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PREFACE

Together with Ukraine, the International Renaissance Foundation has entered a new wave of change. The turn from 2017 to 2018 was marked by significant leadership transition in the Foundation's Administration and the Board. After 20 years in office Prof. Yevhen Bystrytsky resigned from the position of the executive director. We are profoundly grateful to Yevhen for building the Foundation, as a recognized point of gravity for the Ukrainian civil society and for growing the high-quality leadership focused on positive changes in Ukraine.

Now we are summing up the Foundation's four-year operation cycle that focused on using the window of opportunity, which emerged following the Revolution of Dignity. We did our best to use the momentum by enhancing the influence of the civil society on all publicly significant areas and by supporting the reforms explicitly demanded by the Maidan and followed by numerous civic initiatives.

We proposed and launched an ambitious strategy, in which civil society moves rapidly from its previous role of an observer and a watchdog to the role of an active participant in elaborating and implementing publicly significant policies. Policy development, its implementation and control are the three interlinked components of public policy that need active and competent citizens. Civic participation narrows gaps between the "government" and the "people", fosters the culture of civil engagement and strengthens the institutional ties between the state and the society.

We maintained human rights as our top priority and provided support to vulnerable members of the society: people in need of legal assistance, minorities, in particular, the Roma, patients with heavy health conditions, and people who needed. Inclusive education became a new area that we support and promote.

We did not shy away from conflicts when the Ukrainian political class was not ready to a quality collaboration and tried to hamper the work done by NGOs – for instance, by introducing the electronic declaration requirement for anti-corruption civil activists. That problem has not been resolved yet. We recognize a complex historic stage ahead, which does not promise a smooth way for the Ukrainian society, but we are ready to protect the achievements of the Revolution of Dignity.

We understand that grant support by "big donors" cannot be the only and sufficient tool enabling the operation of civil society organizations. Therefore, the Foundation promotes the culture of crowdfunding of civic initiatives by co-funding such projects.

We begin the Foundation's new operational cycle with a new strategy and a new visual style.



Olga Aivazovska, Board Chair



Oleksandr Sushko, Executive Director



Yevhen Bystrytsky, Executive Director
1998-2017

KEY FACTS AND FIGURES ABOUT IRF

In 2017, the International Renaissance Foundation worked on two intertwined objectives: fostering civic engagement in public policy processes and protecting human rights and civil liberties.

Together with our partners, we helped foster an emergent public policy culture, supported the development of independent think tanks, promoted transparent and accountable governance, facilitated the provision of unpaid legal aid, fostered civic engagement in a variety of public spheres, helped implement the reforms and strengthen institutions, in particular, in the areas of education, healthcare, protection of human rights, European integration, and law enforcement.

We promoted a culture of crowdfunding, supported public spaces and local civic initiatives. We sought to create conditions for eliminating discrimination of the Roma minority, children with special education needs, and other vulnerable groups. We supported communicating Ukraine and its interests abroad.

KEY FACTS ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL RENAISSANCE FOUNDATION

01. Founded in Ukraine by philanthropist George Soros and a group of prominent Ukrainian intellectuals in 1990 to promote the revival of Ukrainian society and an independent democratic statehood.

02. The International Renaissance Foundation (IRF) is a part of the Open Society Foundations network comprising 23 national and regional foundations worldwide.

03. IRF is one of Ukraine's largest charitable foundations. All decisions regarding the distribution of IRF funds are made by citizens of Ukraine, who comprise the Board and expert councils.

04. IRF's mission is to foster an open, participatory, pluralist society in Ukraine based on democratic values by providing support for significant civil initiatives. Based on the ideas of Karl Popper, we believe that no ideology is the ultimate truth, and society can thrive only in conditions of good governance, freedom of expression and respect to the rights of every person.

05. IRF acts as a donor and generator of new reform ideas and, at the same time, as a platform for dialogue between agents of change in the government and the civil society.

06. IRF helps build capacity of NGOs, networks, communities, and activists to enable their participation in the public policy process.

07. The Foundation offers and pilots important models for building an open society and hands over the ownership of those models to public agencies for scaling them further all over Ukraine.

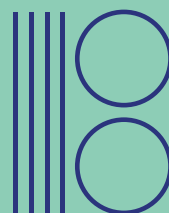
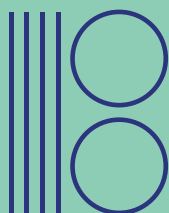
08. The Foundation's six programs provide financial, expert and organizational support to

significant projects of civil society organizations.

09. IRF is the only donor in Ukraine with permanent presence at the local level through its regional offices in the eastern, southern, western, and central parts of Ukraine. It is often the first donor for new civic initiatives.

10. IRF is governed by the Executive Board that determines the Foundation's strategy, policy and priorities, oversees the Foundation's administrative and financial activities, the program implementation, and distribution of funds.

11. IRF's programs have independent Expert Councils, standing bodies of civic oversight, governance and expertise, established in order to facilitate a broader civic engagement in identifying and pursuing the Foundation's programs' strategic objectives, ensure qualified independent assessment of project proposals, and make decisions on grants.



PROGRAMS AND THEIR PRIORITIES



DEMOCRATIC PRACTICE

- better quality of the public policy;
- effective instruments for fighting corruption;
- the government's accountability and responsibility to citizens.



HUMAN RIGHTS AND JUSTICE

- preventing and countering violations of human rights;
- effective anti-discrimination law and practice;
- access of vulnerable groups to justice and legal aid.



EUROPEAN PROGRAM

- effective implementation of the EU- Ukraine Association Agreement;
- strengthening international support for Ukraine.



PUBLIC HEALTH

- economically effective and non-discriminatory healthcare system;
- transparent and rational use of public budget funds;
- equal access to essential medicines and medical treatment.



ROMA PROGRAM

- countering the discrimination of Roma;
- fostering Roma youth leadership;
- engaging Roma in public processes.



SOCIAL CAPITAL (BEFORE JUNE 2018: CIVIC INITIATIVES OF THE NEW UKRAINE)

- institutional and advocacy capacity of self-organized civil initiatives;
- civic dialogue, understanding and reconciliation in Ukraine;
- crowdfunding.

REGIONAL OFFICES

Eastern Ukraine office in Kharkiv

Kharkiv, Lugansk, Sumy, Poltava
and Donetsk regions
(except city of Mariupol)



Southern Ukraine office in Odesa

Odesa, Mykolaiv, Kherson re-
gions



Western Ukraine office in Lviv

Lviv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ternopil,
Chernivtsi, Zakarpattia, Volyn,
Rivne regions



Prydniprovsky office in Dnipro

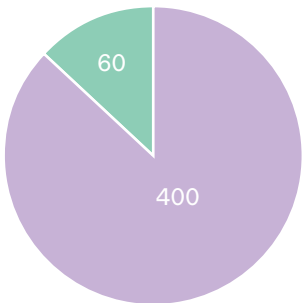
Dnipropetrovsk, Zaporizhia,
Kirovograd regions and the city
of Mariupol



KEY FIGURES IN 2017

TOTAL BUDGET

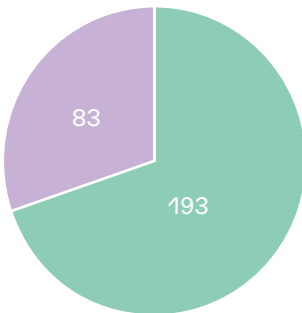
237,556,713 €



TOTAL NUMBER OF PROJECTS

460

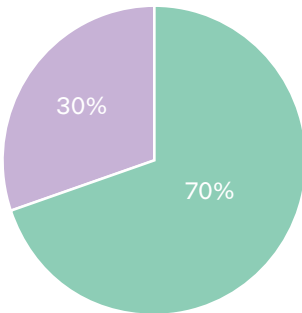
- Grant projects
- Operational projects



ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTED BY IRF FOR THE FIRST TIME

83 (30%)

