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Dear friends!

"European dialogue" history began in 1998. During 17 years that we have been active as an NGO we have implemented projects on culture, interethnic dialogue, development of local communities and civil society institutions, the results of which were significant not just for Lviv region, but for the entire country. We have successfully implemented nearly 100 international projects, some of which had long-term nature. This has enabled our organization to gain credibility in society and among colleagues.

2015 has been a defining year for us. Thanks to Think Tank Support Initiative, which is implemented by International Renaissance Foundation in partnership with the Think Tank Foundation (TTF) under the financial support of the Embassy of Sweden in Ukraine (SIDA), we were able to strengthen institutional capacity, improve quality of our work and begin research activities as a think tank, focusing activity on the most pressing issues - decentralization, regional development, involvement of international technical assistance and e-government.

During the past year we also have improved in organizational terms: adopted a new Organization's Charter, approved the Strategy of development of the organization by 2020, streamlined our governance structure and developed more than fifty procedural documents regulating the organization. We have grown not only qualitatively but also quantitatively: our staff has doubled in 2015 - a new team consisting of young analysts, managers of communication and organizational development was formed. At present, analytical studies conducted by "European dialogue" are widely used by the representatives of the executive authorities and local self-government in Lviv region.

Last year we became a member of the Ukrainian Think Tank's Liaison Office in Brussels. Our analyst has spent one month interning at one of the largest think tanks in Poland.

In 2015, we have increased our capacity, now is the time to use our potential by creating the products which are needed most in the Ukrainian reform process.

Thanks to everyone who supports us on this difficult road!

Chairman of the Board "European Dialogue" NGO Oleh Yaskiv

About us

NGO "European Dialogue" was officially registered on May 12, 1998. The idea to create an organization came from the need to support initiatives to strengthen tolerance and better understanding of European integration processes, establishing partnerships between civil society organizations both in Ukraine and abroad.

Mission of the organization

Mission of the organization NGO "European Dialogue" is a competency center for system changes in sustainable regional development through community initiatives, establishing partnerships between communities, NGOs and local authorities.

