

# CENTER FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES

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“ would like to draw attention to the objectives the civil society in Ukraine faces in the fifth year after the Maidan events.

After the Revolution of Dignity, there was no restart of the political system and change of elites. This explains a lot. In particular, the half-hearted nature and the incompleteness of the reforms initiated. The power as a walker balances between the need to make radical changes and the desire to maintain control in the periodic election cycles. With each passing year, the pace of reform was reduced. But before the elections it is hard to expect any breakthrough.

The situation is complicated by the new challenges faced by Ukraine. One of them is the war.

The authorities use the rhetoric of “fighting Russian aggression” for disproportionate restrictions on human rights. Due to this rhetoric, such restrictions are supported by a large part of society. Radical groups are starting to appear. Political parties that can withstand it are still at the formation stage. Therefore, in such circumstances, maintaining the overall framework of European values is a task for civil society.

In addition, an offensive against the very civil society began, the first signs of which were discrediting campaigns and various legislative initiatives

on compulsory e-declarations, foreign agents, etc. The number of physical assaults on civil activists in the regions is increasing. Given the weakness of state institutions, the general increase in tolerance of the society to violence in connection with the war and the nexus between law enforcement bodies and local corruption elites, it is easy to predict that the Kateryna Gandziuk list will be replenished. It is time to work on building a collective security system.

Post-Maidan civil society is quite strong. Volunteers and CSOs enjoy the highest levels of trust compared to state and other public institutions. But civil society in Ukraine is scattered. It works on its narrow themes and solves local tasks. There are no ambitions for participating in discussions on the socio-political life of the country. There are no sites for joint discussions other than expert ones. Consequently, civil society has not developed a consolidated position, it does not enter into a dialogue with the authorities to promote the civil agenda. A vivid example of this state of affairs was the rather slack mobilization of civil society in response to the introduction of an obligation for anti-corruption activists to submit electronic declarations.

Ukraine is once again undergoing a critical test for the maturity of democracy.

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# 1. OPENING REMARKS

We cannot afford to fail. Therefore, civil society must become a full-fledged participant in political life in the country; overcome fragmentation, build an ecosystem around the country, create communication and mobilization channels and formulate civic agenda. And provide the necessary energy for the country's movement in the vector that was defined by the Revolution of Dignity.

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

*Oleksandra Matviichuk  
during her speech at  
the TedxKyiv 2018*





## 2. ABOUT CENTER FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES (OUR MISSION AND VALUES)

**T**he Center for Civil Liberties (hereinafter CCL) is a Ukrainian human rights organization founded in 2007. The CCL conducts monitoring and analysis of draft laws on compliance with human rights standards,

carries out public oversight over law enforcement agencies, courts and local authorities, the investigation of the crimes committed during the Maidan events, documents political persecution in the temporarily occupied Crimea,

human rights violations and war crimes in the Donbas, conducts educational activities in the field of human rights and democracy, international solidarity, etc.



### OUR MISSION:

we are working 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;
- the rule of law;
- impartiality;
- freedom and human rights;
- democracy;
- non-discrimination.
- solidarity;

WE ARE:



LET MY  
PEOPLE  
GO! 



public monitoring



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RIGHTS  
SCHOOL



HUMAN  
RIGHTS  
AGENDA

## 2.1. Participation in coalitions and networks

THE CCL PARTICIPATES IN THE FOLLOWING COALITIONS AND NETWORKS:

### UKRAINIAN:



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



Human Rights Agenda



Coalition for Combating Discrimination in Ukraine

The Coalition for Combating Discrimination

## 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”



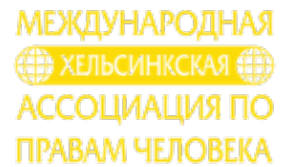
The Initiative for the  
International Criminal Court



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

## ADVISORY:

Expert Council under the  
Committee on Human Rights,  
National Minorities and  
Interethnic Relations

## 2.2. Organizational development of the Center for Civil Liberties

**T**he CCL started active work towards strengthening its organizational capacity. To this end, in 2018, the General Meeting of the organization took place, during which amendments to the Statute were adopted and a new Board was elected. In accordance with the changes introduced in the CCL, a new collegial body, the Supervisory Board, assumed the role of the auditor. Thus, the NGO “Center for Civil Liberties” joined new people who were included in the newly elected bodies, and also became members according to the

submitted applications.

In addition, in order to differentiate between strategic direction and process management, the post of an executive director was introduced. Oleksandra Matviichuk was elected a Chairperson of the Board, and Oleksandra Romantsova became the Executive Director.

Also, the members of the Center for Civil Liberties team held a number of special trainings and field sessions on planning activities and improving professional skills in order to enhance the effectiveness of the organization.

↓ **Kyiv, October 22, 2018.**

*The first meeting of the newly elected members of the Board of the Center for Civil Liberties.*





# **3. PROTECTION OF FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS FROM ATTACKS OF THE AUTHORITIES AND REFORM**

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[humanrightsagenda.org.ua](http://humanrightsagenda.org.ua)

[fb.com/zakon.hr](https://fb.com/zakon.hr)

## 3.1. Activities of the Human Rights Agenda Platform

**T**he Center for Civil Liberties coordinates the activities of the informal coalition of human rights organizations working in the field of monitoring, analysis and drafting of legislation in accordance with the basic principles of human rights and fundamental freedoms – the Human Rights Agenda Platform (hereinafter HRA).

The coalition's members are leading Ukrainian human rights organizations.

The HRA unites human rights defenders, experts, public activists, who are

concerned by the issues of human rights protection, creates working groups on legislation, conducts advocacy campaigns, makes statements against the disproportionate

restrictions to human rights, organizes platforms for discussing human rights issues, promotes human rights.

**Kyiv, Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, August 29, 2018**

*Human rights defenders affected by war crimes and families of political prisoners require to refer the draft law on war crimes to the Parliament.*



**IN 2018 MEMBERS OF THE HRA WORKED ON TOPICS RELATED TO:**

- monitoring lawmaking activities in relation to detection of threats to human rights;
- bringing Ukrainian criminal law in line with international humanitarian law and Ukraine's accession to the International Criminal Court;
- amendments to the law to introduce an effective jury trial;
- justice in eastern Ukraine in conditions of armed aggression of the Russian Federation;
- persecution of civil society representatives.

**THE HRA INITIATED A SERIES OF ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS, AMONG WHICH ARE THE FOLLOWING:**

- campaign for the adoption of the draft law "On War Criminals";
- campaigns for implementing an effective jury trial model;
- campaign for the ratification of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court.

**CAMPAIGN FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE DRAFT LAW "ON WAR CRIMINALS"**

Website: [ppd-zakon.org.ua](http://ppd-zakon.org.ua)

It is held with the aim of reaching the adoption of the draft law that brings Ukrainian criminal law in line with the provisions of international humanitarian law. The draft law "On War Criminals" was drafted by the HRA Working Group, which included leading experts.

More than 20 meetings were organized with representatives of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, as well as with international organizations, public events and promotion

actions for the urgent adoption of amendments to the legislation were held.

The event, which took place on August 29 under the building of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, attracted the greatest attention of society and mass media. Human rights defenders affected by war crimes and families of political prisoners appealed to the Prime Minister of Ukraine with a request to refer the draft law to the Parliament, since it had been awaiting the approval with the Cabinet of Ministers for more than a year.

