

EUROPEAN VALUES CENTER FOR SECURITY POLICY

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



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The year 2019 has been the most dynamic year in the fourteen year-long history of the European Values. The permanent core of our team has expanded to include 20 people and the scope of our projects has broadened in Central Europe, Georgia, and the Western Balkans. Our mission, however, stays the same: to analyse and help local allies counter the threat of Russian and Chinese influence, which destabilises and disrupts the sovereignty of liberal democracies.

We made three key changes in 2019:

First, we decided to alter the name of our organisation to clarify our mission. We are the European Values Center for Security Policy.

Second, in addition to the already existing program Kremlin Watch, which focusses on Russian influence and disinformation, we have founded the Red Watch Program, which focusses on the influence of communist China in Europe.

The third change within the European Values is a generational shift. After fourteen years of building our organisation, our founder and long-time Executive Director Radko Hokovský has left to pursue new opportunities, as has Jiří Kopal, the Chairman of the Supervisory Board. Thanks to their tireless work and resolve, we have become a stable organisation and the most influential non-governmental institute dedicated to Czech security policy and the hostile influence of Russia and China.



Jakub Janda
Executive Director of the European Values
Center for Security Policy

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In the interest of defending freedom and national sovereignty, we conducted the bulk of our work within the framework of three strategic programs: *Kremlin Watch*, the *Internal Security Program*, and the *Security Strategies Program*.

KREMLIN WATCH: THE THREAT OF DISINFORMATION AND THE HOSTILE INFLUENCE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

In the year 2019 we kept the topic of Russian hostile influence and disinformation on the public, political, and governmental agenda in the Czech Republic and in Europe at large. Furthermore, we supported an expert debate comparing the hostile influence of the Kremlin with that of China. We were the only non-governmental institution to conceive a complex strategy for democratic government institutions to resist both of these authoritarian regimes. This strategy is sought after by leading policymakers as well as experts within security institutions.

Our expertise has been sought after worldwide. In 2019 we presented our activities and recommendations and consulted with government and non-governmental experts at no fewer than **42 public and closed events in 20 countries**, not only in Europe, but also in the USA and Asia.

We successfully launched programs to support civil society in countries of the **Eastern Partnership** (namely Georgia, Ukraine, and Moldova), and the **Western Balkans** (namely Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Bosnia and Herzegovina). In both regions, we transmit Central European experiences with resisting the hostile influence of authoritarian regimes and we strengthen the capacities and endurance of local non-governmental organisations and journalists.

Our flagship weekly newsletter (**Kremlin Watch Briefing**) has been joined by the **English-language monthly “Balkans Watch Briefing”**. In this new publication, we and our Balkan partners describe concrete examples of interference by authoritarian regimes within this region. We have also broadened

our Czech-language newsletter **Recommendation of the Week**, which offers a weekly overview of the most popular disinformation narratives in the Czech Republic.

Major foreign media follow our work and recommendations. In 2019, the Kremlin Watch Program and its members received **130 mentions in international and Czech media**, both in print media and online.

In Prague, we held the 2019 STRATCOM SUMMIT, a meeting of allied experts from across three continents, focussing specifically on Russian and Chinese disinformation and influence operations. We welcomed 200 participants representing 30 countries including, among others, the USA and Singapore.

KREMLIN WATCH PUBLICATIONS IN 2019

- [HANDBOOK ON COUNTERING RUSSIAN AND CHINESE INTERFERENCE IN EUROPE](#)
- [KREMLIN WATCH STRATEGY](#)
- [UKRAINE BEYOND 2019: WHERE SHOULD WESTERN DEMOCRACIES ASSIST?](#)
- [COMPARING LESSONS LEARNED FROM COUNTERING RUSSIAN DISINFORMATION IN GEORGIA AND THE CZECH REPUBLIC](#)
- [OPERATION DRAGOON RIDE 2015](#)
- [VULNERABILITIES TO RUSSIAN INFLUENCE IN MONTENEGRO](#)

SECURITY STRATEGIES PROGRAM

Our Security Strategies Program is mostly dedicated to the security and political interests of the Czech Republic within the context of the transatlantic alliance, NATO's eastern flank, relations with Poland, and the aggressive strategies pursued by Russia and China against Czechia. It was founded in February 2019.

