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MESSAGE FROM THE PTF EUROPE CHAIRPERSON

In 2022, we continued to solidify our foundation, sharpen our vision and mission, and refine our operational niche. We continued to engage new and diverse members into our family; broadened our network of partners and donors; initiated an innovative anti-corruption project in war-ravaged Ukraine; and

delivered several knowledge products. We also became financially more autonomous and pursued our close collaboration with our colleagues in PTF US and other affiliates.

Our core management team continues to interact and discuss regularly about our strategy and operations. The approval of the new PTF US Strategy in 2022 gives us ground to reflect on our own PTF Europe direction for the years ahead, particularly as we prepare to celebrate our 10-year anniversary in 2023.

PTF Europe has also shown leadership in developing knowledge products, including initial work that continued into 2023 on an EIB Guidance Note on Stakeholder Engagement. The note is useful for project-affected communities, civil society organizations, and governments that are affected by EIB-financed projects.

I am grateful to our Board, my team, and the members of PTF Europe for their support, and to the management of PTF US for their backing and continued assistance as we consolidate our operations and finances.

Haleh Bridi

PTF Europe Chairperson



MESSAGE FROM THE PTF US PRESIDENT

PTF Europe had a strong year, representing the best in the PTF family's work on civil society engagement and anti-corruption including projects in Ukraine and Moldova. It was gratifying to see the completion in December 2022 of the first phase of PTF Europe's work – together with CVU Odesa and BIRN – in Odesa, Ukraine. That work focused on raising integrity and compliance standards among voluntary humanitarian organization so that these could better access international funding.

That project laid the groundwork for a subsequent stage that will work with civil society and local authorities in different regions of Ukraine to promote integrity and compliance standards in reconstruction at local level by conducting independent monitoring of the reconstruction projects and capacitating local authorities.

PTF Europe also completed and is now circulating a comprehensive draft review of its tools and approaches, including baseline assessment and data collection, stakeholder engagement, capacity building, independent monitoring/social accountability, evaluation of outcomes, knowledge sharing, and policy tools. The review will be available to our partners and development participants who are interested in learning from the PTF family's experience.

It is particularly gratifying that PTF Europe has continued to attract new members in the past year to its critical work on strengthening civil society's capacity to reduce corruption and advocate for itself.

Dirk Mattheisen
President and CEO of PTF US

PTF EUROPE IN 2022 – KEY ACHIEVEMENTS

PTF Europe profoundly progressed in 2022: we started a new project, expanded our donor relations, recruited new members, and participated in national and international coordination meetings.

Our project activities

conducted a first project in Odesa (Ukraine), funded by PTF Europe and PTF US, in September - December 2022 on analysing integrity and compliance in humanitarian assistance

received an extension until June 2025 for the US government funded project "Increasing the Integrity of Public Procurement in Moldova", run by PTF Europe members

updated the Guidance Note on Stakeholder Engagement for the European Investment Bank

Our fundraising

expanded our donor base, consulting with several European Foreign Ministries during the year

received a 65,700 Euro grant from the Czech Foreign Ministry to continue and expanding our project in Odesa (Ukraine) in 2023

became eligible to apply for funds from German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BENGO)