Also, the round table "Justice in eastern Ukraine in conditions of armed aggression of the Russian Federation" should be noted, which discussed the conclusions and recommendations for strengthening the capacity to provide justice in conditions of armed aggression. For two years, a group of Ukrainian experts and NGOs conducted a study to assess the impact of armed conflict on the Ukrainian justice system, as outlined in the report. The round table was held on December 18, 2018, at the

Verkhovna Rada Committee on Legal Policy and Justice.

As a result of advocacy efforts, the draft law “On War Criminals” received widespread support from public authorities and

international organizations, among them: UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission, OSCE Office, PACE Committees, International Committee of the Red Cross, Parliamentarians for Global Action,

Global Rights Compliance, Coalition for International Criminal Court, etc. On December 20, 2018, the draft law was registered with the **Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine** (Registration Number 9438).

#### CAMPAIGN FOR IMPLEMENTING AN EFFECTIVE JURY TRIAL

Within the framework of the HRA, a working group of experts was formed to create legislative conditions for the functioning

of an effective model of jury trials in Ukraine.

The general concept and vision of the future jury trial was developed, a draft law

was prepared and public discussions were held.

The Draft Law can be found at: <https://bit.ly/2HnZzyv>



The Center for Civil Liberties issued analytical materials on the implementation of the jury and in general judicial reform:



- “Why does Ukraine need a jury trial?”  
<https://bit.ly/2RURh1T>



- “Judicial reform. Proposals to the concept of a new stage of the reform of the judicial system of Ukraine”  
<https://bit.ly/2FFdpem>



- “The General Issues of Judicial Reform in Ukraine – 2017”  
<https://bit.ly/2UceKMX>

Thanks to our efforts, discussion started in professional and expert circles, which contributed to a deeper understanding of the lack of an effective model of a jury trial in Ukraine.

## CAMPAIGN FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE ROME STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

The HRA, together with the Ukrainian Legal Advisory Group, proclaimed the re-launch of a national campaign to ratify the Rome Statute in order to make Ukraine a full member of the International Criminal Court.

In support of ratification by Ukraine of the Rome Statute, the jubilee 40th Annual Forum of Parliamentarians for Global Action and the 10th Consultative Assembly of Parliamentarians for

**200**  
participants



the International Criminal Court and the Rule of Law was held in Kyiv on November 16-17. The event was attended by more than 200 participants, including people's deputies of Ukraine,

foreign parliamentarians, representatives of international organizations, central bodies of executive power and CSOs of Ukraine.



**Kyiv, November 16-17.**

*The Forum of Parliamentarians  
for the Global Action and the  
10th Consultative Assembly of  
Parliamentarians for the International  
Criminal Court and the Rule of Law.*

**Kyiv, the Verkhovna Rada Committee  
on Human Rights, November 16, 2018**

*Flash mob by the participants in  
the Forum of Parliamentarians for  
Global Action calling on the Ukrainian  
authorities to ratify the Rome Statute.*



THE CENTER FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE HRA ACTIVITY FOR THE LAST YEAR:

70



organized  
events

- organized 70 work-related events, including meetings of the HRA members and partners, as well as expert discussions and meetings with international organizations, foreign representations and embassies and representatives of public authorities;

14



appeals  
and open appeals

- released 14 appeals and open appeals from the HRA, as well as the Platform participants supported 24 appeals aimed at protecting human rights;
- conducted 15 public discussions, among which 8 were human rights clubs on topics that required a response from the human rights community and were related to the



6

human rights  
clubs

legislative protection of  
human rights. Namely:

- “Pressure on civil society. Forms and methods”
- “International crime and just punishment”
- “How to introduce a jury trial in Ukraine”
- “Problems of implementing the right to freedom of assembly”
- “Human right in formal and non-formal education”
- “Transit of changes. How do events in one country affect the fate of the other country?”
- “Foreign agents: threat to civil society or protection against Russian aggression?”
- “All about sanctions against Russia: does Ukraine have a plan B?”

The Center for Civil Liberties initiated the development and publication of a common position of the human rights community on a number of issues. Among them are the illegal persecutions of civic activists by law enforcement agencies, the need to revoke presidential bills that disproportionately restrict freedom of association, the illegitimacy of the election process of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights, etc.

Thanks to our efforts, human rights organizations supported the statement of the R Reanimation Package of Reforms on the constitutional petition regarding e-declarations for anti-corruption activists. In addition, the arguments contained in the statements were taken into account in the Venice Commission’s findings regarding the establishment of mandatory electronic declaration.

The HRA works with the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the Committees of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, the Presidential Administration, the Office of the Prosecutor General, the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights and other authorities and international organizations.

## 3.2. Political persecution:

### CAMPAIGN AGAINST ATTACK ON UKRAINIAN CIVIL SOCIETY



АКТИВІСТИ  
НЕ МІШЕНІ

Special attention of human rights activists was attracted by attack against civil society. Concerned about the current situation, we demand the illegal persecution of civic activists by law enforcement agencies to be stopped, bills that disproportionately restrict freedom of association

to be withdrawn, also we advocate the need to remove the obligation to file electronic declarations for anti-corruption activists, etc.

More than 70 representatives of NGOs, human rights activists, civic activists, journalists, lawyers and other non-indifferent citizens were joined together

with the efforts of organizations-members of the HRA. As a result, a joint **Memo-randum on the Creation of a Coalition for the Protection of Civil Society in Ukraine** was signed.

In addition, the CCL's attention is centered on cases of unlawful prosecution and attacks on activists.



**Kyiv, August 15, 2018.**

*An open lecture on how to  
strengthen the security of civic  
activists and civic organizations.*

Thus, for example, we are closely monitoring the investigation and trial of murder of human rights activist Iryna Nozdrovska.\*

In order to increase the level of security of human rights activists and civic activists, the Center for Civil Liberties, together with the international organization “Front Line Defenders”, organized a lecture and a series of workshops, in particular on the development of scenarios and rules of conduct in the event of physical threats to civil society representatives.

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\* Iryna Nozdrovska disappeared on December 29 after repeated threats to her address, and on January 1, 2001 she was found dead.

## CAMPAIGN FOR THE RELEASE OF UKRAINIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS AND CAPTIVES

# LET MY PEOPLE GO!



[www.letmypeoplego.org.ua](http://www.letmypeoplego.org.ua)

FACEBOOK PAGE:

[fb.com/letmypeoplegoukraine](https://fb.com/letmypeoplegoukraine)

**70** prisoners  
in Russia  
and in the  
occupied  
Crimea



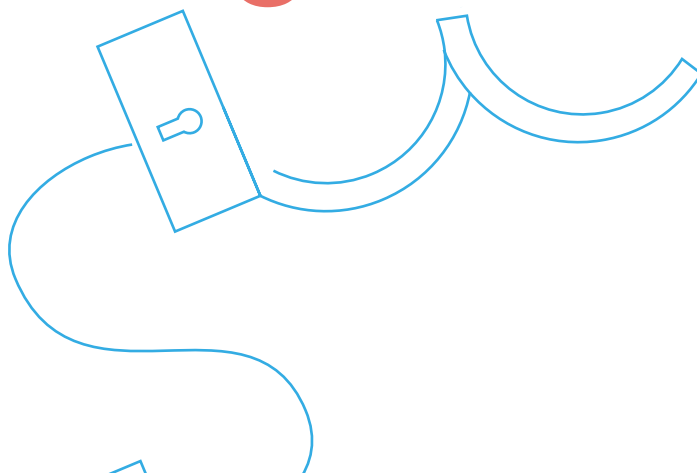
The Center for Civil Liberties, together with EuroMaidan Press and other partners, has been campaigning for the release of all Ukrainian political prisoners “#LetMyPeopleGo” for five years. By the end of 2018, 70 prisoners in Russia and in the occupied Crimea was the concern of the campaign. The total length of their imprisonment is 240 years.

