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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 NGOs Abroad — Zagranica Group, the European Foundation Centre in Brussels and the 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).

In 2009, we ran **14 domestic and international programs**. We made over **350 grants** for a total amount of **PLN 11.5 million**. We spent **PLN 3 million** on in-house operated projects implemented by ourselves or in cooperation with partners.

As in previous year 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 with an aim to increase public interest in local issues, including an informed and responsible participation in local and parliamentary elections. In 2009, 230 organizations and informal groups from 200 boroughs joined the project. Participants organized 200 public debates with the participation of local officials and residents, they also organized 216 events aimed to engage residents in their local civil society (happenings, events, competitions for youth, surveys). The get-out-the-vote coalition formed in 2007 by the Batory Foundation and other organisations, launched *The Center of Europe* campaign aimed to encourage voters to participate in the elections to the European Parliament. Participation in European Parliament Elections reached 24.53%, and was 4% higher than in the year 2004, the first when Poles were choosing their EMPs.

In 2009 we were also engaged in coalition formed to combine efforts of different groups that wanted to celebrate 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of democratic changes in Poland and other countries of Central and Eastern Europe. The *Together 89* Initiative was joined by 180 organizations: NGOs, institutions, companies, local authorities, schools, informal groups from all over Poland organized over 280 events. Apart from supporting the work of the coalition the Batory Foundation awarded 22 grants to fund various activities devoted to the commemoration of the 1989 events undertaken in local communities. In 2009 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, promote good practices and transparency in public institutions and developing international cooperation [*Civic Institutions*].

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 anti-corruption 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 *Batory Foundation Debates* to discussion on the condition of Polish democracy, Polish foreign policy, global economic crisis as well as the disputes over history and national memory. The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Batory Foundation as well as the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Polish

democratic transformation provided an occasion for the organization of two jubilee debates: *The Crisis, Open Society and a New World Deal* and *The Questions of the Two Decades. 1989–2009*.

Another important sphere of our activities concerned tolerance and fostering attitudes of openness toward racial, ethnic, and religious differences.

Though xenophobia and anti-Semitism continue to be significant Polish problems, there is an increased interest in the different and a growing number of people for whom cultural, ethnic, and religious diversity constitute an important social value. Such people — among them students, teachers, priests, firemen — took the lead in our *For Tolerance* program. In the years 2006–2009 they implemented 77 projects aimed to counteract prejudices and break the silence on Polish-Jewish history of their towns and villages. Summing up 4 years of program's operations we put special emphasis on promotion of the projects our grantees and providing them with skills and knowledge helpful in successful continuation of their activities.

Discovery of a common, multicultural heritage was a leading theme of another grantmaking program run together with the German Remembrance, Responsibility and Future Foundation. In 14 volunteer summer camps 140 young people from Poland, Germany, Belarus, Russia (Kaliningrad District), and Ukraine learned about various aspects of history and culture of borderland regions, and gained theoretical and practical knowledge on protection of cultural assets. They cleaned up and renovated graveyards and sacral buildings of different denominations, and other local historical sites. They made inventories of cultural objects and documents in local museums and archives, recorded testimonies of multicultural past of borderland regions and documented the effects of their work in self-made films, photo exhibits and webpages. In the 3 years of *Memoria* we supported 20 organisations from Poland and 7 from Ukraine. Experience gained in the course of the program's activities were summed up in a series of events *The Tolerant. It's Happening!* prepared together with *For Tolerance* program.

2009 was the last year of the operation of *Legal Education* program which for ten years supported legal education and free legal counsel as well as activities aimed to increase openness and efficiency of judiciary. Free legal services for the vulnerable social groups were included in the government agenda what increases chances of free legal aid to vulnerable social groups for public funds.

The generosity of individual and business donors allowed us to continue assistance to local organizations that provide scholarships for young people from small towns and rural areas and run integration programs for disabled children. Thanks to these donations, 1,078 high school students receive scholarships in the 2009/2010 school year and 500 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. We took part in the debate on the possible integration of Eastern Partnership countries with the EU and participated in the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum. In connection with the difficult political situation in Belarus and Moldova we paid a special attention to those countries, organizing discussions and study visits [*International Cooperation*].

In partnership with the Robert Bosch Foundation we supported tripartite cooperation of Polish and German organizations with organizations from Belarus, Ukraine, and Russia serving to reinforce solidarity and neighborly relations, and to resolve problems faced by states of our region. *Community Initiatives Partnership* program, planned for the years 2004–2010, contributed to establishment of ca 30 lasting tripartite partnerships of non-governmental organization, During the 5 years of the program ca 300 organizations from Germany, Poland, Russia, Ukraine and Belarus took part in the seminars and trainings.

The 6-years *Citizens in Action* program, financed from the Ford Foundation grant, was summed up also in 2009. We supported Belarusian and Ukrainian non-governmental organisations that stimulate local activity, support grass-root initiatives in their community and build partnership between non-governmental and public administration and commercial sectors. We supported also civic and European education as well as promotion of advocacy. The participants of the program included 55 organizations from all regions of Ukraine and Belarus. Apart from grants for program activity and institutional development (\$ 3.5 million in total during 6 years of the program operation), we offered our grantees technical and substantive assistance: study visits, meetings and trainings as well as experience sharing events organized in Belarus, Ukraine, Poland and other countries.

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: Partnership Beyond Borders* 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 addiction therapy and prevention as well as in re-education of perpetrators of domestic violence.



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We could carry out our activities in 2009 thanks to grants and donations made by Polish and foreign private and public institutions, commercial organizations and individual donors, including taxpayers who donated us 1% of their personal income tax.

Most of our programs were financed from the funds donated by the **Open Society Institute**, established by George Soros, an American financier and philanthropist, the founder of a network of civic organizations active in more than 60 countries in Central and Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the United States. Thanks to the **Ford Foundation's** grants we ran two programs: *Citizens in Action* and *For Tolerance*. From the grant donated by the **Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe** we co-financed *Watchdog Initiatives* and *Your Vote, Your Choice* programs. A 6 year grant from the **C.S. Mott Foundation** allowed us to provide support to the work of NGO coalitions operating in Visegrad states. Thanks to the cooperation with German foundations we continued two international grantmaking programs: *Community Initiatives Partnership* co-founded by the **Robert Bosch Foundation** and *Memoria* co-founded by the **Remembrance, Responsibility and Future Foundation**. Support from the **International Visegrad Fund** enabled us to fund activities related to the monitoring and analysis of the Visegrad countries' visa policies towards the E.U. Eastern neighbors.

Our programs aimed at equalizing educational opportunities for children and youth were financed from **1% personal income tax donations from individuals**, donations of **Agora Foundation**, and more than **70 individual private donors**. **Unilever Poland** organized a cause-related marketing campaign *Give a Chance* channeling part of revenue from sales of 7 brands to support scholarships in the *Equal Opportunities* program. The U.S. based **Karol Uryga-Nawarowski Foundation** provided funds to support projects focusing on youth alcohol abuse prevention.

We wish to thank all our donors: private, corporate and individual for their continuous support. We express our gratitude to hundreds of Polish taxpayers who selected our Foundation as a beneficiary of 1% of their tax. With your help we can help others!

We thank experts, consultants and volunteers who served us *pro bono* with their professional advice and support as well as companies which gave us in-kind contributions.

We wish to express our gratitude to all those who helped us in our 1% income tax campaign. In particular we are grateful to **Szymon Majewski** for his engagement in the TV spot encouraging the Poles to donating their 1% to the *Equal Opportunities* program as well as to the agencies **Heureka i Pride&Glory Interactive**, which designed and supervised the strategy and the implementation of this campaign.

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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. We have long organized conferences and discussions on changes taking place in our country, in Europe and in the world, on Polish and EU foreign policy and international affairs relations. Our goal has been to foster public debate on issues important to the future of our country and region.

In 2009 our debates focused on the most important challenges in Polish domestic policy as well as the disputes over history and national memory. We tackled issues related to politics and economy in the global economic crisis era and continued discussions on the longstanding themes of the Polish foreign policy. The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Batory Foundation as well as the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Polish democratic transformation provided an occasion for the organization of two jubilee debates: *The Crisis, Open Society and a New World Deal* and *The Questions of the Two Decades. 1989–2009*.

## Current political and social problems

### The Crisis and Opportunities for the New Political Initiatives April 9<sup>th</sup>

Introduction: Paweł Piskorski (MEP), Prof. Dariusz Rosati (MEP, former Minister of Foreign Affairs), Kazimierz Michał Ujazdowski, Ph.D., (MP, former Minister of Culture and National Heritage), Piotr Zaremba (a journalist, *Dziennik* daily), Jacek Żakowski (a journalist, *Polityka* weekly). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

The discussion focused on the impact of the economic crisis on the dynamics of the political situation in Poland. It looked into the likelihood of proliferation of the new political initiatives which could challenge the domination of two major parties in Poland: the Civic Platform and Law and Justice. The participants emphasized that despite the economic crisis' impact on the political atmosphere in Poland we do not face any real risk of upsurge of populism and radicalism similar to that which came as a result of the Great Depression a century ago. A more important problem is the erosion of the main parties related to their programmatic weakness and the leadership crisis. Both leading parties are organized on the "boss model" based on oligarchic system. At the same time both groups are rather amorphous, embracing a plethora of views and attitudes. Dual division of the political scene imposed by them, while reinforced by regulations on political parties and their funding from the public budget, introduces the risk of creating a closed two party system, effectively blocking opportunities for any new political initiatives. The only opportunity for such new initiatives is in the election calendar of 2010 when both the presidential and local elections will take place in proximity to one another. This allows for the emergence of independent, local candidates

unrelated to the two major political forces. Should such candidates succeed, new political parties may emerge in the 2011 parliamentary elections.

### **Public Media — a New Deal**

**April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Introduction: Jan Dworak (former chairman of the Polish Public Television S.A.), Andrzej Urbański (Chairman of the Polish Public Television S.A.), Bogdan Zdrojewski (Minister of Culture and National Heritage). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

The debate focused on the public media sector in Poland. In March 2009 a project of a new media bill was introduced in the Parliament. This law was supposed to facilitate the creation of strong, independent and apolitical media. Yet during the debate many arguments against the draft bill were presented claiming that it would significantly weaken or even marginalize the public media. The proposed scheme for financing the media from the budget was criticized as one that would require the permission of the European Union (as it is public aid in fact). Doubts were also voiced over the rules defining who could receive a license for TV and radio programs (commercial broadcasters would also be eligible to get it) and over the proposed changes in the organizational structure of the public media (establishment of 17 new regional legal entities, and the size and the scope of tasks of the supervisory boards).

### **The Crisis and Social Policy**

**May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Introduction: Agnieszka Chłoń-Domińczak, Ph.D. (deputy Minister of Labor and Social Policy), Prof. Jerzy Hausner (Economic University of Cracow, former deputy Minister and Minister of Labor and Social Policy), Joanna Kluzik-Rostkowska (MP, former Minister of Labor and Social Policy), Prof. Tadeusz Kowalik (Institute of Economic Sciences, Polish Academy of Sciences), Irena Wóycicka (Gdańsk Institute for Market Economics). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

The debate focused on social policy in the economic crisis era. According to the participants, the current crisis exposes the incapacity of the current Polish social policy. This situation requires an urgent need for rethinking and improving the applied solutions as well as the reconsideration of the general role of the state and the whole social policy model accepted in Poland since 1989. According to the participants the most important areas requiring intervention are the retirement system, the distribution of social expenditures, social policy in the agricultural sector and the growing social inequalities that mainly affect children from poor families. Participants of the debate agreed that the current situation calls for a change in the tax policy as well. The panelists emphasized also the need for further mobilization of the society since in times of crisis the responsibility for the social sphere must be borne not only by the state but also by local groups and non-governmental organizations.

### **The Role of Civic Institutions in Democracy**

**June 1<sup>st</sup>**

Introduction: Prof. Susan Rose-Ackerman (Yale University), Jakub Wygnański (The Unit for Social Innovation and Research *Shipyards*), Prof. Mirosław Wyrzykowski (The Constitutional Court judge). Moderator: Prof. Andrzej Rychard (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Polish Academy of Sciences, member of the Batory Foundation Board).



The debate focused on the Polish civil society and the “civic” institutions (such as Ombudsman or the Trilateral Commission for Social Dialogue), presented by Susan Rose-Ackerman in her book *From Elections to Democracy: Building Accountable Government in Hungary and Poland*. The participants agreed that Polish civil society is poorly organized and that the institutions responsible for representing the interests of particular groups are not fulfilling their duties in an effective and appropriate manner. There are doubts as to how representative they really are. They have not won the trust of a great number of citizens. Also, problems arise with regard to the work of professional organizations which are mostly dedicated to protecting the corporate interest of their members. It was pointed out that the Polish democracy is dominated by the model reliant on “intermediary institutions” whose task is to negotiate for the interests of respective groups. However, in order to create a well functioning society it is necessary to shift from the intermediary to the consultative approach. Lack of such shift may result in monopolization of the social dialogue by the “intermediaries” such as the Trilateral Commission. The decision-making process require involvement of many different groups. There were voices that the understanding of civil society in Poland is all too often narrowed down solely to NGOs, which leads to the disregarding of other activities, often informal ones, including those that though undertaken in the economic sphere have a deep civic sense. It was emphasized that the Constitutional Tribunal of Poland has a significant role to play in defending individual rights and freedoms as well as in protecting general democratic principles.

This discussion was jointly organized by the Batory Foundation, the Unit for Social Innovation and Research *Shipyard* and the Department of Philosophy and Sociology of the University of Warsaw.

### The Crisis, Open Society and the New World Deal

June 20<sup>th</sup>

Introduction: George Soros (Founder and Chairman of the Open Society Institute, New York). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

The event gathered political scientists, sociologists, historians of ideas and economists. The discussion focused on the idea of an open society and the threats it faces in times of economic crisis. George Soros began the discussion by outlining his concept of an open society inspired by Karl Popper’s writings. He also acknowledged the challenges his idea entails. He pointed out that an open society is an epistemological justification for the very existence of democracy, freedom of expression and critical thinking. Such a concept assumes that the goal of any discourse is getting closer to the truth. However, such a vision inevitably clashes with the current political reality and practice because today’s politics aims at alluring the society in order to win the elections and keep the power rather than to discover truth. Soros wondered what should be done in order to open the eyes of democratic societies so that they become immune to mystification or self interested leadership. Further topics raised during the meeting included: the conditions in which an open society may develop and become legitimate, the relationship between the NGO community and the society, the causes of the economic crisis and the action that needs to be taken in order to avoid its recurrence in the future.

The meeting was organized on the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Batory Foundation.

## History, memory, politics

### The Institute of National Remembrance: History, Politics, Law

April 24<sup>th</sup>

Introduction: Prof. Andrzej Chojnowski (History Institute of the University of Warsaw, deputy chair of the Council of the National Remembrance Institute – NRI), Antoni Dudek, Ph.D (Jagiellonian University, NRI's President Advisor), Andrzej Friszke, Ph.D. (Institute of Political Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences, former member of the NRI Council), Prof. Andrzej Paczkowski (Institute of Political Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences, chair of the NRI Council), Prof. Marek Safjan (Law Department of the University of Warsaw, former President of the Constitutional Court). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

This debate focused on the National Remembrance Institute (NRI) and desirable changes in its organization. The discussion was overwhelmed by a number of allegations towards the NRI including politicization, unprofessionalism in presenting Polish history and creation of impediments for the outsiders wanting to access the NRI documents. Some participants sided with the critics of the Institute. Some others defended the need for existence of such a body and emphasized its up-to-date accomplishments. It was admitted that many root causes of the controversies around the Institutes' work lie in legal provisions of the bill originating its existence. However, the decisions and the personnel policy of the entity were also harshly criticized. It was emphasized that the gravest fault of the Institute was its disregard of the rulings of the Constitutional Tribunal. During the debate many suggestions were made regarding changes in the organization of the NRI i.e. applying such solutions to NRI Council elections which would exclude any threat of politicization of the Institute, as well as introducing an organizational reform which would separate the Research Unit from the Vetting Office. The participants agreed that the NRI should further facilitate access to its archives to all interested in research.

### The Questions of the Two Decades. 1989–2009

June 27<sup>th</sup>

Introduction: Prof. János Kis (Central European University, Budapest), Ivan Krastev (Chairman of the Center for Liberal Strategies, Sofia), Adam Michnik (Chief Editor, Gazeta Wyborcza daily), Prof. Jacques Rupnik (Director of the Center for International Research and Studies, Paris), Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

The Conference was organized to commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of democratic changes in Central and Eastern Europe. It provided an opportunity to compare the transformation experiences in respective countries and to analyze their consequences, both national and international. Each part of the meeting tackled a different aspect important for the characterization of the two decades. The first part was dedicated to discussing the models of transformation from a totalitarian system to democracy and their political and social consequences, including the current perception of the 1989 changes. The second part focused on the shaping of new political map, on changes which took place within the democratic and post-authoritarian forces and on their impact on the young democracies. It also shed light on the problem of decommunization and vetting in respective countries as well as on the loss of political importance of parties originating both from post dissident and post communist groups. Finally the threats of the post transformation period were discussed including the weakened will to conduct reforms after the Central European countries joined

the EU and the emergence of populist and nationalist parties on the political arena. Both of those trends could be observed in all countries of the region. Panelists analyzed also political and identity choices in the countries of the region as well as the way in which their self perception affects their foreign policies, including their attitude towards the EU and the U.S.

The Conference was organized on the occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of both the Batory Foundation and the democratic transformation in Poland. The transcript of the entire discussion will be published in a book in 2010.

### **Remembrance and Politics. Poland–Russia–Ukraine Dedicated to Jacek Kuroń on the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death November 27<sup>th</sup>**

Presentations: Prof. Yuri Afanasyev (Chairman of the Russian State University for Humanities, Moscow), Bogumiła Berdychowska (political commentator, expert on Ukraine), Iza Chruślińska (journalist), Mirosław Czech (*Gazeta Wyborcza* daily), Prof. Yaroslav Hrytsak (director of the Historical Research Institute at Ivan Franko National University of Lviv), Prof. Paweł Machcewicz (director of the Second World War Museum, Gdańsk), Prof. Myroslav Marynovych (provost of the Ukrainian Catholic University, Lviv), Andriy Portnov, Ph.D (Chief Editor of *Ukraina Moderna* magazine), Prof. Adam Daniel Rotfeld (former Minister of Foreign Affairs, co-chair of the Polish-Russian Group for Difficult Matters), Prof. Timothy Snyder (Yale University). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

The Conference — organized on the anniversary of Jacek Kuroń's death — was held in two parts. The first part was dedicated to discussing his role in the formation of standards of Poland's policy towards its Eastern neighbors. It was emphasized that while in the opposition movement during communism and as a politician in the post 1989 era he was one of the major architects of the Polish-Ukrainian dialogue. He attached great importance to the historical reconciliation of Poland with its neighbors. One of Kuroń's big achievements was formulation of the Polish policy towards national minorities in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Republic, including the adoption of a bill on national minorities. The second part of the Conference focused on analyzing the role of remembrance in the foreign and domestic policies led by Poland, Ukraine and Russia. In all of those countries the past plays an important role in the formulation of identity politics. In the case of Russia we face the problem of both the historical awareness among the Russian citizens and the politics of remembrance led by the Russian authorities, including their relations with other countries. The participants noticed a huge breakthrough in Polish-Ukrainian relations over the last 20 years. Such a breakthrough has not taken place in Ukraine's relations with Russia. What is more, the Russians still struggle with recognizing full sovereignty of Ukraine. Other topics of discussion included the role of the past in the current political disputes in Ukraine; the role of the past in the efforts of constructing a collective Ukrainian identity; and the impact of the Polish historical policy and the instrumentalization of collective remembrance on Poland's relations with its neighbors to the East.

The Conference was co-organized by the Association of Ukrainians in Poland. Transcript of the entire discussion will be published in a book in 2010.