Our visibility and networking

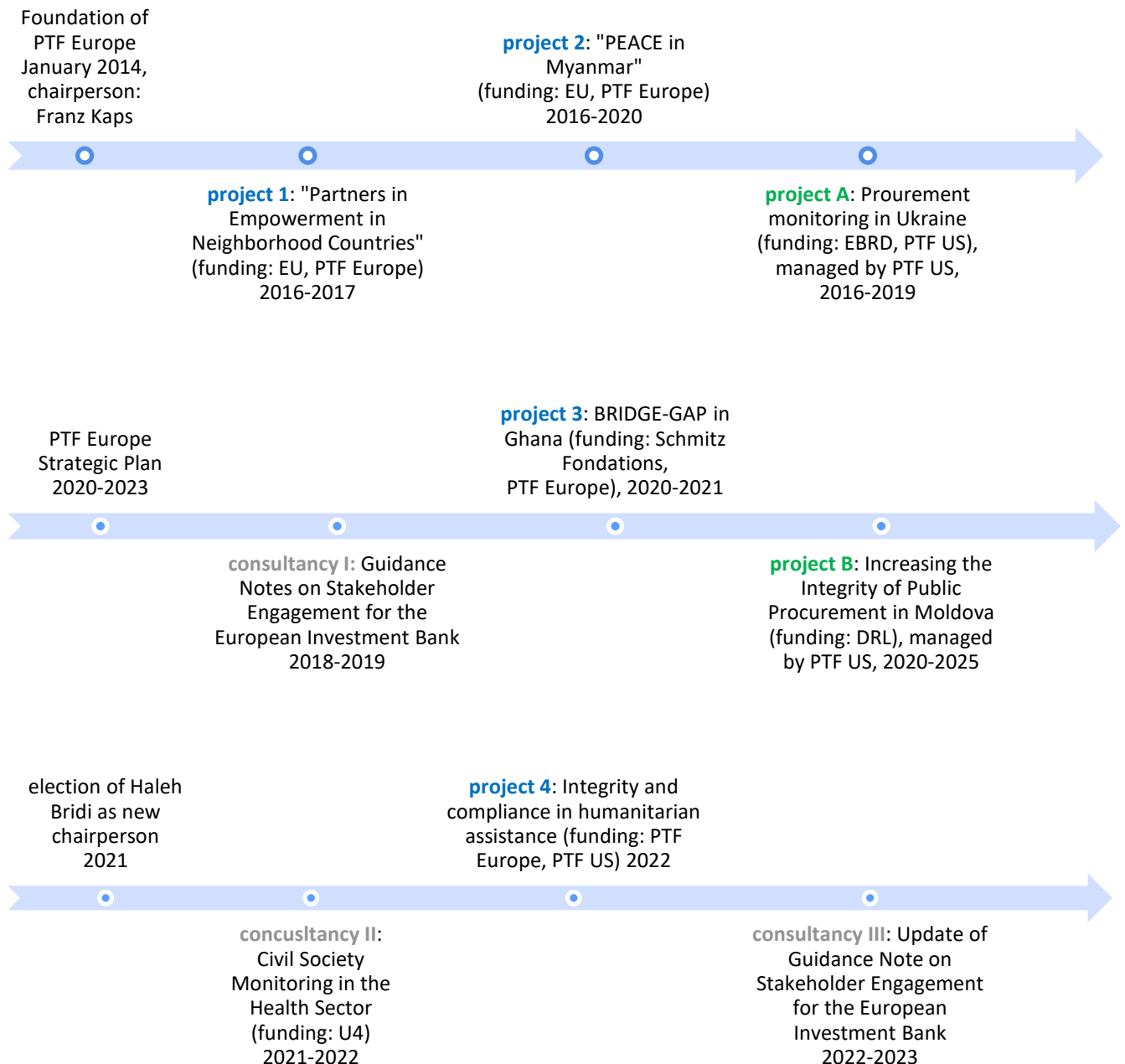
diversified our membership through recruiting new members from Eastern and Southeastern Europe

participated in International Anti-Corruption Conference 2022 and in VENRO working meetings on Ukraine

modernized and updated our webpage

MILESTONES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PTF EUROPE

In the nearly ten years of existence, PTF Europe progressed. We implemented 4 projects ourselves (blue) and conducted 3 consultancies (grey). Our members were running 2 major projects on behalf of PTF US (green). We had a successful handover of the organization's leadership in 2021. Our projects and activities are based on our 2020-2023 strategic plan.



OUR VISION, MISSION, AND APPROACH

Our vision: We at PTF Europe believe that citizens and civil society can help resolve their countries' and communities' governance challenges and hold their governments accountable. We aim to support civil society in such efforts, primarily by strengthening their capacity, providing them with tools to strengthen their voice and visibility in specific sectors such as climate change and the environment, health, and education. Our activities are aligned with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially Goal 16 that states Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

Our mission: As a group of retirees from the World Bank Group coupled with an increasing number of younger colleagues with experience in the governance agenda, we feel that our collective geographic and thematic experience and expertise give us a unique edge in pursuing this vision. In our careers, we have designed and implemented numerous development projects in a broad range of sectors across the world and are well placed to share our experience with CSOs – especially in the fields of meaningful stakeholder engagement and the monitoring of public procurement.

Our learning approach: We adapt our approaches as we learn from challenges. As a relatively small organization with a large network of like-minded CSOs, we are agile and able to connect with relevant expertise as needs arise. Our members are operating globally. During the pandemic, we convened regularly in online sessions and managed to connect over different time zones and continents in constructive, results-oriented online working meetings. Since the pandemic, we continue to meet online and reach decisions related to our future in an efficient manner. At a time of rapid change and continuing uncertainties it is important for us to be able to adapt to new situations and to operate in new environments as necessary.

OUR INPUT

Strategic Input: In 2022, PTF Europe members contributed to various PTF US working groups which in the end resulted in the formulation of the PTF US strategy. These included the early-warning-system for call for proposals as well as the finance, project proposals and membership working groups. The strategy was prepared towards the end of 2022 and adopted by the PTF US Board in early 2023. It covers the period 2023-2026 and is complemented by a business plan which spans the next 12-24 months. The strategy calls for increased focus and prioritization; an expanded membership campaign to bring in new blood in specific areas of expertise; an expanded funding base by going beyond the World Bank's WBCCC campaign; and more visibility through better communications. The new strategy paves the way for a reflection on the PTF Europe Strategic Plan which we had paused while waiting for the US strategy to be completed.

