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CEDOS is an independent, non-partisan, non-commercial think tank. We analyze public policy and social processes in education, migration and urban development in order to create progressive institutions and boost citizen participation in decision making. We emphasize the necessity of discussion about the future of Ukraine and stand for progressive economy and politics.

## WE WORK IN THREE KEY FIELDS:



### **Secondary and Higher Education**

education reform in Ukraine, performance-based funding, transparency, equality



### **Migration**

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



### **Urban Development**

equality, public participation, evidence-based decision making, building the urban movement in Ukraine

# OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

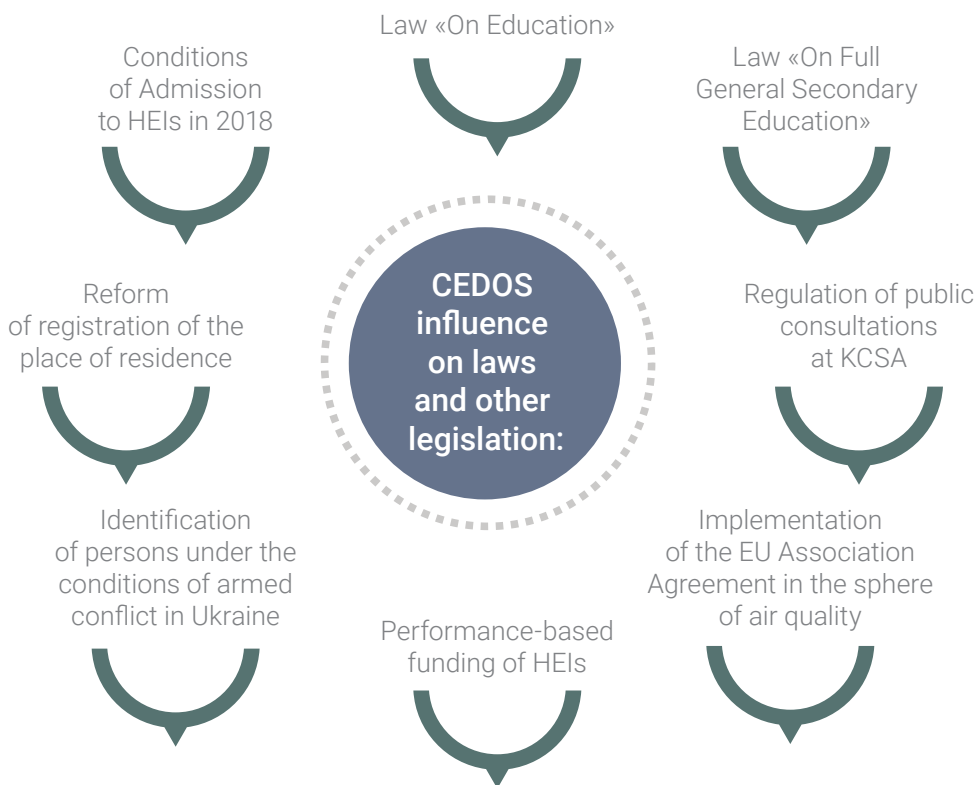
## INFLUENCE ON POLICIES IN UKRAINE

CEDOS experts were involved in writing the articles in the Law “On Education” about the informational transparency of education institutions, the powers of government bodies in the educational system, the institutional audit of education institutions, and political and religious activities at education institutions.

In its work on the Bill “On the Full General Secondary Education,” CEDOS promotes equal access to secondary education through territorial accessibility and fair system of school admission, as well as by increasing the participation of stakeholders in the management of education institutions using democratic and inclusive rules and procedures.

We have made the first steps towards the introduction of performance-based funding for higher education institutions. We actively participated in the development and helped the Ministry of Education to implement the criteria for the competitive selection of the higher education institutions which should teach the MA students whose education is procured by the state. For the first time, state-funded places for MA students were distributed among universities transparently, based on objective indicators. The procedure ensured that the strongest HEIs have priority in receiving state funding.

