

Association of Ukrainian Human Rights Monitors  
on Law-enforcement

# Annual Report – 2011



# 1. About the Association UMDPL

## 1.1. History

During 2005-2010 the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine (MIA) in association with non-governmental organizations established three institutions which were important for civic control over police activity and its compliance with international human rights standards. These were: mobile groups for monitoring the MIA special establishments (temporary detention facilities, rooms for detainees, remand houses) as a prototype of a national preventive mechanism (since 2004), Civic Council on Human Rights at the MIA and its regional offices (since 2005), Human Rights Monitoring Department (HRMD) (since 2008). HRMD was a unique unit for Ukraine, and during 2008-2010 it acted, in fact, as the Office of Police Ombudsman.

The activity of these institutions was based on internal regulations of the MIA and, despite the resistance of the “old-guard” police chiefs, ensured transparency in the work of internal affairs bodies.

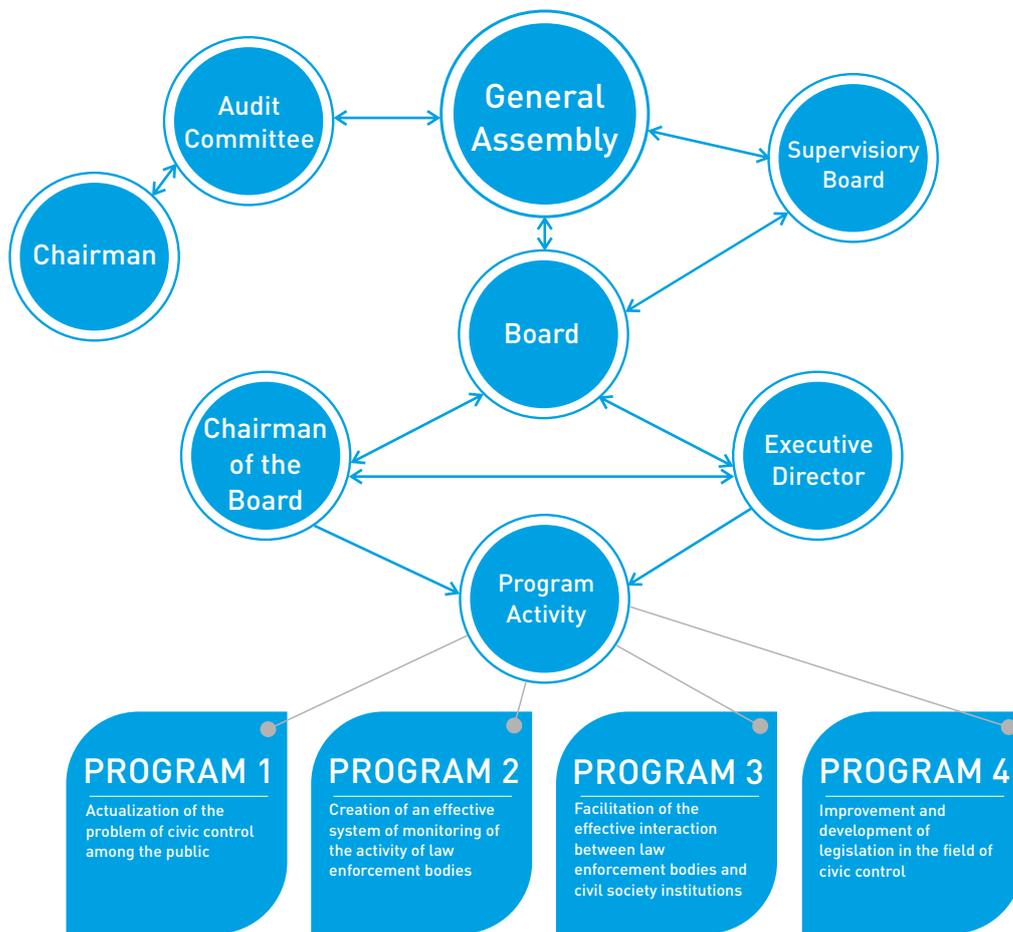
After the change of the Ukrainian government in March 2010, the attitude of the Ministry of Internal Affairs to human rights observance has changed significantly. One of the first decisions of the new Minister of Internal Affairs was to eliminate the Human Rights Monitoring Department. Its employees were laid off at short notice and despite all requirements of the labor legislation.