Strategic areas



Facilitation of regional development and community mobilization process

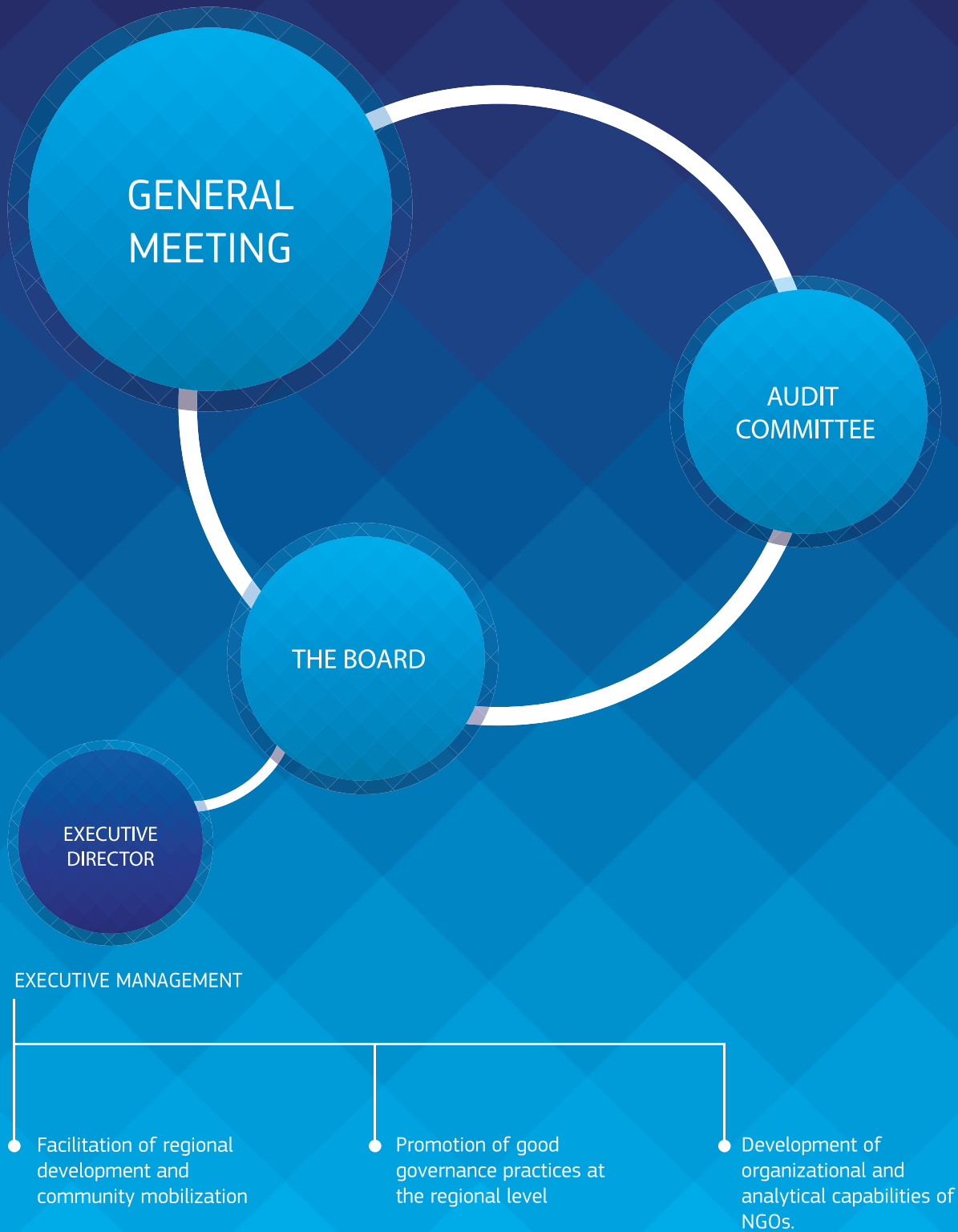


Promotion of good governance practices on the regional level



Development of organizational and analytical capabilities of NGOs.

Organizational structure



Members of the Board



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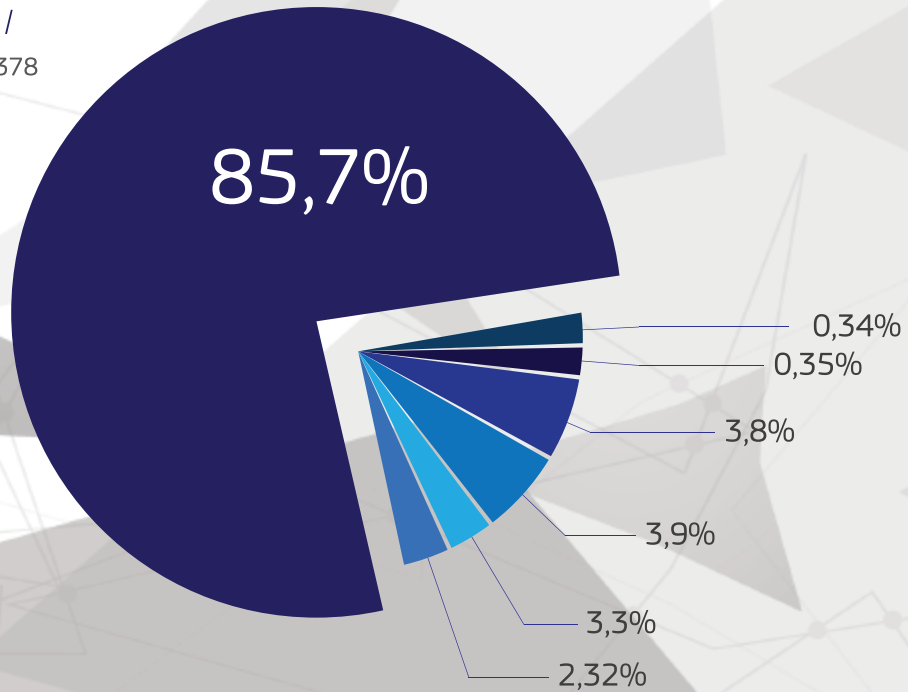