We have succeeded in connecting the topic of “hard security” with the fight against Russian and

Chinese hybrid threats. In addition, we brought the **thesis of hybrid operations as a part of Russia's military strategy** into public discourse.

Thanks to the support of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, we have been able to realise our project centred on Russian and Chinese influence operations. This support has also enabled us to organise a **conference on the defensive capacity of NATO's eastern flank**.

European Values can well be considered the leading Czech institution on matters related to NATO's eastern flank and the presence of US forces in the region thanks to, among other things, the fruitful conference held in Berlin in November 2019 about the defensive capacity of NATO's eastern flank, as well as **several publications** on the topic, and the participation of the program's director at **expert seminars** in Vilnius, Riga, Warsaw, and Kiruna in Sweden. The same can be said in relation to Poland, where the Security Strategies Program has stayed true to the good reputation of the European Values.

One of the official goals of the Security Strategies Program was the elevation of Czech discourse about matters of strategic importance. As far as the year 2019 is concerned, this goal was successfully met within circles of relevant governmental and non-governmental experts in Czechia. Throughout the year, five roundtables, which were visited by representatives of the administration as well as non-governmental experts, have enjoyed solid prestige.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE SECURITY STRATEGIES PROGRAM

- [THE SIGNIFICANCE AND MODALITIES OF DETERRENCE: THE CURRENT MILITARY & STRATEGIC SITUATION IN THE BALTICS](#)
- [NOT THE DEFEAT OF THE WEST BUT DOUBLE DECOUPLING IS THE STRATEGIC GOALS OF RUSSIA](#)
- [RUSSIA AND CHINA THROUGH EYES OF NATO AND EU INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES](#)
- [THE NATO EASTERN FLANK AND THE US MILITARY PRESENCE IN THE REGION](#)

- [THE SIGNIFICANCE AND MODALITIES OF DETERRENCE: THE CURRENT MILITARY STRATEGIC SITUATION IN THE BALTICS](#)
- [ANALYSIS OF RUSSIAN & CHINESE INFLUENCE IN CENTRAL EUROPE](#)
- [HANDBOOK ON COUNTERING RUSSIAN AND CHINESE INTERFERENCE IN EUROPE](#)

INTERNAL SECURITY PROGRAM

In 2019, we held the 5th annual HOMEAFFAIRS forum. This international event on internal security has already come to serve as a traditional platform for discussions of strategy among security experts from government institutions and non-governmental think tanks. During this three-day long event, which consisted mostly of expert roundtables, we welcomed 50 participants from Europe, Israel, and the USA.

The program was founded in 2015 by Radko Hokovský, who also served as its head until leaving European Values on the 10th of December 2019. The program is moving its activities to the newly founded international think tank European Center for Internal Security.