## International relations and problems in the region

### Condemned to Dependence? How to Deal with Russian Gas?

February 4<sup>th</sup>

Introduction: Pierre Noël (European Council on Foreign Relations, London). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

The discussion gathered politicians, experts and journalists interested in problems of energy security in Europe. The report *Beyond Dependence: How to Deal with Russian Gas?* by Pierre Noël provided a starting point for the debate. In his introduction the author of the report pointed out that the diversification of gas supply has been taking place in Europe for decades, and the problem itself has different aspects in different regions of the European Union. In the case of western European countries the Russian import makes a small share in the overall gas consumption (the Russian gas comprises only 6.5% of the whole European gas supply). However, the Eastern European countries remain dependent on the Russian gas supply, which effectively poses a threat to the energy security of this part of Europe. Noël emphasized that there are means of further diversification of the gas supply to Eastern Europe. For example, the gas pipelines connecting old EU member states to the new ones could be put to use. Unfortunately, a common European gas market has not been created so far, the transboundary trade of this natural resource is very limited and the respective countries are strongly motivated by political and economic circumstances to enter into a close political relationship with Russia. Other challenges pointed out during the discussion included the threat of an informal agreement between the gas cartels which dictate and impose gas prices on the customers and the challenge of the EU Energy and Climate Package which will likely result in further increased reliance on gas over coal in the energy sector.

### What Kind of Europe Would You Like?

May 18<sup>th</sup>

Introduction: Prof. Danuta Hübner (EU Commissioner, Civic Platform Electoral Committee), Michał Kamiński (former MEP and former Minister at the Presidential Office, Law and Justice Electoral Committee), Wojciech Olejniczak, Ph.D. (MP, Electoral Committee of the Coalition of Democratic Left Alliance and Labor Union), Janusz Piechociński (MP, Electoral Committee of the Polish Peasant Party), Prof. Dariusz Rosati (MEP, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland, Electoral Committee Partnership for the Future). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

The event gathered candidates to the European Parliament representing major Polish political parties. Polish presence in the EU, a suggested model of the European Community and the Union's role in the global politics were they main topics of the debate. Though the discussion was marked by opposing views, all the participants were in favor of further European integration and strengthening of the European solidarity. Opinions differed most on issue of how the Community should be further strengthened. Some indicated towards a new treaty which would meet the challenge of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, others argued for preservation of the current institutions which allow for managing contradictory interests of various countries. The main challenges for the EU which the participants identified were: increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of the Community, opening it to the needs of the citizens, better protection of consumers' rights and reducing differences between the "old" and the "new" member states. Further problems discussed touched upon the future EU enlargement (specifically Turkey) and the EU foreign policy.

## Polish Foreign Policy in Face of Changes in Europe and in the World October 8<sup>th</sup>

Introduction: Marek A. Cichocki, Ph.D., (Natolin College of Europe, Adviser to President Lech Kaczyński on social issues), Prof. Roman Kuźniar (Institute of International Relations, University of Warsaw), Bartłomiej Sienkiewicz (international affairs commentator and analyst), Radosław Sikorski (Minister of Foreign Affairs). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

The debate focused on Polish foreign policy and was attended by the current Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland. The participants discussed subjects such as Poland's relations with Western Europe and the U.S. and Poland's role in NATO. They also discussed various global challenges. However Poland's relations with its neighbors to the East dominated the discourse. Current government policy was a point of contention. Some speakers found it a responsible reaction to the geostrategic changes and an attempt to get real in the Polish policy towards Belarus, Ukraine and Russia. Others took it as a betrayal of the achievements of the last twenty years and abandonment of the tradition initiated by Jerzy Giedroyc and his émigré *Kultura* magazine published in Paris. The proponents of the new approach pointed towards the achievements of the current government, most notably the adoption of the strategic Eastern Partnership program by the EU, and improvement in the Polish-Russian relations. It was stated that the problems arising in the context of Polish relations with Ukraine are also due to the internal situation within Poland. The critics of Minister Sikorski emphasized instead the threats, such as the possibility of political downturn for Poland and the entire region, diminished global interest in it or even its marginalization in international relations. They warned that if Poland decreases its engagement in the East it will become a less attractive partner for other countries, particularly for Germany. Other issues raised by the debate participants were a shift in social moods and appearance of strong anti-Ukrainian sentiments in the public mind.

## Policy of the EU and Russia Towards Their Common Neighbors December 11<sup>th</sup>

Introduction: Andrew Wilson (the European Council on Foreign Relations, London). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

The discussion engaged politicians, experts and journalists interested in the problem of Russian and EU policies towards the countries which joined the Eastern Partnership program (Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine, Armenia). The report *The Limits of Enlargement-lite: European and Russian Power in the Troubled Neighborhood* authored by Nicu Popescu and Andrew Wilson and published by the ECFR formed the basis for the discussion. In his introduction Andrew Wilson described how the EU uses its soft power to influence the countries of the region and then he compared this method to the ones championed by Russia. He said that in many areas, such as trade, the European influence is very strong, however Russia is more open for immigrants originating in the Partnership countries. Other areas are characterized by the balanced influences of both powers, such as foreign investment with the distinction that the western companies tend to invest in retail, banking and certain sectors of the construction industry and Russia invests in strategic areas, culture and media. The EU engages in the promotion of democracy and Russia exports its model of sovereign democracy and "political technologies". It is often more effective than the EU. The countries of the Partnership do not have near prospects of joining the EU and that is why the Community should help them strengthen their statehood, assist in their defense sectors and try to put forward some attractive proposals designed for each country, for example, concerning the visa regime.

The notion of the perspective of joining the EU was discussed. It was emphasized that closing possibilities of further EU enlargement make the choice of a pro-European policy ever less attractive.

The transcript of the entire discussion can be found on the Foundation's website. The Polish version of the report will be published in 2010.

## Other debates

### A Reporter: Witness, Story-teller, Creator Debate on the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of Beata Pawlak Award October 12<sup>th</sup>

Introductions: Joanna Bator (a writer), Max Cegielski (Polish Television *Kultura*), Jacek Milewski (a writer and a journalist, former headmaster of the only Roma school in Poland), Paweł Smoleński (*Gazeta Wyborcza* daily). Moderator: Konstanty Gebert (*Gazeta Wyborcza* daily).

The debate gathered writers and journalists and focused on their role in presenting other cultures and the responsibility which such work entails. It was pointed out that the biggest obstacles in describing an unfamiliar reality are lack of knowledge, conventional and stereotypical ideas, myth and fear of the other. Reporters must not pretend that they are a full member of the community they are describing. They should not be afraid of "otherness" nor should they cling to their own ways and convictions. They need to write about what interests them, but also about what interests the reader — search for exotic places as well as the contact points between cultures for this is the best way to foster better mutual understanding. Much was said about journalistic responsibility and many agreed that a writer can never be on the safe side as there will always be readers who are more competent.

The debate accompanied the ceremony of the presentation of the Beata Pawlak Award. An exhibition of photographs by Robert Stefanicki was an additional attraction.

### Beata Pawlak Award

The Beata Pawlak Award was established pursuant to the last will of Beata Pawlak, a Polish journalist and writer who was killed in the 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.

The laureates of the 5<sup>th</sup> edition were Max Cegielski for his book *The Eye of the Universe. From Constantinopol to Istanbul* (W.A.B. Publishers, Warsaw 2009) and Jacek Milewski for a book on the Polish Roma *The Smoke is Blowing Away* (Zysk i s-ka Publishers, Poznań 2008).

### Leszek Kołakowski – a Thinker and a Citizen October 24<sup>th</sup>

Introduction: Prof. Jerzy Szacki (Polish Academy of Sciences), father Prof. Jan Andrzej Kłoczowski OP (Philosophy Department, Pontifical University of John Paul II), Prof. Jerzy Jedlicki (History Institute of Polish Academy of Sciences), Tadeusz Mazowiecki (former Prime Minister of Poland). Moderator: Aleksander Smolar (President of the Batory Foundation).

The debate was dedicated to the intellectual heritage of Leszek Kołakowski, an outstanding philosopher and teacher and opposition activist who died in 2009. In the opinions of the speakers Leszek Kołakowski

initiated with his writings a grand debate on the European civilization through forming theses which remain valid to this day and through following non-obvious paths of thinking. He used to warn against autodestructive inclinations of democracy and emphasized that a victory of freedom is never permanent. The speakers focused in their presentations on the most important issues in Leszek Kołakowski's thought and activism: his relationship with Marxism and communism as well as his subsequent criticism of the system; his considerations on the freedom and responsibility of an individual and the philosopher's attitude towards religion - from its fierce criticism up to a conclusion that religious tradition is indispensable for the preservation of the Western civilization. Kołakowski's engagement in the fight against totalitarianism featured prominently throughout the discussions in the examples of his speech at the University of Warsaw in 1966; participation in the events of March 1968; his publications in émigré *Kultura* magazine published in Paris; his activism in the Workers' Defense Committee and in the Civic Committee affiliated with Lech Wałęsa.

The debate was organized on the occasion of a post-mortem presentation of the National Endowment for Democracy medal to Leszek Kołakowski "For Service in the Cause of Democracy". The medal was presented by Mr. Carl Gershman (the President of the National Endowment for Democracy).

The meeting was co-organized by the National Endowment for Democracy and the University of Warsaw. The presentations will be published in a form of a book in 2010.

In 2009 the Program was financed by the Open Society Institute, National Endowment for Democracy (PLN 11,131), the European Council on Foreign Relations (PLN 3,500), and *Polityka* weekly Publishers (PLN 850.77).

Beata Pawlak Award	PLN 10,000.00
Debates and publications	PLN 261,802.83
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 271,802.83</b>

# Your Vote, Your Choice

The program's goal is to increase public interest in local affairs and to encourage civic participation in public life, including an informed and responsible participation in local and parliamentary elections. In order to achieve these goals we organize social and awareness-raising campaigns. We work with the local organizations assisting them in undertaking activities spurring civic participation and fostering dialogue between constituents and their representatives in local governments. We encourage activities which aim at integrating local communities and mobilizing them to solve local problems.

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

The project was planned for the years 2006–2010 (the entire term of the local authorities elected in 2006) and we implemented it jointly with the School of Leaders Association. The goal of the project was to stimulate public debate on local issues with the participation of residents and local authorities, and to reinforce a sense of joint responsibility for the election promises and decisions made on the election day.

Non-governmental organizations and informal groups from all over the country were invited to join the project. Organizations willing to participate, registered at the project portal [www.maszglos.pl](http://www.maszglos.pl) and made a commitment to implement a set of tasks aimed at stimulating civic participation and fostering dialogue between the citizens and the local authorities. They organized public debates and they monitor the implementation of promises made by local leaders in their election campaigns in 2006. All registered participants were offered technical and financial support, which included a cycle of training workshops, consultations, expert advice, instruction and promotional materials, as well as microgrants for implementation of tasks related to the project.

By 2009 the project attracted 230 organizations and informal groups from 200 boroughs from all over Poland. These stakeholders organized 200 public debates attended by local officials and residents (7,982 people total) and organized 216 different events and actions (street happenings, public events, youth competitions, questionnaires and surveys) aimed at engaging residents in the local public life. All reports on the activities implemented by the participants were posted on the project's webpage. Some of them were financed from our microgrants made to 70 organizations.

The School of Leaders Association, the program's partner, organized 10 workshops for project's participants on the rules of cooperation with local authorities, methods of monitoring political commitments and ways of engaging citizens in public activities. Altogether 180 people took part in these trainings. We also facilitated contacts with local authorities and media, provided consultations regarding the responsibilities and tasks of local government as well as on legal regulations. The project's website 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.

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



### ***The Center of Europe* campaign**

The goal of the campaign was to encourage voters to participate in the elections to the European Parliament. Its activities were coordinated by a coalition of organizations and businesses which were responsible for the 2007 pro-frequency campaign *Change the Country. Vote*, namely the Civil Development Forum, the Project Poland Foundation, the Center for Citizenship Education, the Association of Marketing Communications SAR, the Polish Confederation of Private Employers *Lewiatan*, the Institute of Public Affairs, the School for Leaders Association, the Friends of Integration Association, the Polish Robert Schuman Foundation, the Polish Public Relations Consultancies Association, the Leśnodorski Ślusarek and Partners law office, the media house MediaCom, advertisement agencies Saachi&Saachi and PZL.

The central element of this campaign was a competition for the title of the *Center of Europe*. It was awarded to Podkowa Leśna, in which the participation in the elections of June 7<sup>th</sup> 2009 broke a threshold of 50%. The campaign's message was communicated to audiences through TV and radio spots, press ads, internet banners, posters, stickers, badges and T-shirts with a characteristic campaign graphic. A campaign website [www.7czerwca.org.pl](http://www.7czerwca.org.pl) was launched and primaries were organized at the universities and in schools. Many of the get-out-the vote actions were organized across Poland by local groups and organizations. As a result participation in European Parliament elections was 24.53%, 4% higher compared to the first EP election held in Poland in 2004.

In cooperation with the coalition members we launched advocacy efforts aimed at introduction in the legal solutions that would facilitate the citizens' participation in the elections. As a result the Parliament adopted an amendment in the electoral law that would enable the sick and the disabled to vote through their plenipotentiary beginning with 2010.

### ***Together 89* Initiative**

In 2009 we celebrated 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the breakthrough elections which initiated changes in Poland and in other countries of Central and Eastern Europe. On this occasion a group of organizations and institutions formed a coalition *Together 89* (the Center for Citizenship Education, the History Meeting House, the Civil Development Forum, the Stefan Batory Foundation, the Karta Center Foundation, the Foundation Project Poland, the Foundation in Support of Local Democracy, the Rural Development Foundation, the Club of Catholic Intelligentsia in Warsaw, the Freedom of Speech Association) and invited all who wanted to get engaged in the celebrations of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1989 changes to join their initiative.

On February 6<sup>th</sup> (a day marking anniversary of the beginning of the Round Table Talks) an interactive platform [www.razem89.pl](http://www.razem89.pl) was launched to serve as an information and promotion center for independent grass-root initiatives aimed to commemorate 1989. The website contained: a chronicle of events from 20 years before, 1989 documents and materials, a photo gallery of 250 pictures from those years submitted by the Internet users, news and announcements of anniversary celebration events and a description of projects and scenarios of activities that can be used in local celebrations.

In May and in June the most important TV stations broadcasted two spots prepared by advertising companies (DDB, Cut-Cut, Tribal) which collaborated with the *Together 89* Initiative. Promotional materials prepared for the *Together 89* campaign included 1.5 million stickers, 40,000 balloons, 20,000 leaflets, 12,000 of posters, 10,000 badges, 5,000 T-shirts, 200 flags, 10 banners and 10 roll-ups. All of them were distributed for use in 165 locations in 51 cities across Poland. In the first week of June all cinemas of the two main chains show campaign's spots and displayed campaign's posters. All the employees of the cinemas wore the Campaign's T-shirts. On June 4<sup>th</sup> the biggest daily *Gazeta Wyborcza* distributed the stickers with the *Together 89* logo, and 81 newspapers and internet websites printed their logotypes in the

famous “Solidarity font”. Almost 80 thousand people posted a thank you note on the campaign website [www.razem89.pl/dziekujemy](http://www.razem89.pl/dziekujemy) expressing their gratitude to the authors and participants of the events that led to 1989 changes.

The *Together 89* Initiative coorganized a number of events in Warsaw on the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of June. It also participated in celebrations of the anniversary of the first non-communist government led by the Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki (September), anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall (November), and the anniversary of the first economic reforms in Poland (December).

The Initiative was joined by 180 partners from all over Poland: NGOs, schools, local authorities, informal groups, companies and institutions. Between February and November they organized over 280 events commemorating the historical breakthrough of 1989.

Many of the Initiative’s actions were possible thanks to the assistance and support of people, institutions and companies who carried out their work pro bono, furnished space for free or covered part of the expenses.

Apart from supporting the work of the coalition the Batory Foundation made 22 grants to fund various activities devoted to the commemoration of the 1989 events undertaken in local communities.

In 2009, the program was financed by the Open Society Institute and the Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe (PLN 157,285.48).

Grants	PLN 562,597.88
Campaign costs	PLN 368,219.16
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 930,817.04</b>

## Grants

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

#### **School for Leaders Association, Warsaw**

Partnership cooperation in organization of *Your vote, your choice* campaign (i.a. assistance and trainings for organizations participating in the campaign).

PLN 215,800

#### **Agro-tourism Association of Ostrowo-Ostrzeszów Region, Przygodzice**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (105 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 2,000

#### **Food Bank, Zielona Góra**

Meeting of residents (27 participants), debate with participation of local authorities and residents (20 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 2,000

#### **Budnik Tradition Culture and Nature Association, Bartniki**

Activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 1,995

#### **Opus Center for Promotion and Development of Civic Initiatives, Łódź**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (37 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 1,500

#### **Chociszewo — Common Future, Chociszewo**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (135 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 1,500

#### **Ari Ari Foundation, Łódź**

Two debates in Kowal with participation of local authorities and residents (90 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 2,000

**Foundation for Miasteczko Śląskie Development, Miasteczko Śląskie**

Eight debates with participation of local authorities and residents (200 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 2,000

**Generations Foundation, Tczew**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (140 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 2,000

**Active, Creative, Zgierz**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (49 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 2,000

**Kujawy Society for Eco-development, Inowrocław**

Debate with participation of local authorities and residents (65 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 1,500

**Common Good Pałuki Local Action Group, Żnin**

Three debates in Barcin, Gaśawa and Rogowo with participation of local authorities and residents (90 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 1,950

**Łęczyca Committee for Defense of the Unemployed, Łęczyca**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (135 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 1,500

**Residents of Republic of Poland Association, Sosnowiec**

Debate with participation of local authorities and residents (40 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 2,000

**Life Smile Children and Youth International Association, Jarczów**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (125 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 2,000

**MTB Kielce — Mountain Biking of Świętokrzyskie, Kielce**

Activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 1,995

**Civic Democratic Forum, Kraków**

Three debates with participation of local authorities and residents (88 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 1,960

**Voluntary Fire Brigade, Tur Górny**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (70 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 1,500

**Piaseczno Civic Group, Piaseczno**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (50 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 1,995

**Closer to Ourselves and Nature Association, Lubasz**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (96 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 2,000

**Civitas Association, Dąbrowa Górnicza**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (400 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 2,000

**Cultural Stage-Coach Association, Białystok**

Ten debates with participation of local authorities and residents: in Białystok (268 participants), in Brańsk (154 participants), in Juchnowiec Kościelny (130 participants), in Milejczyce (101 participants), in Zabłudów (215 participants), and activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 2,000

**Europe and Us Association, Pułtusk**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (115 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 2,000

**Grabo Association, Grabów nad Pilicą**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (33 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs.

