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In Ukraine there is going on a fierce public debate in the style of “Is the glass half empty or half full” as for the reforms carried out in various spheres of public life. However, in fact it is necessary to ask questions about whether there is enough liquid in this glass to finally make the jump and get out of the turbulence zone. In my opinion, no achieved positive changes have reached their “point of no return”. And this is the danger of our situation two years before the next elections at the apparently worsening confrontation between kleptocrats and populists.

As for the society, people generally do not see changes for the better. According to the latest opinion surveys 41% of people believe that reform does not occur at all, 35% are convinced that there is made only the tenth part of what had to be done, and 74% believe that the events in Ukraine are taking place in the wrong direction.

Special attention should be paid to the judicial reform. In the approved amendments to the Constitution and the laws adopted for its execution there is a number of positive stories. At the same time, initiatives to reform the judicial system does not have a systematic character, therefore they cannot be called a reform in its classic sense. They do not address a number of important issues, including the creation of a

true trial by jury, reform of the prosecution, the involvement of public to the work of qualification commissions, unloading the judges through the institute of justices of the peace and many other issues. Therefore, no one is insured against the fact that in the future, we may face another Concept of reform and a new range of legislative changes aimed at its implementation.

Among particularly significant events in 2017, it is worth noting the deployment of a large-scale campaign to discredit civil society. The first target became activists who are fighting corruption in the highest ranks of power. In fact, petty revenge in the form of the adoption of the “Chornovol's Amendment”, which extends mandatory e-filing for members of public associations that are fighting corruption, and their contractors, should be considered in conjunction with other measures. These include illegal tracking activists, video clips in the style of Russian NTV about Anti-Corruption Action Center, a picket by the house of its head Vitaly Shabunin, from the organization of which the SBU's ears are sticking out, brutal beating of Kharkiv activist Dmitry Bulakh and many more.

“The cart remains there still” in the matter of the development of strategies as for the occupied Crimea in the short-, medium-, and long-term perspective. Issue

1. OPENING REMARKS

of protection of people in Donbas is debated only in Minsk format that is dead-locked since long ago. And only at the end of the year, it managed to please us with the first in a long time large-scale release of 73 prisoners of war. The 2017 legislative initiatives regarding reintegration of Donbas do not have in their focus the protection of the rights of 3 million people, who live in the occupied by Russia territory of Donbas. The number of political prisoners is increasing, and the State has not managed to build any proactive policy and works in the format of a reactive response. So, I have to state that the slogan “we are fighting not only for territories, but for the people who live there” failed to become an engine of the State policy.

In general, human rights community should

re-consider approaches to its work. When only 9% of people are enough aware of the activities of human rights organizations, and 49% do not know anything about them, then this is a reason for serious consideration. About the fact that we are working in a kind of “human rights ghetto”, the majority of society is outside it. And if we do not involve ordinary people to our work and widely promote the values of human rights, we will come to the point when Euromaidan’s requirement “human rights above all” will just disappear from the public agenda. And we, in the current political situation, will remain in the process of extinguishing fires that keep arising daily.

Chairman of the Board of
the Center for Civil Liberties
Oleksandra Matviychuk



On March 31, 2017 the U.S. Embassy recognized Oleksandra Matviichuk as Ukraine’s Woman of Courage 2017. She became the first woman who was awarded. And in early 2016 Oleksandra also became the first in the world who got just founded OSCE Democracy Prize Defender Award — for an exclusive contribution in promoting democracy and protection of human rights.

An interview with the awarded O. Matviychuk, published on the Ukrainska Pravda website:
<http://bit.ly/2sWf8pL>

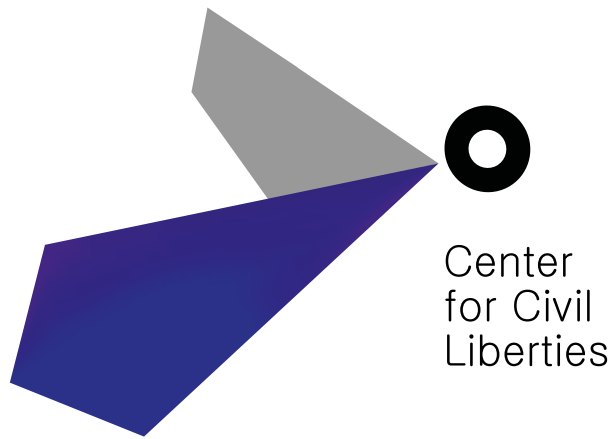




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2. ABOUT CENTER FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES



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Center for Civil Liberties (hereinafter the CCL) – Ukrainian human rights organization founded in 2007. CCL conducts monitoring and analysis of bills in accordance with the standards of human

rights, carries out a public control over the actions of law enforcement agencies, courts and local authorities, the investigation of the crimes committed during the Euromaidan, documents political persecution in

the temporarily occupied Crimea, human rights violations and war crimes in Donbass, conducts educational activities in the field of human rights and democracy, international solidarity, etc.



OUR MISSION:

to work for the establishment of human rights, democracy and solidarity in Ukraine and the OSCE region for the establishment of human dignity.



OUR VALUES:

- respect for human dignity;
- freedom and human rights;
- the rule of law;
- democracy;
- solidarity;
- impartiality;
- non-discrimination.

WE ARE:



LET MY
PEOPLE
GO! 



public monitoring



Київська
Школа
Прав
Людини



HUMAN
RIGHTS
AGENDA

3. WE PARTICIPATE IN COALITIONS AND NETWORKS

3.1 UKRAINIAN:



“Justice for the Sake of Peace in the Donbas” NGO Coalition



The Initiative Diversity



Human Rights Agenda



Coalition for Combating Discrimination in Ukraine

The Coalition for Combating Discrimination

3.2 INTERNATIONAL:



“Civic Solidarity” International Platform (“Promoting Russian-Ukrainian Human Rights Dialogue” Workshop Group”)



Ініціативна група
з прав людини в Криму

The International Coalition
“Initiative group for human
rights in the Crimea”



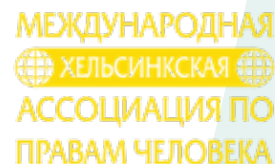
The Initiative for the
International Criminal Court



The International Federation
of Human Rights (FIDH)



International initiative
for the OSCE



International
Helsinki Association



International platform
“CivilMPlus”



International School
of Human Rights and
Community Action

3.3. ADVISORY:

The Expert Council under
the 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

4. AREAS OF WORK AND THE TOPIC **PRIORITIES** IN THE YEAR 2017



ПРАВОВОЗАХИСНИЙ
ПОРЯДОК
ДЕННИЙ

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4.1. Protection of fundamental rights and freedoms from attack of government and reform. The activities of the coalition of human rights organizations “Human Rights Agenda”



Center for Civil Liberties provides coordination of the activities of the 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 – **Human Rights Agenda” Platform** (hereinafter HRA).

Members of the Coalition are leading Ukrainian human rights organizations.

HRA (Human Rights Agenda) unites around itself human rights activists, experts, public

activists who care about issues of human rights protection, creates working group to work on the legislation, conducts advocacy campaigns, stands out with statements

concerning countermeasures against the nonproportional restriction of human rights, organizes sites for discussion of human rights topics, promotes human rights.