Thanks to the joint work of the campaign partners, the Government of Ukraine, the international community, as well as the activities of lawyers, families and support groups 8 Ukrainians were released from prison.

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of their im-  
prisonment

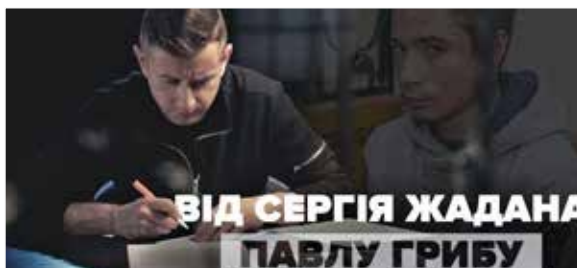
**8** Ukrainians  
were released





In partnership with Radio Svoboda, the project “Letters to Political Prisoners” was launched. Well-known Ukrainians write letters to compatriots who are held in Russian prisons. Letters were already written by the singer Ruslana, writer Serhii Zhadan, dissident Myroslav Marynovich, director Akhtem Seitablayev.

The project can be found at <https://bit.ly/2SiXs7v>



## CAMPAIGN “SAVE OLEG SENTSOV”

In response to the hunger strike, announced by the illegally sentenced director Oleg Sentsov, another campaign was launched to protect the Ukrainian political prisoners - #SaveOlegSentsov.

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SaveSentsov/>

An incredible number of activists and non-indifferent people joined it. Thanks to groups of people from 40 countries, it was possible to organize global actions, which took place almost simultaneously in different countries of the world. A whole network of adherents of the campaign held thousands of events in their cities, including screenings, promotions, pickets, demonstrations and flash mobs.

The screening of the documentary film “The Process: The Russian State Against Oleg Sentsov” was



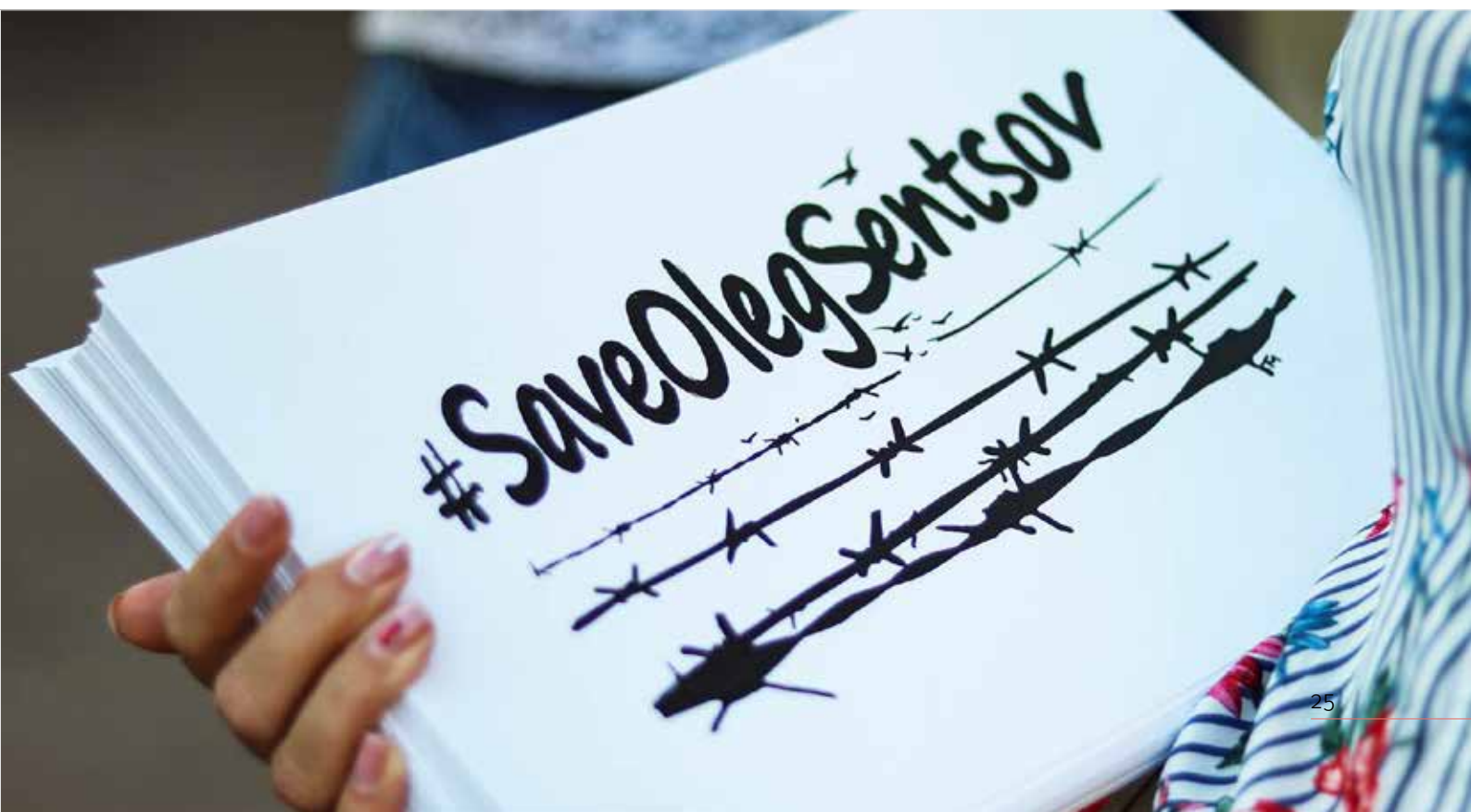
organized in more than 50 cities of different countries.

Famous actors, directors and other artists expressed their solidarity with the illegally imprisoned director Oleg Sentsov during a variety of cultural events. The mayor of Paris, Anna Hidalgo, devoted the contemporary all-night art festival “Nuit Blanche” to him.

**For these actions, top politicians had to react publicly, including the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, the President of France, the German Chancellor, the President of the Council of the EU and other public figures.**

Under the influence of the campaign, it was possible to unite the requirements to release all political prisoners in the Russian Federation and civilian and military prisoners held in the basements of the Donbas.

One of the intermediate successes is the fact that the President of Ukraine supported the establishment of an advisory coordination council, a special structure that should be engaged in developing a proactive strategy of Ukraine in the release of political prisoners



and coordinating the efforts of various authorities. Creating such a body was one of the requirements of the #SaveOlegSentsov Global Campaign.

The Center for Civil Liberties also initiated a series of measures aimed at blocking the actions of the Russian Federation in the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, which were intended to prevent the continuation of sanctions. In particular, the #SaveCouncilEurope! online promotion took place.

