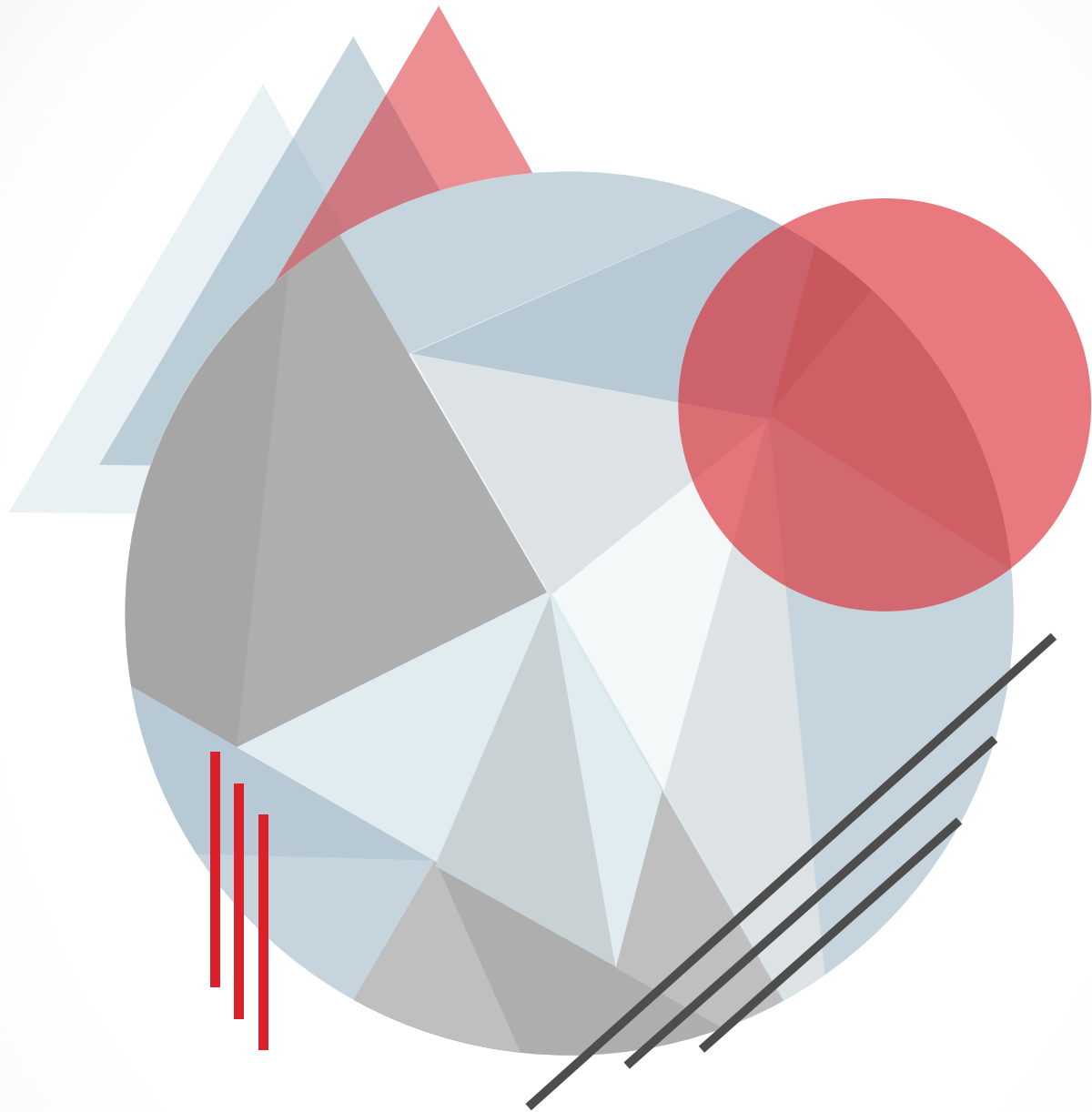


ANNUAL REPORT

2014



The central activity of the Centre for Society Research is the research of state policies and related phenomena in socially important fields—education, migration and urban development—in order to form progressive institutions and increase the proactive participation of citizens and community associations in decision-making processes.

We work in 3 key areas:



Primary, secondary and higher education

academic content, financial, infrastructural and social issues



Migration

labor migration, money transfers, refugees and internally displaced persons, their rights



Urban development

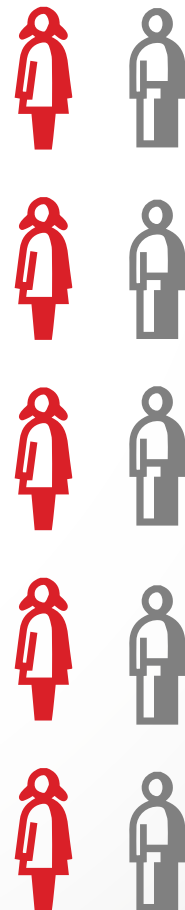
The improvement of public spaces, the transparency of public money allocation

This year was, without exaggeration, the most difficult of all the time of our work. In January and February 2014, we were mainly engaged in the Hospital Guard initiative. It started as an attempt of two dozens of people to help the wounded activists of Maidan in hospitals and save them from being arrested or detained, and it grew into a structure connecting hundreds of activists in dozens of hospitals in Kyiv. We managed to succeed in both tasks! The coordination of initiative's activities was carried out via our organization's office non-stop, 24/7.