Under these circumstances human rights activists and employees of the former HRMD decided to establish a specialized sector for civic control over law enforcement bodies. In the core of the sector's activity, there was a new all-Ukrainian non-governmental organization “Association of Ukrainian Human Rights Monitors on Law-enforcement” founded in June 2010 by former employees of the Human Rights Monitoring Department.

## 1.2. Structure of the Organization

Today, the Association has offices in 16 regions of Ukraine and involves more than 60 activists in its activity. The members of the Association have a long-term work experience in such well-known Ukrainian NGOs as Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union, Kharkiv Human Rights Group, Committee of Voters of Ukraine, Civilian Network “OPORA”. 19 members of the Association are former officers of Ukrainian internal affairs bodies having 20-year work experience in personnel and analytical units, the service of internal security, departments for organized crime control and internal affairs universities.

The Association’s highest governing body is the Annual General Assembly. It approves financial and general reports, elects members and Chairman of the Board, Audit Committee and Supervisory Board. The Annual General Assembly also discusses issues related to the strategy for the organization’s development.



📍 (from left to right) The experts of the Association UMDPL Yuriy Belousov, Vadym Pyvovarov, Kateryna Levchenko, Petro Gryban, Oleg Martynenko



📍 Oleg Martynenko and Vadym Pyvovarov in the U.S. Embassy

### 1.3. Organization's Senior Executives

#### Board of the Association UMDPL:



**Martynenko  
Oleg**  
– Chairman of the Board;



**Yavorskyi  
Volodymyr**  
– member of the Board,  
Executive Director of the Ukrainian  
Helsinki Human Rights Union;



**Miniailo  
Volodymyr**  
– member of the Board,  
Head of the Dnipropetrovsk  
office of the Association  
UMDPL;



**Kozarenko  
Nataliia**  
– member of the Board,  
Head of the Counseling Office  
of Kherson Regional Mercy  
and Health Foundation;



**Batchaiev  
Volodymyr**  
– member of the Board,  
Head of the Cherkasy office  
of the Association UMDPL;



Executive Director  
of the Association UMDPL  
**Pyvovarov Vadym**

## 1.4. Main Areas of Activity

In order to come closer to creation of the effective system of civic control, the Association UMDPL focused on a number of strategic areas which were grouped according to thematic principle into four programs of activity.

### PROGRAM 1: Actualization of the problem of civic control among the public

This program includes:

- highlighting of the problems of civic control;
- conducting of awareness-raising activities related to the topic of civic control among wide public;
- distribution of information on civic control using best practices of the use of mechanisms and forms of civic control;
- shaping of the information policy of NGO on civic control;
- participation in establishing citizens' active social standpoint as to the protection of their rights and freedoms.

### PROGRAM 2: Creation of an effective system of monitoring of the activity of law enforcement bodies

This program includes:

- monitoring of human rights observance in the activity of services and units of internal affairs bodies and the Penitentiary Service
- establishment of contacts with international organizations, experts specializing in the problems of civic control over law enforcement bodies
- analysis of the best international practice in the field of establishment and implementation of civic control over law enforcement bodies.

### PROGRAM 3: Facilitation of the effective interaction between law enforcement bodies and civil society institutions

This program includes:

- development of the awareness on the importance and necessity of effective interaction with civil society institutions in senior officials of law enforcement bodies;
- actualization of the importance of interaction with public authorities among civil society institutions;
- informing CSI about the peculiarities of work of law enforcement bodies;
- building of transparency and accountability of law enforcement bodies for the civil society;
- creation of an effective system of response from public authorities and judges to violations of human rights and freedoms by officers of law enforcement bodies;
- development and improvement of public investigation of violations of human rights and freedoms.
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### PROGRAM 4: Improvement and development of legislation in the field of civic control

This program includes:

- development of proposals on improving the national legislation in the field of civic control over law enforcement bodies;
- drafting of departmental normative legal acts to meet requirements of the national legislation in the field of civic control over law enforcement bodies;
- assistance in involving civic experts to reviews, analysis and development of legislation in the field of civic control;
- facilitation of active participation of civil society institutions in lobbying new normative legal acts on the civic control.

