Blood Donation</b> Bucharest, Romania	Polish participant: Sławomir Kaczyński (National Council on Voluntary Blood Donation, Polish Red Cross, Warsaw). PLN 1,536.01
Seminar <b>Citizens and Civil Society in a Reunited Europe</b> Sibiu, Romania	Polish participant: Jerzy Bartkowski (Institute of Sociology, Warsaw University). PLN 1,580
Seminar <b>Fostering Transparency, Accountability and Public Integrity</b> Belgrade, Serbia	Polish participant: Krzysztof Rytel (Green Mazovia Cultural and Ecological Association, Warsaw). PLN 787.41

Conference <b>Populism. Populism? Populism! What it looks like and what to do?</b> Bratislava, Slovakia	Polish participant: Andrzej Bobiński (Center For International Relations Foundation, Warsaw). PLN 1,458.50
Seminar <b>Crime Forecasting and Crime Control</b> Bratislava, Slovakia	Polish participant: Leszek Wieczorek (Silesian University, Katowice). PLN 752.22
Workshop <b>Finding Common Grounds</b> Istanbul, Turkey	Polish participant: Adam Szymański (Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw). PLN 2,255.74
Conference <b>Implementation of Juvenile Justice Systems</b> Kyiv, Ukraine	Polish participant: Elżbieta Czyż (Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Warsaw) and Natalia Górka (Regional Court, Suwałki). PLN 2,652.50
Seminar <b>Assessment for Enhancing Quality, Equal Access and Accountability in Education</b> Kyiv, Ukraine	Polish participant: Henryk Szaleniec (Regional Examination Commission, Kraków). PLN 1,520.02
Summarizing conference <b>Creating Prerequisites of Autistic Persons</b> Kyiv, Ukraine	Polish participants: Edward Bolak and Izabela Piekłus (Community of Hope Foundation, Kraków). PLN 1,042.76
Seminar <b>New Agreement for Partnership: Ukraine and the EU [in the Context of European Dialogue]</b> Kyiv, Ukraine	Polish participant: Sławomir Teclaw (Dialogue European Foundation, Bydgoszcz). PLN 2,512.48
Seminar, lectures and workshop on <b>Polish Experience in Rehabilitation and Resocialization of Addicted Prisoners</b> Kyiv, Ukraine	Polish participants – seminar: Kajetan Dubiel (Central Office of the Penal Service, Warsaw), Krzysztof Keller (Regional Department of the Penal Service, Białystok), Jacek Kitliński (Regional Department of the Penal Service, Rzeszów), Paweł Nasiłowski and Jacek Pomiankiewicz (Central Office of the Penal Service, Warsaw), lecturer: Dariusz Skowroński (addiction specialist), trainer: Elżbieta Rachowska (addiction specialist). PLN 9,087.46
Working meeting <b>Methodologies of Integrating Vulnerable Groups in Society: Homeless and Unemployed People</b> Lviv, Ukraine	Polish participants: Barbara Sadowska and Lidia Wiecierska-Chyc (Barka Foundation, Poznań). PLN 2,547.54
Seminar <b>Implementation of New Technologies of Social Work with Young People</b> Lviv, Ukraine	Polish participants: Maria Krzystanek and Jolanta Toboła (Anna Dymna Never the Less Foundation, Kraków). PLN 699.06
Seminar <b>Engagement of Student Self-Government in Youth Policy</b> Lviv, Ukraine	Polish participants: Mateusz Gołas, Natalia Herodecka, Natalia Kowalik, Aleksandra Krupińska, Marcin Lasko, Wojciech Matura, Mateusz Staszek (Students' Self-Government, Jagiellonian University, Kraków), Marek Gałkowski i Wojciech Zieliński (Students' Self-Government, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Lublin). PLN 1,994.59
Conference <b>Multicultural Societies</b> Simferopol, Ukraine	Polish participant: Janina Waluk (Polish Mediation Centre Association, Warsaw). PLN 2,116.68
Seminar <b>European Standards of Independent Regional Media: Ukraine, Hungary and Romania</b> Vinnitsa, Ukraine	Polish participants: Igor Hrywna (Olsztyn Daily Newspaper, Olsztyn), Jacek Romanowski and Olga Saczewicz (Podlasie Press Publishing, Białystok). PLN 1,448.77

# Citizens in Action

The program aims to support democratic changes and the development of civil society in Belarus and Ukraine. We cooperate with non-governmental organizations from Belarus and Ukraine that support grass-root initiatives, engage in building partnership between non-governmental organizations and public administration sectors and undertake civic education activities. The program involves grant making to Belarusian and Ukrainian organizations, selected on the basis of open competitions or individually invited to apply for grants. Our grantees are also invited to participate in study visits, meetings and trainings organized in Belarus, Ukraine, Poland and other countries.

## **Regional partner organizations**

We support a network of 55 regional partnership organizations (41 from Ukraine and 14 from Belarus) selected during three open grant competitions held in 2004-2006 in various regions of Belarus and Ukraine. We provide these organizations with grants designated for activities that involve, i.a., legal education and legal counseling for citizens, protection of civic rights, civic education for young people, establishing local civic activity centers, securing transparency of governance and access to information, development of philanthropy. A part of these grants is used to institutional strengthening and capacity building (improve staff, board and volunteers' skills, streamline organization's management and operations, diversify funding sources, etc.). We also invite our partners for study visits to Poland and provide them with grants to organize meetings and trainings that serve to exchange experience as well as increase knowledge and skills in areas within their scope of interest. Furthermore, in cooperation with the Ukrainian *Professional Help* organization, we have developed a cycle of trainings on advocacy of interests for regional partner organizations. The trainings are aimed to help the organizations prepare to monitor local authorities and undertake advocacy activities.