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OUR TEAM

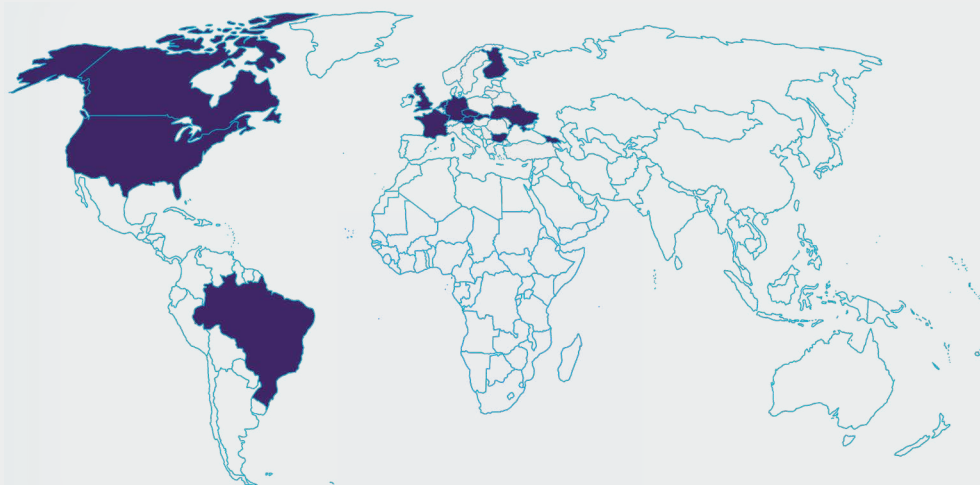
The work of the European Values Center for Security Policy was done by:

63 people* from **14** countries

31 men

32 women

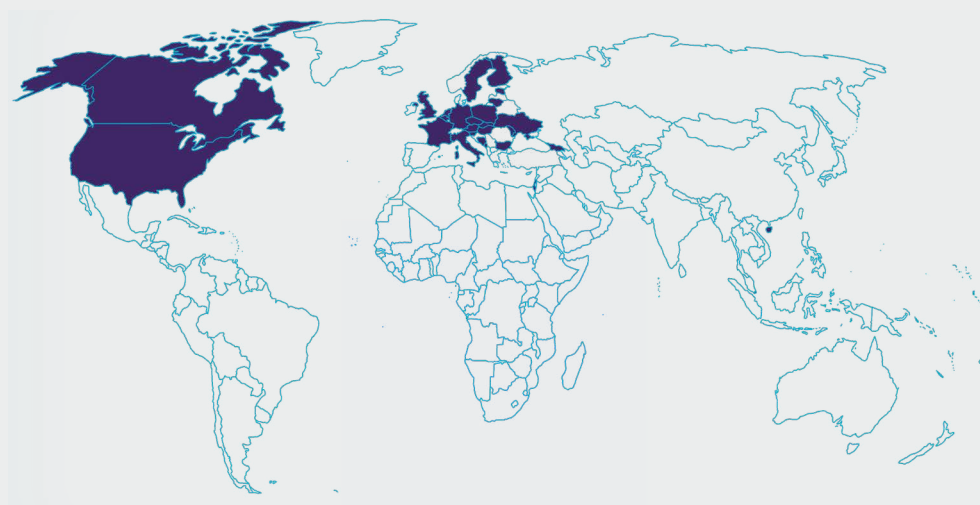
Including **34** interns and **3** special fellows from **14** countries.



OUR FOREIGN BUSINESS TRIPS

57 events

27 countries outside the Czech Republic



*Most of our team consists of trainees, volunteers, and occasional associates. 6 people were on a paid full-time contract, and approximately 10 people over the course of the year worked part-time.

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EVENTS

We organised nearly 40 events, most of them closed to the public. Of these, 9 were closed roundtables and 13 were closed briefings for representatives of Czech and foreign security institutions.

STRATCOM Summit 2019 (by invitation only)

200 participants from 30 countries, 40 speakers

HOMEAFFAIRS – Internal Security Forum Prague 2019 (by invit. only)

50 participants from 10 countries, 20 speakers

Kremlin Watch Academy (by invit. only)

39 participants from 8 countries, 7 speakers



MEDIA

224 mentions and references**

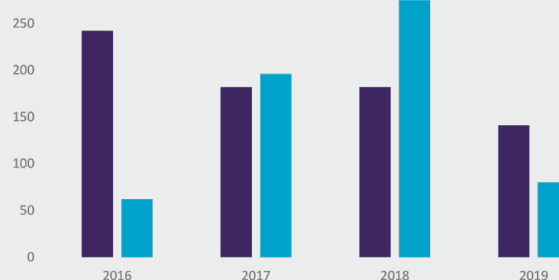
169 appearances in online media

10 appearances in print media

18 appearances on TV

27 appearances on the radio

CZECH vs. FOREIGN media



NEWSLETTERS

We regularly issue 2 newsletters:

Kremlin Watch Briefing

A weekly publication with more than 7000 subscribers including political actors, journalists, and experts from the non-profit sector. It reports news from politics and research in the field of Russian influence in Europe and the USA, Russian-language media monitoring, annotations of interesting recent publications, and throws in an old Soviet joke for good measure.

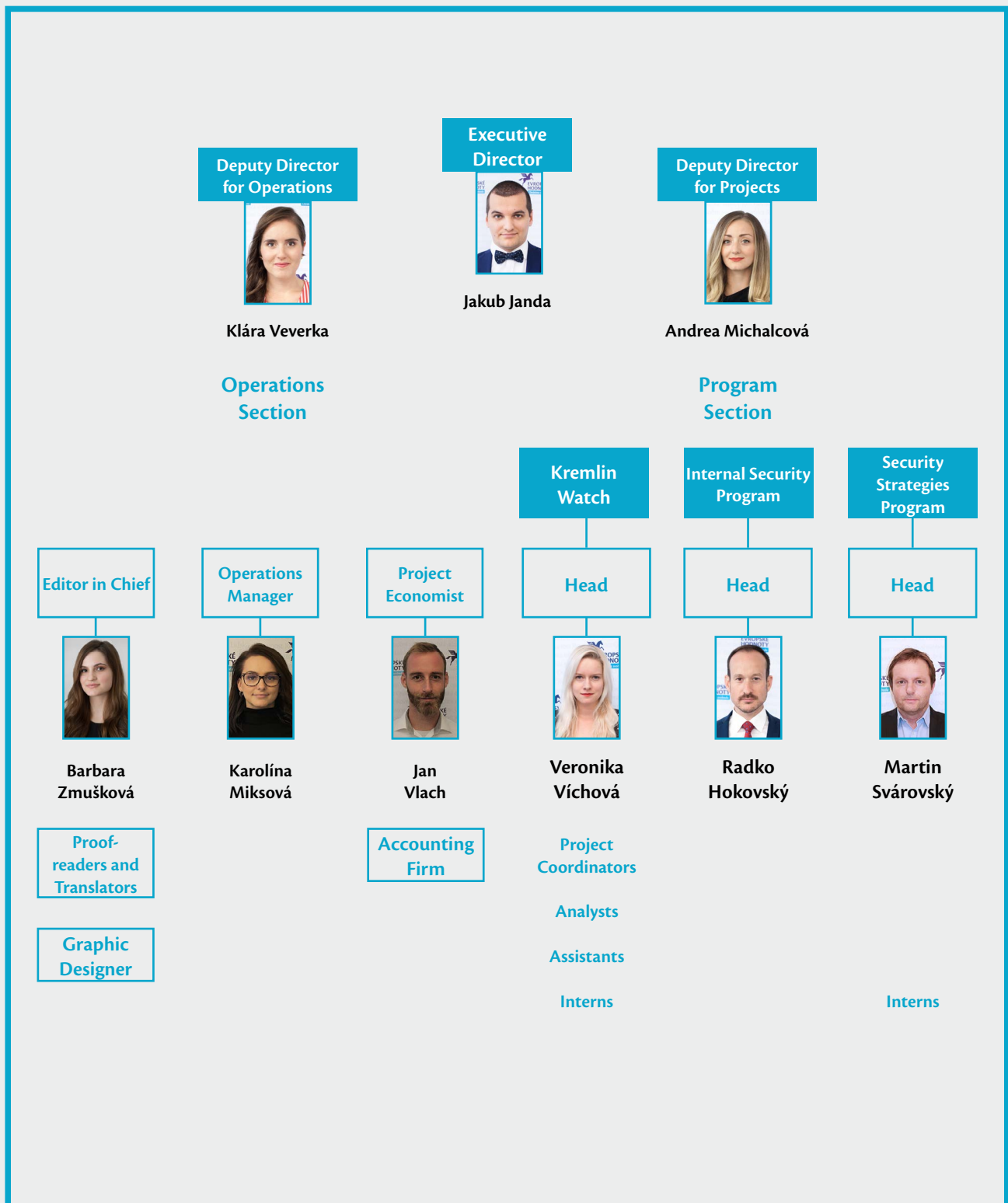
Recommendation of the week

A weekly overview of the activities and publications of all departments at European Values. In 2019 this publication had more than 4000 subscribers.

Our subscribers read a monthly average of 8,674 email publications by European Values.

** Excluding mentions in disinformation projects.

OUR STAFF



The members of the Executive Board are **Petr Holec** (chairman), **Jakub Janda** (member) and **Kateřina Hamplová** (member). The members of the Supervisory Board are **Jan Famfollet** (chairman), **Jana Holcová** (member) and **Anna Shavit** (member). The General Assembly is the organisation's supreme body (as defined by the Civil Code).

The Executive Director is the organisation's statutory body.

Team state as of December 2019

OUR FINANCE MANAGEMENT IN 2019

REVENUES BY PARTNERS (IN CZK)

Donation for activities of European Value Center for Security Policy	1,403,799
European Commission: The Directorate-General - European Neighbourhood Policy And Enlargement Negotiations	1,239,730