📍 During press-conference about compliance of right of property by traffic police



📍 During the Forum of Human Rights Defending organizations



📍 Vadym Pyvovarov during International Course of Human Rights in Vilnius

## 2. The Association's Activity in Figures

During the year the Association UMDPL conducted:

- more than **80** trainings and master classes on human rights observance in the activity of internal affairs bodies for youth, journalists and other activists;
- the Association's experts conducted over **100** trainings on domestic violence prevention for district police officers;
- more than **10** press conferences where the problems of activity of internal affairs bodies were discussed;
- **8** round tables with representatives of executive and legislative authorities;
- an international conference on the development of civic control over law-enforcement bodies..

In general, over **1000** persons were involved in activities of the Association during the year.

More than **2000** publications have been posted on the Association's website in the last year, and more than **100** thousand people have visited the website over the period of its operation.

**10** members of the Association are certified coaches of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in the framework of the UNDP Equal Opportunities and Women's Rights in Ukraine Program.



Petro Gryban, the expert of the Association UMDPL

The experts of the Association UMDPL during visit to Chernihiv prison



Maryna Novikova, the expert of the Association UMDPL, during training



# 3. Activity of the Association UMDPL in 2011

## 3.1. Creation of an Effective System of Monitoring of the Activity of Law Enforcement Bodies

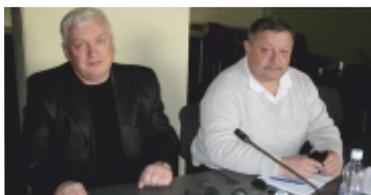
### Development of algorithms for monitoring, training of activists, conducting of the all-Ukrainian monitoring campaign

The Association's experts developed algorithms for monitoring of four services of police bodies with which citizens contact most frequently, namely: District Police Officers, Traffic Police, Patrol Police and Operations Centers. On the basis of these algorithms, the experts of the Association UMDPL organized and conducted six specialized trainings on public monitoring of the police for 120 activists.

After developing algorithms and training activists, the Association UMDPL initiated the all-Ukrainian campaign on monitoring the activity of the police. The campaign which was held from November 7 to 21 gathered more than 300 activists from over 60 civic organizations from all regions of the country. All information obtained from monitors was collected, systematized and analyzed using monitoring algorithms. The collection of photo and video materials on violations of human rights in the activity of internal affairs bodies was regularly updated on the website of the Association UMDPL.



During training on monitoring of police



(from left to right) Volodymyr Pavlenko and Oleksiy Mylostny, the experts of the Association UMDPL



Volodymyr Batchaiev, the expert of the Association UMDPL, during training on monitoring of police

### Conducting of public reviews and public investigations

Public reviews was one more area of civic control. The Association's experts initiated the following reviews:

- observation of human rights in the units of police bodies in the course of activity on seizure of weapon and fight against drug-trafficking;
- activity of the State Penitentiary Service aimed at engaging institutions of civil society in control over human rights observance in the criminal executive system.

Materials obtained from units of internal affairs bodies were reviewed by the project's experts.

Expert conclusions were submitted to senior officials of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine and the State Penitentiary Service together with a package of recommendations as to the improvement of their activity.

In general, results of 15 public reviews have been processed and published - 14 of them were related to the Ministry of Internal Affairs and one to the State Penitentiary Service.

The results of the reviews were made public at the round table meeting on December 19, 2011. They were also published in media and were distributed among international and non-governmental organizations.

Based on the developed algorithms of conducting public reviews, which were tested in practice, a resource material "Public Expertise of the Activity of MIA' bodies of Ukraine" was developed (total volume - 85 pages).

One more promising area of civic control is public investigations of human rights violations committed by law enforcement bodies. Development of a resource material "Public Investigations in Ukraine: International Experience in National Context" was the first step carried out in this area.

## 3.2. Actualization of the Problem of Civic Control Among the Public

### Website of the Association UMDPL and representation in social networks

The UMDPL website is a powerful information portal aimed at informing citizens about the situation with observance of human rights in the activity of law enforcement bodies and providing legal assistance. The website contains useful materials on counteracting illegal activities of law enforcement bodies of Ukraine, normative and legal acts of the President of Ukraine, the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine, and other useful information.