PLN 1,878

**Innovator Association of Local Initiatives, Tomaszów Mazowiecki**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (60 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 1,955

**Local Initiatives Association, Nowy Barkoczyn**

Activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 1,200

**Effata Association of Social Initiatives, Piła**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (25 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**Interclub Femina Society, Zgorzelec**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (150 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**Kastor Initiative for Development, Tłuszcz**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (190 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**Scene of Thoughts Civic Culture Association, Kraków**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (50 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 1,753.86

**Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups, Warsaw**

Two debates in Dębica with participation of local authorities and residents (47 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 1,250

**Stobrawa Valley Local Action Group Association, Kujakowice Górne**

Six debates with participation of local authorities and residents (500 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**Malbork Center Square, Malbork**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (70 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**Young Democrats Association, Warsaw**

Two debates in Kielce (160 participants) and one debate in Toruń with participation of local authorities and youth (93 participants) and activities involving young people in local affairs. PLN 3,970

**My City Association, Rydułtowy**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (50 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**My Straszęcin Association, Straszęcin**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (94 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**Association for the Development of Brody, Brody**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (230 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**Better Together Association for Development and Activism, Postomino**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (37 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**Association for Częstochowa City Development, Częstochowa**

Debate with participation of local authorities and residents (40 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**Hope Association, Ostrów Mazowiecka**

Two meetings of residents (65 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 1,610

**Citizen 805 Association, Żuromin**

Activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 1,965

**Project Włocławek Association of Citizens, Włocławek**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (100 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**Partner for Entrepreneurship Association, Gorlice**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (90 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**Aid to Children Association, Głuszycza**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (71 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**Gift Association for People in Need, Witnica**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (65 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 1,980

**Kołobrzeg 2010 Local Government Coalition Association, Kołobrzeg**

Debate with participation of local authorities and residents (30 participants), debate in local TV and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**Project Poland Association, Warsaw**

Debate with participation of local authorities and residents (130 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**Friends of Niewodnica Association, Niewodnica Kościelna**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (60 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**My Beautiful Village Friends of Murzynowo Association, Murzynowo**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (25 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**Friendly Wałbrzych Association, Wałbrzych**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (80 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**Wierzbia Landscape Ecological and Cultural Association, Łambinowice**

Activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 412.02

**Radzymin Forum Association, Radzymin**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (65 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**Mammography for Women Kluczbork Regional Association, Kluczbork**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (248 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 1,500

**Association for Stękowa Góra Village Development, Zawady**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (130 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 1,950

**Złotoria Village Development Association, Złotoria**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (117 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 1,500

**Civil Society Association, Wąclz**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (120 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**Solec Zdrój Socio-Cultural Association, Solec Zdrój**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (57 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 1,500

**Abakus Association in Support of Education, Kętrzyn**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (65 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**Komańczy Wilk Association in Support of Local Initiatives, Komańcza**

Debate with participation of local authorities and residents (118 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**Świętochłowice Self-help Society, Świętochłowice**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (85 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 900

**Friends of Czarna Białostocka Region Society, Czarna Białostocka**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (60 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**Friends of Ziębice Ducatus Association, Ziębice**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (130 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 1,930

**City Improvement Society, Przemyśl**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (220 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 1,949

**Tychy Our Homeland, Tychy**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (120 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 2,000

**Social Activity Team, Jelenia Góra**

Two debates with participation of local authorities and residents (100 participants) and activities involving residents in local affairs. PLN 1,200

Four grant recipients resigned from implementing tasks (awarded grants will be returned in 2010). PLN 7,500

### *Together 89 Initiative*

**Eksit Association, Kraków**

*Demo-creation: An interdisciplinary youth campaign* — happening to celebrate the anniversary of the '89 elections, preparation of the *Between* exhibition documenting the changes which took place in Kraków. PLN 10,000

**Elbląg Association to Support of Non-Governmental Initiatives, Elbląg**

*Elbląg after '89: The city's third life* — a meeting of the councilors of the first City Council, production and promotion of a publication on the work of the Council's. PLN 5,000

**Imago Mundi Foundation, Kraków**

*New Europe* — developing and distribution of a multimedia presentation summarizing the changes over the last 20 years in Central and Eastern Europe (project realized in collaboration with the *Together 89* Coalition). PLN 24,200

**City Foundation, Suwałki**

*Born in 1989* — preparation and presentation of a documentary based on conversations with 20 twenty-year-olds and their parents. PLN 10,000

**Foundation for Sociological Analyses Workshops, Warsaw**

*Heroes of the Polish transformation of 1989* — production of 22 film interviews with the architects of the democratic transformation and uploading them on YouTube. PLN 14,400

**Bruchejon Foundation, Kraków**

*Great history in a small borough. The 1989 elections in the Kleszczów borough* — collecting the accounts and photographs documenting the changes which took place in the borough by secondary school students, presentation of the material on a website and in an exhibition. PLN 8,000

**Entrepreneurship Support Centre Association, Wrocław**

*The processes of democratic change* — a public campaign carried out successively in six cities: Katowice, Zabrze, Gliwice, Kędzierzyn-Koźle, Opole and Brzeg (cavalcade with billboards and loudspeakers broadcasting spots and evening film screenings). PLN 10,000

**Education and Culture Association, Łódź**

*89 steps to freedom* — a cycle of activities recalling the events of '89 addressed to teenagers and students (incl. posters and leaflets, meetings with participants in the events of '89, competitions in children's care homes). PLN 10,000

**Homo Faber Association, Lublin**

*Whispered Lublin* — the preparation of four stories-tours on the events of 1989 in Lublin and invitation of young people to a joint tour along the selected trail on June 4<sup>th</sup> (stories made available on a website). PLN 10,000

**Effata Association of Social Initiatives, Piła**

*No freedom without solidarity* — a cycle of activities recalling the events of 1989 (incl. a screening of the film *Poland '89*, a photography exhibition, meetings with participants in the events of '89, the construction of a round table by students from schools in Piła). PLN 10,000

**Civic Committee Association, Śrem**

*The beginnings of democracy and local government* — a cycle of events recalling the activity of the Solidarity Citizens' Committee and the first council (incl. a competition for teenagers on collecting mementoes and recollections, a meeting of local heroes and teenagers, a debate on local television, publication of a book, celebrations of Freedom and Solidarity Day). **PLN 10,000**

**j'ARTe Cultural Association, Mielec**

*People for people* — a cycle of photographs and journalism workshops for teenagers, preparation by participants of their own works (photos and texts) recalling Solidarity figures; presentation of the works on a website and in an exhibition. **PLN 14,900**

**Young Wrocław Association, Wrocław**

*Festival 89* — a cycle of events (June 5<sup>th</sup>–6<sup>th</sup>) commemorating 1989 (meetings of Wrocław secondary-school students with 80s opposition activists, discussion with journalists on the current position of Poland in Europe, screening of the film *That 1989* and a concert by Lech Janerka). **PLN 15,000**

**Krucza Valley Association for Education and Development of Lubawa Region, Lubawka**

*20 years of free Poland* — a competition for youth on The road to independence historical reportage, an exhibition of the award-winning pieces, a cycle of evening film screenings on the 80s and a promotional campaign on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the events of 1989. **PLN 10,000**

**Brzost Association, Brzeszcze**

*20 reflections on the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary* — placing around the town and the borough billboards with quotations on freedom, organization of an event to celebrate June 4<sup>th</sup> with an opening of the exhibition devoted to the events of '89, a presentation of a book on the Solidarity Citizens' Committee in Brzeszcze, raising a toast to freedom. **PLN 5,000**

**Project Włocławek Association of Citizens, Włocławek**

*The first time you can vote...* — a cycle of events addressed to youth recalling the first free elections (incl. the organization of *A farewell to communism event on June 4<sup>th</sup>*, a collection of mementoes of 1989) and preparing young people to active participation in public life (incl. workshops for candidates for the Youth Town Council, discussion of the role of young people in decisions concerning the future of the town). **PLN 5,000**

**Prząśnik Association, Ruja**

*20 years have passed...* — two historical and commemorative meetings in the village hall in Wągorodno. **PLN 3,000**

**Friends of Kołobrzeg Association, Kołobrzeg**

*A jump to Europe* — making a film about local Solidarity heroes and organizing an event on June 4<sup>th</sup> on the beach in Kołobrzeg (construction and demolition of a symbolic wall). **PLN 10,000**

**Friends of Mikołaj Kopernik High Schools Unit Association, Witnica**

*Witnica and the democratic transition* — preparation of a book on Jadwiga Dąbrowska (1901–2001), Citizens' Committee activist, and the ceremony of unveiling a plaque in her commemoration, meeting of youth teenagers and Solidarity members, cinema trip to see a film about father Popietuszeko. **PLN 10,000**

**Third Age University Association, Gorzów Wielkopolski**

*The events of 1989 and cultural and social change in the transborder areas* — public debates, seminars, exhibitions and concerts in Gorzów Wielkopolski, Gószczanów, Kostrzyń nad Odrą and Myśliborz. **PLN 10,000**

**Abakus Association in Support of Education, Kętrzyn**

*Memories of 1989* — competitions for mini-films about the 80s and for a collection of exhibits from these years, shooting a documentary illustrating the changes which took place in the city; a review of films made for the competition and an exhibition of the pieces collected. **PLN 10,000**

**Local Government Association, Konin**

*The Citizens' Republic* — the publication of a work presenting the profiles and achievements of opposition activists from the Konin region, as well as a conference promoting the book and honoring the activists. **PLN 5,000**

# Civic Institutions

The goal of the program was to reinforce the role of civic organizations in public life and build up their institutional and financial stability. We provided core support grants to organizations that played important roles in the NGO sector. We supported initiatives that helped 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 invited selected NGOs to apply for “institutional” grants to support their long-term programs, capacity building and institutional development. Our grants were aimed to help organizations run their core activity, and could 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 2009, we provided core support grants to 21 organizations that work to increase civic participation in public life, promote the rule of law and transparency in public life, and develop international cooperation.

## Civic coalitions

The project, planned for 2008–2013, has been initiated and co-financed by the C.S. Mott Foundation. It aims to reinforce NGO coalitions operating in Visegrad states (Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary) which advocate the interests of civil society and influence policies at the national and European levels. In two grant competitions, we enhanced the resources and organizational capacity of the coalitions, increase professionalism and legitimacy of their operations, build their credibility within the third sector and vis a vis public institutions, and increase their role and participation in civic dialogue.

The coalitions may apply for 1–3 years grants of EUR 15,000 annually. Continued support in succeeding years is contingent on approval of their annual reports and operating plans for the following year.

In 2009 we awarded 10 grants: three for coalitions from Slovakia, three from the Czech Republic, two from Hungary and two from Poland. In a group of our grantees there were 6 formal and 4 informal coalitions. They operate in different spheres: ecology, local community development, social aid and international cooperation.

In 2009, the program was financed by funds from the Open Society Institute and the C.S. Mott Foundation (PLN 35,084).



Grants	PLN 2,286,749.34
Consultants and monitoring of Civic coalitions projects	PLN 35,084.00
Program implementation	PLN 131,429.79
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 2,453,263.13</b>

## Grants

### Core support grants

#### **Prof. Bronisław Geremek Center, Warsaw**

2009–2010 core support grant for statutory activities concerning the development of a civil society, international relations, and the concept of European integration. PLN 100,000

#### **Civic Initiatives Center, Słupsk**

2010–2011 core support grant for statutory activities concerning support of local NGOs and mobilizing the citizens to socially and public activity. PLN 100,000

#### **Center For International Relations Foundation, Warsaw**

2010 core support grant for statutory activities concerning Polish foreign policy and international policy issues. PLN 100,000

#### **Lower Silesian Federation of Non-Governmental Organizations, Wrocław**

2010 core support grant for statutory activities concerning cooperation with public administration and monitoring the introduction of the Human Capital Operational Program in Lower Silesia. PLN 20,000

#### **FOSA Federation of Social Organizations of Warmia and Mazury Province, Olsztyn**

2010–2011 core support grant for statutory activities concerning cooperation with public administration and advocacy of the interests of NGOs. PLN 100,000

#### **Autonomia Foundation, Kraków**

2010–2011 core support grant for statutory activities concerning counteracting discrimination and education on protection of human rights and freedoms. PLN 50,000

#### **demosEUROPA – Centre for European Strategy, Warsaw**

2009–2010 core support grant for statutory activities concerning European Union functioning and policy issues. PLN 200,000

#### **Industrial Foundation, Łódź**

2010–2011 core support grant for statutory activities concerning opening a forum for debate on public affairs and urban problems, and the publication of the *Liberte* journal. PLN 50,000

#### **Other Space Foundation, Warsaw**

2010 core support grant for statutory activities concerning protection of human rights in Tibet, China, Russia and the Caucasus, developmental co-operation with Eastern European countries and the promotion of multiculturalism. PLN 100,000

#### **Generations Foundation, Tczew**

2010–2011 core support grant for statutory activities concerning the support of local youth organizations and stimulating public debate on local problems. PLN 70,000

#### **The Henryk Krzeczowski Res Publica Foundation, Warsaw**

2010–2011 core support grant for statutory activities concerning opening a forum for debate on culture and cultural policy, and publication of the journal *Res Publica Nowa*. PLN 83,000

#### **Jagiellonian Club Jagiellonian Cultural and Educational Society, Kraków**

2010–2011 core support grant for statutory activities concerning the conduct of research, educational and formative work addressed to students and youth. PLN 70,000

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

2010–2011 core support grant for statutory activities concerning promotion of attitudes of openness towards those with differing ethnic, national, religious, cultural or social identities, and counteracting all forms of racism, anti-Semitism and xenophobia. PLN 83,000

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### **Encounters Association for Education and Culture, Warsaw**

2010–2011 core support grant for statutory activities concerning multicultural education and mobilizing and shaping civic attitudes of young people. PLN 74,000

### **Stanisław Brzozowski Association, Warsaw**

2009–2010 core support grant for statutory activities concerning the dissemination of political and social thought and the creation of forum for debate on contemporary problems. PLN 200,000

### **Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups, Warsaw**

2009–2010 core support grant for statutory activities concerning the dissemination of the concept of civic scrutiny of public institutions. PLN 80,000

### **YoungRP Association, Warsaw**

2010–2011 core support grant for statutory activities concerning mobilization of young generation and the organization of civic campaigns. PLN 10,000

### **School for Leaders Association, Warsaw**

2009–2010 core support grant for statutory activities concerning the education of people active in public sphere and the development of local communities. PLN 50,000

### **“ę” Society for Creative Initiative, Warsaw**

2009–2010 core support grant for statutory activities concerning the shaping of cultural policy and promotion of activities in the cultural field as a vehicle of social change. PLN 80,000

## Civic coalitions

### **Ekoforum Service Centre, Bratislava**

Annual grant for the *Ekoforum* informal coalition (20 members), which represents the interests of the environmental organizations and represents them before public authorities and other institutions. EUR 15,000

### **Czech Transport Federation, Tabor**

Annual core support grant for a coalition (40 members) that deals with the impact of transport on the natural environment. EUR 15,000

### **FDCP Federation for the Development of Community Participation, Debrecen**

Annual core support grant for a coalition (10 members), which promotes civic participation in decision-making, supports development of local communities and represents their interests at the national level. EUR 15,000

### **SOCIA Social Reform Foundation, Bratislava**

Annual core support grant for the *SocioForum* informal coalition (100 members) that advocates for equal status of NGOs in the social service system and for citizens' right to choose service providers. EUR 12,000

### **Polish NGOs Abroad – Zagranica Group, Warsaw**

Annual core support grant for a coalition (49 members) that advocates for increasing involvement of Polish NGOs in international development aid. EUR 14,440

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

Annual core support grant for a coalition (80 members) that advocates on behalf of the NGO sector, supports regional and local NGO coalitions and represents the third sector vis a vis public officials. EUR 15,000

### **Friends of the Earth, Brno**

Annual core support grant for *Easy Giving* informal coalition (30 members), that implements solutions facilitating raising funds from individual donors. EUR 15,000

### **Slovak Disability Council, Bratislava**

Annual core support grant for a coalition (21 members) that advocates on behalf of the interests of the disabled at the national and European level. EUR 15,000

### **Nosza Association, Budapest**

Annual grant for the NGOs for the Publicity of the National Development Plan informal coalition (15 members) that monitors social consultations of the National Development Plan and develops recommendations concerning its implementation. EUR 13,500

### **SKOK Civic Association, Praha**

Annual core support grant for a coalition (69 members) that advocates for the development of the social services market and equalizing the rights of NGOs providing social services with those of public institutions. EUR 15,000

### Other grants

**Polish Society of the Righteous among the Nations, Warsaw**

Grant for the Society's operational costs.

PLN 20,000

***Tygodnik Powszechny* weekly, Kraków**

Publication of a special supplement on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Jerzy Turowicz, the editor-in-chief and Batory Foundation Council member.

PLN 10,000

# 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 60 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 fundraising and financial management, cooperation with local partners, media, volunteers and scholarship recipients.

In 2009, the project involved 38 organizations from 14 provinces, including 2 which joined the program that year. They received grants in total amount of PLN 573,850. This amount increased by funds raised by organizations from other sources supported 1,078 monthly scholarships in the school year 2009/2010.

In 2009, Local Scholarship Programs were financed from 1% personal income tax payments (PLN 433,950), donations by an individual donor from the US (PLN 139,400) and Ipsos Obserwer company (PLN 500) 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 2009 we offered grants to organizations that use drama and scenic arts in working with the disabled, and declared their interest in our program by submitting letters of intent in the open call for proposals in 2008. In addition to grants, we offered them qualitative support: trainings and consultations prepared and conducted by the Bielsko Artistic Association Grodzki Theatre.

Out of 81 letters of intent submitted by the organizations operating in small towns which did not receive grants in the first round the grant commission selected 20 projects. In March the representatives of the organizations were invited to the training on use of drama techniques in work with handicapped children in Bielsko-Biała. After the workshop all of them prepared full proposals and 19 received grants.

In the effect, about 300 disabled youth and 220 of their healthy peers took part in activities funded from the grants. With the help of various theater techniques they learnt teamwork, communication skills and how to overcome fear and gain self-assurance. They produced elements of stage decoration and made theatre costumes. Also, they had opportunities to take part in professional theater shows as well as to present their own artistic expressions in their communities and at artistic reviews and festivals. Instructors from the Grodzki Theatre provided consultations for the pedagogues at the projects' locations.

In 2009, Rainbow Academy was financed from the donations by the Agora Foundation (PLN 103,657) 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.

### 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).

### Iwona Winiarska-Feleszko Fund

This fund was established by friends and family of attorney Iwona Winiarska-Feleszko after her tragic death in 2007 with an aim to provide grants for scholarships for 1<sup>st</sup> year Law and Administration students or other humanities majors at the Warsaw University. The scholarships are provided by organizations taking part in the Equal Opportunity — Local Scholarship Programs and the Community Homes, Bread of Life Foundation which recommend Fund's scholarships' recipients.

In 2009 we provided 3 grants for a total amount of PLN 15,200 which covered scholarships for 4 students.

### Karol Uryga-Nawarowski Fund

Thanks to the annual donation by the Karol Uryga-Nawarowski Foundation from the U.S. Uryga-Nawarowski Fund was established in 2008 to help organizations that support and provide therapy to children and youth threatened with alcohol dependency, diagnose and treat children suffering from the Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) and provide training, support and professional assistance to their biological, foster and adoptive parents, therapists and teachers.

In 2009, we provided 3 grants for a total amount of PLN 102,000.

### Emergency Fund

In 2009 Open Society Fund created Emergency Fund to tackle some of the most pressing social and economic issues arising from the financial and economic crisis in 20 countries of Central and Eastern Europe. In Poland grants of a total volume of USD 149,860 received 15 organizations.

Grants	PLN 1,307,966.00
Meeting, trainings and analysis (including <i>Media and Crisis</i> report for OSI Media Program)	PLN 33,600.57
Program implementation	PLN 90,766.46
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 1,432,333.03</b>

## Grants

### Local Scholarship Programs

#### **Elbląg Foundation, Community Foundation of Elbląg Region, Elbląg**

Scholarship program for youth from Elbląg area — from grant and other funds, 30 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 20,000

#### **Community Foundation of Biłgoraj Region, Biłgoraj**

Scholarship program for youth from Biłgoraj county and Zwierzyniec borough — from grant and other funds, 28 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 20,000

#### **Cultural Initiatives Foundation, Radomsko**

Scholarship program for youth from Radomsko county — from grant and other funds, 15 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 12,000

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

Scholarship program for youth from Wieluń county — from grant and other funds, 16 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 20,000

#### **Social Welfare Foundation, Brzeszcze**

Scholarship program for youth from Brzeszcze borough — from grant and other funds, 32 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 13,800

#### **Family Foundation, Stawno**

Scholarship program for youth from Stawno county — from grant and other funds, 33 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 20,000

#### **Foundation for the Development of Gołdap Region, Gołdap**

Scholarship program for youth from Gołdap county — from grant and other funds, 26 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 20,000

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

Scholarship program for youth from selected boroughs of Ostróda and Olsztyn counties — from grant and other funds, 36 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 20,000

#### **Nowy Sącz Foundation, Chelmiec**

Scholarship program for youth from selected boroughs of Nowy Sącz and Gorlice counties — from grant and other funds, 133 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 20,000

**Sokółka Community Foundation, Sokółka**

Scholarship program for youth from Sokółka borough — from grant and other funds, 34 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 20,000

**Vive Foundation Heart to Children, Kielce**

Scholarship program for youth from Staszów county— from grant and other funds, 24 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 20,000

**Snow Mountain Community Fund, Stara Bystrzyca**

Scholarship program for youth from 4 boroughs of Snow Mountain area: Bystrzyca Kłodzka, Lądek Zdrój, Międzyzlesie and Stronie Śląskie — from grant and other funds, 66 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 20,000

**Leżajsk Development Association, Leżajsk**

Scholarship program for youth from Leżajsk county — from grant and other funds, 20 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 9,200

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

Scholarship program for youth from Srokowo borough — from grant and other funds, 20 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 9,800

**Barciany Educational Initiative, Barciany**

Scholarship program for youth from Barciany borough — from grant and other funds, 31 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 20,000

**Community Foundation of the Year 2000, Tomaszów Mazowiecki**

Scholarship program for youth from Tomaszów county — from grant and other funds, 8 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 8,000

**Together Charitable Association, Zelów**

Scholarship program for youth from Zelów borough — from grant and other funds, 9 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 9,000

**Widok Association of Cultural Education, Białystok**

Scholarship program for youth from Białystok — from grant and other funds, 24 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 20,000

**A. Bąkowska Scholarship Fund for Young People from Rural Areas Association, Sońsk**

Scholarship program for high school youth from Gołotczyzna, Ciechanów county — from grant and other funds, 17 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 12,000

**Emka Youth for Development Association, Wieliszew**

Scholarship program for youth from Wieliszew borough — from grant and other funds, 19 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 10,500