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic: Transition Promotion Program	1,085,039
Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung	855,885
Taipei Economic and Cultural Office	415,401
Open Information Partnership	372,742
The Endowment Fund for Independent Journalism	350,000
Hanns-Seidel-Stiftung	229,028
Civil Contingency Agency - MSB	193,425
Ukraine Crisis Media Center	184,572
International Visegrad Fund	127,048
National Endowment for Democracy	115,007
Nadační fond rodiny Orlických (Endowment Fund)	99,600
DROG	73,316
International Center for Journalists	66,941
Donations to the Kremlin Watch Program	62,086
Canadian Embassy in Prague	52,800
Clearing of unassigned travel expenses	67,125
Prague Security Studies Institute	45,000
The British Embassy in the Czech Republic	40,000
European Parliament	29,325
Prague Civil Society Center	25,760
Why Not	20,336
TOTAL	7,153,965 CZK

DONATIONS

Donation to the European Values Center for Security Policy (in CZK)		Kremlin Watch	
Jan Barta	1,000,000	Milena Jabůrková	20,000
Milan Vašina	98,000	Ivo Kramoliš	19,600
Nanyang Technological University	81,843	Štěpán Franci	12,000
International Organization for Migration	55,659	Donors under 5 000 CZK	10,486
Warsaw Institute	36,106		
Open Society Foundations	17,868		
Josef Gattermayer	6,000		
Petr Holec	5,880		
Donors under 3 000 CZK	102,443		
TOTAL	1,403,799 CZK	TOTAL	62,086 CZK

OUR FINANCE MANAGEMENT IN 2019

CHART: REVENUES BY PARTNERS (IN CZK)