The resource provides Ukrainian and international news in the field of human rights protection in the activity of law enforcement bodies. The website is available in Ukrainian, Russian and English.

Every day [umdpl.info](http://umdpl.info) registers over 2,000 views. The geography of the visitors is broad. Among those who are interested in the Ukrainian human rights news are, besides Ukrainians, Australians, Americans, Russians, Canadians, Chinese etc.

The Association UMDPL has its own YouTube channel: [youtube.com/umdpl](http://youtube.com/umdpl).

The UMDPL collects videos on cases of violation of human rights in Ukraine or on other human rights events in the country. The Association will use such videos to distribute information in media, prevent possible violations and as a proof of human rights violations in legal proceedings, in authorities and international organizations.

The Association UMDPL also has its own Facebook page and Wikipedia pages in three languages – Ukrainian, English and Russian. This helps social network users easily find information about the Association UMDPL, learn the latest news or join its activity.

### Contest of creative works “Police Under Control”

In the framework of the all-Ukrainian monitoring campaign “Police Under Control”, in November 2011 the Association UMDPL held a contest of creative works, namely – photos, amateur videos and journalist materials, devoted to human rights observation by police officers.

The target groups of the contest included student youth, civic organizations activists and representatives of media. Creative works came from 16 regions of Ukraine. In general, 25 videos, more than 60 photos and over 30 journalist materials were submitted to the contest. Works were reviewed in the following nominations: “Ukrainian Police: Step to Europe”, “Rust on Police Uniform” and “People and Police: Time to Come to Understanding”.

The jury of the contest in charge of evaluating works and selecting winners included well-known human rights defenders and public leaders: Hennadii Kofman, the Program Director of the International Human Rights Documentary Film Festival “Docudays UA”; Olha Kalashnyk, Vice-President of the International Women’s Rights Center “La Strada Ukraine”; Maryna Hovorukhina, PR-Manager of the Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union; Volodymyr Batchaiev, the expert of the Association UMDPL; and Yevhen Demchenko, the Head of All-Ukrainian Youth Non-Governmental Organization “Foundation of Regional Initiatives”.

The solemn award ceremony took place in Kyiv in the club “Kupidon”. The award ceremony in Kyiv gathered winners from different regions of Ukraine. All works of the winners were made available to users on the web-site of the Association UMDPL. Every prize-winner of the contest got a certificate and a money prize. Works submitted to the contest will further be used as thematic exhibits at the Strolling Human Rights Documentary Film Festival “Docudays UA – 2012”.

Taking into consideration the success of the first contest, the Association UMDPL plans to hold the contest on a standing year-round basis, which makes it possible to considerably expand the scale of awareness-raising campaign to support independent civic monitoring of the activity of law enforcement bodies. The contest also became an effective instrument to expand the network of volunteers engaged in the police monitoring campaign, and thus, it will make a part of a standing monitoring.

⬇ During press-conference about monitoring campaign “Police Under Control”

⬇ During award ceremony of contest “Police Under Control” in the club “Kupidon” in Kyiv

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Volodymyr Batchaiev, the expert of the Association UMDPL

Viacheslav Svirets, the expert of the Association UMDPL, during training

The experts of the Association UMDPL Alla Lepekha and Olga Vilkova



### Open workshops and lectures for various target groups

During 2011 the experts of the Association UMDPL conducted a number of open lectures, master classes and trainings. Among them are:

- 2 trainings on interaction with the police for journalists;
- around 60 master classes in different regions of Ukraine for youth in the framework of the partnership with Kharkiv Human Rights Group;
- open lectures on interaction with the police in the framework of the Human Rights Documentary Films Festival “Docudays UA – 2011”;
- around 10 trainings for youth in the framework of the partnership with the All-Ukrainian Youth Organization “Foundation of Regional Initiatives”;
- more than 10 trainings for participants of educational activities in the framework of the All-Ukrainian Education Program “Understanding Human Rights”;
- more than 100 trainings on domestic violence prevention for district police officers;
- lectures in the framework of advanced professional training of law enforcement officers in the National Academy of Internal Affairs.

### 3.3. Facilitation of Effective Interaction Between Law Enforcement Bodies and the Public

#### Participation in the work of consultative and advisory bodies and inter-departmental expert groups

To ensure faster response to detected violations and more effective interaction in the field of development of preventative mechanisms, the Association established cooperation with central executive authorities and committees of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine through participation of the Association’s members in the consultative and advisory bodies of relevant authorities.

