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"GETTING STRONGER DESPITE THE CHALLENGES"

OLESIA KHOLOPIK, CEDEM DIRECTOR

In 2024, in the difficult context of the full-scale war, we continued fulfilling our mission to promote the development of a society of active and responsible citizens.

The main topics CEDEM dealt with were independent media, civil society and the rule of law.

We continued to advocate for the independence and adequate funding of **Public Broadcasting,** as well as for the effective implementation of media legislation.

Another priority for us is social media, as they remain the main source of news for more than 70% of Ukrainians. Therefore, we continued to educate the public about the peculiarities of social media and advocated for changes in their policies so that Ukrainians would not suffer from blocking and restrictions because of posts about the war. The CEDEM team helped Ukrainian media and bloggers get out of bans, explained our context to moderators, and identified disinformation and phishing posts so they could be quickly removed.

IN 2024, WE ALSO LAUNCHED SEVERAL NEW INITIATIVES:

Telegram Detox Campaign. It aims to draw attention to the dangers associated with using this platform. Lack of transparency, disinformation, and the threat to personal data are all dark sides of the app, and we are exposing them to the public.

The **Project 'The Impact of Disinformation on the Resilience of Ukraine's Cybersecurity'** supported by the Heinrich Böll Foundation. Its goal is to study cyberattacks and disinformation campaigns in Ukraine's digital space. Here are the results we have obtained so far: legal, technical, and educational guidelines that will allow us to effectively counter threats.



Media and Information Literacy in the Wartime: Building Information Resilience is a joint initiative with the National Media Literacy Project 'Filter' of the Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine in partnership with UNESCO and with the support of Japan. Its goal is to facilitate a dialogue on the most pressing issues of media literacy and its role in strengthening the resilience of our society.

Today, we are implementing an awareness-raising campaign on social media to improve media and information literacy aimed at men, including military personnel and veterans. We are also disseminating practical guidelines for regional media journalists to help them adapt to the crisis military environment.

In 2024, we continued to work on regulating AI legislation. We are working to ensure that artificial intelligence helps solve problems rather than create new ones. And Ukraine was one of the leaders in this field. We took part in the Plenary Session of the Artificial Intelligence Committee of the Council of Europe, submitted amendments to the Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence (in particular, on public debate on AI), and supported the position of civil society on the definition of AI.

At the initiative of the Ministry of Digital Transformation, CEDEM, and the Expert Committee on AI, Ukraine has developed a Voluntary Code of Responsible AI Use detailing the key principles for the industry. It has already been signed by 14 leading IT companies in the country. Together with our partners, we have also implemented the **AI Youth Innovation Program.**

Our team has held **dozens of trainings and consultations** for journalists and **civil society organizations.**

For the sixth year in a row, we have been holding the **Mentorship Program**, a special project where wellestablished CSOs share their knowledge and experience with the newly established civil society organizations.

CEDEM experts continued work on improving Ukrainian legislation for the benefit of civil society. We drafted laws and bylaws on volunteering and supported the Ministry of Justice in developing Roadmaps to harmonize Ukrainian legislation with the EU law as part of our European integration.

In addition, the Centre for Democracy and Rule of Law contributed to the development of the Action Plan for the implementation of the National Strategy for Civil Society Development, as well as the amendments to the Methodology for the National Risk Assessment, as it directly affects the daily work of non-governmental and charitable organizations. By the way, together with our partners, we have prepared our own independent risk assessment of the civic sector.

For the fourth consecutive year, CEDEM hosted its Legal Reform Forum for CSOs, where the government, parliament, businesses and civil society sought common solutions during the war in Ukraine. We are proud of our communication platform for the media and CSOs working for the liberation and return of the temporarily occupied territories. Throughout the year, we used national and international platforms to strengthen the voice of civil society in the process of inclusive public policy making.

We also continue to work for the introduction of the tax designation mechanism in Ukraine. After all, it will allow citizens to directly dispose of a part of their taxes by supporting non-governmental and charitable organizations they trust.

In 2024, as part of the For Safe Roads Campaign, we continued to advocate for legislative changes and awareness-raising campaigns.

Ukraine needs a quick road safety reform as the lives and health of tens of thousands of Ukrainians depend on it. Therefore, civil society organizations have prepared a **Manifesto "For Safe Roads 2024"** with the key requirements and call on the state to start implementing them now. 39 organizations have signed the manifesto.

We held an information campaign "Fast Track Your Life, Not Your Car", in which we advocated for a reduction in the non-penalized speeding threshold from 20 km/h to 10 km/h. The campaign reached hundreds of thousands of people, including opinion leaders and bloggers. The initiative was also supported by a number of members of the Verkhovna Rada.

In 2024, together with the coalition of NGOs "For Tobacco Free Ukraine", we continued to advocate for the implementation of international standards of tobacco control policy.

If I were to summarize 2024 in one word, it would be "courage" for me. Civil society, like the people of Ukraine, has the courage to move forward in times of war and do its job despite all the crises. We believe in our strength. We believe in Ukraine and continue to help in the struggle for independence.

I am grateful to CEDEM team members, partners and donors for another year of hard and fruitful work. I want to thanks to friends, colleagues, government representatives and MPs for working together on projects and initiatives.

INDEPENDENT MEDIA DIVISION

DIVISION INDEPENDENT MEDIA

The goal is to promote the emergence of quality information, independent media and an informed citizenry.

PUBLIC BROADCASTING SUPPORT



During 2024, we continued to advocate for the independence and proper funding of the Public Broadcaster.

"Public broadcasting is an important element of a democratic society. Especially in times of war, it fulfills a key mission in countering propaganda, strengthening national unity and building trust in the media," CEDEM said in a <u>statement</u> on the threat of interference with the independence of the Public Broadcaster.

We also published a <u>statement</u> calling on the parliament and the government to ensure stable funding for the broadcaster for 2025, emphasizing that underfunding jeopardizes its ability to perform socially important tasks. This topic was also raised during the <u>conference</u> "Public Broadcasting: Achievements and Challenges in Time of War".

In order to inform the public about budget processes, CEDEM prepared a <u>review</u> of media financing for 2025, which highlighted key aspects of media budgeting. The review paid special attention to the financing of the Public Broadcaster, emphasizing its importance for ensuring independence and fulfillment of socially important tasks.

SUPPORT FOR THE KEY MEDIA REFORMS

In 2024, CEDEM continued to advocate for the effective implementation of media legislation.

KEY Results:



A copyright <u>guide</u> for content creators and a <u>legal advice</u> guide for journalists were developed.



CEDEM became <u>a member</u> of the Windows of Recovery Association to promote highquality media coverage of Ukraine's reconstruction.



