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OPENING REMARKS

Ukraine is almost the only state that during several years demonstrates a positive trend. It aims to build sustainable democratic institutions and generally is guided by European standards. Success on this path is important not only for Ukraine. It, of course, will have an impact on the entire region where freedom in some places shrinks to a size of a prison cell. It requires fair and responsible treating the challenges because of which we falter on this way

The first challenge is the reforms. After Revolution of Dignity the country failed to restart the political system and the change of elites. Government sees reform more as a change of procedures within the corporations and installing a new accountability, but not as the systemic change of practice and approaches to work. As the consequence, conduction of a successful reform of the patrol service is not synced with the other structural units of the police. Reform of the judicial system just started, and that what we have at this time is rather its imitation. The pace of the reform is gradually decreasing, and in some areas,

for example, in the public prosecution office, there is observed the reverse process.

The second challenge is the war. In response to the Russian armed aggression the Ukrainian authorities resort to forced, often late, but not always proportional restrictions of human rights. And then we receive the situation, when established practices powered by extended authority of SBU are leading to a total lawlessness. Paradoxically, it seems that the citizens of Ukraine are almost willing to voluntarily give the Government the gains, for which they struggled during the Euromaidan, — freedom of speech, freedom of peaceful assembly, freedom from discrimination. And here it is important to remember that in this war we don't just protect our territory. We also protect our values, i.e. the chosen by us model of interaction between the authorities and the people within its borders.

The prospect of winning the war and thus turn into Russia has no meaning.

And the third challenge. Ukraine is only learning to defend its citizens. And, in particular, those who live in the occupied territories – in Crimea and Donbas.

The lack of thoughtful policy as for the occupied territories now may complicate the future reintegration of these territories into Ukrainian homeland, which sooner or later will necessarily take place. We must translate Oleg Sentsov's words "My country won't leave me on my own" into practical action.

Ukraine has to send a clear signal to the people that it is fighting for them.

Therefore, our country is still in the "transit period". And it is quite dangerous. The inertia of returning to totalitarianism is in effect, which manifests itself in a variety of symptoms. Sometimes the mere irresponsible attitude of the ruling elite to the challenges plays into the hands of it.

The question whether this "energy of Euromaidan" will help making a quantum leap and getting out of the "turbulent zone" — to the world remains open.

Oleksandra Matviychuk,

Chairman of the NGO "Center for Civil Liberties"

(Excerpts from the publication on the website of the newspaper "Dzerkalo Tyzhnia", May 20, 2016 <http://bit.ly/2hbqVM2>)



Center
for Civil
Liberties

ABOUT THE CENTER FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES

Center for Civil Liberties (CCL) is a human rights organization founded in 2007, the activity purpose of which is promotion and establishment of human rights, democracy and solidarity in Ukraine and the OSCE region for the sake of acknowledgment and preservation of

values of of human dignity.

CCL conducts monitoring and analysis of draft bills in conformity with the standards of human rights, carries out a public control over the actions of law enforcement agencies, courts and local authorities, over the investigation of the crimes committed

during the Euromaidan, documents political persecution in the temporarily occupied the Crimea, registers human rights violations and war crimes in the Donbas, leads educational activities in the field of human rights and democracy, takes part in international solidarity programs, etc.

WHAT ARE WE STRIVING FOR?

1 The slogan
“Human rights
are above all!”
to become a reality.

2 In Ukraine and beyond
to be a place for everyone,
regardless of any personal
attributes like skin color,
language, religion, sex,
sexual orientation,
views, etc.

3 Respect
to human dignity
to become
a real value.

WE ARE.



LET MY
PEOPLE
GO! 



public monitoring



HUMAN
RIGHTS
AGENDA

A woman in a dark dress stands on the left, presenting to an audience. The audience members are seated in white folding chairs, facing the presenter. The background shows a conference room with a whiteboard and a door. The entire scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue geometric shape that frames the text.

THE INITIATIVES
COORDINATED
BY THE CENTER
FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES.
AREAS OF WORK



www.euromaidansos.org

EUROMAIDAN SOS

Euromaidan SOS is an initiative created in response to the violent dispersal of peaceful student demonstration at the Maidan Nezalezhnosti (Independence Square) on November 30, 2013. During the Euromaidan event volunteers of the initiative worked in the 24-hour mode to provide legal and other assistance for persecuted protesters throughout Ukraine.

REGISTERED DATA



Subsequently, the initiative has begun its work aimed at registration of

violations of human rights in the Crimea and in the Donbas, and launched “Let My People Go” campaign for the release of the Ukrainian political prisoners, which it leads so far.

The E-SOS created a unique database of victims as a result of the violent actions of the representatives of the government, what later became the ground for filing report on crimes against humanity to the International Criminal Court.

Now the E-SOS has about 30 active volunteers who join their efforts around the topics of human rights protection, in particular concerning the investigation of crimes during Euromaidan, release of political prisoners and spreading the volunteer movement.

The E-SOS continues daily to lead its page in FB – Euromaidan SOS, that still counts more than 120 thousand Favorites.

 **30**
active
volunteers

120 
thousand
Favorites in FB

2000
volunteers

During the events of the Euromaidan the initiative comprised thousands of volunteers throughout Ukraine and abroad, the hotline received daily hundreds of calls, from the page of the E-SOS in FB the whole country and the world learned about the course of events in the Maidan

**LET MY
PEOPLE
GO!** 

www.letmypeoplego.org.ua

PAGE IN FB:

[www.facebook.com/
letmypeoplegoukraine](http://www.facebook.com/letmypeoplegoukraine)

#LETMYPEOPLEGO CAMPAIGN

LetMyPeopleGo Campaign is established for the protection of all Ukrainian citizens imprisoned for political motives in Russia and the occupied Crimea. It aims at the liberation of all the people from the list of “Let My PeopleGo” and control of observance of fundamental human rights of the hostages of the Kremlin, including freedom from torture, the right to free access to counsel, medical care, etc.

40 LET
actions of support

In the year 2016 as part of a campaign about 40 street and online walkouts were conducted both in Ukraine and internationally, as well as advocacy actions of influence on Ukrainian and foreign politicians



SUPPORT

The E-SOS within the framework of “Let My People Go” campaign provides support for the families of the victims and leads cooperation with lawyers who defend the rights of the illegally persecuted Ukrainians.

The campaign is supported by a number of organizations in Ukraine and beyond. In the year 2016 the campaign cared about the fate of **17 prisoners on the territory of Russia and 27 prisoners in the occupied Crimea.**

Thanks to the work of the partners of the campaign,

the Government of Ukraine, the international community, as well as the activity of lawyers, relatives and support groups, **5 Ukrainians have already been released from prison.** They all returned to the territory of Ukraine.



↑ **October 22, 2016**

Action in support of Oleg Sentsov during the Cinema Festival in Poland.

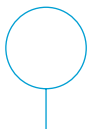


↑ London, 3 September 2016

Actors and spectators of Belarus Free Theater are demanding release of Ilmi Umerov, Oleg Sentsov and all the other hostages of Kremlin.