IN 2017, MEMBERS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS PLATFORM WORKED WITH THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- monitoring legislative activity to detect threats to human rights,
- bringing Ukrainian criminal legislation into conformity with international humanitarian law and accession to the

International Criminal Court,

- amendments to legislation in order to implement an effective trial by jury,
- problems and risks of implementation of the

first stage of judicial reform and discussion of directions for the second wave of reform

IN 2017, THE HRA HAS INITIATED A NUMBER OF ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS, AMONG WHICH ARE:

1. CAMPAIGN FOR HARMONIZATION OF THE UKRAINIAN CRIMINAL LEGISLATION WITH INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW.

Going on with the purpose to achieve the adoption of the Bill, bringing Ukrainian criminal law in line with the provisions of international law. The Bill was developed by a HRA workshop group which includes leading Ukrainian and international experts. The main author is an expert of the Center for Civil Liberties, Associate Professor of Criminal Law and Criminology of the Shevchenko Kyiv National University, Konstantin Zadoya.

As a result of the advocacy efforts, the Bill received support of the President's Administration, the Government and the Ministry of Justice, as well as international organizations including: the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission, the OSCE Representatives, the PACE Thematic Committees, the International Committee of the Red Cross, Parliamentarians for Global Action, Global Rights Compliance, Coalition for the International Criminal Court, etc.

As of today, the Bill is at the stage of preparation

for the registration in the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine.

2. CAMPAIGN FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF AN EFFECTIVE MODEL OF TRIAL BY JURY.

Within the HRA (Human Rights Agenda) there has been formed a workshop group of experts on the establishment of legislative conditions for the functioning of an effective model of jury trial in Ukraine

A general concept and vision of the future jury trial has been already developed, there has been held a public discussion.



3. CAMPAIGN AGAINST LEGAL ATTACK ON THE UKRAINIAN NGOS.

It was launched to cancel bills under registration No. 6674 and No. 6675 that were registered in Parliament by the President of Ukraine. These projects inject unjustifiable duty of NGOs and individuals-entrepreneurs, enterprises, institutions and organizations that provide services to them, to submit additional statements.

In the framework of the Human Rights Agenda a workshop group is

coordinated for the abolition of these dangerous presidential initiatives.

The application with the requirement on the President of Ukraine and the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to stop the attack on public associations has been supported by more than 80 national NGOs and more than 50 international partners.

As a result of the campaign, the Government of Ukraine has received recommendations for creating favorable conditions for the work of civil society. The following recommendations were

made by the representatives of Denmark, the United States, Korea, France, Norway and other countries November 15, 2017 during the meeting of the Workshop Group on the Universal Periodic Review of the 28th session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva.

Also the information about the dangers of the implementation of such legislative changes was reflected in the latest quarterly review of the UN Monitoring Mission in Ukraine.

IN 2017, THE CENTER FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES WITHIN THE ACTIVITIES OF HRA:

65

Hosted
events



- Hosted **65** events of working character including meetings of the members and partners of the Platform, as well as expert discussions and meetings with international organizations, foreign missions and embassies and representatives of the public authorities.
- Published **3** statement from the HRA and **10** open applications and appeals

10

open
applications
and appeals



- Conducted **6** human rights clubs on the topics that had been most acute in society, required reaction of the human rights community and touched upon the legal protection of human rights. Among which:
 - “Trial by jury in Ukraine: what we currently have and which model to choose” <http://bit.ly/2DWIOWE>



6

human rights
clubs

- “The constitutional individual complaint. Prospects for its implementation in Ukraine” <http://bit.ly/2lcMFow>
- Transparency and openness of the judicial system in Ukraine <http://bit.ly/2BTQev9>
- “Judicial reform. The end of the non-commenced?”



- Peacekeeping missions: what are we expecting and what can we get? <http://bit.ly/2BEpKti>
- Issues of freedom of religion and belief in Ukraine <http://bit.ly/2BDoy6E>

- There were conducted more than 10 press conferences and events on the radio and television air.

The platform works with Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the committees of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, Administration of the President, the General Prosecutor's Office, the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights and other State authorities and international organizations.

NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS NONCONFERENCE

Center for Civil Liberties annually conducts all-Ukrainian human rights event — National Human Rights NONconference that occurs in the days of the anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, aims to become a platform for meeting of community leaders to comprehend the current challenges associated with the protection of human rights in Ukraine and worldwide.

- The NONconference occurs in the form of workshops where participants discuss how to resolve specific human rights issues. In 2017, there were held 16 workshops, covering: *judicial reform, cooperation between the police and the public in the context of the reform, documenting crimes on Donbas and the administration of Justice in the face of armed aggression, ratio of the freedom of views and security, ratification of*



16



workshops

the Istanbul Convention, the investigation of the "Maidan cases", the protection of public order during peaceful gatherings, the release of illegally imprisoned Ukrainian citizens by Russia, the protection of political and socio-economic rights of the internally displaced persons, the application of international instruments

of international and transitional justice in Ukraine, changes in the prison system, missing in the Donbas, etc.

A short video about Unconference in 2017, from Hromadskyi Prostir (Public Space). <http://bit.ly/2Cb2jMg>

On the basis of established recommendations there was developed the so-called "human rights agenda", which is intended to become a unifying document for proactive position of human rights defenders.

In 2017, about 300 experts, human rights defenders, social activists, leaders of thought and journalists from Kyiv and regions took part in the NONconference.



300

experts



THE ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD FOR HUMAN RIGHTS



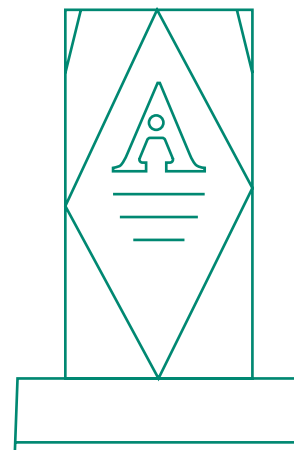
The platform of human rights organizations “Human Rights Agenda” the second year in a row holds the All-Ukrainian Human Rights Award in order to promote the values of human rights, human rights activity and its social significance.

The prize is awarded for the outstanding achievements in the sphere of protection of the human rights

For the first time the prize was awarded to Hennadii Shcherbak who created a unique database with 7 thousand cases of war crimes in Eastern Ukraine.

In 2017, the prize winner became the journalist, who began the investigation of one of the massive schemes of human trafficking in Ukraine Maria Tomak and the human rights activist who protects the rights of children in war Olena Rozvadovska.

The prize is traditionally awarded on 10 December, during the national human rights NONconference in Kyiv.





public monitoring

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4.2. Public control. Public Surveillance Group “OZONE”



OZON Public Surveillance Group — a voluntary association of active citizens who carry out high-quality public control over State authorities, as well as over the key processes that occur on the clash of the society and the State, in particular, during peaceful assemblies and judicial processes.

Public watchers always remain an independent party. Their task is documenting the events going on around the peaceful actions and track the violations during the trials. Also it could be an aid in establishing civilized contacts between demonstrators and the police, facilitation in conflict resolution, etc.

Documented data are subjected to an analysis as



for compliance with national legislation and international standards of law on access to public information, freedom of peaceful assembly and the right to a fair trial



Volunteers of OZON are visible to the public and easily known by special yellow vests and ID cards with the words “public watchdog”.

