# REANIMATION PACKAGE OF REFORMS COALITION





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# 66 AN **INTRODUCTORY** WORD

In 2021, the RPR Coalition was strengthened by a number of leading public organizations and continues to invite ambitious partners to its ranks because only together we are strong. The members of the Coalition formed a vision of activity priorities for the Parliament, the Government, and local self-government bodies by different sectors. We have clear guidelines on where and how the country should move forward, and we are ready to join forces with progressive partners





The RPR Coalition, as an informal association of public organizations and experts, emerged after the Revolution of Dignity in March 2014 to develop a consolidated position of civil society regarding reforms the country needed and their proper implementation.

In 2021, we consistently and systematically continued to work on the consolidation of civil society, as well as support and promotion of reforms to build an independent, united, democratic, strong, and reliable Ukrainian state based on the rule of law. It is our tradition to openly report on our work and partners who support us financially.



For the RPR Coalition, 2021 summarized the two years of work on developing recommendations for implementing reforms and their monitoring in preparation for the Ukraine Reform Conference 2021 in Vilnius. It is a powerful advocacy tool of civil society for promoting changes in our state and strengthening the systemic dialogue with the authorities.



In 2021, a number of positive developments took place: the unblocking of judicial reform, the adoption of draft laws on administrative procedure, the all-Ukrainian referendum, anti-tobacco legislation, etc. At the same time, the reforms are incomplete, and all stakeholders — the government, civil society, international partners, media, and entrepreneurs — must unite for their implementation. The democratic development of the state and the implementation of the reform agenda is a matter of further European and Euro-Atlantic integration of Ukraine and an effective response to the Russian aggression.



# **ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION**





#### **VISION**

Successful, democratic Ukrainian state with equal rights for every person and developed civil society.

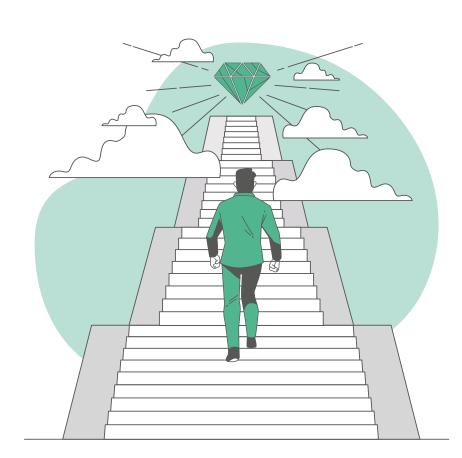
#### **MISSION**

We are uniting civil society's efforts to implement reforms in Ukraine.



#### STRATEGIC GOALS FOR 2021–2023:

- 1. To form a public strategic plan
- 2. To protect democratic institutions
- 3. To advocate for the implementation of priority reforms, introduce regular monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the reforms
- 4. To achieve a high capacity level of the RPR Coalition to ensure the objectives 1-3



# **THE ASSOCIATION'S BOARD 2021**

The Board — the governing body acting on behalf of the Association. The Board is elected by the General Meeting consisting of at least nine people for one year. The composition of the Board is renewed by at least one-third every convocation.



Oksana Velychko, Co-Chair of the RPR Coalition Board. Head of the "Together Against Corruption" NGO



Yulia Kyrychenko, Co-Chair of the RPR Coalition Board, board member of the Centre for Policy and Legal Reform



Ihor Burakovsky, Chairman of the Board of the Institute of Economic Research and Political Consultations



Oleksandra Dvoretska, coordinator of the advocacy direction of Vostok-SOS



Svitlana Kononchuk, executive director of the Ukrainian Independent Centre for Political Studies



Nataliya Lygachova, head of the "Detector Media" NGO



Lilia Olefir. executive director of the "Life" NGO



Serhii Loboyko, head of the Center for Innovations Development



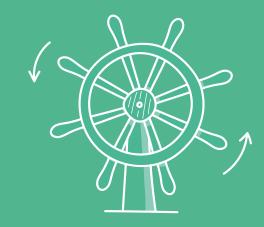
Yulia Sachuk, head of "Fight for Right" NGO

# **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND SECRETARIAT 2021**

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



**Denys Denysenko** (until September)





Olga Lymar (since September)

The Executive Director carries out operational management of affairs, property, and funds of the Association; approves the staff list; and implements the personnel policy of the Association. The Board appoints the Executive Director for two years.