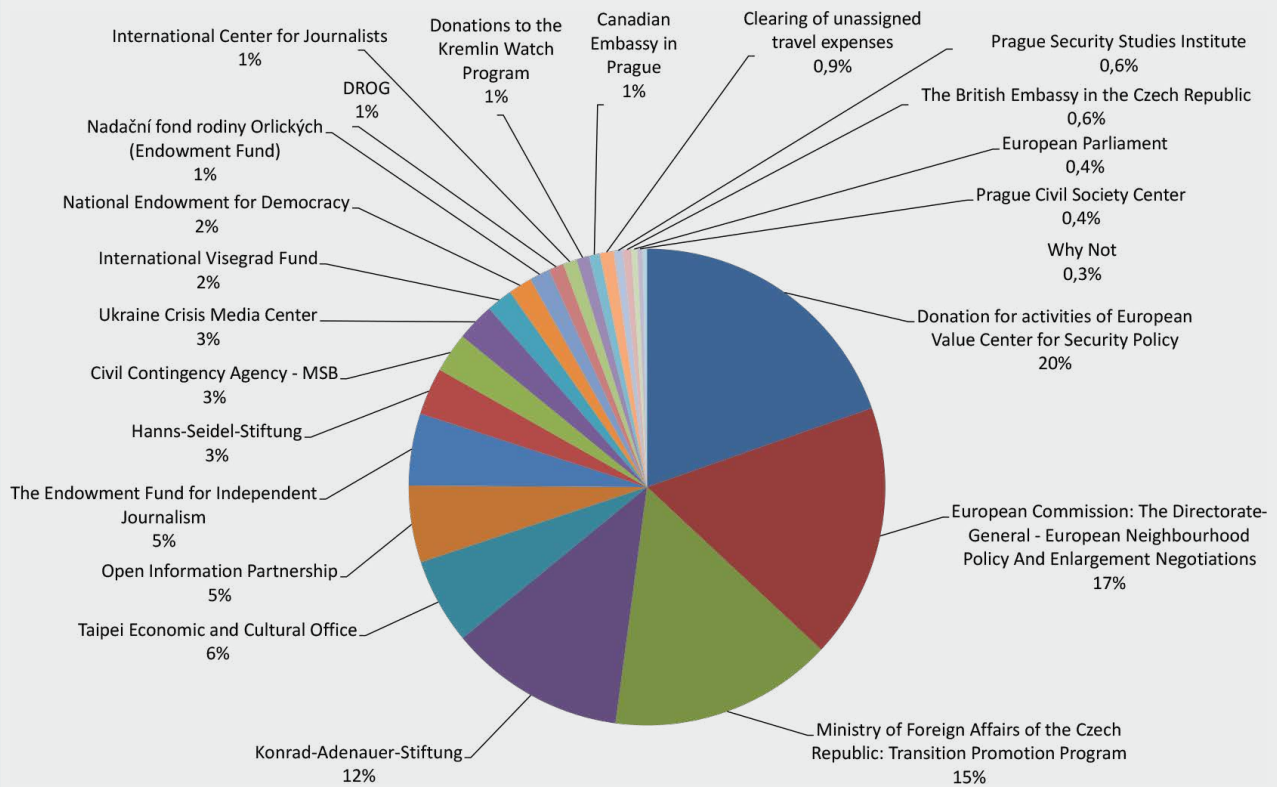
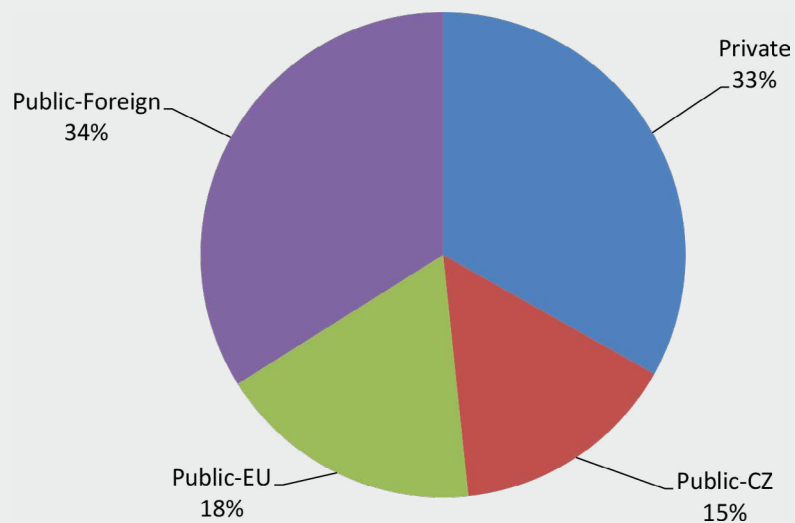