In 2007, a group of 18 partners selected in the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the program received grants for program activities and institutional development in 2007-2008. Three organizations received also grants for trainings and meetings.

We organized three study visits in Poland (April 22-29, June 17-24, October 7-14) for 80 representatives of regional partner organizations from Ukraine and Belarus. Participants visited 21 Polish NGOs from 17 localities (Sokółka, Mikołajki, Nidzica, Olsztyn, Pakosze, Kwidzyn, Wandzin, Płużnica, Biłgoraj, Tarnów, Katowice, Ruda Śląska, Gliwice, Chudobczyce, Poznań, Szamocin, Płock). During the visits, they learned about Polish experiences in resolving local community problems and methods of cooperation with local partners: authorities and business.

## Civic and European education

We support civic and European education projects, particularly those that lead to the development of a model action or product, easy to replicate or apply in different places and on different scale, and addressed to a large group of potential clients. We award grants for research and information activities aimed at increasing and disseminating knowledge on the third sector as well as initiatives that serve better the integration within the NGO community. We aid projects aimed at international cooperation and the inclusion of local civic initiatives in Belarus and Ukraine into the trans-border cooperation with organizations from other countries.

In 2007, we provided four grants for educational and information projects. We also supported the publication of *Belarus: Neither Europe, nor Russia. Opinions of Belarusian elites*. It is an English version of a book published in 2006 in Belarusian and Russian by the ARCHE publishing house from Minsk. The book contains interviews with 30 politicians, journalists, academics, and third sector activists representing both the opposition and the circles loyal to Lukashenka regime, regarding Belarusian national identity and Belarus' relations with Russia and the European Union.

In 2007, the program was financed from the Ford Foundation grant.

Grants	PLN 2,139,488.27
Study visits and monitoring	PLN 337,576.79
Program implementation	PLN 200,196.70
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 2,677,261.76</b>

## Grants

Regional partner organizations	
<b>Kharkiv Regional Branch of Committee of Voters of Ukraine</b> Kharkiv	Grant for 2007-2008 for institutional development and for activities aimed at stimulation of local initiatives in the realm of public scrutiny and access to information, including support to grass-root initiatives. <b>24,520 USD</b>
<b>Kherson Regional Organization of Committee of Voters of Ukraine</b> Kherson	Grant for 2007-2008 for institutional development and for implementation of projects aimed to support to grass-root initiatives. <b>25,110 USD</b>
<b>King George Community Foundation</b> Ivano-Frankivsk	Grant for 2007-2008 for institutional development and for carrying out program activity in the realm of support to socially vulnerable groups and ecological education, including support to grass-root initiatives, as well as for organization of a meeting for partner organizations to discuss the results of micro-grant competitions held in 2007. <b>43,610 USD</b>
<b>Community Initiatives Charitable Foundation</b> Kharkiv	Grant for 2007-2008 for institutional development and for implementation of projects aimed to develop philanthropy and involve business communities in support of grass-root initiatives. <b>17,350 USD</b>
<b>Princes-Benefactors Ostrozky Foundation</b> Rivne	Grant for 2007-2008 for institutional development and for implementation of a project aimed to involve village communities in solving local problems, including support to grass-root initiatives. <b>24,870 USD</b>

<b>Mykolayiv City Development Foundation</b> Mykolayiv	Grant for 2007-2008 for institutional development and for carrying out activities aimed to improve cooperation between non-governmental organizations and local authorities for effective solution of local problems, including support to grass-root initiatives. <b>25,010 USD</b>
<b>Legal Initiatives Charitable Fund</b> Ostrog	Grant for 2007-2008 for institutional development and for implementation of a legal education project and public scrutiny of the observance of civil rights by local authorities. <b>33,810 USD</b>
<b>Carpathian Human Rights Agency Vested</b> Uzhgorod	Grant for 2007-2008 for institutional development and for implementation of a project designed to protect the rights of groups threatened with marginalization, provide legal counsel and stimulate civic activism in rural communities. <b>39,810 USD</b>
<b>Civic Initiatives Kirovograd Association</b> Kirovograd	Grant for 2007-2008 for institutional development and for implementation of a project of free legal counsel for citizens, including support to grass-root initiatives. <b>27,620 USD</b>
<b>Association of Economic Development of Ivano-Frankivsk</b> Ivano-Frankivsk	Grant for 2007-2008 for institutional development and for carrying out activities aimed to improve the quality of services in the field of housing policy, including support to grass-root initiatives. <b>24,020 USD</b>
<b>Grytsiv Renaissance Association</b> Grytsiv	Grant for 2007-2008 for institutional development and for implementation of a project aimed to stimulate civic activism in rural communities, including support to grass-root initiatives. <b>24,220 USD</b>
<b>Vinnitsa Regional Committee of Youth Organizations</b> Vinnitsa	Grant for 2007-2008 for institutional development and for carrying out activities aimed at building partnership between non-governmental organizations and local authorities, developing public control mechanisms as well as stimulating social and vocational activism among young people, including support to grass-root initiatives. <b>28,890 USD</b>
<b>Centre for Humane Technologies Ahalar</b> Chernihiv	Grant to organize a meeting of all regional partnership organizations devoted to exchange of experiences in solving problems encountered by organizations while implementing their projects and discussions about the future of activities addressed to local communities after Batory Foundation financing ends. <b>37,180 USD</b>
<b>Our Children Non-governmental Organization</b> Odessa	Grant for organization of a training <i>Financial management in non-governmental organizations</i> for regional partner organizations. <b>10,000 USD</b>
<b>Western Ukrainian Center Women's Perspectives</b> Lviv	Grant for organization of a training <i>Good practices in running micro-grants programs</i> for regional partner organizations. <b>10,000 USD</b>
<b>Belarusian organizations*</b>	Grants for 2007-2008 for institutional development and for implementation of projects aimed to promote civic and vocational activism among local communities' members and youth, including support to grass root initiatives and projects on European education. <b>154,120 USD</b>

