

The winners of the third 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	Innovative University	Promoting the development of mass student sports, student sports clubs, and leagues by substantiating and creating the conditions for introducing a mechanism for providing study grants at Ukrainian higher education institutions to talented Ukrainian school graduates with significant sporting achievements.	144352,38
2	Center for Democracy and Rule of Law	Researching the cross-platform migration of Russian disinformation between social networks, identifying patterns in how content is adapted to the specifics of different platforms and audiences, and subsequently developing practical recommendations for government institutions, online platforms, and civil society on effectively countering such information influences.	144183,96
3	Institute of legislative ideas	Creating the basis for introducing an asset declaration mechanism for sanctioned individuals by analyzing international practices (the United Kingdom, the United States, and the EU), consolidating findings, developing recommendations for improving national sanctions policy, presenting the results to stakeholders, and conducting advocacy and information campaigns.	144111,79
4	Osonnya	Conducting research to promote the implementation of high-quality and safe perpetrator programs in Ukraine in accordance with national legislation and the Istanbul Convention, while strengthening the organization's advocacy and analytical capacity. The project includes preparing and distributing questionnaires, collecting and analyzing data, including international experience, formulating conclusions, publishing results for key audiences, and holding working meetings and an advocacy event to determine further steps.	144304,26

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5	Osint	Strengthening the capacity of Ukrainian society and government institutions to effectively identify, analyze, and counter information and psychological operations against Ukraine through large-scale applied research, the development of practical recommendations, and an information campaign.	126430,10
6	Civil Society Institute	Strengthening the organization's institutional capacity as a think tank in the areas of public investment, regional development, and European integration by developing internal research processes, methodologies, and knowledge management, thereby enabling more systematic and impactful research for policymaking. The initiative includes developing an updated research framework, conducting applied research as a practical case study, strengthening the team's analytical competencies, developing a strategy for the analytical unit, and improving formats and channels for disseminating policy recommendations.	120438,00
7	Analytical Centre "Socioconsulting"	Assessing the needs of young people with experience of institutional or alternative family-based care and determining the level of support required for their successful adaptation and reintegration into communities during wartime. The project includes research into key needs, analysis of the impact of the war on available state and community support, and the development of recommendations for central authorities and territorial communities to improve policies in this area.	144351,89
8	Centre for Regional Development	Ensuring the first visible outcome of the reform of the cultural institution network through liberalization of operations (a new organizational and legal form) and establishing an expert community ready to contribute to subsequent stages of change. The project includes working out the mechanisms of key components of Stage 1 of the reform, designing pilots for subsequent implementation, and creating a sustainable pool of experts to support and advocate for the process.	143269,73

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9	The Network Zaporizhia	Conducting a comprehensive study of the needs of children with disabilities and their families for social services in Zaporizhzhia and government-controlled communities in the region, creating an analytical evidence base, and subsequently presenting it to government institutions and civil society organizations. In parallel, strengthening the organization's capacity in strategic planning, fundraising, and grant writing to effectively use the research findings in programs supporting vulnerable groups.	144352,38
10	Zero Waste Alliance Ukraine	Strengthening research and analytical capacity in waste management through mentoring support and partnership with a specialized municipal enterprise, conducting applied research, and developing a step-by-step guide for local governments on implementing infrastructure solutions based on real data and community needs. The initiative includes preparing and reviewing the guide with the participation of experts and communities, presenting the findings, disseminating the results among stakeholders, and developing an advocacy strategy to ensure sustainable implementation.	132065,95
11	The Institute for Central European Strategy	Strengthening the research and analytical area through desk research on the European integration experience of Central European and Balkan countries. The findings will serve as a basis for developing the organization's programmatic activities in the context of EU enlargement.	140502,98
12	UA Mental Help Foundation	Modernizing the analytical model for collecting and processing data in the mental health sector to obtain reliable and timely information that will inform decision-making, planning of support programs, and policymaking. The project includes auditing and improving the platform, updating analytical tools, staff training, pilot launch and testing, preparation of policy notes, and a final analytical report with an open dataset.	127065,13

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13	All-Ukrainian Association of Music Events	Identifying and analyzing barriers to participation of people with hearing impairments in music events in Ukraine based on research into EU practices, surveys, and interviews with organizers and relevant institutions, followed by the development of a public guide with recommendations and advocacy for inclusive solutions in the cultural sector.	132700,48
14	National Network for Local Philanthropy Development	Strengthening analytical, research, and communication capacities and data skills across the network of community foundations through training, practical work, policy development, and mentoring support.	144352,38
15	U-Generation	Strengthening the participation of young people in Chernihiv Oblast in policymaking by researching local-level youth engagement practices, creating a “Youth Interaction Index,” holding ideathons and advocacy training sessions, and preparing recommendations and presenting the findings at a regional forum for their subsequent integration into the “Youth of Chernihiv Oblast” program.	144001,12
16	Locus –	Developing the capacity of CSOs to systematically integrate analytical work into their activities by conducting research, applying its findings, and effectively communicating them to strengthen their influence on social processes.	129846,38
17	Partnership for Every Child	Creating a comprehensive “map” of the child protection system in Ukraine, including an overview of the regulatory framework, a list of institutions, an assessment of human and financial capacities, and a description of the alternative care system. The results will serve as a basis for developing a future vision, objectives, and strategic activities.	132523,55
18	Together we can	Strengthening the institutional capacity of the “UCulture” platform in the field of analytics by launching the UCulture Research area, developing policies and procedures, creating an analytical library, holding a strategic session for team development, and conducting the pilot study “In Search of a Shared Memory: Intercultural Connections between Ukraine and Poland.” The results will be integrated into educational and project activities and serve as a basis for future programs and advocacy.	151918,31