**To Restore Hope Association for Rural Children and Youth, Głogów**

Scholarship program for youth from Głogów borough — from grant and other funds, 13 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 15,000

**Association for Local Development, Białobrzegi**

Scholarship program for youth from Białobrzegi borough in Subcarpathian province — from grant and other funds, 30 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 18,250

**Haven Association to Support the Establishment of a Friendly Educational Environment for the Children and Youth of Iława, Iława**

Scholarship program for youth from Iława county — from grant and other funds, 37 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 20,000

**Nidzica Community Foundation, Nidzica**

Scholarship program for youth from Nidzica county — from grant and other funds, 20 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 20,000

**Dezydery Chłapowski Educational Association, Kościan**

Scholarship program for youth from Kościan county — from grant and other funds, 20 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 14,000

**Krajna and Pałuki Partnership Association, Nakło nad Notecią**

Scholarship program for youth from Nakło borough — from grant and other funds, 10 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. PLN 11,000

## Equal Opportunities

### **Helping Hand Association, Złoty Stok**

Scholarship program for youth from Złoty Stok borough — from grant and other funds, 17 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. **PLN 8,000**

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

Scholarship program for youth from 4 boroughs of Małopolska province: Czchów, Gromnik, Pleśna and Zakliczyn — from grant and other funds, 34 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. **PLN 20,000**

### **Promenade Association, Wyszków**

Scholarship program for youth from Wyszków borough — from grant and other funds, 22 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. **PLN 14,300**

### **Friends of Jednorożec Area Association, Jednorożec**

Scholarship program for youth from Jednorożec borough — from grant and other funds, 13 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. **PLN 10,000**

### **Friends of Klonowa Borough Association, Klonowa**

Scholarship program for youth from Klonowa borough — from grant and other funds, 5 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. **PLN 5,000**

### **Association of Catholic Families of Katowice Archdiocese, St. George Parish Club, Goczałkowice-Zdrój**

Scholarship program for youth from Goczałkowice-Zdrój borough — from grant and other funds, 24 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. **PLN 10,000**

### **Zarzecze Borough Development Association, Zarzecze**

Scholarship program for youth from Zarzecze borough — from grant and other funds, 11 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. **PLN 14,000**

### **Świętkorzyskie Region Community Foundation, Kielce**

Scholarship program for youth from Kielce province — from grant and other funds, 81 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. **PLN 20,000**

### **Association to Support the Development of Czuluchów County, Czuluchów**

Scholarship program for youth from Czuluchów county — from grant and other funds, 49 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. **PLN 20,000**

### **Friends of Muszyna Region Society, Muszyna**

Scholarship program for high school students from Muszyna, students studying in Krynica and Nowy Sącz music schools and junior high school students from Muszyna, Powroźnik and Złockie — from grant and other funds, 10 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. **PLN 10,000**

### **Local Government Association, Konin**

Scholarship program for youth from Gniezno, Koło, Konin Słupca, Turek and Września counties — from grant and other funds, 58 scholarships were awarded for the school year 2009/2010. **PLN 20,000**

## Rainbow Academy

### **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 (supplement to a grant awarded for 2008–2009 activities). **PLN 22,000**

### **Brother Albert Foundation, Libiąż Therapy Center, Libiąż**

Theatrical classes for 20 wards of the therapeutic center and 10 of their peers, presentations of theater productions, trips to the theater, meetings with actors (grant awarded from Agora Foundation funds). **PLN 10,000**

### **Children's Aid Foundation, Żywiec**

We live in color. In the rhythm of the seasons — integrative theatrical workshops for 35 of the Foundation's wards and their peers from schools and pre-schools (c. 90 children) in the area; performances of productions, trips to puppet theatre. **PLN 9,500**

### **Foundation for Assistance to Rural Children, Bliżyce**

Theatrical classes for 20 disabled students from schools run by the Foundation, preparation of theatre performance, trips to the theater (grant awarded from Agora Foundation funds). **PLN 10,000**

### **ASK Racibórz Association of Culture, Racibórz**

In the land of toys — integrative theatrical lessons for 10 children with disabilities and 8 of their peers from theatrical groups, preparation of a happening. **PLN 8,560**



**Cultural and Educational Association of Dominikanowice Village, Dominikowice**

Dreams come true — theatrical games for 10 children with disabilities and integrative lessons with the participation of 13 students from the local schools, performances of productions, trips to the theater. **PLN 9,980**

**Łańcuchów Village Association, Łańcuchów**

Theatrical lessons for 27 children (including 7 with disabilities) from elementary school, performance of productions, participation in reviews of artistic groups, trips to the theater (grant awarded from Agora Foundation funds). **PLN 10,000**

**We Inspire Association for Children and Youth, Niezdara**

Theatrical lessons for 20 students from the Medical and Educational Center, performance of a puppet show, participation in artistic groups festival, trips to Silesian theaters (grant awarded from Agora Foundation funds). **PLN 10,000**

**Association for Children and the Disabled, Krotoszyn**

Theater therapy — holiday workshops for 18 disabled wards of the Day Care Center and 17 of their peers, concluding with a performance for parents; during the school year theatrical classes for the Center's wards and meetings for parents and volunteers (grant awarded from Agora Foundation funds). **PLN 9,950**

**Hope Association for People with Special Needs, Stalowa Wola**

Four seasons with the theater — classes for 20 disabled students from the Special School run in 2 age groups; performance of productions, participation in theater groups festival, trips to the theater (grant awarded from Agora Foundation funds). **PLN 4,000**

**Sunbeam Association for Assistance to Disabled Children and Youth and Victims of Traffic Accidents, Szczytno**

The fairytale forest — theatrical and art lessons for 12 of the Association's wards and 12 elementary school students, rehearsals for the production, an excursion to the forester's lodge, trip to the theater. **PLN 10,000**

**Fortitudo Association for Support of Children and Youth Development, Łęczna**

Meeting Art — integrative theatrical workshops for 20 elementary and high school students (incl. 14 with disabilities), rehearsals for the production, organization of the Integration Day, trip to the theater. **PLN 9,850**

**Our Community Association, Dulcza Mała**

Theatrical classes for 27 elementary school students with disabilities, rehearsals for the production, trip to the theater. **PLN 8,310**

**Common World Association for Assistance to Autistic Children and Youth, Biała Podlaska**

A common world — theatrical lessons for 14 autistic children and 6 of their siblings, performance of the production (grant awarded from Agora Foundation funds). **PLN 10,000**

**Child's Smile Association of Friends of Special Education Center, Żagań**

The stage — not as black as it's painted — theatrical classes for 15 students and graduates of the Special Educational and Rearing Center, rehearsal of productions, trips to the theater. **PLN 9,500**

**Association of the Disabled and Their Families, Rydułtowy**

Just the same — theatrical classes for 20 disabled wards of the day care center, rehearsal and performance of productions, participation in artistic festivals, meetings with a psychologist. **PLN 7,500**

**Stubfurt Association, Stubice**

The raft — theatrical and circus workshops for 10 students of the Special Educational and Rearing Center and 10 children from the What a circus group, appearances at a children's hospital, participation in reviews of artistic groups, trip to the theater (grant awarded from Agora Foundation funds). **PLN 10,000**

**Differently Abled Association, Kłodawa**

The singing theater — integrative theater classes for 11 of the Association's wards (incl. 6 children) and 6 students from the nearby school, workshops with an actor from the puppet theater, rehearsal of productions, trips to the theater (grant awarded from Agora Foundation funds). **PLN 10,000**

**Chance Association for Support of Education Development in Rural Areas, Bircza**

Everything is theater — integrative workshops for 12 students of the high school (incl. 5 with disabilities) and 6 disabled wards of the Community Self-help Center; performance of theatrical etudes and a puppet show, trip to the theater (grant awarded from Agora Foundation funds). **PLN 10,000**

**Raft Association for Support of Children and Youth Development, Chwałkowo**

Catamaran theater group — classes for 11 students of the Special Schools' Group and 10 students from the vocational school, workshops with an actor; preparation of a mime piece and a nativity play (grant awarded from Agora Foundation funds). **PLN 10,000**

### Iwona Winiarska-Feleszko Fund

**Community Homes, Bread of Life Foundation, Ożarów**

Scholarship grant for Anna Tarka-Koziół, 1<sup>st</sup> year History Studies major at the University of Warsaw. PLN 3,800

**Cultural Initiatives Foundation, Radomsko**

Scholarship grant for Anna Malec, 1<sup>st</sup> year Central and East European Culture Studies major at the University of Warsaw. PLN 3,800

**Widok Association of Cultural Education, Białystok**

Scholarship grant for Jerzy Kurowicki and Rafał Wojno, 1<sup>st</sup> year Law Studies majors at the University of Warsaw. PLN 7,600

### Karol Uryga-Nawarowski Fund

**Chance Association for Children Activity Development, Łódź**

Assistance to families with alcohol problems, helping them in sustaining or restarting parental care over their own children (consultation and help desk, support group, individual work with families), organization of afternoon and holiday care for neglected children (continuation of activities run in Zgierz, subsidized in 2008). PLN 34,000

**Perspective Association for Children and Youth, Biała Podlaska**

Cyclical classes for 60 wards of three socio-therapy day care centers (psycho- and, health education, theatrical and art workshops, theater and cinema trips); organization of classes with the help of 17–24 year-old volunteers — wards of the community center trained to work with children at risk of marginalization (continuation of activities supported in 2008). PLN 34,000

**Association for Foster Parenting, Łędziny**

Comprehensive assistance for children and youth suffering from FAS (Fetal Alcohol Syndrome) and for the foster families who raise them (individual therapy, work with the family, workshops for families and carers, therapist training). PLN 34,000

### Emergency Fund

**Social Welfare Foundation, Brzeszcze**

Costs of storage and shipments of rehabilitation equipment donated by foreign organizations to help vulnerable groups served by the Foundation (funds required due to reduced cooperation by Swedish partner affected by economic crisis). PLN 48,785

**Family Foundation, Stawno**

Continuation of care and educational activities targeting children and youth from underprivileged families (funds required due to the drop in individual donations from impoverished local community). PLN 16,726

**Sokółka Community Foundation, Sokółka**

Continuation of care and educational activities for children and teenagers from underprivileged families (funds required due to a reduction of subsidies from public sources and fall of gifts from individual donors, and in the effect of loss of investments of endowment capital). PLN 31,222

**Snow Mountain Community Fund, Stara Bystrzyca**

Renovation and furnishing of additional rooms for the day care center run by the Foundation to help sure care for the growing number of children whose families are affected by unemployment. PLN 55,754

**Campaign Against Homophobia, Warsaw**

Publication of six issues of LGBT *Replika* bimonthly and one-year maintenance of its Internet version (funds required as a consequence of a drop of advertising caused by the crisis on the ads market). PLN 30,247

**SAMPO Citizens' Self-help Union of Pomorze and Kujawy Province, Barcin**

Transport of food to the most poverty-stricken inhabitants of the borough of Barcin from the Grudziądz Food Bank (funds required as a consequence of the withdrawal of local firms). PLN 6,412

**Hope for Family Association, Kielce**

Providing hot meals for kids at six day care centers which due to the decrease in funding from business donors lost subsidies from the Polish Humanitarian Organization Wooden Puppet program. PLN 19,096

**Nidzica Community Foundation, Nidzica**

Activities aimed at securing new sources of funding to replace those lost due to the withdrawal of local business donors. PLN 27,877

**Project Włocławek Association of Citizens, Włocławek**

Training courses for the young unemployed people and high school students pupils on self-employment and running their own business, and matchmaking young people with employers; activities carried out in cooperation with the Kujawy Chamber of Commerce (funds required as a consequence of the bankruptcy of the largest employers in Włocławek and the rise of unemployment). **PLN 22,302**

**Save The Chance Association — SOS, Wrocław**

Reparation of the building which will house a new day care center and a kindergarten for children from poor families (funds required as a consequence of the withdrawal of business sponsors). **PLN 24,364**

**Oratorium Father Bronisław Markiewicz Association for Care of Children, Stalowa Wola**

Care and educational activities for children from families affected by growing unemployment and the parents' economic migration. **PLN 31,961**

**Brother Krystyn's Help The Neighbour Association, Gorzów Wielkopolski**

Reopening two soup kitchens for the homeless and children from day care centers closed as a result of a reduction in public funding because of the crisis. **PLN 43,209**

**Here We Are! Association of Families and Friends of the Intellectually Disabled Persons, Duchnów**

Launch and furnishing the Occupational Therapy Workshops for 25 people with disabilities (funds required as a result of a reduction in financing of public funding from the National Disabled Persons Rehabilitation Fund). **PLN 13,521**

**Friends of Public High School No 1 Society, Warsaw**

Cost of instruction film on new methods of teaching refugee children Polish language (funds required as a consequence of the withdrawal of donors). **PLN 26,776**

**Society of Families with Many Children, Krosno**

Aid for 400 families affected by unemployment after the closure of the largest plants in Krosno (food, welfare allowances to pay rent and electricity bills, scholarship grants for children). **PLN 19,514**

## For Tolerance

The aim of the program, implemented between 2006-2009, was to foster attitudes of openness towards racial, ethnic and religious differences as well as to prevent intolerance and discrimination.

In 2009 we focused on summing up our activities and on further substantive empowerment of the organizations supported in the preceding years within grantmaking scheme *The Shared and the Different*. Within this scheme we provided grants for educational and cultural undertakings focused on recovering and rediscovering the multicultural and multinational heritage of Poland, in particular the legacy of the Polish Jews, and which took up a challenge of familiarizing the public with a difficult Polish-Jewish history. Our intent was to promote these projects and present them to a wider audience.

In cooperation with one of the program's partner, "ę" Society of Creative Initiatives, we developed Master Course called *Academy of Tolerance* which comprised of 4 three-day meetings for the leaders of previously supported projects (40 participants in total). The course entailed psychological workshops (dedicated to discussing a role of a leader) and classes grouped in 4 thematic blocks: "knowledge", "methods", "spaces" and "new challenges". We discussed issues such as ethnic groups prejudice prevention (led by a social psychologist Prof. Barbara Weigl), the methods of educating about the Holocaust (with history teacher Robert Szuchta) and how artists work with history and memory (meetings with Jolanta Dylewska, creator of the film *Po-lin*, Wojciech Wilczyk, author of the photography project *There's No Such Thing as Innocent Eye* and Joanna Olczak-Ronikier, author of a book *In the Garden of Memory* and of a biography of Janusz Korczak).

The meeting with the employees of the Museum of the History of Polish Jews was dedicated to exploring possibilities for cooperation with this institution. (Descriptions of projects implemented as a part of the program enriched Museum's portal Virtual Shtetl). A meeting with the representatives of the grantmaking institutions (the Anna Lindh Foundation, the Taube Foundation for Jewish Life and Culture, and The Rotschild Foundation Europe) focused on the further potential for continuous funding from these institutions for local projects implemented across Poland. One of the seminars took place in the form of a tour in Podlasie and Suwalszczyzna region where we visited among others: Orla, Teremiski, Tykocin, Białystok and Sejny (a meeting with Bożena Szroeder from the Borderland Foundation and Jacek Milewski, the founder of a elementary school for the Roma children in Suwałki). Our last seminar took place in October and was linked with a three-day event open to the public "The Tolerant. It's Happening!" aimed to sum up experiences of two Foundation's programs: *For Tolerance* and *Memoria* (for further description see the report on the *Memoria* program).

Experiences and lessons learned from *The Shared and the Different* were collected in a book *The Tolerant. It's Happening!* prepared by the Foundation and the "ę" Society of Creative Initiatives, book's publisher. The book contains interviews with 11 leaders of the projects implemented in the course of *For Tolerance*

program and describes the forms they chose for their activities; it also presents texts on a broader phenomenon of breaking the silence on Polish-Jewish issues in contemporary Poland.

The book presents also a summary and the conclusions from a four year long research project implemented by the second partner of the program, the Encounters Association for Education and Culture. The researchers tried to find answers to some elementary questions such as: is it worthwhile to support educational and cultural projects, which are small in scale but ambitious in their goals of changing attitudes? Will the effects of those activities be visible? Close analysis of 80% of the projects supported in the program allowed for evaluating the assumptions and the results of the program. Quality of implementation of respective projects was very high. In many cases the grant recipients exceeded beyond the planned actions, and organizations, particularly those which had taken part in more than one edition of grants competition, enhanced the scope of their activity, broadened their target audiences and strengthened their positions in the local community. The research showed a broad picture of the projects and the communities in and for which they were implemented. In most cases undertaken activities evoked favorable reactions albeit there have been noted some negative reactions as well.

Conversations with the project's target audiences and some more important stakeholders in the community (local authorities, teachers, priests), as well as analysis of the media have shown that the activities undertaken by the grantees did contribute to promotion of tolerance, opposition to anti-Semitism and initiated some changes in the local communities. The grantees themselves, including the participants of the workshops, highly evaluated the combination of financial and substantive assistance offered by the Foundation. A network of collaborating organizations was created, which was enabled by both opportunities created by the Foundation and the "ę" Society of Creative Initiatives, as well as the character of the participants of the program — mostly young organizations, true to their missionary and idealistic vision.

The descriptions of all the projects implemented as a part of the program and the digital version of the book *The Tolerant. It's happening!* can be found at: [www.dlatolerancji.pl](http://www.dlatolerancji.pl) (Polish version only, with an English summary).

In 2009, we continued to support efforts undertaken in 2008 by a group of young people determined to register and combat the unpunished presence of hate speech in the public sphere of Polish cities (grant made within the *Counteracting Intolerance* grant scheme of the program).

In 2009, the program was financed by funds from the Open Society Institute (PLN 30,000) and the Ford Foundation.

Grants	PLN 180,000.00
"The Tolerant. It's Happening!" event	PLN 16,068.23
Program implementation	PLN 44,167.61
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 240,235.84</b>

## Grants

### **Project Poland Foundation, Warsaw**

*City Space* — counteracting hate-filled content in public spaces through enforcing execution of the public authorities obligation to remove inscriptions and symbols that infringe the dignity of people from ethnic, national, racial, or sexual minorities from city walls and fronts of the houses. Administration of the [www.przestrzenmiasta.pl](http://www.przestrzenmiasta.pl) portal, receiving complaints from Internet users, undertaking intervention, broad promotion of the project in the media and during mass cultural events attended by youth, incl. music festivals (continuation of the project supported in 2008).

PLN 50,000

### **“ę” Society for Creative Initiative, Warsaw**

Organization of a cycle of workshops for the group of leaders of projects subsidized in *The Shared and the Different* small grants scheme in years 2006–2008 (4 meetings of the Master Course *Academy of Tolerance*), documentation, promotion and dissemination of the best projects of program’s grantees (development of the publication, administration of the [www.dlatolerancji.pl](http://www.dlatolerancji.pl) website, organization of the “Tolerant. It’s Happening!” event summarizing the program.

PLN 130,000

# Watchdog Initiatives

The aim of the program, implemented since 2004, 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 2007–2009, we offered grants to organizations that engaged 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.

By the end of 2008 we invited organizations to apply for grants to carry out activities planned for 2009. Out of 87 letters of received, 26 were qualified to the second stage of grant competition. Their authors were invited to a meeting (November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008) to consult their projects and discussed ethical and practical aspects of watchdog activity such as the independence of watchdogs from the monitored institutions and the ways to utilize the results of monitoring (the workshop was carried out by Katarzyna Batko-Tołuć and Krzysztof Izdebski from the Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups). After the meeting, we received 23 full proposals. 15 of them were recommended for funding by the committee of experts. The projects supported in this grant competition involved scrutiny of execution of statutory tasks by local government institutions as well as the functioning of particular public administration agencies, the investigation of the procedures connected with EU funds spending and monitoring of the execution of different public agencies' obligations arising under the public information.

We also support the Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups which runs a specialized portal [www.watchdog.org.pl](http://www.watchdog.org.pl) documenting Polish and foreign watchdog initiatives and organizes seminars that help to convey knowledge and share experience among organizations engaging in watchdog activities. In March a second international seminar was organized attended by 100 representatives of watchdog organizations, 23 from abroad. The participants discussed ethical aspects of watchdog activity: conflict of interests, transparency standards and good practices as well as the role of media in public scrutiny.

In 2009, the program was financed by funds from the Trust for Civil Society in Central in Eastern Europe (PLN 656,508.70) and the Open Society Institute, including funds from Human Rights and Governance Grants Program (PLN 46,462).