During the year, dozens of new volunteers from Kyiv and other Ukrainian cities joined the OZON activities.

In total, more than 50 volunteers took part in public observations in 2017.

Public watching during the Kyiv Pride Equality March.



**THE RESULTS OF THE MONITORING OF PUBLIC WATCHERS FOR 2017
YEAR ARE OUTLINED IN REPORTS AND INFOGRAPHICS:**

MONITORING OF COMPLIANCE
WITH THE FREEDOM OF
PEACEFUL ASSEMBLY DURING
THE KYIV PRIDE EQUALITY
MARCH 2017 (INTERACTIVE
INFOGRAPHICS)

<https://bluecollider.github.io/Pride2017>

REPORT OF "OZON"
PUBLIC WATCHERS GROUP
MONITORING CAMPAIGN
FOR THE REMOVAL OF
PARLIAMENTARY IMMUNITY
(JULY 2017, KYIV)

<http://bit.ly/2sTYYNP>

(NOT) TRAVERSED ROUTE:
REPORT ON THE RESULTS
OF MONITORING THE
MARCH TO ODESA PRIDE
EQUALITY MARCH 2017

<http://bit.ly/2sWhDbR>

(NOT) TRAVERSED ROUTE:
REPORT ON THE RESULTS
OF MONITORING THE ODESA
PRIDE EQUALITY MARCH 2017

<http://bit.ly/2sSFjOa>

"MARCH FOR IMPEACHMENT":
CONCLUSIONS OF "OZON"
PUBLIC WATCHERS GROUP

<http://bit.ly/2BLiGyc>

MONITORING THE HEARING
OF "MAY 9 CASE", 28.07.2017.

<https://www.facebook.com/OZON.monitoring/posts/1861274287459384>

MONITORING THE PEACEFUL
GATHERING AND TRIAL
PROCESS REGARDING
THE MURDER OF YURI
VERBYTSKYI 23.08.2017.

MONITORING OF JUDICIAL
PROCEEDINGS IN CASE
OF ZHANARA AKHMETOVA
02.11.2017 AND 10.11.2017

<http://bit.ly/2BJVCjd>



IN 2017, "OZON" PUBLIC WATCHERS GROUP CARRIED OUT:

32 
watching sessions

- **32** watching sessions over the freedom of peaceful assembly and the right to a fair trial in Kyiv, Odessa and Kharkiv.

14 
meetings

- **14** meetings with volunteers

 **9**
briefings

- **9** briefings as for monitoring peaceful gatherings and trials

 **3**
working meetings

- **3** working meetings with representatives of the National Police of Ukraine

8 
training sessions

- **8** training sessions, lectures, human rights studies for monitors

2 
sessions

- **2** special educational sessions for public monitors of "OZON" in Ukraine and abroad

 **7**
workshops

- **7** workshops on freedom of peaceful assembly for police (Ivano-Frankivsk, Odessa, Zhytomyr, Zaporizhia, Sumy, Mariupol)

9
press conferences and interviews

- **9** press conferences and interviews to the mass media

OZON develops and provides recommendations for the solution of problems of freedom of peaceful assembly in Ukraine to the representatives of bodies of State power and keeps collaboration for the sake of their advocacy with international organizations. In particular, in 2017, the following recommendations were handed to the European Commission in Ukraine, UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission, the European Union Advisory Mission, Ukraine's national police, the National Guard of Ukraine, etc.

! Since May 2017, the group is watching the implementation of the police units in Ukraine, which work upon the "Scandinavian model" of public order protection, the so called "police of dialogue", or "groups of preventive communication" and, basing on the conclusions, provides its recommendations that have already given their positive results particularly in Odessa.

Since 2017, "OZON" Public Watchers Group became a member of the International Network of Watchers (INW), which brings together public activists and human rights defenders from the countries of the OSCE region and who are engaged in public control

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FACEBOOK PAGE:

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letmypeoplegoukraine](https://www.facebook.com/letmypeoplegoukraine)

4.3. Political persecution. “Let My People Go” Campaign



LetMyPeopleGo
Campaign is established by Euromaidan SOS initiative for the protection of all Ukrainian citizens imprisoned for political motives in Russia and occupied Crimea. It aims at the liberation of all the people from the “Let My People Go” List and controls observance of fundamental human rights of the political prisoners, including freedom from torture, the right to free access to counsel, medical care, etc.

The campaign is supported by a number of organizations in Ukraine and abroad.

In 2017, the Center for Civil Liberties organized 11 public events in the framework of the campaign; and approximately 30 public and advocacy events took place in Ukraine and abroad with the support of partners and supporters of the campaign.

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

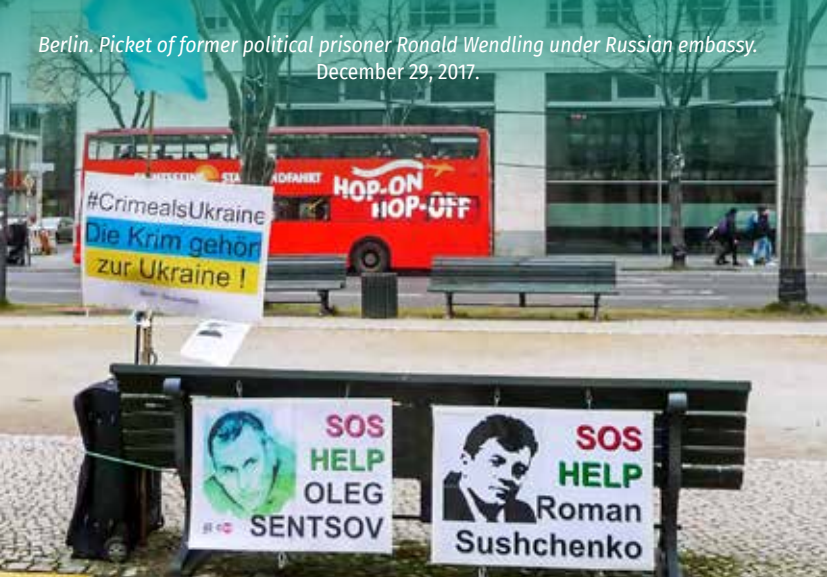
30 
public and
advocacy events

+

11 
public
events



Berlin. Picket of former political prisoner Ronald Wendling under Russian embassy.
December 29, 2017.



Lviv. Student Solidarity with the Ukrainian Political Prisoners of



← Kyiv, May 30, 2017.

Signing postcards to Yevhen Panov, who was appointed by the Russian government as a "Crimean saboteur" on the day of his birth.

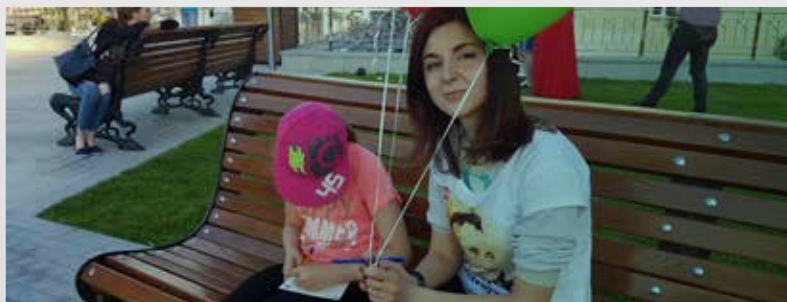
→ Toronto, October 5, 2017.

