

Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic. These countries are in many respects much more advanced than Ukraine, and they can play a very important role as “bridges” facilitating Ukraine’s integration with the rest of Europe. In particular, many Polish NGO activists, journalists, and scholars have a strong interest in Ukraine, and some have developed a high level of expertise in Crimean affairs. However, they often lack the funds to conduct meaningful projects in Ukraine. Thus modest funding which would encourage interactions among Polish and Ukrainian NGO activists, journalists, and scholars provides a low-cost alternative to the usual practice of promoting direct (and expensive) ties between individuals and organizations in Canada and Ukraine.

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