Grants	PLN 665,178.18
Program implementation	PLN 107,658.94
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 772,837.12</b>

## Grants

### **Prism Center for Social Activity, Suwałki**

*Clarity and competence II* — scrutiny of access to public information in all local governments units in the Podlasie province (continuation of a project financed in 2007). PLN 41,600

### **Lower Silesian Federation of NGOs, Wrocław**

Monitoring the activities of the Marshal's Office and the Lower Silesian Labour Office related to implementation of the Human Capital Operational Program in Lower Silesia. PLN 37,550

### **Feminoteka Foundation, Warsaw**

*Gendermeria* — an analysis of the programs of public media channels and the decisions of the National Broadcasting Council concerning compliance with the obligation to respect principles of gender equality, analysis of the public authorities' activity concerning adherence to the principle of gender equality in the educational system (46 462 PLN from the funds of the OSI Human Rights and Governance Grants Program). PLN 87,312

### **Civic Development Forum, Warsaw**

Analysis of the effects of changes in the pension system in Poland proposed by public institutions, political parties, trades unions, employers' associations and other organizations and institutions. PLN 57,000

### **International Humanitarian Initiative Foundation, Warsaw**

Monitoring medical and psychological care of mothers and children in asylum center for people applying for refugee status. PLN 34,000

### **Foundation for Sociological Analyses Workshops, Warsaw**

Monitoring the activity of the Public Procurement Office in the area of the electronic announcement of public procurement and proceedings for the awarding of public procurement tenders. PLN 22,000

### **Law and Partnership Foundation, Białystok**

Monitoring the appeal proceedings concerning the refusal to give subsidies from EU funds by the Provincial Office of Labor in Białystok. PLN 46,200

### **Polish NGOs Abroad — Zagranica Group, Warsaw**

Publication of a report on Polish foreign aid in 2008 to developing countries and countries in democratic transition. PLN 38,030

### **Plus Network / National Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS, Warsaw**

*Positive guard* — monitoring the implementation of the Antiretrovirus treatment of people living with HIV in Poland program in the public health service. PLN 37,872.60

### **Father and Child Rights Center Association, Warsaw**

Monitoring the quality and timeliness of the Family Diagnostic and Consultation Centers operation. PLN 30,800

### **Civic Dialogue Association, Warsaw**

*Non-governmental housing inspection* — an investigation into the principles and practices of awarding space in communal buildings to non-governmental organizations by the Capital City of Warsaw. PLN 22,000

### **Legal Intervention Association, Warsaw**

*Friendly office for all* — monitoring the activities of the Department of Foreigners at the Office of Mazowsze Province in the area of administrative proceedings regarding foreigners. PLN 48,350

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

*All clear* — monitoring access to education for pupils with disabilities in Warsaw pre-schools and primary schools. PLN 41,500

### **Together for Others Association, Morağ**

*Public Information Bulletin* — monitoring access to public information in all municipalities and districts in the Warmia-Mazuria Province. PLN 40,263.58

### **Bona Fides Association, Katowice**

*Access to public information* — undertaking intervention and other activities aimed to improve public information in districts of the Silesia province (continuation of a project financed in 2007 and 2008). PLN 40,700

### **Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups, 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 (supplement to a grant awarded for 2007–2009 activities). PLN 40,000



# Legal Education

The goal of the program, implemented since 1998, was to improve public access to legal aid and the justice system as well as promote the rule of law. We assisted organizations that offered free legal advice to citizens and provided specialized counsel to the most vulnerable or socially discriminated groups. We supported initiatives that promoted good and eliminated bad practices in the Polish legal system.

In 2007–2009 we offered 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 2009, which was the last year of the program’s operation, we made grants for the implementation 6 projects: 3 of them concerned free specialist legal counsel services, 3 other dealt with enhancing the access to legal professions, improving functioning of courts and Constitutional Tribunal. We subsidized also the costs of a conference *Human Dimension Implementation Meeting* organized in Warsaw by OSCE.

In 2009, the program was financed by funds from the Open Society Institute, including funds from Open Society Justice Initiative (PLN 4,452.32).

Grants	PLN 339,200.00
<i>Human Dimension Implementation Meeting</i>	PLN 4,452.32
Program implementation	PLN 45,045.29
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 388,697.61</b>

## Grants

### **Civic Development Forum, Warsaw**

Developing a report on selected aspects of the courts’ functioning as well as proposals for changes to improve their efficiency. PLN 54,000

### **Diversity Forum Foundation, Warsaw**

Providing free legal counsel for migrants through a network of mobile consultants who travel to the migrants’ places of residence. PLN 29,000

### **Legal Clinics Foundation, Warsaw**

Establishment of three chapters of the Pro Bono Center, which serve as an interface between NGOs and law firms that offer pro bono services for the NGO sector. PLN 79,800

### **Law and Society Institute, Warsaw**

Developing a report and recommendations on the execution of judicial decisions of the Constitutional Tribunal, the procedure for selection of its judges and the Tribunal’s public image. PLN 92,100

Legal Education

**Polish Society for Anti-Discrimination Law, Warsaw**

Legal aid for victims of discrimination: counsel, intervention with public administrative bodies and participation in court proceedings in the character of social representative, presenting opinions as “amicus curiae”. PLN 29,700

**Fair Play Association, Warsaw**

Monitoring legislative work, developing guidelines for selected legal acts and undertaking activities for the amendment of regulations limiting access to legal professions. PLN 54,600

# Anti-Corruption

The program's goal is to prevent corruption and increase transparency in public life. We monitor the government and political parties for compliance with anti-corruption legislation and transparency standards, evaluate how electoral campaign promises to prevent corruption made by political parties are kept and check the implementation of government anti-corruption strategies. We investigate the transparency of campaign financing and public expenditures. We observe the legislative process and support regulations that ensure transparency in decision-making and provide defense against corrupt practices. We also provide legal counseling to individuals who have reported or encountered corruption, especially whistleblowers facing harassment from employers and officials.

## Monitoring of electoral promises

This project has been operated since 2001 by the NGO Anticorruption Coalition, which consists of the Batory Foundation, the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, the Foundation for Social Communication, the Civic Education Center, 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 the monitoring are presented at annual conferences and summed up in a report published at the end of the term of the Parliament.

On October 15<sup>th</sup> we organized a second review conference of the fourth term of the Parliament. It showed that the most important promises of curbing the threats of corruption made by the ruling parties have not been fulfilled. Neither a government anti-corruption strategy nor a program preventing irregularities in the public institutions have been introduced; there are no protection mechanisms for people denouncing acts of corruption; no legal changes regarding the functioning of the Central Anti-Corruption Bureau have been made; the anti-corruption bill has not been amended. The experts participating in the conference: Prof. Antoni Kamiński, Prof. Edmund Wnuk-Lipiński and Prof. Andrzej Zoll emphasized the dependence of the public administration on the current political situation, low quality of laws enacted by the parliament and entanglement of the anti-corruption initiatives in current political bickering. Their opinions were commented by the representatives of the political parties: Małgorzata Kidawa-Błońska (Civic Platform), Aleksander Sopiński (Polish Peasants Party), Marek Wikiński (Democratic Left Alliance) and Łukasz Zbonikowski (Law and Justice).

One of the tasks of the NGO Anti-corruption Coalition is to present opinions on the crucial matters related to the fight against corruption. In 2009 the Coalition was worried about the lack of any coherent government strategy to combat corruption; it criticized the proposals introduced in the new government draft of the anticorruption bill and the way in which the bill had been drafted with no due regard to obligatory procedures; it pointed out the lack of adequate information on the government proposal of "the anti-corruption

shield” and it challenged the Prime Minister’s decision which banned it from obtaining more information on the proposal. For more information about the Coalition’s work please see: [www.akop.pl](http://www.akop.pl).

## **Evaluation of the government anti-corruption strategies**

The goal of this project, started in 2009, is a comparison and an evaluation of anti-corruption effectiveness of the three subsequent governments (2001–2011), each of which chose a different method of combating corruption. The governments formed by two left wing parties, the Democratic Left Alliance and the Polish Peasant Party, introduced many legal changes, pressed by the European Commission. The government formed by a Law and Justice led coalition would deploy mainly repressive solutions. The coalition of Civic Platform and Polish Peasant Party, which took power in November 2007, focused mostly on strengthening the state control. Within the framework of our project planned for the years 2009–2011, we conduct research and undertake analysis, which will allow for a thorough evaluation of government anti-corruption strategies.

In 2009 we commissioned a group of sociologists from Łódź University led by Prof. Anna Kubiak, to evaluate the effectiveness of preventive action undertaken by central and local government institutions in the years 2001–2007. They conducted in-depth interviews with those responsible for the implementation of anti-corruption programs in the Ministries of Health and Sport and in customs houses, tax offices, provincial and local government offices across Podlasie, Dolnośląskie and Lubuskie provinces. The group of researchers also distributed questionnaires among those who were trained to become ethical advisers and who would be deployed in all institutions on a high level. Jan Winczorek, Ph.D. prepared for us a legal analysis on the consequences of corruption activities of the three subsequent Polish governments. The document contained, inter alia, statistics on opened and concluded prosecution inquiries on corruption matters; comparison of the type of detected crimes; and evaluation of the impact of legal changes introduced in the Penal Code in the last years (mainly in 2003) on corruption detection.

## **Monitoring of selected public spending**

The main objective of this 2007–2008 project was to identify and analyze the potential links between business and politics. We investigated if there were any links between administrative decisions on the winner in the public tender for carrying out a public contract and the financial support given to the political parties during the elections by the heads or the owners of the winning companies. We also checked if a similar dependence occurred in the case of the hiring policy in the public institutions selected for monitoring. We based our scrutiny largely on information which is, or should be, publicly available. This allowed us to check how the right to public information is respected in practice.

On January 28<sup>th</sup> we organized a public presentation of the report, concluding a two year scrutiny of selected public spending. Our monitoring did not reveal any significant links between the sponsors of the political parties and the results of competition for public contracts or of the recruitment process to top positions in the monitored institutions. We have discovered however some serious misconduct in the realization of the right to public information. In the report we presented analysis of this phenomenon and suggested some indispensable changes in law and its application. The conflict between the regulation on access to information and the provisions on the protection of personal data was discussed by a panel of experts: Irena Kamińska — Judge of the Supreme Administrative Court and the President of the Polish Judges Association *Iustitia*, Monika Krasieńska — Director of Department of Jurisprudence, Legislation and Complaints Office of the Inspector General for Personal Data Protection, and Szymon Osowski from the Non-governmental Centre for Access to Public Information at the Association of Leaders of Local Civic Groups.

## Monitoring of election campaign finances to the European Parliament

Before the elections to the European Parliament, with the help of over 50 trained volunteers (NGO activists, student academic circles, journalists, local media, and non-associated individuals), we conducted a nationwide monitoring of election campaign finances of candidates for MEPs. We analyzed sources of funds for the campaigns of individual candidates, paying particular attention to possible use for the purpose of public resources. The monitoring included the expenditure on media campaign, propaganda materials, promotional activities on the Internet and electoral festivities. Data on expenditure on electoral advertising on billboards and in the electronic media was supplied to us free of charge by the OMD Media Direction. On a local level the observers monitored both the media campaign (they scrutinized i.a. the number and type of ads published on local Internet web-sites) and the election rallies (an analysis of costs borne by the committees organizing those meetings).

Preliminary results of our observations were presented in June, just before the election, during a press conference. We informed the public about campaign finance irregularities that were observed and about the infringements of electoral law to the European Parliament such as campaigning led by unauthorized parties (other than electoral committees), using public offices or resources in the election campaigns, lack of clear attribution of the electoral materials and using the Internet for campaigns led by persons not representing the electoral committees. In the fall, after having conducted an analysis of the reports submitted to the National Electoral Commission by the respective electoral committees, we submitted to the NEC our reservations related to the reports of three committees: Partnership for the Future — Center Left (Democratic Party + Social Democracy of Poland + Green Party 2004), Democratic Left Alliance — Labor Union and Law and Justice party. These concerned mainly omission in the reports of the cost of the rented office space. The project concluded in March 2010 with a publication comprising the analysis of the financial reports submitted by electoral committees and the materials collected during the European Parliament election campaign.

## 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 revealed weaknesses in statutory supervision over electoral funds. This induced us to undertake advocacy for electoral campaign finance reform.

In 2009, we participated in meetings of the special sub-committee of the Parliamentary Legislative Committee tasked with introducing amendments to the bill on the presidential election. We also took part as guests in meetings Special Parliamentary Committee tasked with the preparation of draft bills on electoral law. This Committee dealt with the subsequent amendment of the bill on the Presidential election as well as with the development of the new electoral code, which in a single act was to collect uniform rules for organization of elections and election campaign. In 2009, as a result of the Committee's work, the Parliament adopted two amendments in the law on Presidential election which introduced transparent rules for financing election campaign. Contributions from anonymous donors and companies was banned, the issues related to bank credit ability of the electoral committees were addressed, and the National Electoral Commission was secured with possibilities of a real cooperation with other state organs (i.e. the police, tax offices) for control purposes. The new regulations will come into force during the upcoming 2010 presidential campaign.

## Legislative procedure monitoring

In 2006–2008, pursuant to the Lobbying Act adopted in 2005, we monitored the legislative process of selected laws important in preventing corruption and increasing transparency of public life. We formulated our opinions and, following the procedure, submitted them to legislators, i.e. the government or the Parliament. Depending on the legislators' decisions, we took part in the parliamentary subcommittees and committees meetings or public hearings. We published annual reports on our findings, including violations in the process of adopting the relevant statutes. Conclusions from a three year monitoring and further suggestions regarding changes in law and in practice have been summed up in a publication *The Transparency of the Law Making Process* presented at a conference in November of 2008.

In 2009, we focused on activities aimed at the implementation of our recommendations. We began to collaborate with institutions interested in introducing changes to the legislative procedures. We set up a working group consisting of persons participating in or monitoring the legislative process, including the representatives of NGOs, academia, legal practice and lobby industry. This group sent a letter to the Prime Minister which highlighted the lack of transparency in the legislative process at the government and the absence of legal framework for civic participation in it. The group outlined the suggested solutions recalling, among others, the documents of the Council of Europe and of the European Union. The government representatives reassured us that the Prime Minister's team of advisers has been working on a new, comprehensive settlement of the legislative process. We were informed that some of our proposals which do not require legal amendments will be implemented and will come into force by the end of 2009. We were promised to be involved in the consultations of the draft regulations.

## Legal counsel

Since 2000, we have provided legal aid to individuals reporting corruption. We advise in 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 or we petition supervisory and control bodies. Occasionally, we contact the prosecutor's office with requests to further investigate a case. In selected cases, we monitor court proceedings as a social representative.

In 2009, we received 82 cases and handled 40 of them. We submitted 10 legal briefs; intervened five times with control institutions and courts; and submitted 14 public information requests. We volunteered to be the social representative during three proceedings (judicial and disciplinary, one of which we observed on the basis of its public hearing status), all of them involved the cases of whistleblowers who denounced irregularities they observed at their workplaces.

In March we organized an international conference *Whistleblowing: Legal protection of persons denouncing irregularities in their workplace. Effectiveness of the Polish labor law as compared to the Anglo-Saxon solutions and the work of GRECO*. During the conference the following guests shared with us their experiences: Tom Devine of the American organization Government Accountability Project; Shonali Routray of the British group Public Concern at Work; and Jacek Wojciechowicz from the Polish Institute of Directors, who spoke about the Australian experience. Anna Wojciechowska-Nowak from the Anti-Corruption program presented the legal situation of Polish whistleblowers in proceedings before a Labor Court from the perspective of the non-governmental organization experience.

In 2009 this program was financed by the Open Society Institute.

**Total program costs**

**PLN 504,692.33**

# Community Initiatives Partnership

The goal of the program was 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 facilitate initiatives aimed to resolve problems faced by the countries of this region. The program, planned for 2004–2010, was run with the Robert Bosch Foundation from Germany. Since 2006 our partner in Ukraine had been PAUCI Foundation for Polish-Ukrainian Cooperation from Kyiv.

We offered grants for trilateral projects carried out by Polish, German and Belarusian, Russian or Ukrainian organizations. The projects could target various social groups and involve diverse subject areas. However, it was important that the participation of the partners from the three countries involved was not coincidental but it helped to initiate or develop long-term cooperation that might have contributed to the dissemination of model social initiatives.

In 2009, we provided funding for 14 projects that had been awarded grants in the 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the grant competition resolved in 2008. We also organized the last — 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the grant competition during which we received 52 letters of intent. Authors of 32 projects were invited to participate in tripartite seminars organized in Rynia (September 13<sup>th</sup>–16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>–23<sup>rd</sup>). During these meetings, the NGOs worked on the projects submitted and consulted them with the group of experts from the Batory, Bosch and PAUCI Foundations. After the seminars, we received 30 grant applications. A committee of experts from Poland, Germany, Ukraine, Russia and Belarus selected for funding 14 projects. All of them will be implemented in 2010. 5 continue activities supported already in previous years. The grants they received are aimed to strengthen cooperation of three partner organization sand help to ensure the lasting effects of undertaken activities.

The supported projects related to sharing experiences and good practices in such areas of social life as integration of the disabled, civic youth education, environmental education, social and professional stimulation of residents of rural areas. As each year, a large portion of activities addressed socially active youth and local leaders.

In 2009, the program was financed by funds from the Robert Bosch Foundation (PLN 1,785,460.36) and the Open Society Institute.

Grants	PLN 1,715,595.53
Seminars and international committee meetings	PLN 181,053.27
Program implementation	PLN 97,909.32
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 1,994,558.12</b>

## Grants

### Projects implemented in 2009

#### **Theotokos Center for Education and Dialogue, Gliwice**

*International academy of social economics* — a cycle of study visits and training sessions for 25 unemployed people from the Donets Basin (Ukraine) and Upper Silesia, presenting Polish and German experience in the creation and running of social cooperatives. EUR 13,907

#### **Opus Center for Promotion and Development of Civic Initiatives, Łódź**

*The Active citizen — promotion of community initiatives* — a cycle of educational classes on citizen journalism prepared by Polish and German social activists for 15 local leaders from Poland and Belarus. EUR 8,886

#### **European Dialogue, Lviv**

*Local Partnership Initiatives in Energy Conservation* — a cycle of training sessions and study visits presenting Polish and German experience in building local energy conservation partnerships for 12 “energy managers” from small towns in the Lviv and Lugansk regions (Ukraine) responsible for developing local energy resource strategies. EUR 13,390

#### **Polish Forum of Young Diplomats, Warsaw**

*Eurobus 2 youth. The EU to Ukraine* — workshops on European integration run by Polish and German volunteers for teenagers from small towns and rural agricultural areas in eastern Ukraine. EUR 13,075

#### **Civic Activities Foundation, Lublin**

*Learn mutually* — workshops on transborder cooperation for representatives of small and medium NGOs from the Polish and Ukrainian parts of the historical Roztocze area, prepared by German experts. EUR 13,500

#### **Contact Foundation, Lviv**

*Autism: another path* — study visits and workshops prepared by Polish and German therapists for carers and therapists of people with autism from the Lviv region (Ukraine). EUR 13,645

#### **Sputnik International Association of Photoreportage, Warsaw**

*12 Days* — developing and production of a cycle of 12 reportages on the daily life of beneficiaries of the Community Initiative Partnership program from Poland, Germany, Ukraine, Belarus, and the Kaliningrad District by an international group of photojournalists. EUR 10,240

#### **Polish Robert Schuman Foundation, Warsaw**

The Ukrainian-Polish-German Tri.net Forum — workshops for representatives of NGOs from Poland, Germany, and Ukraine concerning international cooperation, building tripartite partnerships and working on joint projects (continuation of a project implemented in 2008). EUR 15,000

#### **Viva Art Cultural Association, Elbląg**

*A Society for everyone* — a cycle of seminars and study visits on the rehabilitation and social integration of people with disabilities with the participation of people with mental or physical disabilities, their carers and therapists from Dresden, Elbląg and Zielenogradsk in the Kaliningrad District (continuation of a project implemented in 2008). EUR 14,308

#### **Tada Association, Szczecin**

*Work without borders, aid without borders* — a cycle of study visits and seminars prepared by Polish and German partner organizations for representatives of institutions working in Lviv to help individuals selling sexual services. EUR 13,500

#### **Drumla Association for Podlasie Region, Białystok**

*Dialogues with the neighbors 2.0. Looking beyond the borders academy* — a seminar on citizen journalism with the participation of Polish and German trainers, addressed to teenagers inhabiting the Belarus-Ukraine borderland (continuation of a project implemented in 2007). EUR 13,300