- New organizations
- Previous organizations



SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS

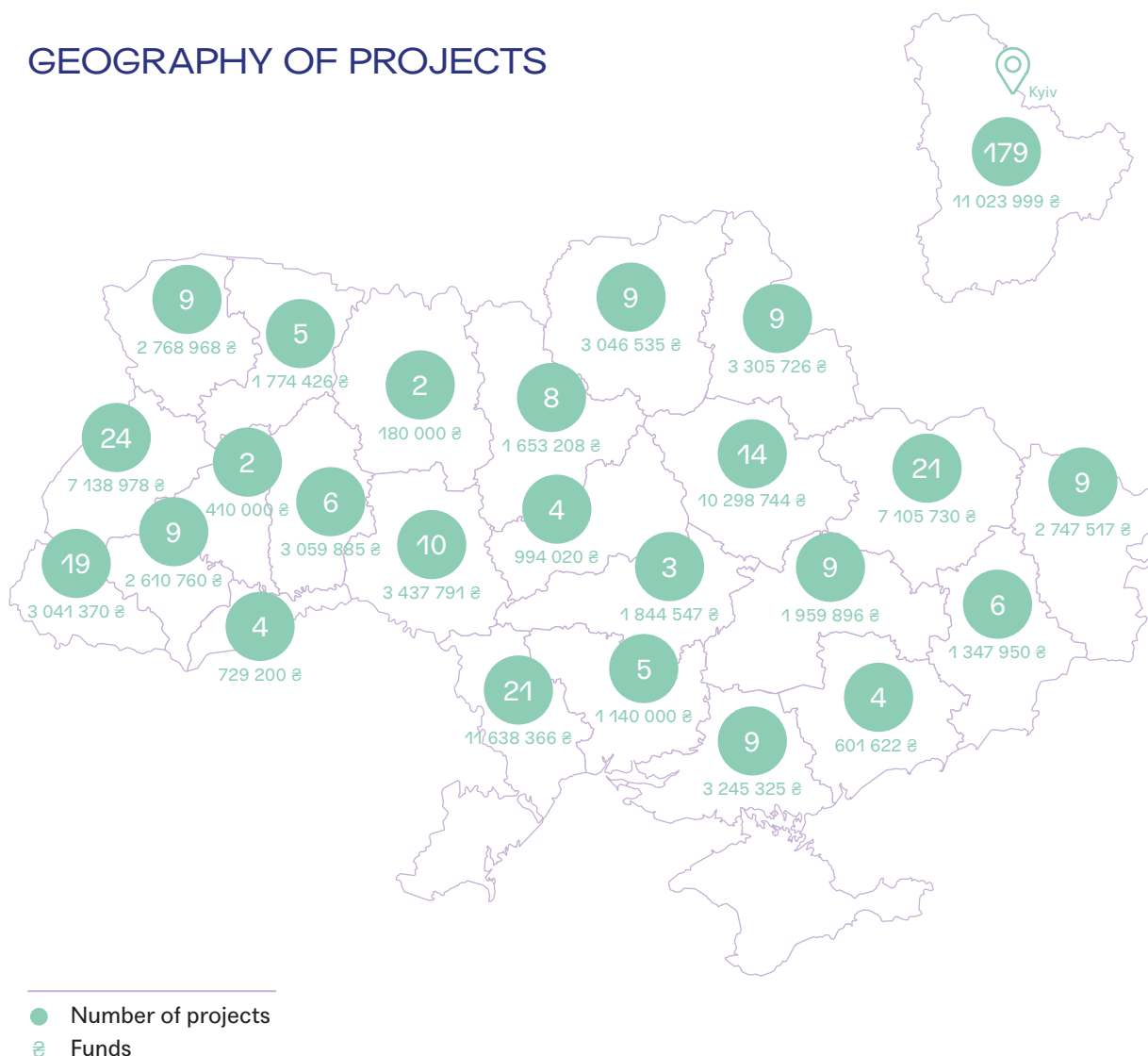
276

- New organizations
- Previous organizations

TOP 10 GRANTEES

- Institute for Analysis and Advocacy;
- DIXI GROUP;
- Agency for Data-Based Journalism;
- Expert Centre for Human Rights;
- New Europe Centre;
- Association for Support to Community Self-Organization;
- Ukrainian Legal Aid Foundation;
- Expert Center for Analysis, Support, Consulting on Reforms (ASC Reforms);
- Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting;
- Regional Centre for Human Rights.

GEOGRAPHY OF PROJECTS



* Majority of projects conducted by Kyiv-based organizations are of the national level.

** Operational projects: 60 projects, 50 452 150 UAH their total budget.

EFFECTIVE AND ACCOUNTABLE PUBLIC POLICY

SUPPORT FOR THE REFORM OF THE CABINET OF MINISTERS OF UKRAINE

Shaping a public policy culture is a key element of reforming the public governance and decision-making. Upon request of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, IRF supported the participation of civil society experts in designing policy analysis methodologies for the government. Our special focus was on building competences of public servants at the new Directorates for strategic planning, established in 2017, as well as on assisting the sectorial policy-making and ensuring their compliance with the new operational policies. We will continue this work in 2018.



(left to right) **Oleksandr Zhemoyda**, expert at the Reforms Support Office of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food; **Maksym Fedotov**, Director General, Directorate on Fossil Fuels of the Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry; **Vitaliy Kondrat**, Director General, Directorate for Coordination of Government Policies and Strategic Planning of the Ministry of Infrastructure; **Andrii Bega**, Director General, Public Administration Directorate of the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine; **Daryna Marchak**, Adviser to the Minister of the Cabinet of Ministers; **Vladyslav Viasiuk**, Director General, Human Rights Directorate, Ministry of Justice; **Iulia Zaichenko**, Director General, Directorate for Strategic Planning and European Integration, Ministry of Justice; **Pavlo Kukhta**, Deputy Head of the Strategic Advisory Group for Supporting Ukrainian Reform (SAGSUR).



Anton Yashchenko, Executive Director of the Reforms Delivery Office of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, presents employment opportunities offered by the new civil service at the Public Policy and Governance Program of the Kyiv School of Economics, supported by the International Renaissance Foundation.

THINK TANK DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

The aim of the Think Tank Development Initiative (TTDI), which IRF implements in partnership with the Open Society Initiative for Europe and the Embassy of Sweden to Ukraine, is to strengthen the institutional capacity of non-governmental think tanks to participate effectively in improving quality of public policy.

The first three-year wave of TTDI, completed in 2017, provided core support to:

- the Institute of World Policy;
- Texty;
- Dixi Group;
- CEDOS;
- the Institute of Analysis and Advocacy;
- the Association for Community Self-Organization Assistance;
- the Ilko Kucheriv Democratic Initiatives Foundation;
- the Europe without Barriers;
- the Donetsk Institute of Information;
- European Dialogue.

The second wave of TTDI will run in 2017-2020. Its participants are:

- the Anti-corruption Research and Education Centre at the National University of the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy;
- CASE Україна;
- the Centre for Economic Strategy;
- the Dixi Group;
- CEDOS;
- Texty;
- the VoxUkraine;
- the Institute for Analysis and Advocacy;
- the New Europe Centre;
- the School of Political Analysis;
- the Ukrainian Centre for European Politics;
- the Association for Community Self-Organization Assistance;
- Think Tank of the Ukrainian Catholic University;
- the Monitoring and Analysis Group Cifra.





Iryna Bekeshkina, Director of the Ilko Kucheriv Democratic Initiatives Foundation, at the 5th Annual Think Tank Conference, 2017



Lyubov Akulenko, Executive Director of the Ukrainian Center for European Policy, at the 5th Annual Think Tank Conference, 2017



Head of the EU Delegation to Ukraine **Hugues Mingarelli** (left) the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Sweden to Ukraine **Martin Hagström** (right) at the 5th Annual Think Tank Conference, 2017



Yegor Stadny, Director of CEDOS, at the 5th Annual Think Tank Conference, 2017



5th Annual Think Tank Conference, 2017

TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC GOVERNANCE

ASSESSMENT OF THE STATE ANTI-CORRUPTION POLICY

The Foundation supports the civil society's assessment of the the implementation of the 2015-2017 state anti-corruption strategy and recommendations for its improvement. The report is the only non-governmental comprehensive assessment of Ukraine's progress in the anti-corruption policy. The 2017 anti-corruption policy assessment report was produced by winners of IRF's open call for proposals, the Centre for Political and Legal Reforms and Transparency International Ukraine.

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Lilia Baran, Democratic Practice
Program Manager at IRF

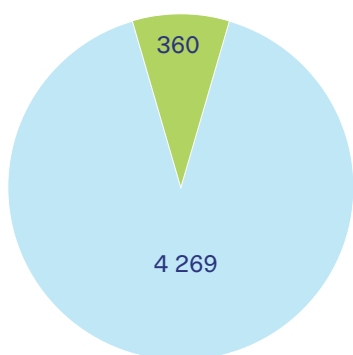


The government should report on its anti-corruption achievements in the format of a National Report on the Implementation of Principles of Anti-corruption Policy. However, for the second year in a row, the government does not publish an official assessment of its work in the field of countering corruption. An alternative report is the only quality assessment of the state of anti-corruption reforms.

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CIVIC EXPERTISE FOR THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE FOR PREVENTING AND COUNTERING CORRUPTION

The Civic Expertise Council was founded at the Parliament's Committee for prevention of corruption in 2015. The Council continued its work in 2017. Its experts examined 4,629 draft bills for corruption loopholes. More than 360 of draft bills were found to contain significant corruption risks. As a result, none of the flowed draft bills had never become laws.



TOTAL NUMBER OF
ANALYZED DRAFT LAWS

4 629

- Containing corruption risks
- No corruption risks

Corruption risks were identified in draft laws on:

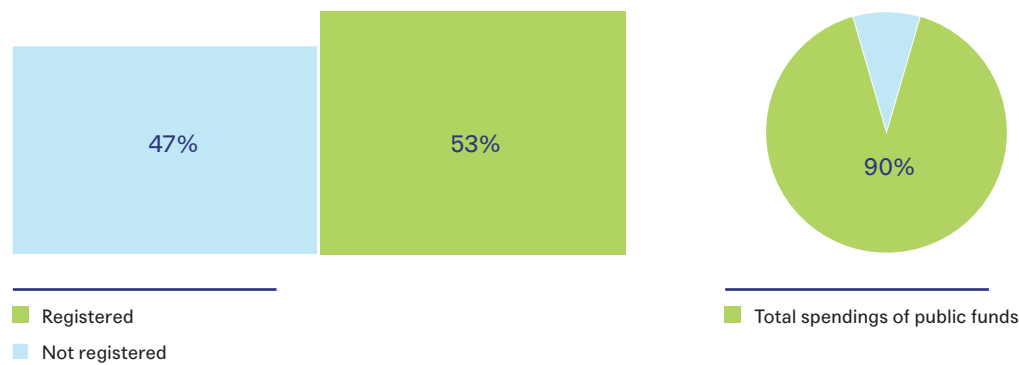
- economic policy;
- taxation and budget;
- legislative provisions for law enforcement;
- justice;
- industrial policy and enterprise.

TRANSPARENCY OF MUNICIPAL BUDGETS

IRF supported the “E-Data Rating” aimed at selecting the cities that proved to be the most transparent about their public spending. The contest covered 447 Ukrainian cities. The objective was to encourage publicly funded entities to register and submit their spending data on the E-Data web portal, an open database for tracing public spending. IRF had been among the initial funders of the web portal. Thanks to this contest, publicly funded entities of smaller towns became the most active E-Data users reporting their spending.