17

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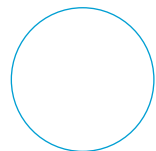


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public monitoring

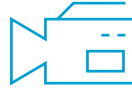
www.facebook.com/OZON.monitoring

“OZONE” PUBLIC WATCHERS GROUP

“OZONE” Public Watchers Group is a voluntary association of active citizens — first of all, public activists, lawyers, journalists, who are implementing a quality public control over State authorities, as well as the key processes that occur on the meeting line of the society and the State, in particular during the peace assemblies and trials.

TASKS

The public watchers are an independent party, they always remain outside the process. Their task is registering the peaceful actions, assisting in establishing civilized contacts between protesters and law enforcement and assisting in neutralization of conflicts, tracking violations during the trials.



Volunteers of Ozone are visible to the society. They are easy to recognize by special yellow vests with inscription “public watcher” and ID cards.



ГРОМАДСЬКИЙ
СПОСТЕРІГАЧ «ОЗОН»
«OZONE» CIVIC MONITOR

VOLUNTEERS

OZONE has **more than 40 volunteers in Kyiv and other cities of Ukraine** (Kramatorsk, Dnipro, Zhytomyr, Lviv, Mykolaiv, Kharkiv, Odesa).



↓ **Kyiv, June 12, 2016**

Volunteers public
watchers group "OZONE" is preparing to
monitor the March of Equality.



REPORTS

In 2016, the “OZON” volunteers published about **30 results of independent observation** of peaceful gatherings and judicial meetings in Kyiv and regions.

On their basis a number of reports was published, including:

MONITORING REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE FREEDOM OF PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY. KYIV, 9.05.2016 “EVENTS AROUND VICTORY DAY CELEBRATION”

www.bit.ly/2whyx1U

30
observation
results



REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF MONITORING THE MARCH OF EQUALITY IN KYIV, UKRAINE 12.06.2016
INFOGRAPHICS:

www.bit.ly/2o5tEFA

In addition, activists of “OZON” Public Watchers Group monitored the meeting of the Supreme Council of Justice, which dealt with the findings of the Temporary Special Commission for the Verification of Judges. Experts analyzed **57 conclusions** of the Temporary Special Commission and provided the assessment of **44 meetings** of the High Council of Justice.

According to the analysis results there were developed recommendations summarized in reports::

REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF THE PUBLIC MONITORING OF VERIFICATION OF JUDGES WHO TOOK THE DECISION ON LIMITING THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENS DURING THE EUROMAIDAN

www.bit.ly/2wh974x

REPORT ON THE RESULTS OF MONITORING OF LEGAL CASES RELATED TO LUSTRATION PROCESS AND VERIFICATION

www.bit.ly/2wgs0ED

57

conclusions



44

the meeting





humanrightsagenda.org.ua

www.facebook.com/zakon.hr

“HUMAN RIGHTS AGENDA” PLATFORM

“**H**uman Rights Agenda” Platform is an informal coalition of human rights organizations working in the field of monitoring, analysis and development of legislation in accordance with the basic principles of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

Members of the platform are leading Ukrainian human rights organizations.

The informal coalition unites around itself over **60** human rights defenders, experts, public activists who care about issues of human rights protection.

For processing narrow topics on the basis of the Platform, working groups are created, into which also experts from outside the coalition are involved.

Members of the human rights platform — HRA in 2016, worked with the following topics:

- accession of Ukraine to the International Criminal Court and the ratification of the Rome Statute
- bringing the Ukrainian criminal legislation in conformity with the international humanitarian law
- constitutional foundations of judicial reform
- amnesty for participants in the anti-terrorist operation
- the reform of law enforcement agencies
- protection of the rights of internally displaced persons and those residing on the occupied territories, etc.

60  
human rights
defenders
and experts

For the implementation of the “human rights agenda” into life the Platform works with the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada Committees, Council of Ministers of Ukraine, President’s Administration, Prosecutor General’s Office, Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, Ombudsman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on human rights and other organs of the State power.



Уповноважений
Верховної Ради України
з прав людини



ВЕРХОВНА РАДА УКРАЇНИ



МІНІСТЕРСТВО
ЮСТИЦІЇ



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THE INITIATIVES COORDINATED
BY THE CENTER FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES. AREAS OF WORK





← Kyiv,
July 13, 2016

International round table “The Implementation of the Norms of International Humanitarian Law and the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court to the National Legislation of Ukraine.”

In 2016, the Center for Civil Liberties put into practice conducting meetings of human rights activists and experts on the issues that are the most acute challenges to the protection of human rights. Such meetings known as “human rights clubs”. In human rights clubs both experts who are members of the Human Rights Agenda and of other expert groups participate, as well as authorized persons from the public authorities.

Human rights clubs are aimed at studying a problem deeper and finding joint ways of its overcoming. By the results of these meetings experts are united in working groups for further processing of topics, jointly developing suggestions as for further improvement of the legislation, publishing statements 8 human rights clubs were held on the topics that most of all needed the reaction of the human rights community, related to the protection of human rights

Basing on the results of the human rights clubs activities: there were developed and submitted concrete proposals on improving the legislation, there were created work groups to process the topics and to work out a common stand for the human rights defenders, there were published joint statements, etc.

human rights
clubs

“ *For several years documenting war crimes and crimes against humanity in the Crimea and Donbas. So for me personally, the war is not a matter of theory, but a matter of personal experience. Very painful, I must note*

— Oleksandra Matviychuk,
Chairman of the NGO
“Center for Civil Liberties”

”

DOCUMENTING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND CRIMES COMMITTED IN THE OCCUPIED CRIMEA AND DONBAS

After the Euromaidan events it has been already for the third year the Center for Civil Liberties continues its work aimed at fixing the violations of the human rights in Crimea and Donbas.

In the first place it is about serious international crimes committed in the framework of the State policy or organization policy in accordance with art. 5 of the Roman Statute of the International Criminal Court – genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, aggression, or crimes against peace.

Cases of murder, unlawful imprisonment, torture, raping and a number of other human rights violations in Donbas and in the Crimea can be qualified as international crimes.

There is no true peace without the establishment of Justice – that is why registering the information about violations of human rights and committed crimes is very important.

CCL independently or jointly with our partners has prepared a number of reports on human rights violations and crimes committed in the occupied territories in Crimea and Donbas.

All studies have been referred to the competent authorities for the purpose of receiving the proper reaction to their results. Also some materials were handed over to the international Criminal Court as evidence of the violation of human rights and committing war crimes.