Campaign page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/2031086063799703/posts/2135894919985483>









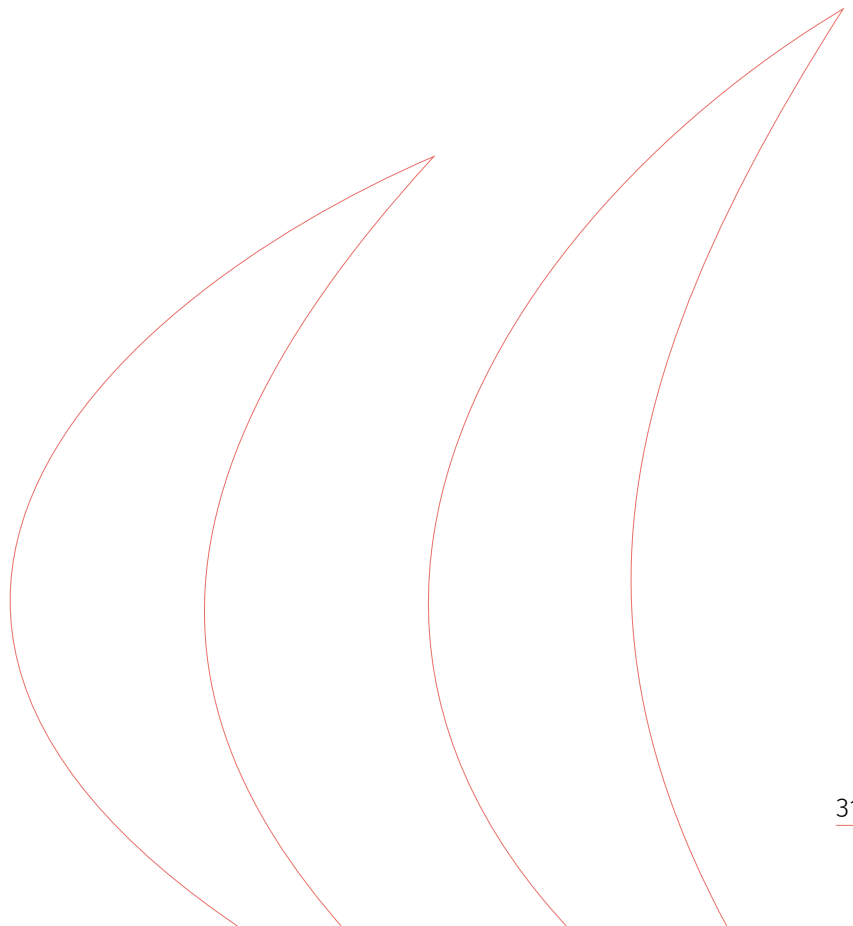


**public monitoring**

[fb.com/OZON.monitoring](https://fb.com/OZON.monitoring)

# **4. CIVIC CONTROL. THE OZON CIVIC MONITORING GROUP**

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**T**he OZON Civic Monitoring Group is a voluntary association of active citizens exercising civic control over public authorities, as well as key processes that take place in the clash between society and the state, in particular during peaceful gatherings and trials.

The OZON Civic Monitoring Group is a member of the International Observers Network (ION) of the OSCE region.

Public observers always remain an independent party and consider their task to fix events occurring against peaceful gatherings and violations during litigation. The data are analyzed for compliance with national legislation and international standards.

The OZON volunteer can be identified by a yellow vest and a certificate stating that he/she acts as a public observer.

In total, more than 60 volunteers from Kyiv and other cities of Ukraine participated in monitoring during 2018.



**60**

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during 2018



THE RESULTS OF MONITORING BY PUBLIC OBSERVERS ARE OUTLINED IN THREE EXTENDED REPORTS:

“MARCHES OF 8 MARCH:  
KYIV, LVIV, KHARKIV”

<https://bit.ly/2pE68Rf>

“KYIV PRIDE 2018’S  
EQUALITY MARCH”

<https://bit.ly/2AU00hB>

“MONITORING PEACEFUL  
GATHERINGS: ‘PRAYER  
WATCH FOR UKRAINE [...]’  
AND ‘TRANSMARCH 2018’”

<https://bit.ly/2FOE8En>

IN 2018, THE OZON CIVIC MONITORING GROUP CARRIED OUT:

**39**   
monitorings

- 39 monitorings of the observance of freedom of peaceful assembly and the right to a fair trial in Kyiv, Lviv, Odesa and Kharkiv;

**6**   
briefings

- 6 briefings on the monitoring of peaceful gatherings and trials;

**7**   
trainings

- 7 trainings on the freedom of peaceful assembly for the police (Kyiv, Kharkiv, Chernihiv, Vinnytsia, Rivne, Cherkasy, Mykolayiv, Kherson);

**8**   
trainings

- 8 trainings on civic control (Kyiv, Kharkiv, Chernihiv, Vinnytsia, Rivne, Cherkasy, Mykolayiv, Kherson);

**4**   
meetings

- 4 informational meetings and presentations of the initiative;

**20**   
meetings

- 20 meetings with volunteers.

**2**   
special training

- 2 special training of the OZON public observers abroad;

**41**   
observers

The largest number of involved observers to monitor one event in 2018 is 41.



**13**   
received  
participants  
certificates

↓ **Kyiv, Kyiv School of Human Rights, December, 2018**

*Certification of completion of a special course on monitoring gatherings with increased degree of conflict.*

In addition, a program of internship in the field of civic control began, 5 participants were selected and successfully trained at the office of the Center for Civil Liberties.





Kyiv School of Human Rights launched a special course on monitoring meetings with a higher degree of conflict. It was attended by **40** participants, **13** of them received certificates of successful completion.

The OZON group develops and provides representatives of public authorities with recommendations on the issues of ensuring freedom of peaceful assembly in Ukraine, and also cooperates with international organizations for the advocacy of these issues.





# 5. PARTICIPATION IN RESEARCH AND MONITORING

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The CCL, together with its partners, prepared a number of reports on human rights violations, in particular freedom of peaceful assembly in Ukraine, the right to a fair trial under the conditions of the occupation of the Donbas, as well as reports on human rights violations and crimes committed in conditions of armed conflict and Russian occupation in eastern Ukraine and in the Crimea.



### 1. "MONITORING THE RIGHT TO FREE ASSEMBLY".

The international study on freedom of peaceful assembly in Ukraine. This publication was developed within the legal framework of the program being implemented by the International Center for Non-for-Profit Law.

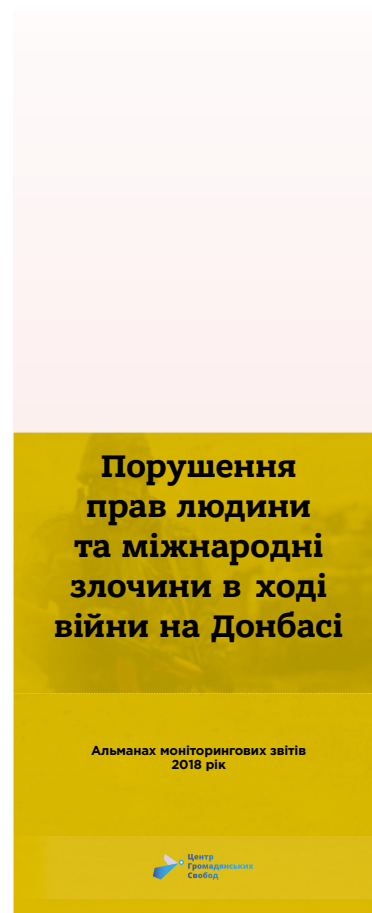
<https://bit.ly/2UmrFMn>



### 2. "JUSTICE IN EASTERN UKRAINE IN CONDITIONS OF ARMED AGGRESSION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION".

