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In September 2012, a decade ago, together with Marcin Chmielowski, we received a letter informing us about the registration of the Freedom and Entrepreneurship Foundation. These ten years have passed very quickly, but they have been truly good and fruitful years. I am proud of what we have managed to achieve during this time.

However, the past year was not only a joyful celebration of our 10th anniversary but also a deeply distressing experience of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. We do not pretend that it is "not our business": our good neighbor was attacked out of pure lust for power, violating the cherished ideals of non-aggression, respect for human freedom, and property. Such moments are turning points, and they also clearly demonstrate who sees the world in a similar way and whose moral compass has gone astray.

Nevertheless, despite the turbulent year of 2022, we have accomplished a great deal. Our team has grown to eight people, and the number of projects implemented was the highest in several years. We made our presence felt both in Poland and abroad. Our activists participated in many international conferences, and we hosted the Liberty International World Conference in the capital of Georgia, Tbilisi. Originally, this conference was planned to take place just across the Polish border, in my beloved Lviv.

We look to the future with hope and are grateful for the continuous support of our wonderful Donors, who deeply care about individual freedom and unrestricted entrepreneurship in Poland. We are entering adolescence, which comes with new rights and responsibilities. Ahead of us lie new challenges, and we are already looking forward to them!

**Jacek Spendel**President of the Freedom and Entrepreneurship Foundation

FROM
THE
PRESIDENT

A WORD





# **OUR MISSION**

Our mission is to educate a new generation of leaders, offering them the knowledge and skills necessary for professional development in the process of realizing the ideals of a free society.

# **OUR VISION**

In our vision, Poland is a country where libertarian leaders guard a voluntarily organized society, support limited government and the rule of law, and effectively prevent the growth of state power.





# **OUR TEAM**

### **JACEK SPENDEL**

Founder and President of the Freedom and Entrepreneurship Foundation. He is also a President of Liberty International Organization. Jacek strengthened his management skills with Think Tank MBA and ATLAS Leadership Academy (2013). He practiced them in many projects, among them: organization of dozen Liberty English Camps, directorship at Polish-American Leadership Academy, production of 12-episodes of Freedom under Fire video series, and coordination of ESFL in Poland.

### MARCIN CHMIELOWSKI

Doctor of philosophy and master in political science who also completed postgraduate studies in central banking. Manager in the sector of NGOs, screenwriter and director of full-length documentaries: "Human Action" devoted to the life of Ludwig von Mises and "Forgotten. History of the Krakow School of Economics". Author of two books, several scientific articles about history of ideas, libertarianism and collective intelligence. Marcin is also a columnist, podcaster, public speaker and commentator.

### MAGDALENA SPENDEL

Studied economics and got masters degree at the University of Wrocław. During her studies she got interested in economic transformation but also in economic crisis of euro zone and theory of economics, especially Austrian School of Economics. She works for Freedom and Entrepreneurship Foundation and coordinates Polish-American Leadership Academy. In her free time she likes to spend time in the nature. She loves animals, likes horse riding and is a horse riding instructor. She is also an amateur mountain biker.

### **SEBASTIAN WEGLARZ**

Libertarian activist, third sector activist, journalist, social media and digital marketing specialist. Scholar of Atlas Network
Academy, Objective Standard Institute and Ayn Rand Center Europe. Currently heads the communication for Liberty International and the Freedom and Entrepreneurship Foundation. His adventure with the third sector began with his activity in the Libertarian Association, where he remains active to this day.

### JUSTYNA PIĄTEK-PAWŁOWSKA

Copywriter & Event Manager, a graduate of American Studies at the University of Gdańsk. She works in the sales department of a marketing agency on a daily basis. In her free time, she has coorganized events such as TEDx in Gdańsk. At the Foundation, she is responsible for copywriting, creating newsletters, and assisting in event coordination and organization.