### SECRETARIAT



**Secretariat** — The Executive Director and all employees subordinate to them, who assist the members of the Association in promoting reforms according to the agreed priorities. The Secretari-

at functions in four directions: advocacy (including at the international level), communication and PR, regional development, and institutional strengthening of the Association.

#### PROGRAM DEPARTMENT



**ADVOCACY DEPARTMENT** 



**Denys DAVYDENKO** Head of Advocacy and International Relations Department

#### **ADVOCACY MANAGERS:**



**Bohdan YATSUN** (until July)



Yuriy **MYKYTIUK** coordinator of regional programs



Margaryta **KHVOSTOVA** 



Olena **HUMENIUK** 

#### PROJECT MANAGER



**Victoria SHTETS** 

#### PROJECT SPECIALIST



Heorhii **BUSHUIEV** 



PR MANAGER



**Dmytro KRYVOSHEIEV**  SMM MANAGER / **COMMUNICATION ASSISTANT** 



**Alisa POLISHCHUK** 

**FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENT** 



FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE **DIRECTOR** 



Liudmyla **HRAKOVA** 

ADMINISTRATIVE **MANAGER** 



Svitlana **GULYANYTSKA** (until December)

**ACCOUNTANT** 



Victoria **KYRYICHUK** 

# 2021 RESULTS



#### ADVOCACY DIRECTION

With the advocacy support of the RPR Coalition, the Parliament of Ukraine adopted 11 draft laws.

#### DRAFT LAWS APPROVED IN THE FIRST READING:



Nº 4254 on public consultations



№ 4533 on the constitutional procedure



Nº 4298 on reforming the territorial organization of executive power in Ukraine



No 5323 on amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On the Basics of State Regional Policy"

#### DRAFT LAWS ADOPTED IN THE SECOND READING:



Nº 3612 on democracy through an all-Ukrainian referendum



Nº 3718 on the basic principles of youth policy



Nº 4358 on public health protection from the harmful effects of tobacco



No 3711-d regarding the resumption of the work of the High Qualification Commission of Judges and № 5068 on the procedure for the election of members of the High Council of Justice and the activities of disciplinary inspectors of the Supreme Judicial Council



No 5459-1 on bringing the status of the National Anti-Corruption Bureau into compliance with the requirements of the Constitution



No 5807 on specifying and submitting information about the ultimate beneficial owner and the ownership structure of a legal entity



N₂ 3475 on administrative procedure



Ruslan Stefanchuk. Chairman of the Parliament of Ukraine



"The expertise and support of the RPR Coalition and civil society regarding the development and adoption of the Law "On the All-Ukrainian Referendum" was essential for the Parliament."

## Roman Hryshchuk,

Chairman of the Sub-committee on Lifelong Learning and Extracurricular Education of the Parliamentary Committee on Education, Science, and Innovation

"The model of work of the RPR Coalition attests to the stability and systematic approach of civil society in advocating for reforms."



## Volodymyr Vyatrovych,

member of the Parliamentary Committee on Humanitarian and Information Policy

"The RPR Coalition has become not only a capable advocacy organization but also a symbol of the transformation of values in Ukraine."



# Alyona Shkrum,

member of the Parliamentary Committee on Finance, Taxation and Customs Policy

"The expertise of the RPR Coalition is very valuable to all stakeholders in implementing reforms."