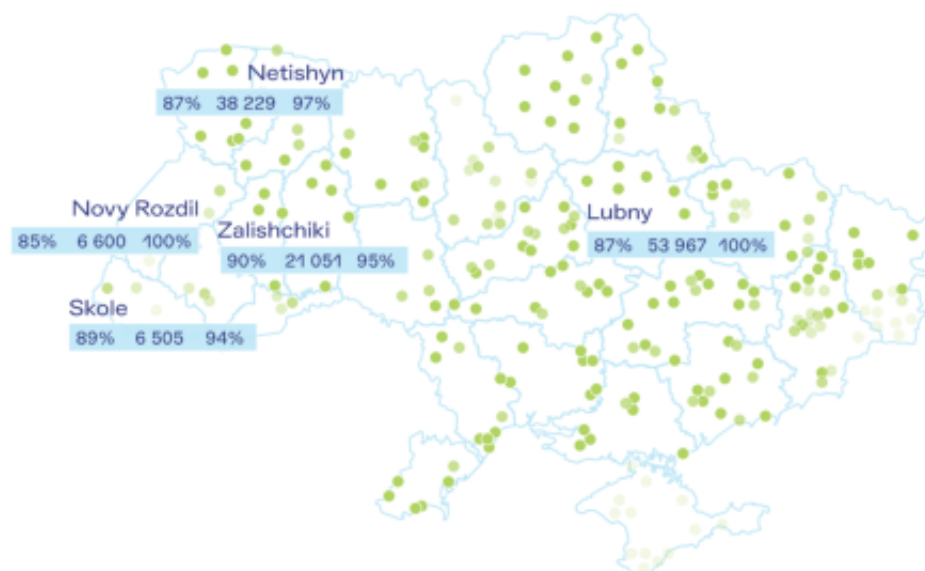
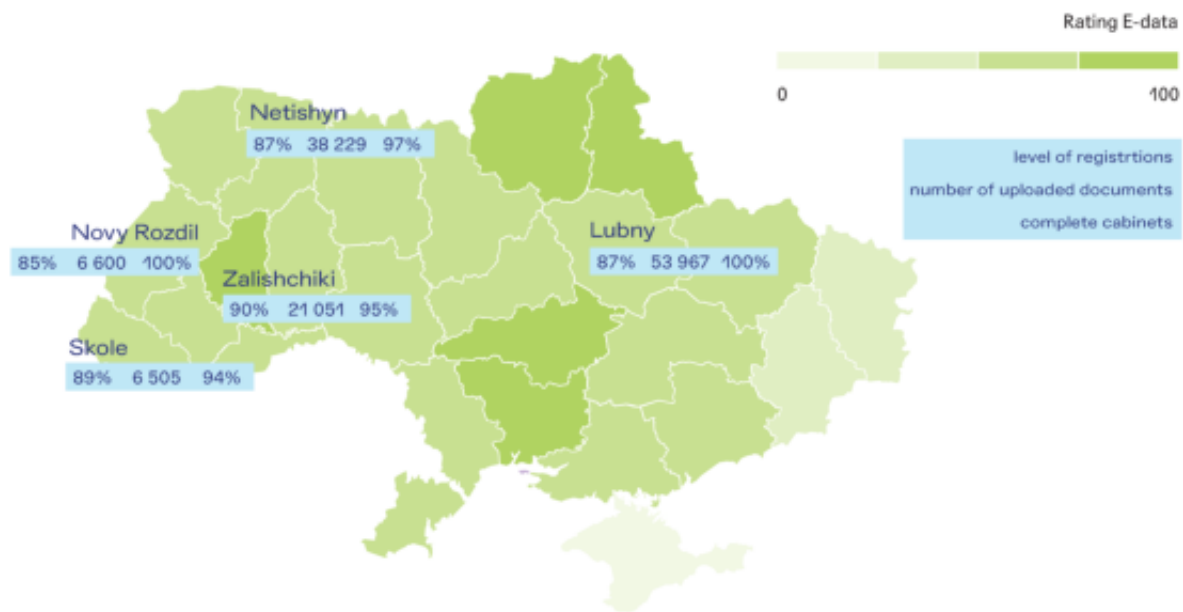
During the contest that ran from September 2017 to January 2018, the registration of publicly funded entities on the E-Data web portal increased to 53%. Those entities spend about 90% of all public funds.

Publicly funded entities, registered on E-data portal as of January 2018:



E-data team, Ministry of Finance, International Renaissance Foundation and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmgH at a press conference devoted to the second anniversary of the **e-data.gov.ua** public spending portal.

«E-data Rating»



447
cities of Ukraine

EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE IN UKRAINE

The Foundation supports Ukraine's participation in the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI), which motivates countries to implement international transparency standards for public revenues received through the extraction of natural resources. The first assessment of Ukraine's compliance with the EITI standards began in 2017. The assessment is expected to be finalized in 2018. If successful, Ukraine will be granted the official status of an EITI member state. This means Ukraine will be among fifty nations whose extractive industries meet the highest transparency standards.

REGISTER OF BENEFICIAL OWNERS

Ukraine received the 2017 Beneficial Ownership Transparency Progress Award, an EITI award for a significant progress and achievements in the disclosure of information about the beneficiary owners of extractive companies. This award recognized that in 2015 Ukraine had become the first country to publicly disclose and register beneficial owners of extractive companies, in accordance with a law developed by a group of civil society experts with the support of the Foundation. The next step in this area will be to disclose the real, instead of the nominal, owners of those companies. The Foundation's partners are now developing a mechanism for the verification of the relevant data.



Oleksii Orlovsky (right), Democratic Practice Program Director and member of the International Board of the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative among the Ukrainian delegation receiving the Beneficial Ownership Transparency Progress Award 2017 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISM

In 2017, the Foundation focused on supporting journalist investigations disclosing manipulations at the local level. NGOs we supported included the Lvivska Grupa that disclosed a corrupt scheme, in which fake criminal proceedings against agricultural companies were organized to extort bribes from them. The disclosed facts were officially investigated by the Public Prosecutor's Office in the Lviv region. Also, investigative journalists detected numerous violations in public procurement, including the creation of artificial preferences for some bidders, illegal barriers for potential competitors, fixed deals, and excessive prices. "Our Money with Denys Bigus", a TV program supported by the Foundation, detected violations by employees of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the State Border Service and other state bodies. Subsequently, official investigations were launched by the National Anti-Corruption Bureau of Ukraine (NABU) based on some of the disclosed facts.

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НОВИНИ

19.06.2018

Тернопіль Тернопільці замовили ремонт доріг в улюбленої фірми, співвласникової якої повідомили про підозру у службовій недбалості

18.06.2018

І-Франк Для Центру екстреної медичної допомоги в Івано-Франківську замовили диспетчерську систему за понад 8 млн грн

18.06.2018

Тернопіль У Чорткові вперше встановлять модульну громадську вбиральню за майже 650 тис. грн

18.06.2018

Львів Бреховицька селищна рада замовила ремонт зупинки у ФОПа з контактами свого ж депутата

15.06.2018

Львів «Львівводоканал» з надуманої причини виключив з тендеру дешевого на 1,2 млн грн учасника

15.06.2018

І-Франк Маловідома франківська фірма побудує дві казарми на замовлення Західного ТРЕУ

15.06.2018

І-Франк Фірма нардепа Шеєченка піляється 25 км дороги в Івано-

Обличчям на землю

09 листопада 2017



Арешти гектарів земель та вкрадено великих сільськогосподарських компаній у Львівській області закінчуються судами над підставними особами, які не мають жодного відношення до аграрного бізнесу. Як виявилось в результаті нашого розслідування, це стається не просто так – на Львівщині роками діє міліцейська схема виснаження грошей з великих аграрних підприємств області.

«Я попав на мільйон»

Для «Наших грошей. Львів» ця історія почалась випадково. Під час щоденного моніторингу Єдиного державного реєстру судових рішень ми наткнулись на цікаву судову ухвалу. 2 серпня цього року суд арештував майже 400 гектарів невжиткуваних земельних паїв померлих громадян у Радківському районі, які обробляла відома у Львові компанія «Барком» (ТМ «Родина ковальська»). На думку суду, обробляла компанія цю землю незаконно, відтак, арешт було накладено не лише на земельні ділянки, але й на вирощений урожай.

У цій справі слідче управління ГУНП у Львівській області продемонструвало небувалу швидкість розслідування, і вже 10 жовтня до суду надійшов обвинувальний акт. Втім до суду не потрапив ні директор, ні бухгалтер, ні будь-який інший працівник «Баркому». Підозра у захопленні землі апала на безробітного мешканця Золочева Анатолія Лісового.

У компанії «Барком» тривалий час ігнорували наш запит з проханням пояснити, який чином судитимуть не пов'язану з ними людину, а тому ми поїхали в Золоче, в гості до Анатолія Лісового.

Коли ми їхали до Золочева, то вже підозрювали, що зустрітись нам доведеться не з місцевим Калиткою. Але дійсність виявилася ще сумнішою. З квартири на третьому поверсі «хрущовки» вийшла нетвереза

НАШІ ГРОШІ

19.06.2018

Фіскалі заплатять експертним 93 мільйони на КЛП «Порубино» на кордоні з Румунією

Франківських чиновників підозрюють у розтраті 3 мільйонів на тендері з будівництва школи за 25 мільйонів

Підозрюваний у хабарництва сільський голова-священик не задекларував землю дружини

«Центренерго» дає ще 115 мільйонів на переведення Зміївської ТЕС з антрацитів від терористів на українське вугілля

Бухгалтери вкрали у поліції 12 мільйонів, десять років виплачуючи зарплату підставним особам

У Кропивці монополістські підняли ціни на проїзд, зіславшись на кортеж розрахунки по старій методиці

Journalist Investigation by the Lvivska Grupa, which exposed a corruption scheme that involved falsification of criminal proceedings against agrarian companies as a bribes extortion tactic, lviv.nashigroshi.org

ENHANCING CIVIC PARTICIPATION

DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING STRATEGIES FOR AMALGAMATED COMMUNITIES

With support of the Foundation's partners, 11 amalgamated communities in Luhansk, Kherson, Mykolayiv, and Odesa regions prepared and adopted their long-term development strategies. Also, IRF's partners examined the communities' social capital, assessed the effectiveness of use of the funds provided by the State Regional Development Fund, and looked in other important aspects of the decentralization reform.