### FILIP ROGUSZKA

Filip is a student and a libertarian who works as a project manager in our Foundation. He is an advocate for promoting freedom and entrepreneurship among young people, but he also strives to reach out to middle-aged women with our message. He is a fan of Kaczmarski's music and enthusiastic about Georgia.

### KRIS KALETA

Project & Strategy Manager, traveler, and writer. He is a researcher in media and virtual communities, with a particular interest in the intersection of technology, communities, and libertarian theory. He is an experienced strategist, consultant, and freelancer. He holds a degree in political science and is a PhD candidate in Digital Politics at Manchester Metropolitan University.

### KAROLINA GEMZA

E-commerce specialist and creative manager. A scholarship holder at the Mises Institute, she gains academic experience as a student of economics and ASBiRO college. A libertarian and promoter of the Polishcore art movement.

# **NEW VISUAL IDENTITY**



On September 12, 2012, the Freedom and Entrepreneurship Foundation was established. On the occasion of its 10th anniversary, we presented a new visual identity that we will use from now on.

The refreshed logo of the Freedom and Entrepreneurship Foundation references the traditional iconography found among freedom organizations, namely the torch symbolizing freedom, combined with a contemporary illustrative style and modern typography. The project was designed by Maciej Matt Harabasz.













The complete brand book is available on our website at: fundacjawip.org/press-pack

# **MILTON FRIEDMAN LEGACY DAY 2022**



The highlight of the 10th-anniversary celebration of the Freedom and Entrepreneurship Foundation was the annual Milton Friedman Liberty Conference. In this year's edition of Miltonalia, we hosted a record number of international speakers. The keynote speaker was Dr. Rainer Zitelmann, a sociologist, historian, investor, and advocate of capitalism, also known as the "Biceps of Capitalism."



# **MILTON FRIEDMAN LEGACY DAY 2022**





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The current edition of Miltonalia set a record in its history by featuring a remarkable number of lectures delivered by women. Dobrosława Gogłoza shared her valuable experience in effective crowdfunding and provided insights on how the libertarian third sector can better attract support from individuals. Agnieszka Płonka, in her lecture titled "Capitalism in Service of the Environment," debunked several statist arguments supporting economic regulations in the name of environmental protection. Finally, Justyna Piątek-Pawłowska, the founder of the Polish chapter of Ladies of Liberty Alliance (LOLA), concluded Miltonalia with her lecture, dispelling myths about the reasons behind women's limited involvement in libertarian organizations.

### Strategic partners of Miltonalia 2022:







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# **PROJECT ARIZONA 2022**



Project Arizona is a five-week program focused on education and networking, targeting young, emerging leaders in the liberty movement worldwide. The 2022 edition took place in the beautiful city of Phoenix. Ten top candidates spent the winter in sunny Arizona, participating in seminars organized in collaboration with local liberty-oriented organizations. The sessions were led by notable individuals such as Justice Clint Bolick, Prof. Krystal Slivinski, Prof. Jonathan Barth, and Victor Oleynik. In addition to classes and seminars, our fellows engaged in valuable networking opportunities during conferences at Arizona State University and excursions to the Grand Canyon and Southern California.

Education is a crucial component of Project Arizona. Our goal is to provide students with a deeper understanding of the history of the United States and the mechanisms of free markets that have made it the most developed society in the world. The curriculum consisted of four courses, with two lessons per week:

- ◆ Course I: United States Constitution Structure and Interpretation by Justice Clint Bolick
- ♦ Course II: Austrian Economics by Krystal Slivinski
- ◆ Course III: Civic Journalism by Victor Oleynik
- ♦ Course IV: Foundations of American Political Thought by Jonathan Barth



# PROJECT ARIZONA 2022



We also participated in the Young Americans for Liberty meeting, where we had the great opportunity to listen to a very special speaker for us: Jorge Galicia. Jorge is a lawyer and freedom fighter. He is one of the six million Venezuelans who had to leave their country due to the economic, political, and social crisis. In his case, living under tyrannical socialism made him aware of the damages caused by the growth of state power. From a very young age, he spoke about the real harms caused by socialism and made the fight against it his life's purpose.