In the framework of cooperation with central executive authorities, the members of the Association participate in:

- Civic Councils at regional state administrations (Volyn, Donetsk, Zhytomyr, Kharkiv, Kherson and Cherkasy regions)
- Civic Council at the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Civic Councils at its regional offices (AR Crimea, Volyn, Donetsk, Zhytomyr, Kharkiv regions and Kyiv city)
- Civic Councils at the State Penitentiary Service and its regional offices (Kharkiv and Kherson regions)
- Supervisory Committees on the Observance of Prisoners’ Rights at regional state administrations (Donetsk and Chernihiv regions)
- Commission on the Prevention of Torture under the President of Ukraine (includes four members of the Association).

In the framework of cooperation with the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the experts of the Association established cooperation with the Committee on Legislative Support of Law Enforcement. In particular, through the above-mentioned Committee, the Association UMDPL prepared and submitted its remarks and comments regarding the MIA’s response to recommendations submitted during the Parliament hearings on the topic “On Reforming the System of Bodies of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine and Introduction of European Standards” which took place in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on October 5.

## 4. Expert and Analytical Activity of the Association UMDPL

### Publications and analytical materials prepared by the members of the Association

The Association's experts have prepared a number of analytical and resource materials in the field of human rights observance in the activity of internal affairs bodies.

Among them are:

1. "Public Investigations in Ukraine: International Experience in National Context", total volume - 32 pages, circulation - 200 copies.
2. "Public Review of the Activity of Internal Affairs Bodies of Ukraine", total volume - 85 pages, circulation - 200 copies.
3. "Manual for Conducting Civic Monitoring of Human Rights Observance in the Activity of the Police", total volume - 364 pages, circulation - 150 copies.

The experts of the Association have also prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Internal Affairs recommendations based on the results of police officers' violations detected during the all-Ukrainian monitoring campaign "Police Under Control".

In the framework of the awareness campaign, booklets for youth describing eleven typical human rights violations in the activity of internal affairs bodies have been developed and distributed during master classes. Each booklet had description of a certain violation.

Besides, during the year more than 50 analytical articles written by the Association's experts and relating to human rights observation by law enforcement bodies were posted on the website of the Association UMDPL.

### Preparation of the 2011 annual report on human rights observance in the activity of the police

A report "Human Rights in the Activity of the Ukrainian Police - 2011" has been prepared and published.

The report includes the following chapters:

1. Right to life in the context of the police activity. Freedom from torture and other forms of degrading treatment.
2. Conditions of detention in specialized police establishments. Operation of mobile groups.
3. Right to liberty and security.
4. State of interaction between the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the public.
5. Privacy.
6. Freedom of assembly.
7. Protection from discrimination, racism and xenophobia.
8. Protection of property.
9. Prevention of domestic violence and human trafficking. Children's rights.
10. Rights of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants.
11. Rights of police officers. Gender equality in the police.

## 5. International Activity of the Association UMDPL

In the first year of its existence, the Association UMDPL established cooperation with almost all the offices of international organizations and institutions dealing with human rights observance in Ukraine (OSCE, Council of Europe, International Organization for Migration (IOM), Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Amnesty International and others). Thus, the Association UMDPL is a member of Diversity Initiative formed by the IOM, the UNHCR, Amnesty International and other interested non-governmental organizations. Experts of the Association actively participated in conferences, working meetings, preparation of alternative reports and presentations on the human rights observance. Thus, the experts of the Association prepared analytical materials on the human rights observance in the activity of internal affairs bodies and distributed them among the participants (representatives of governmental and non-governmental delegations) of the OSCE/ODIHR Annual Human Dimension Meeting (Warsaw, October) ([osce.org/odihr](http://osce.org/odihr)). Besides, analytical materials on human rights observance in the activity of the internal affairs bodies were prepared for the meeting of the European Union delegation with representatives of the Ukrainian Government in the framework of the Eastern Partnership (TEMPLATE: BRIEFINGS AS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EU-UKRAINE HUMAN RIGHTS MEETINGS) (Brussels, June 2011).