The study was designed to assess the impact of armed conflict on the Ukrainian justice system.

<https://bit.ly/2Ue8ZhC>



### 3. "HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL CRIMES DURING THE WAR IN THE DONBAS".

Collection of the CCL's reports on human rights violations and crimes committed in conditions of armed conflict and Russian occupation in eastern Ukraine and in the Crimea.

<https://bit.ly/2Rd8X7V>

All studies were referred to the competent authorities in order to achieve an adequate response to their results. Some materials were also referred to the International Criminal Court as evidence of human rights violations and war crimes.





## 6. LEGAL EDUCATION AND ENLIGHTENMENT

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**KYIV  
HUMAN  
RIGHTS  
SCHOOL**

FACEBOOK PAGE:

[bit.ly/2CSW0La](https://bit.ly/2CSW0La)

## 6.1. Kyiv School of Human Rights

One of the priority areas for the CCL is human rights education.

To this end, the Kyiv School of Human Rights and Democracy (hereinafter - the School) was created.

Within the framework of the School there are open lectures, trainings, discussions and other

educational activities.

Regular training started, which consists of a multi-level program. 8 introductory human rights courses (Degree I) in Kyiv and 6 in other cities were held, as well as 1 two-day “Basic Human Rights Course” (Degree II).

Thematic training was also conducted in the form of

**11**   
events

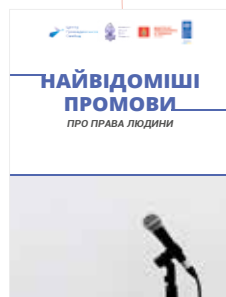
lectures, open discussions, human rights studies, workshops, trainings. In total 11 such events took place.

### THE FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ARE PUBLISHED:



1. “INTRODUCTION TO THE CONCEPT OF HUMAN RIGHTS”

<https://bit.ly/2Tmec60>



2. “MOST FAMOUS SPEECHES ON HUMAN RIGHTS”

<https://bit.ly/2QWYhUb>



3. “REFLECTIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS. ANDRII IUROV”

<https://bit.ly/2UaMbPV>



4. “HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS”

<https://bit.ly/2FJuwf5>

## THE ENVIRONMENT CINEMA CLUB

Within the framework of the School there is the cinema club “The Environment”, which became an informal platform for covering the topical issues of human rights. Films are carefully selected for the topics covered. On the eve of each screening, human

**14**   
screenings

rights activists are invited for an introductory conversation with participants. Currently **14** screenings have been held.

During the year more than 1000 residents of Kyiv participated in the educational events of the CCL.

## KYIV HUMAN RIGHTS HUB

Kyiv Human Rights Hub started its work to support existing and create new human rights and civil initiatives. Human rights and civil society organizations, associations, as well as informal coalitions use the Hub’s capabilities for carrying out their own events.

And a number of other organizations such as the

Association of Families of Political Prisoners of the Kremlin, the Ukrainian organization for the protection of the rights of children “Blue Bird”, the All-Ukrainian Association of Families of Missing and Lost Defenders of Ukraine “The Hope”, the Student Organization “U: act”, the Ukrainian Legal Advisory Group, the Myrnyi

Bereh NGO and others under the auspices of the CCL, had an opportunity to study, obtain consultancy on organizational issues, including issues related to the registration of NGOs, as well as support for working meetings, strategic sessions and planning advocacy strategies of the national and international levels.

## HUMAN RIGHTS WEEKENDS

We continued the tradition of Human Rights Weekends in the regions and held 8 such human rights festivals in Kharkiv, Rivne, Cherkasy, Mykolayiv, Kherson, Odesa, Kamyanets (Dnipropetrovsk Oblast) and Lviv.

The Human Rights Weekend is a multi-day human rights festival dedicated to developing awareness of human rights and encouraging the widest possible range of people for human rights activism.

**8**   
human rights  
weekends

As part of the Weekends, there are usually various events for different categories of the population.

As a result, more than **200** people participated in the events of Human Rights Weekends in the regions and

about 30% of the participants subsequently joined the OZON network, the #SaveOlegSentsov Global Campaign and the Civil Society Coalition.

**200**   
people  
participated in  
the events

### PARTICIPATION OF THE CENTER FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES IN OTHER EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

We are trying to provide a comprehensive coverage of human rights issues. Our team members are involved in a variety of venues held in various formats in order to promote human rights values among the population.

Thus, Oleksandra Matviichuk spoke at the TedxKyiv 2018, Oleksandra Romantsova spoke at the TedxKyivWomen in 2018, and we also participated in the Youth Festival for the Youth Day, the Atlas Weekend, Nobilitet and in Kamyansk. Together with the volunteers, we talked about human rights in Ukraine,



disseminated educational materials and invited to join the human rights movement.

↑ Oleksandra Romantsova  
during TedxKyivWomen 2018



Kyiv, June 21, 2018.  
Youth Day Festival for the Youth Day.

## 6.2. Specific activities of the Center for Civil Liberties

### NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS NONCONFERENCE

The Center for Civil Liberties aims to form an all-Ukrainian platform for discussing the current challenges related to human rights protection in Ukraine and in the world. Thus, for the third year in a row, the National Human Rights NONconference is taking place on the anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

More than 20 workshops worked during the last NONconference. The participants discussed how to solve topical human rights issues related to places of custody, the problems of people living with HIV, the problems of IDPs, the ratification of the Rome Statute, the rights of people in Crimea, the jury in Ukraine, etc. The NONconference started with the

panel discussion “The 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: Modern Challenges for Human Rights in Ukraine and the World”, which was attended by the Deputy Head of the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission to Ukraine Benjamin Moreau, human rights activists, dissidents and experts.

The NONconference was attended by about 400 human rights activists, civic activists, journalists, representatives of public authorities, as well as international structures and listeners from Kyiv and regions.

  
**400**  
experts**20**  
workshops  




↑ Kyiv, December 10, 2018

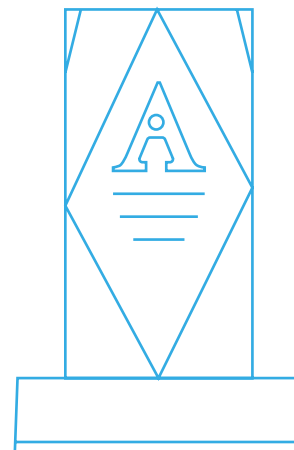
Introductory panel of the Human Rights NONconference.

#### ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD

The Human Rights Agenda Platform handles the Human Rights Award every year in order to promote human rights values, human rights activism and its social importance.

In 2018, Daria Sviridova of the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union was awarded for the outstanding achievements made in the field of human rights protection. Daria is actively working on a number of issues, in particular those concerning the occupation of Crimea and all its consequences, appeals to the International Criminal Court, legal support for many cases, has inspired the elite

course for judges and lawyers on human rights issues, and is also a monitor of the National Preventive Mechanism.





*“I feel that it is  
important for us  
to be preserved, to  
preserve the people  
we protect and the  
people with whom  
we are working”,*

said Daria Sviridova  
being granted the  
Annual Human  
Rights Award.