# COMMUNICATION **DIRECTION**



Communication support for 12 media events of various formats (forums, press conferences, online events, etc.)



6 broadcasts of RPR Coalition experts in the media



14 columns and blogs of RPR Coalition experts in the medial



7 interviews with public experts and decision-makers regarding the implementation of reforms



43 digests and 10 English-language newsletters with selections of the most important events regarding the reforms in Ukraine



90+ publications in the media based on the results of public events of the RPR Coalition and almost 300 other media mentions

#### DIGITAL AUDIENCE OF THE RPR COALITION:

160,000



unique website users

46,50



followers on Facebook

followers on Twitter



views of online events and videos





The participation of 20 foreign speakers in public events



5 public events within the framework of the Transatlantic Task Force Kyiv — Brussels — Washington



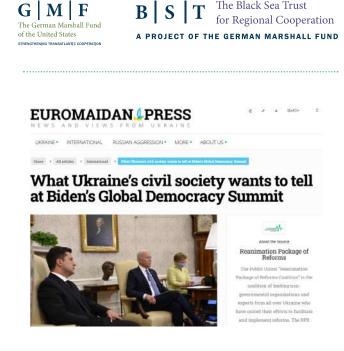
20+ meetings of the RPR Coalition representatives with international experts and high-ranking foreign officials



The Black Sea Trust

# TRANSATLANTIC TASK FORCE TRANSATLANTIC TASK FORCE ON UKRAINE

The Transatlantic Task Force for Ukraine (TTFU) was founded in October 2018 by the German Marshall Fund of the United States, together with the RPR Coalition, with the support of a number of Ukrainian civil society organizations. The TTFU's primary focus is to strengthen the interaction between the USA, Europe, and Ukraine through the exchange of opinions of politicians and civil society experts on political, economic, and security issues that affect Ukraine, its democratic development, and interaction with Western partners.

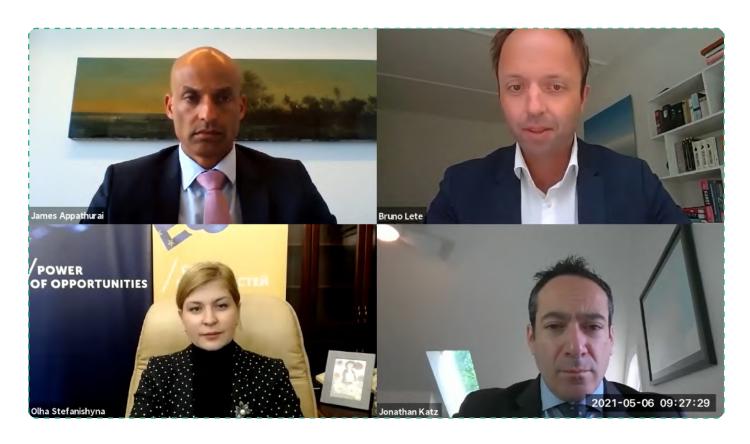












In 2021, five public online events were held within the framework of the Transatlantic Task Force. Among the speakers of the events were Olha Stefanishyna, Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine, and James Appathurai, Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs and Security Policy and NATO Secretary General's Special Representative for the Caucasus and Central Asia.



### Olha Stefanishyna, Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine



"Civil society and government cooperation is an indispensable condition for effective and sustainable reforms and, therefore, the foundation of success on Ukraine's path to the Euro-Atlantic community. Proposals for reforms developed by the RPR Coalition became an important analytical contribution of the public to the organization of the Ukraine Reform Conference. Another successful story of cooperation is the Transatlantic Task Force, where opinion leaders from Washington and Brussels hear insights about Ukraine's political, economic, and security situation."