1
“SURVIVORS OF HELL: THE TESTIMONY OF VICTIMS OF ILLEGAL PLACES OF IMPRISONMENT IN THE DONBAS”*

www.osce.org/odhr/185431

* Issued thanks to the work of the Coalition of non-governmental organizations “Justice for the Sake of Peace in Donbas”



2
“FOR THE SAKE OF THE ONE NAME. SEARCH FOR MISSING AND IDENTIFICATION OF UNIDENTIFIED VICTIMS OF THE ARMED CONFLICT IN THE DONETSK AND LUGANSK REGIONS”

www.bit.ly/2AHCMtu



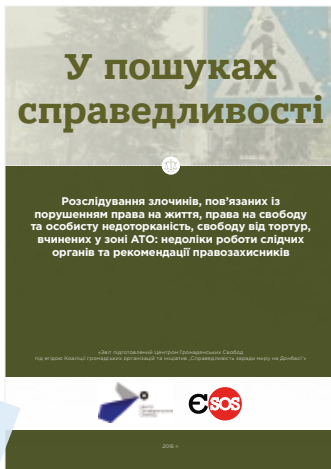
3
“THE CRIMEA: THE CHRONICLES OF OCCUPATION (MARCH 2015 – FEBRUARY 2016). POLITICAL PERSECUTION OF CIVIL SOCIETY AND HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE OCCUPIED CRIMEA”

Issue 1: www.bit.ly/2zpYSwD

Issue 2: www.bit.ly/2zq7jb4

Issue 3: www.bit.ly/2zozEP3

Issue 4: www.bit.ly/2zqOzrZ



“IN SEARCH OF JUSTICE.”
INVESTIGATION OF CRIMES
RELATED TO VIOLATION OF
THE RIGHT TO LIFE, THE RIGHT
TO FREEDOM AND PERSONAL
INVIOLEABILITY, FREEDOM
FROM TORTURE COMMITTED
WITHIN THE ATO AREA: THE
SHORTCOMINGS OF THE
WORK OF INVESTIGATORS
AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF
HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVISTS
www.bit.ly/2AJIWsW



“JUSTICE IN EXILE.”
OBSERVANCE OF THE
RIGHT TO A FAIR TRIAL
IN THE EAST OF UKRAINE,
INCLUDING THE TERRITORY
UNCONTROLLABLE BY THE
UKRAINIAN GOVERNMENT
www.bit.ly/2AJxf1S



COMPILATION
OF ALTERNATIVE REPORTS
OF CIVIL SOCIETY
ORGANIZATIONS:
THE THIRD CYCLE OF
THE UPR, UKRAINE
www.bit.ly/2AG07Kc



THE VIOLATION OF THE
RIGHTS OF LGBTI IN THE
CRIMEA AND DONBAS: THE
PROBLEM OF HOMOPHOBIA
IN THE TERRITORIES
UNCONTROLLABLE BY THE
UKRAINIAN GOVERNMENT
www.bit.ly/2AH0kg7



“PENINSULA OF FEAR:
CHRONICLE OF THE
OCCUPATION AND THE
VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
IN CRIMEA” – SECOND EDITION
 A collection of facts concerning
 human rights violations in the
 occupied Crimea in the period from
 February 2014 to February 2016.
www.bit.ly/2AHq91w

CCL IS ALSO A FOUNDER AND ORGANIZATOR OF SUCH EVENTS:

VOLUNTEER AWARD OF EUROMAIDAN SOS



110
volunteers
were
nominated
in 2016

Every year after the Revolution of Dignity, November 30, “Euromaidan SOS” re-nowns “ordinary people who do extraordinary things”.

Large-scale volunteer movement became a defining response to the challenges which Ukraine had to face during Euromaidan, and later in the fight with the Russian armed aggression.

Volunteer Award of Euromaidan SOS was founded with the purpose of expressing gratitude to the people thanks to who the country withstood in the most difficult times, as well as for the popularization and support of the volunteer movement.

In 2016, there were nominated more than 110 volunteers from across the country and abroad, who are engaged in volunteer activity in different areas: provide the necessities of the military, conduct the rehabilitation of wounded combatants, care of the orphans, develop the Ukrainian language, help the sick, organize socialization of internally displaced persons, etc.



WINNERS OF THE 3RD VOLUNTEER PRIZE OF EUROMAIDAN SOS IN THE YEAR 2016 ARE:



Anton Dubishin
with his performances
in hospitals supports the military



Iryna Huk
works hard to ensure
the Ukrainian soldiers



Liudmila Glondar
fighting for the release of people
who got imprisoned,
including her brother



Askold Naumets
80-year-old volunteer persistently shows
his care and sacrifice to helpvother,
for what he was awarded the audience prize

THE ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD



↑ December 10, 2016

For the first time it was given to Hennadii Shcherbak who created the unique database with 7 thousand cases of war crimes in Eastern Ukraine. The award was handed over during the opening of the National Human Rights NON Conference in Kyiv.

The annual human rights award is an all-Ukrainian human rights award launched by a coalition of human rights organizations “Human Rights Agenda” for promoting the values of human rights, human rights advocacy work and its social importance. The award is entitled for the outstanding achievements in the sphere of protection of the human rights.

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS CONFERENCE

National Human Rights Defenders NON Conference – the all-Ukrainian human rights event that takes place in the days of the anniversary of adopting General Human Rights Declaration, that aims to become a platform for the meeting of representatives of the public and State authorities for the discussion of relevant challenges associated with the protection of human rights in

Ukraine and worldwide.

In 2016 NON Conference was held in the format of the workshop where the participants discussed how to solve the specific human rights problems.

On the basis of the elaborated recommendations, the so called “human rights agenda” was developed that is designed to become a unifying document of the proactive position of the "Human Rights Agenda" platform.



← Kyiv, 10 December 2016

Collective picture of participants and guests of the National Human Rights NON Conference.



*To achieve the goals
we are looking for
all the more new
techniques that
make our arguments
clear and compelling*

ADVOCACY WORK

Center for Civil Liberties in its work actively uses the methods of the so-called “innovative advocacy.” Among the most striking examples are the following:

A DOCUMENTARY ABOUT THE CELLARS IN WHICH PRISONERS ARE HELD IN DONBAS IN THE VR TECHNOLOGY (VIRTUAL REALITY)

Developed together with a group of Polish IT specialists and is part of an advocacy campaign aimed at releasing all the illegally held prisoners in the cellars of ORDLO, which is run by the Center for Civil Liberties. The movie will be displayed in Ukraine and beyond. It is in the final stages of development.

ACTION IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS IN EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

MPs expressed their protest against illegal detention of Ukrainian political prisoners by the Russian Federation putting on t-shirts with their image.



↑ **Brussels, 2 March 2016.**
Action in support of Ukrainian political prisoners during the Ukrainian week in the European Parliament.

The action was held within the campaign “Let My People Go” during the Ukrainian week in Brussels, which took place in early March 2016.