They identified the communities' achievements and weaknesses. The Foundation became the first organization to support projects aimed at overcoming and preventing conflicts in communities, especially in regard to the relationships between centrally-located and peripheral communities. In 2017, such projects were implemented in ten regions of Ukraine.




Andriy Krupnyk (left), Deputy Head of the All-Ukrainian Association for Community Self-Organization Assistance; **Tetyana Kirilova** (middle) chairperson of the «Civil Initiative» NGO, Luhansk Region; **Mikhail Zolotukhin** (right), head of the Mykolayiv City Development Foundation, at a press briefing on development of strategies of territorial communities

EXPERT SUPPORT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UKRAINE EARLY RECOVERY PROJECT

Within a project funded by the European Union, IRF produced and rolled out the Social Management Plan and the Stakeholder Engagement Plan for the Ministry of Regional Development of Ukraine and local sub-projects of the Ukraine Early Recovery Program financed by the European Investment Bank and aimed at restoring the social infrastructure of Eastern Ukrainian municipalities that were affected by the armed conflict and accommodated the highest number of internally displaced persons.

IRF collaborated with the Prometheus Free Online Learning Platform to produce and run an online course on “Social Management and Stakeholder Engagement”. The course, designed for current and future implementers of local social infrastructure recovery projects, builds on social management principles and the social standards of the European Investment Bank. We expect that compliance with those principles and standards will be instrumental in helping social infrastructure recovery and development projects to effectively involve communities and mitigate social risks.




Міжнародний фонд «Відродження»: Соціальний менеджмент...

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ЗАРЕЄСТРУВАТИСЬ НА КУРС



ПРО КУРС


Відбудова Сходу України та відновлення місцевих громад після руйнівного впливу збройного конфлікту — ключове питання державної політики. Як визначити, що саме потрібно громадам? Як запобігти виникненню конфліктів та знизити напруженість у громаді? Як працювати із соціальними стандартами? Що таке сучасний соціальний менеджмент та чутливий до конфлікту підхід? Хто такі «зацікавлені сторони» і як їх залучати до планування, впровадження та оцінки проекту?

В основі пропонуваного в курсі підходу до відбудови соціальної інфраструктури – людина й інтереси громади.



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DEVELOPING PUBLIC SPACES

The Foundation started cooperation with the Teple Misto platform in Ivano-Frankivsk to help revitalize a former plant, “Promprylad”, and build an absolutely new creative public space. The project serves as an example of joint efforts made by social innovators, civic activists and socially responsible small and medium businesses.

The Arts Studies Laboratory, created by Kultura Medialna NGO in Dnipro, enabled developing collaborations between cultural and urban initiatives from the Dnipro, Donetsk, Luhansk and Zaporizhia regions.

The first civil society conference in Kryvyi Rih, “Hear. Understand. Get involved”, brought together over 200 participants and became the largest civil society forum in the city in the recent years. Leading national speakers participated in discussions about social enterprise, accountability of public governance, the environment, and digital security.

We also supported the participation of community development initiatives in Ukraine’s first ideas festival, “The Future of Communities”, organized by the Impact Hub Odessa and the Aspen Institute Kyiv.



Inna Pidluska (left), Deputy Executive Director of the International Renaissance Foundation , and **Yurii Filiuk** (right), teamleader of the Teple Misto, at the City 3.0: Rebooting Principles Forum



Olga Zhmurko, IRF's Roma Program Director, exchanging ideas with participants of the The Future of Communities Ideas Festival after addressing the Open Society Talks on Discrimination vs. Human Development



Oleksandr Slavsky (left), Program Director at the Impact Hub Odessa; **Oksana Dashchakivska** (center), head of the IRF's Western Ukraine Regional Office; and **Yevhen Popov** (right), head of the IRF's Southern Ukraine Regional Office, at The Future of Communities Ideas Festival.

SUPPORT FOR INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS AND ATO VETERANS

The Foundation continued its cooperation with the Impact Hub Odessa, the Lviv Business Club, and the Association of Private Employers in Kharkiv within the “Novy Vidlik” (New Countdown) project, a business accelerator for internally displaced persons and ATO veterans. In 2017, “Novy Vidlik” engaged 200 new participants who had completed a training course in business development and prepared their own business plans. 35 best business plans received an opportunity to gain loans at preferential terms for their business from international donors or from the public funds.

The Foundation supported 12 initiatives that developed sustainable adaptation models for ATO veterans. One of the most successful initiatives is that of the Internews Ukraine, “The Voice of War: an Opinion Journalism School for ATO Veterans”. The initiative made it possible for 22 veterans to learn creative writing for two months from prominent Ukrainian bloggers, journalists and writers. As a result, 29 unique memories

about the undeclared war in Eastern Ukraine were published under the cover of “The Voice of War”. With the support of the Foundation, the Pizza Veterano social business joined efforts with the Eleos-Ukraine NGO and founded the Veterano Social Office to help ATO veterans adapt to peaceful life. Veterans can rely on the office for counseling, business development assistance and support from their peers.

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Presentation of the book “The Voice of War”



CROWDFUNDING

In 2017, we piloted a new approach in project support by involving crowdfunding platforms for co-funding. The Foundation provided grants by doubling funds collected by the projects of NGOs from private donators through crowdfunding platforms. The projects supported through crowdfunding include the Art Residence named after Nazariy Voytovych, publication of the catalogue of the 5 th Odesa Biennale of Contemporary Art and the art workshop OSTRIV LAB. This pilot scheme was deemed a success and will be continued, also as part of our call for projects “Culture. Community”.



Coordinator of the projects of the “Congress of Cultural Activists” **Lyudmyla Nichai** presents the idea of creating the Nazar Voytovych Art Residence during the launch of “Heroes Awards”, founded by the «Families of Heavenly Hundred Heroes».



Catalog of the 5th Odesa Biennale of Contemporary Art

BUDGET ADVOCACY SCHOOL

The Budget Advocacy School founded by the Foundation in partnership with the Institute of Analysis and Advocacy teaches citizens to participate in all stages of the budget process, including the shaping of the state policy and the state budget, budget analysis as well as budget and procurement monitoring. In 2017, the School conducted four trainings, helped to prepare eight budget advocacy plans and created a program for their follow-up.



Olena Kucheruk, IRF's Public Health Program Manager, at the Budget Advocacy School in Odesa



Participants of the Budget Advocacy School in Odesa

KYIV DIALOGUE

In 2017, the Ukrainian-German initiative, Kyiv Dialogue, expanded its geographical outreach beyond Kyiv and Berlin to eight big cities of Ukraine – Lviv, Cherkasy, Dnipro, Kharkiv, Odesa, Mykolayiv, Mariupol, and Slovyansk, as well as 35 smaller towns around them.

The expanded Kyiv Dialogue aims at engaging more citizens in the development of their cities and towns. Assisted by the Kyiv Dialogue's local coordinators, community-based activists learn how to change public spaces and be a competent party to the decision-making process. Representatives of local self-government bodies, small towns' elected officials, and activists participate in national and international seminars and conferences. The Kyiv Dialogue also runs a program of small grants for urban development ideas.





Participants of the 13th Annual Conference of the Kyiv Dialogue



Stefanie Schiffer, founder of the European Platform for Democratic Elections (EPDE) and Board Member of the Kyiv Dialogue, opens the 13th Annual Conference of the Kyiv Dialogue



Yevhen Bystrytsky, IRF's Executive Director in 1998-2017, opens the 13th Annual Conference of the Kyiv Dialogue

CULTURAL DIPLOMACY AS A WAY TO OVERCOME CONFLICTS

18 civic initiatives won IRF grants within the Cultural Diplomacy for Dialogue open call for proposals. We supported exhibitions, film presentations, art events and other cultural diplomacy activities in the East and in other multi-ethnic border regions of Ukraine.

As part of our “Culture and Conflict” program at the 24th Publishers Forum in Lviv, we engaged citizens in discussions dedicated to peace-making, perception of war, cultural diplomacy, resistance to discrimination, and urban development.



Publishers Forum



Participants of the public discussion within IRF's special program "Culture and Conflict" at the 24th Publishers Forum

HUMAN RIGHTS AND DISCRIMINATION- FREE ENVIRONMENT

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE SERVICES

Development of Palliative Care

Access to pain management for patients with incurable diseases has been in the focus of the Foundation for a long time. The current legislation allows patients with chronic pain syndromes to receive adequate analgesics. However, cases of violation of patients' rights still occur. In collaboration with the Ministry of Health, the Foundation studies the accessibility of adequate pain management and treatment at the local level.

IRF supported experts and activists of palliative care to run an awareness-raising campaign, Take Off Your Pink Glasses (#ЗнімайРожевіОкуляри) to make managers in the healthcare sector, pharmacists and doctors acknowledge the problems with access to appropriate pain management and availability of palliative care for all patients who need it.

With support of the Foundation, the Vydavnytstvo Starogo Leva publishing house published an illustrated collection of short stories and essays, "Parasol", telling about people fighting incurable diseases who want to assert their right for the life in dignity.

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Ksenia Shapoval,
Public Health Program Manager



Cases of refusal to provide adequate pain management could be equated with torture, as today all the necessary medicines are available, the existing regulatory documents and protocols permit supplying pain management medications to severely ill patients for 10-15 days at home, and patients still die in suffering.

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Ksenia Shapoval (left), IRF's Public Health Program Manager, and **Mary Callaway** (right), International Adviser on Palliative Care at the Open Society Foundations

Humane Drug Policy

The Ukrainian law makes chronically drug-dependent individuals subject to criminal prosecution for the storage of small amounts of drug substances for private use. Studies by the Eurasian Drug Policy Institute prove this attitude to drugs-dependent people to cause corruption risks in the law enforcement and justice systems and contribute to the spread of HIV/AIDS, hepatitis and tuberculosis among people who use drugs.

The Foundation supports studies, expert assessments, and public discussions aiming at decriminalization of chronically drug-dependent people. Suggested solutions include amendments to the order #188 of the Ministry of Health that determines the amount of drug substances, which, if held by individuals, make them subject to criminal prosecution.