#### **Springboard Association of European Volunteers, Warsaw**

*By Panda* — construction of a playground by 35 German, Polish and Belarusian volunteers at one of the children’s home in the Grodno Region (Belarus). EUR 20,720

#### **East Democratic Society, Warsaw**

*Youth and voluntary work* — activities for the development of the volunteer movement in the Kaliningrad District: a cycle of training sessions with the participation of representatives of Polish and German organizations for leaders of the volunteer centre in Gusev (continuation of activities from 2005–2008). EUR 9,830



**The West-Ukrainian Resource Center, Lviv**

*International moderators network* — a training program on contemporary methods of adult education for representatives of cultural and educational institutions from rural western Ukraine with the participation of Polish and German specialists. EUR 11,000

**Projects implemented in 2010****Weimar Jena Academy, Weimar**

*The new media as a catalyst for social engagement in Central and Eastern Europe* — a cycle of workshops for 45 young socially active people from Belarus, Ukraine, Poland and Germany on the use of modern technology in preparing and distributing journalistic materials; launching a portal documenting the effects of the project. EUR 9,950

**Theotokos Center for Education and Dialogue, Gliwice**

*International academy for social economy* — e-learning program for the unemployed from the Donets Basin (Ukraine) and Upper Silesia on establishment and operation of social cooperatives, study visits and internships in Polish and Germany social cooperatives (continuation of a project implemented in 2009). EUR 17,000

**Postup Human Rights Center, Lugansk**

*Protection of children in conflict with the law: Experience from Germany, Poland and Ukraine* — organization of courses on children's rights addressed to police and NGOs from eastern Ukraine working with young criminals. EUR 14,175

**Charitable Foundation for Mutual Help and Deefense of Children with Autism "Kontakt", Lviv**

*Autism: together or apart* — a cycle of meetings with the participation of journalists, parents of autistic children and people working with autism in Lviv region (Ukraine), study visits to Warsaw and Munich presenting best practice in cooperating with authorities and the media (continuation of a project implemented in 2009). EUR 15,000

**Forum for Regional Initiatives, Kharkiv**

*Eurobus 3* — workshops on European integration for youth from 20 small towns in eastern Ukraine run by Polish and German volunteers (continuation of activities from 2007 and 2009). EUR 18,207

**Rodowo Foundation, Sorkwity**

*Libraries in the countryside: local centers of community activity* — training sessions and experience sharing on the methods of animating cultural and community activity among library employees from small towns in the Grodno region (Belarus), the Warmian-Mazurian Province and Lower Saxony. EUR 14,050

**WECF Women in Europe for a Common Future, Monachium**

*The well of knowledge* — preparation and running of a cycle of educational activities on the balanced use of natural water resources, aiming to be a basis for the activity of the Water Centre — a modern informal education unit in Berezhany (Ukraine). EUR 12,890

**SIE Social Ecological Institute, Warsaw**

*Eco-development in suburban areas* — training sessions and study visits prepared by Polish and German green activists for a group of leaders from Kazmirówka (Belarus) on inclusion of the inhabitants in decision-making on local environmental protection (continuation of a project implemented in 2008). EUR 19,384

**Viva Art Cultural Association, Elbląg**

*Domino* — a cycle of seminars and study visits on the rehabilitation and social integration of people with disabilities, with the participation of people with mental and physical disabilities, their carers and therapists from Zielenogradsk (Kaliningrad District), Elbląg and Dresden (continuation of a project implemented in 2008–2009). EUR 19,815

**Tada Association, Szczecin**

*You're not alone* — a cycle of study visits and seminars for representatives of government agencies and NGOs from the Kaliningrad District, presenting German and Polish best practice in working with prostitutes and individuals exposed to HIV infection. EUR 13,670

**Association for the Development of Community Psychiatry and Care, Kraków**

*Living, Curing and Working in a Local Community* — a cycle of training sessions for a group of professionals from the Lviv region (Ukraine) working with the mentally ill dedicated to building a community model of psychiatric healthcare. EUR 11,990

**Regionet Association, Poznań**

*Unemployment: vacuum or Plenum?* — training for a group of the unemployed from Gorki (Belarus) and study visits for representatives of the BELARDA regional development agency to Polish and German institutions working on mobilization of the unemployed. EUR 17,705

**East Democratic Society, Warsaw**

*Youth and volunteering* — activities for developing the volunteer movement in the Kaliningrad District; a cycle of training sessions for leaders of the Volunteer Centre in Gusev with the participation of Polish and German organizations and the preparation of an international volunteer camp in the region (continuation of activities from 2005–2009).

EUR 17,215

**Edyta Stein Association, Wrocław**

*The Heritage of Handicrafts* — a volunteer camp in Dunajevo (Belarus) for 25 young people from Belarus, Germany, and Poland to revive the memory of disappearing trades (wicker-working, pottery, stove fitting) and promotion of the local Educational Centre.

EUR 8,949

# Memoria

The goal of the program was 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 and Future Foundation, was implemented in 2007–2009.

We supported international summer volunteer camps where young people from Germany, Poland, Lithuania, Russia, Belarus and Ukraine learned various aspects of culture of borderland regions and obtained knowledge, experience and practical skills in preserving cultural assets. We offered grants to NGOs that had experience in protecting and promoting European cultural achievements and based their activity on cooperation with young people aged 18–28. In addition to grants, we provided organizations with opportunities to participate in seminars that served to exchange experience, expand knowledge and improve working methods of the grantees.

In 2009, in the last 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the grant competition, we received 54 applications, out of which a Polish-German committee of experts selected 14 projects. 240 volunteers took part in camps that were held in Poland (8), Ukraine (5) and Belarus (1). They worked on cleaning up or renovating cemeteries, shrines of various denominations or other local historical monuments. They recorded songs, tales and other testimonies of multicultural heritage of a given region. They also launched and maintained websites, shot films, developed guides and exhibitions aimed to promote the results of their work. Implemented projects can be found at the website [www.memoria.org.pl](http://www.memoria.org.pl)

The volunteer camps' organisers took part in two seminars. The first (April 27<sup>th</sup>–28<sup>th</sup>) served to develop their knowledge and working methods in international volunteerism, conservation of historic sites, protection of sites of multicultural remembrance and cooperation with local residents. The second seminar (October 9–10) was devoted to presentation and evaluation of projects' results, experience sharing and planning of future projects' continuation.

Together with the program For Tolerance we organized a debate *Wanderings of Gabriel. Religion and Anti-Semitism* (April 27<sup>th</sup>), with the participation of Halina Bortnowska (theologian), Pawel Buszko (sociologist), Konstanty Gebert (commentator and journalist) and Prof. Joanna Tokarska-Bakir (anthropologist), moderated by Aleksander Smolar, the president of Batory Foundation, which focused on threats brought about by the anti-Semitic phantasms rooted in Christian imagination, such as the blood libel legend appearing in the context of St. Gabriel's cult. A series of public events *The Tolerant. It's Happening!*, organised together with the "ę" Society of Creative Initiatives on 23<sup>rd</sup>–25<sup>th</sup> of October, summed up the work of Memoria and For Tolerance programs. The events took place in Warsaw and comprised of: a market of knowledge — discussions with the leaders of projects implemented in the course of both programs, a debate *How to remember: monument or performance?* devoted to the phenomenon of historical revision and new forms of commemoration, a screening of a pre-war documentary on Jewish Radom accompanied by live music

performance and “multicultural” guided tours in Warsaw: around Russian and Vietnamese Warsaw, and Jewish Praga (district of Warsaw). The events attracted much interest. The movie screenings and the concert were attended by close to 200 people, and 300 participants took part in three multicultural walks. It had also broad coverage in the media.

In 2009, the program was financed by funds from the Remembrance, Responsibility and Future Foundation (PLN 827,273.86) and the Open Society Institute.

Grants	PLN 735,604.02
Seminars, debates, “The Tolerant. It’s Happening!” event and international committee meetings	PLN 91,669.84
Program implementation	PLN 84,915.72
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 912,189.58</b>

## Grants

### Center for Urban History of East Central Europe, Lviv

*Snyatin — the archaeology of Memory* — a camp with the participation of 16 volunteers from Germany, Poland, and Ukraine: inventory and documentary work on the Jewish and Christian cemeteries in Snyatin in Ukraine, and preparation of an exhibition on the town’s multicultural heritage. **EUR 12,082**

### European Dialogue, Lviv

*Bridges of the future* — a camp with the participation of 16 volunteers from Germany, Poland, and Ukraine: cleaning up in the St. Stanisław Roman Catholic Church, in the grounds of the botanic garden and Queen Bona’s fort, as well as in the Cossack cemetery in Kremenec in Ukraine, writing a brochure and an English-language website about the town (continuation of a project supported in 2007). **EUR 10,564**

### UNESCO Pro-Environmental Club-Workshop for Biodiversity, Piaski

*Apparently Sobieski was my grandfather* — a camp with the participation of 16 volunteers from Germany, Lithuania, Poland, Russia and Ukraine: writing a history of Piaski families — Jewish, Protestant, and Catholic, inventory of monuments bearing witness to the multicultural past of Piaski Luterskie village and its surroundings completed with the development of a map of the heritage of King Jan Sobieski III symbolizing the common roots of Piaski residents (continuation of a project supported in 2007 and 2008). **EUR 12,200**

### Ari Ari Foundation, Łódź

*And silence fell... Rakutowo in Kujawy* — a camp with the participation of 16 volunteers from Armenia, Lithuania, Germany, Poland, Russia, and Ukraine: repair and inventory work on seven Evangelical cemeteries and the Jewish cemetery in Rakutowo, as well as other locations in the Kowal borough, developing an online archive of visual information on the local community and the cultural heritage of the borough. **EUR 14,638**

### Charity Foundation Caritas Drohobych-Sambir Diocese Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, Truskavets

*A common Europe — yesterday and tomorrow in multicultural Drohobych* — a camp with the participation of 18 volunteers from France, Germany, Poland, and Ukraine: restoration of tombstones in the old Christian cemetery in Drohobych, Ukraine, developing an alternative guide round this multicultural city in the form of a webpage and a book (continuation of a project supported in 2007). **EUR 9,800**

### Educational Society for Małopolska, Nowy Sącz

*From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth* — a camp with the participation of 18 volunteers from Germany, Poland, and Ukraine: inventory of the Jewish cemetery in Nowy Sącz and creating an exhibition and website presenting the region’s multicultural past, including a variety of memoirs about the Nowy Sącz Jews and Lemkos, and documentation of the local Jewish cemetery. **EUR 14,046**

### Interregional Volunteers Organization SVIT-Ukraine, Artemovsk

*A Reflection of History* — a camp with the participation of 15 volunteers from Germany, Poland, and Ukraine: clearing and renovation work on the Jewish cemetery in Chernovtsy in Ukraine, preparation of information signboards about important characters in the pre-war Jewish community and the most interesting relics of cemetery architecture. **EUR 9,600**

**Educational Initiatives Center Charitable Organization, Lviv**

*In the footsteps of 1000 years of history* — a camp with the participation of 14 volunteers from Belarus, Germany, Poland, and Ukraine: cleaning of the matzevas and cleaning up the Hasidic and military cemeteries in Belz in Ukraine, participation in archaeological digs searching for traces of an Old Ruthenian stronghold, developing four historical trails and a website promoting the town's multicultural heritage (continuation of a project supported in 2008).

EUR 13,042

**Polish Society of Touring, Zielona Góra**

*The Szprotawa railway station in Radwanów* — a camp with the participation of 20 volunteers from Poland and Ukraine: preparation of an archaeological dig uncovering the foundations of the old station in Radwanów on the county railway line built by a German entrepreneur at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, uncovering a fragment of a footpath and a historic viaduct in the Broniszowski Forest, marking a 50 km tourist trail along the railway line.

EUR 14,750

**Regional Polish-German Society, Zielona Góra**

*Understanding history — preserving memory* — a camp with the participation of 20 volunteers from Germany, Poland, and Ukraine: inventory and renovation of the outdoor sculptures and collections of the open air museum in Ochla near Zielona Góra, preparation of exhibitions and a brochure on the multiculturalism of the Lubusz Lands and construction of a wooden roof in the Museum's recreational area (continuation of a project supported in 2008).

EUR 13,500

**Drumla Association for Podlasie Region, Białystok**

*Rediscovering the harmony of a multicultural town* — a camp with the participation of 18 volunteers from Belarus, Germany, and Poland: documenting the Jewish cemetery in Krynki, reconstruction of the polychromes of the matzevas and developing a publication on daily life in pre-war Krynki based on the interviews and mementoes collected in course of the project (continuation of a project supported in 2008).

EUR 10,750

**Regionet Association, Poznań**

*The paths of the Jelskis — forgotten/faded pages of memory* — a camp with the participation of 20 volunteers from Belarus and Poland: uncovering traces of the past of the Jelski family who once lived in the Belarusian village of Dudzicze in the Puchawicki region in Belarus, renovation and inventory work on Roman Catholic cemetery in the village and the Jewish cemetery in Uźliany, documentation of the historic park in Zamość (continuation of a project supported in 2008).

EUR 14,000

**Society for Nature and Man, Lublin**

*Kryłów. Laboratory of the borderland memory* — a camp with the participation of 16 volunteers from Germany, Poland, and Ukraine: cleaning up and renovation of historic tombstones in the Orthodox cemeteries in Małków and Prehoryte, placing information signboards in seven cemeteries around Kryłów and making documentaries on the history of Polish-Ukrainian relations in Volyn (continuation of a project supported in 2007 and 2008).

EUR 6,592

**Volyn District of Plast Ukrainian Scout Organization, Lutsk**

*Small recollections of a great history* — a camp with the participation of 18 volunteers from Germany, Poland, and Ukraine: cleaning up and conservation of tombstones in Orthodox cemeteries in Wereszyn, Łasków, and Chelm, as well as interviews with Wereszyn inhabitants on Polish-Ukrainian relations (continuation of a project supported in 2008).

EUR 7,825

# Citizens in Action

The goal of the program implemented in 2003–2009 was to support democratic changes and the development of civil society in Belarus and Ukraine. We cooperated with non-governmental organizations from Belarus and Ukraine that supported grass-root initiatives and engaged in building partnership among non-governmental organizations, public administration and commercial sectors. We supported civic and European education as well as information and research projects concerned with civil society. An important and innovative task of the program was promotion of advocacy as a means of joint action for solving social problems and protecting rights of citizens. Apart from grants we offered our grantees study visits, meetings and trainings organized in Belarus, Ukraine, Poland and other countries. The final year of the project was dedicated in part for summing up and evaluation of the results of the program.

## **Regional partner organizations**

We supported a network of regional partner organizations selected during three open grant competitions held in 2004–2006 in various regions of Belarus and Ukraine. In 2009 another two groups of our Belarusian and Ukrainian partners concluded implementation of projects subsidized in the 2006–2009 period. We therefore invited them to apply for additional tied-off grants for the continuation of their activities in 2010–2011. 18 organizations (14 in Ukraine and 4 in Belarus) received the subsidies. Moreover, we made two grants for organization of events that summed up the activities and experiences the partner organizations gathered in the course of the program.

## **Civic and European education**

We supported civic and European education projects, particularly those that were addressed to a large group of potential clients or led to the development of a model action plan replicable in different places and in various scale. In 2009 we supported the third edition of a project *Let's learn to communicate* addressed to Ukrainian NGOs and the media and a joint initiative of a group of Ukrainian organizations focused on NGO advocacy, dealing with tax regulations interpretation challenge.

On May 28<sup>th</sup> we organized a conference *Belarus: social contracts, civil society and identity — in search of agents of change*. The conference presented the results of three research projects supported in the course of the program which concerned unknown or less known aspects of functioning of the Belarusian society. The research was carried out by independent analytical groups and focused on: character and content of “social contracts” functioning today in Belarus; an independent third sector in Belarus and its potential in influencing democratization processes and development of Belarusian society; national self-awareness of the Belarusians.

The Ukrainian Social Organization *Professional Help* received a grant to organize in Kyiv a conference for 130 participants: representatives of our grantees — over 80 regional partner organizations from Ukraine

and Belarus, their local partners — participants of the study visits in Poland and the grantmakers active in these countries. The goal of the conference planned for March 2010 was to sum-up and evaluate six years of program's activity, exchange experiences gained by the grantees in the course of the implementation of the projects and debate a model of future cooperation.

Summaries of achievements of the organizations participating in the program and the most interesting publications and materials prepared for trainings can be found at [www.batory.org.pl/russian/byukr\\_pub.utf8.htm](http://www.batory.org.pl/russian/byukr_pub.utf8.htm) and on the internet websites of Ukrainian and Belarusian partner organizations.

In 2009, the program was financed from the Ford Foundation grant.

Grants	PLN 2,187,986.06
Meetings and concluding presentations	PLN 157,959.57
Program implementation	PLN 241,712.61
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 2,587,658.24</b>

## Grants

### Regional partner organizations

#### **Center of Youth Initiatives Totem, Kherson**

2010–2011 grant for institutional development, including subsidizing the purchase of an office for the organization, continuation of support of initiatives carried out by the disabled and for the education of the youth on the problem of corruption. USD 40,000

#### **Center for Humanistic Technologies Ahalar, Chernihiv**

2009–2011 grant for institutional development and continuing activities addressed to youth from underprivileged families and the development of local philanthropy. USD 30,000

#### **Dniprovs'k Association for Regions Development, Dnipropetrovsk**

2010–2011 grant for institutional development, including subsidizing the purchase of an office for the organization. USD 30,000

#### **Committee of Voters of Ukraine, Donetsk Regional Organization, Donetsk**

2009–2011 grant for institutional development, including subsidizing the purchase of an office for the organization, and continuing activities directed towards the development of grass-root initiatives. USD 45,000

#### **Mykolayiv City Development Foundation, Mykolayiv**

2009–2011 grant for institutional development and for continuation of activities directed towards the development of grass-root initiatives. USD 35,000

#### **Carpathian Human Rights Agency Vested, Uzhgorod**

2009–2011 grant for institutional development and for continuation of the work of Citizens' Advice Bureaus, as well as for support of rural community initiatives in the Uzhgorod region. USD 35,000

#### **Poltava City Organization for Children and Young People Krok, Poltava**

2010–2011 grant for institutional development, including subsidizing the purchase of an office for the organization, and for activities engaging the youth to participate in the life of the city, and for advocacy on behalf of children and youth's interests. USD 45,000

#### **Committee of Voters of Ukraine, Rivne Regional Civic Organization, Rivne**

2009–2011 grant for institutional development and for continuation of activities directed towards mobilizing local communities in the Rivne region. USD 40,000

#### **Volyn Youth Rights Protection Association, Lutsk**

2010–2011 grant for institutional development and for continuation of activities supporting the development of local civic initiatives in the Volyn region. USD 25,000

**Grytsiv Renaissance Association, Grytsiv**

2009–2011 grant for institutional development, including subsidizing the purchase of an office for the organization, and for continuation of activities directed towards mobilizing rural communities. USD 25,000

**Creative Association Technologies of Optimum Personality Development, Kirovograd**

2010–2011 grant for institutional development and conducting activities aiming to increase the transparency of decision-making processes by the local authorities in the Kirovohrad region. USD 20,000

**Association for the Support of Local Self-governance Development, Lugansk**

2009–2011 grant for institutional development, including subsidizing the purchase of an office for the organization, and for continuation of activities concerning local community development. USD 15,000

**Vinnitsa Regional Committee of Youth Organizations, Vinnitsa**

2009–2011 grant for institutional development and a cycle of activities aimed to support the processes of Ukrainian integration with the European Community in the Vinnitsa region. USD 25,000

**Zhitomir Regional Center of Youth Initiatives, Zhitomir**

2009–2011 grant for institutional development, including subsidizing the purchase of an office for the organization, and for continuation of activities concerning local community development. USD 20,000

**Belarusian organizations,**

Grants for 2010–2011 for institutional development and implementation of projects aimed to mobilize activity of local communities, promote civic and European education and support local civic initiatives (due to the political situation in Belarus we do not identify our grantees in this country). USD 105,000

**Center for Humanistic Technologies Ahalar, Chernihiv**

*The Power of Experience* — promotion of best practices in the organization of small grant competitions by Ukrainian partner organizations participating in the Citizens in Action program. USD 51,650

**Mykolayiv City Development Foundation, Mykolayiv**

A joint project by Belarusian and Ukrainian partner organizations participating in the Citizens in Action program aimed at experience sharing on problems connected with the development of democracy and civil society in both countries. USD 15,000

**Professional Assistance Non-for-profit NGO, Komsomolsk**

A conference in Kyiv summarizing the six-year Citizens in Action program. USD 51,600

## Civic and European education

**Center for Humanistic Technologies Ahalar, Chernihiv**

*Let's Learn to Communicate*, the third part of a project addressed to Ukrainian NGOs and the media — trainings on the development of communications strategies, a study visit in Poland and a concluding conference. USD 50,000

**Carpathian Human Rights Agency Vested, Uzhgorod**

A project run in cooperation with a group of Ukrainian organizations aimed to unify the interpretation of regulations on taxation of NGO activity by regional tax inspectors. USD 13,840



# 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 Eastern Europe, Central Asia or the 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 related to experience sharing on the process of EU accession with the EU candidates as well as EU Eastern neighbors.