The Association UMDPL participates in creating the OSCE-wide international platform of human rights organizations in the framework of the OSCE Civil Society Parallel Conference ([parallelosceconference.org](http://parallelosceconference.org)).

The Association UMDPL is also a part of the Committee of International Control over the Human Rights Situation in Belarus ([hrwatch-by.org](http://hrwatch-by.org)).

The Association participates in the initiative group on establishing the Human Rights House in Ukraine which will become a member of the International Network of Human Rights Houses ([humanrightshouse.org](http://humanrightshouse.org)).



The experts of the Association UMDPL during visit to USA



The experts of the Association UMDPL during visit to USA

The Chairman of the Board of the Association UMDPL and the Chairman of the Board of Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union Yevgen Zakharov during visit to Germany



Vadym Pyvovarov (on the left) during solidarity action with Belarus Human Rights Defender Ales Bialiatski in Warsaw



## 6. Partners and Donors of the Association UMDPL

During the year the projects of the Association UMDPL were supported by:



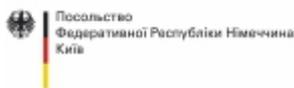
Embassy of the United States in Ukraine



National Endowment for Democracy (NED, USA)



European Commission (project of the Kharkiv Human Rights Group)



Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Ukraine



International Renaissance Foundation

During the year the Association UMDPL had the following partners in its projects:



Penal Reform International (PRI)



International Women's Rights Center "La Strada Ukraine"



Ukrainian Helsinki Human Rights Union



Kharkiv Human Rights Group



All-Ukrainian Educational Program "Understanding Human Rights"



All-Ukrainian Youth Non-Governmental Organization "Foundation of Regional Initiatives" (FRI)



Center for Civil Liberties (CCL)



Odesa Human Rights Group  
"Veritas"



Kharkiv Municipal  
Non-Governmental Organization  
"Kharkiv Institute for Social Research" (KhISR)

The Association UMDPL is a member of the following coalitions:



Diversity Initiative Network



Committee of International Control  
over the Human Rights Situation in Belarus



OSCE-wide Civic Solidarity Platform  
in the framework of Parallel OSCE Civil Society Conference

# 7. 2011 Financial Report

## Income of the organization

Non-repayable financial aid: **762115 UAH.**

Voluntary donations of individuals: **38500 UAH.**

Total amount: **800615 UAH.**

## Sources of financial aid:

**202220 UAH.**

### International Renaissance Foundation (Ukraine)

- Project “Development of algorithms for civic monitoring of the activity of internal affairs bodies and their implementation in the activity of non-governmental organizations”. Term of implementation – 01/01/2011 – 31/12/2011.
- Project “Holding of a contest of creative works in the field of observance of human rights by police officers”.

**295000 UAH.**

### Embassy of Germany in Ukraine

- Project “Strengthening of civic control over the police”. Term of implementation – 01/07/2011 – 31/12/2011

**104320 UAH.**

### Embassy of the United States in Ukraine

- Project “Training of experts in the field of civic monitoring of human rights observance in the activity of the police”. Term of implementation – 01/09/2011 – 31/12/2011.

**248560 UAH.**

### National Endowment for Democracy (NED), USA

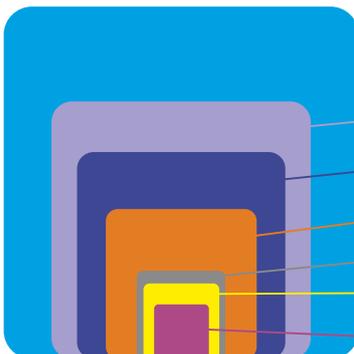
- Project “Strengthening of civic control over the police”. Term of implementation – 01/07/2011 – 31/06/2012

**248560 UAH.**

### Kharkiv Human Rights Group, the European Commission project

- Project “Conducting of 60 master classes on human rights observance in the activity of law-enforcement bodies in 10 regions”. Term of implementation – 01/07/2011 – 31/06/2012

## Expenses of the organization



**Total: 742572 UAH.**

**Holding of events: 317730 UAH.**

**Expert and coach compensation: 245049 UAH.**

**Staff compensation: 111597 UAH.**

**Publications, replications: 27295 UAH.**

**Equipment and materials: 23792 UAH.**

**Office expenses: 17109 UAH.**

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