By actively participating in a working group organized by the Ministry of Education, we have achieved the inclusion of requirements which will increase the quality and transparency of the admission process into the Conditions of Admission 2018. Now the information about the application process in the broad competition within each specialization will become open. That way, the applicants will be able to evaluate the actual competition within each specialization and make a more measured choice. In addition, the broad competition for the specializations in the field of health care will be unblocked. This is critically important given the expected shortage of students who pay for their own education in 2018.



We have demonstrated the movement of university applicants, that is, we showed which regions are losing applicants and which, on the contrary, attract applicants from other regions. This analysis allowed us to see some unexpected results for the first time — for example, the fact that Dnipro is experiencing a significant loss of applicants, while Chernivtsi, on the contrary, gains more applicants. We also demonstrated the distribution of applicants with the highest External Independent Evaluation grades. These calculations became the basis of the distribution of regions between different values of the regional coefficient in the Ministry’s Conditions of Admission 2018. In particular, the regional coefficient will now be in much better correspondence with the statistical data about the movement of applicants between regions than before.

We have studied the functioning of the system of air quality monitoring in Ukraine and discussed it with representatives of institutions responsible for the monitoring in Kyiv. This way, we made sure that they meet in person and share the plans to implement the EU Association Agreement requirements in this sphere.



We have carried out a study of the mechanisms of involving the public into the process of decision making by public government bodies of Kyiv, commissioned by the Council of Europe and the Kyiv City State Administration. Based on the results of the study, they organized the Academy of Civic Participation for urban activists and municipal public servants, and started working on a document which will regulate the process of public consultations in Kyiv.

We have studied the difference between the registered and actual places of residence of Ukrainians. We joined the Ministry of Interior Affairs' working group for drafting the bills about the improvement of the procedure of residence registration, in order to apply our expertise to reforming the registration system.

As a part of cooperation with the Danish Refugee Council and the Human Rights Information Center, we prepared an analytical note about identification of persons under the conditions of armed conflict in Ukraine and developed recommendations for the State Migration Service of Ukraine and the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

Applying the results of our studies, we participated in parliamentary committee hearings on the topic of Ukraine in the Processes of Migration into the EU: Losses and Achievements.

## STRENGTHENING OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY IN UKRAINE AND ITS DIALOGUE WITH AUTHORITIES

We have organized the second strategizing session for the Ukrainian Urban Movement together with the Ukrainian Office of the Heinrich Boll Foundation. The participants of the session worked out a shared vision of their interaction and the development of the movement. 67 organizations and activists from 26 cities have joined the collaboration in the Urban Movement. The purpose of the Movement is to strengthen the capacities of urban initiatives by creating opportunities for collaboration.

We tutored trainings about the involvement of residents in urban projects, justification of decisions and organization of urban research in Poltava (together with the NGO CityLab) and Mykolaiv (together with the Agency for the Development of Mykolaiv).

We consulted the Kyiv City State Administration and the Reanimation Package of Reforms.

We joined the Liveable Cities. Kyiv campaign.

We participated in the environmental and climate forum Energy of Change in Ivano-Frankivsk and in the Cycling Forum in Mykolaiv.

We developed the website [Profrights.org](http://Profrights.org), which collects data about various cases of misconduct at Ukrainian universities. By the end of 2017, the interactive map aggregated 441 cases of misconduct at higher education institutions across Ukraine. The project helps future applicants to avoid HEIs where students' and professors' rights are violated. At the same time, the project informs students and professors about their duties and rights, and about the instruments for protecting these rights.

We have published interactive online visualizations of the results of our research of the network of interaction between the urban grassroots initiatives of Kyiv, Kharkiv, Odesa, Lviv and Ivano-Frankivsk. By using these visualizations, the urban initiatives and government bodies will be able to obtain advice on how to improve networking and collaboration building.

urban movement



profrights.ua



hackathon



campaigns



Development  
of the civil  
society

consultations



NGO networking



We consulted the Novomoskovsk municipality, the NGO From Dream to Action, and GIZ in the project of participatory strategizing in the city community. We organized a lecture and a workshop on resident involvement in decision making, and a forum for exchanging experience between activists and public servants of 5 cities. We gave consultations about the structure and content of the strategy and about organization of strategy sessions; we also reviewed the strategy itself.

