




# ANNUAL REPORT




2016





CEDOS is an independent, non-commercial non-partisan think tank. We analyze state policies and social processes in education, migration and urban development seeking to encourage data-driven decisions and to 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:**

finance, equality, mobility, openness and integrity



## **Migration:**

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



## **Urban development:**

public participation, stakeholders' interaction, urban studies, decision making in urban development based on data, urban initiatives and movements.

## 2016 WAS RICH IN CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION:

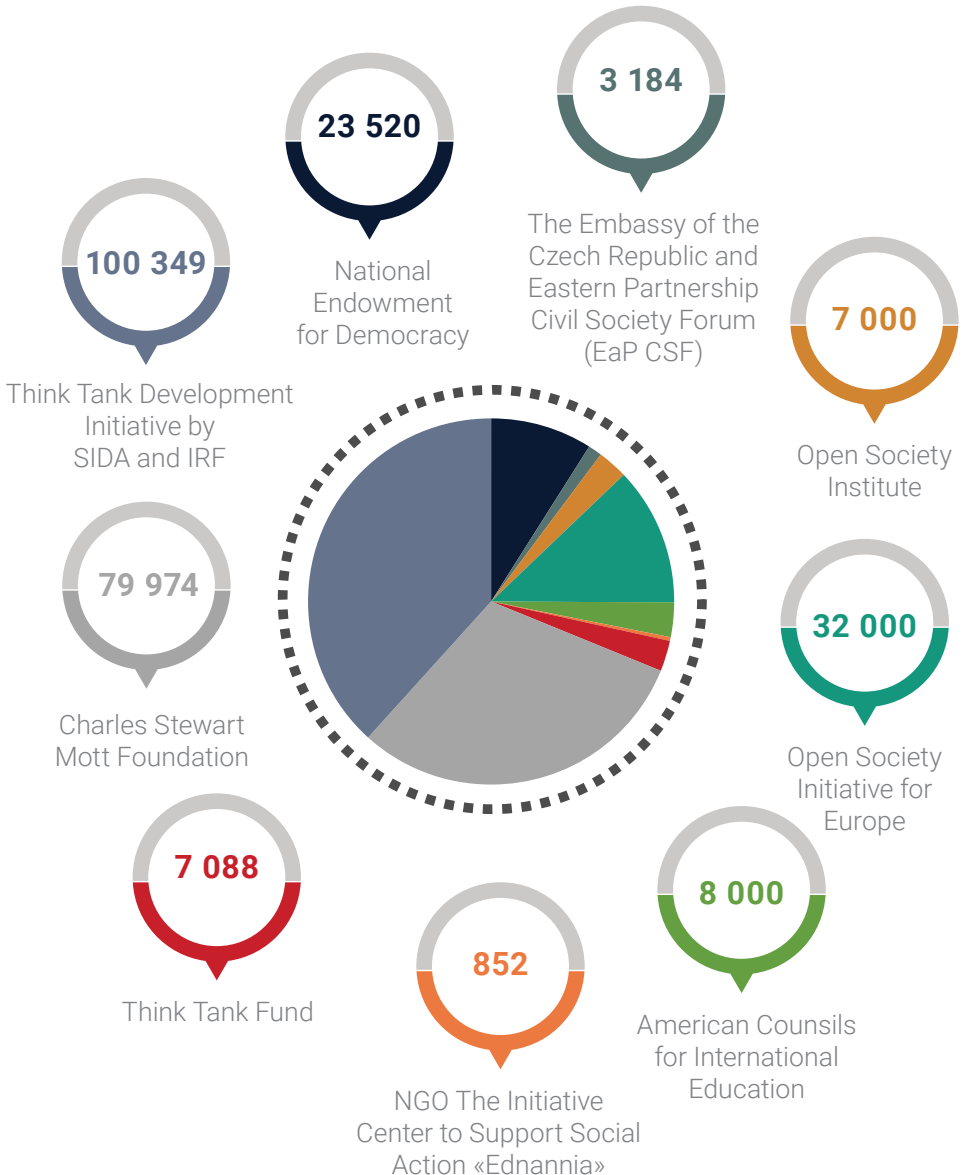
- ◆ We have changed the structure of the organization with strengthening the role of the Supervisory Board, whose members have been rotated. The Supervisory Board elected a new director by open competition. It was important for CEDOS that director's functions must be performed by a new person, not by somebody from the team.
- ◆ CEDOS involves in its activity 19 experts and specialists in policy analysis, communications, information technology and organizational management. Owing to the YPDP and CSPP programs of Open Society Institute, two interns were involved in CEDOS work and our team became international. Two previous interns of the program "Training of university students at the think tanks" were integrated into the team and now are successfully involved in CEDOS projects.
- ◆ We strengthened mechanisms for internal peer-review of analytical material: each text is reviewed by at least two analysts. Moreover, we increased the number of external reviews – large texts are reviewed by at least one external expert from the relevant field. In particular, among external reviewers were experts from the Center of Policy and Legal Reform, University Carlos III (Madrid, Spain), the World Bank, the KSE, Reanimation package of reforms, Gfk Ukraine, MIOK Lviv Polytechnic. We have redesigned our three web-sites and improved interactive data visualization.
- ◆ Our ideas are becoming more ambitious with a growing number of projects with Ukrainian and foreign partners. In particular, we conducted a study of community creation in Obolon district of Kyiv in cooperation with the Office of Obolon Kyiv city district, City Institute (Lviv), Obolonska RGA and the NGO "Park Natalka". Based on this study, the recommendations of communication between authorities and community activists on district development were elaborated. For the first time in Kyiv these recommendations will form the basis of communication strategy of RDA with residents of the city district.
- ◆ In cooperation with the Ministry of Education, Institute of Educational Analytics and the Ukrainian Center for Educational Quality Assessment we have launched the poll among External Independent Testing participants, which for the first time allowed us to evaluate the impact of socio-economic factors on academic achievements. Together with Center of Policy and Legal Reform and Human Rights Information