In 2009, we made 36 grants. Majority of projects were longer-term initiatives that often continued activities launched earlier. We helped Polish experts participate in 10 projects implemented in other countries of the region. As in the previous years the subject matter of the joint activities was diverse and concerned i.a.: counteracting unemployment, assistance to the disabled, defense of rights of various social groups, promotion of civic and European education. Many projects focused on the mobilizing activity of local communities and building cooperation of NGOs with local authorities to solve common problems. This year we supported more multilateral initiatives (implemented by partners from more than two countries) and less Polish-Ukrainian bilateral projects which in the past constituted almost half of all initiatives supported in this program.

In 2009, the program was financed by the Open Society Institute East East: Partnership Beyond Borders Network Program.

Grants	PLN 1,451,175.68
Program implementation	PLN 128,713.40
<b>Total program costs</b>	<b>PLN 1,579,889.08</b>

## Grants

### **Theotokos Center for Education and Dialogue, Gliwice**

*Entrepreneurship to Overcome Unemployment: Labor Markets during Financial Crises* — to share experiences and skills in overcoming social dislocation and unemployment in difficult economic circumstances and to promote social activism and community engagement to strengthen people's abilities to take initiative and responsibility to overcome adverse labor conditions.

PLN 68,101.26

**CAL Local Activity Support Center, Warsaw**

*Local Activity Centers: Stimulating Community Engagement for Positive Social Development* — to share experiences in local community activism, specifically Local Activity Centers, a type of public institution in Poland that supports initiatives of non-governmental organizations to engage with local administrations in social, educational and charitable activity of local communities and to exchange methodologies of engaging young people and senior citizens in creating and sustaining active local communities. **PLN 45,222.70**

**Cultural Center, Gołdap**

*Best Practices in Youth Policy Development* — to promote sustainable development of local communities through the elaboration of common youth policies, and to enhance collaboration among NGOs, formal and informal local youth groups, primarily in rural areas, to develop youth policies in cooperation with local and regional public administrations. **PLN 9,181.34**

**Nobody's Children Foundation, Warsaw**

*Prevention and Intervention: Overcoming Child Abuse* — to share best practices of interventions in cases of child abuse and prevention of abuse, especially of those particularly at risk, to identify gaps in national child protection systems and to develop new preventive programs focusing on children at risk and models of protecting children in institutions within a collaborative framework for communication and information exchange among civil society organizations. **PLN 36,850**

**Education for Democracy Foundation, Warsaw**

*Entrepreneurship Centers — Innovation to Reduce Unemployment* — to exchange experiences and practices of implementing efficient approaches to the modern labor market formation, to share positive experiences of organizations in Ukraine regarding youth employment, and to promote collaborative initiatives to produce innovative approaches to unemployment, especially among youth; initiated in 2008. **PLN 1,277.81**

*Entrepreneurship in Practice* — to formulate effective models of engaging young people in social development and to address unemployment among young people by promoting entrepreneurship development and innovative educational methodologies for young people entering the labor market in Kyrgyzstan. **PLN 74,199.16**

**Krzyżowa Foundation for European Understanding, Grodziszczce**

*Local Community Engagement in Rural Development* — to promote the engagement of local communities in developing and promoting rural development in Georgia based on experiences in Poland and to share experiences in public-private partnership to promote development of rural regions. **PLN 55,970**

**Merkury Foundation, Wałbrzych**

*Breaking Cycles of Domestic Violence: Experiences in Poland and Mongolia* — to transfer know-how and experiences in Poland in working to prevent domestic violence, to prepare specialists in Mongolia to be counselors in schools, law enforcement and social services addressed to victims and perpetrators of violence and to engage the public in long-term efforts to overcome abuse and violence; initiated in 2008. **PLN 47,660**

**Rodowo Foundation, Sorkwity**

*Young Leaders from National Minorities and Migrant Groups* — to encourage young people, youth leaders and local leaders to engage in organizations of national and ethnic minorities and migrants groups, to explore possibilities for collaborative initiatives addressed to co-existence and cooperation in a multi-national context and to create new cooperation networks of youth leaders to influence local societies through the implementation of cultural and social initiatives between Poland and Russia. **PLN 74,806.54**

**Gdańsk Society of People with Epilepsy, Gdańsk**

*Social Justice for Children with Special Needs* — to introduce methodologies in Tajikistan of working with families and special needs children based on experiences in Poland, to activate parents' initiatives in advocating for the rights and interests of special needs children to gain access to educational, social and medical services, and to formulate recommendations for decision-makers to engage in public/private initiative for socialization and rehabilitation of special needs children. **PLN 29,783.90**

**Polish NGOs Abroad — Zagranica Group, Warsaw**

*Polish-Russian Non-Governmental Forum: Bilateral and Regional Collaboration* — to support a platform for exchange to identify topics, content and methods of collaboration, to elaborate recommendations for donor institutions based on local needs assessment and to promote better understanding and overcoming of stereotypes between Poland and Russia through third sector cooperation. **PLN 94,163.75**

**Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Warsaw**

*Local Media and NGOs: Partnership for Development* — to promote the engagement and influence of non-governmental organizations in democratic processes in Ukraine by establishing effective communication between mass media and NGOs based on experiences in Poland, specifically to share experiences and expertise in engaging in human rights, democracy and rule of law, rights of marginalized and vulnerable people, institutions of democratic society and grassroots activity, media monitoring of local decision-makers and civic education programs realized in collaboration among media and non-governmental organizations. **PLN 40,656.32**

*Education for Human Rights: Poland, Belarus, Ukraine* — to exchange experiences of educational programs for human rights, to develop effective methodological approaches to human rights education for different target groups and to formulate collaborative strategies for human rights education and monitoring for civil society activists and representatives of media. **PLN 9,871.73**

*European Experiences of Reforms: View of Europe in Crimean Autonomous Republic* — to share information and raise awareness in the Crimean Autonomous Republic of Ukraine about reform experiences as Latvia and Poland prepared for European Union membership, specifically to analyze experiences in Latvia and Poland concerning the development of the non-governmental sector, human rights protections and perceptions of Europe in the context of challenges facing the development of civil society in Ukraine. **PLN 52,927.76**

*Human Rights Standards in the Militia: Rights Protection of People Living with HIV/AIDS* — to promote in the militia observance of rights of people who live with HIV/AIDS, including drug addicts and sex workers, to increase the level of knowledge about rights and normative acts that regulate investigations and interrogations based on international standards of human rights in the work of militia and to promote the introduction of training methodologies for militia in Ukraine. **PLN 29,750.78**

**The Kosciuszko Institute — European Integration Institute, Kraków**

*Active Students: Engaging Young People in Civic Activism* — to share experiences in youth activism and engaging university students in their communities, to promote ideas and practices of self-government and enterprise based on experiences in Poland and to offer university students in Central Asia opportunities for international partnerships and collaborative initiatives. **PLN 65,506.47**

**Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw**

*European Experiences of Reforms: View of Europe in Crimean Autonomous Republic* — to share information and raise awareness in the Crimean Autonomous Republic of Ukraine about reform experiences as Latvia and Poland prepared for European Union membership, specifically to analyze experiences in Latvia and Poland concerning the development of the non-governmental sector, human rights protections and perceptions of Europe in the context of challenges facing the development of civil society in Ukraine. **PLN 61,000.63**

**Institute for Local Partnership and Cooperation, Katowice**

*Equal to Equal: Peer Support to Overcome Social Exclusion* — to share experiences of peer support as an instrument to overcome challenges of social exclusion, particularly long-term unemployment, to transfer knowledge and experiences in local activism to overcome tendencies of isolation and inertia among local actors to engage in active community support and development in villages in Russia and to build capacity of local leaders in villages in Russia in developing knowledge and skills in peer support as a means of empowering local communities based on experiences in Poland. **PLN 74,324.46**

**College of Eastern Europe, Wrocław**

*Local Administration: Closer to the Citizen* — to analyze experiences in Poland of transformation of administrative structures and in improving quality of services in local administrative offices, to introduce and promote European Union labor standards in public administration in Ukraine and to promote in Ukraine collaboration between local authorities and non-governmental organizations to take advantage of opportunities to work together for sustainable local development based on experiences in Poland. **PLN 37,620**

**Kraków Association of Municipal Dwelling Administration, Kraków**

*Effective Means of Quality Control of Utilities and Housing Services: Reform of the Housing Sector* — to compare legislation in Lithuania, Poland and Ukraine in residential house privatization, creation of housing associations, reforms of communal utilities into managerial companies and service providing companies, in the context of communal housing reform and to share practical measures for local governments to create and sustain quality housing and communal services based on experiences in Poland and Lithuania **PLN 971.20**

**Kraków Society for Assistance to the Addicted, Kraków**

*Partnerships for Effective Public Services: Rehabilitation and Re-Socialization of Drug Users* — to strengthen the capacity of stakeholders working in the fields of treatment, rehabilitation and re-socialization of drug users in Macedonia by sharing experiences and best practices implemented in other societies and to enable stakeholders in Macedonia to advocate for governmental support for therapeutic communities and shelter centers. **PLN 39,494.39**

**La Strada Foundation against Trafficking in Women, Warsaw**

*Stakeholders in Anti-Trafficking in Belarus, Ukraine and Poland* — to create a common platform for information and experience sharing and an exchange of best practices and lessons learned in overcoming trafficking in Belarus, Poland and Ukraine and to formulate practical recommendations from the grassroots perspective to inform the development of new anti-trafficking strategies. **PLN 50,638**

**Małopolska Hospice for Children, Kraków**

*Models of Home-based Palliative Care for Incurably Ill Children* — to promote implementation of pilot models of home-based pediatric palliative care in Ukraine based on experiences in Poland, to promote the development of legislation for the pediatric palliative care systems implementation in Ukraine and to enhance the capacities of non-governmental organizations to engage in with decision-makers to formulate regulations for social inclusion and rights protection of incurably ill children. **PLN 21,760**

**Educational Society for Małopolska, Nowy Sącz**

*We Are One / Tracing the 20<sup>th</sup> Century History of the Jewish People in Central and Eastern Europe* — to pilot a long-term initiative to open discussion shared cultures and traditions as well as intolerance and racism, to provide young people an opportunity to explore the past and to express themselves with peers and to the public and to promote perspectives which seek to discover and embrace elements in common among countries in Central Europe in seeking tolerance and understanding in relations today. **PLN 37,291.93**

**SIE Social Ecological Institute, Warsaw**

*Monitoring Nuclear Energy Developments and Energy Policy Decisions: Poland and Belarus* — to promote public participation, transparency and information exchange in formulating policy decisions related to nuclear energy, to promote and demonstrate the necessity of civil society involvement at all stages of planning and decision-making regarding the development of practical uses of nuclear power and to activate citizens in Poland and Belarus to participate in debates to inform decisions about nuclear energy. **PLN 15,080**

**District Office, Nowy Targ**

*Citizen Oversight of Local Budget Expenditures* — to exchange experiences and best practices in public monitoring of local budget expenditures and collaboration of non-governmental organizations and authorities in expending funds, to promote public engagement in Ukraine in public inspection and oversight of local budgets and promote increased effectiveness and efficiency of local self-government in Ukraine based on experiences in Poland. **PLN 5,177**

**District Office, Złotoryja**

*Cross-Sector Partnership: People with Disabilities in the Labor Market* — to compare rehabilitation methodologies and systems in Poland and Ukraine, to promote the development of social policies addressed to employment for people with disabilities and to promote cross-sector partnership in solving social problems and overcoming marginalization of people with disabilities. **PLN 8,344.77**

**Cultural and Ecological Association Seed, Słubice**

*Farmers for Sustainable Rural Communities: Innovative Ideas of Partnership* — to analysis activities of rural centers in Poland and the potential for agro-tourism development in Belarus, to build capacity of rural community leaders in Belarus by offering partnership with community leaders in Poland and to encourage the implementation of sustainability practices in rural development strategies in Belarus based on experiences in Poland; initiated in 2008. **PLN 57,870**

**Euro-Concret Association, Wrocław**

*Legal and Practical Dimensions of Migration Policy in Poland, Ukraine and Germany* — to exchange and compare experiences and best practices in overcoming abuse of migrants and temporary workers, to raise public awareness and engage the public in collaborative initiatives among all stakeholders in implementing practical solutions to protect the rights of migrants and to promote reform in formulation of policies and legislation to protect migrants. **PLN 36,120**

**Łódź Hospice Association, Łódź**

*Palliative Care and Pain Treatment: Exchange of Experiences in Poland and Ukraine* — to exchange experiences in and knowledge of palliative care and pain treatment to support the introduction of palliative care methodologies in Ukraine, to utilize experiences in Poland of organizing informational and educational exchanges for patients, their families, volunteers and care providers and to promote public awareness of concepts of palliative care and hospice units; initiated in 2008. **PLN 22,400**

**One World Association, Poznań**

*Human Rights Education in Practice* — to exchange experiences and knowledge about implementing educational and voluntary service activities specifically addressed to human rights and anti-discrimination, to analyze new methodologies of human rights education and to promote collaborative initiatives among non-governmental organizations to contribute to overcoming human rights violations; initiated in 2008. **PLN 68,633.88**

**Villages and Europe Association for Renewal of Rural Areas, Kraków**

*Social Activists for Rural Community Development* — to support innovative approaches and methodologies of social activism and civic participation at the local level and to demonstrate best practices and lessons learned in non-governmental collaboration with local authorities in contributing to sustainable local community development and leadership. **PLN 2,900.68**

**Association European Cooperation Centre, Dzierżoniów**

*We Are Citizens: Promoting Civic Attitudes among Young People* — to share experiences in designing educational tools to promote ideas of a civic state, self-government and community engagement among young people, to build capacity of trainers in Ukraine to implement civic education courses and to promote stakeholder participation in local-community development. **PLN 67,950.44**

**Common Knowledge Educational Association, Gdańsk**

*Non-Governmental Organizations for Better Life of Elderly People* — to share knowledge and experiences in addressing problems of an ageing population, to promote changes in social policy in the Republic of Karelia in harmony with international directives, and to raise awareness of and attention to the discrimination against and protection of human rights of elderly people. **PLN 41,270**

**University of Łódź, Department of International and Political Studies, Łódź**

*Should We Be Afraid of Russia? Should Russia Be Afraid of Europe?* — to establish cross-cultural dialogue and understanding of alternative political cultures and development, to analyze foundations of Polish-Russian and Latvian-Russian relations in the context of European integration, and to contribute to overcoming stereotypes and prejudices in international collaboration. **PLN 35,522.19**

**School of Management, Rzeszów**

*Euro-Regions for Knowledge Transfer and Cross-Border Collaboration* — to promote collaborative initiatives in innovative regional development to move from industrial to knowledge-based economies, to support the development of knowledge transfer centers and regional clusters in the western regions of Ukraine to pilot innovative regional development and to promote policy approaches to sustainable development of border regions. **PLN 480**

## Travel grants

**Debate *Projects and Prospects for Cooperation in Eurasia*, Vilnius, Lithuania**

Polish participants: Bartosz Cichoński (Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw) and Agnieszka Kłosowska (Hel-sinki Foundation for Human Rights, Warsaw) **PLN 2,081.27**

**Conference *The New Reform Agenda of the Central and Eastern European EU Member States*, Sofia, Bulgaria**

Polish participants: Marek Dąbrowski (CASE Foundation, Warsaw), Adam Jasser (demosEUROPA Centre for European Strategy, Warsaw), Piotr Maciej Kaczyński (Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels) **PLN 4,029.56**

**Seminar *The Riga Network / Liberal Approaches to Political and Social Issues in post-Communist Europe*, Riga, Latvia**

Polish participants: Leszek Jażdżewski (*Liberte* journal, Warsaw) and Wojciech Przybylski (*Res Publica Nowa* journal, Warsaw) **PLN 2,076.15**

**Study visit *Political Crisis in post-Electoral Moldova*, Chişinău, Moldova**

Polish participants: Andrzej Brzeziecki (College of Eastern Europe, Wrocław) and Mariusz Zawadzki (*Gazeta Wyborcza* daily, Warsaw) **PLN 3,745.05**

**Debate *Czech Republic and Poland in Contemporary International Politics — Partners or Rivals*, Praha, Czech Republic**

Polish participants: Agnieszka Łada (Institute of Public Affairs, Warsaw), Piotr Maciej Kaczyński (Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels), Rafał Sadowski (Centre for Eastern Studies, Warsaw) and Eugeniusz Smolar (Center for International Relations, Warsaw) **PLN 8,900.54**

**Conference *Moving to EU Integration: Uniting the Efforts of Civil Societies in Moldova and Ukraine*, Kyiv, Ukraine**

Polish participants: Witold Rodkiewicz (Centre for Eastern Studies, Warsaw), Przemysław Żurawski vel Grajewski (University of Łódź) **PLN 1,674.64**

**Conference *Ukraine–Russia–Europe: International Security Processes*, Donetsk, Ukraine**

Polish participant: Zbigniew Cierpiński (University of Wrocław) **PLN 1,122.83**

<b>Workshop <i>Standards and Protection of Patients' Rights in Health Care in the EU</i></b> , Budapest, Hungary Polish participants: Magdalena Bojarska (Institute of Patient Rights and Health Education, Warsaw) and Magdalena Ruskowska-Cieślak (AIDS National Centre, Warsaw)	PLN 3,094.52
<b>Conference <i>Patients' Organizations for Patients' Rights and Safety</i></b> , Skopje, Macedonia Polish participant: Jolanta Bilińska (Patients Safety Foundation, Łódź)	PLN 1,272.33
<b>Workshop <i>Strengthening Organizations to Protect Patients' Rights</i></b> , Tirana, Albania, Polish participant: Jolanta Bilińska (Patients Safety Foundation, Łódź)	PLN 2,399.70

# International Cooperation

The aim of the program is to support democratic transition in Eastern Europe, to shape friendly Polish and EU policies towards their neighbors in the East, and to initiate as well as participate in the debate on international issues in Poland and in the European forum. In 2009 we focused on two projects: *A Friendly EU Border* and *More Than Neighbors*.

## Friendly EU Border

In the framework of the project, carried out since 2002, we have been undertaking activities aimed at liberalizing Poland's visa policy and the policies of other EU Member States towards the citizens of Eastern European countries and improving the standards of border services on the EU's Eastern frontier. Together with a group of non-governmental organizations from different European countries 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 Polish visa policy (2003–2004), the monitoring of visa issuing procedures by EU Member States to citizens of Eastern Europe (2005–2006 and 2008) and the monitoring of land border crossings within the European Union (2007). We have been using our findings and the resulting recommendations to advocate for the policy of easy access and affordable entry visas for the EU's Eastern neighbors.

In the beginning of 2009 we summed up the results of the monitoring of the visa policy we had conducted in the fall of 2008 in the consulates of the chosen EU member countries in the capital cities of four Eastern European states: Kyiv, Chişinău, Minsk and Moscow. Subsequently, we published a report *Changes in Visa Policies of the EU Member States. A New Monitoring Report* in two language versions (Polish and in English). As the monitoring has shown, the process of the EU visa application has been simplified since our last control in 2005. However this improvement is relatively minor as it concerns the "old" Schengen countries. At the same time effectiveness and efficiency of the consulates of the countries which joined the Schengen zone in 2007 significantly deteriorated. What is more, statistical data shows that as the new member states joined the Schengen visa system the number of visas they issued to the citizens of Eastern European countries fell dramatically.