**CONCEPTUAL VIDEO
“KHADIJA IS FREE – FREE ALL
POLITICAL PRISONERS!”.**

Created for information exposure needed for the release of political prisoners in Azerbaijan
www.bit.ly/2yGTuF2

**PHOTO-FLASHMOB WITH THE
PARTICIPATION OF PEOPLE'S
DEPUTIES DEMANDING TO
RATIFY THE ROME STATUTE
AND ACTION WITH THE
PLACEMENT OF A BANNER
IN THE COURTROOM OF
THE SUPREME COUNCIL.**

Events took place on the eve of the adoption of the amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine in the part of the administration of Justice in order to avoid delay in ratification of the Rome Statute for three years.
www.bit.ly/2yGnaID

**MUSICAL PRESENTATION
UNDER THE JOHN LENNON'S
SONG “IMAGINE.”**

In a normal summer day, in the crowded city of Kyiv musicians dressed in t-shirts with the inscription

“Human rights above all!” performed the song “Imagine” by John Lennon, which calls for peace and destroying any boundaries between people. Flashmob was held with the purpose of popularization of human rights among the population.
www.bit.ly/2yGTuF2

**PHOTO-EXHIBITION
DEDICATED TO THE LEGAL
PROCESSES OVER THE
UKRAINIAN CITIZENS, WHO
ARE PERSECUTED IN RUSSIA
FOR POLITICAL REASONS,
“THE COURT OF THE ABSURD.”**

The presented pictures show the dramatic moments of the judicial trials over “prisoners of the Kremlin” Nadiia Savchenko, Oleg Sentsov and Alexander Kolchenko, Mykola Karpiuk and Stanislav Klykh, Sergey Litvinov. In the artistic works there are displayed all the actors of litigation: starting from the prisoners, members of their families and to the representatives of Russian justice.

The basis of the exhibition were the works of a journalist of the Russian service of Radio Liberty Anton Naumliuk. Held in Kyiv, in the framework of the #LetMyPeopleGo campaign, together with the Crimea House.
www.bit.ly/2yGRs70



↑ Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Kyiv,
April 15, 2016

People's deputy Oksana Iurynets during the FlashMob in support of ratification of the Rome Statute



↑ Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Kyiv,
April 15, 2016

People's Deputy Ostep Yemets during FlashMob in support of ratification of the Rome Statute

LIVE BROADCAST OF PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY OF “OZONE” PUBLIC WATCHERS GROUP

Public watchers made online broadcast of peaceful gatherings, which were among the most massive in the year 2016 and caused some disturbance in society.

- The March of Equality. Held June 12, 2016, in Kyiv, for the protection of the rights of the LGBTI community.
- “Religious Procession” of christian believers of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Moscow Patriarchate. Held July 27, 2016, in Kyiv.

“OZONE” public watchers carried a live broadcast of the event for the entire duration of peaceful assembly. Due to this, everyone could watch the event online. Also on the page of OZONE in Facebook there constantly appeared messages about the progress of activities and events around them. In general there were posted about 50 posts about each assembly.

LIVE PERFORMANCES OF THE BELARUSIAN FREE THEATRE “BURNING DOORS” IN ON-LINE BROADCAST OF THE SHOW IN LONDON.



“Burning Doors” is the story of three artists through which the play shows what happens to the artists, who were officially recognized as the enemies of the State. Dedicated to the persecuted for political motives in the Russian Federation: Oleg Sentsov, Peter Pavlenskyi and Maria Aliokhina, participant of the punk-rock band Pussy Riot. Webcast was sponsored by the Center for Civil Liberties and took place in the Visual Culture Center on October 12, 2016. www.bit.ly/2yHfn71



TELETHON OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE ILDAR DADIN.

December 20, 2016, during the day on-air of Uklife TV prominent Ukrainian and Russian human rights activists highlighted their support for Ildar Dadin, who openly opposed the Government of the Russian Federation. In December 2015, he was deprived of his liberty for three years. Among the peaceful actions for which he was actually imprisoned, there were single pickets in support of Ukraine, requirements to the Kremlin to stop the war in Donbas and to free the Ukrainian political prisoners.

Participants in the telethon were Joseph Zisels, Kirill Podrabinek, Viktor Davydov, human rights defenders Eugene Zakharov, Oleksandra Matviychuk, Maxim Butkevych, Lev Ponomariov, lawyer Ilya Novikov, political prisoners of modern Russia Yurko Yatsenko, Mikhail Savva, Russian refugees and émigrés, Mikhail Agafonov, Elena Glushko, Ildar’s wife Anastasia Zotova and others. www.bit.ly/2yH7xdu



TO BE HEARD, WE:

20 times went to press conferences and briefings (on themes concerning the issues of amendments to the legislation and reforms, the situation with the political prisoners in Russia and the Crimea, documenting human rights violations in the East of Ukraine, results of the public watching the judicial processes and peaceful gatherings, presentations of reports, statements, etc.)

124 times published information messages concerning news in the field of human rights – an urgent information about trials of political prisoners, informing about the course of the investigation of Maidan cases, reviewing findings of the Temporary Special Commission for the Verification of Judges proceedings of the International Criminal Court, the interpretation of legislation in relation to fundamental human rights

Reports have been published on the pages in social networks and distributed to the media.

20 statements were issued by CCL and in cooperation with other organizations (concerning the inadmissibility of violation of the principle of judicial independence, regarding the organization of the process of

investigation into the “Yanukovich case”, concerning priorities in the negotiations of the settlement of the armed conflict in Donbas, regarding the protection of Ukrainian political prisoners in Russia and the occupied Crimea, about 5 disadvantages of the draft of the Constitution, addressing citizens of the Netherlands with an appeal to support the European path of Ukraine, concerning March of Equality, etc.)

13 – public events in the form of round tables, open discussions and conferences. These were conducted with the active involvement of representatives of State authorities, civil society, international organizations, experts (as for Justice in the area of ATO, the implementation of the norms of international humanitarian law, the establishment of hybrid tribunals, the elimination of the problems revealed during the events of the 31.08.2015, as for the legislative aspect of the “Minsk Agreements” (discussion in Kyiv and Berlin), as for the situation of the Crimean political prisoners (Brus-

sels), public assessment of the process of judges verification, who endorsed the decision on limiting the rights of citizens during the Euromaidan, etc.) and 14 workshops in the framework of the National Human Rights NON Conference (as for judicial reform, reform of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the issue of the international presence in the Crimea, the liberation of political prisoners from the list of #LetMyPeople-Go, investigation of the Maidan cases, monitoring of trials, etc.)

26 – actions of an educational nature (lectures, seminars, training sessions, interactive sessions). These were held for community activists, students and journalists. (International School of Human Rights and Public Action, lectures for the students, “What do you have in common with Gandhi and Václav Havel?”, a seminar for journalists on the features of the work of the International Criminal Court, the actions within the framework of the Human Rights Week in the regions (Uzhgorod), training for volunteers as for monitoring peaceful assembly, etc.)



11 червня
11.30-18.00



Простір ССЛ
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ЩО СПІЛЬНОГО В ТЕБЕ,
ГАНДІ ТА ВАЦЛАВА ГАВЕЛА?