(left to right) **Michel Kazatchkine**, member of the Global Commission on Drug Policy; **Volodymyr Tymoshenko**, director of the Eurasian Drug Policy Institute; **Pavel Bém**, member of the Global Commission on Drug Policy; and **Dr João Goulão**, national coordinator for drug policy in Portugal, chair of the European Monitoring Center for Drugs and Drug Addiction - EMCDDA (2009-2015) and delegate at the United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs (2009-2015, at the Drugpolicy Talk 2: Ways of Humanizing the State Policy towards People Who Use Drugs)

ГУМАНІЗАЦІЯ ДЕРЖАВНОЇ ПОЛІТИКИ ЩОДО ЛЮДЕЙ, ЯКІ ВЖИВАЮТЬ НАРКОТИКИ

Результати дослідження кримінологічних та
морально-етичних аспектів боротьби з незаконним
обігом наркотиків в Україні та її наслідків

ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Legal Clinics

A legal clinic is a university unit and a training lab where law students practice providing legal consultations and preparing procedural and non-procedural documents under the guidance of their mentors.

The Foundation launched the development of this movement in Ukraine 20 years ago. Today the Association of Legal Clinics includes 60 such entities from all regions of Ukraine. 18 of them joined the Association in 2017.

60

entities are members
of the Association of
Legal Clinics

338

Number of teachers
involved in legal clinics
in Ukraine

20 500

Number of legal consul-
tations provided

4 505

Number of completed
procedural documents

2 412

Number of law enforce-
ment studies held

According to lawclinics.in.ua, as of May 2018

Legal Development Network

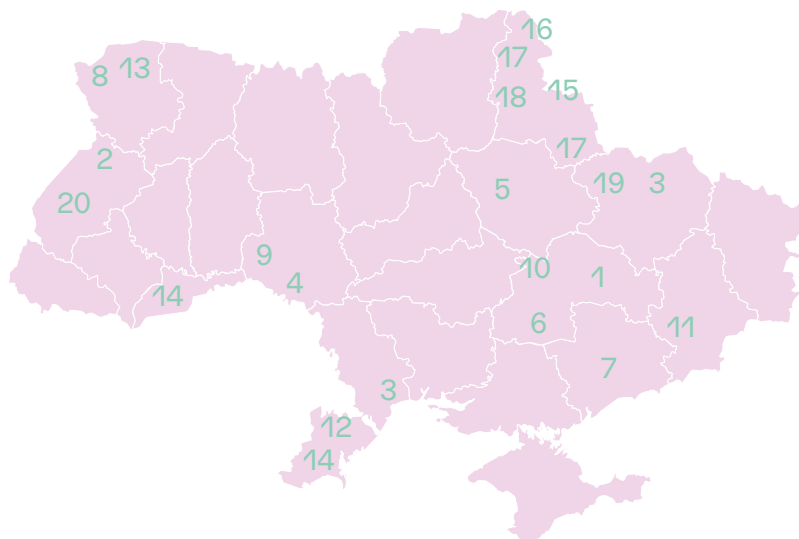
The Foundation supports the Legal Development Network, a coalition of NGOs that develop territorial communities by providing free legal aid. In 2017, the Legal Development Network expanded its presence in two regions; now it unites 26 organizations in 16 regions of Ukraine that provided more than 30,000 legal consultations to communities within a year. Striving to expand access to free legal aid, the Network's member organizations began providing legal consultations online.



Yevhen Poltenko, Executive Director of the Legal Development Network, at the VI Civil Society Capacity Development Forum in Ukraine.

Community Advisors

In 2017, the Foundation joined efforts with the Coordination Centre for Legal Aid Provision and other partners who work to ensure access to justice in order to launch and support a new institution of community advisors (paralegals). Community advisors are active residents of distant communities who receive special training enabling them to provide their neighbours with emergency primary legal assistance on the most common issues and refer them to the specialized legal aid providers.. Last year, 22 community advisors were trained in Ukraine for the first time with the support of the Foundation.



The first certified community advisors (paralegals) started their work in:

1. Soloniansky amalgamated territorial community, Dnipropetrovsk region
2. Sosnivka, part of Chervonograd municipality
3. Pershotravneve village council, Lyman district, Odesa region
4. Karyshkiv village territorial community, Bar district, Vinnytsia region
5. Voronin village, Poltava region
6. Partysan community, Dnipropetrovsk region
7. Shyroke amalgamated territorial community, Zaporizhya region
8. Bayiv village council, Lutsk district, Volyn region
9. Ladyzhyn town, Vinnitsa region
10. Zhovty Vody town, Dnipropetrovsk region
11. Vuhledar town, Donetsk region
12. Tatarbunary town, Odesa region
13. Kamin-Kashir territorial community
14. Lyubeshiv territorial community, Volyn region
15. Vyzhnytsya territorial community, Chernivtsi region
16. Sad village, Sumy region
17. Maziv village territorial community, Putyvl district, Sumy region
18. Putyvl, Sumy region
19. Shostka, Sumy region
20. Merefa, Kharkiv region
21. Slavske amalgamated territorial community, Lviv region



Community advisors at a specialized training



Community Detectives

To protect the rights of citizens who suffered from illegal actions of the police, the Expert Centre for Human Rights launched, with support of the Foundation, a network of community detectives in 2017. Community detectives are journalists, lawyers, representatives of vulnerable groups, and NGOs who have passed a selection procedure and received special training. They work as volunteers following the motto “Assistance Without Prejudice”. Community detectives investigate cases of violation of human rights by the police and contribute to the official investigations and prosecution of individuals responsible for those violations. In 2017, teams of community detectives operated in Lviv, Sumy, Kirovohrad, Odesa, Dnipropetrovsk, Kher-son, Khmelnytsky, Zhytomyr, Mykolayiv and Zaporizhya regions.



Vitalii Dmitriev, member of the first group of community detectives, at specialized training



National Preventive Mechanism

Five years ago, the Foundation supported the development of a monitoring model for closed settings as part of the National Prevention Mechanism implemented in Ukraine in accordance with the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. Monitors of the National Preventive Mechanism are certified volunteers who pass special training and come from various backgrounds, but are united for a common goal to detect and prevent violations of human rights in closed settings: prisons, hospices, psychiatric clinics and other facilities that keep individuals isolated from the society. There are almost 5,000 such “places of non-freedom” in Ukraine. In five years, the network of monitors that now includes 176 members across Ukraine, has conducted more than 1,000 monitoring visits and managed to prevent and eliminate numerous violations of human rights.



In 2017, the National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) marked 5 years of work



(left to right) **Vasylyna Yavorska**, IRF's Human Rights and Justice Program Manager; **Maryna Gomeniuk**, Project Manager at Ukraine without Torture; **Margaryta Tarasova**, Project Coordinator and Journalist at the Human Rights Information Center; **Tetyana Pechonchyk**, Head of the Board at the Human Rights Information Center, at the celebration of the 5th anniversary of the NPM in Ukraine

ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Inclusive Education

Inclusive education stands for the inclusion of all children in the unified learning process. This approach ensures access to proper education for all children with different education needs and fosters respect for diversity and individuality in the society.

In 2017, the International Renaissance Foundation and the Poroshenko Charity Foundation signed a memorandum of understanding for cooperation within the initiative aimed at implementing inclusive education in Ukraine. In accordance with the memorandum, IRF and PCF agreed to provide support to experts who work on the public policy in the area of inclusive education. Hence, we jointly support a group of professionals who develop a course and a learning book on inclusive education for students of pedagogical colleges and universities according to modern standards, principles and approaches required by the new education legislation.

Thanks to cooperation between the civil society and the Government, 2017 became the first year when significant funds were allocated in the state budget for ensuring equal opportunities for children with special education needs. UAH 509 million will be provided in 2018 for additional education services, corrective developmental classes, and for the purchase of specialist equipment for children with special education needs.



Illustration by artist Nikita Titov for the international conference "Inclusion for All: Education Policy and Practice"

New Ukrainian School

In 2017, the Ministry of Education of Ukraine and the civil society jointly prepared and adopted the New Ukrainian School concept, a reform strategy for secondary education for the period till 2029. The concept is based on partnership and cooperation between teachers, students and parents in the education process.

The Foundation supported NGO Osvitoria that collaborated with the Ministry of Education to organize the School of Trainers for the New Ukrainian School. We supported the training for trainers who would then educate primary school teachers. From September 2018 onward, those teachers will be implementing state standards for the primary school as part of the New Ukrainian School.

The School trained 50 qualified and certified trainers from each region of Ukraine and Kyiv city. According to the Ministry of Education, 22,000 primary school teachers have to undergo retraining starting September 1, 2018.



Training at the Trainers School of the New Ukrainian School



EQUALITY AND NON-DISCRIMINATION

Campaign Against Discrimination

Contributing to building a discrimination-free environment in Ukraine, the Foundation supported the anti-discrimination campaign that involved a street exhibition designed to visualize real cases of discrimination and examples of how it could be successfully prevented. 2,500 people visited the exhibition in Kyiv, Odesa, and Severodonetsk.

As part of its cooperation with the Molodiya Festival, the Campaign hosted two national video contests “Discrimination Does Not Work!” and “Is It OK With You?” dedicated to fighting discrimination. The winning videos had been screened in the Planeta Kino cinema network in five cities of Ukraine for five months. Each video was seen by 400,000 viewers.

For three years, the Campaign Against Discrimination had provided qualified legal aid to those in need of protection. The website of the Campaign discrimi.net has a “Legal Advice” section where one can find legal advice for the most common queries.

Visitors to the creative master classes “Let's celebrate diversity together” on the eve of the 2017 Eurovision Contest in Kyiv



Visitors to the street exhibition “My Anti-Discrimination Story” in Kyiv





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Rights of the Roma Community

For 20 years, the International Renaissance Foundation has been a reliable partner to Roma communities in Ukraine in regard to the protection of their rights and self-organization. In 2017, the Foundation supported five Roma communities of the Transcarpathia region to get legal assistance for establishing their own self-organization bodies.