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BUDGET / INCOME /

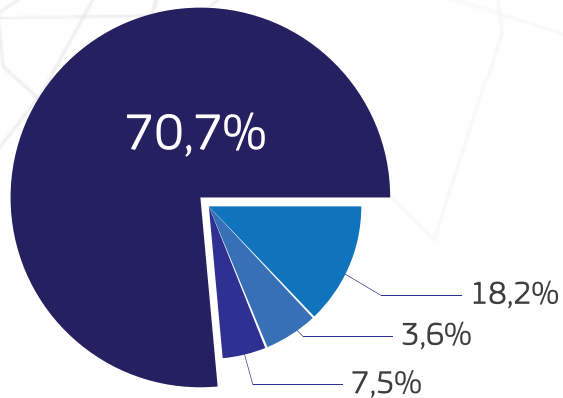
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- International Renaissance Foundation (2 408 346 UAH)
- Democracy Small Grants Program - U.S. Embassy (111 952 UAH)
- East Europe Foundation (105 500 UAH)
- International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX) (92 511 UAH)
- Balance as of December 31, 2014 (65 269 UAH)
- Uarnet (14 800 UAH)
- Lviv Regional State Administration (10 000 UAH)

BUDGET / EXPENSES /

Expenses UAH 2 012 334



- Development of organizational and analytical capabilities of NGOs (1 422 471 UAH)
- Administrative expenses (366 614 UAH)
- Promotion of good governance practices at the regional level (150 653 UAH)
- Facilitation of regional development and community mobilization (72 596 UAH)

Balance as of December 31, 2015 – 796 044 UAH

Organizational development

During 2015, within the framework of Think Tank Support Initiative, which is implemented by International Renaissance Foundation in partnership with the Think Tank Foundation (TTF) under the financial support of the Embassy of Sweden in Ukraine (SIDA), our organization fundamentally modernized system of operational management.



9 January 2015
new edition of the Organization's Charter

New edition of the Organization's Charter which provides a clear and simplified system of organization management was approved (see section "Organizational structure").



30 January 2015
new composition of the Board

At the General Meeting, held on 30 January 2015, new composition of the Board was elected and approved.



2015
Strategy of development of the organization by 2020

In 2015 "European Dialogue" began actively implementing Strategy of development of the organization by 2020.



During 2014-2015
50 new procedural documents were approved

During 2014-2015 the organization developed and approved 50 procedural documents, in particular, in 2015 - 22 new documents that govern all aspects of the organization were enacted or updated.

Organizational development



2015
Communication Policy

New versions of Communication Policy and Communication Strategy by 2020 were developed.



2015
organizational branding

To improve recognisability we have done branding of "European Dialogue".



2015
redesigned website of the organization

During 2015 website of "European Dialogue" was completely redesigned and updated.



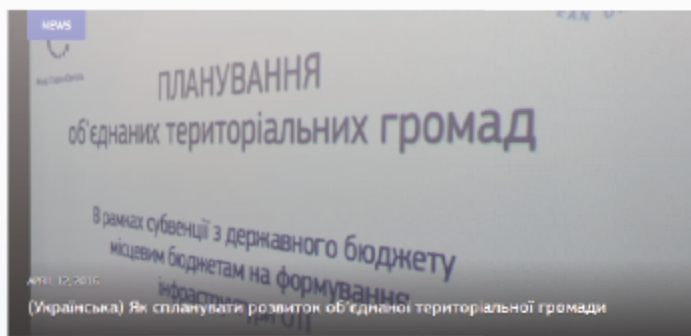
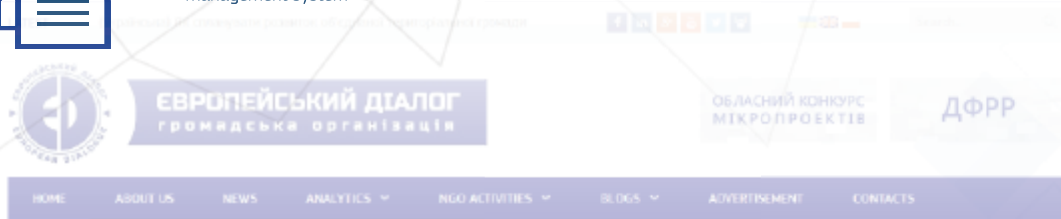
2015
social media integration