Centre we created the platform for NGOs interested in changing the system of residence registration and conducted basic research of the Ukrainian system of residence registration. Together with partners we organized a series of meetings and presentations with experts and government officials to discuss a wide range of problems emerged by the current residence registration system. In addition, we started a project with the Institute of Public Affairs (Warsaw, Poland), Association for International Affairs (Prague, Czech Republic), Yehuda Elkana Center CEU (Budapest, Hungary) Slovak Foreign Policy Association (Bratislava, Slovakia) to study the motivation and future plans of the Ukrainian students in Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia.

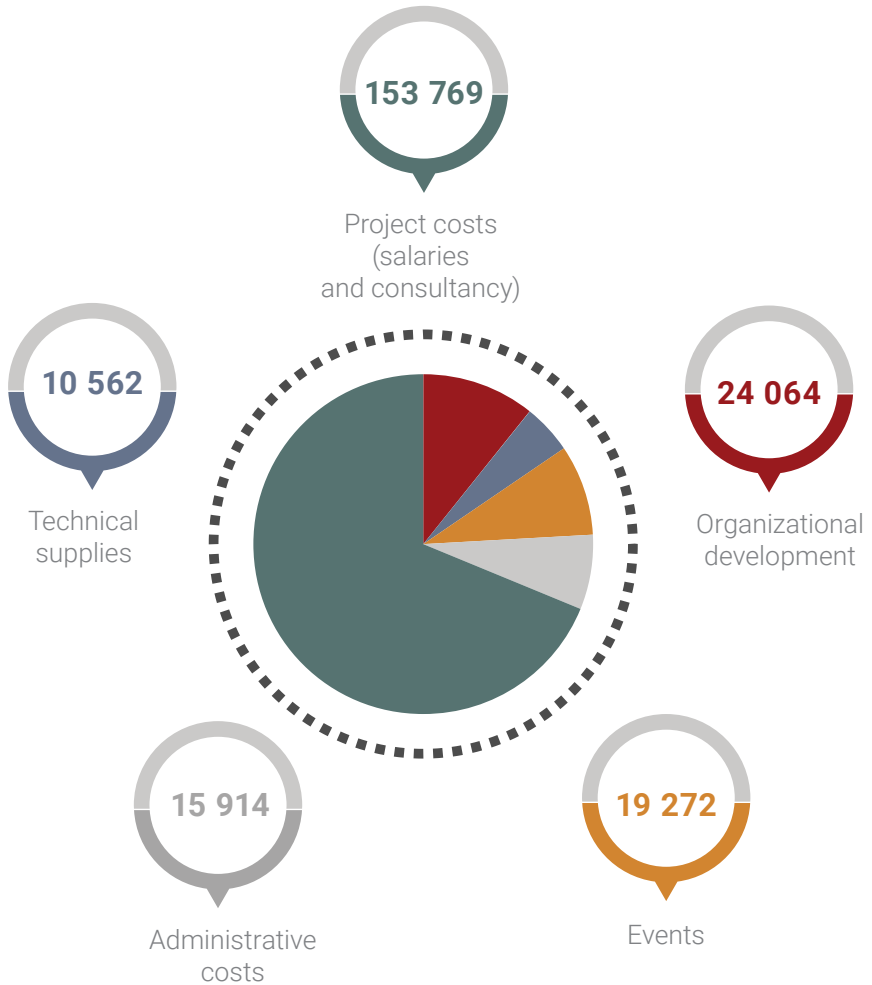
- ◆ CEDOS is a member of the Think Tank Development Initiative. This is a unique program for development of analytical centers of Ukraine, implemented by the Swedish Agency for International Cooperation in Development (Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, SIDA), Think Tank Fund and the International Renaissance Foundation. We also are also grateful to Open Society Initiative for Europe for their generous organizational support.