приходь на вступний курс про права людини

ПРАВА ЛЮДИНИ
ПОНАД УСЕ

Center for Civil Liberties has been systematically working on resolving the issues of violations of human rights on international scene, in particular, provides permanent informing:

COUNCIL OF EUROPE



CONSEIL DE L'EUROPE

THE STRUCTURE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE:

- The International Advisory Panel of the Council of Europe,
- Special Speakers of PACE,
- The European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT),
- Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe
- Permanent representations of the Member countries of the Council of Europe

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Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

THE STRUCTURES OF THE OSCE:

- Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE
- Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
- Conflict Prevention Center (CPC)

- The Office of the Presidency of the OSCE in Germany
- The Office of the OSCE Media Freedom
- A Special Monitoring Mission of the OSCE in Ukraine
- Permanent representations of the Member countries of the Council of Europe



THE STRUCTURES OF THE UNO:

- The UN Monitoring
- Commissioner for Human Rights, UNO
- The UN Human Rights Committee
- Special Speakers of UNO
- The UN Human Rights Council
- The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)
- Office of the International Prosecutor of International Criminal Court





← 21 September 2016,
Warsaw, Poland

*The Ambassador of Sweden
to the OSCE Fredrik Lundkvist and
Oleksandra Matviychuk during
the OSCE Annual Human Dimension
Implementation Meeting*

In 2016, the CCL presented alternative reports on human rights violations in the Crimea and Eastern Ukraine in the International Criminal Court, to the UN Human Rights Committee and the UN Human Rights Council, the European Parliament, during the session of the PACE.



Parlamentum Europaeum

During the OSCE annual human dimension meetings (HDIM) representatives of CCL held 3 events and advocacy meetings devoted to the violation of human rights in the Donbas and Crimea, the question of the liberation of Ukrainian hostages in Russia, co-operation with Interpol, etc.

CCL works with more than 30 embassies and permanent missions of international structures in Ukraine. In addition, there was established contact with the authorities of the European Union, Asia, and North America.



Numerous resolutions and recommendations were adopted as a result of joint work of CCL and partners

OUR MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2016



DUE TO THE INFLUENCE OF THE CCL PROVISIONS CONCERNING UKRAINE WERE INCLUDED TO PACE RESOLUTION # 2112, 2016

- As soon as possible to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (item 10.1.1).

PACE resolution was adopted as a result of advocacy efforts of the Center for Civil Liberties (meeting with special speakers, special actions in the framework of the PACE, informing in working order).

Namely, it is about the following demands to the Government of Ukraine:

- To bring Ukrainian legislation in line with the international humanitarian law;
- To introduce amendments to legislation on amnesty to prevent the exemption of persons who have committed war crimes from criminal liability, as well as the elimination of the possibility to apply the amnesty to the respective investigation and trial;



THE UN OFFICIALLY CIRCULATED THE REPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS, CONCERNING SYSTEMIC VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN PARTICULAR, CRUEL ATTITUDE AND TORTURE OF PERSONS WHO WERE ILLEGALLY PLACED TO SITES OF UNFREEDOM.



Report “Survivors of Hell: the Testimony of Victims about Unlawful Places of Detention

in Donbas” was distributed by the Secretariat of the UNO among the members of the Security Council and the General Assembly of the United Nations. Thanks to this, human rights defenders managed to attract the attention of the world community to the crimes that are carried out on the occupied territory of Donbas (Donetsk and Luhansk regions of Ukraine).

The report issued by a coalition of NGOs “Justice for the Sake of Peace in Donbas”. CCL participated in the preparation of the report and carried out advocacy of its results among international organizations and institutions.

DESIGNED DRAFT BILL THAT INTRODUCES THE CONCEPT OF “CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY” INTO THE CRIMINAL CODE AND BRINGS THE NOTION OF WAR CRIMES IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW



To the development of the Bill there were involved the best Ukrainian and

international experts in this field, as well as the Bill has received favorable reviews and support of a number of international organizations including the International Committee of the Red Cross, Parliamentarians for Global Actions, Coalition for International Criminal Court, etc.

CREATED LEGISLATIVE CONDITIONS FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE ROME STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT



Center for Civil Liberties leads campaign for full accession of Ukraine to the

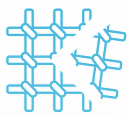
International Criminal Court from 2013 onward. By the Law of Ukraine “On Amendments to the Constitution of Ukraine (as for Justice)” of June 2, 2016 amendments were applied to the article. 124 of the Constitution of Ukraine, which create

legislative conditions for the ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court. (However, this provision shall take effect after three years from the date of entry into force of other amendments to the Constitution, what repeatedly has been subject to criticism from human rights organizations).

DURING THE YEAR 2016 POLITICAL PRISONERS FROM A LIST OF #LETMYPEOPPLGO WERE RELEASED: SAVCHENKO NADIYA, AFANASIEV GENNADIY, SOLOSHENKO YURI



JOURNALIST MARIA VARFOLOMEIEVA RELEASED FROM CAPTIVITY



Center for Civil Liberties is fighting for the release of all prisoners

held on occupied Donbas. In particular, CCL, in anticipation of the meeting of the Norman four in Munich launched an international online campaign aimed at the fulfillment of the paragraph on the release of prisoners – #FreeDonbasHostages. Among civilian prisoners in whose defense Center for Civil Liberties stepped out there was also Maria Varfolomeieva, who on 17 March 2016 was liberated.

ALSO IN 2017, THERE WERE RELEASED UKRAINIAN ILLEGALLY SENTENCED PRISONERS:

- journalist **Kotsaba Ruslan** – was recognized by Amnesty International as a “prisoner of conscience”
- Russian citizen **Anastasia Leonova**.

Center for Civil Liberties stepped out in the protection of both prisoners, volunteers of “OZON” Public Watchers Group carried out supervision over the judicial trials.

THE POPULARITY OF THE RESOURCE

! Page of **Euromaidan SOS** in Facebook has more than 120 thousand subscribers and included in the top-100 list of Ukrainian pages in the www read by the Facebook users.

! Page of the **campaign Let My People Go** Ukraine in 2016 entered the final round of the 12-th international competition of online activism “The Bobs – Best of Online Activism” led by German media-company Deutsche Welle.

TOP-100



INTERNATIONAL:



The International Platform
"Civic Solidarity"



Ініціативна група
з прав людини в Криму

The International Coalition
"Initiative Group for Human
Rights in the Crimea"



The logo for FIDH (International Federation for Human Rights) features the lowercase letters "fidh" in white on a dark purple background.

The International Federation
for Human Rights (International
Federation for Human Rights - FIDH)

ADVISORY:

- Expert Council under Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights
- The Expert Council under the Committee on Human Rights, National Minorities and Interethnic Relations
- The Expert Council under the Ministry of Internal Affairs

PLATFORM IN WHICH WE PARTICIPATE:

УКРАЇНСЬКІ:



Human Rights Agenda



Diversity Initiative



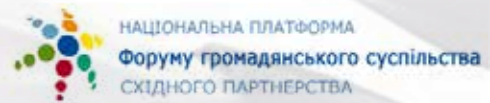
Resource Center for assistance to forced settlers



The Coalition for combating discrimination



"Justice for the Sake of Peace in Donbas" NGO Coalition



The National platform of the Eastern partnership



*Kseniya
Shymanska*



*Mariya
Ivanyk*



*Anastasiya
Chernoshtan*



*Mariya
Lysenko*



Palina Brodyk



*Oleksandra
Kupchenko*



*Liubov
Honcharova*

OUR TEAM

In 2016, the team consisted of 14 staff members working in different areas and initiatives. Also contributed to the CCL work the experts.