Youth is a driver of change and leadership in the Roma communities. To support youth networking, education and cooperation, the Foundation assisted in establishing the annual Roma Youth Forum. In 2017, the Forum took place for the second time and brought together almost 100 Roma activists from all over Ukraine.

The Foundation supports cooperation between Roma NGOs and local schools to improve access to pre-school education for Roma children. In 2017, children from six Roma communities in the Transcarpathia region successfully passed their pre-school training and could successfully complete their primary school classes. With the support of the Foundation, teachers' assistants started working with Roma children at schools and pre-school facilities. The role of the assistants is to help teachers better understand education needs of Roma children, help them better integrate, and complete the learning program at school. In 2017, the Foundation's partner, the Budapest-based Roma Education Fund, provided scholarships to 108 young Roma citizens of Ukraine.

Scholarship Program of the Roma Education Fund in 2017 resulted in:

- 35 Junior Specialist Diplomas;
- 22 fellows received their Bachelor's Degree;
- 8 fellows received Master's Degree.

In:

- law,
- medicine,
- social sciences and humanities.



Participants of the Roma Youth Forum



Yevhen Bystrytsky, IRF Executive Director in 1998-2017, opens the Roma Youth Forum



Organizers of the Roma Youth Forum

Equality at the Workplace

Equal access of all Ukraine's citizens to employment and services is one of the commitments Ukraine undertook with signing the Association Agreement with the European Union. To monitor how Ukrainian businesses make progress along this way, the Tochka Opori NGO partnered with the National Assembly of People with Disabilities of Ukraine, the Coalition Against Discrimination, and the Social Action Centre and created the Corporate Equality Index. The Index, produced with support of IRF, is a rating of companies that voluntarily undergo the assessment of their corporate policies in regard to non-discrimination. The Index assesses the extent to which companies treat their employees in compliance with the principles of equality and non-discrimination on the grounds of sex, physical abilities, sexual orientation, and gender identity. Last year, the issue of equality and inclusion became a top topic for businesses in Ukraine for the first time. Leading companies participating in the Index discussed the importance of the equality policy at the workplace during the HR Wisdom Summit, attended by more than 200 business representatives.

In 2017, the third edition of the Index brought together 76 companies that took part in the assessment, with 19 of them participating for the first time. 5% of the companies improved their performance compared to the results of the previous year.



Participant of the HR Wisdom Summit 2017



Participants and organizers of the HR Wisdom Summit 2017



(left to right) **Anastasia Deeva**, Deputy Minister of the Internal Affairs for European Integration (2016-2017); **Liana Moroz**, Human Rights and Justice Program Manager at IRF; **Iryna Fedorovych**, Deputy Chair of the Social Action Center at the discussions organized by the Corporate Equity Index during the HR Wisdom Summit 2017

CONTRIBUTION TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT REFORM

COMMUNITY POLICING

In collaboration with the National Police and through supporting initiatives of NGOs, IRF develops a “safe community” approach in Ukraine that is based on cooperation between the police and communities. This approach has been adapted from the experiences of Canada and the USA.

In 2017, the Foundation supported projects in 13 communities where residents cooperate with the police to jointly solve local safety and security issues. Each community developed its own model of cooperation with the police, which best suited its needs and capacities. Eight new projects were launched in communities, which did not have any previous experience of interaction with the police in handling safety and security issues. Eight more projects run in communities that already have such experience but need it enhanced and brought to a new level. The projects pay special attention to issues faced by vulnerable and discriminated groups, which other community members tend to perceive as sources of potential danger.



Safe community



Photo by Natalia Sushkova



Areas where community policing is being implemented. Map from cop.org.ua

RESEARCH ON THE WORKING PRACTICES OF THE PROSECUTION

For two years, a group of 18 researchers from the Foundation, the Expert Centre for Human Rights and the Open Society Justice Initiative had been working on a comprehensive study, «The Role of the Public Prosecutor at the Pre-Trial Stage of the Criminal Proceedings». The research, presented in 2017, proved that the adoption of the new Criminal Procedure Code in 2012 had not led to real changes in the criminal justice system at the pre-trial investigation stage. It also turned out that the implementation practice of the Code's new regulations varies in different regions of Ukraine. A plan for the implementation of the researchers' recommendations is being developed to facilitate the unification of the working approaches used different actors of the criminal justice system at the pre-trial stage.



Roman Romanov, IRF's Human Rights and Justice Program Director, makes introductory remarks at the presentation of "The Role of the Public Prosecutor at the Pre-Trial Stage of the Criminal Proceedings"



Participants at the presentation of "The Role of the Public Prosecutor at the Pre-Trial Stage of the Criminal Proceedings"

CUSTODY RECORDS SYSTEM IN PRE-TRIAL FACILITIES

In 2017, the International Renaissance Foundation collaborated with the Human Rights Unit of the National Police of Ukraine, the Ukrainian Legal Aid Foundation and the Expert Centre for Human Rights to prepare the launch of the custody records system in pre-trial detention facilities in Kherson and Dnipro, planned to become operational in April 2018.

The main principle of the new system, which is based on the experience of Great Britain, is to guarantee safety and appropriate conditions of stay for detainees. The new system registers all actions affecting detained individuals during their stay at the police facilities, including the documentation of all actions in a digital form, round-the-clock video surveillance, informing family members about the detention, access to timely professional consultation by a lawyer and proper medical assistance to the detainees. This procedure ensures the protection of rights of both detained individuals and the police personnel.



e-documentation



timely professional counseling



round-the-clock video surveillance



proper medical care to detainees



informing relatives about the detention

This procedure ensures the protection of rights of both detained individuals and the police personnel.



Interviewing detainees by human rights inspectors is an element of the custody records system



Video surveillance is an element of the custody records system ensuring the rights of detainees in temporary detention isolators

CONTRIBUTION TO THE HEALTHCARE REFORM

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IN THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

In 2017, the Foundation supported the launch of the integration of the ProZorro electronic public procurement system with the register of medicines. Such integration provides unlimited possibilities not only to automatically compare prices per unit, but also to analyse the needs and de facto procurement by all communal and state-owned healthcare facilities in Ukraine.

The Foundation also supported installing a feedback platform, “Dozorro-Spilnota”, on the DoZorro public procurement monitoring portal. By the end of 2017, the platform was used by more than 20 NGOs that reported thousands of violations in the public procurement processes each month.



The monitoring of procurement of medicines for cancer by international organizations and through the ProZorro system, performed by the Anti-Corruption Center, showed that regional cancer hospitals and governmental agencies purchase medicines at up to 400% above the prices secured by international organizations.

NATIONAL LIST OF ESSENTIAL MEDICINES

In 2017, the Foundation supported the work of the Expert Committee for the Selection and Use of Essential Medicines, created by the Ministry of Health of Ukraine. The result was the production and adoption of the National List of Essential Medicines that serves as the basis for public procurement of medicines by hospitals. The introduction of the National List is the first fundamental step towards solving the long-time problem of irrational pharmacotherapy when patients are forced to purchase medicines, while at the same time the state and local authorities spend billions of hryvnas on procurement of medicines, not always needed and often overpriced.



E-LIKY AND WIKI LIKY PLATFORMS

In 2017, the E-Liky online platform continued to develop and enable anyone to check the availability of medicines at a local hospital purchased with the state budget money. Applications for Android and iOS was introduced to make the platform more convenient to use. There is also a telephone hotline for patients who have no access to the Internet. The number of regions connected to the E-Liky platform increased from 4 to 16 in 2017. The number of hospitals connected to E-Liky increased from 106 to 862 in 2017. Every month, the platform accounts for almost 12,000 viewers.

In 2017, the Foundation provided support to transform the Wiki Liky concept into a full-scale website wikiliky.org.ua allowing patients to trace the availability of medicines. Today the website offers unique functions and data collection, processing and uploading methods. Wiki Liky uses a data analysis approach that is completely different from those used by the ProZorro and DoZorro platforms. Wiki Liky receives information “from the grassroots”: from accounting units of healthcare facilities, by sending them information requests about the purchased medicines.

Thus, it enables tracing the availability of medicines as well as the actual price for each transaction. Combined with ProZorro as a monitoring tool for public procurement, Wiki Liky makes it significantly harder to use corrupt schemes for the purchase of medicines.



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HEALTH INDEX. UKRAINE

The second annual edition of the Health Index. Ukraine was published in 2017. The Index is a tool enabling healthcare managers and everyone involved in policy making at the national and local levels to assess the impact of the healthcare policy on patients and communities. In the course of the healthcare reforms, the Health Index. Ukraine delivers important data helping to better understand the local situation, compare it with other regions and the overall national performance, as well as to react to challenges in a timely manner.

The Health Index is based on a survey developed with support of experts from the EU and the Harvard University. This survey covers 24 regions of Ukraine and the city of Kyiv. The 2017 Index includes five categories: satisfaction with healthcare services; visits to doctors and prevention of diseases; costs of healthcare services and medicines; health awareness and healthy lifestyles; and assessment of health conditions.

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Victoria Tymoshevska, IRF's Public Health Program Director, at the presentation of the study “Health Index. Ukraine 2017”



The purpose of the Health Index. Ukraine 2017 survey is not a rating or comparison between regions. The purpose is to show the real picture: given the same legal basis and more or less the same financial situation, how different regions implement healthcare policy.