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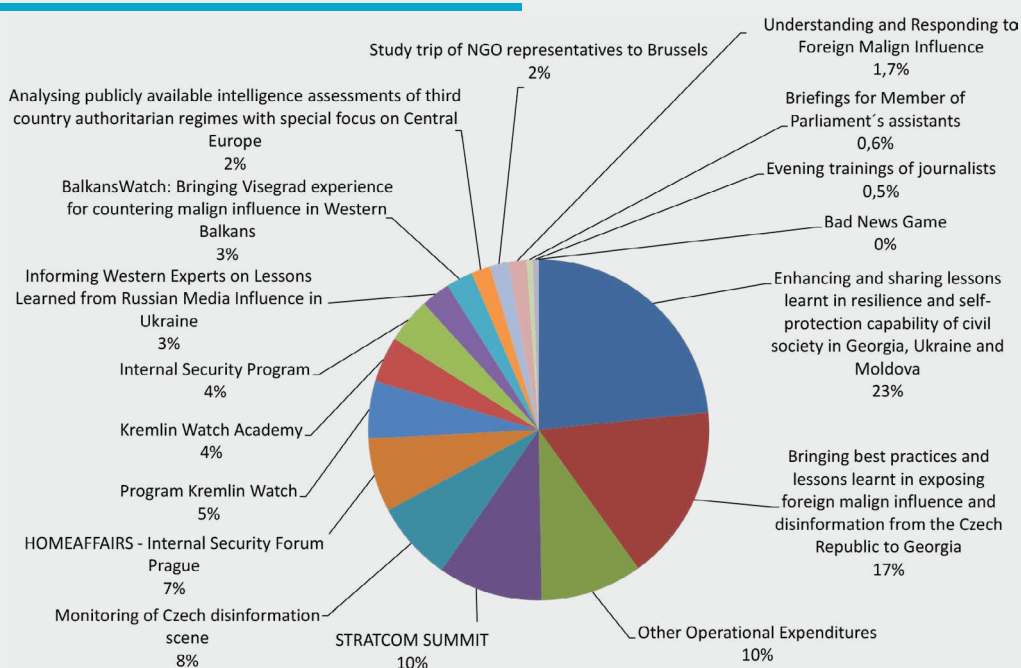


OUR FINANCE MANAGEMENT IN 2018

EXPENDITURES BY PROJECTS (IN CZK)

Enhancing and sharing lessons learnt in resilience and self-protection capability of civil society in Georgia, Ukraine and Moldova	1,561,200
Bringing best practices and lessons learnt in exposing foreign malign influence and disinformation from the Czech Republic to Georgia	1,115,246
Other Operational Expenditures	644,773
STRATCOM SUMMIT	661,440
Monitoring of Czech disinformation scene	504,888
HOMEAFFAIRS - Internal Security Forum Prague	467,644
Program Kremlin Watch	361,155
Kremlin Watch Academy	291,460
Internal Security Program	287,250
Informing Western Experts on Lessons Learned from Russian Media Influence in Ukraine	184,572
BalkansWatch: Bringing Visegrad experience for countering malign influence in Western Balkans	169,059
Analysing publicly available intelligence assessments of third country authoritarian regimes with special focus on Central Europe	120,965
Study trip of NGO representatives to Brussels	117,387
Understanding and Responding to Foreign Malign Influence	115,345
Briefings for Member of Parliament's assistants	40,000
Evening trainings of journalists	32,346
Bad News Game	3,676
TOTAL	6,678,407 CZK

CHART: EXPENDITURES BY PROJECTS (IN CZK)



In 2019, the European Values made a profit of 475,558 CZK. It was used to cover the losses incurred during previous years.

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