*Oleksandra
Romantsova*



*Iryna
Dumych*



*Oleksandra
Matviychuk*



*Valeriya
Rybak*



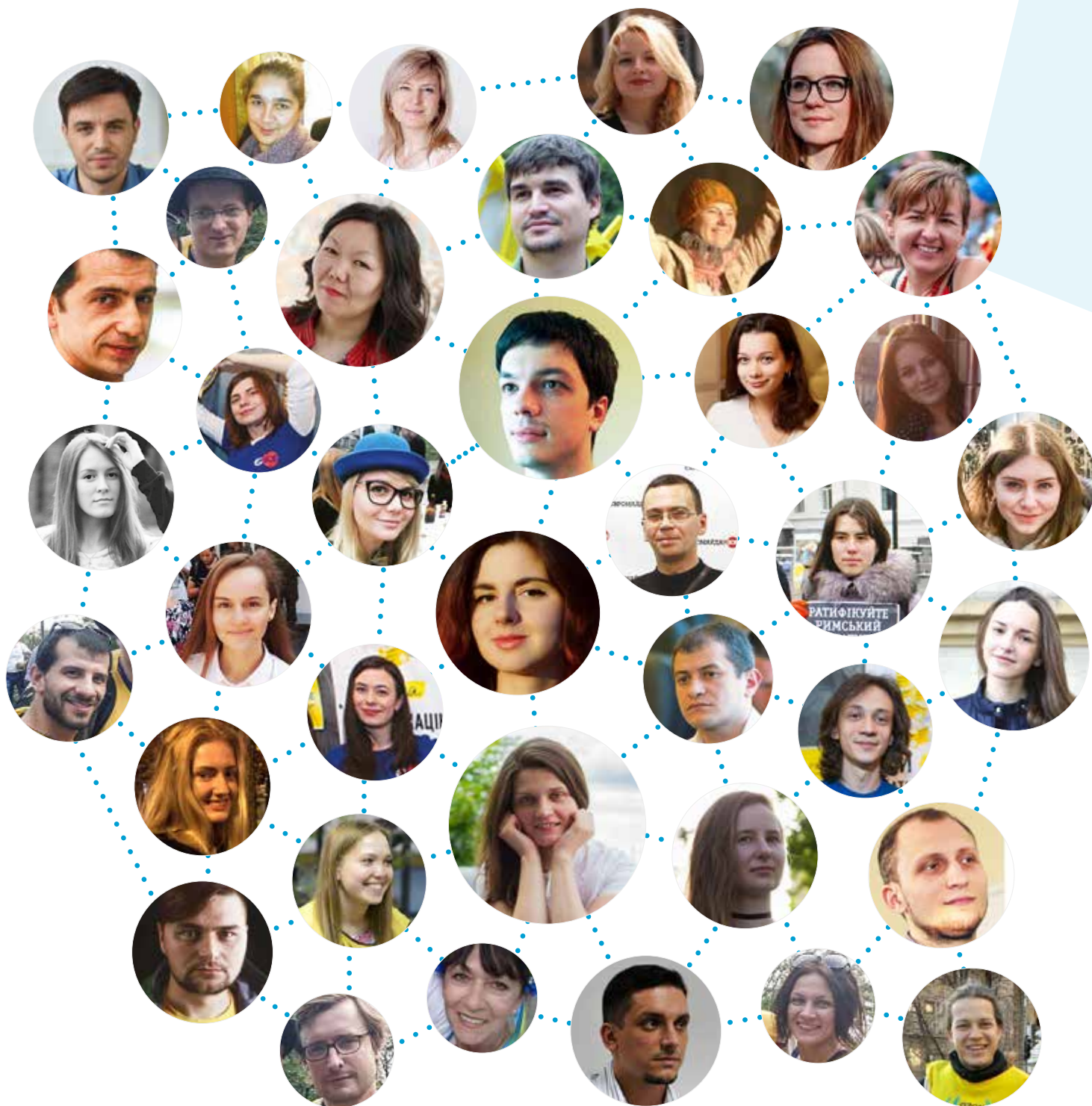
*Iryna
Kovbasa*



*Mariya
Tomak*

BUT WE WOULD BE POWERLESS
IF NOT FOR THOSE WHO SUPPORT AND INSPIRE US
WITH VOLUNTEER WORK

OUR FRIENDS AND VOLUNTEERS:



COOPERATION WITH **MASS MEDIA**

TOP MEDIA THAT BROADCASTED AND QUOTED US:



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UKRIFE TV



Ukrayinska Pravda



Channel 5



DW



Glavcom



Espresso TV



Novoie Vremia



UKRAINE CRISIS
media center



Hromadske TV



CenzorNet

UCMC



Hromadske Radio



Dzerkalo Tyzhnia



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2 716 883
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US Embassy
and US State Department



