

**The Financial Report of
the Anti-Corruption Research and Education Centre
2017**

1. Research Project Civil Society against Corruption in Ukraine (Consortium Agreement with Leiden University)

Source of Project Funding: Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO-WOTRO)

Grant number: W 08.311.101

Total Grant Budget (EUR): 299, 670

ACREC's part of budget (EUR): 128,892 (by Leiden University)

Grant Budget that ACREC has already got 2017: € 54 779, 00

Date: December 15, 2017 to August 15, 2019

Project manager: Max Bader (Leiden University)

Summary of the project: Corruption in Ukraine has been a major contributing factor to the existence of power asymmetries that are an important cause of poverty, inequality, and political exclusion. Since the 2014 Euromaidan Revolution, the conditions for effective anti-corruption efforts have much improved. The fight against corruption attracts substantial interest from donors, including the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, who support the anti-corruption advocacy of Ukrainian civil society. This project scrutinizes core assumptions of the Theory of Change of the Dialogue & Dissent program related to the political role of CSOs (first research focus), with a view to providing input for the design of the next civil society policy framework of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Our central research question is: What explains the success and failure of anti-corruption activism in Ukraine? In order to answer this question, the research will focus on three factors that are central to the Theory of Change of the Dialogue & Dissent program: the type(s) of political role that CSOs perform; the advocacy strategies that they choose; and their organizational form. The project will produce a literature review, two working papers, two policy briefs, and a book.

2. The Project «Strengthening Capacity ACREC»

Source of Project Funding: the International Renaissance Foundation (Think Tank Development Initiative, TTDI)

Grant number: 52228

Grant budget (USD): 10, 000

Registration date: December 15, 2017 to June 15, 2018

Project manager: Oksana Nesterenko.

Summary of the project: The Project «Strengthening Capacity ACREC» focuses on improving organizational management and development, in particular sustainable institutional development, the high organizational capacity of ACREC, the high financial capacity of the organization, the development of capacity ACREC as think tank of anti-corruption policy in Ukraine.

3. Professionalizing Ukrainian Local Anti-Corruption Activism in Eastern Ukraine (PULACA-E)

Source of Project Funding: PACT Inc.

Federal Award Name: USAID/ENGAGE

Grant number: 380-008790

Grant budget (USD): 25, 736

Registration date: November 12, 2017 to August 15, 2018

Project manager: Oksana Nesterenko.

Summary of the project: PULACA-E's objective is to help a new generation of local CSO activists and students in south and east Ukraine find and take action against local corruption. So, PULACA-E's purposes are to: (1) identifying promising corruption-fighters from among CSOs and I-school students in Ukraine's south and east; (2) training those anti-corruption activists; (3) through a multi-step process of mentoring and assistance with project design and deployment, help PULACA-E trainees actually operationalize corruption-fighting activities. More geopolitically, by training activists who will help fight corruption in south and east Ukraine, PULACA-E will contribute to improved "good governance" and therefore improve citizens' trust in their government ... and therefore reduce the feeling among some sectors of the population that "I can't trust governing institutions, so why does my country deserve my patriotism?"

4. Certification Program "Anti-corruption Interdisciplinary Studies"

Source of Project Funding: Foundation Open Society Institute

Grant number: OR2017-35812

Grant budget (USD): 25,000

Registration date: June 12, 2017 to November 12, 2017

Project manager: Oksana Nesterenko.

Summary of the project: The Certification Program 'Anti-corruption Interdisciplinary Studies' is a non-degree professional certificate program dedicated to the integrated study of corruption as a social and legal phenomenon, the impact of corruption on all the state building processes, to the most effective ways of preventing and corruption control. The Certification Program "Anti-corruption Interdisciplinary Studies" consists of 7 courses: 1. Corruption, Public Policy and Society; 2. Methodology of Preparing Research and Policy Papers in Anti-corruption Field; 3. Investigating Corruption Offenses; 4. Legal Tools Preventing Corruption; 5. Anti-corruption Compliance; 6. Search and Content Analysis of Information in Open and Closed Databases; 7. Preventing Electoral Corruption: the Experience of EU Member States (see the syllabuses in attached files.)

5. “Meet Up! German-Ukrainian Youth Encounters”: Spotting Agents of Change for Good Governance - Walking with Thinking (Anti-Corruption tour Kyiv).

Source of Project Funding: Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future” (EVZ) by Universität Duisburg-Essen.

Project implementer in Ukraine: ACREC

Grant budget (USD) in Ukraine: 2930

Project implementer in Germany: Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut Essen

The grant start and end dates: March 15th to November 30th 2017.

Project manager: Nataliia Bovkun

Summary of the project: The project is funded by the Foundation “Remembrance, Responsibility and Future” (EVZ) with support from the German Federal Foreign Office and the Robert Bosch Foundation. The project is implemented on the initiative of Міждисциплінарний науково-освітній центр протидії корупції НАУКМА and members of the Ukrainian network Kulturwissenschaftliches Institut Essen (KWI). The selected team of 6 Ukrainian and 6 German participants will be introduced to German and Ukrainian change agents: civil society activists and state institutions with a focus on anti-corruption and good governance. Through meetings with NGOs and anti-corruption institutions and the development of an educational city-walk in Kyiv and a related webpage, the participants will learn about the causes and consequences of corruption and constructive anti-corruption solutions. The results of the project will be available publicly by means of this newly designed guided tour and website and via the project’s Facebook page, which will be regularly updated over the course of the project.

6. The Summer school “Investigation and Prosecution Corruption Offences”.

Source of Project Funding: Law Enforcement Section, U.S. Embassy in Ukraine

Grant budget (USD): 24,210.

The grant start and end dates: March 27th to August 27th 2017.

Project manager: Oksana Nesterenko.

Summary of the project: The grant is given ACREC go to organize 5-Day Summer School “Investigation of Corruption-Related Offenses” in July, 2017 to prepare 40 law schools’ students from different regions of Ukraine to become “professional” in investigation and legal prosecution of corruption-related crimes.