

# ANNUAL REPORT

2015

CEDOS  
think tank



CEDOS is an independent, non-commercial think tank without any party affiliation. We research state policies and social processes in education, migration and urban development in order to organize progressive institutions and increase citizen participation in decision making. We emphasize the need for discussion about the ways of Ukraine's development, and promote the socially oriented, progressive economy and policy.

## WE WORK IN 3 MAIN AREAS:



### Secondary and higher education

academic component, financial, infra-structural and social issues



### Migration

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



### Urban development

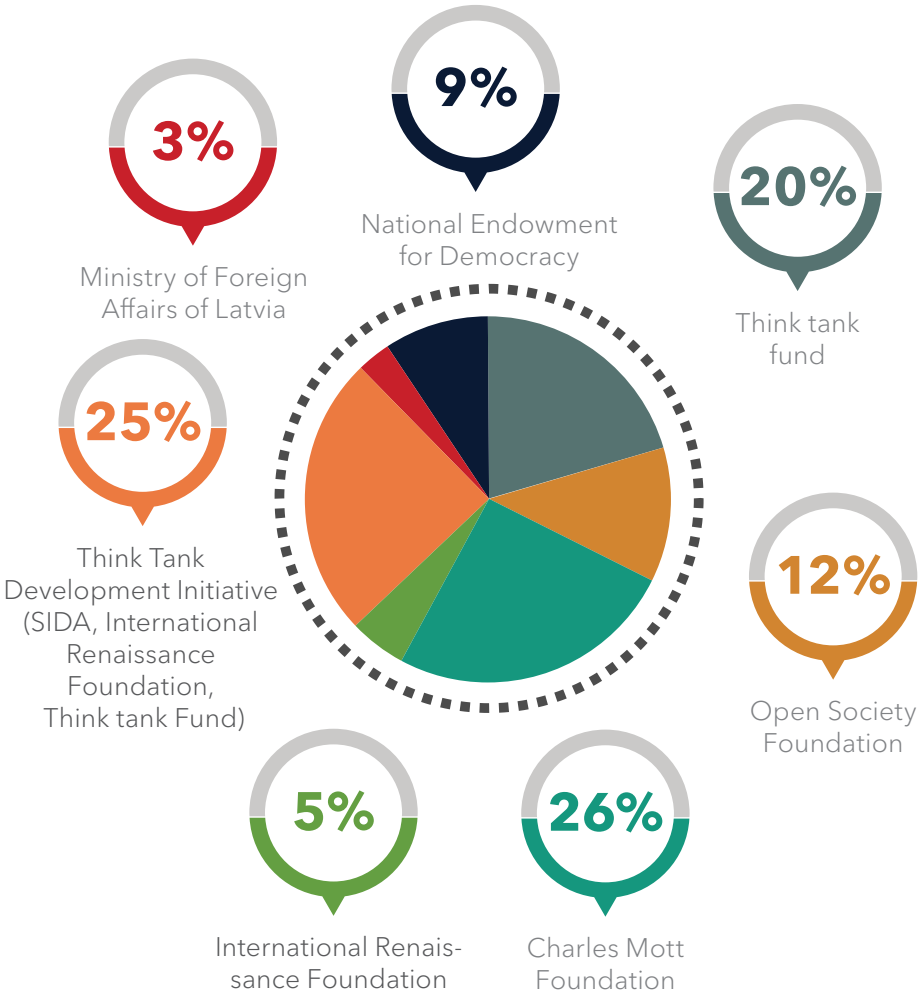
landscaping, transparency of public funds distribution

## 2015 WAS A DIFFICULT BUT INTERESTING YEAR FOR CEDOS.

- ◆ The organization has gone through a rebranding process and starting from April Centre for Society Research has become CEDOS think tank.
- ◆ We managed to implement 3 large-scale projects. We finished the Analysis of Policies Regarding Internally Displaced Persons, but we still constantly monitor the legislative innovations in this area. It is the second year in a row that we prepare the Transparency ranking of national higher education institutions. By the end of the year, we presented the database «CEDOS school map», adapted to rapidly generate statistical indicators about school network in Ukraine in simple way which is useful both for average users and analysts.
- ◆ CEDOS constantly reveals new approaches to project work. So, we launched MISTOSITE an online magazine about the city, which operates both in the media and research format. All of the CEDOS urban development materials are now concentrated on MISTOSITE pages. The site Profrights.org was also launched. It is aimed to record violations of the rights of teachers and students in universities and to instruct them on how to protect those rights. Profrights.org is a watch-dog project which is an unusual one for CEDOS. These projects have also distinguished because of the organized debates and a series of workshops in the regions of Ukraine.
- ◆ CEDOS is a member of the Think Tank Development Initiative. It is a unique opportunity for the development of think tanks in Ukraine, which is implemented with the support of Swedish International Development Cooperation Association, Think Tank Fund, and the International Renaissance Foundation.
- ◆ We grew by 75 percent this year; our research teams in education and urban development became considerably larger.
- ◆ Through the program «University students' internship at think tanks» realized by Renaissance Foundation and SIDA, 4 talented interns have joined CEDOS team for a year.
- ◆ CEDOS became a PASOS member(an independent think tank network in Central-Eastern Europe)!
- ◆ CEDOS ranked 80 in the Global go Think Tank Index 2015 in the category Think Tank to Watch.

# FUNDING

## CEDOS BUDGET 2015



CEDOS received \$252,000 of funding in 2015. A third of our budget consisted of the institutional support from the Think Tank Fund and the Think Tank Development Initiative. The rest was the funding for various CEDOS projects.