Action for the release of the Crimean leader Ilmi Umerov. Organized by the Canadian Association of Crimean Tatars.



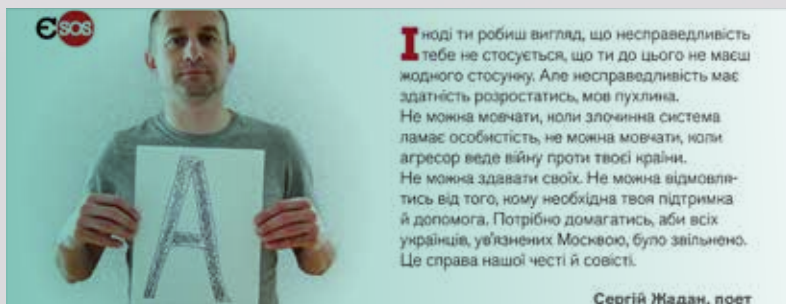
← Kyiv, May 30, 2017.

Center for Civil Liberties team and volunteers of the campaign LetMyPeopleGo celebrate Yevhen Panov's birthday, who is the political prisoner of the Russian Federation.



→ April 24, 2017.

Author Serhiy Zhadan participates in the online action of the Euromaidan SOS in support of the Crimean Tatar Ruslan Zeytulayev, who was arrested by the Crimean occupation authorities.



Іноді ти робиш вигляд, що несправедливість тебе не стосується, що ти до цього не маєш жодного стосунку. Але несправедливість має здатність розростатись, мов пухлина. Не можна мовчати, коли злочинна система ламає особистість, не можна мовчати, коли агресор веде війну проти твоєї країни. Не можна здавати своїх. Не можна відмовитись від того, кому необхідна твоя підтримка й допомога. Потрібно домагатись, аби всіх українців, ув'язнених Москвою, було звільнено. Це справа нашої честі й совісті.

Сергій Жадан, поет



the Kremlin, September 20, 2017.



Thanks to the joined work of the partners of the campaign, the Government of Ukraine, the international community, as well as the activity of advocates, relatives and support groups, 7 Ukrainians has already been released from prison.

In 2017, the campaign took care of the fate of the 66 prisoners in Russia and in the occupied Crimea.

7

Ukrainians has already been **released**



66
are still
prisoners



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4. AREAS OF WORK AND
THE TOPIC PRIORITIES IN THE YEAR 2017



4.4. Legal education and enlightenment



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**Kyiv School of Human
Rights. Human rights
weekends. Volunteer
Award Euromaidan SOS**



One of the priority directions of work of CCL is education and enlightenment in the sphere of human rights.

With these purposes there was created Kyiv School of Human Rights and Democracy

Within the framework of the school, open lectures of human rights activists and experts, workshops, panel discussions and

other events of educational character are held.

So, in Kyiv there was successfully held an experimental course for youth "Human rights in the documentary film language", which contained 8 hits the best world samples of documentary films, which raised the question of the right to life, freedom of expression, protests, questions equality,

public control, etc. After the movie, the participants of the course exchanged experiences and communicated with renowned human rights activists who work with specific topics.

During the year, in educational and outreach activities of the CCL more than 1000 residents took part.

HUMAN RIGHTS WEEKENDS

In 2017, the CCL held 6 human rights weekends in Ivano-Frankivsk, Zhytomyr, Odesa, Sumy, Zaporizhia and Mariupol.

6  human rights weekends

Human rights weekend — this is a few day long Festival of human rights, which aims to spread knowledge about human rights and encourage the maximum range of persons to human rights activity.

Human rights weekends, as a rule, cover diverse events that follow one after another in various locations, ranging from interactive workshop to coffee-parties with the human rights defenders.

Local human rights defenders and activists

joined the activities of human rights weekends. As a result, more than **800 people** took part in the activities of human rights weekends in the regions and about 60 people later joined the activities of the Center for Civil Liberties (participation in public watches, writing letters to political prisoners in

800  took part in the activities

the framework of the Let My People Go campaign, supporting statements of Human Rights Agenda etc.).



VOLUNTEER AWARD EUROMAIDAN SOS



Already for the fourth year in a row, 30 November Euromaidan SOS initiative notes “ordinary people who do extraordinary things”.

Large-scale volunteer movement in Ukraine has become the defining answer to new challenges during the Euromaidan, and later in the fight with the Russian armed aggression with which Ukraine faced.

Euromaidan SOS Volunteer Award was founded for the promotion and support of the volunteer movement in Ukraine.

In 2017, there were nominated more than 130 volunteers from all over the country and abroad, engaged in volunteer activity in different areas.



130

volunteers
were nominated
in 2017

PRIZE-WINNERS OF EUROMAIDAN SOS VOLUNTEER AWARD THIS YEAR ARE:



MARLEN ASANOV

a Crimean Tatar, who takes care of the families of Crimean political prisoners, in which more than 100 children were left without breadwinners, supports the families of Crimean Tatars, in which some members had been kidnapped, killed or persecuted in the Crimea, occupied by Russia. On the morning of October 11, 2017, forces of the so-called FSB Crimea stormed into the house of Marlen Asanov and took him under arrest.