During this year's edition of Project Arizona and the stay in the United States, Jacek Spendel, the of FWiP, was invited #PeaceRadicals podcast hosted by Marc Victor and Andy Marcantel, the founders of the Live and Let Live Movement. Jacek elaborated in detail on his reasons for getting involved in the liberty movement and also addressed several controversial libertarian views.



The Chief Editor of Liberalizm.net, Maciej Kamiński, conducted an interview with Jacek Spendel, the President of FWiP. The conversation took place at the main headquarters of the portal in Austin, which Jacek visited during implementation of Project Arizona. One of the topics discussed was why American libertarians often make mistakes in assessing the current situation in Eastern Europe.

# HENRY HAZLITT SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM



The Henry Hazlitt School of Journalism was established at the initiative of Marcin Chmielowski, the Vice President of the Foundation for Freedom and Entrepreneurship. The entire project was funded by the Foundation for Economic Freedom and individual donors.

The project aimed to organize two weekend workshops for aspiring young journalists. One weekend focused on creative writing, the structure of well-written articles/news/commentaries, and the identification of fake news. The second weekend covered conducting interviews, the role of emotions in journalism, organizing work, and gathering materials. The course was led by active journalists and creators involved in various genres. The goal of the course was to strengthen the idea of freedom of speech, which is a pillar of a democratic rule of law.



# HENRY HAZLITT SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

Enthusiasm is important, but novice journalists often lack the professional skills needed to produce highquality content. We are changing that by organizing training sessions with professional journalists. The Henry Hazlitt School of Journalism provides participants with a space that facilitates the start of their careers or allows them to enhance their existing ventures. The evaluation process, as well as the individual feedback from participants, confirms that the project has been successful. The relationships and business collaborations formed through the program will bear fruit for a long time to come.

### **WOULD YOU RECOMMEND** PARTICIPATING IN THE **JOURNALISM SCHOOL?**



MARIUSZ KOCHAŃSKI

"WRITING IS MY PASSION, SO WHEN I HEARD ABOUT THE HENRY HAZLITT SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM, I KNEW I HAD TO PARTICIPATE. THE PROJECT EXCEEDED MY WILDEST EXPECTATIONS: EXCELLENT ORGANIZATION, EXPERIENCED INSTRUCTORS, A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF INFORMATIVE KNOWLEDGE, AND ABOVE ALL, FANTASTIC COMPANY. I KNOW THAT THIS WAS ONE OF MANY IMPORTANT STEPS IN MY LIFE TOWARDS ACHIEVING MY GOALS.'

100% 75% 50% 25% 0% YES NO

"I'M GLAD I COULD BE A PART OF THE SCHOOL, AND I REGRET THAT SUCH A COURSE WASN'T AVAILABLE TEN YEARS AGO WHEN I STARTED MY JOURNEY IN JOURNALISM. I LEARNED A LOT OF VALUABLE THINGS FOR THIS PROFESSION. NOT ONLY USEFUL FOR JOURNALISTS BUT ALSO FOR THOSE MORE ADVANCED IN THEIR CAREERS."



KAROL SOBIECKI



Thanks to the support of the Freedom Economic Foundation and individual donors, participation was free of charge.



# **JOHN GALT SCHOOL POLAND 2022**



On December 10th, the official closing ceremony of John Galt School Poland 2022 took place in Warsaw. It was the first Polish edition of an international training series organized by Ayn Rand Center Europe and Prometheus Foundation. Our Foundation took on the task of executing this project, through which we not only engaged future leaders with the philosophy of Objectivism but also had the opportunity to meet with course graduates, lecturers, and friends of our Foundation during the diploma ceremony.