# **VICTORIES OF THE YEAR**



Draft Law № 3612 on Democracy through an All-Ukrainian Referendum



Co-Chair of the RPR Coalition Board, board member of the Centre for Policy and Legal Reform



"On 26 January 2021, the Parliament adopted the Law of Ukraine "On Democracy through the All-Ukrainian Referendum," which finally regulated this institution. A legislative gap appeared in 2018 when the Constitutional Court of Ukraine rightly recognized the Law of Ukraine "On the All-Ukrainian Referendum" of 2012 as unconstitutional. The RPR coalition succeeded in canceling the previous law and developed a new one that complies with the Constitution and the recommendations of the Venice Commission."



Draft Law № 4358 on public health protection from the harmful effects of tobacco





**Dmytro Kupyra**, executive director of the "Life" NGO

"In 2021, the Parliament adopted the comprehensive anti-tobacco Law No. 1978-IX (reg. No. 4358). This is a landmark victory for parliamentarians and civil society to protect children and the youth from the promotion of smoking and the harm of electronic smoking devices. Effective legislative changes based on the recognized policies of the WHO FCTC regarding the reduction of smoking of tobacco products and electronic smoking devices save the lives of Ukrainians and bring Ukraine closer to the implementation of the third Sustainable Development Goal. These successes that benefit the health of Ukrainians prove that civil representation is an effective tool for defending people's interests."



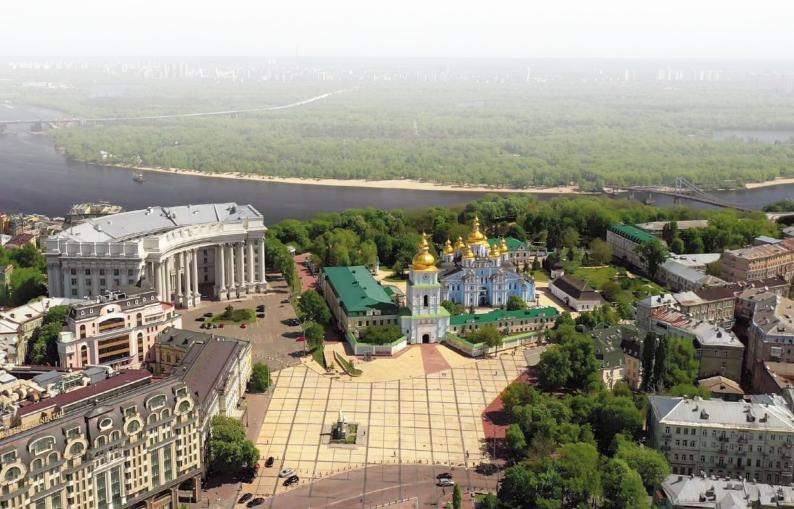
## Draft law № 3475 on administrative procedure

## Viktor Tymoshchuk,

Deputy Head of the Board of the Centre for Policy and Legal Reform



"The adoption of the Law of Ukraine "On Administrative Procedure" by the Parliament in the second reading and as a whole is a crucial historical step. Despite the subsequent veto by the Head of State and the expected review of the President's proposals, it can be noted that the final adoption of this law brings the Ukrainian system of governance significantly closer to European standards. After all, the conditions for the effective interaction of citizens and business entities with the public administration, fair resolution of their cases, protection against the arbitrariness of the state will be introduced."



# **EVENTS** OF THE YEAR



In 2021, the RPR Coalition organized two large-scale events. One of them took place in preparation for the **Ukraine Reform Conference** — a key international conference on reforms in Ukraine, organized in Vilnius, Republic of Lithuania. The other one brought together several dozen representatives of 13 coalitions of regional public organizations that are partners of the RPR Coalition.

15 public consultations and 12 public discussions were also held.







"Lithuania and Ukraine are destined to be the best friends and partners. The success story of Ukraine is our strategic interest. Therefore, it is only natural that the Ukraine Reform Conference was held in Vilnius in 2021, which aimed to help mobilize international aid and support for the continuation of reforms in Ukraine. I would like to thank the Reanimation Package of Reforms Coalition for the two years of excellent cooperation in preparing the conference. Thank you for your outstanding work in mobilizing the support and expertise of civil society during a series of online and offline meetings, as well as for the analytical papers prepared by the RPR Coalition."