↑ Kyiv, December 10, 2018

Daria Sviridova with the Annual  
Human Rights Award 2018.

## EUROMAIDAN SOS VOLUNTEER AWARD



# 130

volunteers  
were  
nominated  
in 2018

For the fifth year in a row, November 30, the Euro-aidan SOS initiative defines “ordinary people who make extraordinary things”. The Euromaidan SOS Volunteer Award is founded to promote and support the volunteer movement in Ukraine.

130 volunteers from across the country and from abroad were nominated in 2018. Many volunteers help the army or victims of the war and occupation of the Crimea. But there are more nominees who devote themselves to animal protection, education, child support, cultural enlightenment or the development of democracy.



THE WINNERS OF THE EUROMAIDAN SOS VOLUNTEER AWARD  
WERE ELECTED BY AN HONORARY JURY. THEY ARE:

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**Iryna Dovgan,**

who supports families of captive soldiers and civilians who are illegally detained in the cellars of the occupied Donbas.



**Petro Dudnik,**

a resident of Slovyansk, who saved over 4 thousand people, organized a center for IDPs and helped many residents leave of the occupied territories of the Donetsk Oblast.



**Paul Hutchinson**

(a US citizen), who built an orphanage in Mizhhiria, took care of a shelter for animals, assisted the victims of Russian bombardment and took out wounded soldiers.



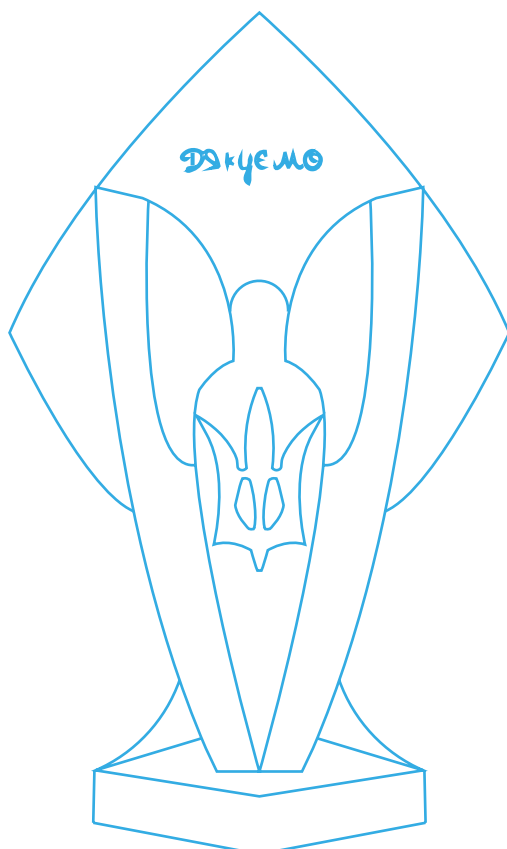
**Iryna Tremp**

The volunteer from the Crimea, under a pseudonym of Iryna Tremp, was also awarded. Iryna is helping political prisoners held in the Simferopol SIZO, as well as assisting families of Crimean Tatar political prisoners.



↑ Kyiv, November 30, 2018.

The awarding ceremony for the Euromaidan SOS Volunteer Award.



The jury also selected two civic initiatives – “The Military Seamstresses” and “The Battalion Scrim”.

The Euromaidan SOS Volunteer Award also became a prize winner. The Ukrainian Volunteer Service and the UNV Online Volunteering service conducted a national competition for best practices in the organization of volunteer management and our initiative was rewarded.



# 7. INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY





For many years we have systematically been working on solutions to human rights violations through the tools provided by international institutions and mechanisms.

The Center for Civil Liberties coordinates international advocacy in the Coalition “Justice for Peace in the Donbass”.

We work on continuous informing the Council of

Europe, OSCE, UN, European Parliament and PACE bodies and cooperate with the International Criminal Court.

The result of this work is repeatedly adopted resolutions and recommendations addressed to the Government of Ukraine, the Russian Federation and the international community.

↑ Vienna, February 27, 2018.

*Meeting in the framework of the annual OSCE Human Dimension Meeting on the human rights situation in gray areas, in particular in the occupied Ukrainian territories.*



The key issues we worked on over the past year were the following:

- Introduction of the human rights context to the so-called Minsk Process;
- Release of Oleg Sentsov and all other Ukrainian political prisoners in Russia, as well as captives and hostages held in the ORDLO;
- bringing Ukrainian legislation in line with international humanitarian law.

In order to inform representatives of diplomatic missions and international organizations about the human rights situation in the Donbas, the Center for Civil Liberties organized a round table: “Results of the monitoring of human rights violations and international crimes and the social and humanitarian situation of the population in the occupied territory of the Donbas”.

During the event, members of the Coalition “Justice for Peace on the Donbass” presented reports.

22 representations of foreign embassies in Ukraine and international organizations were invited: International Committee of the Red Cross, European Commission in Ukraine, United Nations Human Rights Monitoring Mission, European Union Advisory Mission, OSCE Special Monitoring Mission in Ukraine, etc.

↑ Kyiv, October 17, 2018.

*Information session of the Coalition “Justice for Peace at Donbass” on the human rights situation in the Donbas for representatives of diplomatic missions and international organizations.*

## THE DRAFT LAW ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN EFFECTIVE JURY TRIAL IN UKRAINE WAS DRAFTED.

The Draft Law of Ukraine “On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine on the Introduction of the Jury” was developed by the working group of the Human Rights Agenda Platform. The adoption of the draft law will start a wave of genuine changes to the judicial system in Ukraine.



For the first time, the Resolution contained the list of prisoners.

ON JUNE 28, 2018, THE PACE ADOPTED THE RESOLUTION ON UKRAINIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS AND CAPTIVES HELD ILLEGALLY IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION, AS WELL AS IN THE OCCUPIED DONBAS AND CRIMEA.

The adopted document contains requirements for the admission of doctors, humanitarian missions, the International Committee of the Red Cross, etc., torture and inappropriate conditions of detention are condemned. The Resolution adopted for the first time brought together the issue of political prisoners and captives in the Donbas as the unified common requirement for the Russian Federation.



THE DRAFT LAW “ON WAR CRIMINALS” INTRODUCING THE CONCEPT OF CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY INTO THE CRIMINAL CODE AND BRINGING THE CONCEPT OF WAR CRIMES INTO CONFORMITY WITH INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW WAS REGISTERED IN THE VERKHOVNA RADA OF UKRAINE.



ON JUNE 14, 2018, THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DEMANDING THE RELEASE OF OLEG SENTSOV AND ALL OTHER UKRAINIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS HELD IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE CRIMEA.



THE PETITION ON THE WEBSITE OF THE WHITE HOUSE – AN APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES DEMANDING THAT EVERYTHING BE DONE FOR THE RELEASE OF OLEG SENTSOV AND ALL UKRAINIAN POLITICAL PRISONERS – GAINED 100 THOUSAND VOTES.



THE EUROMAIDAN SOS VOLUNTEER AWARD RECEIVED A VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT AWARD IN THE VOLUNTEER PROMOTION NOMINATION. THE AWARD CEREMONY.

for the first time in Ukraine, was held by the Ukraine Volunteer Service.