\*due to the political situation in Belarus we do not identify our grantees in this country



## Civic and European education

<b>Belarusian Schuman Association</b> Warsaw	3 <sup>rd</sup> edition of Summer School of Human Rights in Bad Liebenzell, Germany, for 30 Belarusian law students. <b>34,600 USD</b>
<b>Centre for Humane Technologies Ahalar</b> Chernihiv	Project: <i>Learning to communicate</i> addressed to NGOs and media from north Ukraine – conducting a survey on problems in communication between organizations and media, training on planning and implementing PR strategies, study visit in Poland, developing handbook regarding cooperation with media. <b>29,950 USD</b>
<b>International Renaissance Foundation</b> Kyiv	Implementation of competition for Ukrainian NGOs for informational-education projects on European and Euro-Atlantic integration; of the 60 applications submitted, nine projects were selected and implemented in various regions of Ukraine. <b>100,000 USD</b>
<b>Klon/Jawor Association</b> Warsaw	Developing and maintaining a Russian language version of selected resources of ngo.pl portal, providing access to the service for Russian-speaking users. <b>PLN 159,250</b>

# International Cooperation

The aim of the program is to support democratic transition in Eastern Europe, to shape friendly Polish and EU policies towards new neighbors in the East, and to initiate as well as participate in the debate on international issues in Poland and on the European forum.

## Friendly EU border

In the framework of the project carried out since 2002, we have been undertaking activities aimed at liberalizing the visa policy of Poland and other EU Member States towards citizens of Eastern Europe and at improving the standards of border services on the EU's eastern frontier. Together with a group of non-governmental organizations from Poland, Russia, Ukraine and Belarus we conducted the monitoring of Polish border crossing points to register the attitude of border staff toward citizens from Eastern Europe (2002-2003), the monitoring of the Polish visa policy (2003-2004) and the monitoring of visa issuing procedures by EU Member States to citizens of Eastern Europe (2005-2006). We published the results of the monitoring efforts in reports distributed in Poland, EU states, Ukraine, Belarus, and Russia. The findings of the reports and the resulting recommendations are used to advocate for the policy of easy access and affordable entry visas for EU's eastern neighbors.

In 2007, we continued to disseminate the results of a 2006 monitoring of visa issuance procedures by European Union states to citizens of Eastern Europe. We presented our recommendations, among others, to the European Parliament during public hearings on the Community Code on Visas attended by European parliamentarians, representatives of the European Council and Committee, the German presidency and NGOs (February 8).

In February, we published in Polish a brief analysis entitled *Poland in the Schengen Zone – challenge for visa policy* which was presented, among others, at the meeting organized at Batory Foundation with the Ministry of Interior and Administration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Office of the Committee for European Integration, Office for Foreigners, Chancellery of the Prime Minister (February 21) and at the meeting organized by *Zagranica* Group (coalition of Polish NGOs working abroad) with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (October 29). We have further endeavored to inspire discourse in the Polish press about the effects that Schengen membership may have on contacts with our eastern neighbors. The topic was taken up by important press titles: *Dziennik* and *Gazeta Wyborcza* dailies and *Polityka* newsweekly.

In the latter half of 2007, we monitored border crossing points on the European Union's external border. Border crossing conditions were checked at 19 selected border crossing points in Finland, Estonia, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, and Bulgaria. We investigated the quality of the border crossing points' infrastructure, processing procedures, time and conditions of waiting to cross the border, and the behavior of border guards and customs officers toward individuals crossing the border. The questionnaires and in-depth

interviews with individuals crossing the border were conducted at each of the monitored border crossing points. Investigators also crossed the border as participatory observers. Finnish Institute of International Affairs (Helsinki, Finland), Euro College, Tartu University (Tartu, Estonia), Center for Migration Research, Warsaw University (Warsaw, Poland), Research Centre of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association (Bratislava, Slovakia), Center for Contemporary Research (Budapest, Hungary), Institute for Cultural Anthropology at Babeș-Bolyai University (Cluj, Romania), and European Institute (Sofia, Bulgaria) conducted research in particular states. Research results will be presented in a report to be published in spring 2008.

All institutions conducting the research received grants from East East Partnership Beyond Borders Network Program, for three of these grants Batory Foundation served as an intermediary.

## More than neighbors

The project continues certain activities conducted previously as part of the *New European Union and Ukraine* and *European choice for Belarus* projects. Our aim is to promote integration of the European Neighborhood Policy (ENP) countries with the European Union. In addition to Belarus and Ukraine, we focus on Moldova as well as states of the southern Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia) which are also addressees of the European Neighborhood Policy.