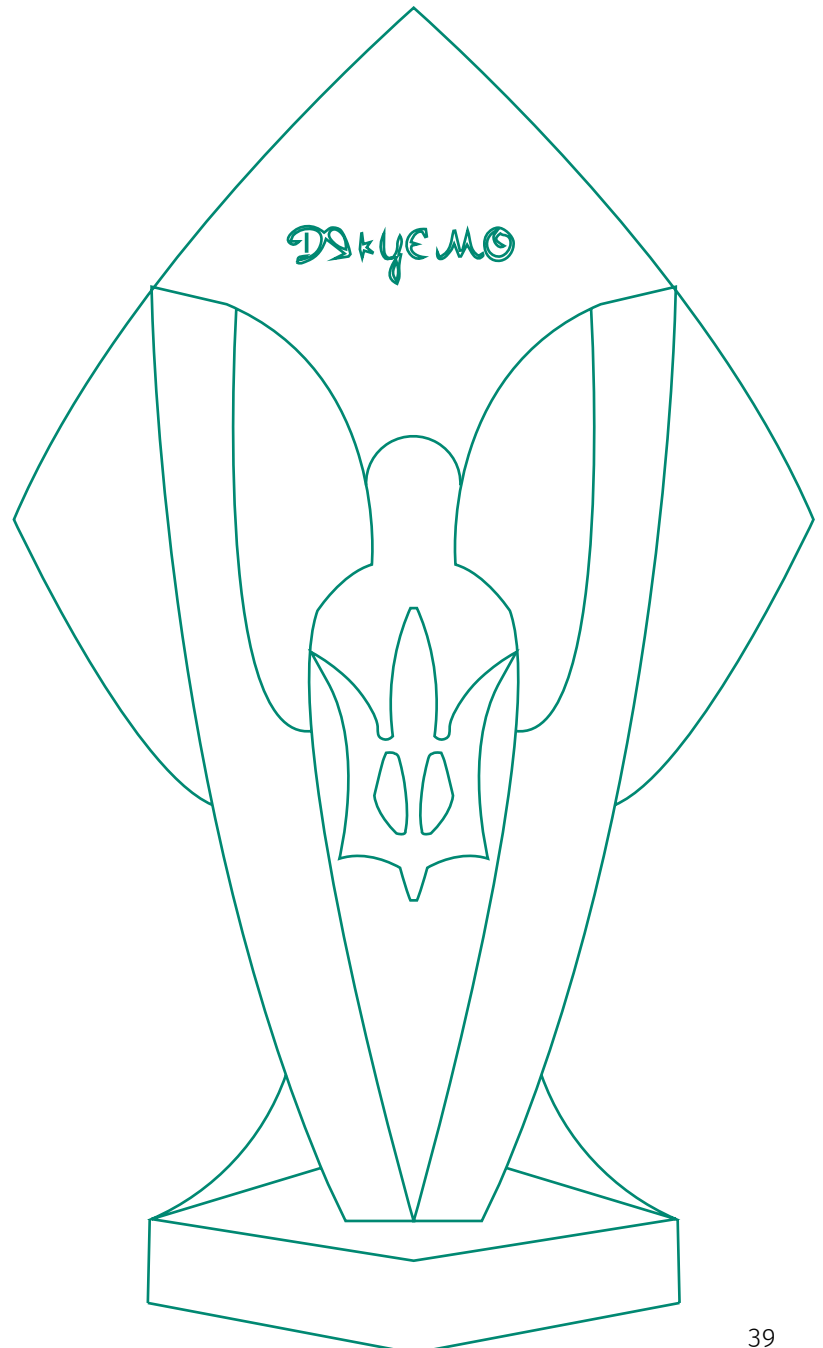
OLENA IEGOROVA

a self-perpetuating and permanent volunteer of the Burn Center in Kyiv City Clinical Hospital N2, founded there a volunteer pharmaceutical stockroom, coordinates assistance from citizens, personally took care of the sick in hospital wards.



OLEKSII DOLIA

scientist-ethnographer, who gave most of his forces and days to the psychosocial and medical rehabilitation of fighters.



The winners were chosen by honorable jury, which is changed every year and which includes human rights defenders, activists, famous volunteers and leaders of thought.

↓ **Kyiv, November 30, 2017**

Participants of the ceremony of awarding "ordinary people who do extraordinary things", held in the Ukrainian House.





↑ **Kyiv, November 30, 2017.**

*Awarding the winner of the Euromaidan
SOS Volunteer Award – Marlen
Asanov, who at the same time was
arrested by Russian occupation
authorities in Crimea.*



5. ADVOCACY WORK:

THE APPLICATION
OF INNOVATION
AND
INTERNATIONAL
ADVOCACY

The Center for Civil Liberties has been systematically working on addressing the issues of violations of human rights in the international arena, in particular coordinates the international advocacy of the work results of “Justice for Peace in the Donbas” Coalition.

It carries out continuous informing the Council of Europe's Structures, the OSCE, the UN, the European Parliament and the PACE, cooperates with the International Criminal Court.

This work resulted in the adopted resolutions and recommendations addressed to the Government of Ukraine, the Russian Federation and the international community.

The key issues on which the Center for Civil Liberties worked in 2017, were introducing the human rights context into the so-called “Minsk process”, release of captives and hostages, as well as investigating war crimes in Donbas and bringing Ukrainian legislation in line with the international humanitarian law.

With these purposes there were conducted two public events aimed at representatives of diplomatic missions and international organizations. Namely:

- Round table “**Sexual violence and impunity in the armed conflict in Donbas: taboo on justice**”, which took place in May 2017, and organized



in partnership with the international project “ZERO IMPUNITY”. During the event, NGO “East-Ukrainian Center of Civil Initiatives”, the project “ZERO IMPUNITY” and a special UN Human Rights Mission in Ukraine presented their studies on this topic.

The round table was attended by approximately 50 participants, including representatives of the embassies of the EU countries.

- **Information session on the situation of human rights in the East of Ukraine for foreign representative offices.**

Organized jointly with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine and Kharkiv human rights group 2 June 2017.

40 representatives of foreign countries in Ukraine took part in the event that helped to convey messages of “Justice for Peace in Donbas” Coalition to the broad international community.



↑ **Kyiv, May 2017.**

Round table "Sexual violence and impunity in the armed conflict in Donbass: taboo on Justice."



← **Minsk, Belarus, March 15, 2017.**

Speech of Deputy Chairman of the Board of the Center for Civil Liberties Oleksandra Romantsova during a presentation of the UNDP report.

INNOVATIVE ADVOCACY

Center for Civil Liberties in its work actively uses the methods of the so-called “innovative advocacy.” Among the most striking examples applied in 2017, are the following:

INTERNATIONAL ONLINE-EVENT #TIMETORELEASE DEDICATED TO THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE ILLEGAL ARRESTS OF “CRIMEAN TERRORISTS”



Online-event #timetorelease dedicated to the third anniversary of the illegal arrests of Oleh Sentsov and others was supported by the “PEN America” team, the Director of the documentary film about Oleh Sentsov “Process” Askold Kurov, Prosecutor's Office of Autonomous Republic of Crimea. And a great many of caring people, see photos follow the link.: <http://bit.ly/2sW98xB>

SHORT FILM IN SUPPORT OF POLITICAL PRISONER RUSLAN ZEITULLAIEV

In the video of Euromaidan SOS, Polish and Ukrainian dissidents, who served their prison terms under the Soviet regime, and modern political prisoners of Putin's regime made an appeal with the words of support to Ruslan Zeitullaiev, a Crimean Tatar, whom the occupational power appointed “a terrorist” and condemned to 15 years in prison. Posted on 28 September

2017. You can check it here: <https://goo.gl/8QkZYB>

LIGHT VIDEO-INSTALLATION OF PEOPLE WHO WERE VICTIMS OF WAR CRIMES DURING THE WAR IN DONBAS – “ZERO IMPUNITI”

September 8, 2017, on the building of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine there appeared a light video-projection of people who were victims of war crimes during the war with the Russian Federation.

They will appeal to the Government and Parliament with a request to provide the national investigative authorities with the appropriate legal instruments for the investigation of international crimes, and for this purpose to introduce necessary changes into the legislation.

Light video-installation was prepared jointly with French filmmakers “ZERO IMPUNITI”, who fight with impunity during armed conflicts in different parts of the planet.



**PHOTO EXHIBITION “ADULT
CRIMEAN CHILDHOOD”
BY ANTON NAUMLIUK**

16 pictures of children of the Crimean political prisoners and their short stories translated into 4



languages became the basis of “Adult Crimean Childhood” photographic exhibition. The audience was also introduced to an installation of 16 cells in which there were imprisoned children’s toys, a kind of a



toy picket. The installation is intended to draw attention to the fact that the hostages of the regime remain more than 100 children who have been left without parental care.

It took place in the framework of the “Let My People Go” campaign from October 20 to November 1, 2017, in the Crimean House.

See more about the exhibition in the article of the author of photographs and journalist Anton Naumliuk. <https://www.svoboda.org/a/28524162>

**“USELESS EXPECTATION” EVENT
(TO SUPPORT KOLCHENKO
AND OTHER PRISONERS).**

In the Airports of Prague, Bucharest, Helsinki, Warsaw, San Francisco, Kyiv, Odessa and Lviv activists stood with political prisoners’ nameplates waiting for their arrival.