John Galt School Poland 2022 was an eight-week course conducted by distinguished lecturers from both Poland and abroad. Participants familiarized themselves with Objectivism from economic, political, and sociological perspectives. The classes had both theoretical and practical aspects to them!





# **JOHN GALT SCHOOL POLAND 2022**



The program consisted of 16 hours of online classes and 5 homework assignments, including a final essay. Out of the 25 participants, an impressive 24 successfully completed the course, and the top 3 students were honored with additional prizes, including the opportunity to fully participate in the New Intellectuals Conference - NICON in April 2023.

### Among the lecturers were:

- Dr. Sławomir Drelich
- Jacek Spendel
- Mateusz Błaszczyk
- Martin Hooss
- · Dr. Marcin Chmielowski
- Katarzyna Szczypska
- Admir Cavalić



The main partners of John Galt School Poland 2022 were:



We would also like to express our heartfelt gratitude to individual donors who provided scholarships for the students.

# LIBERTY INTERNATIONAL WORLD CONFERENCE 2022 TBILISI



Freedom and Entrepreneurship Foundation proudly served as the official host of the Liberty International World Conference Tbilisi 2022, an annual conference organized by Liberty International. It marked the 36th edition of this event, bringing together freedom advocates from all corners of the world. The main partner of the initiative was the New Economic School - Georgia, a Georgian think tank led by Paata Sheshelidze.

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Over 100 participants from 19 countries gathered around the guiding idea of "How to Expand Freedom Throughout Your Lifetime" at the conference. Members of the Freedom and Entrepreneurship Foundation had the opportunity to moderate and participate in panel discussions, as well as be involved in the organization of the conference for many months.



## "EFFECTIVE IN CHANGING THE WORLD" TRAININGS



At the end of 2022, we announced the launch of our new project - training programs for nongovernmental organizations titled "Effective in Changing the W<mark>orld". Free</mark>dom and entrepreneurship are not just words but also the pillars of our philosophy of action. Our approach emphasizes international networking, coalition-building, fostering a stable institutional culture, and securing private funding. Everything we teach has been tested within our own organization and in other contexts related to NGO activities. We share knowledge and skills tailored to local realities but based on what we have learned from working or collaborating with organizations in the USA. Our project is aimed at those who aspire to achieve more, and as a foundation, we are ready to assist them in realizing their goals.



### The training topics include:

- Building organizational culture
- Project evaluation methods
- Contacting and maintaining relationships with journalists
- Team management in NGOs
- Organizing work in international and dispersed teams
- Acquiring and motivating volunteers
- 100 ways to effective fundraising
- Building effective communication with donors and supporters
- Utilizing social media for NGO activities

# FOR UKRAINE



The year 2022 was marked by full-scale aggression by Russia against the sovereign territory of Ukraine, which began on February 24th. Faced with these acts of barbarism, our Foundation, as a defender of freedom and peace, could not remain indifferent. In addition to the individual involvement of our activists, we carried out several projects and fundraising campaigns under the FWIP banner. Here are some of them:



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Rita has been living in Poland for two years and working in the third sector. In Ukraine, her three brothers - Oleg, Władysław, and Anatoli - are currently fighting for the liberation of their country. She approached us for help in raising funds for defensive weapons, specifically two bulletproof vests. We managed to raise the necessary amount within an hour. The surplus was donated to the Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH).

Kate Shapovalenko, a participant of one of the previous editions of Project Arizona, escaped wartorn Ukraine and managed to reach Poland. From there, she later joined the Project Arizona 2022 team in Phoenix. Her journey would not have been possible without the assistance of Liberty and other affiliated freedom International organizations. She shared her entire story with Jacek Spendel in an exclusive interview just a few days after her escape.



Our affiliated organization, Freedom Publishing, supported our Ukrainian neighbors during this difficult time by donating 100% of the proceeds from the sale of the book "Entrepreneur of Ideas" to support the efforts of the Polish Humanitarian Action. The campaign lasted for two weeks.