Professional Input: PTF Europe continued to diversify its membership from its German-centric roots towards more geographical diversity from Eastern and Southeastern Europe. Younger members joined our organisation, with some not having experience from the World Bank (as was previously the case) but rather from a variety of backgrounds related to the anti-corruption sector. Further on, we reached out to potential partners in our focus countries. Potential donors that we approached were useful in helping us engage with new potential partners in the countries concerned.

Financial Input: In 2022, we also expanded our donor base with our new eligibility for German funding, and funding from the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs. We also engaged with the Austrian, Swedish and Dutch Foreign Ministries. In 2022, we received grants from PTF US (10,180 Euro as institutional grant and 25,400 Euro for our project in Ukraine) and the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs (65,700 Euro). This support allowed PTF Europe (1) to continue to fund a part-time program manager and to pay an intern; and (2) to launch and continue the Ukraine project. Membership fees also continued to play an important role in providing sustainable funding for PTF Europe. We screened several Calls for Proposals (mainly EU, US), but in the end decided not to apply for them.

OUR OUTPUT

Project activities in Ukraine started: Amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine, PTF Europe was able to act quickly and develop a pilot project in wartime for the first time. Jointly with BIRN (the Balkan Investigative Reporting Network) and CVU Odesa (the Committee of Voters Odesa), a first project on integrity and compliance in humanitarian assistance was implemented between September and December 2022, funded by PTF Europe and PTF US. By the end of 2022, a second phase of the project received funding from the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Procurement Monitoring in Moldova continued: The “Increasing the Integrity of Public Procurement in Moldova”, funded by the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor of the US government, was extended in September 2022 through to June 2025. The project started in September 2020. In 2022 it continued its monitoring phase and issued its first round of 8 sub-grants for CSOs to conduct monitoring.

Expertise to European Investment Bank’s (EIB) on Stakeholder Engagement provided: In 2022, EIB approached PTF Europe to update their Guidance Note on Stakeholder engagement in EIB-financed operations. The update included new regulations on stakeholder engagement regulations inside and outside the EU, a broader definition of vulnerability and gender. EIB requires promoters to implement a transparent and continuous engagement, conduct meaningful and free consultations, apply a reprisal-sensitive approach as well as to enhance access to a “Grievance Mechanism” and remedies.

OUR OUTPUT

Website Updated: To increase our visibility, we modernized and updated the PTF Europe website (ptfeurope.org) to reflect our current membership and board, to better inform about our projects and activities. Our website now includes our latest publications and reports, as well as interactive maps showcasing our projects.

New knowledge products developed: During the summer 2022, PTF Europe began developing two new knowledge products: a report detailing the **tools and approaches** which had been used by the PTF family over the last two decades to implement anti-corruption and accountability projects; by December 2022 the first draft of the report had been circulated. The second report detailed the **state of corruption in Ukraine** since the start of the war, with the first draft nearly completed by the end of 2022. In September 2022, PTF Europe also began updating the European Investment Bank's Guidance Note on Stakeholder Engagement.

Collaboration within PTF family continued: We continued to collaborate with **PTF US** on a number of initiatives including through supporting its campaign to increase the role of CSOs in World Bank's IDA funded operations. PTF US also partially funded the first phase of PTF Europe's project in Odesa, Ukraine. We also stepped up our collaboration with the PTF US-Africa Sub-Committee through the joint organization and delivery of a one-week training session on procurement monitoring with the Commonwealth Africa Anti-Corruption Center (CAACC) in January and February 2022. A PTF Europe representative also attended the Commonwealth Regional Conference for Heads of Anti-Corruption Agencies in Africa, which was jointly organized by the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Republic of Rwanda in Kigali in May 2022. The collaboration with the PTF US-Africa Sub-Committee will continue in 2023 and we hope to be able to apply jointly on Calls for Proposal focused on Africa in the years ahead. Our collaboration with other affiliates has not been active in 2022 but we will look for opportunities to collaborate with them in the years ahead.

Networking intensified: To raise our profile, build new relationships, strengthen our existing connections and advocate for civil society engagement in anti-corruption, we increased our networking activities, we participated in the International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) 2022 in Washington, D.C. PTF Europe members engaged in discussions with representatives from the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor from the US State Department, along with several international delegations, including the one from Kazakhstan. PTF Europe is part of the VENRO network, a German umbrella organisation of development actors, that in 2022 regularly convened to discuss German development actors' engagement in Ukraine. As a result, the VENRO network formulated joint policy recommendations to the German government on Ukraine, and exchanged information about latest achievements and challenges in humanitarian assistance to Ukraine.