CEDEM experts prepared 21 <u>analytical</u> <u>materials</u> and 70 <u>news items</u> to raise public awareness of the media sector.



CEDEM joined the Ukraine Recovery Talks in Berlin to discuss the recovery of Ukrainian media affected by the war.

MEDIA EDUCATION



Media education is an important part of CEDEM's activities since its establishment. We believe that new knowledge and skills help not only to remain effective despite challenges, but also to adapt to new reality, such as the threat of disinformation and the development of artificial intelligence. Therefore, in 2024, the Centre for Democracy and Rule of Law implemented a number of activities in this area.



 In March 2024, we held the training <u>Artificial</u> <u>Intelligence for Media: Free and Paid Tools</u>, attended by 60 participants.

 Independent Media: Efficiency, Innovation, and Resilience in Times of War training was held in July and attended by 139 participants.



- CEDEM experts provided 36 consultations, including targeted consultations in response to requests, text consultations on the <u>CEDEM</u> <u>website</u> and video consultations on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> on the work of journalists in the legal field.
- CEDEM held a course "<u>Copyright for Journalists</u> and <u>Content Creators</u>", aimed at raising awareness of the legal aspects of copyright use and protection.
- 1.In November, we held a training "<u>Freedom vs.</u> <u>Internet Security: What Does Disinformation</u> <u>Have to Do with It?</u>", attended by over 40 participants from the media sector.

- From July to January 2024, CEDEM held a series of 5 offline trainings "Journalism of the Future: Law, Security and AI" in Odesa, Chernihiv, Lviv, Chernivtsi and Kyiv. They were attended by more than 120 participants from different regions of Ukraine.
- In September and October 2024, CEDEM held a six-day online training "Media Space 360°: Modern Challenges and Opportunities for Journalists", which brought together 160 participants.
- Together with the Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine and with the support of International Media Support, we created a <u>Collection of Gender</u> <u>Recommendations for the Media.</u>

TELEGRAM DETOX



In January 2024, CEDEM launched the <u>Telegram Detox</u> Campaign to draw attention to the dangers associated with the use of this platform. The campaign aims to raise public awareness of the privacy risks, disinformation and lack of transparency that accompany the use of Telegram.

KEY Results:



We published 20 educational videos and 50 <u>social media posts</u> explaining why Telegram should not be trusted as the main source of information and an <u>interactive video</u> about Telegram being a Russian spy in Ukraine's pocket.



We launched an interactive <u>test</u> to assess users' knowledge of Telegram risks.



We published 8 <u>analytical</u> materials and <u>consultations</u> on the impact of Telegram on the media space and the risks of the platform, as well as a <u>study</u> on copyright protection on Telegram.



We held an expert <u>discussion</u> with leading experts who discussed the dangers of Telegram and suggested alternative platforms for communication, as well as a <u>closed</u> <u>discussion</u> on the issue of regulating Telegram.



CEDEM experts provided 14 comments on the need to abandon Telegram for Ukrainian media, including <u>Detector</u> <u>Media</u>, <u>Hromadske Radio</u>, <u>Suspilne</u>, <u>FM</u> <u>Halychyna</u>, <u>Novynarnia</u>, <u>Ukrainian</u> <u>Radio</u>, <u>Hromadske Interactive Television</u> and Ukrainska Pravda.

ADVOCATING FOR EFFECTIVE CONTENT MODERATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media remain a source of information for Ukrainians and a platform for communication with the world in times of war. However, the rules and policies of the platforms themselves are designed for peacetime, and this is the cause of numerous misunderstandings and even blocking of Ukrainian media, bloggers, and users. To remedy this situation, CEDEM advocates for changes in the moderation of Ukrainian content, backing up its proposals with research and expert opinions.

KEY **Results:**



We developed <u>guidelines for improving the</u> <u>Ukrainian content moderation</u> related to Russia's armed aggression on Meta platforms.



We conducted a <u>study of the extent of the</u> <u>problem of blocking</u> Ukrainian media, bloggers and users on social media based on the data from CEDEM's cooperation with Meta.



We conducted a study of the <u>impact of social</u> <u>media on the Ukrainian information space</u> after the start of Russia's full-scale invasion.



We organized an expert discussion <u>Social</u> <u>Media in Times of War: Ukrainian Experience</u> <u>of Content Moderation</u>, which became a platform for exchanging views and developing solutions.



Work is ongoing as part of the National and International Coalitions, a joint initiative of Ukrainian and international media NGOs aimed at solving the problems of content moderation on social media and promoting their responsible use.

ENSURING ETHICAL USE OF AI



In 2024, CEDEM expert Olha Petriv <u>participated</u> in the 8th Plenary Meeting of the Council of Europe's Committee on Artificial Intelligence, where, on behalf of the organization, she proposed amendments to the Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence, in particular on public debate on AI, and supported the position of civil society on the definition of AI.

We are proud that CEDEM contributed to the creation of the Voluntary Code of Conduct for the Ethical and Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence.

KEY Results:



14 leading Ukrainian IT companies <u>have</u> <u>signed</u> the Voluntary Code of Conduct for the Responsible Use of AI <u>developed</u> at the initiative of the Ministry of Digital Transformation, CEDEM and the Expert Committee on AI.



In cooperation with the Ministry of Digital Transformation, <u>guidelines on</u> <u>the responsible use of artificial</u> <u>intelligence in the media were</u> <u>developed</u> and guidelines on intellectual property rights in the field of AI were drafted.



<u>A checklist for the media has been</u> <u>created</u>: a guide to using AI tools.

MEDIA LITERACY AND ANTI-DISINFORMATION PROJECTS

In 2024, CEDEM, with the support of the Heinrich Böll Foundation, implemented the project **"The Impact of Disinformation on the Resilience of Ukraine's Cybersecurity".** Its goal was to study the relationship between cyberattacks and disinformation campaigns aimed at destabilizing Ukraine's digital space in times of war.

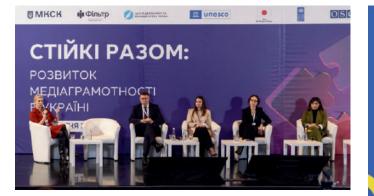
As part of the initiative, a study was conducted: "<u>Malicious</u> <u>Alliance: How Cyberattacks and Disinformation are</u> <u>Simultaneously Destabilizing Ukraine's Digital Space in the</u> <u>Times of War</u>". The study results include legal, technical, and educational recommendations to effectively counter these threats.

The study findings were presented in September 2024 during a public presentation that brought together a wide range of experts, government officials, and civil society.



Also in 2024, CEDEM launched the **project** <u>Media and</u> <u>Information Literacy in Wartime: Building Information</u> <u>Resilience</u> jointly with the National Media Literacy Project 'Filter' of the Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine in partnership with UNESCO and with the support of Japan.