# BUDGET

## DONORS 2016 (USD)



## COST STRUCTURE 2016 (USD)



# COSTS 2016

PROJECT NAME	DONOR	PROJECT START	PROJECT FINISH	OVERALL BUDGET (UAH)
Strengthening Civic participation in Ukraine	Charles Stewart Mott Foundation	12.2014	3.2017	3 677 729 ₴
Organizational development	Think Tank Development Initiative by SIDA and IRF	03.2015	03.2017	3 400 329 ₴
Funding for the project "Organizational Development" № 50533	Think Tank Development Initiative by SIDA and IRF	3.2016	2.2017	264 040 ₴
Funding for the project "Organizational Development" № 50380	Think Tank Development Initiative by SIDA and IRF	4.2016	4.2017	278 894 ₴
Funding for the project "Organizational Development" № 50014	Think Tank Development Initiative by SIDA and IRF	9.2015	2.2017	111 248 ₴
Institutional support	Think Tank Fund	2.2015	2.2016	1 251 821 ₴
Supporting the project Profrights 2016	National Endowment for Democracy	7.2016	6.2017	891 000 ₴
Supporting the project Profrights 2015	National Endowment for Democracy	5.2015	4.2016	593 632 ₴
Strengthening Academic Integrity in Ukraine Project	American Councils for International Education	5.2016	1.2017	249 344 ₴



OVERALL BUDGET (USD)	RECEIVED IN 2016 (UAH)	RECEIVED IN 2016 (USD)	EXPENSES IN 2016 (UAH)	EXPENSES IN 2016 (USD)
\$150 100	1 908 871 ₴	\$79 974	1 829 348 ₴	\$76 891
\$142 364	1 935 043 ₴	\$75 572	1 494 357 ₴	\$59 473
\$10 540	264 040 ₴	\$10 540	233 296 ₴	\$9 313
\$11 237	278 894 ₴	\$11 237	135 869 ₴	\$5 937
\$4 500	78 822 ₴	\$3 000	89 631 ₴	\$3 500
\$56 699	175 242 ₴	\$7 088	366 634 ₴	\$16 612
\$33 000	509 771 ₴	\$20 000	364 364 ₴	\$14 459
\$25 520	91 778 ₴	\$3 520	329 756 ₴	\$13 980
\$10 000	199 440 ₴	\$8 000	198 831 ₴	\$7 941

PROJECT NAME	DONOR	PROJECT START	PROJECT FINISH	OVERALL BUDGET (UAH)
Organizational Development Grant	Open Society Initiative for Europe	10.2016	9.2018	3 348 000 ₴
EaP countries cooperation to ensure the quality assurance in higher education*	The Embassy of the Czech Republic and Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (EaP CSF)	6.2016	11.2016	83 920 ₴
Think Tank Young Professional Development Program for MA and PhD Graduates 2016	Open Society Institute	12.2016	4.2017	180 880 ₴
Assessment of organizational capacity and development of change management strategy	NGO The Initiative Center to Support Social Action «Ednannia»	2.2016	3.2016	23 000 ₴