In 2007, we devoted much attention to energy issues, which are some of the most important matters in relations between the EU and states of Eastern Europe participating in ENP. We organized an international conference, *EU – Russia: energetic game for a common neighborhood* (Warsaw, May 29). Two panels, *Russian energy policy toward CIS states* and *How should the EU respond to Russian energy policy toward CIS states?* discussed the situation in the energy sector and energy policy of the EU, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, and Russia. Igor Chalupiec (former CEO of Polish Oil Company Orlen, Warsaw), Vladimir Feygin (director of the Moscow Institute for Energy and Finances), Ion Preasca (editor-in-chief of the *Energia* journal, Chisinau), and Elena Rakova (expert in the Privatization and Management Research Centre, Minsk) took part in the first panel and Faouzi Bensarsa (Energy Adviser in the EC DG Relex, Brussels), Jacek Cichocki (Director of the Centre for Eastern Studies in Warsaw), Mykhailo Gonchar (former Deputy Chairman of the UkrTransNafta, Kyiv), and Vladimir Socor (Senior Fellow in Jamestown Foundation, Washington DC) spoke – in the second panel. About 100 people participated in the meeting.

In January, we published English and Polish versions of a brief report entitled *Energy conflict between Belarus and Russia: the game continues*, discussing the causes and course of the dispute about deliveries of Russian oil and gas to Belarus. In August, we published English, Polish and Russian versions of a report entitled *Energy game. Ukraine, Moldova, and Belarus between the Union and Russia*, containing recommendations on future EU energy policy toward Ukraine, Moldova, and Belarus. The report was presented: at the conference *Transformation of the energy sector in the EU's eastern neighbors and the Visegrad Group* (Prague, September 12-13) organized by the Association for International Affairs (AMO) in Prague; at an annual meeting of PASOS network of think tanks from Eastern Europe and Central Asia (Berlin, November 1); and at the *Energy and environmental protection policy* conference (Kyiv, December 1) organized by the European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity.

After the early elections in Ukraine, we organized a conference *Ukrainian elections 2007 – chance for stability?* (Warsaw, October 5) in cooperation with the International Renaissance Foundation from Kyiv. Conference participants discussed Ukraine's political situation and foreign policy. Panelists included: Iryna Bekeshkina (Democratic Initiatives Foundation, Kyiv), Kost Bondarenko (Kyiv Gorshenin Institute of Management Issues), Yevhen Bystrytsky (International Renaissance Foundation, Kyiv), Anna Górska (Centre for Eastern Studies, Warsaw), Bogumiła Berdychowska (Polish-Ukrainian Forum, Warsaw), Anton Borkovsky,

(*Ukraina Moloda* daily, Lviv), Yuriy Yakymenko (Razumkov Centre, Kyiv), and Oleksandr Sushko (Center for Peace, Conversion and Foreign Policy of Ukraine, Kyiv). About 80 individuals took part in the conference.

In 2007, thanks to a grant from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from the Polish Aid program, we continued activities to bring Ukraine closer to the European Union and transfer Polish experiences concerning Community membership to our eastern neighbors. These activities, under the common name ***Ukraine on the path to EU***, were addressed to the institutions promoting information about the European Union in Ukraine and to Ukrainian public officials responsible for migration and refugees.

In cooperation with International Renaissance Foundation from Kyiv and Polish European Information Centers, we organized internships for 10 employees of European information centers and pro-European NGOs from 10 Ukrainian cities (September 17-28 and October 1-12). Ukrainian interns visited European information centers in Białystok, Kielce, Lublin, Płock, Poznań and Rzeszów, where they learned about the centers' daily work and projects. In October and November, in cooperation with the interns, we organized 10 training meetings in 10 Ukrainian cities. The trainings concerned methods of informing about European Union activities. They were conducted by Polish employees of the European information centers from Poznań, Rzeszów and Płock, employees from the centers in Ukraine that had completed internships in Poland, as well as representatives of Batory Foundation and the International Renaissance Foundation. Altogether 500 individuals from Ukrainian NGOs, public administration officials, representatives of colleges, media and libraries attended the trainings. Furthermore, we published two publications in Ukrainian for those interested in developing institutions that disseminate knowledge about the Union: *How to Develop European Information Centers. Polish experience* and *Importance of information about the EU*.

In cooperation with Center for Peace, Conversion and Foreign Policy of Ukraine from Kyiv we organized a study visit in Poland for 10 representatives of the Ukrainian administration responsible for migration and refugees (September 23-29). During the visit, our guests learned about Polish experiences in the realm of migration and refugees policy and took part in a series of meetings at the Border Guards Headquarter Office, Office for Foreigners, Central Reception Centre for Refugees, Border Guards Deportation Centre, Ministry of Interior and Administration, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Office of the Committee for European Integration. The project was summed up with a two-day conference in Kyiv on economic migration and a cycle of meetings presenting Polish experiences in dealing with emigration of Polish nationals to other EU states and immigration to Poland (November 19-22). Polish experts included: Paweł Dąbrowski (Center of Migration Research, Warsaw University), Paweł Domański and Joanna Majewska (Office for Foreigners), Marcin Kulnicz (Ministry of Labour and Social Policy). We also published *Assistance to foreigners in the Republic of Poland – asylum status and residence permit*.

## Russia in Europe

The aim of the project initiated in 2007 is to inspire Polish and European discourse about the changes occurring in Russia and EU policy toward Russia.