The project held a **conference** in 2024 called **"Resilient Together: Developing Media Literacy in Ukraine"**, organized as part of UNESCO's Global Media and Information Literacy Week. The conference has become an important platform for sharing knowledge and experience among more than 200 participants, including representatives of the media community, government agencies, educators, and other stakeholders. The event facilitated a dialogue on the most pressing issues of media literacy and its role in strengthening the resilience of our society.



In addition, the **AI Youth Innovation Program** was held. The program consisted of five lectures by leading experts in the field of artificial intelligence. These sessions were designed to provide participants with both theoretical knowledge and practical examples of its application. As part of the program, participants created their own project concepts that combine the use of artificial intelligence and media and information literacy. They presented their work during an online pitching session, receiving valuable advice from a panel of experts and judges. Based on the results of the presentations, the panel selected the four most innovative and creative projects that became the winners of the AI Youth program. The participants are currently working on implementing their concepts.



Activities within the project "Media and Information Literacy in Wartime: Building Information Resilience" are also planned for 2025. In particular, work is underway to implement an information campaign on social media to improve media and information literacy aimed at men, including military personnel and veterans. CEDEM also continues to work on the creation and dissemination of Practical Guidelines for Journalists, which will help strengthen the resilience of Ukraine's independent regional media to the challenges of the modern information environment. Another area of focus will be training for young people and civil servants so that they better understand the impact of artificial intelligence on the information space and can use it in their work, education, or social initiatives.





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COOPERATION WITH THE CENTRE FOR STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND THE NATIONAL MEDIA LITERACY PROJECT 'FILTER'

In 2024, CEDEM continued its cooperation with the Centre for Strategic Communications and Information Security (CSC) to train representatives of ministries and other central executive authorities at the StratCom and Information Security School (formerly known as the Disinformation Counteraction School).

The cooperation was supported by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the Zinc Network.

- During the year, the CSC team in partnership with CEDEM conducted 7 offline and 10 online trainings on countering disinformation and strategic communications. In particular, the five-day training program "Russian Disinformation and Ways to Counter It" was held 4 times, which was certified by the National Agency in 2022.
- In November-December 2024, a new hybrid course (chat module) "Proactive and Reactive Methods of Countering Disinformation. Information Attacks" was held for the first time for civil servants. The course followed a unique format that combined independent study of prepared materials, homework assignments, and joint Zoom sessions to discuss the material and additional expert-led lectures.
- As part of the cooperation, the CSC developed a "Guide for Developing Communication Campaigns by Government Employees" to help civil servants and local government representatives in their communication activities.
- A total of 645 civil servants took part in the training events.

In 2024, the National Media Literacy Project 'Filter', in partnership with CEDEM and with the support of International Media Support (IMS), strengthened the analytical component of its work and contributed to a better understanding of Ukrainian history among the public.

Filter, together with CEDEM, implemented two special projects: 'History of Ukrainian Statehood' and 'Debunking Soviet Myths about Ukrainian History'. The 30 thematic publications on social media as part of these special projects reached an audience of over 1.5 million people, far exceeding the target of 200,000 users. In addition, historian Artur Babenko, who was involved in the implementation of these initiatives, conducted additional fact-checking of 30 materials, which helped to improve the quality of content and prevent disinformation.

Based on these posts, Filter prepared and published 6 materials in the national media covering issues of history and national identity. This work helped to strengthen the public dialog on the importance of historical truth.

Filter also created and disseminated two analytical reports highlighting current challenges and opportunities for media literacy in Ukraine: 'The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on the Development of Media Literacy' and 'Overview of Ukrainian Media Literacy Initiatives for 2024'. These studies became the basis for further discussions in the media sphere.

The cooperation between Filter and CEDEM demonstrates how quality content and analytics not only help protect our information space from manipulation, but also teach citizens critical thinking.

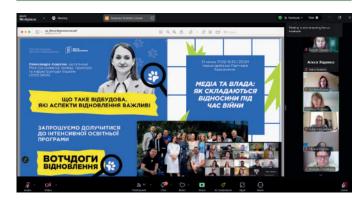
THE MOST POPULAR **POSTS**

- How the USSR Lied About the Holodomor
- <u>Day of Remembrance of the Forced Expulsion of</u> <u>Ukrainians in 1944-1951</u>
- <u>History of the National Flag of Ukraine</u>
- <u>Restoration of Independence. Why We Say</u> <u>"Restoration" Rather Than "Proclamation" of Ukraine's</u> <u>Independence on August 24, 1991</u>

ARTICLES:

- <u>'Mother of Rus Cities' and 'Cradle of the Nations': 4</u> <u>Myths About Kyiv – A City Russia Seeks to Claim as Its</u> <u>Own</u>
- How the USSR Lied About the Holodomor of 1932-1933
- How Ukrainians Voted For Independence at the 1991
 <u>Referendum</u>
- <u>Slovo House: From a Creativity Paradise to a Repression</u>
 <u>Trap</u>

INDEPENDENT MEDIA COUNCIL



The Independent Media Council (IMC) is a permanent public monitoring and advisory body created in 2016 by non-governmental organizations at the initiative of CEDEM. The Council was established by the Centre for Democracy and Rule of Law, the Institute of Mass Media, Internews-Ukraine, Detector Media and Souspilnist Foundation.

In 2024, the IMC continued its work to promote high standards of journalism. With the assistance of CEDEM, the Council:

- Prepared two recommendations for Ukrainian media professionals: on <u>covering information about</u> <u>detentions and arrests</u> and on <u>finding sources of</u> <u>funding for the media</u>.
- Organized an <u>expert discussion</u> on the restoration of media in Ukraine.
- Held a <u>strategic session</u> to develop the activities of the Council itself.

In addition, the IMC provided a professional <u>opinion</u> on the material of the Suspilne Korrespondent media outlet regarding the court case 'Andrii Podorvan vs. Oleh Seryk'.

CIVIL SOCIETY DIVISION

Division CIVIL SOCIETY

CEDEM promotes the development of a society of active and responsible citizens and works to strengthen democratic society in Ukraine. We create a platform for learning, networking, and bringing community activists together for powerful projects. Within the division, our organization contributes to strengthening democratic society in Ukraine and works on projects aimed at increasing the personal responsibility of citizens in the field of health and public safety.

UKRAINE CIVIL SOCIETY SECTORAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY

CEDEM has been working on the implementation of the six-year project "Ukraine Civil Society Sectoral Support Activity" since 2019. The project is implemented by Initiative Center to Support Social Action "Ednannia" in a consortium with the Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research (UCIPR) and CEDEM. It aims to improve the civil society environment and strengthen the institutional capacity of CSOs to enhance the self-sufficiency of the civic sector in Ukraine.