OVERALL BUDGET (USD)	RECEIVED IN 2016 (UAH)	RECEIVED IN 2016 (USD)	EXPENSES IN 2016 (UAH)	EXPENSES IN 2016 (USD)
\$124 000	826 057 ₺	\$32 000	197 671 ₺	\$7 657
\$3 184	83 920 ₺	\$3 184	91 701 ₺	\$3 184
\$7 000	180 880 ₺	\$7 000	20 000 ₺	\$774
N/A	23 000 ₺	N/A	23 000 ₺	N/A

# MIGRATION

- ◆ In partnership with ICHR and CPLR we have conducted a research of current system of residence **registration** (ENG). Within this activity we examined influence of the system of residence registration on access to the state services and analyzed effectiveness of the state governance in general. Our findings show that current system of residence registration restrains access to healthcare services, makes it impossible to vote at local elections for unregistered population and makes it more complicated to receive documents and administrative services. Reforming the residence registration system requires systematic changes and coordinated actions of a wide range of government agencies.
- ◆ We proceed to **monitor** (ENG) policy changes concerning IDPS and periodically publish overviews of remittances to Ukraine. This allows us to promptly react to legislative initiatives concerning IDPs' rights and analyze reasons for changes in volumes of remittances to Ukraine.
- ◆ We prepared series of publications on **migration crisis in the EU** (UKR) and analysed the role of **asylum seekers from Ukraine** (ENG) in this process. The analysis showed that the number of asylum seekers in the EU rises starting from 2014, however the majority of asylum applications are groundless which is confirmed by a huge number of rejections.
- ◆ We have organized policy workshop on migrants' engagement to Ukraine's development. Our findings also helped to reveal the need for creation of the separate agency responsible for migration in Ukraine.
- ◆ Together with the Danish Refugee Council we have presented international experience of person's identification and designed legislative changes in this sphere.
- ◆ We presented our recommendations concerning labor migrants in the EU and mechanism for implementation of readmission agreement between Ukraine and the EU for European politicians in Brussels.

# URBAN DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ We conducted a quantitative sociological study of involvement of Kyiv citizens and residents to the city administration. These data laid foundation of the strategy of realization of our project on enhancing the level of public participation.
- ◆ We held a study of network of interaction between local initiatives and organizations of Kyiv, Kharkiv, Odesa, Lviv and Ivano-Frankivsk, collected and published data for the Base of urban initiatives in Ukraine. This is a unique base in Ukraine, which is available online and is aimed at local municipal initiatives cooperation. These studies formed the basis of the strategy for Ukrainian urban movement support.
- ◆ We have analyzed the potential for community creation in Obolon district of Kyiv and provided recommendations for communication between authorities and local community activists on district development. In addition, memorandum of cooperation with Obolonska RGA was signed. Our recommendations will form the basis of RDA communication strategy with residents of the district, that will be the first project of cooperation of various stakeholders in Kiev. We analyzed the allocation of immigrants in terms of housing infrastructure, showing that IDPs do not create additional pressures on housing infrastructure in Ukraine.
- ◆ We reviewed the implementation of participatory budget in Ivano-Frankivsk and provided recommendations for local authorities for its improvement. We conducted a project seminar “Right for the City 2” in Lviv, dedicated to elaboration of mechanisms for the participation of residents in maintaining and restoration the historical heritage of the city.
- ◆ The first conference in Ukraine on participatory practices in urban studies, budgeting and culture was held by our analysts in Lviv and was aimed at exchanging experiences among researchers, activists and municipalities all over Ukraine. By the results of the conference we are preparing the publication on best participatory practices in Ukraine. We have launched the first free online course on urban planning in Ukraine “Urban, modern city” on the Prometheus platform. In several cities, this course is recommended for passing for employees of municipalities and is functioning effectively as a tool for training for

officials. As of 14 March 7123 listeners were registered on course and 523 got certificates of course completion.