HASHTAG #SAVEOLEGSENTSOV GOT TO THE TOP OF THE WIDELY USED BY TWITTER AND FACEBOOK USERS

NUMBER AND ATTENDANCE OF EVENTS.

In 2018, the Center for Civil Liberties held over 80 events for which about 2,400 persons registered.

THE POPULARITY OF OUR INFORMATION RESOURCES IS GROWING.



The newly created Facebook page of the #Save-OlegSentsov Global Campaign already has more than 15,000 followers, as well as 2,000 addresses are registered to receive our announcements.

## 8. ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018





*Oleksandra  
Matviichuk*

Chair of the Board



*Ksenia  
Shymanska*

Public events  
coordinator



*Oleksandra  
Romantsova*

Deputy Chair of the  
Board and international  
advocacy coordinator



*Liubov  
Galan*

Civic control  
coordinator



*Liubov  
Honcharova*

Accountant



*Serhii  
Zaichenko*

Public Relations  
coordinator



*Maryna  
Lilichenko*

Coalition coordinator



*Tetiana  
Kozachok*

Financial manager

## 9. THE CENTER FOR CIVIL LIBERTIES TEAM

Our team includes regular employees, as well as volunteers involved in various areas.



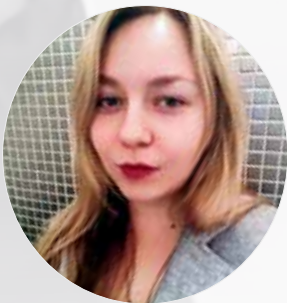
*Andrii  
Kulibaba*

Judicial reform  
promotion coordinator



*Albert  
Zaslavsky*

Administrative  
Coordinator



*Iana  
Doroshenko*

Volunteer work  
and volunteer campaigns  
coordinator

## VOLUNTEERS

The Center for Civil Liberties places particular emphasis on educating the younger generation of human rights defenders and activists. That is why volunteers are involved in all areas of the CCL's activity. For the mutual exchange of information, there is a special mailing and specific public groups in Facebook, such as "Human Rights Defenders from Vul. Basseina".

We are actively working on the expansion and

development of our volunteer community. During the year we announced two sets of internships, hosted volunteers from other countries, organized volunteer activities and parties.

During the year, more than a hundred volunteers from different cities and countries were involved, and thousands agreed to participate in our actions.

To join us as a volunteer you can fill out the form here: <https://bit.ly/2FKkoUu>

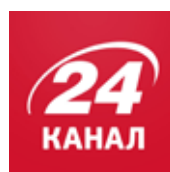
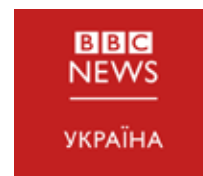
↓ Kyiv, the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Human Rights, November 16, 2018

CCL volunteers participate in the flash mob for ratification of the Rome Statute.



# 10. COOPERATION WITH THE MEDIA

WE WERE BROADCAST AND CITED BY THE MEDIA:





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European Commission

SIGRID  
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The Sigrid Rousing Trust



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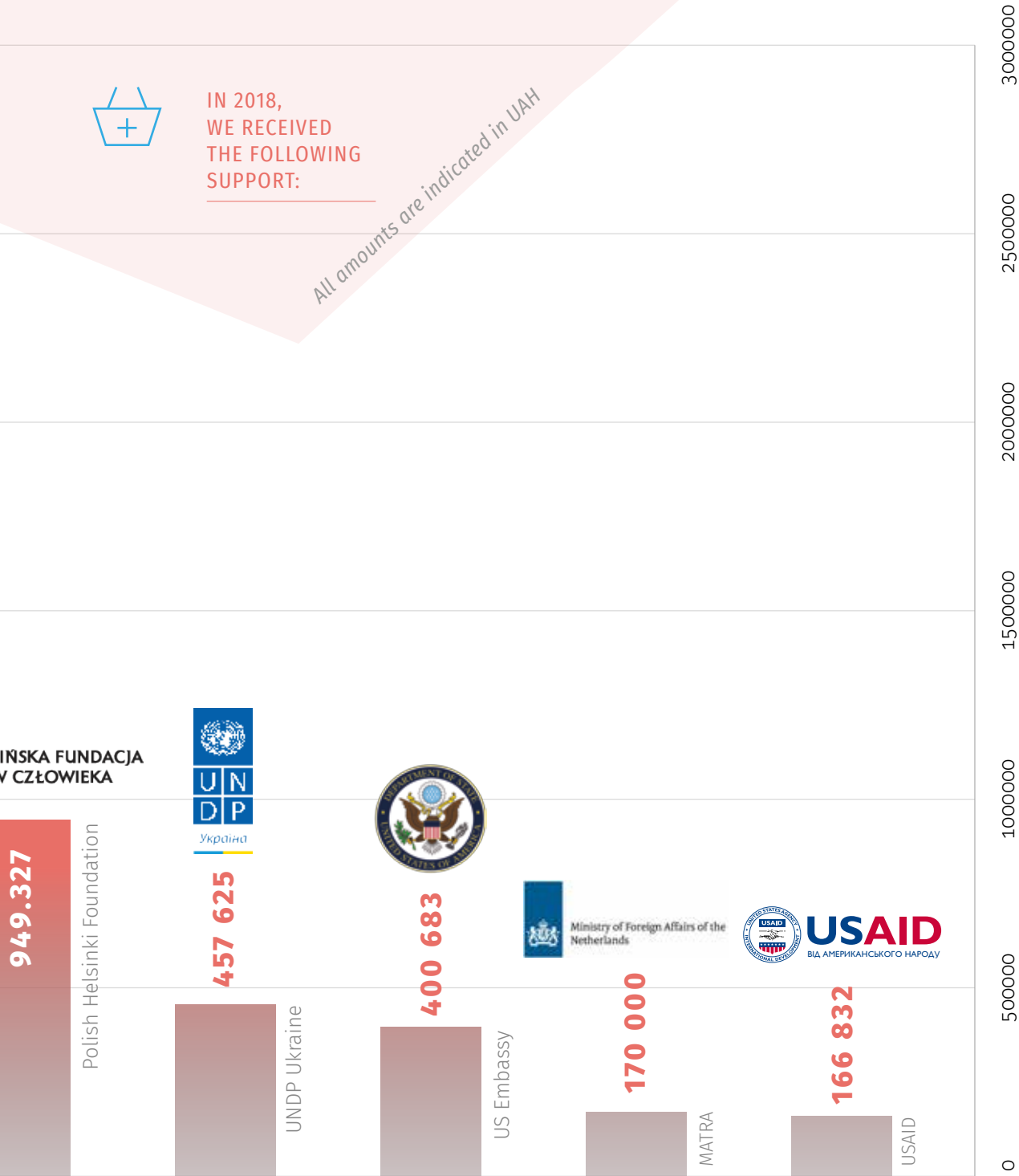