We conducted a fundraising campaign for weapons for the Ukrainians. All funds were donated to the crowdfunding campaign "Bayraktar for Ukraine," aimed at purchasing Bayraktar drones. The action was carried out to support Ukraine's fight against Russian aggression.

# OUR MEDIA PRESENCE



# Bądź wolnym, bądź bogatym

Eksperci PAFERE



The President of our Foundation, Jacek Spendel, appeared in an episode of the interview series created by Jan Kuban for the Polish-American Foundation for Economic Education Development - Pafere. From the material, we learn, among other things, how this year's edition of the Liberty International World Conference looked like. Whose speeches impressed the President the most? How many members of the Russian libertarian party were present at the event?



The President of FEF led a webinar organized by the International Foundation for Bases titled "Putin, Invasion, and Dictatorship: The cases of Belarus. Moldova, Georgia." Jacek Spendel's guests were Hanna Liubakova from Belarus, Dr. Natalia Putină from Moldova, and Paata Sheshelidze from Georgia. The event took place under the patronage of Fundación F. Naumann para la Libertad - Argentina.



Wieloletni współpracownik Fundacji Wolności i Przedsiębiorczości - Kris Kaleta zmierzył się z Janem Zygmuntowskim debacie zatytułowanej "Wpływ i przyszłość Big Tech". Całość zorganizowana została przez platformę MyPolitics.



Alongside Liberty International and Freedom Network, we organized a panel discussion on the libertarian stance towards the war in Ukraine. Our goal was to find answers to the question, "Why do some libertarians not unequivocally condemn the Moscow regime and do not hold it responsible for the tragedy in Ukraine?"

The program included Jacek Spendel (Poland), Federico N. Fernández (Argentina), Nataliya Melnyk (Ukraine), Ilya Fomin (Russia), Agnieszka Izabela (Poland), and **Andreas** Jürgens (Germany).

# OUR PRESENCE AT CONFERENCES



In April, a significant part of our Foundation's team - Jacek, Marcin, Sebastian, and Filip - had the opportunity to participate in two libertyfocused events: the NICON (New Intellectuals Conference) and LibertyCon Europe 2022. Both conferences took place relatively close, in our southern neighbors, specifically in Prague, Czech Republic. LibertyCon attracted over 700 participants, and our Foundation was the only Polish organization that officially showcased itself at the liberty fair.



President Jacek Spendel participated in the Third Anti-War Conference organized by the Free Russia Forum, a think tank led by Garry Kasparov. One of the leaders of FRF is Yuri Terekhov, a graduate of the Project Arizona coorganized by our Foundation. The conference primarily gathered Russian opposition figures. The event was centered around the theme "Be Brave Like Ukraine," and discussions on the war and post-war accountability regarding the Putin regime formed a significant part of the presentations.



Our Foundation once again demonstrated that it plays not only in the national league but also in the continental premier league. We showcased our expertise at the Europe Liberty Forum 2022, an international conference organized by the Atlas Network. We participated in two debates: "Refugees and Asylum Seekers: What is the Free Market Response?" with Dr. Marcin Chmielowski as one of the speakers, and in a panel titled "Feminism and Classical Liberalism" featuring project manager, Justyna Piatek-Pawłowska.



The visit of Dr. Marcin Chmielowski to the 3rd Freedom Forum made headlines in the media. The event took place in the Column Hall of the Polish Sejm (Parliament). Originally intended to be non-partisan, the final list of organizers consisted of members from only one political party. According to Dr. Chmielowski, there continues to be a lack of parliamentary representation for liberals and libertarians in Poland that would fulfill even the most basic expectations.