- ◆ We have organized the first forum of local initiatives of Ukraine during which the Charter of Ukrainian urban movement was created and signed. Support for urban movement is a logical extension of our research of the network of public participation and local initiatives in Ukraine.
- ◆ We conducted research and workshop on development of art studios NAFAA at Soshenko str. 33 in Kyiv. We developed methodology and took part in the moderated public discussion of the Concept of development of cycling infrastructure in Kyiv. These two projects are the examples of participatory approach to urban development for the first time realized in Kiev.
- ◆ Our analysts conducted a two-day training on social studies in urban projects in Odessa, where participants from 6 cities could practice different approaches to collecting local data, and then they were developing possible strategies for one of the streets in Odessa. We participated in the preparation and conducting of the workshop on the reconstruction of public space in the city council building and the square in front of it. Our proposals formed the basis of terms of reference for the reconstruction, which serves as another example of participatory urban planning and cooperation of the municipality with independent researchers.
- ◆ Our team implemented the project "School module «urban studies»" which is an optional course for pupils of one of the schools in Kharkiv. It showed that urban education can be one of the elements of modern school education in Ukraine, that develops competence among the new general of urban residents.
- ◆ We published 85 analytical materials at MISTOSITE analytical online magazine about the city.

# SECONDARY AND HIGHER EDUCATION

- ◆ Together with MES and UCEQA we started a **survey** (UKR) among external testing participants, which allowed for the first time to assess the impact of socio-economic factors on learning results. It appeared that holding other conditions unchanged parents' education has a greater impact on the results of testing, than the type of school or school location (in the city or in the countryside).
- ◆ Our other **analyses** (UKR) showed that not only the average score is higher in the "elite" schools, but also the within school inequality in such institutions is lower. However inequality within schools is still higher than the inequality between schools.
- ◆ In cooperation with our partners, we conducted national **poll** (UKR) among students, which allows to reform stipend system and shows expectations of young people during admission campaign and what kind of information is lacking for a better choice of university and major.
- ◆ We published universities transparency **ranking** (ENG) 2016 that showed which universities are going to meet applicants', students', teachers' and employees' demands and publish information about its programs, as well as on administrative and financial processes. According to the ranking results, each university received individual recommendations. At least 18 universities have been improving their sites based on these recommendations.
- ◆ We updated our unique **database** (UKR) on Ukrainian citizens studying in foreign universities in 33 countries in terms of gender, types of universities and majors. These database shows which foreign universities are preferred by Ukrainians instead of Ukrainian HEIs.
- ◆ We localized the **concept** (ENG) of performance-based funding for Ukrainian context. MES has used it for drafting the reform of funding in higher education. Also we held international **debate** (ENG) on funding of higher education in Ukraine, Poland and Austria.

- ◆ We collected and **published** (ENG) the views of members of the National Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education on its most important function in order to draw public attention to the visions and plans of the Agency in the near future. The analysis revealed major differences in opinion on the Agency accreditation procedures and the involvement of various stakeholders in internal and external quality assurance of higher education.
- ◆ Our team **analyzed** (UKR) Ukrainian experience of increased scholarships for students of certain majors, concluding that this tool does not attract better students if no parallel measures are implemented to improve the quality of study programs and wages of relevant occupations.
- ◆ We continue to support **Profrights.org**, which collects data about various types of violations in Ukrainian universities. By the end of 2016 interactive map contains 424 registered violations at universities throughout Ukraine. The project helps those who choose university to avoid places where rights of students and teachers are violated. Also the project informs students and teachers about their duties and rights, as well as about tools to protect them.
- ◆ We organized more than 30 training sessions for high school students, their parents on how to choose the universities and majors, for which information to look and how to verify it.
- ◆ We published illustrated digest **Education in Ukraine 2015** (ENG) which demonstrates educational statistics in the form of infographic. This way we want to popularize basic information about the economics of education, participants of the educational process and the network of educational institutions in Ukraine. The data are displayed in comparison with other countries in order to observe Ukraine's place in the international context.
- ◆ Last but not least we have been regularly conducting an expertise of various legislative drafts in education and provided pro bono consulting to various MPs and governors.





# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2016



**87** analytical texts were prepared by our analysts



**3** websites and **2** large-scale online projects



**151 421** unique pageviews (cedos.org.ua)



**1350** overall media appearances of our analysts



**110** times the comments of our analysts appeared on TV programmes

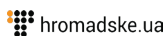


**97** radio programmes with involvement of CEDOS analysts



**737 471** people saw CEDOS materials on CEDOS Facebook page which is 24% higher than the last year indices

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