

The winners of the fourth round of the grant competition “KNOWLEDGE IN ACTION: Strengthening the Research Capacities of Civil Society Organizations,” implemented by the “Askold and Dir” Foundation and administered by ISAR Unity as part of the project “A Strong Civil Society in Ukraine—A Driving Force for Reforms and Democracy,” funded by Norway and Sweden.

№	Organisation	Main Areas of Work	Sum in NOK
1	Internews Ukraine	Developing an up-to-date, empirically grounded picture of Ukraine’s news information environment in 2026 by analyzing media consumption, levels of trust, and perceptions of news among different social groups, with a particular focus on young people and civil society representatives, in order to strengthen the capacity of government authorities, CSOs, and international partners to make effective decisions in the areas of reforms, recovery, and democratic development.	248750,11
2	Zmist	Developing, based on evidence and consultations, a draft state program to support rural women in Ukraine as key participants in the national economy and local democratic governance in the context of recovery, with practical implementation tools at the national and community levels.	151451,82
3	UA ANIMALS	Conducting applied research covering the full cycle of criminal proceedings under Article 299 of the Criminal Code of Ukraine (cruelty to animals), from filing a complaint to the court decision, in order to identify systemic obstacles and gaps in the work of law enforcement and judicial authorities. The project will also develop practical recommendations to strengthen the organization’s advocacy efforts and improve the effectiveness of legal support in cases of animal cruelty.	96540,67
4	UKRAINIAN CENTER FOR RESEARCH ON SECURITY PROBLEMS IN THE NAME OF DMYTRO TYMCHUK	Developing evidence-based, practical recommendations for Ukrainian government authorities on policies for the reintegration of de-occupied territories through comprehensive research into security and socio-economic challenges, while promoting the use of research findings in national-level decision-making processes.	118140,69

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5	Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting	Supporting reform and improving governance efficiency in the field of bus transportation through market research and the preparation of practical proposals for improving regulation and procedures at the national and local levels.	136566,31
6	Association of Relatives of Kremlin Political Prisoners	Developing conceptual and practical approaches to establishing cases of incommunicado detention of civilians that take into account the specific context of armed conflict, limited evidence, and the need for human-centered, trauma-informed procedures, through a comparative analysis of national mechanisms and international procedural standards of the UN Working Group on Arbitrary Detention.	151675,31
7	EU-LEAP	Conducting a comprehensive applied analysis of the development of the municipal bond market in Ukraine as a financial instrument for the recovery and development of territorial communities by examining the existing regulatory framework, municipal bond issuance practices, and the financial capacity of communities, as well as preparing recommendations for national and local authorities on improving this area.	142356,28
8	Ilko Kucheriv Democratic Initiatives Foundation	Identifying regional and settlement-level distributions of active Ukrainian CSOs by type of activity in order to optimize policies, programs, and projects aimed at strengthening CSO organizational capacity, including through international technical and humanitarian assistance programs during the war and post-war reconstruction.	107412,65

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9	We Build Ukraine	Strengthening the capacity of Ukrainian communities to implement European approaches to energy resilience and energy efficiency through comprehensive analytical research into potential gaps in municipal governance, identification of technical solutions and financial mechanisms, and provision of practically oriented recommendations to government authorities at all levels for sustainable recovery and support of energy reforms. The project will research and systematize the full range of technical solutions and financial instruments available for energy modernization—from government programs and EU grants to ESCO and PPP models—for different stakeholders, including local governments, condominiums, and property management companies.	151740,34