STRONGER CSO ENGAGEMENT CAN HELP REDUCE THE RISKS OF CORRUPTION IN WORLD BANK OPERATIONS – A PTF ADVOCACY CAMPAIGN

Haleh Bridi, PTF Chairperson



In 2022, PTF Europe supported the efforts of PTF US to implement an Open Society Foundation-funded advocacy campaign to increase CSO involvement in World Bank operations, especially in the IDA window. The International Development Association (IDA) is the part of the World Bank that assists the world's poorest countries by providing zero to low-interest loans and grants for programs that boost economic growth, reduce inequalities, and improve people's living conditions. The campaign is based on the premise that with increased citizen and CSO engagement, IDA-funded projects will be more impactful, and the risks of corruption will be substantially reduced.

The involvement of PTF Europe is based on the fact that the largest donors to IDA are European countries. PTF has completed the preparation of a paper on the subject with a set of concrete recommendations. A series of consultations have been held with the World Bank's senior management, the Board and CSOs from around the world to share the paper's recommendations and obtain feedback. The campaign will be pursued in 2023 with additional efforts to pressure the Bank to expand the CSOs engagement in IDA-funded projects.

OUR OUTCOME: DOCUMENTING OUR TOOLS AND APPROACHES IN GOOD GOVERNANCE AND ANTI-CORRUPTION

Yacine Belhaj-Bouabdallah, PTF Europe Intern



In 2022, we began to compile a report about **tool and approaches** that the PTF family has used in over 200 projects over the span of two decades. The purpose of this exercise has been to establish an understanding of and to compile a list of tools previously used in the context of good governance and anti-corruption activities to enable us to learn more about what has worked and what has not. Learning from effective practices or about why less successful practices have not worked is essential. We are really interested that our future projects are impactful on the ground and sustainable. Consequently, the report outlines which tools have been used and in what context, enabling us to learn whether they were effective, and where they may most appropriately be used in the future.

Most interestingly for our purposes, most tools were implemented by PTF's local partners rather than by PTF itself. As such, the report provides an overview of how the PTF family works, and how it implements its projects on the ground. It can also serve the purpose of **defining the PTF family's niche and comparative advantage** when contemplating both international and local partnerships. Finally, the report also worked to identify gaps which need to be filled either by using/developing more tools or by finding partners which can complement the PTF family's strengths.

The tools have been organized in such a way as to represent the life cycle of a project focusing first on **assessment and data collection tools**, then on **stakeholder engagement**, capacity building (and training), **independent monitoring tools**, evaluation of outcomes, and finally **knowledge sharing and policy tools**. The latter two focus on ensuring the compilation and dissemination of successful practices for future use, and on assisting or lobbying governments to develop policy taking account of transparency and accountability standards. An annex at the end of the report provides a comprehensive list of projects used to develop this report.

OUR OUTCOME: CONTRIBUTION TO LOCALIZATION AND ANTI-CORRUPTION IN HUMANITARIAN AID TO UKRAINE

Alex Anderson, BIRN



Marie-Carin von Gumpenberg,
PTF Europe



Russia's February 2022 invasion of Ukraine created a humanitarian crisis in response to which billions of dollars were raised through the international humanitarian aid system and millions of individual donors. Meanwhile inside Ukraine many hundreds of **humanitarian volunteer groups** sprang up, marshalling their own savings and an initial boom of ad hoc donations, to bring aid direct to impacted communities. As 2022 wore on it became plain that these two domains of humanitarian aid were failing to connect. As Ukrainians' savings and ad hoc donations dwindled the volunteer groups retrenched; some closed. All but a handful of the most established Ukrainian CSOs could meet the high bar of **international donors' due diligence** criteria for funding.

In September 2022 PTF Europe began a **first project** in the southern Ukrainian city Odesa, working with the Balkan Investigative Reporting Network (BIRN) and the Committee of Voters of Ukraine (CVU) Odesa. We took an anti-corruption lens to the city's humanitarian landscape, interviewed humanitarian volunteer organisations in-depth, identifying those committed to the long-haul, to professionalizing, and to growing their integrity and compliance standards. These project activities showed:

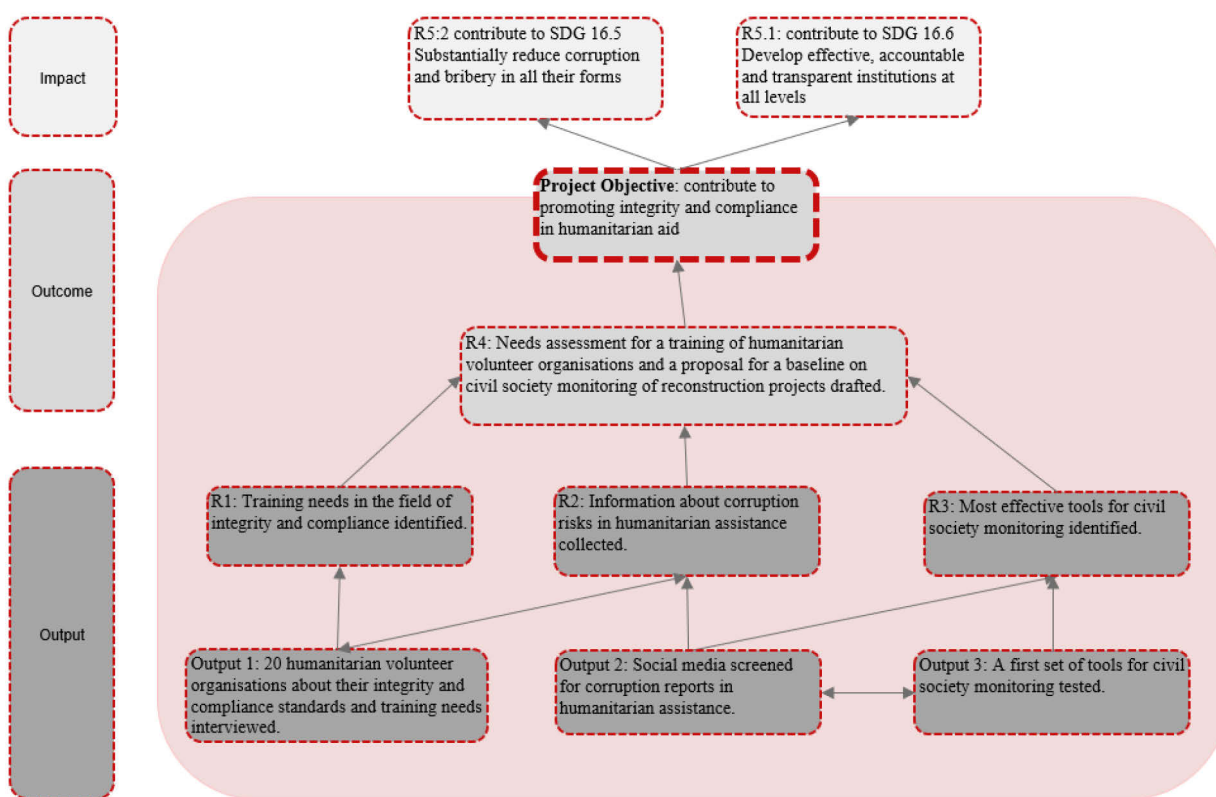
Numerous **corruption risks in humanitarian aid** were identified, but only a few cases were uncovered. Donors were mostly local companies, local and international foundations/charities, local church organisations, individuals, diaspora organisations abroad. In most cases, donors did not require compliance and integrity standards from humanitarian volunteer organisations.

The **localisation efforts of international donors** were **limited**. Far less than 1% of the internationally raised funds were going to Ukrainian organizations, despite donors' 2016 Inter-Agency Standing Committee' Grand Bargain 'commitment that at least 25% be channelled to humanitarian responders of the receiving country. Most international organisations worked through their own structures or had complex and strict compliance requirements and lengthy due diligence procedures which could not be met by many humanitarian voluntary organisations. To overcome this gap, PTF Europe decided to conduct a follow-up project focusing on training capable and interested humanitarian volunteer organisations in integrity and compliance standards.

The **large-scale reconstruction** of Ukraine supported by international donors is associated **with high corruption risks**. In interviews conducted by PTF Europe, international financial institutions and organisations as well as national government officials outlined their plans for reconstruction. PTF Europe made the interlocutors aware of the corruption risks involved. To gain better knowledge of reconstruction, PTF Europe decided to include a case study on independent monitoring of reconstruction projects in a follow-up project.

By the end of 2022, thanks to €65,700 in funding from the Czech government, we planned a continuation of our Odesa project and an expansion into other regions of the country.