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HEALTH INDEX. UKRAINE 2017

73%

Satisfied with family doctor

57%

Satisfied with medical assistance at the hospital

77%

Asked for medical assistance in the last case of illness

60%

Prophylactic medical examinations were held in the last 12 months

570 ₴

Spendings on medication over the last 30 days

70%

Did not refuse to contact a doctor because of the lack of funds for the last 12 months

79%

Did not refuse to vaccinate their children

59%

Know the symptoms of a stroke

47%

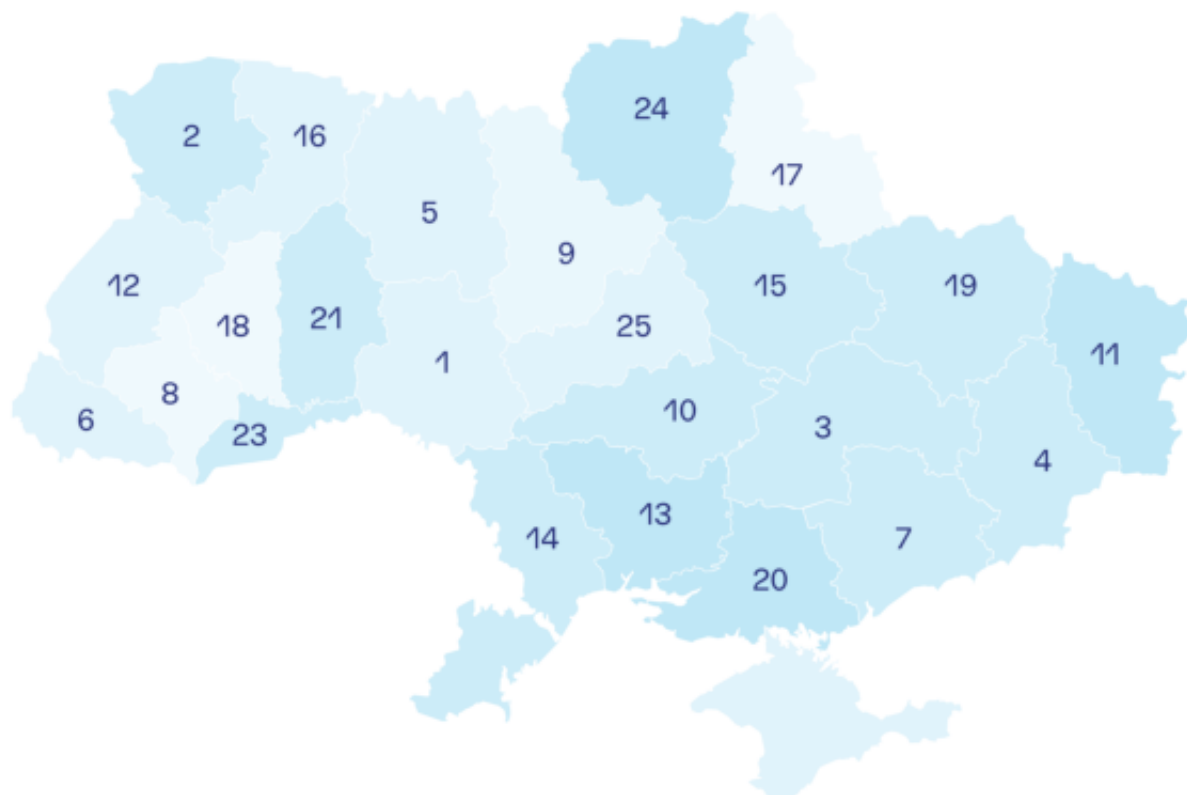
Consider their health as good or very good

45%

Have no overweight or obese

78%

Had their pressure measured during the last year



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| 2. Volyn oblast | 15. Poltava oblast |
| 3. Dnipropetrovsk oblast | 16. Rivne oblast |
| 4. Donetsk oblast | 17. Sumy oblast |
| 5. Zhytomyr oblast | 18. Ternopil oblast |
| 6. Zakarpattia oblast | 19. Kharkiv oblast |
| 7. Zaporizhia oblast | 20. Kherson oblast |
| 8. Ivano-Frankivsk oblast | 21. Khmelnytsk oblast |
| 9. Kyiv oblast | 22. Cherkasy oblast |
| 10. Kirovograd oblast | 23. Chernivtsi oblast |
| 11. Lugansk oblast | 24. Chernigiv oblast |
| 12. Lviv oblast | 25. city of Kyiv |
| 13. Mykolaiv oblast | |



UKRAINE ON THE INTERNATIONAL AGENDA AND EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

VISA-FREE TRAVEL TO THE EUROPEAN UNION

In the summer of 2017, citizens of Ukraine received the possibility to travel to the Schengen member states without visas. The Foundation identified the visa-free travel to the EU as its priority over 10 years ago. The Foundation's support to the field focused on monitoring the visa policies of EU member states and institutions, migration studies, public diplomacy, as well as support for the reforms stipulated in the Visa Liberalization Action Plan.

Abolition of visas for short-term trips to the Schengen member states is one of the most recent success stories where the Foundation and its partners made a contribution.



Oleksandr Sushko (center), the current Executive Director of the International Renaissance Foundation, among the passengers of the first visa-free train Kyiv-Przemysl. Photo by Mariusz Piotr Sidor



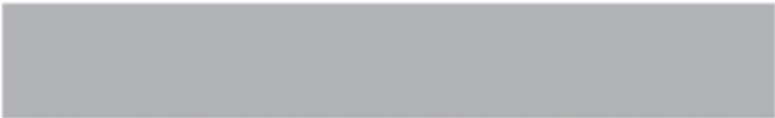
Iryna Sushko, Executive Director of Europe Without Barriers with the team on the first visa-free train Kyiv-Przemysl

RATIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT

In September 2017, the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the European Union fully entered into force.

To help make that happen, the Foundation supported a number of initiatives. At the final stage of the ratification of the Association Agreement by the EU member states, we focused on communicating the Ukrainian expert and public opinion to the Dutch people prior to the consultative referendum on the ratification of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement by the Netherlands in 2016. Later on, the Foundation supported a study by the Amsterdam Economics, a Dutch think tank, on the Agreement's impact on the Netherlands' economy. The study results were presented in early 2017 and were referred to during the ratification debates in the Dutch Parliament.

Nowadays the Foundation supports effective implementation of the Association Agreement and monitors that process with a special focus on compliance with the political association provisions of the Agreement, which are identical in the content with the first political Copenhagen criteria for the EU accession: stable democratic institutions, rule of law and human rights, including the rights of minorities.



Impact of the EU-Ukraine Free Trade Agreement on the Dutch Economy



INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE: COOPERATION WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Since 2014, the Foundation has supported systemic communication between the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC) and Ukrainian state agencies and human rights NGOs. Specifically, we have supported the preparation of applications to the ICC containing documented evidence of war crimes and crimes against humanity committed during the armed conflict in the East of Ukraine and in Crimea.

With the support of the Foundation, a special event on Ukraine took place in 2017 during the 16th annual session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute. Ukrainian human rights activists received the floor to tell the international community represented by missions of more than 100 countries about what was happening during the military aggression of the Russian Federation in Eastern Ukraine and in annexed Crimea.



Expert discussion on the assessment of national and international mechanisms for restorative justice in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine, organized by the International Renaissance Foundation in the framework of the 14th Annual Meeting of the Yalta European Strategy (YES)



(left to right) **Roman Kuibida**, Deputy Head of the Centre for Political and Legal Reforms; **Anton Korynevych**, International Humanitarian Law Expert, Associate Professor at the Institute of International Relations of the Taras Shevchenko National University, Kyiv; **Anna Coulouris**, Analyst at the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court; **Eric Witte**, Open Society Justice Initiative senior project manager for national trials of grave crimes, former external relations advisor to the President of the International Criminal Court and political advisor to the Prosecutor of the Special Court for Sierra Leone; **Olena Zerkal**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, at an expert meeting on the assessment of national and international mechanisms for restorative justice in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine

DOCUMENTING VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THE UKRAINIAN-RUSSIAN CONFLICT

Since the beginning of the Russian occupation of Crimea and a part of the Donbas, the Foundation's partners have documented, described and submitted evidence of massive crimes committed by the occupant administrations to the Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. The data serve to prove the war crimes and crimes against humanity committed on the territory of Ukraine. The violations must be investigated at the national and international levels.

The crimes against humanity and war crimes documented in 2017 include illegal forced displacement of the population from the territory of Crimea (over 28,000 persons), illegal forced relocation of prison inmates from Crimea to Russia (over 7,000 persons), involuntary conscription to the armed forces of the occupant state (over 250 documented cases), illegal demolition and appropriation of private and state property.

The Foundation supports the work of monitoring groups that track the compliance with international sanctions against the Russian Federation. The groups include the Institute for the Black Sea Strategic Studies, the Maidan of Foreign Affairs charitable foundation, and the Black Sea News website that traces the arrival of vessels to the occupied Crimean ports, the aircraft entering the Crimean closed airspace, the illegal appropriation and use of Ukrainian public property and natural resources by the occupant regime, the unlawful construction of infrastructure and other economic activities on the occupied territory of Ukraine, and the build- up of military activities on the peninsula and in the Black Sea region.

Reported by the Institute for the Black Sea Strategic Studies, the Maidan of Foreign Affairs and the Black Sea News website:

- vessels entering the occupied Crimean ports;
- presence of aircraft in closed Crimean airports;
- illegal appropriation and use of Ukrainian public property and natural resources;
- illegal infrastructure development;
- militarization of the peninsula and the Black Sea region.



COUNTERING FAKE NEWS AND PROPAGANDA

In 2017, the Foundation supported Euromaidan Press to create “A Guide to Russian Propaganda”, a series of short English-language videos containing detailed explanation of propaganda mechanisms and recommendations on how to avoid its influence.

The Foundation also supported the “Words and Wars: Ukraine and its Fight against Kremlin Propaganda”, a book in Ukrainian and English prepared by a group of independent authors on the basis of their own studies and interviews with experts on Russian propaganda, fact-checking and information security.

In 2017, the Foundation supported the second edition of the book “Donbas on Fire: Guide through the Conflict Zone” in English and German.

IRF collaborated with the Centre for Liberal Modernity to organize screenings of a documentary “The Process. Russia against Oleg Sentsov” in Cologne, Frankfurt an der Oder, Frankfurt am Main and Oldenburg. The documentary screenings were followed with public discussions on human rights violations in the occupied Crimea.

The Foundation has supported the Internews Ukraine to develop and maintain the UkraineWorld (<http://ukraineworld.org>), a network countering propaganda and disinformation by uniting Ukrainian and international experts and journalists interested in Ukraine's affairs.