# **OUR COLLABORATIONS**



We have jointly published a book titled "Społeczeństwo Handlowe. Wprowadzenie do etyki i ekonomii" ("Commercial Society: An Introduction to Ethics and Economics"). This publication is the result of the collaboration of three authors: David Schmidtz, Robert Lusch, and Cathleen Johnson. The translation into Polish was done by Stanisław Wójtowicz.



PL4HK - Supporting Hong Kong from Poland, as part of International Human Rights Month, organized a film screening at the Kinoteka PKiN in Warsaw. Following one of the screenings, a Q&A session was held with Dr. Marcin Chmielowski, a special guest of the event. Alongside our Vice President, pro-democracy activist and Hong Kong immigrant, Ray Wong, also gave a speech.



We organized a meeting with Craig Biddle, the editor of "The Objective Standard," director of the Prometheus Foundation, and author of the book "Loving Life: The Morality of Self-Interest and Facts that Support It." Craig delivered a lecture in which he discussed the importance of philosophy and the values that contribute to human development. The event took place on April 30th at the Freedom Lounge.



The Free Market Road Show is the largest international platform for exchanging ideas and developing economic and socio-political solutions from a libertarian, conservative, and market-liberal perspective. The war in Ukraine made it difficult to organize the event in Kyiv. However, with the help of the Warsaw Enterprise Institute and our partnership, we managed to organize a stop of the FMRS on April 28th in Warsaw at the Freedom Lounge.

# PROMOTING LIBERTARIANISM? LET'S DO IT RIGHT NOW.



Maciej Pawłowski, also known as Dox, is a political scientist by education and a website SEO specialist by profession. He is a columnist and podcaster, known for his fan page called "Dox" and as a co-host of the podcast "Myślozbrodnia." He is a liberta<mark>rian wh</mark>o pro<mark>motes freedom primarily on</mark> the Internet.

I'll start with the fact that just two years ago, I had a major problem identifying myself as a libertarian. I wondered if I really fit into that community. What helped me return to "my" world was... the government.

I am a person who always tries to find the positives in every situation. Living in Poland, this is very important; otherwise, one could go crazy. So, when I heard about the increasingly absurd ideas coming from the government, I became even more convinced that yes, the state is unnecessary in many aspects of my life (or maybe all of them?).

Lately, there has been a lot of noise about the Polish Deal, which unfortunately, like many of my friends, I have felt the effects of. But even before that, things weren't rosy. I always assumed that many things we hear about in the media don't really affect us. They raise our blood pressure when we read about them, but in the end, they don't impact our daily lives.

However, the government has made its actions increasingly noticeable. Even those who thought, "Well, they don't pay taxes anyway," are experiencing higher prices and increased bills. Of course, they don't yet understand the role the state played in this, but we can talk about some progress.

You see, I believe that for years, we haven't had a better opportunity to talk about freedom. About the role of the state in our lives. Libertarianism seemed like a pipe dream, something completely unrealistic. And while it still remains distant, the temptation has arisen to actually strip the government of certain powers. Because power, being power, has made mistakes. And we must seize upon those mistakes.

# PROMOTING LIBERTARIANISM? LET'S DO IT RIGHT NOW.

I remember the times when we complained about the previous government (PO), but the current government (PiS) has crossed yet another line with its actions. And this is the moment we can capitalize on.

Unfortunately, we don't have the power to immediately implement our proposals in Poland. For now, it's the time to sow the seeds of libertarianism. Seeds that may eventually find fertile ground. Let's note that our movement is growing. Of course, we're still not strong and we don't resonate with many other ideologies. But we are stronger than before. We have better support, and there are more of us. Over the years, we have laid the foundations that can now act more vigorously.

Certain things cannot be changed overnight. However, we can already proclaim a kind of Good News. We can preach the Gospel of the Free Market, which may resonate with people tired of state interventionism. We can shout: "The government is wasting Polish potential!" And our truth will be heard in that outcry.



Political parties often like to "focus on the youth," but this often means using them for promotional actions and mundane tasks. Libertarians need something different. While those activists are still valuable, we can advise young people to take a different path.