The activists, members of families and just caring people were vainly waiting for the arrival of Alexander Kolchenko, Roman Sushchenko, Vladimir Baluha,

Pavlo Hryb, Andrii Kolomiets,
Mykola Semena, Yevhen
Panov, Valentyn Vyhivskiy...

**#CHRISTMASBEHINDBARS
WINTER MARATHON OF
WRITING LETTERS TO
POLITICAL PRISONERS
OF THE KREMLIN.**

Already traditionally, Euro-
Maidan SOS in the framework
of the “Let My People Go”
campaign organizes a winter
Marathon of writing letters for
citizens of Ukraine who were
imprisoned for political motives
in the Crimea and Russia.

This year, a record number
of letters were written by
Ukrainians, as well as the
Marathon was supported
by concerned people from
around the world, the
letters were coming from
the Czech Republic, Estonia,
the United States, France,
Canada, Germany etc. — thou-
sands of letters were sent
as a result of the event.

Recently released Akhtem
Chygoz, dissident Myroslav
Marynovych, journalist and
television presenter Vitaly
Portnikov, novelist Andrey
Kurkov, singer and journalist
Sasha Koltsova, human
rights activist Oleksandra



Matviychuk, journalist Anton
Naumliuk and other promi-
nent figures appealed with a
call to support the marathon.

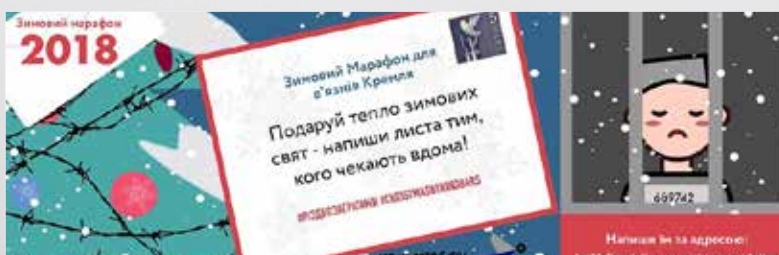
at promoting the theme of
hostages in Eastern Ukraine
particularly among foreign au-
dience to achieve the release
of all prisoners without delay.

**A DOCUMENTARY MADE IN THE
VR TECHNOLOGY (VIRTUAL
REALITY) ON THE CELLARS
IN WHICH PRISONERS
ARE HELD IN DONBAS.**

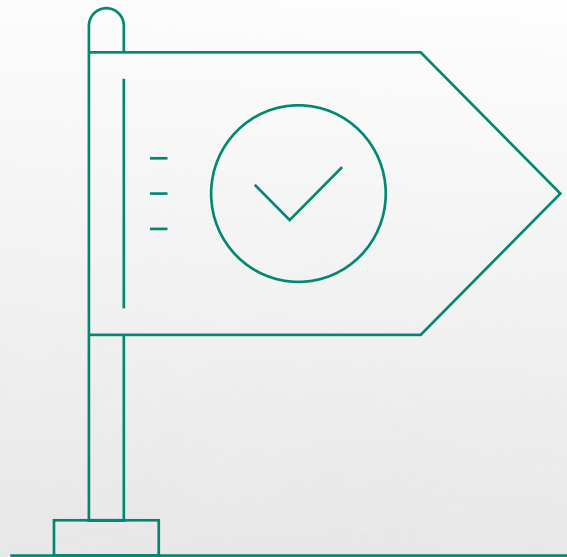
Made on the basis of
collected materials and
testimonies of the prisoners
about the creepy cellars of
Donbas, which were filmed
in VR technology.

Developed together with a
group of Polish IT specialists of
the “The Farm 51” company.

The project is part of an
advocacy campaign aimed



6. OUR MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2017



THE CONCEPT OF THE “SECOND WAVE” OF JUDICIAL REFORM, INCLUDING THE INTRODUCTION OF EFFECTIVE JURY TRIAL IN UKRAINE WAS DEVELOPED.

In the framework of the Human Rights Agenda platform there was developed a concept of the “second wave” of judicial reform and set up a workshop group of experts on the establishment of legislative conditions for the functioning of an effective model of trial by jury in Ukraine. By this time, there was formed a concept and vision of the future jury trial that will begin a wave of real changes in the judicial system in Ukraine.



THE BILL, WHICH ENTERS INTO THE CRIMINAL CODE THE CONCEPT OF “CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY” AND BRINGS THE NOTION OF WAR CRIMES IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW HAS RECEIVED THE SUPPORT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE.

The Bill was developed by a HRA workshop group which includes leading Ukrainian and international experts.

At the moment it is in the Ministry of Justice and is being prepared for registration.



THERE WERE DEVELOPED THE JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMUNITY FOR THE EU AND UKRAINE – HR DIALOG BETWEEN UKRAINE AND THE EU.

In March 2017, the Center for Civil Liberties coordinated the work of the seminar during HR Dialog between Ukraine and the EU, held in Brussels. In the summary, there have been developed and agreed upon the recommendations of the human rights community for the EU and Ukraine.



UKRAINE HAS RECEIVED RECOMMENDATIONS TO STOP THE ATTACK ON CIVIL SOCIETY DURING THE SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL (UNHRC)

The Ukrainian Government received recommendations during the meeting of the Workshop Group of the universal periodic review of the 28th session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, as for creating favorable conditions for the work of civil society. The following recommendations were made by the representatives of Denmark, the United States, Korea, France, Norway, thanks to the efforts of NGOs that came together around the appeal of the Human Rights



Agenda and the Center for Civil Liberties, in particular.

Also the information about the dangers of the implementation of such legislative changes was reflected in the latest quarterly review of the UN Monitoring Mission in Ukraine.

DURING THE YEAR OF 2017, THE LIST OF RELEASED POLITICAL PRISONERS FROM THE #LETMYPEOPLGO LIST ADDED THE LEADERS OF THE CRIMEAN TATARS ILMI UMEROV AND AKHTEM CHIYGOZ.



**WITH THESE PURPOSES
THERE WAS CREATED
KYIV SCHOOL OF HUMAN
RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY.**

One of the priority directions of work of CCL is education and enlightenment in the sphere of human rights.



Within the framework of the school activities, open lectures of human rights activists and experts, workshops, discussions and other events of educational character are held.

**THE PACE RESOLUTION
ON HUMANITARIAN
CONSEQUENCES OF WAR IN
DONBAS WAS
ADOPTED.**

January 23, 2018 there was adopted a resolution, in which the PACE draws attention to the humanitarian condition in Donbas, the necessity to protect civilians, the liberation of hostages and prisoners; it is noted that Russia should keep all previously adopted resolutions in Donbas and the annexed Crimea and stop supporting armed groups of "LNR" and "DNR". It also says that Russia should provide observance of human rights in the annexed Crimea and access to it for international organizations.



In 2017, the Center for Civil Liberties took systemic advocacy efforts as for

raising these topics and adopting a resolution.

**THE POPULARITY OF THE
INFORMATION RESOURCES
OF THE CENTER FOR CIVIL
LIBERTIES GROWS**

The number of subscribers to the Center for Civil Liberties page (Center for Civil Liberties) has increased more than twofold during 2017.