During 2015 we have significantly expanded social media presence of "European Dialogue".



2015
electronic document management system

In 2015, we have continued working on implementation of electronic document management system, which is scheduled for completion in the first half of 2016.



Analytics

Starting in 2015, within the framework of Think Tank Support Initiative, our organization has been actively developing as a think tank.

By the end of 2015, analytical team, consisting of 4 persons worked in “European Dialogue”. During the year they prepared around 20 analytical papers on the following subjects:

- reform of local government and administrative-territorial structure;
- cross-border cooperation and involvement of international technical assistance;
- regional development;
- e-government;
- development of civil society.



Study on forming of united communities in Ukraine



Cross-border cooperation policy analysis in Lviv region



Does proposed management model for united communities fit to provide quality public services?



Chairmen in a first united communities



Management of capable communities: the Polish experience



Ukraine's participation in Horizon 2020 programme in 2014-2015



Independent think tanks of Lviv region: the willingness to form regional policies



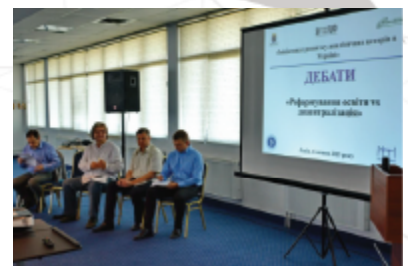
Analysis of support of local communities policies as part of regional development policy in Lviv region

Public events

In 2015, "European Dialogue" organized and conducted more than two dozen public events, at which we were presenting our projects and analytical work.

Among them it is worth highlighting the following:

- 30 April 2015 - debate "Decentralization: current status and challenges in Lviv region" in Sokal, Lviv region.
- 24 June 2015 – fair and conference "Public Information Center as a platform for constructive dialogue between government, communities, NGOs and libraries" and the debate "Decentralization in Ukraine - challenges for cultural institutions".
- 6 July 2015 - the international debate "Education reform vs decentralization".
- 8 October 2015 - debate "Management model for united territorial community" in Kyiv, together with the Association of Self-Organization of Population, Odessa.



Public events

- 16 October 2015 - Presentation and discussion of the White Book on e-democracy project together with Podolian Agency for Regional Development, Vinnytsia.



- 22 October 2015 - Round table "Mechanisms of cooperation between NGOs and local authorities in the fight against corruption".



- 22 December 2015 - debate "Budgets of united communities and districts of Lviv region in 2016" together with Lviv Regional State Administration and the Reform Office in Lviv region.



In addition, during the annual international conference "Role of think tanks in Ukraine's key reforms" held on 7 December 2015 in Kyiv, we presented an analytical paper entitled "Independent think tanks of Lviv region: the willingness to form regional policies".

Project activities

■ ROADMAP FOR REFORMS OF "EUROPEAN DIALOGUE" IN 2015-2016 Grantmaker: [International Renaissance Foundation](#)

A two-year project aimed at supporting the institutional development of "European dialogue" based on the "Strategy of development of the organization by 2020" and "Organizational development plan for 2015-2016"

■ ROADMAP FOR REFORMS OF UNITED COMMUNITIES OF LVIV REGION Grantmaker: [East Europe Foundation](#)

The project involves assistance in creation and sustainable development of united communities through organizational and methodological support of the process of community merging and their sustainable development, improving professional skills of community leaders and local authorities in the three pilot communities of Lviv region and dissemination of project results at regional level

■ PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTERS OF LVIV REGION – IN 7/24 MODE Grantmaker: [International Research & Exchanges Board \(IREX\)](#)

The project involved providing electronic access to government information and increasing citizen participation through the promotion of e-government services and identifying effective steps to improve its use among the population of Lviv region

■ MECHANISMS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN NGOS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN COMBATING CORRUPTION Grantmaker: [Democracy Small Grants Program - U.S. Embassy](#)

Project was aimed at ensuring effectiveness of detection and prevention of corruption by raising the professional competence of state officials and representatives of NGOs which are engaged in reforming the anti-corruption legislation and public participation in the prevention of corruption

Educational activities

One of the priorities of our organization in 2015 were educational activities, topics included reform of local government and administrative-territorial structure of Ukraine and attracting international technical assistance. In Lviv region districts we have held 20 presentations and workshops on voluntary unification of communities. In particular, such events took place in Sokal, Stryi, Radekhiv, Sambor, Nemyriv, Rudky, Novy Kalyniv, Nezhuhov and Zabolotsi in which analysts of "European Dialogue" presented their research about decentralization process.



June and July 2015

In June and July 2015 there was a series of trainings "Managing Projects of EU funds", which were developed by Lviv Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The trainings has involved the participation of representatives of chambers of commerce and industry from Lviv, Kyiv and Donetsk.

September-November 2015

During September–November 2015 "European Dialogue" and its partners conducted a series of trainings for heads of departments of Lviv Regional State Administration "Key aspects of the use of resources of technical assistance and cross-border cooperation in Ukraine."

November-December 2015

In November-December 2015, analysts of "European dialogue" conducted a series of trainings for representatives of district (raion) state administrations, united communities and local governments on proper preparation of project proposals for participation in the competition for funding from the State Fund of regional development.

In addition, "European Dialogue" was actively involved in "Contest for internship at think tanks", within the framework of Think Tank Support Initiative, which is implemented by International Renaissance Foundation in partnership with the Think Tank Foundation (TTF) under the financial support of the Embassy of Sweden in Ukraine (SIDA). According to results of the Contest, starting from November 2015, 4 interns, started their internships in "European dialogue".



Our publications



The publication is based on an analysis of regional CBC policy, which uses a number of scientific research methods, including: analysis and synthesis of regulatory legislation and regional regulatory documents, materials of annual and statistical reports; Lviv region development indicators were compared with border regions of Poland and neighboring regions of Ukraine; in-depth interviews conducted with representatives of Lviv Regional State Administration, Lviv Regional Council and district state administrations; focus groups held with target audiences - experts and participants of cross-border projects. Debate was conducted to analyze possible problem solving scenarios, the discussion results are reflected in this report.



The publication contains analysis of reform of local government and administrative-territorial structure, which takes place in Ukraine since 2015.



This handbook introduces employees of state agencies and local governments, non-governmental organizations working in the field of prevention of corruption, with key provisions of the Law of Ukraine "On prevention of corruption", which entered into force on 26 April 2015 and sets out the legal and organizational principles of the system of preventing corruption in Ukraine, the content and the application of preventive anti-corruption mechanisms, rules to eliminate the consequences of corruption.

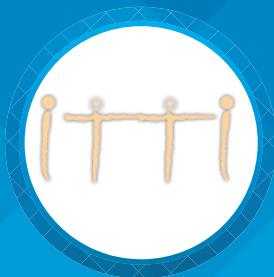


This publication refers to the Polish experience of forming administrative apparatus on the lowest level of local government in Poland - gmina. Data collected and systematized in this analytical paper can be used for further research on modelling of the future management structure of capable communities in Ukraine, as well as to serve as background information for anyone interested in issues of local government reform.



The publication contains analysis of performance of Centres for Administrative Service Provision, evaluation were conducted in 125 largest cities of Ukraine, not by engaging observers and "secret customers" by NGOs, but by sending information requests.

Our partners



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