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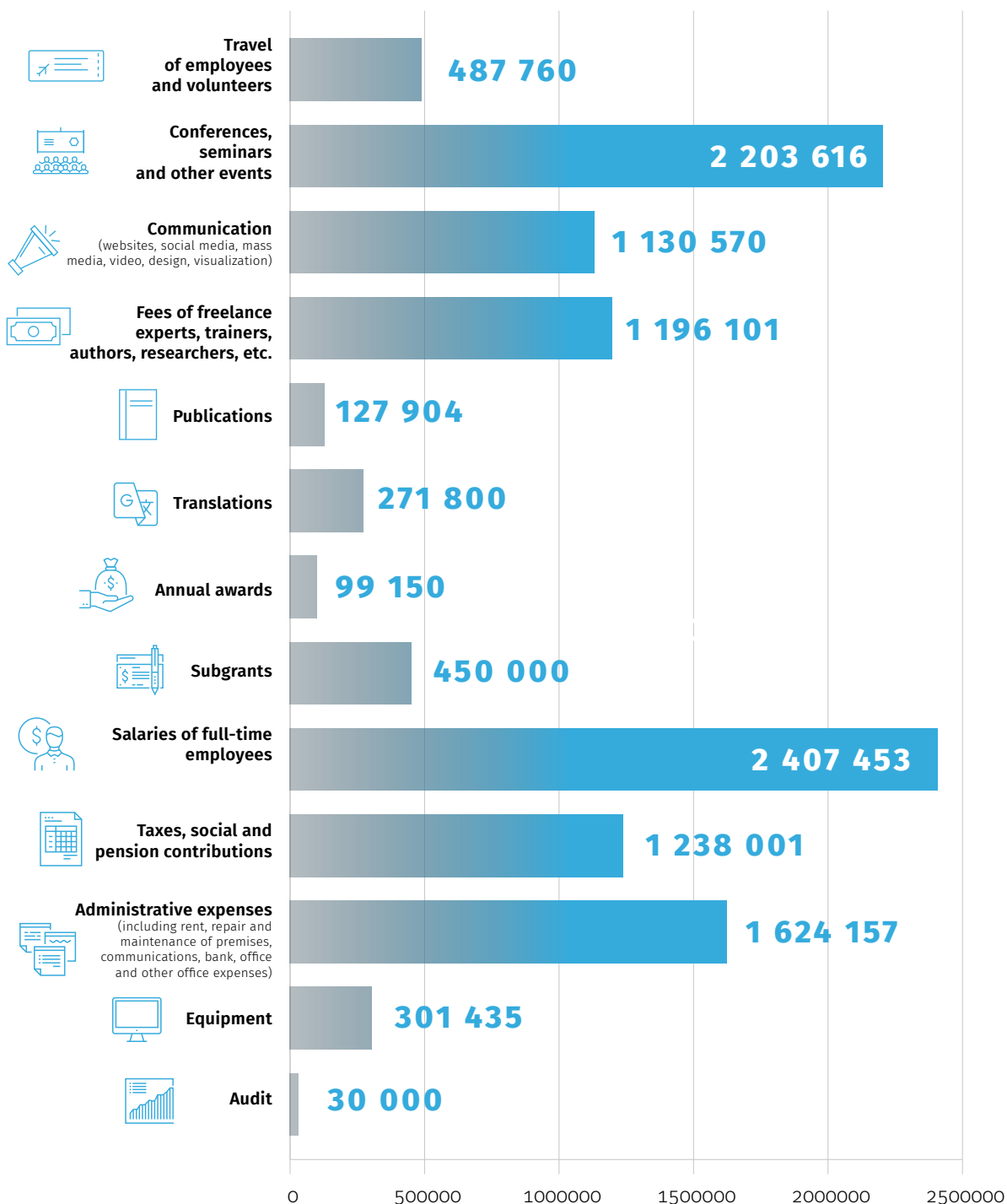
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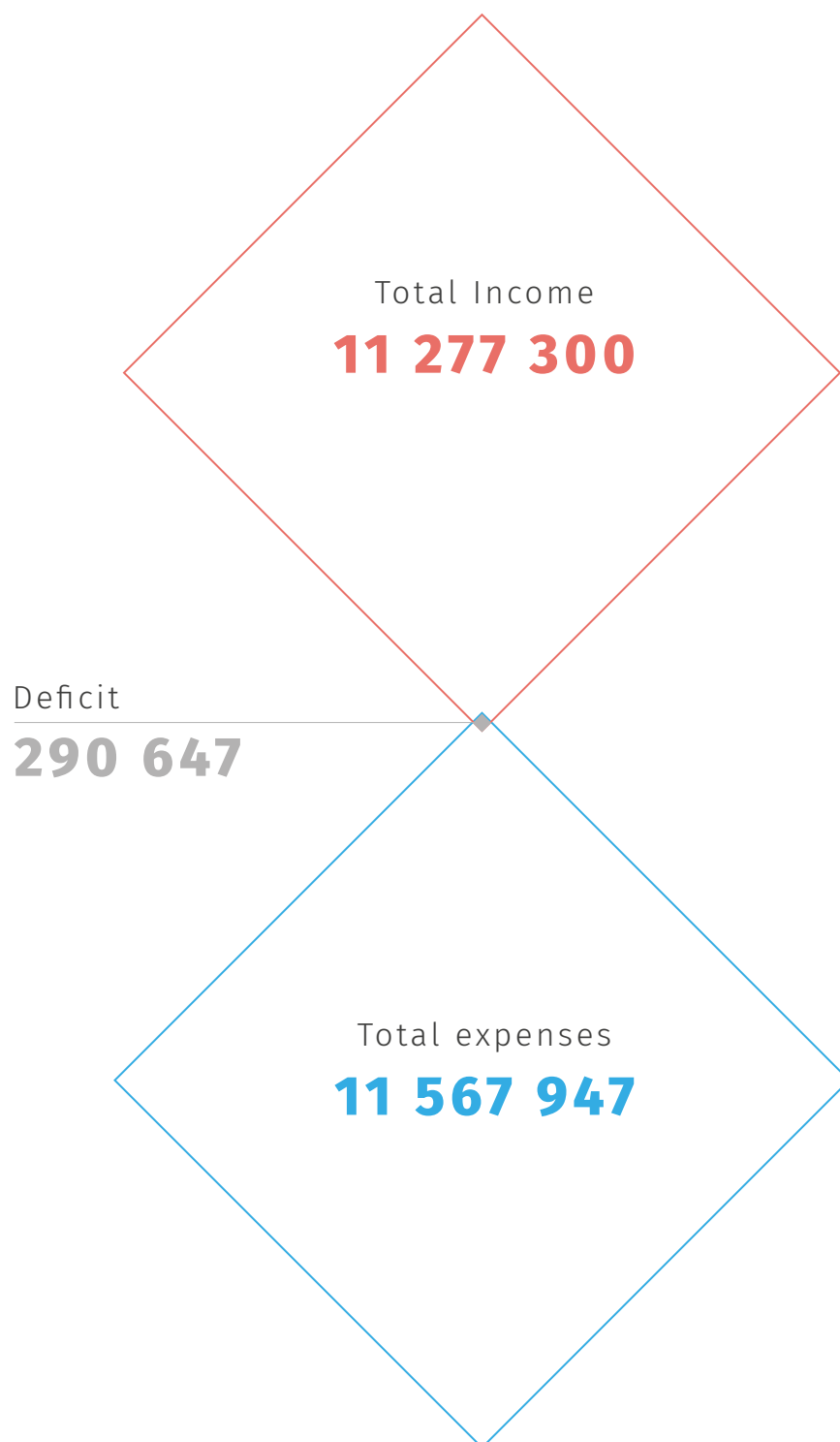
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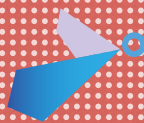
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