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19	Human Rights Center "Pryncyp"	Institutionalizing the research function and strengthening the organizational capacity of the analytical department by standardizing processes, developing team competencies, establishing international partnerships, and holding a strategic session for long-term development as a leading center in the field of veteran policy and military personnel well-being.	132700,36
20	Youth Center "The Seven Storey Mountain"	Researching the historical area of "Old Lutsk" through an analysis of spatial development and heritage protection policies, a sociological survey, an assessment of pedestrian flows, and an analysis of narratives about historical sites, with the development of recommendations for the area's development strategy and a joint model of its interaction with the city.	91904,35
21	Free People Employment Centre	Developing a systematic understanding of the employment needs of male and female veterans using the employee journey map methodology and promoting their economic integration through quantitative and qualitative research and the development of experience maps. The initiative includes analyzing barriers and factors contributing to successful employment, creating experience maps for public and private policies, and strengthening the team's analytical and research capacity through partnerships and new expert products.	129117,57
22	Better Regulation Delivery Office	Conducting comprehensive research to develop a detailed concept for an automated service monitoring legislative initiatives, which will serve as the basis for creating a sustainable tool for civil society. The project includes analyzing existing solutions in Ukraine and the EU, technical possibilities for data aggregation, the effectiveness of AI models, and user needs, as well as preparing a report with technical requirements, architecture, functionality, and a roadmap for developing the MVP of the "Regulatory Signal" service.	144322,30
23	Riy	Researching sanitary and hygienic conditions in the Armed Forces of Ukraine in order to classify them and identify technical solutions for each type of living condition. The project includes obtaining permits, collecting data at training and field locations, analyzing water consumption indicators and hygiene needs, and preparing recommendations for standardizing provisions.	129803,22
24	Gender in Detail Expert Resource	Identifying, classifying, and analyzing current gender narratives during wartime to create a basis for gender-sensitive policies, programs, and communications. The research includes a review of existing studies, methodology development, interviews and content analysis, consolidation of findings, and dissemination of	144332,17

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		results through a targeted information campaign.	
25	JurFem	Studying international practices of gender mainstreaming in parliamentary lawmaking and analyzing how the gender perspective is integrated into Ukraine's legislative process from 2020 to the present, with the aim of developing practical recommendations for the Verkhovna Rada. The research includes a review of international experience, an assessment of Ukrainian practice, identification of institutional and procedural barriers, and proposals for improving mechanisms for integrating a gender-sensitive approach.	135595,00
26	Ukraine Support Team	Analyzing the medical waste management sector in Ukraine, identifying key problems, challenges, and development opportunities, and drawing the attention of the government and the public to the importance of safe and environmentally sustainable waste management in accordance with international standards. The research covers an assessment of the current situation and legislation in Ukraine, comparison with EU regulations, and public communication of the issue.	140459,67
27	Transatlantic Dialogue Center	Strengthening analytical and advocacy capacity to prepare evidence-based research and recommendations that will help address key concerns among EU Member States regarding Ukraine's accession and demonstrate the economic, political, and security benefits for the European Union, thereby contributing to accelerated integration and strengthened regional stability. The initiative includes analyzing the benefits of Ukraine's EU membership, developing counterarguments to common concerns, preparing analytical products, and presenting them at key European decision-making platforms.	123765,31
28	Pro.Mova.Frontier	Creating an analytical basis for developing effective policies for the return of Ukrainians by analyzing international practices of remigration and repatriation, reviewing Ukraine's regulatory framework, and systematizing knowledge about motivations for returning and for refraining from migration. The research is the first stage of a comprehensive project that will subsequently include in-depth interviews, surveys, and the development of policy, legal, and administrative approaches to return policy.	131254,05

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29	Analytic Group "Tolk"	Developing an architecture of solutions and an institutional model for the functioning of relocated communities and local governments through comprehensive research into their experience, the role of business, interagency cooperation, and residents' needs, as well as integrating a human-centered approach and transitional justice into recovery strategies. The initiative includes classifying relocation models, developing policy recommendations, creating tools to formalize the role of such local governments at the national level, and developing an interactive landing page to present the findings and support organizational development.	127063,38
30	Center for Social and Economic Research - CASE Ukraine	Promoting public understanding and support for key economic reforms necessary for Ukraine's post-war recovery through the creation of four documentary films based on research, expert assessments, and international experience. The project includes conducting thematic analytical research, presenting complex economic ideas in an accessible format, and fostering positive public attitudes toward necessary policy decisions.	132612,01