IN 2024, WE IMPLEMENTED ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS:

INTRODUCING THE PERCENTAGE TAX DESIGNATION MECHANISM IN UKRAINE

The Percentage Tax Designation Mechanism is a tool by which citizens who pay personal income tax can send a small portion of this tax to certain NGOs. As part of the campaign, draft laws on the introduction of percentage tax designation, as well as bylaws regulating this process, have been developed. We are also running an information campaign explaining what percentage philanthropy (aka percentage tax designations) is and how it works. In 2023, we continued communication with a parliamentary committee to justify the relevance of the mechanism under martial law.

IN 2024, CEDEM:



<u>Organized</u> a roundtable discussion "Implementation of the Tax Designation Mechanism in Ukraine: Lie of the Land and Prospects under Martial Law".





<u>One-on-one Lincoln-Douglas expert debate</u> on the prospects of the approach to financial support of public initiatives through the tax deduction mechanism.





Team Karl Popper debate on the two key topics: the effectiveness of the tax deduction mechanism compared to the current tax rebate and the prospects of using local budgets for the tax deduction mechanism.



2 IMPROVEMENT OF LEGISLATION ON VOLUNTEERING

The project team continued to work on advocating for better legislation for volunteers and organizations that involve volunteers in their activities.

In particular, work on legislation to support volunteer insurance and liberalize migration policy for foreign volunteers continued in cooperation with the Office of the President of Ukraine, the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, the parliamentary Inter-Faction Deputy Association "Support to Volunteering", and other stakeholders from central executive authorities and civil society organizations.

WHAT WAS DONE IN 2024:

- Conducted public consultations on the safety and insurance of volunteers, the need to submit property declarations, and innovations regarding restrictions on wire transfers for volunteer donors, etc.
- Created a draft Concept of the State Targeted Program for Promoting Volunteering until 2030 (in cooperation with the Ministry of Social Policy), which has already passed the <u>public discussion stage</u>.
- Held an <u>expert discussion</u> on legislative changes for the development of volunteering in Ukraine, including discussion of aspects of the Concept of the State Program for Promoting Volunteering for 2025-2030.
- Held an <u>expert discussion</u> "Volunteering as an Element in Ukraine's Defense Capability"



- Held an <u>expert discussion</u> on the key challenges faced by foreign volunteers and the revision of legislation to facilitate the involvement of foreign volunteers in the humanitarian response and recovery of Ukraine.
- <u>Developed</u> a series of bilingual consultations and infographics for NGOs and foreign volunteers on migration legislation (in cooperation with the State Migration Service of Ukraine).

- <u>Launched a survey</u> among the foreign volunteers in cooperation with the National Social Service of Ukraine (valid until March 2025).
- Prepared <u>an interim report</u> on the results of the survey of foreign volunteers. As of December 2024, 60 respondents – foreign volunteers, healthcare professionals and military personnel working in Ukraine – took part in the survey.
- Provided 3 personal consultations to foreign volunteers who participated in the survey and needed legal assistance.
- Provided 3 personal consultations to foreign volunteers who participated in the survey and needed legal assistance. It was presented during expert discussions and on the MIA's communication platform.
- In cooperation with the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine, we prepared for registration in the parliament an updated draft law on amendments to the Tax Code of Ukraine to exempt volunteer insurance from taxation.



3 REDUCING RISKS FOR CSOS ARISING FROM THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LEGISLATION ON MONEY LAUNDERING AND COMBATING THE FINANCING OF TERRORISM

In 2024, the CEDEM team continued to improve CSOs' knowledge of banking legislation and provided advice on the challenges faced by the sector in receiving funds from abroad. We developed cooperation with the State Financial Monitoring Service and the National Bank of Ukraine, as well as with the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine. We continued to organize and conduct training for CSOs and primary financial monitoring entities in cooperation with the Academy of Financial Monitoring.

HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2024



Presentation of the <u>Methodology for</u> <u>Independent Risk Assessment</u> of Non-Profit Civil Society Organizations of Ukraine in the Field of Prevention and Counteraction to Legalization (Laundering) of Proceeds of Crime, Terrorist Financing and Financing of Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction.



An independent assessment of non-profit organizations was conducted and <u>presented</u> based on the methodology developed by CEDEM and approved by the State Financial Monitoring Service.



Report on the independent risk assessment of the non-profit organizations sector, issued in <u>Ukrainian</u> and <u>English</u>.



Presentation of the report on the independent risk assessment of the non-profit sector to the international community during the CFT Global Hub Workshop in Johannesburg, South Africa, as well as the ECNL Civil Society Hub meeting.



Closed expert meeting of 10 CSOs involved in advocacy of civil society interests in the field of financial monitoring and banking.



Speeches at the steering committees of the Council of Europe Office on Strengthening Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism.



Comprehensive training seminar "Protect Yourself: How CSOs Can Protect Themselves from the Risks of Being Implicated in Money Laundering or Terrorist Financing".



Presentation on the cooperation between CEDEM and the State Financial Monitoring Service of Ukraine during the meeting of the EU AML Global Facility Supervisory Board, Brussels.



<u>Speech</u> at the International Forum "Financial Monitoring 2024".

IMPROVING BANKING SERVICES FOR CSOS IN 2024

The prolonged martial law has led to a higher level of bank derisking and "reinsurance" of banking and financial institutions in their relations with CSOs, which has negatively affected the ability of CSOs to maintain uninterrupted implementation of their statutory duties. In addition, the start of the negotiation process on Ukraine's accession to the EU imposes an obligation on the country to harmonize its anti-money laundering and counterterrorist financing legislation with EU Directives and FATF Recommendations. This acted as a driving force behind the introduction of those regulations that had previously been postponed until the end of martial law.

CEDEM focused its efforts on analyzing and assisting in solving practical problems related to banking services for CSOs, analyzing the compliance of the newly adopted legislation with the interests and specifics of CSO activities and taking into account international standards and practices. Expert discussions were held with the participation of the civic sector and representatives of government agencies and explanatory materials were published.





Round table <u>"Bank Derisking: Phenomenon,</u> <u>Causes, Impact on Financial Stability of</u> <u>Ukraine. Looking for Joint Solutions"</u> (partners - Council of Europe Office in Ukraine, Academy of Financial Monitoring).



Expert discussion "<u>Breaking Down the New</u> <u>Requirements for the Ownership Structure</u> <u>of Non-Profit Organizations</u>", which was attended by more than 50 representatives of CSOs, international organizations and the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine.



An advocacy campaign was launched to update the Recommendations<u>on</u> the <u>Schematic Representation of the Ownership</u> <u>Structure of CSOs</u>, based on the results of an expert discussion with the representatives of the civic sector, on the official website of the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine.