In the spring of 2007, we published a Polish and English-Russian version of a collection of texts entitled *Putin's Empire*. The authors included: Alexandr Auzan (Institute of the Social Contract National Project, Moscow), Stanislav Belkovsky (Council on National Strategy, Moscow), Yuriy Fedorov (Chatham House, London), Igor Klyamkin (Liberal Mission Foundation, Moscow), Włodzimierz Marciniak (Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw), Marie Mendras (CNRS, Science Po, Paris), Michael McFaul (Stanford University), Arkady Moshes (Finnish Institute for International Affairs, Helsinki), Dmitry Oreshkin (Institute of Geography of Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow), Arseny Roginskiy (Memorial, Moscow), Lilia Shevtsova (Carnegie Moscow Center), and Aleksander Smolar (Batory Foundation). All authors of the texts published in the book

(with the exception of Michael McFaul) took part in an international conference *Putin's Russia* organized by Batory Foundation in 2006.

Jointly with the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) we organized a seminar *Russia as challenge for the EU: the German and Polish perspective* (Berlin, November 26-27). Participants discussed energy issues in EU-Russian relations, Russia and EU policy toward common neighborhood (Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova) and Russia's role in resolving global problems. About 30 experts participated in the meeting, including: Tobias Bergner (German MFA), Roland Götz (SWP), Grzegorz Gromadzki (Batory Foundation), Danuta Jazłowiecka (Member of Polish Parliament), Roman Kuźniar (Warsaw University), Kai-Olaf Lang (SWP), Michael Link and Markus Meckel (Members of German Parliament), Marek Menkiszak (Centre for Eastern Studies, Warsaw), Marcin Nawrot (Polish MFA), Susan Steward (SWP), and Paweł Zalewski (Member of Polish Parliament).

A Batory Foundation representative was invited to take part in the newly established *EU ISS Russia Task Force*, run by the Paris-based European Union Institute for Security Studies. The first meeting of the group entitled *Russia as a difficult EU partner* was held on April 23. The goal of the task force is to exchange opinions regarding the situation within Russia, its foreign policy and EU policy toward Russia. Experts and diplomats from EU Member States, representatives of the European Council and Commission, as well as experts from Russia take part in task force activities.

## Focus on Central Asia

This project was initiated in 2007 with the aim to expand cooperation between organizations from Poland and Central Asia and to promote knowledge about that region in Poland.

In fall, in cooperation with Soros Foundation in Kyrgyzstan, we began activities advancing exchange of information between Polish and Kyrgyz organizations regarding grassroots organization of civil society and building partnership relations with local administration. We jointly prepared a study visit in Poland (October 2-10) and two seminars in Kyrgyzstan (December 9-12 and 14-15). 14 representatives of the non-governmental sector from Kyrgyzstan took part in the study visit and participated in a series of meetings in Warsaw, Gdańsk, Elbląg and Nidzica with representatives of Polish NGO federations and support organizations. About 60 representatives of the NGO sector and administration took part in the seminars conducted by two Polish experts: Jerzy Boczoń (SPLOT, Gdańsk) and Waldemar Weihs (Merkury Foundation, Wałbrzych) in Kyrgyzstan at the center at Lake Issyk-Kul and in Osh.

As part of the *Zagranica* Group (coalition of Polish NGOs working abroad), we formed the Central Asia working group consisting of representatives of NGOs, the state administration and academic institutions, to exchange experience and ideas concerning cooperation with Central Asia and coordinate those activities. In 2007, the group had three meetings during which it sought to define the main challenges facing Poland and the European Union in Central Asia.

## International election monitoring

Batory Foundation has for years been engaged in sending election monitors, recruiting i.a. polling supervisors for OSCE missions and taking part in the preparation of the Polish Observation Mission for the presidential election in Ukraine (2004) as well as for the observation mission for the elections in Tajikistan (2006).

Near the end of 2007, in cooperation with the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, we recruited observers for the OSCE mission for the January 2008 presidential elections in Georgia. In the selection process, 14 observers were chosen from over 200 candidates.

## Challenge project

Since November 2004, the Foundation has participated in the international project *Challenge. The Changing Landscape of Liberty and Security in Europe*, financed from the EU's Sixth Framework Program. The project is coordinated by the Centre for European Policy Studies and carried out by a consortium of 21 partner organizations cooperating in 17 thematic areas devoted to various aspects of security policy and its influence on civic freedoms. Project-related activities include scientific research and promotional campaigns.

In 2007, we prepared two analyses on: *Securitization of migration in the context of public health – Poland* and *Institutional cooperation in Polish border control. The prospects of Europeanisation*.

## Za granicą Group (coalition of Polish NGOs working abroad)

In 2001, Batory Foundation initiated and since then has been involved in the work of a coalition of Polish NGOs operating outside Poland. The goals of the Za granicą Group include: exchange of information, cooperation with public administration, participation in shaping and implementing Polish aid policy, cooperation with related associations in other states, dissemination of information about the activity of Polish NGOs operating outside Poland and garnering public support for their activities. The Group comprises more than 40 organizations. Foundation's representative, Wojciech Tworkowski, is one of 6 members of the Executive Committee (managing board) of Za granicą Group.

In 2007, the program was financed by funds from the Open Society Institute, including East East Partnership Beyond Borders Network Program, the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (PLN 238,287.91) and the Centre for European Policy Studies CEPS (44,406.67).