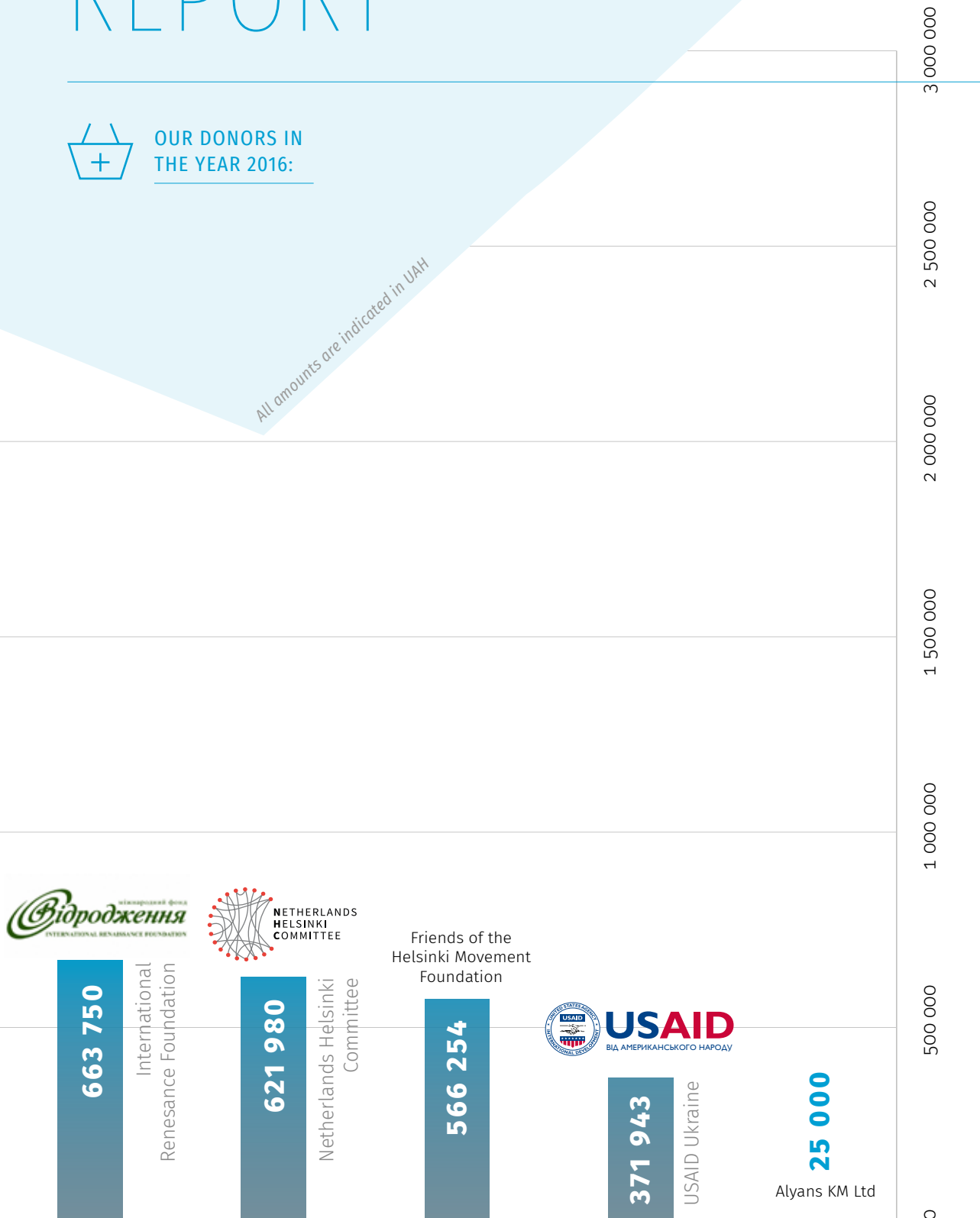
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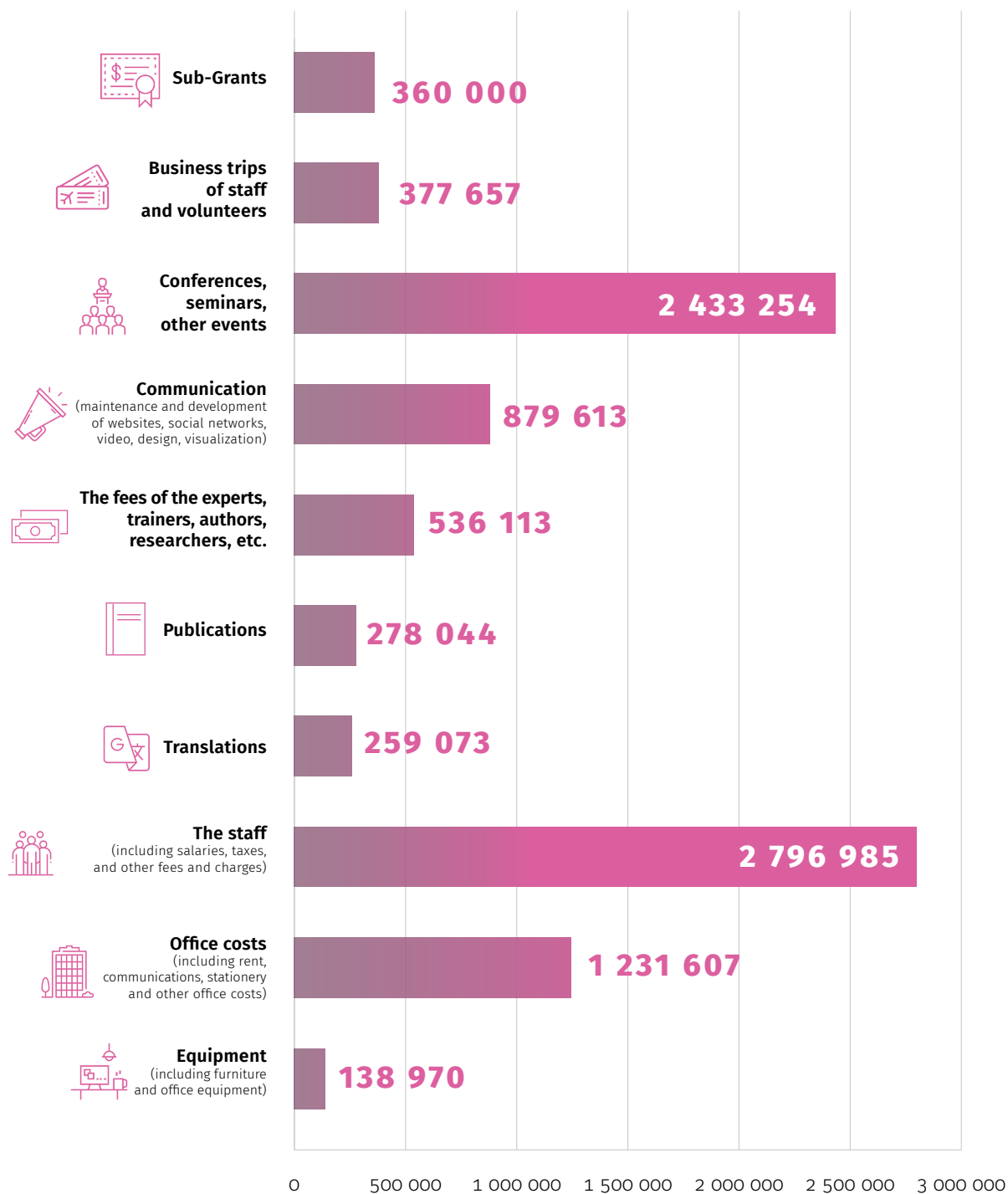
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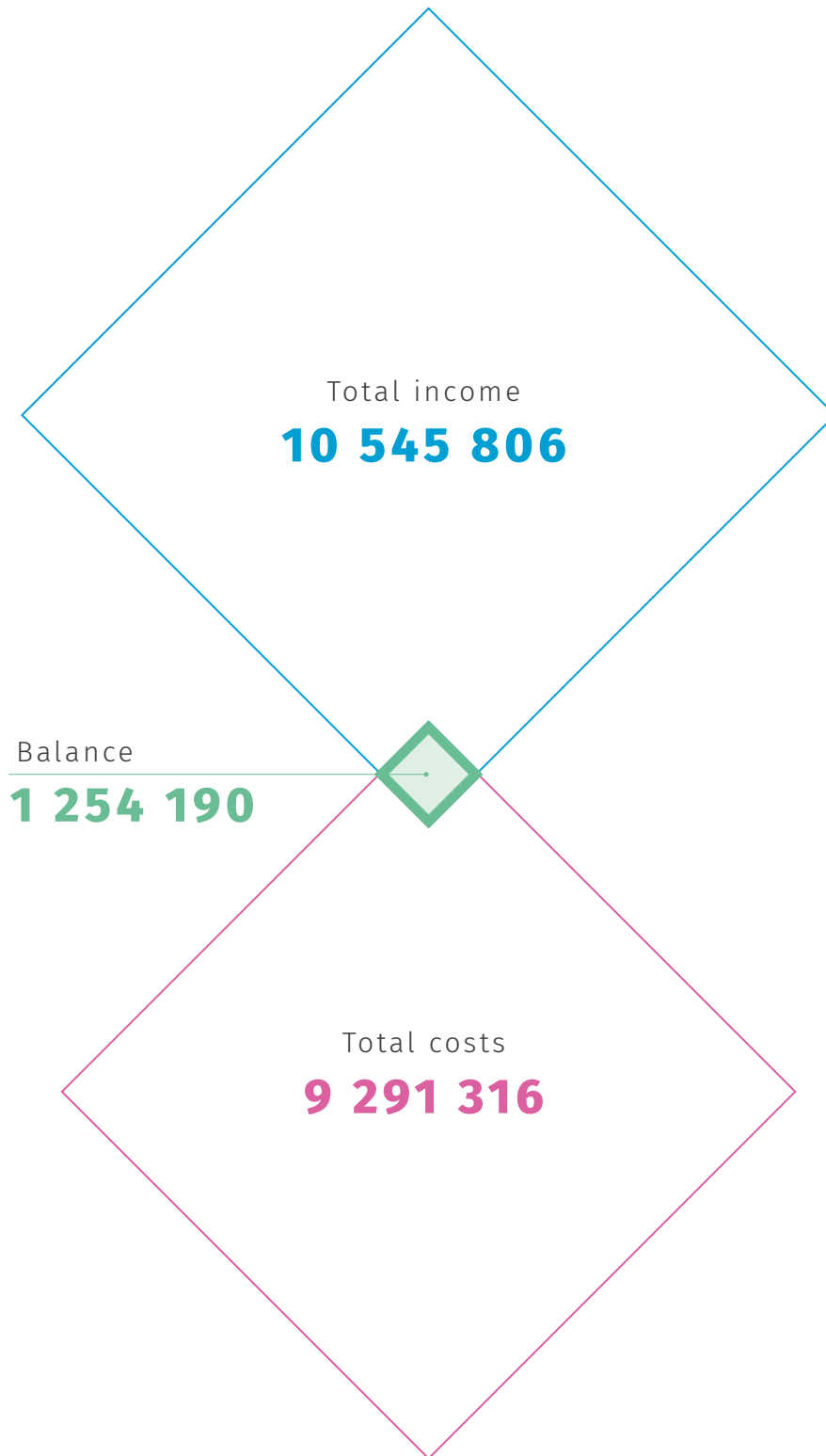