Continuation of the open <u>survey on banking</u> <u>problems</u> for CSOs and provision of more than 10 consultations to CSOs.



Informational work with the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine and the Independent Association of Banks of Ukraine to provide explanations to the banking sector regarding a clearer and more understandable interpretation of the norms of a series of orders of the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine. These are the documents that, starting from September 1, 2024, introduced a system of notifications of verifications of information on the UBO and/or ownership structure of the CSOs in the Unified State Register. Result achieved: The Ministry of Justice provided an <u>explanatory letter</u> on the interpretation of the relevant terms related to the ultimate beneficial owners of a legal entity, including CSOs.



Infographic "<u>Procedure for Verification of</u> Information on the UBO and/or CSO ownership structure in the Unified State <u>Register: From A to Z"</u> (jointly with the Ministry of Justice).



Infographic "<u>Step-By-Step Plan for CSOs</u> <u>When the State Registrar Checks</u> <u>Information on the UBO and/or</u> <u>Ownership Structure</u>" (jointly with the Ministry of Justice).



An advocacy campaign was launched with the National Bank of Ukraine on the implementation of FATF Recommendation 8 to the Ukrainian legislation on banking services and financial monitoring of NPOs. This is part of Ukraine's position during negotiations with the EU on the freedom of capital movement.



Article <u>"Politically Exposed Persons in</u> CSOs: The Threats".



Article "<u>The Ministry of Justice Launches</u> an Online Service to Report Discrepancies in UBO Data".



Consultation "<u>What Volunteers Should</u> <u>Know About Transfers Worth Over UAH</u> <u>150,000</u>".



Article "<u>New Restrictions on Card</u> <u>Transfers: Should Volunteers Be</u> <u>Concerned?"</u>

USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TOOLS IN THE CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

In 2023, CEDEM launched a training program for CSOs aimed at strengthening their organizational and operational capacities with the help of state-of-the-art technologies, as well as enhancing knowledge of the legal aspects of Al. Al presents both threats and opportunities, which we inform the sector about in detail.

In 2024, CEDEM continued its systematic work on raising awareness of the civic sector about the opportunities and challenges of using artificial intelligence. We focused on strengthening the organizational and operational capacities of CSOs through the introduction of modern Al technologies





Developed and <u>presented</u> <u>a Guide on</u> <u>opportunities and risks of using artificial</u> <u>intelligence for CSOs</u>.



Held an online training on the use of AI in grantwriting.



Held an online training on the <u>legal aspects of</u> <u>using Al-generated works</u>.





Prepared the document "Joint Actions for the Deoccupation and Reintegration of Crimea: The Role of CSOs, State Institutions and the Media".



A document featuring organizations working on Crimea was published "<u>From Human Rights</u> <u>Protection to Cultural Projects: How Ukrainian</u> <u>CSOs Are Fighting For Our Crimea</u>".



A series of expert discussions was held: "Overcoming the Information Isolation of the Temporarily Occupied Territories".



A panel discussion "<u>State Policy on Reintegration</u> of the <u>Temporarily</u> Occupied <u>Territories</u>: <u>Involvement of CSOs</u>" was held as part of the IV Legal Reform Forum: United to Win.

WE ALSO DEVELOPED A MENTORING CULTURE AMONG CSOS



<u>Mentorship Program</u> is aimed at getting established CSOs to pass on their knowledge and experience to less experienced newly established civil society organizations (mentees). During the 7-month program, mentors helped mentee CSOs develop and strengthen their advocacy and other capacities. The mentees join the alumni community at the end of the program. From 2020 to 2024, five mentorship programs were held.

ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATE POLICY TO SUPPORT HUMAN RIGHTS CSOS, RESISTANCE MOVEMENTS, AND REINTEGRATION OF THE TEMPORARILY OCCUPIED TERRITORIES (CRIMEA, DONETSK, LUHANSK) AFTER THEIR LIBERATION

In 2024, CEDEM established rapport with media and civil society organizations that are actively working on the temporarily occupied territories, in particular in the field of human rights and resistance movements.



A communication platform was created for a comprehensive analysis, discussion, and search for solutions to key problems faced by Ukrainian citizens in the temporarily occupied territories, as well as after returning from the occupation.



An expert discussion was held on "What can and should civil society organizations do today to successfully reintegrate Crimea after its liberation in the future?" In 2024, we implemented <u>Mentorship Program 5.0</u> to strengthen the advocacy and other capacities of civil society organizations from across Ukraine.



Over the course of 7 months, 22 well-established CSOs mentored 22 civil society organizations and jointly developed and partially implemented 22 advocacy campaigns in 12 regions of Ukraine.



A record number of participants (mentors: Civil Network OPORA, Center for Civil Liberties (CCL), MHP for Community Charitable Foundation, Vox Ukraine Analytical Center (VOX), Lviv Regulatory Hub (LRHUB), NGO "Educational and Analytical Center for Community Development", CO "100% Life. Kyiv".

AS PART OF THE MENTORSHIP PROGRAM 5.0:

A two-day official <u>opening of the Mentorship Program</u> 5.0, with an educational component focusing on advocacy and communication (separately for mentee CSOs and mentor CSOs), and its <u>closing</u> in the autumn of 2024.



22 visits were paid (9 mentoring visits and 13 internships) – the largest number of visits in all the years of the program.

- 3 training modules for mentee CSOs were organized and held. In total, 13 online and 3 offline trainings were held as part of the Mentorship Program 5.0.
- A three-day <u>offline camp</u> was held for Mentorship Program 5.0 participants and the alumni community (62 participants).
- Held a <u>mentor meeting</u> to work on challenges and motivation. We also created a portrait of ideal mentees and mentors.
- Created <u>Mentorship Program 5.0 Yearbook</u> which aims to share experience by recording algorithms of actions to achieve various goals set by the participants.
- Organized and held <u>a panel discussion</u> at the IV Legal Reform Forum for CSOs "Gender Challenges in Time of War: Revealing the Strengths and Vulnerabilities of Women Leaders".
- Two motivational videos with feedback from the Mentorship Program participants were created: <u>video 1,</u> <u>video 2,</u>
- More than 50 publications with feedback from participants and a description of achievements were published.
- We also announced a call for applications for the Mentorship Program 6.0 (to run from February to August 2025) and received the largest number of applications from both mentors and mentees.
- Held three pre-entry webinars (zero modules) for future participants of the Mentorship Program 6.0: "CSOs-Mentees "Problem-Need-Solution" – <u>a post</u> <u>about pre-workshop training</u>.

