

EVZ Foundation adopts solidarity budget for the work of civil society in Ukraine, Belarus and Russia

800,000 Euros for flexible funds in response to Russian war of aggression

Berlin, November 22, 2022 - At its meeting yesterday, the Board of Trustees of the EVZ Foundation established a solidarity budget for the year 2023. The solidarity budget has an amount of 800,000 Euros, these are 10 percent of the funding volume planned for the coming year. The funds can be used to support targeted projects to strengthen the commitment of refugees, the development of exile structures and other solidarity projects. The focus is on the work of organizations of Ukrainian civil society as well as non-governmental organizations in Belarus and Russia, such as Nobel Peace Prize winner MEMORIAL. The Board of Trustees is sending, once again, a clear signal against Russia's war of aggression, which violates international law. The EVZ Foundation stands in support of the state and civil society in the democratic state of Ukraine.

Dr. Anton Drobovych, curator and director of the Ukrainian Institute of National Remembrance, welcomed the solidarity budget of the EVZ Foundation. Referring to the founding history of the EVZ Foundation, he urged the common commitment to human rights and against instrumentalization of history.

In response to the war: 1.572 million Euros in grants awarded so far

Since the beginning of the Russian war of aggression on Ukraine, the EVZ Foundation has already granted 1.572 million Euros for 42 projects as emergency aid. The money is used to support the partners on the ground with food, medicine, hygiene articles, (protective) clothing and much more. The 26 projects for the Roma community provide emergency aid for members of the minority in Ukraine. They are often confronted with antiziganism during their flight.

With the **Vidnova Fellowship** and the **aid network for survivors of National Socialist persecution in Ukraine**, the EVZ Foundation has initiated, established and significantly financially supported structures for sustainable emergency aid and civil society in exile. These initiatives are also to be further supported with the solidarity budget.

About the EVZ Foundation

The EVZ Foundation's mission is to keep alive the memory of the injustices of National Socialist persecution, to assume the resulting responsibility in the present, and to actively shape the future. The Foundation's central purpose when established in 2000 was to pay humanitarian compensation to former forced laborers under the National Socialist regime - a milestone in Germany's efforts to come to terms with the past. Nowadays, within the fields of activity Education and Action, the Foundation funds projects and activities that support the survivors of National Socialist persecution, international understanding and the strengthening of human rights.

More information

- www.stiftung-evz.de/ukraine
- www.vidnova.org
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