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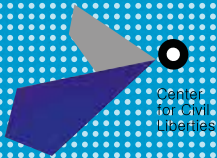
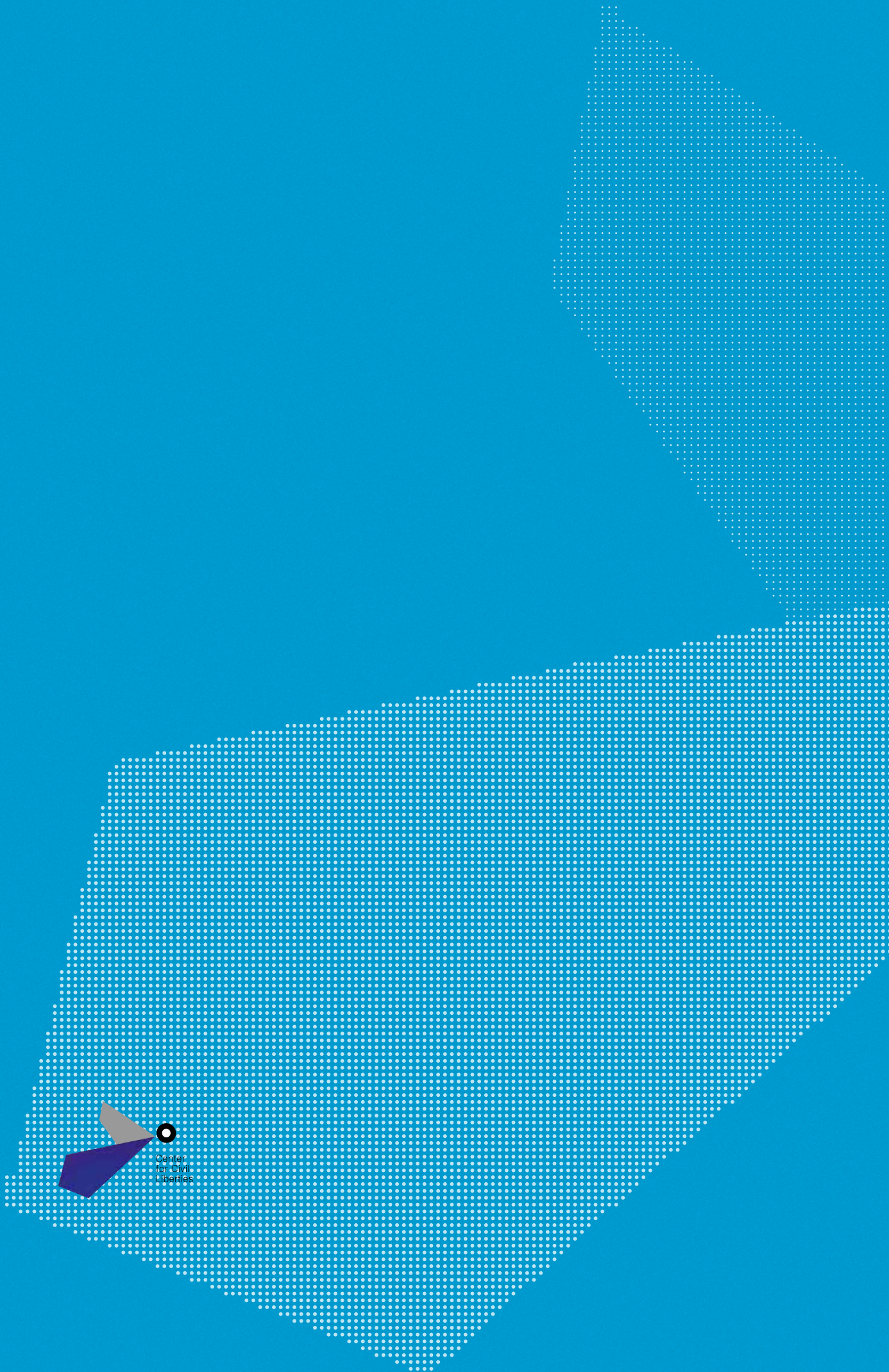




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