LEGAL REFORMS ROADMAP FOR CIVIL SOCIETY

This is an analytical, visionary and <u>policy document</u> containing the civic sector's vision of the priorities for reforming and improving the legal environment for civil society organizations in Ukraine for 2021-2025, created by more than 350 experts under CEDEM's coordination and co-authorship.

In 2024, we took part in the CMU marathon on planning and development of the Action Plan for the Implementation of the National Strategy for Civil Society Development for 2025-2026.

CEDEM also held its annual, fourth <u>Legal Reform Forum for</u> <u>Civil Society: United to Win</u>. It discussed the progress of legal reforms for the civil society sector in Ukraine under martial law with a focus on key reforms in the context of European integration. The event gathered over 300 offline participants in Kyiv and over 2,000 online views. For a video recording of the Forum, see the link (<u>first day</u> and <u>second</u> <u>day</u>)



The forum involved 57 speakers and 12 moderators and consisted of 7 panel discussions on building cooperation between the civil society sector, businesses and government, the impact of European integration on the CSO business environment, volunteering development, participation of the civil society sector in the development of public policy, legal challenges associated with the temporarily occupied territories, veteran policy, financial security of CSOs, and the case show arena "International CSO Advocacy: Successful Security and European Integration Campaigns", smart talks of the Mentorship Program ("Gender Challenges in Time of War: Revealing the Strengths and Vulnerabilities of Women Leaders") and the smart-talk "Ethical Communication of the Civic Sector: The Link between Communications and CSO Security". workshop (Workshop from Lawyers for CSOs: Everything You May Need to Know About Legal Support for CSOs Engaging Volunteers), debates on "Implementation of the Tax Deduction Mechanism in Ukraine".



COALITION AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

In order to act more effectively and on a larger scale, CSOs come together in communities and coalitions. In 2024, CEDEM held <u>a series of online webinars on the security</u> capacities of coalitions and communities in wartime.

COOPERATION AMONG CIVIL SOCIETY, GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESSES

IN 2024, WE:

- Held a public <u>presentation</u> of the <u>Collection</u> of the <u>Third Annual Story Competition</u> "Civil <u>Society</u>, <u>Businesses</u> and <u>Government</u>: <u>Best Cooperation</u> <u>Practices</u>".
- <u>Presented</u> certificates of appreciation to the participants of the competition for their initiative stories. In total, the Collection includes 37 projects that achieve socially important goals and help spread the practice of cooperation between representatives of different sectors of Ukraine.

Created 6 videos that highlighted the stories of the winners of the 3 contests



Held the <u>IV Annual Story Competition</u> "Civil Society, Businesses and Government: Best Cooperation Practices". A total of 124 applications from 22 regions of Ukraine were received, and 33 winners were selected to be included in the collection.

SAFETY OF ACTIVISTS, VOLUNTEERS AND CSO LEADERS



The Centre for Democracy and Rule of Law continues to develop a systemic culture of security among civil society organizations, their leaders, activists, and volunteers. In wartime, we are strengthening the capacity of CSOs to counter digital, physical, legal and mental threats. In 2024, we added financial security of organizations to this list. The annual security survey conducted by CEDEM has revealed a growing need to improve security practices. Therefore, if necessary, our team conducts specialized trainings and provides individual consultations on security issues. In total, we held more than 15 educational events over the year: training sessions, webinars, lectures, and panel discussions. We also deepened our cooperation with government agencies such as the State Emergency Service, the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and the Office of the Ombudsman.

KEY Results:



Expanded <u>a database</u> of security materials for CSOs.



Held the annual intensive training <u>"Security</u> in Action 2024" for CSO representatives.



Conducted and <u>presented</u> an annual <u>survey</u> on security needs of CSOs, activists and volunteers.



Organized <u>a practical first aid training</u> for the team of the Ukraine Civil Society Sectoral Support Activity consortium and legal aid providers.



Held a training session <u>on financial security</u> in social media for CSOs and volunteers, focused on safe fundraising.



Held a smart-talk on <u>safe and ethical</u> <u>communications for CSOs</u> as part of the IV Forum of Legal Reforms for CSOs: United to Win.



Held <u>a series of online webinars on inclusion</u> <u>and barrier-free access</u> (which covered representatives of CSOs of the National Police, SES and healthcare facilities).



Organized a series of online trainings on digital security for the <u>Ukrainian Volunteer</u> <u>Service</u> and <u>CO "100% Life. Kyiv Region"</u>.



Held a training session on security at the <u>Mentorship Program 5.0 summer camp</u>.



Held <u>a series of online webinars on the</u> <u>security capacities of coalitions and</u> <u>communities in wartime</u>.



Provided 12 individual consultations to organizations on physical, digital and mental security.



Prepared analytical materials on opportunities for enhancing security for CSOs and activists, the role of security managers in organizations and the safety of volunteer activities, and published an analytical piece on opportunities for enhancing security for CSOs, activists and journalists.



Prepared more than 25 publications on security issues.



Held <u>a series of online trainings on digital</u> <u>security for the team of the Charitable</u> <u>Organization "100% Life. Kyiv Region"</u>.



Held a series of online trainings on the fundamentals of advocacy for partner organizations of the Right to Protection Network.



Held <u>a practical training on first aid</u> engaging members of the Network.



Held an offline meeting for the Network members to support their resilience under martial law.



OTHER ACTIVITIES IN 2024



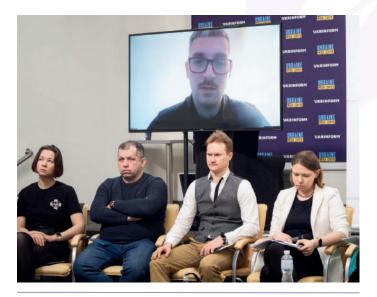
- We are members of 4 out of 35 negotiation (working) groups to prepare Ukraine's negotiating positions on the relevant chapters of the EU negotiating framework. Four of these groups (under chapters FDI, 4, 10, 23) include CEDEM experts. They analyzed EU legislation, developed and submitted proposals and draft decisions to the relevant groups.
- We participated in international conferences, in particular, <u>The III Diaspora Conference in Berlin</u>, <u>URC</u> in Berlin</u>, where they joined the panels "Framework and Conditions for Economic Growth and Sustainability", "Keep Moving: Ukraine's Preparation for EU Accession and EU's Preparation for Ukraine's Accession", "De-risking and Access to Finance: Unlocking Investment and Trade Potential", "Gradual Integration into the Single Market: An Impetus for Integration through Joint Projects".
- Released the third season of the audiopodcast "The Evolution Pill".
- Became co-organizers of the 13th Civil Society Development Forum of Ukraine, holding an expert discussion <u>"Volunteering as an Element in Ukraine's</u> <u>Defense Capability"</u>.
- Organized and conducted a two-stage training on advocacy skills development for a coalition of human rights CSOs supported by the Right to Protection CF.