Grants	PLN 199,976.41
Projects implementation	PLN 827,579.46
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 1,027,555.87</b>

## Grants

<b>Finnish Institute of International Affairs</b> Helsinki	<i>Friendly EU border</i> – monitoring border crossing points on the European Union's eastern border: conducting research at the border crossing points on the Finish-Russian border. 9,600 EUR
<b>Contemporary Researches Foundation</b> Budapest	<i>Friendly EU border</i> – monitoring border crossing points on the European Union's eastern border: conducting research at two border crossing points on the Hungarian-Ukrainian and Hungarian-Serbian border. 18,376 USD
<b>Warsaw University, Research Center on Migrations</b> Warsaw	<i>Friendly EU border</i> – monitoring border crossing points on the European Union's external border: developing research methodology and conducting research at five border crossing points on the Polish-Russian, Polish-Belarusian and Polish-Ukrainian border (2 <sup>nd</sup> tranche of the grant of PLN 162,000 awarded in 2006). PLN 112,000

# Regional Alcohol and Drug Program

The program, operating since 1996, promotes Polish experiences in dependency therapy and prevention, as well as rehabilitation of domestic violence offenders in the countries of Central-Eastern Europe, Central Asia and southern Caucasus. We cooperate with non-governmental organizations and public administration in the countries of these regions to help implement treatment and prevention methods proven in Poland. We organize trainings, internships and study visits, and publish materials that raise qualifications of dependency therapists.

## ***Atlantis* program: therapy for incarcerated alcoholics**

Since 1996, we have trained specialists and worked with penal services in the countries of program's operation, helping to establish *Atlantis* programs within their correctional facilities. The program brought from the U.S. to Poland in 1990-1992, with the help of Batory Foundation, currently operates in 20 Polish correctional facilities. It is based on the AA 12 step philosophy and cooperation with Anonymous Alcoholics groups working to get sober. Our assistance has given rise to *Atlantis* programs in correctional facilities in Kyrgyzstan (with its own international training center in Bishkek), Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, and Latvia. Professional therapeutic staffs as well as budding *Atlantis* centers function in several penitentiary facilities in Ukraine (in Lviv and Kyiv) and in Russia (Angarsk in Siberia, St. Petersburg, Samara).

In 2007, we organized trainings in Poland for penitentiary staff from Bulgaria, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, Russia and Ukraine (25 individuals), trainings in Georgia for personnel from three correctional facilities (40 individuals) and a cycle of trainings at the training center in Kyrgyzstan for personnel from penitentiary facilities where dependency rehabilitation centers are not yet operating (14 individuals). In addition, we organized internships at Polish *Atlantis* centers for seven individuals from Bulgaria and Georgia and two study visits in Poland for six people from Georgia and Kyrgyzstan.

## ***Siberia* project**

Since 2005, we have worked with specialists in drug dependency as well as the AA community in Siberia and far-eastern Russia. Our efforts have resulted in the establishment of consultation desks, hotlines, and sociotherapy centers working with AA and Al-Anon groups in Irkutsk, Angarsk, Ulan-Ude, Khabarovsk, Nahodka, Vladivostok and Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky. Our on-site partners that help to organize trainings and operate therapeutic facilities for dependents and codependents include staff of Polish Catholic missions in Irkutsk, Blagoveshchensk, Ulan-Ude and on Kamchatka.

In 2007, we organized two seminars, run by Polish trainers: in Vladivostok, on dependency as an illness of the whole family, and in Ulan-Ude, capital of the Buryat Republic, on working with youth and preventing drug dependency, for about 100 individuals; two cycles of lectures and meetings run by trainers from Po-

land and Russia in Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky and Magadan with the participation of about 60 individuals, as well as a cycle of workshops *Drug addiction – prevention and treatment* at the Irkutsk University run by staff on the Polish MONAR from Warsaw. Further, 29 psychologists, narcologists and dependency therapy instructors from Russia, Ukraine, Bulgaria, Georgia, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan participated in seminars and internships organized in Poland and Russia as well as at the Regional Summer School in Lviv.

For two years, we have been supporting the establishment in Russia of a network of NGOs that assist children and families from pathological surroundings. In that realm, we cooperate with the *Svobodnaya Zhizn* organization that prepared a conference in Novosibirsk in February 2007 addressed to Russian NGOs interested in joining the network. Twenty-one individuals from eight cities of the Russian Federation took part in the conference.

### **Regional Summer School**

In June, we organized the thirteenth regional summer school *Addiction, family and violence*. It was held in Lviv with the participation of 45 therapists, psychologists, psychiatrists and other dependency specialists from the countries of the program's operation. This time, the lecturers were not only from Poland, but also from Ukraine and Russia. This Summer School was organized with the help of our local partner – Center for Spiritual and Psychological Support and Mutual Aid *Doroha* from Lviv, which runs professional dependency therapy centers and is active in prevention and school education.

### **Seminars for journalists**

In September, we organized a third seminar in Warsaw for journalists from the region, this time devoted to sources of pathologies threatening today's youth. The three-day seminar entitled *How to love a child?* was co-organized with the specialists from the Polish foundation *ABC XXI All of Poland Reads to Kids*. Twenty-four journalists from Bulgaria, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Ukraine, and Kyrgyzstan took part.

### **Other trainings, internships, study visits**

In April, we organized a training in Warsaw for 30 individuals involved in the Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous movement from Armenia, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Mongolia and Russia who work for consultation desks and hotlines or otherwise support individuals seeking dependency and codependency treatment. This training is prepared by individuals who have overcome addiction and want to help others. In some countries of the region people trained in this training have already been hired as the official 'dependency therapy instructors'.

In November, we organized a training in Warsaw for 20 Polish psychologists on preventing aggression in school. An American specialist from the Polish American Association in Chicago, who has worked with us since 2000, ran the workshops.

In December, in the town of Ragar in Tajikistan – at the initiative of a Tajik NGO – a training was organized for a group of Afghan physicians about the AA 12 steps and therapy programs based on working with the Narcotics Anonymous community.