## BUDGET STRUCTURE 2015



# COSTS 2015

PROJECT NAME	DONOR	PROJECT START	PROJECT FINISH	OVERALL BUDGET (USD)
Institutional Support	Think Tank Fund	02.2015	02.2016	1 251 820,70 €
Organizational development	Think Tank Development Initiative by SIDA and IRF	03.2015	01.2017	2 085 833,12 €
Strengthening Civic Participation in Ukrainian Cities	Charles Mott Foundation	01.2015	12.2016	1 768 857,49 €
School system data for policy process	Open Society Foundation	01.2015	12.2015	507 209,50 €
HEIs transparency rankink 2015	International Renaissance Foundation	09.2014	06.2015	190 000,00 €
Policy regarding IDPs situation in Ukraine	International Renaissance Foundation	12.2014	02.2015	57 520,00 €
Young Professionals Development Program	Think Tank Fund	11.2014	04.2015	115 523,16 €
Profrights Project	National Endowment for Democracy	05.2015	04.2016	NA
Capacity building for civil society participation in municipal development planning in Ukraine	Providus/Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia	09.2015	12.2015	NA

OVERALL BUDGET (UAH)	RECEIVED IN 2015 (USD)	RECEIVED IN 2015 (UAH)	EXPANCESS IN 2015 (USD)	EXPANCESS IN 2015 (UAH)
\$56 699,00	1 251 820,70 €	\$56 699,00	1 251 820,70 €	\$56 699,00
\$142 364,57	1 465 286,14 €	\$66 792,00	1 241 821,19 €	\$56 686,61
\$69 985,00	1 768 857,49 €	\$69 985,00	1 768 857,49 €	\$69 985,00
\$25 000,00	507 209,50 €	\$25 000,00	507 209,50 €	\$25 000,00
\$10 000,00	107 225,00 €	\$5 643,42	123 102,60 €	\$6 479,08
\$3 027,00	- €	\$-	39 930,00 €	\$2 101,58
\$7 000,00	36 735,30 €	\$1 750,00	82 563,66 €	\$4 571,63
\$25 520,00	358 813,07 €	\$21 969,01	263 822,40 €	\$12 057,70
\$7 124,38	135 869,82 €	\$4 976,03	161 445,34 €	\$2 148,35

## MIGRATION

- ◆ We participated in the preparation of the analysis of the situation with internally displaced persons, the condition of the social infrastructure and the capacity of the government, for the Expert Support for the Emergency Program of European Investment Bank for the Recovery of Ukraine project.
- ◆ We launched the regular publication of the reviews of private money transfers into Ukraine.
- ◆ We conducted an online survey of the members of Ukrainian associations abroad about their involvement in the development of Ukraine.

## URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ We launched Mistosite, an analytical web journal about the city. We published 26 materials on the website; the publications were read by 10,500 users.
- ◆ We organized workshops on citizen participation in urban administration and urban research in Odesa and Ivano-Frankivsk. We co-organized a project seminar Right to the City, aimed at offering new opportunities for the participation of Kyiv inhabitants in making decisions in urban planning.
- ◆ We prepared a massive open online course titled «Urban Studies: Contemporary City» for the Prometheus MOOC platform.
- ◆ We researched the involvement of citizens in city administration via participatory budgeting in different countries. We published a booklet and prepared a number of analytical materials about participant budgeting. We organized a roundtable in Kyiv, a discussion in Chernihiv, presentations in Kharkiv and Zaporizhzhia.
- ◆ We organized events for the first and the second Kyiv Urban Festivals. We held a debate on «What should be done with mini buses in Ukrainian cities.»



# SECONDARY AND HIGHER EDUCATION

- ◆ We made a **transparency rating** of national higher education institutions in 2015; it showed which universities were ready to be open and inform their own students and faculty, as well as the wider public, about their policies. The rating assessed the accessibility of administrative, financial information, information about the content of the curriculum, as well as about the strategies of the universities. Every higher education institution received individual recommendations based on the Rating.
- ◆ We launched the **Profrights.org** website to collect the data about various abuses in Ukrainian universities. By the end of 2015, more than 330 cases of violations of rights in universities all over Ukraine were collected on the interactive map. The project allows the future applicants to avoid the universities which violate student and teacher rights. At the same time, the project informs students and teachers about their rights and obligations, as well as about the means to defend their rights.
- ◆ We collected the data about the **school network**, funding and academic results of school students and aggregated them into a single database. At the webpage of the CEDOS School Map, anyone can assess the state of secondary education in qualitative terms using interactive charts and maps; there is also a possibility to download all the data and analyse them by oneself.
- ◆ We updated the unique database with the information about **Ukrainian citizens in the universities abroad**, in 34 countries. The data demonstrate which foreign educational services are preferred by Ukrainians who are not satisfied with the level of Ukrainian universities.
- ◆ As a part of the monitoring of the higher education reform implementation, we analysed how community and state universities ensure that the students can exercise their guaranteed **right to elect subjects**, and whether the key organizational and financial documents are available on their websites.
- ◆ We collected and visualized a number of **databases about state-funded places** in higher education, about the distribution of salaries within universities, about the funds independently earned by universities, and about science funding in universities.
- ◆ We coordinated the working group under the Ministry of Education which developed the Strategy of Reforming Higher Education 2020 (aggregated and wrote the text, edited it, organized meetings and presentations).
- ◆ We regularly made expert evaluation of various **legislative initiatives** in education.

# IN 2015



**3** websites and **2** large-scale online projects were launched.



**83** analytical texts and **15** explanatory articles were prepared by CEDOS analysts.



**943** times the comments of our analysts appeared in printed and online media.



**114** times the comments of our analysts appeared on TV and in online programmes.



**75** radio programmes were visited and commented by CEDOS analysts.



**558 060** people saw CEDOS materials on CEDOS Facebook page.

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