- Provided mentoring support to the Center for Civil Liberties for the All-Ukrainian Organization Association of Mothers and Wives of Defenders of Ukraine in preparing its advocacy campaign on the ECOSOC platform.
- Organized <u>a series of online trainings for CSOs on</u> international advocacy, including trainings on "<u>Talking</u> to a Foreign Audience in Terms of Strategic <u>Communications</u>" and "<u>Pitching to Foreign Media for</u> Ukrainian CSOs".
- Participated in the round table of the Council of Europe Office in Ukraine <u>"European Standards in Preventing SLAPPS"</u>.
- Took part in the two-day <u>BRIDGE Forum</u>, Dnipro.
- Contributed to the interim report <u>"Review of Ukraine's</u> <u>Democratic Institutions in the Wartime"</u>, namely the Civil Society and Media sections.
 - Spoke at the international conference <u>"Democracy in</u> <u>Time of War: Resilience and Future of Ukraine's</u> <u>Democratic Institutions"</u> (Berlin).

'FOR SAFE ROADS' CAMPAIGN

Despite the difficult situation in the country, road safety remains a priority for our advocacy activities. In 2024, the For Safe Roads Campaign continued its systematic work, focusing on advocacy for legislative changes and information campaigns.





MANIFESTO 'FOR SAFE ROADS 2024'

Ukraine needs a quick road safety reform as the lives and health of tens of thousands of Ukrainians depend on it. Therefore, civil society organizations have prepared a Manifesto "For Safe Roads 2024" with the key requirements and call on the state to start implementing them now. The manifesto was signed by 39 CSOs.

THE KEY REQUIREMENTS OF THE MANIFESTO INCLUDE:

- Review the system of penalties for speeding
 - Develop and implement a system of penalty points

Implement infrastructure changes to improve road safety

Develop and expand the functions of the system of automatic recording of traffic violations.

Read more

INCREASED LIABILITY FOR REPEATED TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

In early November 2024, a group of MPs registered draft law No. 12172, developed jointly with the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Patrol Police, and CEDEM. The purpose of the draft law is to reduce the number of fatal road accidents caused by the below violations:

- Driving across pedestrian crossings and failing to give way to pedestrians
- Driving through a red traffic light or ignoring a traffic controller's signal
- Traffic rules at the intersections
- Rules for overtaking and passing oncoming traffic.

The repeated violation within a year is punishable by a fine of UAH 1,020, and the third violation is punishable by a fine of UAH 2,550 and deprivation of the right to drive from 6 months to 1 year. A similar rule applies in Poland: 15 penalty points out of 24 possible are given for similar violations, which effectively means deprivation of rights after the second violation. It is expected that the changes will be introduced to the Code of Administrative Offenses next year.

INFORMATION CAMPAIGN "FAST TRACK YOUR LIFE, NOT YOUR CAR"

The campaign aims to reduce the non-penalized speeding threshold from 20 km/h to 10 km/h. Speeding remains one of the most serious threats on Ukrainian roads, causing more than half of road accidents. The 20 km/h speed limit effectively allows drivers to drive up to 70 km/h in populated areas with impunity, which is unacceptable. The campaign engaged opinion leaders and bloggers to spread the word and received the support of some members of the Verkhovna Rada.

У центь демонратії та за центицатоги

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За статистикою, майже у 100% випадків наїзду на пішохода або велосипедиста, постраждалий не має шансів вижити при аваріях на швидкості понад 70 км/год.



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НА ДОРОЗІ В Україні за 2022-2024 роки приблизио 9 тисяч осіб загинули в ДТП, і найже 60% цих трагедій сталися внаслідок



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Більше половини аварій в Україні стається через перевищення швидкості руху.





Read more

STUDY OF THE LEVEL OF SEAT BELT USE

In August 2024, CEDEM, together with Vision Zero Organization, conducted a study of seat belt use among Ukrainian drivers. The study was conducted by observation, covering 28,607 drivers in 18 cities of Ukraine.

According to its findings, the average rate of seat belt use increased from 40.14% in 2023 to 45.97% in 2024, which is a positive trend. It is expected that this trend will continue next year, so the level of belt use will cross the 50% mark.

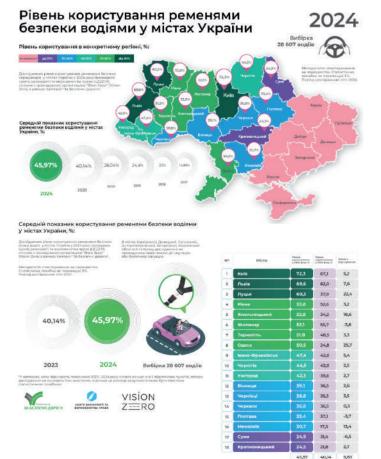
For more information about the current study

PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR INCREASED RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

At the request of CEDEM, Info Sapiens conducted a sociological survey by telephone in August 2024.

It showed that the majority of Ukrainians support lowering the non-penalized threshold to at least 10 km/h (54% of respondents) and increasing penalties for repeated traffic violations (over 60% of respondents).

This demonstrates the public's demand for justice and readiness for stricter measures to improve road safety.



Read more

ANALYTICAL PIECES AND AUTHOR COLUMNS

- White Paper "Introduction of a Penalty Points System to Improve Road Safety in Ukraine"
- <u>Results of the study "Level of Seat Belt Use among</u> Drivers in Ukrainian Cities" in 2024
- <u>Results of the sociological study "Assessment of the Level of Road Safety on Ukrainian Roads"</u>
- Manifesto 'For Safe Roads 2024 in Ukraine'
- <u>Column by Viktor Zahreba "(Un)Limiting the Speed on</u> the Roads. How Kuchma's and Putin's Legislation Is <u>Killing Ukrainians</u>"
- <u>Column by Mykola Ilchuk "Cracking Down on Road</u> Accidents: The Ukrainian Wa<u>y"</u>
- <u>Column by Kateryna Lozenko "80 km/h Speed Limit in</u> the Cities – Why Not! But There's a Catch"

SMOKE FREE KYIV

CEDEM's Smoke Free Kyiv Project supports healthy lifestyles and has been fighting tobacco use in Ukraine since 2010.

SMOKE FREE KYIV

In 2024, together with the coalition of NGOs "For Tobacco Free Ukraine", we continued to advocate for the implementation of international standards of tobacco control policy. CEDEM's lawyers actively participated in seminars, press conferences, and roundtables on legislative control of the tobacco industry in the areas of healthcare and tax policy.

We would like to remind you that in 2021, our joint efforts helped to achieve the adoption of the comprehensive antitobacco law No. 1978-IX, the final part of which came into force in 2024:



New health warnings on cigarette packs with 65% of the area covered and a QR code with a link to a quitline.