Graphic: Results model of the first project
“Promoting integrity and compliance in humanitarian assistance in Odesa, Ukraine”



OUR OUTCOME: CONTRIBUTING TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT TRANSPARENCY IN MOLDOVA

Lars Jeurling,
PTF Europe Vice-Chair



Hady Fink
PTF Europe

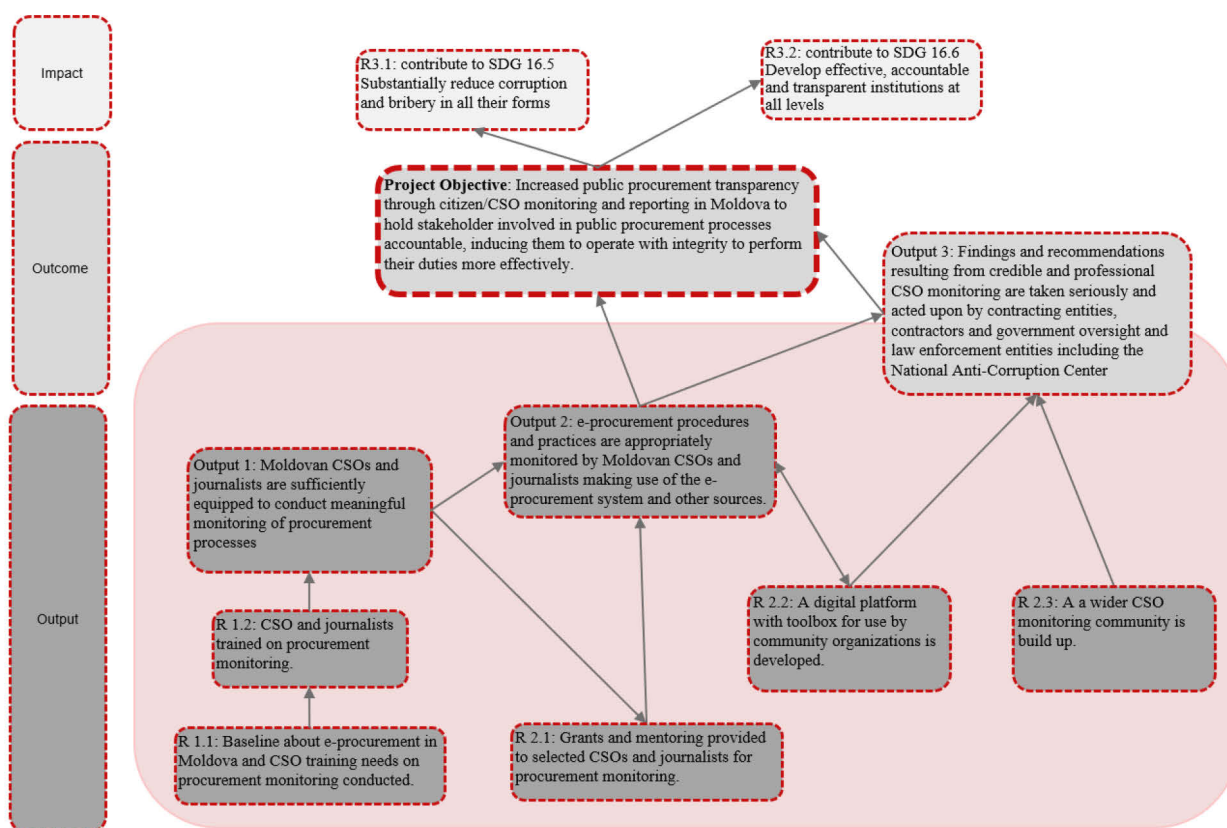


The project “**Increasing the Integrity of Public Procurement in Moldova**” started in September 2020 and extended in September 2022 through to June 2025. The project is funded by the US government, implemented by PTF US, and managed by PTF Europe members. In 2022, project **completed the training** of around 30 CSOs and journalist organizations in procurement and procurement monitoring. Out of these trained organizations, 8 were selected through a competitive process to receive a total of \$180,000 in grants to monitor around 50 procurement processes in the first monitoring phase. The second phase will start in the fall of 2023 when another \$100,000 in grants will be awarded.

The **first round of monitoring** included providing real-time support through a helpdesk and regular mentoring sessions; monitoring and analysing a range of procurement processes; sharing findings in media, such as TV, print, and internet; holding public events; and strengthening the coalition of procurement reformers. The final **report** on first monitoring phase contains a wealth of information on the problems encountered in monitoring and the types of inefficiencies, incompetencies and abuses revealed by the monitoring. It also lists the actions taken by the monitors to bring such problems to the attention of the public, the responsible contracting agencies and, if these are not responsive, the higher level supervisory/control agencies. Non-responsiveness of contracting agencies was a significant problem but there are also examples of good cooperation and of good practices for establishing such cooperation. The findings from the monitoring are relevant not only for a Moldovan audience but also for monitors, governments, and the public in other countries such as Ukraine.