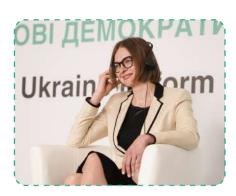


Online discussion "Strengthening the dialogue on the progress of reforms: the role of civil society in building the democratic stability of Ukraine" with the participation of **Denys Shmygal**, the Prime Minister of Ukraine, Ingrida Simonytė,

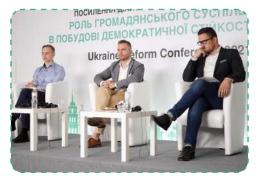
the Prime Minister of the Republic of Lithuania, Ruslan Stefanchuk, the First Deputy Chairman of the Parliament of Ukraine.

More than 9 600 viewers watched the discussion.

On the eve of the event, we organized 4 panel discussions on anti-corruption and judicial reforms, economic development, and decentralization.

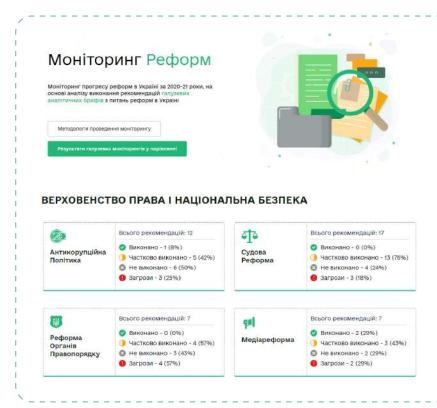














The RPR Coalition presented online monitoring of the implementation of reforms in Ukraine in 22 areas, which was prepared by more than 100 civil society experts for the Ukraine Reform Conference 2021 based on sectoral analytical briefs.



During the online discussion "Success stories of local reforms: how to implement changes in your community," regional experts presented <u>local road maps of reforms</u> — universal algorithms for community changes throughout Ukraine.

More than 9 000 viewers watched the discussion.







# Дорожні Карти Реформ на Шляху до Розвитку

Дорожні карти реформ - це план дій громадськості щодо впровадження змін у своїх містах.



# **EXPERTISE OF THE RPR COALITION**

Policy areas in which member organizations of the RPR Coalition conduct expert and advocacy activities

# SECURITY AND THE RULE OF LAW



Centre of Policy and Legal Reform





Civil Society Institute



Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research



# JUSTICE, LAW AND ORDER, **CORRUPTION PREVENTION**

Centre of Policy and Legal Reform



Centre for Democracy and Rule of Law



**Together Against** Corruption



Centre for Political Studies and Analysis "EIDOS"



Ilko Kucheriv **Democratic Initiatives** Foundation



Institute for **Euro-Atlantic** Cooperation





#### **MEDIA REFORM**

**Detector Media** 



Centre for Democracy and Rule of Law



**Regional Press Development Institute** 





## **NATIONAL SECURITY**

**Detector Media** 



New Europe Center



Ilko Kucheriv **Democratic Initiatives** Foundation



PLAST - National Scout Organization of Ukraine





Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research



Institute for **Euro-Atlantic** Cooperation



**HUMAN RIGHTS** PROTECTION, RIGHTS OF **INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS** 

Fight for Right







The Legal Hundred



Vostok-SOS

# **DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT**



Committee of Voters of Ukraine





Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research

Centre for Democracy and Rule of Law



Centre of Policy and Legal Reform





Centre of Policy and Legal Reform



Lviv Regulatory Hub





**E-DEMOCRACY** 

Centre for Political Studies and Analysis "EIDOS"



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Centre for Democracy and Rule of Law



Civil Society Institute



Centre of Policy and Legal Reform



Committee of Voters of Ukraine



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Centre for Political Studies and Analysis "EIDOS"