EUROMAIDAN PRESS
NEWS AND VIEWS FROM UKRAINE



Les mots et les guerres:
rencontres avec journalistes et combattants ukrainiens
(dans le cadre de la participation de l'Ukraine au Salon du Livre de Paris)

Le 18 Mars Salon du livre, N72 Stand Ukraine, 1 Place de la Porte de Versailles, Paris 15h⁰⁰	Le 19 Mars Centre culturel de l'Ambassade d'Ukraine, 22, avenue de Messine, Paris 19h⁰⁰
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Presentation announcement of the publication “Words and War: Ukraine Facing Kremlin Propaganda” and the book “Voice of War” in Paris

UKRAINE-POLAND AND UKRAINE-GERMANY POLITICAL AND EXPERT DIALOGUE

The International Renaissance Foundation and the Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland), support the Ukraine-Poland Forum, founded in 2012 to bring together politicians, experts, civil society activists and opinion leaders from the two countries in order to promote the exchange of ideas, mutual understanding, and stronger bilateral ties.

In 2017, the Forum took place in Kyiv and Warsaw. The Ukrainian-Polish Dialogue Group, initiated by the organizing foundations, produced a report on “Priority Partnership: Common Vision of Ukrainian-Polish Relations”.

In 2017, the Foundation supported the idea of the newly founded Centre for Liberal Modernity to conduct a series of joint Ukrainian-German events under the motto “Understanding Ukraine” aimed at improving the understanding of Ukraine in the German society. The webpage “Understanding Ukraine” (<https://ukraineverstehen.de>), created in the same year, will be transformed into a prime web portal providing information about Ukraine in the German-speaking environment.



(left to right) **Yevhen Bystrytsky**, Executive Director of the International Renaissance Foundation in 1998-2017; **Marieluise Beck**, Member of the German Bundestag, Speaker of the Union 90 / Green Party in the Parliamentary Committee on Foreign Affairs; and **Hanna Hopko**, Chair of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee, at an expert discussion on historical responsibility “Germany and Ukraine in Europe: Responsibility for the Past - Responsibility for the Future”



Expert discussion on historical responsibility “Germany and Ukraine in Europe: Responsibility for the Past - Responsibility for the Future” at the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine

SUPPORT FOR PRO-EUROPEAN CIVIC PLATFORMS AND NETWORKS

As part of the Civic Synergy project implemented jointly with the European Union, the Foundation continued to support civic institutions working in the area of European integration: the Ukraine-EU Civil Society Platform, founded in accordance with provisions of the Association Agreement, and the Ukrainian National Platform of the Civil Society Forum which acts in line with the Eastern Partnership policy. In the past year the platforms produced studies on security, social policy, the environment, science and innovation, consumer rights, digital market and other topics.

The Foundation continued to support the Ukrainian Think Tanks Liaison Office in Brussels as a platform uniting 20 Ukrainian think tanks in order to promote their ideas and expertise in European institutions.

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Dmytro Shulga,
European Program Director



The Association Agreement between Ukraine and the EU, along with the visa-free travel, strengthens the European choice of Ukraine. When the country lacks political unity, the Agreement plays an important role, providing a guideline in the form of European standards and requirements, which, when achieved, will open the door to a deeper economic integration of Ukraine into the EU common market. The effective implementation of the Association Agreement will be the best argument in discussions about further prospects for Ukraine's membership in the EU.

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Dmytro Shulga, European Program Director at the IRF, presents a report produced by the EU-Ukraine Civil Society Platform at the 5th Annual Think Tank Conference.

AUDIT REPORT

**INTERNATIONAL RENAISSANCE
FOUNDATION**
Summary Financial Statements
As at 31 December 2017 and
for the year then ended



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Independent Auditors' Report on the Summary Financial Statements

To the Board of Directors of
International Renaissance Foundation

Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017, the summary statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, changes in fund balance (equity) and cash flows for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited financial statements of International Renaissance Foundation (the "Foundation") for the year ended 31 December 2017.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements, on the basis described in Note 1.

Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by International Financial Reporting Standards. Reading the summary financial statements and our report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and our report thereon.

The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated 10 May 2018.

Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements on the basis described in Note 1.

JSC KPMG Audit, a company incorporated under the Laws of Ukraine (EDRPOU Code No. 31021000), is a member firm of the KPMG network of independent member firms affiliated with KPMG International Cooperative ("KPMG International"), a Swiss entity.

Certificate No. 2387 of 26 January 2011 issued by the Audit Chamber of Ukraine.



Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 810 (Revised), "Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements".

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sergey Gasparyan', written over a horizontal line.

Sergey Gasparyan

Certified Auditor

Auditor's Certificate № 006609 dated 2 July 2009

Deputy Director, JSC KPMG Audit

10 May 2018

**INTERNATIONAL RENAISSANCE FOUNDATION
SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2017**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017**

(in US dollars)

	31 December 2017	31 December 2016
ASSETS		
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Property, equipment and intangible assets	1,060,155	95,131
CURRENT ASSETS		
Inventories	749	1,097
Prepayments	2,356	29,531
Receivables	4,084,938	3,147,186
Cash and cash equivalents	1,195,866	1,198,862
	<u>5,283,909</u>	<u>4,376,676</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>6,344,064</u>	<u>4,471,807</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE (EQUITY)		
FUND BALANCE (EQUITY)	<u>2,594,328</u>	<u>1,490,286</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accruals	3,628,033	2,106,453
Deferred revenues	10,235	768,245
Provisions	44,600	76,217
Other liabilities	66,868	30,606
	<u>3,749,736</u>	<u>2,981,521</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE (EQUITY)	<u>6,344,064</u>	<u>4,471,807</u>

On behalf of the Board of Directors:


Oleksandr Stashko
Executive Director

10 May 2018


Natalia Sannikova
Finance Director

10 May 2018

INTERNATIONAL RENAISSANCE FOUNDATION
SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2017

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

(in US dollars)

	Year ended 31 December 2017	Year ended 31 December 2016
CONTRIBUTION INCOME		
OSF income	10,159,106	10,566,599
Third parties funding	2,339,509	816,878
In-kind income	891,486	-
	<u>13,390,101</u>	<u>11,383,477</u>
EXPENSES		
OSF program expenses	(8,798,197)	(9,497,423)
OSF administrative expenses	(1,183,551)	(1,063,064)
Third party related expenses	(2,327,607)	(990,757)
	<u>(12,309,355)</u>	<u>(11,551,244)</u>
Surplus (deficit) of contribution income over expenses	<u>1,080,746</u>	<u>(167,767)</u>
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES)		
Other expenses	(2,962)	(648)
Foreign exchange gain, net	130,051	355,990
Surplus for the year	<u>1,207,835</u>	<u>187,575</u>
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		
<i>Items that will never be reclassified to profit or loss</i>		
Foreign currency translation difference	(103,793)	(236,393)
TOTAL COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) FOR THE YEAR	<u>1,104,042</u>	<u>(48,818)</u>

On behalf of the Board of Directors:


Oleksandr Sushko
Executive Director
10 May 2018


Natalia Sannikova
Finance Director
10 May 2018

**INTERNATIONAL RENAISSANCE FOUNDATION
SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2017**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE (EQUITY)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

(in US dollars)

Fund balance (equity) as at 31 December 2015	1,539,104
Surplus for the year	187,575
Foreign currency translation difference	(236,393)
Fund balance (equity) as at 31 December 2016	1,490,286
Surplus for the year	1,207,835
Foreign currency translation difference	(103,793)
Fund balance (equity) as at 31 December 2017	2,594,328

On behalf of the Board of Directors:


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10 May 2018


Natalia Sannikova
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**INTERNATIONAL RENAISSANCE FOUNDATION
SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2017**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

(in US dollars)

	Year ended 31 December 2017	Year ended 31 December 2016
Cash flows from operating activities		
Surplus for the year	1,207,835	187,575
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation/amortization	52,339	46,969
Foreign currency exchange gain, net	(188,898)	(405,546)
Gain on in-kind received assets	(891,486)	-
Loss on disposal of property, equipment and intangible assets	2,476	644
(Increase) decrease in receivables	(959,666)	90,306
Decrease (increase) in prepayments	27,705	(5,303)
Decrease (increase) in inventories	6,187	(10)
Increase (decrease) in accruals	1,366,353	(65,240)
(Decrease) increase in deferred revenues	(555,520)	616,055
Increase in other liabilities and provisions	8,368	27,900
Cash inflow from operating activities	75,693	493,350
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, equipment and intangible assets	(157,555)	(40,698)
Cash used in investing activities	(157,555)	(40,698)
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(81,862)	452,652
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR	1,198,862	892,694
Effect of movements in exchange rates on cash held	118,203	31,561
Translation difference related to the Statement of Cash Flows	(39,337)	(178,045)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT THE END OF THE YEAR	1,195,866	1,198,862

On behalf of the Board of Directors:


Oleksandr Sushko
Executive Director
10 May 2018


Natalia Sannikova
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**INTERNATIONAL RENAISSANCE FOUNDATION
SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS AT AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 DECEMBER 2017**

**NOTES TO SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

1. BASIS FOR PREPARATION

These summary financial statements are derived from the audited financial statements of International Renaissance Foundation as at and for the year ended 31 December 2017 prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards, and comprise the summary statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017, the summary statements of profit or loss and other comprehensive income, changes in fund balance (equity) and cash flows for the year then ended, and related notes.

The Foundation maintains its underlying accounting records in Ukrainian hryvnias ("UAH"). Management identified the Ukrainian hryvnia ("UAH") as the functional currency. Accordingly, all currencies other than UAH are treated as foreign currencies. However, the US dollar remains the presentation currency of International Renaissance Foundation for the benefit of its users.

On behalf of the Board of Directors:


Oleksandr Sushko
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10 May 2018


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EUROPEAN PROGRAM



PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM



ROMA PROGRAM



SOCIAL CAPITAL PROGRAM
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