## Publications

In 2007, we published three issues of the *ArkA* bulletin (in Polish, Russian, and Bulgarian). We partially financed the completion of a book entitled *Closer to Dreams* containing works by children from the *Ochota* Culture Center in Warsaw, which will be published in 2008 by the Warsaw Section of the Polish Society for the Prevention of Drug Abuse. We prepared 100 education sets on CD-ROMs containing Russian translations of the *12 Consultant Functions*, *Dependency Recovery*, and *I Choose Freedom* scripts.

In 2007, the program was financed by the Open Society Institute.

<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 580,412.46</b>
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## Abbreviated Financial Report

### Grants and donations (in PLN)

Open Society Institute, New York	8,855,250.00
Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe, Washington	1,432,235.00
Robert Bosch Foundation, Stuttgart	796,808.03
Remembrance, Responsibility and Future Foundation, Berlin	718,789.81
Ford Foundation, New York	515,884.20
1% Personal Income Tax Donations	328,286.50
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Warsaw	217,519.71
Friends of Batory Foundation, Washington (from donations by Helen and Peter Maxwell and Taube Foundation for Jewish Life and Culture)	156,632.41
Agora S.A., Warsaw	153,439.40
NGO Fund of European Economic Area Financial Mechanism and Norwegian Financial Mechanism	144,000.00
Commercial Union Poland, Warsaw	100,000.00
Agora Foundation, Warsaw	100,000.00
Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels	36,762.91
Nestlé Poland S.A., Warsaw	30,000.00
Individual Donors from Poland	7,463.00
Royal Netherlands Embassy, Warsaw	5,370.04
Open Society Institute, Paris	3,755.27
Damage fines adjudged by the courts in favor of the Foundation	1,000.00
SPPID Association	300.00
Commercial Bank BH, Warsaw	62.09
Grants returned	80,785.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,684,344.10</b>

## Expenditure (in PLN)

Programs	13,545,613.35
Information and development	318,924.75
Administration	2,125,832.04
Depreciation	1,046,491.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,036,861.53</b>

## Expenditure according to programs (in PLN)

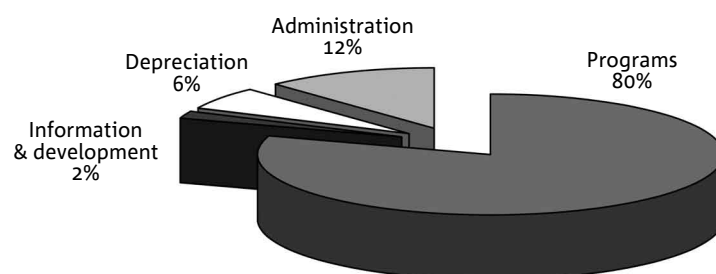
<b>Domestic Programs</b>	
Batory Foundation Debates	182,639.56
Your Vote, Your Choice	518,624.58
Civic Institutions	1,159,610.38
Equal Opportunities	1,224,412.92
For Tolerance	813,155.62
Watchdog Initiatives	883,570.00
Legal Education	717,998.36
Anti-Corruption	423,003.40
<b>International Programs</b>	
Community Initiatives Partnership	987,730.58
Memoria	768,112.70
East East	1,581,525.16
Citizens in Action	2,677,261.76
International Cooperation	1,027,555.87
Regional Drug and Alcohol Program	580,412.46
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,545,613.35</b>

The average exchange rate for the year 2007:

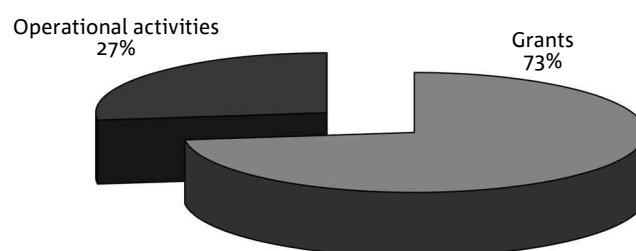
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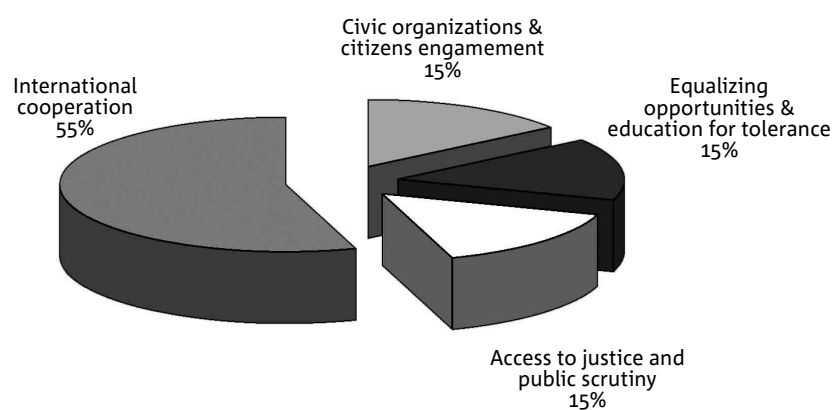
## Structure of total expenditures