Another challenge was the change of the organization leadership. At the beginning of the year, our director Inna Sovsun became the first deputy minister of education and science of Ukraine. It was completely unexpected, like all the other political news this year, but we managed to successfully survive the period of transition and continue working with new leadership.

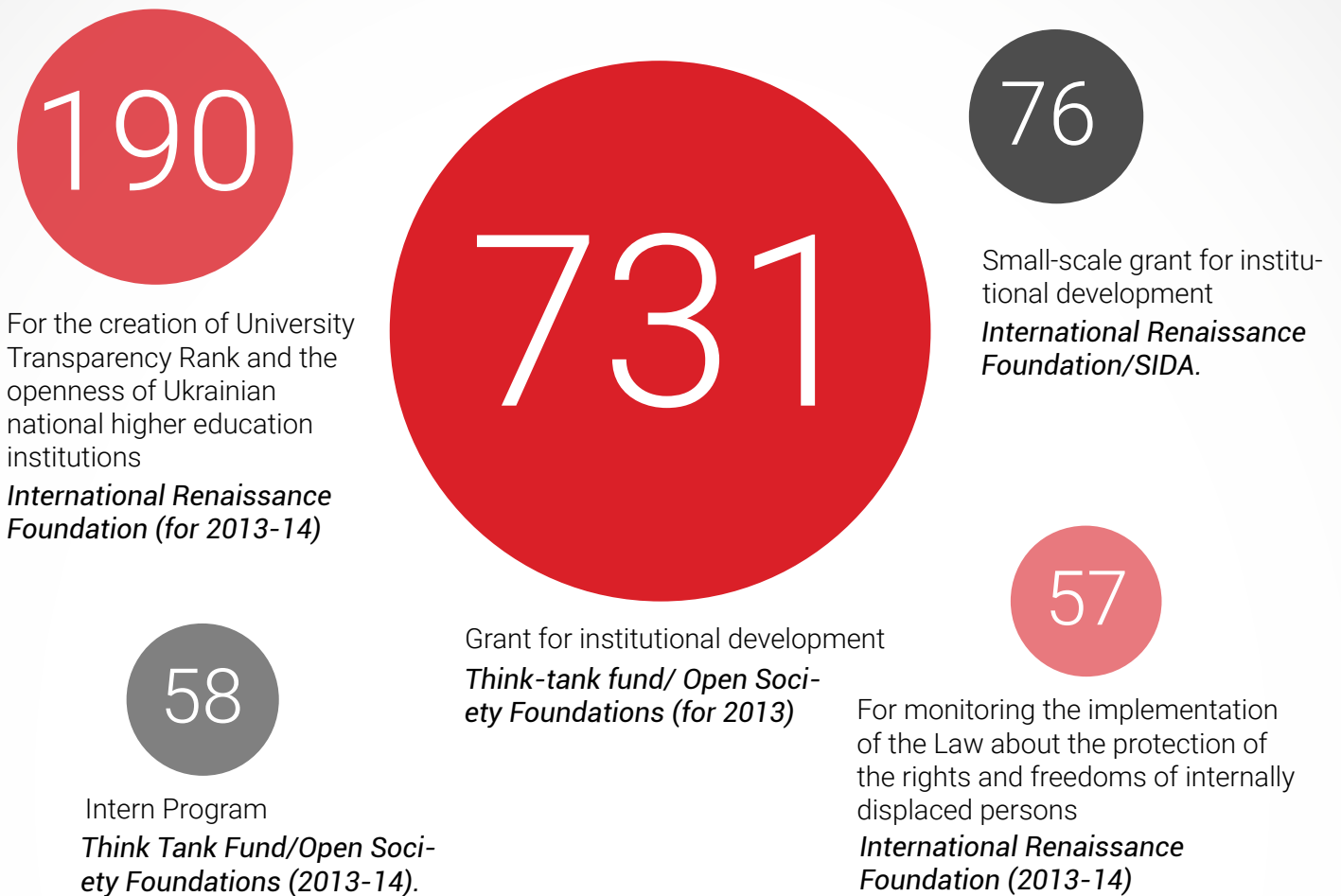
This year, our team grew in both professionalism and size. As of today, the CSR employs 10 people (5 men and 5 women). Thanks to the support by Think Tank Fund, SIDA and International Renaissance Foundation, we had the opportunity to improve our financial and administrative procedures, reform our internal structures and our organization of working process.