We organized a hackathon of urban social initiatives in Chervonohrad together with the NGO Cultural Geographies and its partners, for the purpose of strengthening the local community and teaching activists how to create projects which would engage city residents.

We have developed a methodology and conducted an analysis of the results of the study of Old Podil communities in Kyiv, with the goal of developing recommendations for community organizations and the district administration about effective involvement of residents in city government.

## INTERNATIONAL IMPACT

Our analyst conducted an official breakfast at the Institute for European Politics in Berlin, where he gave a talk about the democratic achievements in the fields of secondary and higher education in Ukraine in front of the audience of diplomats, think tank employees and university employees.

We presented CEDOS at the Ideas Lab 2017, the annual event of the Center for European Policy Studies (Brussels, Belgium).

CEDOS analysts were consultants about Ukrainian legislation related to the integration of economic migrants at the World Bank Migration and Legislation project. Later, the analysis was extended to other migrant categories, and 167 indicators of migrant integration policies were analysed. It enabled the first complex comparison of Ukrainian migrant integration policies with other countries.

Our analyst reported about the methods of migration research and about Ukrainian students abroad at an international conference in Beijing, organized by an institute connected to the Chinese Ministry of Education.

An analyst from our Migration Department was invited to teach a guest course titled Transitional Justice, Peace-making and Internal Displacement in European Conflicts at the Universidad del Norte in Columbia.

The center's analysts participated in the experience exchanges with regional stakeholders in Bishkek, Minsk and Prague.

We consulted the Research Directorate of the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada about the system of the registration of place of residence in Ukraine.

Our Migration team was reinforced by an intern, an who holds an MA from Economics and Society at the Graduate School for Social Research (Warsaw, Poland), as a part of the Civil Society Professionals Program.



## UNIQUE RESEARCH

For the fourth year in a row, we updated the unique database which includes information about Ukrainian citizens at universities of 34 foreign countries. This year, we supplemented it with the data on Ukrainian PhD students. The data show which countries, universities and programs are preferred by the Ukrainians who are not satisfied with the higher education or the economic situation in Ukraine. In order to collect more in-depth information, we started working on an international project involving partners from Visegrad Group countries

We conducted the annual analysis of the funding allocated for education and science in the State Budget. At all stages, from the government draft to the law signed by the President, we monitored the funds allocated for education. Thanks to this analysis, education professionals and the engaged public can understand which steps of the reform have financial support and which are likely to remain on paper only.

We conducted a study of the system of quality assurance of MA programs in public governance and administration at the National Academy of State Governance under the President of Ukraine. We revealed and described the level of funding for the training of the NASG students, the key aspects of the organization of education process at the NASG, and the possible impact of these factors on the quality of educational programs. Based on this study, we developed and presented recommendations to the NASG, the Cabinet and the President's Administration.

In the cycle Applicants Choice 2016, we showed how different universities behave during the admission campaign. Thanks to our studies, it was revealed which institutions pay attention not only to the number but also to the level of knowledge of applicants; which ones request low prices and attract many applicants and which, on the contrary, have higher prices and rely on smaller numbers of applicants. We also showed which Ukrainian HEIs specialize in certain fields, and which recruit much more applicants to the programs which do not correspond to their specialization. In addition, the

study demonstrated a hierarchy of specialization programs by EIE grades of the people who apply for them and proved that these grades do not always depend on the popularity of the program.

Together with the Ministry of Education and the Ukrainian Center for Evaluation of the Quality of Education, we have organized the second survey of the External Independent Evaluation participants, which allows us to assess the impact of socioeconomic factors on educational achievements.

We studied the area of the Yaroslaviv Val street in Kyiv together with the NGO Agents of Change and the KCSA, in order to create the strategy of development of this territory in the interests of the local community. We prepared a project of temporary closure of one of the blocks along this streets for the period of reconstruction.