## Structure of program expenditures



## Expenditures according to program areas



## Profit and Loss Account (in PLN)

Item	Description	Amount	
		2006	2007
1	2	3	4
<b>A</b>	<b>Income for statutory activities</b>	<b>29,166,354.67</b>	<b>15,720,548.67</b>
1	Income for public benefit activity	27,352,119.53	13,684,344.10
2	Other income defined by statute	1,814,235.14	2,036,204.57
<b>B</b>	<b>Costs of statutory activities</b>	<b>16,826,295.86</b>	<b>13,545,613.35</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Gross profit on statutory activities A-B</b>	<b>12,340,058.81</b>	<b>2,174,935.32</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>Foundation office costs</b>	<b>3,313,783.87</b>	<b>3,491,248.18</b>
1	Material and energy consumption	289,628.32	243,937.46
2	Third party services	799,454.17	1,266,046.78
3	Depreciation	992,328.08	1,046,491.39
4	Salaries and related expenses	855,843.13	739,919.92
5	Other costs	376,530.17	194,852.63
<b>E</b>	<b>Other income</b>	<b>51,971.06</b>	<b>55,030.72</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Other costs</b>	<b>776.34</b>	<b>23,755.91</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>Financial income</b>	<b>11,910,043.23</b>	<b>21,113,369.95</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>Financial costs</b>	<b>1,328,709.01</b>	<b>483,303.48</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>Gross financial result on entire activity C-D+E-F+G-H</b>	<b>19,658,803.88</b>	<b>19,345,028.42</b>
<b>J</b>	<b>Corporate income tax</b>	<b>2,434.00</b>	<b>3,937.00</b>
<b>Net profit I - J</b>		<b>19,656,369.88</b>	<b>19,341,091.42</b>

**Balance Sheet (in PLN)**

ASSETS		As of	
		31.12.2006	31.12.2007
1	2	3	4
<b>A</b>	<b>Fixed assets</b>	<b>86,689,065.83</b>	<b>95,718,056.14</b>
I	Intangible fixed assets	7,822.57	55,479.87
II	Tangible fixed assets	26,876,178.26	25,863,776.27
	– perpetual usufruct of land	3,557,806.80	3,450,805.08
	– building	22,345,811.70	21,644,260.92
	– equipment	972,559.76	768,710.27
III	Long-term investments	59,805,065.00	69,798,800.00
<b>B</b>	<b>Current assets</b>	<b>72,865,293.48</b>	<b>72,988,933.22</b>
I	Short-term receivables	32,635.49	1,596,723.76
	– trade receivables	29,840.69	327,298.31
	– financial assets receivables	–	1,223,324.06
	– other receivables	2,794.80	46,101.39
II	Short-term investments	72,793,482.28	71,360,001.23
1	Short-term financial assets	66,690,614.59	57,034,385.06
	– shares	37,551,766.34	36,711,236.14
	– government bonds, bank deposits, investment funds unit	27,595,844.75	18,225,172.92
	– others (interest on government bonds)	1,543,003.50	2,097,976.00
2	Cash and other monetary assets	6,102,867.69	14,325,616.17
	– cash in hand and bank accounts	6,102,867.69	9,555,499.09
	– other cash (bank deposits)	–	4,770,117.08
III	Short-term prepayments	39,175.71	32,208.23
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>159,554,359.31</b>	<b>168,706,989.36</b>

EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		As of	
		31.12.2006	31.12.2007
5	6	7	8
<b>A</b>	<b>Equity</b>	<b>156,141,226.85</b>	<b>165,599,504.94</b>
I	Statutory capital	79,657,409.87	108,477,504.35
	– undistributed profit	79,550.487.62	108,384,919.51
	– start-up fund	106,922.25	92,584.84
II	Revaluation reserve	9,713,593.29	(154,882.63)
III	Financial result	66,770,223.69	57,276,883.22
	– from previous years	47,113,853.81	37,935,791.80
	– from current year	19,656,369.88	19,341,091.42
<b>B</b>	<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>3,413,132.46</b>	<b>3,107,484.42</b>
I	Long-term liabilities	64,649.00	621,513.64
II	Short-term liabilities	3,340,859.11	2,227,633.55
1	Liabilities	3,286,097.43	2,169,547.04
	– grants payables	2,823,597.26	1,728,223.22
	– trade payables	235,726.58	206,779.27
	– amounts owned to the state budget	112,935.87	136,312.96
	– social security payables	81,603.16	68,301.04
	– others	32,234.56	29,930.55
2	Social fund	54,761.68	58,086.51
III	Accruals and deferred income	7,624.35	258,337.23
	– short-term	7,624.35	258,337.23
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		<b>159,554,359.31</b>	<b>168,706,989.36</b>



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

**TO THE COUNCIL OF FUNDACJA IM. STEFANA BATOREGO**

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The attached abbreviated financial report of Fundacja im. Stefana Batorego [Stefan Batory Foundation], ul. Sapieżyńska 10a, Warszawa (hereafter referred to as "the Foundation") was prepared by the Management Board of the Foundation based on the audited financial statements of the Foundation for the year ended 31 December 2007 ("the financial statements"). The financial statements were prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Polish Accounting Act and the Decree of the Minister of Finance on specific accounting regulations for certain organizations other than commercial companies and not engaged in business.

We have audited the financial statements of the Foundation, from which the abbreviated financial report was derived, in accordance with auditing standards issued by the National Council of Registered Auditors in Poland. On 10 April 2008 we issued an unqualified audit opinion on these financial statements.

In our opinion, the abbreviated financial report presented on the previous pages is consistent, in all material respects, with the Foundation's financial statements from which it was derived.

For a fuller understanding of the Foundation's financial position and the results of its operations for the year ended 31 December 2007, the abbreviated financial report should be read in conjunction with the financial statements from which it was derived and our opinion and audit report thereon.

On behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers Sp. z o.o.:

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Kraków, 10 April 2008