The conclusions from our monitoring were presented throughout the year during a series of conferences and seminars organized in the EU countries as well as in the Eastern European non-member states. Presentations of the report were accompanied by discussions on potential liberalization of the visa policy for the Eastern Partnership countries and Russia. The meetings took place in Kyiv (May 29<sup>th</sup>, organized by the Center for Peace, Conversion and Foreign Policy of Ukraine and the International Renaissance Foundation), Brussels (June 15<sup>th</sup>, an expert discussion *Mobility in the Eastern Neighborhood: a bumpy road to Europe?*, organized by the European Policy Center), Minsk (June 22<sup>nd</sup>, a conference on visa policy in the context of the EU–Belarus relations, organized by Belarusian NGOs), Chişinău (September 3<sup>rd</sup>, presentation



of the report by the local Institute for Public Policy), Rome (September 18<sup>th</sup>, presentation of the monitoring results in cooperation with the Rome based Institute of International Affairs) and in Vilnius (a seminar organized by the local Eastern Europe Studies Center). All these events were attended by the representatives of the European institutions and state administration of the host countries, diplomats, Eastern policy and migration experts, members of the NGO community and journalists. The conferences introduced the problems of the visa system and its liberalization into an international debate on the relations of the EU and its European neighbors.

In 2009, in cooperation with institutions from the Czech Republic (Association for International Affairs, AMO), Slovakia (Research Center of the Slovak Foreign Policy Association) and Hungary (Hungarian Europe Society) we implemented a project: *Visa Policy Towards Eastern Neighbors: Recommendations from the Visegrad Countries Perspective*, which was co-financed by the International Visegrad Fund. We published four studies on the Czech, Polish, Slovakian and Hungarian visa policies prepared by the partners of the project. We co-organized a series of conferences in Prague, Warsaw, Bratislava and Budapest where the visa policies of the Visegrad countries towards their eastern neighbors were discussed. During the meetings the key assumptions of the respective states' visa policies, the main differences between them as well as areas where joint action of the Visegrad Group is possible were presented along with the results of our visa policy monitoring. The discussions that followed concerned the general situation before and after the enlargement of the Schengen zone and the possible changes in the visa policy. These debates paved the way for the formulation of recommendations regarding the visa policies of the Visegrad countries contained in a publication *What to Do with Visas for the Eastern Europeans? Recommendations from the Perspective of the Visegrad Countries*. The conferences accompanied by the *Eastern neighbors and visas: Friendly neighborhood relations?* photo exhibition which displayed photographs of the consulates and the visa applicants taken by Jan Brykczyński in the fall of 2008 in Kyiv, Lviv and Chişinău attracted huge media interest. The final element of the Visegrad project was a publication *Europe Divided: Then and Now* issued in December. It consists of two intertwined parts which show the problems that Europeans encounter when they travel in different parts of the continent. Fifteen prominent persons from the Visegrad countries told us about their trips to Western Europe before 1989 and right after the transformation explaining how important these trips were for them personally and for their countries. Fragments of the interviews are compared to the portraits of the Eastern Europe residents who applied for a visa and planned a trip to a chosen EU country in 2008.

The problems of visas for the Eastern Europeans have been raised by us further also during direct meetings with representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and representatives of the EU institutions, as well as at various seminars, conferences and meetings with journalists.

In the beginning of the year we conducted activities related to the situation on the border points located on the outer land borders of the EU. In January we published an analysis *Gateways to Europe — a Friendly Border?* by Marta Kindler and Ewa Matejko of the Center for Migration Research, the University of Warsaw. The analysis further developed the conclusions and recommendations from the report based on monitoring of the EU border points which we had conducted in previous years. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of February we organized an expert meeting in Warsaw on the network of the Polish border check points on the north eastern border with the participation of the representatives of the central administration, local authorities, experts, journalists, NGO activists and business people who invest in the Eastern European countries. During the meeting the participants debated whether and where to build new border crossings and what should be the priorities for action. The speakers of the seminar included: Grzegorz Polak, Director of the Department of International Cooperation and the EU at the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Administration, Rafal Wójcik,



Director of the Department of Transport Policy and International Affairs at the Ministry of Infrastructure and Tomasz Komornicki from the Institute of Geography and Spatial Planning of the Polish Academy of Sciences.

## More Than Neighbors

The aim of the project was to promote integration of the Eastern Partnership countries — Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova and Southern Caucasus (Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia) — with the European Union.

In 2009 we were engaged in activities aimed at strengthening the role of the NGOs in the Eastern Partnership. In May a representative of our Foundation participated in a conference *Eastern Partnership: Towards Civil Society Forum*, organized in Prague by the Czech Republic on the eve of the first Eastern Partnership summit to take place in the same location. During the conference recommendations were formulated which were then presented to the participants of the summit. The Foundation was one of two hundred organizations invited to take part in the first meeting of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, organized by the European Commission in Brussels. Before the meeting the invited representatives of Polish organizations had prepared a common list of priorities and expectations with respect to this initiative.

Motivated by the fact that Belarus had been invited to join the Eastern Partnership we organized a discussion *EU — Belarus: A breakthrough or status quo?* It was an attempted evaluation of actions undertaken by Belarusian authorities in their domestic and foreign policy from 2008 onwards and programming future actions the EU should take towards Belarus. The discussion was attended by Paweł Kazanecki, President of the East European Democratic Center, Andrzej Kremer, Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Robert Tyszkiewicz, MP, Vice-Chairman of Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Commission.

Together with the Lithuanian Eastern Europe Studies Center and the Swedish International Liberal Center we continued the *Support for the Belarusian research centers* project launched in 2008 and financed by the Nordic Council. In February representatives of the Foundation took part in a workshop for Belarusian experts in Vilnius.

In June, in cooperation with the Soros Foundation in Chişinău, we invited 10 Moldovan experts to Warsaw. The purpose of the visit was to familiarize Polish politicians and experts with the situation in Moldova where after the April parliamentary elections demonstrations took place, organized by opposition supporters who accused the winning Communists of fraud. In Warsaw our guests met with Andrzej Halicki, MP and head of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Commission, experts from the Center for Eastern Studies and representatives of NGOs interested in cooperation with Moldova. During the visit we organized a public discussion *Moldova after the Turbulent Elections*, attended by Vladislav Gribincea (Society for the Protection of Human Rights), Vladislav Kulminski (Association of Foreign Affairs), Dumitru Minzarari (Institute for Development and Social Initiatives) and Oazu Nantoi (Institute of Social Policy). One of the major results of our discussions with the Moldovan guests — who have recognized the problem of lack of reliable information about their country in the European media — was a decision to organize a trip for a group of journalists from the EU countries to report on the early parliamentary elections in Moldova scheduled for July. Two Polish journalists joined this group of election reporters.

In October, we organized together with the Center for Eastern Studies a discussion on *How to help Moldova?* attended by the representatives of state institutions and non-governmental experts interested in the EU eastern policy. The participants debated on how the EU as a whole, as well as how the respective member states, could assist the new and pro-EU Moldovan government — which declared EU integration as its priority - in introducing some indispensable reforms. The discussion was preceded by a short introduction by Anna Kostrzewa, the deputy head of the Eastern Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

#### International Cooperation

In the fall, together with the International Renaissance Foundation from Kyiv we organized a group of experts: Veronika Movchan (Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting, Kyiv), Mykola Riabchuk (Ukrainian writer), Susan Stewart (German Institute for International and Security Affairs, SWP), Oleksandr Sushko (Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation, Kyiv), Kataryna Wolczuk (University of Birmingham) tasked with the preparation of a report on the situation of Ukraine five years after the Orange Revolution. The report will be published in spring 2010 after the Presidential elections in Ukraine.

In 2009 the program was financed by the Open Society Institute including the Regional East-East Program: Partnership Beyond Borders; the International Visegrad Fund; and the Center for European Policy Studies.

**Total program costs**

**PLN 637,377.82**

# Alcohol and Drug Program

The program was launched in 1996, to share Polish experiences in prevention and treatment of alcohol and drug addiction in Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia and in the Caucasus. We cooperate with non-governmental organizations and public administration in countries of these regions to help implement treatment and prevention methods proven in Poland. We organize seminars, workshops, internships and study visits, and support publication of literature, both professional and popular, on problems of addiction. We aim to develop cooperation among addiction professionals, the Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) and others 12 Steps fellowships who provide the necessary support to recovering alcoholics and addicts during clinical treatment and afterwards.

## ***Atlantis*: treatment of alcoholics in penitentiary institutions**

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. *Atlantis* offers rehabilitation of alcoholics based on the philosophy of 12 Steps and partnership with the AA. We share our Polish experiences with other countries by means of organizing trainings for psychologists, doctors and penitentiary educators. We cooperate with the representatives of Justice Departments of Ukraine, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan. We also work in Siberia and in Eastern Russia. Specific issues of treatment in prison and detailed presentation of the *Atlantis* model are presented and thoroughly discussed during seminars and workshops organized in Poland in cooperation with the State Penitentiary Headquarters and *Atlantis* units in Warsaw or in Barczewo near Olsztyn.

## **The *Bhutan* Project**

Since 2008 we cooperate with the Kingdom of Bhutan assisting it in efforts to solve problems of alcoholism and drug addiction. In 2009 we organized a study visit for the representatives of authorities of Bhutan in Poland and a specialized training for the workers of a first addiction treatment hospital center based in Bhutan's capital Thimphu. A first AA group started to meet in Thimphu supported by a U.S. trained psychologist from a local detoxification unit.

## **Seminars in Poland and abroad**

In 2009 we organized in Poland three seminars for addiction therapists, which were attended by close to 80 participants from abroad. 22 additional foreigners completed internships in the Polish addiction treatment centers including penitentiary ones. Over 60 Bulgarian psychologists, doctors and clergy working with the addicts and their families participated in an Addiction Treatment Summer School organized in Bulgaria. Ussuriysk in Siberia hosted a workshop on domestic violence prevention led by a Polish specialist.

A representative of our program took part in a penitentiary conference organized in Vilnius (where we co-implement programs for prisoners based on the *Atlantis* model) as well as in two seminars in Chicago focused on a therapy based on the 12 AA Steps program, which were organized for employees of the Polish American Association and for the students of Loyola University.

## Publications

In 2009 we published 3 issues of bulletin on addictions *Arka* (in Russian, Bulgarian and in Polish), a brochure on recovering from addictions *Return from Hell* in Bulgarian, and a brochure for teachers *ABCs of Upbringing* discussing conflict-solving and improvement in communication between elementary school teachers and the pupils and their parents (in Bulgarian and in English — i.a. for educators in Bhutan). Two books on addiction *Alcoholism. Sin or Disease?* and *Rehab* by Wiktor Osiatyński were published in Russian.

The program is financed by the Open Society Institute.

**Total program costs**

**PLN 753,062.06**

# Abbreviated Financial Report

## Grants and donations (PLN)

Open Society Institute Foundation, Zug (Switzerland)	9,699,390.00
Robert Bosch Foundation, Stuttgart	1,006,818.55
Remembrance, Responsibility and Future Foundation, Berlin	752,622.09
Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe, Washington	614,020.00
1% Personal Income Tax Donations	474,798.51
Agora S.A., Warsaw	251,485.92
Unilever Polska, Warsaw	200,000.00
Friends of Batory Foundation, Washington (donations by Karol Uryga-Nawarowski Foundation and Quo Vadis Gavell Family Foundation)	132,494.00
Agora Foundation, Warsaw	100,000.00
Individual Donors from Poland	38,776.22
Royal Embassy of the Netherlands, Warsaw	36,000.00
UE Transition Facility Program	35,970.06
Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels	21,763.92
National Endowment for Democracy, Washington	10,629.79
Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Potsdam	7,821.40
Open Society Foundation, London	4,019.85
Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna	3,614.20
Open Society Institute, Brussels	1,584.34
<i>Polityka</i> Spółdzielnia Pracy, Warsaw	850.77
Ipsos Obserwer Ltd., Warsaw	500.00
Bank Handlowy, Warsaw	459.99
WycinkiPrasowe.pl, Warsaw	400.00
Damage fines adjudged by the courts in favor of the Foundation	100.00
Grants returned	176,438.90
Aviva, former Commercial Union Polska, Warsaw (return of unused donation)	(43,652.83)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Warsaw (return of part of the grant)	(44,751.01)
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,482,154.67</b>

## Expenditures (in PLN)

Programs	15,459,413.83
Information and development	326,688.69
Administration	2,331,414.95
Depreciation	894,531.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,012,049.27</b>

## Expenditures according to programs (in PLN)

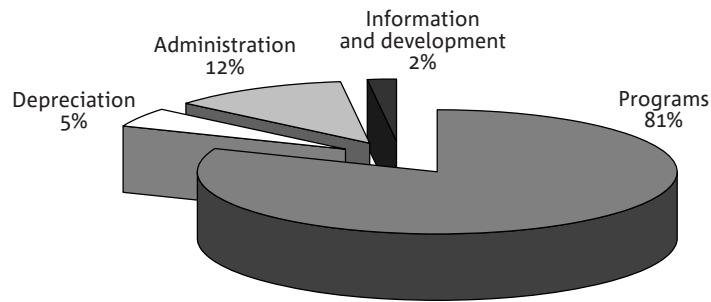
<b>Domestic programs</b>	
Batory Foundation Debates	271,802.83
Your Vote, Your Choice	930,817.04
Civic Institutions	2,453,263.13
Equal Opportunities	1,432,333.03
For Tolerance	240,235.84
Watchdog Initiatives	772,837.12
Legal Education	388,697.61
Anti-Corruption	504,692.33
<b>International programs</b>	
Community Initiatives Partnership	1,994,558.12
Memoria	912,189.58
Citizens in Action	2,587,658.24
East-East	1,579,889.08
International Cooperation	637,377.82
Regional Drug and Alcohol Program	753,062.06
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,459,413.83</b>

The average exchange rate for the year 2009 acc. to Polish National Bank:

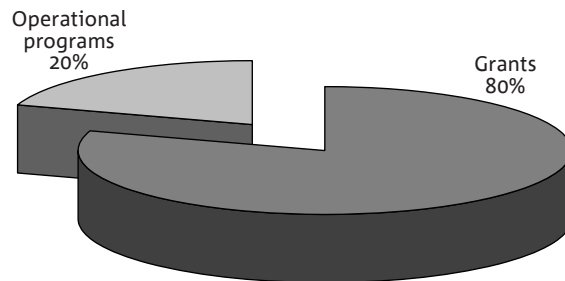
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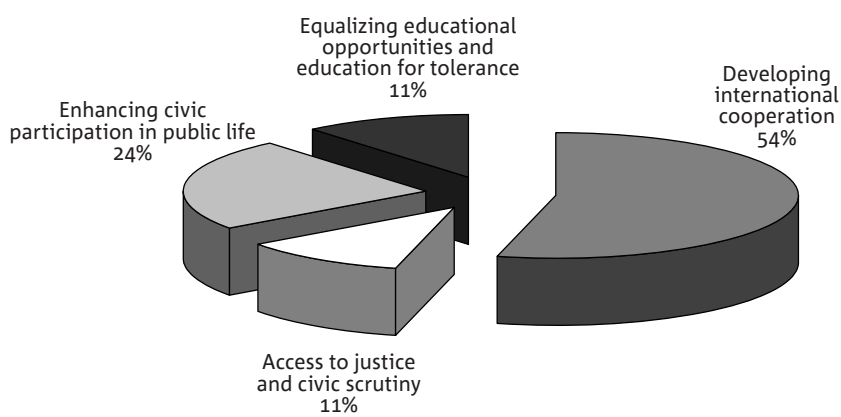
### Structure of total expenditures



### Structure of program expenditures



### Expenditures according to program areas



**Balance Sheet (in PLN)**

ASSETS		As of	
		31.12.2008	31.12.2009
1	2	3	4
<b>A</b>	<b>Fixed assets</b>	<b>56,771,373.12</b>	<b>26,585,240.43</b>
I	Intangible fixed assets	22,730.02	10,896.12
II	Tangible fixed assets	25,022,143.10	24,356,849.31
	– perpetual usufruct of land	3,450,805.08	3,450,805.08
	– building	20,984,272.56	20,324,284.20
	– equipment	587,065.46	581,760.03
III	Long-term investments	31,726,500.00	2,217,495.00
<b>B</b>	<b>Current assets</b>	<b>100,679,905.09</b>	<b>166,182,564.75</b>
I	Short-term receivables	442,166.56	231 762.64
	– trade receivables	237,653.50	206,697.64
	– financial receivables	174,859.29	0.00
	– other receivables	29,653.77	25,065.00
II	Short-term investments	100,210,309.15	165,912,483.62
1	Short-term financial assets	92,224,712.71	154,399,143.05
	– shares	15,805,284.24	25,683,562.35
	– government bonds, bank deposits, investment funds units	75,611,120.47	128,062,360.70
	– other (interest on government bonds)	808,308.00	653,220.00
2	Cash and other monetary assets	7,985,596.44	11,513,340.57
	– cash in hand and bank accounts	4,580,683.87	7,669,237.15
	– other cash (bank deposits)	3,404,912.57	3,844,103.42
III	Prepayments	27,429.38	38,318.49
	– short-term prepayments	27,429.38	38,318.49
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>157,451,278.21</b>	<b>192,767 805.18</b>



EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		As of	
		31.12.2008	31.12.2009
5	6	7	8
<b>A</b>	<b>Equity</b>	<b>154,018,619.81</b>	<b>168,634,210.42</b>
I	Statutory capital	129,943,584.83	123,837,165.11
	– unappropriated profit	129,827,006.60	123,721,048.96
	– start-up fund	116,578.23	116,116.15
II	Revaluation reserve	(2,526,354.38)	10,201,309.26
III	Financial result	26,601,389.36	34,581,967.26
	– from previous years	35,834,796.13	32,707,347.00
	– from current year	(9,233,406.77)	1,874,620.26
<b>B</b>	<b>Liabilities and provisions for liabilities</b>	<b>3,432,658.40</b>	<b>24,147,363.55</b>
I	Long-term liabilities	40,000.00	0,00
II	Short-term liabilities	3,170,111.86	23,974,209.42
1	To other entities	3,107,149.95	23,898,680.46
	– grants payables	1,860,787.65	2,163,654.12
	– trade payables	71,960.41	87,178.57
	– amounts owned to the state budget	104,267.18	105,565.10
	– social security payables	37,982.62	101,353.10
	– financial payables	393,687.95	21,215,322.12
	– wages and salaries payables	153,965.00	16,060.82
	– others	484,499.14	209,546.63
2	Social fund	62,961.91	75,528.96
III	Accruals and deferred income	222,546.54	173,154.13
	– short-term accruals and deferred income	222,546.54	173,154.13
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>		<b>157,451,278.21</b>	<b>192,767,805.18</b>

**Profit and Loss Account (in PLN)**

Item	Description	Amount	
		2008	2009
1	2	3	4
<b>A</b>	<b>Income from statutory activities</b>	<b>18,054,994.23</b>	<b>16,447,326.79</b>
1	Income from public benefit activity	14,964,241.00	13,482,154.67
2	Other income defined by statute	3,090,753.23	2,965,172.12
<b>B</b>	<b>Costs of statutory activities</b>	<b>12,806,017.29</b>	<b>15,459,413.83</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Gross profit on statutory activities A-B</b>	<b>5,248,976.94</b>	<b>987,912.96</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>Foundation office costs</b>	<b>3,176,574.30</b>	<b>3,552,635.44</b>
1	Material and energy consumption	250,356.69	350,667.41
2	Third party services	1,062,611.09	1,361,874.37
3	Depreciation	914,678.53	894,531.80
4	Salaries and related expenses	704,679.68	679,483.14
5	Other	244,248.31	266,078.72
<b>E</b>	<b>Other income</b>	<b>87,111.44</b>	<b>147,407.14</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Other costs</b>	<b>1,451.59</b>	<b>8,125.08</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>Financial income</b>	<b>4,921,824.96</b>	<b>4,773,367.93</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>Financial costs</b>	<b>16,308,508.22</b>	<b>460,152.25</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>Gross financial result on entire activity C-D+E-F+G-H</b>	<b>(9,228,620.77)</b>	<b>1,887,775.26</b>
<b>K</b>	<b>Corporate income tax</b>	<b>4,786.00</b>	<b>13,155.00</b>
	<b>Net profit I-K</b>	<b>(9,233,406.77)</b>	<b>1,874,620.26</b>

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

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

The attached abbreviated financial report of Fundacja im. Stefana Batorego, ul. Sapieżyńska 10 a, 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 2009 ("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 organisations 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 knowledge and experience acquired from applying the previously effective auditing norms issued by the National Chamber of Registered Auditors in Poland. On 23 April 2010 we issued an unqualified audit opinion on these financial statements.

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

For a fuller understanding of the Foundation's financial position and the results of its operations for the year ended 31 December 2009, the abbreviated financial report should be read in conjunction with the financial statements from which it was derived and our opinion and audit report thereon.

Conducting an audit on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers Sp. z o.o., Registered Audit Company No. 144:

Michał Mastalerz  
 Key Registered Auditor  
 No. 90074/7719

Kraków, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010