## **ECONOMY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**



Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting



**Easy Business** 

**easybusiness** 

Civil Society Institute



Centre for Political Studies and Analysis "EIDOS"





**Europe Without Barriers** 



## **HUMANITARIAN AREA**





ICF "Ukrainian Foundation for Public Health"

ICF "Ukrainian Foundation for Public Health"



Centre for Democracy and Rule of Law



**Parents** for vaccination





# **EDUCATION AND SCIENCE REFORM**



ICF "Ukrainian Foundation for Public Health"



PLAST - National **Scout Organization** of Ukraine



Centre for Political Studies and Analysis "EIDOS"



**NATIONAL MEMORY POLICY** 



Centre for Research of Liberation Movement



Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research



Centre for Democracy and Rule of Law



YOUTH **POLICY** 



PLAST - National **Scout Organization** of Ukraine



**SOCIAL POLICY** 



**ICF** "Ukrainian Foundation for Public Health"

Fight for Right





**CULTURE** 



Ukrainian Association of Cinematographers

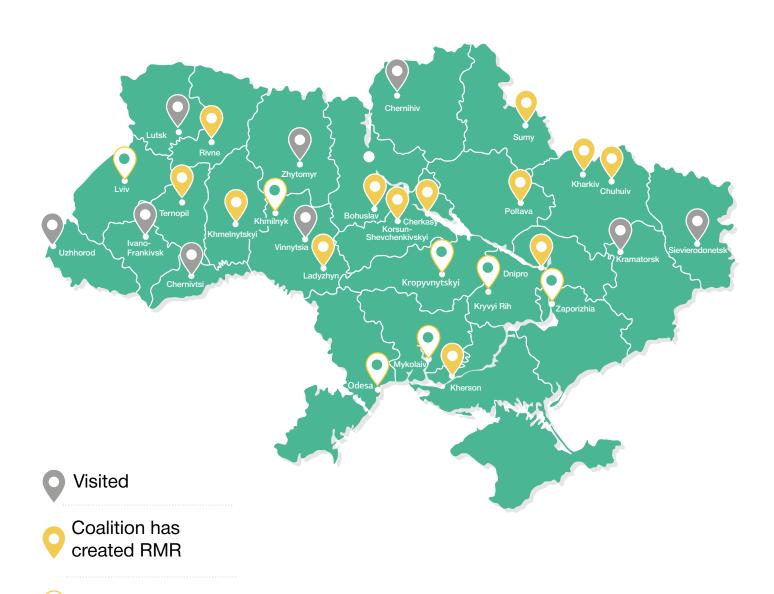
# МЕРЕЖА РЕГІОНАЛЬНИХ КОАЛІЦІЙ-ПАРТНЕРІВ

The RPR Coalition, which has been developing regional coalitions throughout Ukraine since 2017, agreed on the Development Model of the Network of Regional Partner Coalitions and the

Coalition is working on

implementation of the RMR

Partnership Policy. The RPR Coalition contributes to strengthening regional partners' institutional, advocacy, and communication capacities to implement local reforms.



## REGIONAL COALITIONS' ACHIEVEMENTS

# **PUBLIC COALITION FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT** (KHERSON)



Advocacy of the purchase of new trolleybuses for Kherson with EBRD funds



Development and advocacy of the program for the development of bicycle infrastructure in Kherson and bicycle tourist routes in the Kherson region



Organization of #Kherson Zero Waste ecological festival



#### **ZAPORIZHZHIA COUNCIL OF REFORMS**



The destruction (reconstruction) of one of the central parks of Zaporizhzhia was prevented due to the termination of lease agreements with the developer



Provision of organizational and legal support for the creation of three new local public organizations



A memorandum with the Zaporizhzhia National University on cooperation and student internships based on the coalition



#### LVIV REFORM COUNCIL



Advocacy of the creation of a regulatory policy sector at the Department of Economic Policy of the Lviv Regional State Administration to reduce the administrative and bureaucratic burden on business