With these findings, we plan to strategically influence stakeholders responsible for procurement to foster integrity and catalyse continued support to shape fair, effective, and transparent procurement norms and practice. In 2023, specific activities include: creating a digital platform to share information and foster engagement, catalysing additional coalition-building efforts, and exploring strategic partnerships with national partners and international donors, conducting a power mapping exercise to guide advocacy, and galvanizing the creation of a national public procurement platform to advance procurement reform through a multi-stakeholder engagement process.

Graphic: Results model of the project “Increasing the Integrity of Public Procurement in Moldova”



OUR OUTCOME: REACHING OUT TO DONORS TO PROMOTE CIVIL SOCIETY ENGAGEMENT IN ANTI-CORRUPTION

Erich Unterwurzacher, PTF Europe Member



As described earlier, PTF Europe developed a pilot project in Odesa which aims to build up the capacity of small- and medium-sized humanitarian organizations to receive international funding. This project, originally aimed to strengthen local humanitarian aid providers, changed over time in parallel with the evolving landscape in Ukraine (i.e., the growing relevance of recovery and reconstruction). During the Czech EU Presidency (second half 2022), PTF Europe presented the initial findings of the project to and discussed with EU Member States in the **Council Working Party on Humanitarian Aid and Food Aid (COHAFA)**. One of the results of PTF Europe engagement was that the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs decided to provide a grant for a second phase of the project, focusing on training and mentoring selected local humanitarian aid groups on integrity and compliance standards; this second phase would also conduct a case study on the possibilities and limitations of third-party monitoring for reconstruction projects in the Odesa region.

Throughout the year, PTF Europe has been engaged with Commission services (DG NEAR, European External Action Service, European Union Anti-Corruption Initiative) – as well as with **bilateral donors** and aid providers. The main aim of these discussions with international organisations and donors was to define the niche to which PTF Europe can best contribute to efforts to enhance the capacity of CSOs in Ukraine to better monitor recovery and reconstruction and thereby mitigate corruption risks and enhance transparency. Through PTF's unique experience in facilitating third party monitoring and its local and international network established for the Odesa project, PTF Europe is now best positioned to provide much needed advice and training to local CSOs. The aim is to strengthen their capacity to make them fitter so that they can perform their watchdog functions relating to combatting corruption and the misuse of donor funding.

In 2022, EU – as one of the lead donors (together with the G7) – has made it abundantly clear that Ukraine must strengthen its capacity to avoid, detect, and fight corruption. PTF Europe and its CSO partners are ready to assist in this endeavour.

OUR OUTCOME: STRENGTHENING PTF EUROPE THROUGH DIVERSIFYING OUR MEMBERSHIP

Jacek Wojciechowicz, PTF Europe Member



In 2022, the management of PTF Europe has continued its activities to diversify and expand the chapters membership to strengthen the capacity of the organization. In addition to the efforts conducted in the previous year, when the focus was to recruit new members with expertise in the environment/climate change as well as in the health/COVID 19 sectors, the decision was made to increase the participation of experts from Central and Eastern Europe who could also assist in preparing new projects, including the monitoring of integrity and compliance in humanitarian aid delivery in Ukraine and in neighbouring countries.

As a result, new PTF Europe members have are happy to welcome **Vivien Gyuris**, a Hungarian national and a former World Bank staff, **Nadir Redzeqi**, a North Macedonian with two decades of experience in the civil society sector, Polish national **Jacek Wojciechowicz**, a former World Bank communications officer and the coauthor of the World Bank's report "Corruption in Poland", **Katrina Sharkey**, a former World Bank official with ample working experience in Africa and capacity building, and **Elisabetta Capannelli**, having previously worked with the European Commission, the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank in several functions including across Central and Eastern Europe.

In 2022, the new members as well as our more "senior" ones provided valuable input to PTF Europe, by notifying us about relevant calls for proposals, by providing in-depth insight into corruption in their respective and neighbouring countries, by enabling PTF Europe easy access to potential partners and by disseminating information about PTF Europe and its activities to their respective networks.

The diversification of PTF Europe's membership will enable PTF Europe to be better equipped to develop new projects in different sectors and in countries or regions where we have not been previously active. This process is expected to continue in 2023 as we focus on capacity building for local civil society organisations in Ukraine and elsewhere.