A ban on the production, import and sale of ecigarettes and liquids with a characteristic smell or taste.

In the subsequent period, CEDEM explained to the public the benefits of the new legislation and its positive impact on the health of Ukrainians, in particular, in media <u>interviews</u> and its own pieces.

In 2024, we <u>monitored</u> citizens' appeals regarding violations of the Anti-Tobacco Law No. 2899 in the field of advertising in 5 cities: Kyiv, Ternopil, Rivne, Poltava, and Sokilnyky (Lviv Region). We also assisted in <u>monitoring</u> the All-Ukrainian Campaign "Smoke-Free Youth".



Based on the data obtained, CEDEM lawyers, in partnership with the State Service of Ukraine for Food Safety and Consumer Protection, **prepared** an analytical document "Tobacco Advertising in Ukraine: The Gap Between Legislation and Implementation", which was presented on December 19, 2024 during a press conference together with member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. а representatives of the State Service of Ukraine for Food Safety and Consumer Protection and the Center for Public Health. The document, in addition to analyzing the current state of implementation of the Anti-Tobacco Law No. 2899, number of legislative solutions to provides a comprehensively address the long-standing problem of advertisement and promotion of tobacco products and devices at the points of sale.

It is equally important for CEDEM to protect the youngest members of our society from tobacco. Therefore, in 2024, we held an educational <u>lecture</u> for more than fifty 6th-9th grade students at the Kyiv Creative International Children's School (KMDSh) to debunk the tobacco industry's myths about e-cigarettes and to create a trend for a healthy lifestyle.

The positive effect of such legislative changes was a significant increase in revenues to the Ukrainian budget for the violation of the ban on advertising tobacco and nicotine products and devices in a short period of time: from UAH 332,217 (in 2021-2022) to UAH 9,807,972 (in 2023-2024), i.e. by 2,952%.

CEDEM's cooperation with **Ekonomichna Pravda, Vector media and Liga.net** allowed us to draw public attention to the need to strengthen tobacco control policy and eliminate existing legal conflicts in the field of advertising and promotion of tobacco and nicotine products and devices even in the face of war.

Our media publications and social media posts on these topics were read by more than a million readers.

CEDEM's lawyers continued to analyze draft laws, government and ministry resolutions, and court practice to assess compliance with tobacco control legislation and the Law 1978-IX in particular. We also provided legal advice to civil society partners, MPs, ministries and services.

RULE OF LAW DIVISION

DIVISION RULE OF LAW

The rule of law in the state provides clear rules of the game and allows citizens to live in an independent democratic country. The government must work in a qualitative and effective manner, enforce laws and ensure independent and impartial justice so that such rules are established and operate in the state. The rule of law is about the quality of life of citizens, the economy and the investment attractiveness of the country.

ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION

In 2024, CEDEM focused its work on supporting the proper implementation of the Law of Ukraine "On Public Information".

As one of the authors of the law on access to public information, CEDEM focuses on its practical implementation. We organize training for civil servants and citizens, promote the development of a community of activists in this area, and develop effective judicial practice that supports the right to information.



TO THIS END, CEDEM HELD A NUMBER OF EVENTS IN 2024:



Two training sessions for judges and court staff: "Judicial Protection of the Right to Access Public Information in Time of War: 2024", which was attended by about 100 judges, and the training "<u>Open Data. Practice and Experience in 2024</u>", which was attended by more than 90 judges.



Two training sessions held jointly with the Ministry of Culture and Strategic Communications of Ukraine for <u>civil servants</u>, which were attended by over 1,600 participants.



Training on access to public information for journalists, attended by 64 participants.

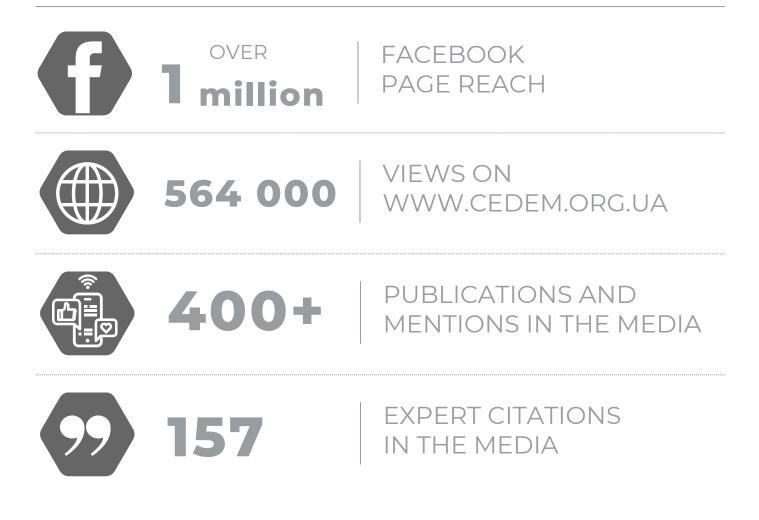


Expert discussion <u>"Tromsø Convention:</u> <u>Challenges and Prospects for Access to Public</u> <u>Information in Ukraine in 2025</u>" where leading experts in the field of access to public information discussed prospects and plans for access in 2025.

COMMUNICATION

In 2024, the CEDEM team continued to cover important topics that needed clarification for the public during the war.

COMMUNICATION DIVISION ACHIEVEMENTS:



FINANCIAL **Report**

TOTAL	43 473 471,00	100%
CONTRIBUTIONS TO STATUTORY ACTIVITIES	30 000,00	0,07%
HEINRICH BÖLL FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE N UKRAINE	369 666,00	0,85%
GLOBALGIVING, USA	631 390,92	1,45%
UTURE WITHOUT SMOKING FOUNDATION, USA	2 479 873,94	5,70%
INTERNATIONAL MEDIA SUPPORT (IMS), DENMARK	2 595 597,34	5,97%
ZINC NETWORK	3 096 813,12	7,12%
NTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION GLOBAL ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP THROUGH THE INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES SWITZERLAND)	4 042 225,85	9,30%
INITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO)	5 329 933,76	12,27%
NTERNEWS NETWORK — JNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT	6 103 077,00	14,04%
NITIATIVE CENTER TO SUPPORT SOCIAL ACTION "EDNANNIA", UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT	18 794 893,07	43,23%
DONOR	RECEIVED(UAH)	PERCENTAGE OF RECEIPTS (%

CEDEM'S **Expenses**

TOTAL	43 090 913,30	100%
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	3 163 465,53	7,34%
STAFF	9 287 433,79	21,55%
INDEPENDENT MEDIA	14 063 114,75	32,64%
CIVIL SOCIETY	16 576 899,23	38,47%
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