We studied the park on the Koshytsia street in Kyiv together with the NGO Agents of Change and the Darnytsia District State Administration, and organized a public discussion to reveal the needs, problems and interests of the local residents. The results of the study and the discussion were handed to the architects who started working on the project of the park improvement.

We are continuing our constant monitoring of policies regarding internally displaced persons, private money transfers to Ukraine and labor migration, the processes of naturalization of Ukrainian citizens and the situation of Ukrainians abroad, which allows us to respond in a timely manner to any legislative initiatives in the sphere of protecting the rights of internally displaced persons.

We have collected information about the situation of Ukrainians who live abroad, initiated a discussion about Involvement of Foreign Ukrainians in the Reforms in Ukraine, which became a platform for communication between representatives of different government bodies, representatives of the public, and the leading researchers in this field.

# IMPACT ON THE INFORMATION FIELD

## MEDIA APPEARANCES

### NATIONAL



### INTERNATIONAL



### NICHE





**749328** views of our Facebook publications



The number of our Instagram subscribers increased by **50%**.



**239 850** unique views of our websites

**THIS MADE US ONE OF THE TOP FIVE THINK TANKS WITH THE HIGHEST WEBSITE AUDIENCE ACCORDING TO**



We have upgraded the Mistsite, which has become the Ukrainian urban platform. In addition to the publication journal, now it also includes a calendar of urban events and opportunities in different regions of Ukraine, and the updated Database of Urban Initiatives. In 2017, Mistsite published 77 articles, its pages were viewed 115,000 times, and its Facebook page was read by 3,500 subscribers.

# BUDGET-2017

PROJECT TITLE	DONOR	START OF PROJECT	END OF PROJECT	TOTAL BUDGET (USD)	SPENDINGS IN 2017 (USD)	INCOME IN 2017 (USD)
Organizational Development Grant	Open Society Initiative for Europe	10.2016	9.2018	\$124 000	\$56 540	\$62 000
Strengthening Civic participation in Ukrainian cities	Charles Stewart Mott Foundation	04.2017	05.2019	\$125 000	\$36 648	\$62 485
Organizational Development	Think Tank Development Initiative by SIDA and IRF	3.2015	3.2017	\$142 364	\$24 947	–
Support for the Profrights 2016 project	National Endowment for Democracy	7.2016	6.2017	\$33 000	\$16 940	\$12 979
Think Tank Young Professional Development Program for MA and PhD Graduates 2016	Open Society Institute	12.2016	4.2017	\$7 000	\$6 216	–
Additional funding for the Organizational Development project #50380	Think Tank Development Initiative by SIDA and IRF	4.2016	4.2017	\$11 237	\$4 916	\$3 701
Ukrainian-wide needs-assessment study of regional training centres and other regional educational establishments of public administration	U-LEAD	6.2016	8.2017	\$4 596	\$4 596	\$4 596
Strengthening Civic participation in Ukraine	Charles Stewart Mott Foundation	12.2014	3.2017	\$150 100	\$3 684	–
Strengthening Academic Integrity in Ukraine Project	American Counsils for International Education	5.2016	1.2017	\$10 000	\$1 887	\$1 929
Additional funding for the Organizational Development project #50533	Think Tank Development Initiative by SIDA and IRF	3.2016	2.2017	\$10 540	\$1 504	–
Index of Cultural and Creative Potential of Ukrainian Cities	Smart City Hub	10.2017	2.2018	\$4 000	\$1 421	\$4 000
Institutional development of think tanks and strengthening of cooperation with government bodies in order to introduce the principles of informed decision making and the analytical support of reforms in Ukraine. Approbation period	Think Tank Development Initiative by SIDA and IRF	11.2017	3.2017	\$4 806	\$647	\$4 806
Promoting Citizen Partitipation in Democratc Decision Making	Council of Europe	10.2017	2.2018	\$2 836	\$500	\$734
Additional funding for the Organizational Development project #50014	Think Tank Development Initiative by SIDA and IRF	9.2015	2.2017	\$4 500	\$300	–
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	\$3 184	\$272	\$258



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