Information pages of the initiatives of the Center for Civil Liberties comprise more than 200 thousand subscribers in social networks, and Facebook page of Euromaidan SOS is included in the top-100 list of Ukrainian language pages in the network read by users.

**TOP-
100**





**Oleksandra
Matviychuk**

Chairman of the Board



Ksenia Shymanska

Promotion of establishing
justice in Donbas
coordinator



**Olexandra
Romantsova**

Deputy Chairman of the
Board and international
advocacy coordinator



Liubov Galan

“OZON” Public Watchers
Group coordinator



**Liubov
Honcharova**

Accountant



**Kateryna
Zlatina**

Public relations
coordinator



**Maryna
Lilichenko**

Reforms promotion and
“Human Rights Agenda”
Platform coordinator



**Anastasia
Chernoshtan**

Public events
coordinator

7. CENTER FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES **TEAM**

In 2017, the team consisted of 11 persons, sharing between themselves the following positions:



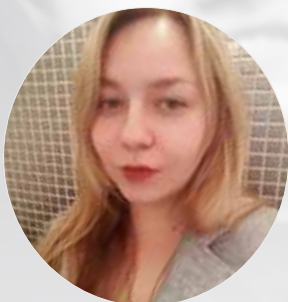
**Andrii
Kulibaba**

Judicial reform promotion
and event coordinator



Iryna Dumych

Legislation monitoring
coordinator



Iana Doroshenko

Volunteer work
and volunteer campaigns
coordinator



VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers constantly join the activities of the Center for Civil Liberties.

During the year, more than a hundred volunteers from different cities and countries were engaged into different directions of CCL work.

There was created a special newsletter for volunteers, and a public group in Facebook.

To join the Center for Civil Liberties as a volunteer follow this link <https://goo.gl/forms/GKVfrWPDHt3PkJyui>.



8. COOPERATION WITH MASS MEDIA

TOP MASS MEDIA THAT BROADCASTED AND QUOTED US:



1+1



UKRIFE TV



Ukrayins'ka pravda



Channel 5



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Glavcom



Espresso TV



Novoe vremya



USMC



Hromadske TV



ЦензорНет



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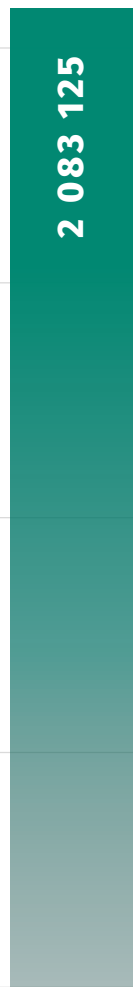
Hromadske radio



Dzerkalo tyzhnya



European Commission



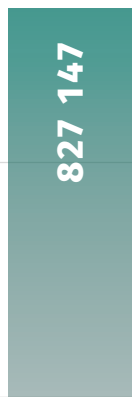
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The Sigrid Rausing Trust

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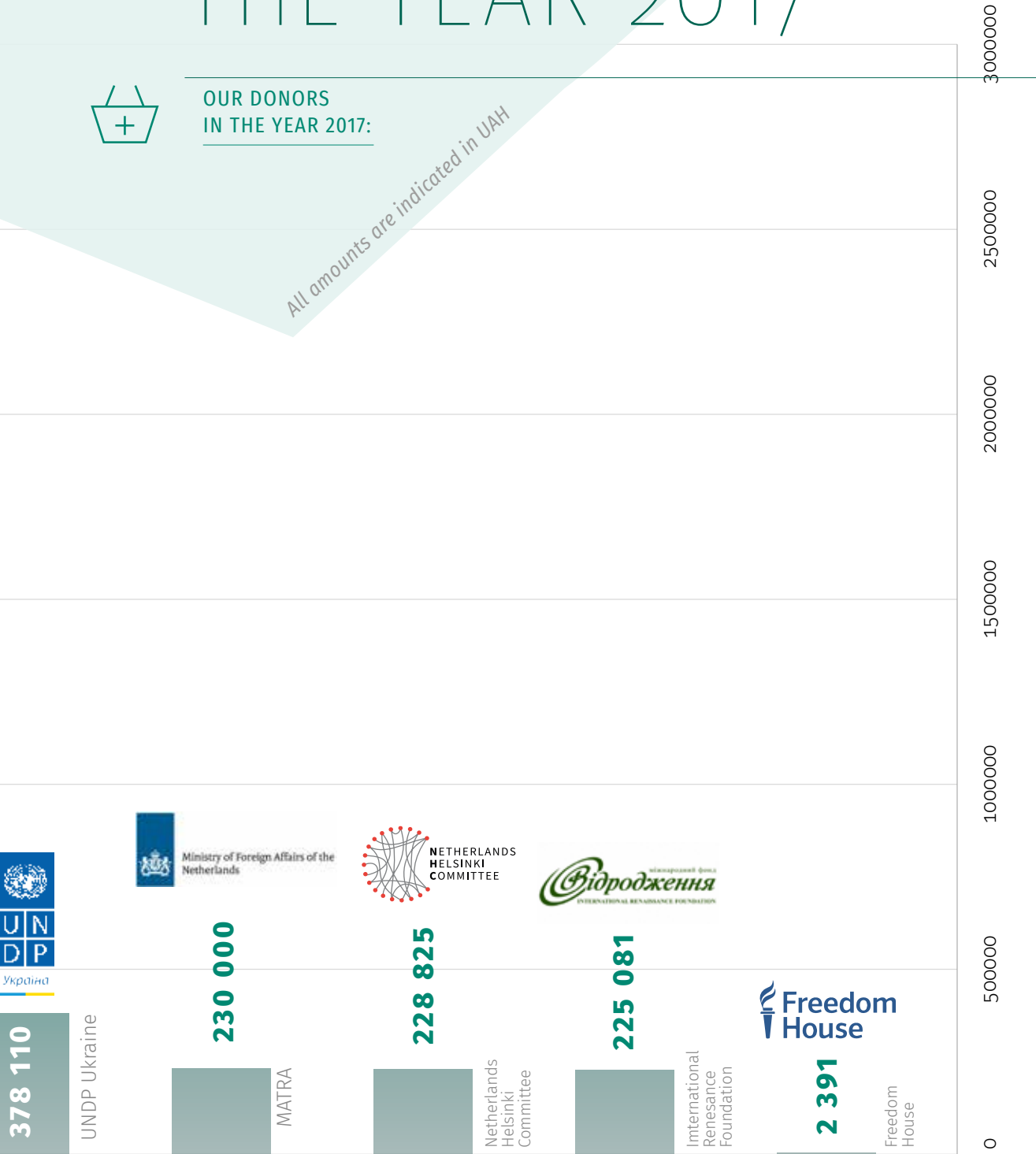
Polish Helsinki Foundation

9. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2017



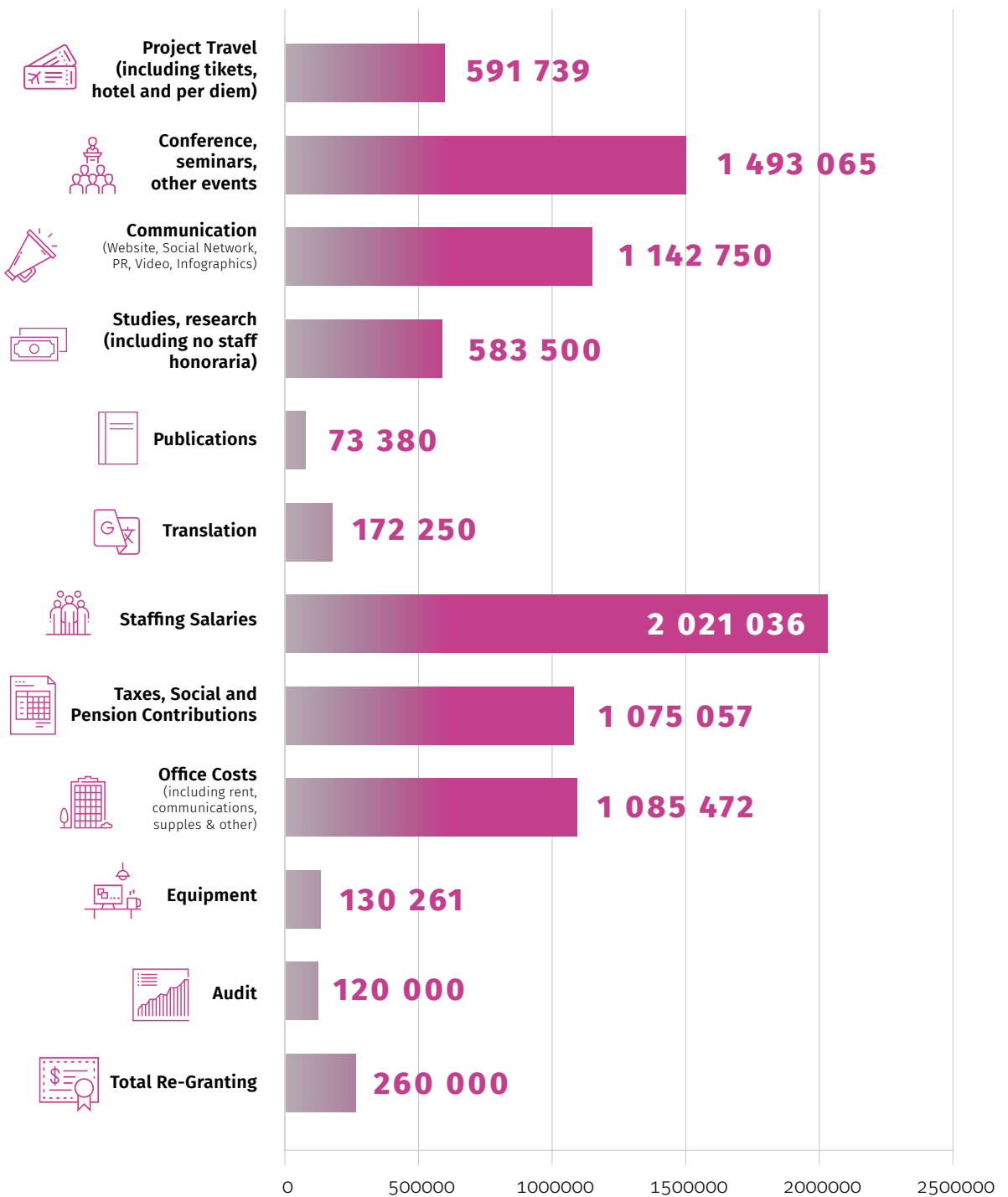
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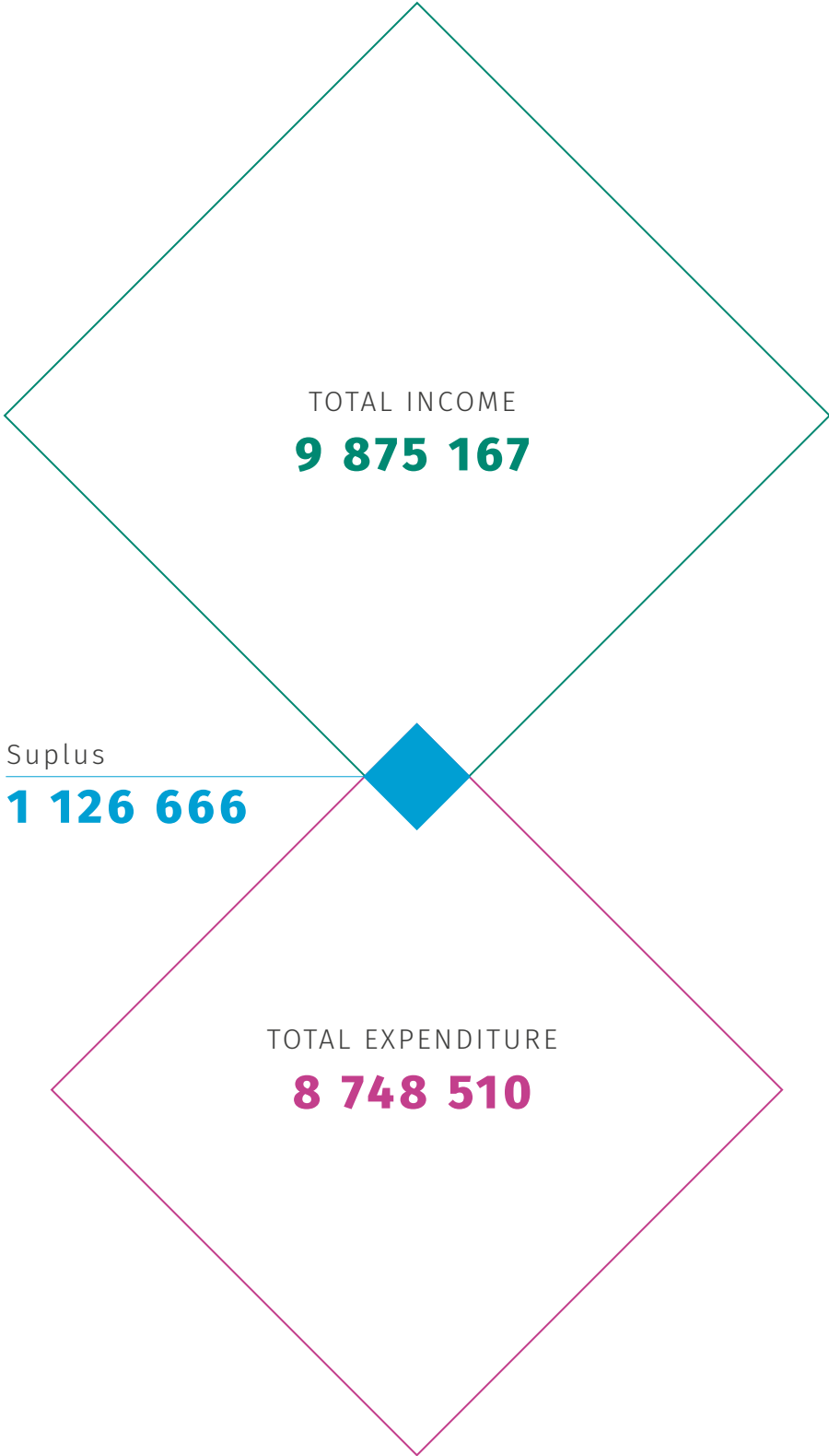
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