CSR employers:



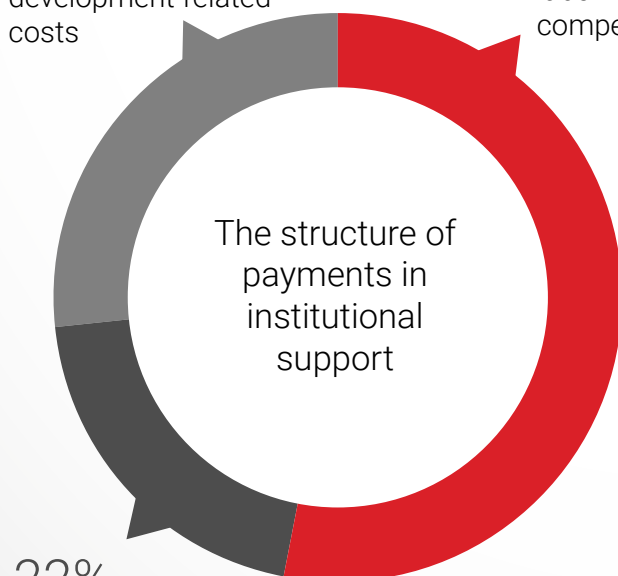
COSTS

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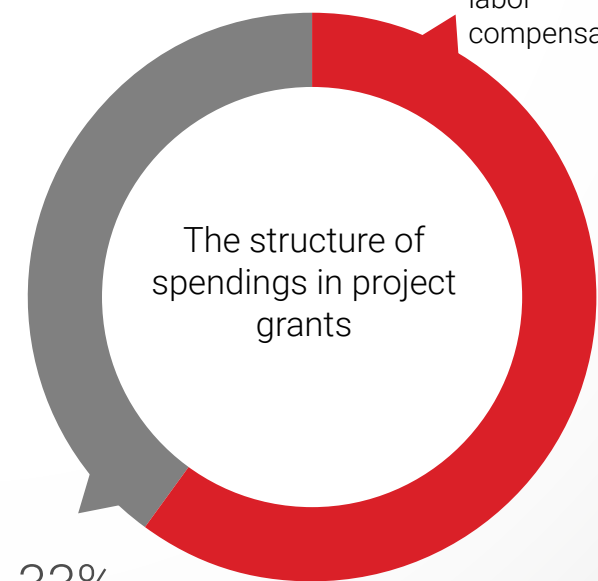
20%
administration and
development-related
costs

58%
labor
compensation



22%
office rent

67%
labor
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33%
project task-
related costs

RELEASED PROJECTS

- ▶ Prepared a research of the policies for integration of refugees in Ukraine, which contains an analysis of the implementation of plans for refugee integration and possible scenarios for the improvement of the situation in integration policy.
- ▶ Started to research the money transfers from labor migrants and their efficient use in the country's economy.
- ▶ Launched a constant monitoring of the policies related to internally displaced persons (IDPs). We both analyse and offer specific solutions to improve the situation of IDPs.
- ▶ Developed and presented the rank of higher education institutions according their financial transparency, which demonstrated the readiness of 117 national universities to demonstrate their financial documentation to the public. During the realization of the project, we collected unique data about financial and material means of higher education institutions, as well as of the distribution of wages between the management and the teachers within universities.
- ▶ Prepared a report about the public funding of higher education, in which we described the system of state-funded university places in Ukraine and the mechanisms of the state funding of universities in five other countries, as well as offered a model of mid-term and long-term reforms of the state funding of higher education.
- ▶ Collected a unique database of the information on Ukrainian citizens in foreign universities of 22 countries. These data demonstrate which foreign education services are preferred by Ukrainians who are not satisfied with the level of Ukrainian universities.
- ▶ Collected and organized a database of information about Ukrainian schools, which allows to establish the relation between certain characteristics of schools (the number of students, the type of settlement) and the quality of education (based on the External Independent Evaluation results). It is to become the basis for further research and the elaboration of recommendations on how to provide equal access to high-quality education.
- ▶ Started a series of publications on comparative statistics in primary and secondary education.



- ▶ Launched a monitoring of the distribution of spendings of Kyiv city budget and created a map of urban development projects; provided the Kyiv City State Administration (KCSA) with a project of the resolution which would make the allocation of funding for these projects transparent.
- ▶ Researched the systems of public transportation fees in 50 largest cities of Europe and former USSR and, based on that, offered a model for the change in transportation fee policies of Kyiv.
- ▶ Organized a discussion platform entitled “Cultural industries of small cities in post-soviet countries” as a part of “86” Film and Urban Festival in Slavutych.
- ▶ Analyzed the structure of the activities of the Department for Public Space Improvement of KCSA and made a visualization, which demonstrates the responsible for the management of public spaces in Kyiv. We also prepared a research of practices of grassroots “reclaiming” of public space in post-Soviet cities.



IN 2014

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analytical papers on education, migration and urban development were prepared by CSR team

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comments were given to media by our experts

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comments appeared on TV

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