Development of the methodology for conducting a regulatory and anti-corruption examination of decisions and draft decisions of local self-government bodies, as well as the manuals "Advocacy activities of CSOs at the local level" and "Organization of the work of civil-military administrations in the context of the Law of Ukraine "On the Principles of State Regulatory Policy in the Field of Economic Activity"



Creation of the "City helper" chatbot in Chervonohrad for quick and effective communication between residents and the authorities



#### **MYKOLAIV REGIONAL PLATFORM OF REFORMS**



Development of a section of the project of the city program for the development of rivers and small-scale shipping for 2021-2022



A project of the city mayor's order on the creation of three expeditions from representatives of the city hall's services and public councils to inspect coastal areas for drains, garbage dumps, and enterprises that dump waste into the river



Relaunch of the Expert-Community Council of the Executive Committee of the Mykolaiv City Council



## **COUNCIL OF EXPERTS (KROPYVNYTSKYI)**



Advocacy of the development of a strategy for the city of Kropyvnytskyi



Development of the Smart City concept



Continuation of the decommunization of Kropyvnytskyi: a number of communist symbols on city buildings were dismantled



#### **RIVNE REFORM COUNCIL**



Creation of the working group on issues of digital transformation of the community under the mayor of Rivne: representatives of the coalition participated in the development of the Regulations on the Office of Digital Transformation and Informatization



Development of the Regulation on the public school budget of Rivne, which was approved by the Rivne City Council



Preparation of the amendments to the Regulation on conducting competition of program projects developed by public youth organizations



### KHMELNYTSKYI REFORM COUNCIL



Advocacy of the changes to the Charter of the territorial community of Khmelnytskyi



Participation in the development of the "Green City" Action Plan



Participation in public councils at the health care department and the executive committee of the Khmelnytskyi city council



#### **SUMY REFORM PLATFORM**



Development of the web platform "Who is your deputy in Sumy?", which allows citizens to monitor the activities and personal votes of deputies for key decisions



The mechanism of the participatory budget, which did not work in Sumy since 2019, was restored, and the school public budget was also advocated



Development of the online service "Public transport for people," which greatly simplifies the submission of complaints and appeals by citizens to the operation of public transport



# **FUNDING AND DONORS**

Source of income	Balance at the beginning of the year, UAH	Income in 2021, UAH	% of the total amount	Expenses in 2021, UAH	Balance at the end of the year, UAH
Membership dues	5,399	120,000	1%	84,370	41,029
CSO "The Initiative Center to Support Social Action "Ednannia"	213,943	3,085,783	33%	1,741,426	1,558,300
National Democratic Institute (NDI)	41,483	2,865,791	31%	1,992,561	914,713
G   M   F The German Manhall Fund of the United States THEOGRAPH TRANSPORTER T	0	693,567	7%	234,327	459,240
Program for promoting public engagement "ENGAGE" (Pact Inc.)	1,671,559	747,899	8%	2,419,458	0
Internews Internews- Ukraine	20,518	489,703	5%	510,221	0
European Union	7,574	375,982	4%	383,556	0
International Renaissance Foundation	134,570	0	0%	134,570	0
Embassy of France REPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE AMBIOSSAMB DE PRANCE EN IKANE  Embassy of France in Ukraine	203,642	0	0%	203,642	0
Embassy  MINISTRY OF FOREIGN of the Republic of Lithuania in Ukraine	83,818	979,555	10%	907,640	155,733
TOTAL	2,382,507	9,358,280	100%	8,611,771	3,129,015

# PARTNERS OF THE RPR COALITION **IN 2021**



Active community



International humanitarian organization "People in Need" in Ukraine



The coalition of Frontline Communities "On the Collision Line"



Internews-Ukraine



TV channel "Rada"



Ukrainian radio



Euromaidan Press



Ukrnet











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