That path is personal development. We can encourage them to enhance their skills, learn languages, and understand the libertarian philosophy. Various organizations have already taken notable actions on different fronts. Do we need leaders? Absolutely. That's why we can take advantage of initiatives like the Polish-American Leaders Academy to develop leadership skills. We also have events like Miltonalia, Weekend of Capitalism, and international projects like Project Arizona. This world is thriving more intensely in our country than ever before.

Furthermore, libertarians offer something tangible. In a true Randian style, they provide a sense of becoming someone better, more valuable in society, even in the job market. Honestly, when I was involved in a political youth organization a few years ago, I eventually felt that the more experienced, long-standing politicians were trying to take advantage of me. I realized that I was working for them, but it wasn't the same as working for an idea, even though I initially thought it was.

The longer I live, the more common-sense libertarianism seems to me. The fight for freedom is a fight for oneself. It's about creating space for our own actions. I believe that every small libertarian success is already a benefit for every individual, except for those who want to give all power to the state and shed their responsibility.

Figures like Mises and Rothbard undoubtedly helped pave the path I want to walk on. And the actions of the state have provided me with fuel for this journey. When else should I tell others that the state is working against them than when many of them can see it with their own eyes? I think we have built these foundations, think tanks, foundations, and associations precisely to make the most noise in times like these.

The era of libertarianism has not yet arrived. However, in my opinion, the time has come when we have the right ground to proclaim our arguments. It may not be much, but hey, have we ever had more?

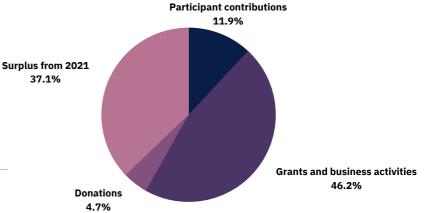
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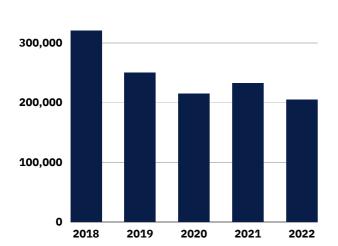
The budget of the Freedom and Entrepreneurship Foundation is always composed solely of private funds. That was also the case in 2022. We are not and will never be financed by organizations funded by taxes.

It is our tradition and goal, which we always adhere to, to finance our activities solely through individual donations, grants from private institutions, and the sale of our products and services.



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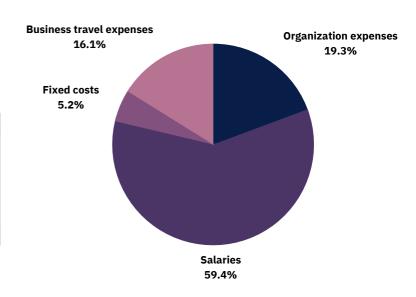




INCOMES	PLN
Participants contributions	24 400
Grants and business activities	94 600
Donations	8000
Surplus from 2021	13 000
TOTAL	204 600

# **EXPENSES**

EXPENSES	PLN
Organization expenses	33 740
Salaries	103 728
Fixed costs	9000
Business travel expenses	28 200
TOTAL	174 668



# **WE DO NOT USE PUBLIC FUNDS**

The development of the Freedom and Entrepreneurship Foundation, its future, and further prospects for freedom in our country are closely tied to our financial situation. The Foundation's activities are fully funded by private means: fees from project participants, grants, and individual donations. We do not receive any public funds, which makes us free from any political pressure. The fact that we do not use taxpayers' money is exceptional in Polish circumstances, where the majority of educational institutions are funded by the Polish government or the European Union. We believe in freedom and responsibility, so we want to remain true to these ideals.

We can only succeed with the help of people who share similar ideals and appreciate the fulfillment of our mission.

# **HOW TO SUPPORT US?**







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