OUR OUTCOME: EXPANDING PTF EUROPE' EXPERTISE INTO THE ENVIRONMENT SECTOR

Marjory-Anne Bromhead, PTF Europe Advisor



The European Union has positioned itself as a global leader in reducing global greenhouse gas emissions, in enhancing climate resilience, and in broader environmental sustainability. There are opportunities for engagement both at the broader strategic level, and through support to CSOs at country and sub-national level. European governments are committing substantial funding to support CSOs in these areas, especially through partnerships between CSOs in different EU countries. There are also rapidly increasing commitments to investments in climate finance, by both the public and the private sectors. Over the last four years several environmental specialists have joined the PTF Europe team, with substantial experience, including in European countries, and with complementary skills. At present PTF Europe is pursuing this agenda through a number of avenues. These are closely interrelated, and also relate to PTF Europe's broader transparency and anti-corruption agendas both in and outside Europe. Building partnerships and establishing relationships with country level CSOs are essential to effective engagement. Two activities are underway at present:

Supporting CSOs at country level in monitoring the transparency of environment and climate expenditures, capacity building and advocacy. There is an opportunity to build on the broad experience that PTF has in third party monitoring of public procurement by including a focus on environmental and climate finance expenditures, initially in countries where PTF Europe has previously worked. We have learnt through earlier work that established relationships with qualified local partners are key to successful grant application and implementation. We need also to build on the work started to establish local partners in EU member countries such as Germany, Poland, and the Netherlands.

Sharing Good Practices and Enhancing Transparency in Climate Finance. We have learnt that often a "focus on the positive" is as effective in achieving enhanced transparency as "highlighting corruption and negative practices". Yet "greenwashing" is an increasing concern in climate expenditures. We aim to work on the highlighting of good practices, initially in areas such as reducing emissions from key industrial sectors including iron and steel, fertilizer, and cement as well as energy production. The focus could initially be on two or three European countries with substantial industrial sectors, such as Germany, Poland and possibly Romania, and could potentially also contribute to the developing EU policy agenda on carbon border taxes, though this work is still in its early stages.

OUR LESSONS LEARNED

Haleh Bridi, PTF Chairperson



The lessons learned from the past year are very much the same as in 2021, namely the importance of: i) having a diverse and active membership; ii) having solid local partners; and iii) defining our PTF Europe niche and focusing on it. Perhaps an additional lesson is the importance of being nimble in identifying and seizing opportunities.

The past year proved the relevance and importance of all those lessons. Some of our new members were very helpful in shaping our new pilot activity in Ukraine. They knew the terrain, they had the right language skills and provided valuable insights into the planning and roll out of our pilot project. Our local partner the Committee of Voters of Ukraine (CVU Odesa) proved to be an enormous asset with extensive on the ground experience and networks. Similarly, the Balkan Investigative Reporting Network (BIRN) contributed enormously to the design and roll out of the project, drawing on their own experience in the Balkans. And we focused on a narrow set of anti-corruption efforts which included assessing the corruption risks in the humanitarian aid being sent to Ukraine after the Russian invasion and developing compliance and reporting standards for local small and medium sized humanitarian organizations. We seized the opportunity when we saw it at the beginning of the war and with PTF US's support, we managed to implement a successful first project which resulted in a follow-up Czech-funded "second project, and 2 larger anti-corruption projects to be rolled out in next years.

With time, our "niche" and value-added are becoming clearer and our focal areas are becoming more explicit. Our active members, especially our new members, are contributing to this success by questioning and challenging us continuously. We are building a certain dynamic and momentum which will hopefully result in even greater focus and specialization overtime.

OUR PLANS FOR 2023 AND BEYOND

Haleh Bridi, PTF Chairperson



Our plan for 2023 and beyond is to build on our achievements of the past couple of years, to consolidate our progress, and to continue to expand our footprint in the region. Specifically, we aim to:

Continue our efforts to reduce the risk of corruption in the humanitarian assistance to Ukraine:

With the war raging on, the need for emergency and humanitarian assistance continues to be important in Ukraine. Our first project in Odesa has identified a specific niche focused on supporting small and medium-sized humanitarian organizations adopt integrity and compliance standards which not only help these organizations access international funding and grow, but also help them become more transparent and accountable. In 2023, we plan to expand our work to Mykolaiv and prepare the ground for further expansion into 4-5 other regions in 2023-24, using the same approach and mechanisms as used in Odesa.

Build on PTF's experience in Moldova and Malawi to develop a new Reconstruction Monitoring Project in Ukraine: With massive preparations underway for Ukraine's reconstruction even when the war is still raging, and given Ukraine's history of endemic corruption, PTF Europe plans to prepare a new project aimed at reducing the risk of corruption in Ukraine's reconstruction. The project would pursue a localized approach and work with municipalities as they identify priority reconstruction projects and initiate their implementation. Our project would complement existing anti-corruption efforts focused on the central government initiated by Transparency International (TI) and other organizations under the Ukraine RISE Coalition. The project will be developed in 2023 and presented to donors for support during the year. Our hope is to secure some initial funding in 2023 and to start implementation as of late 2023, early 2024.

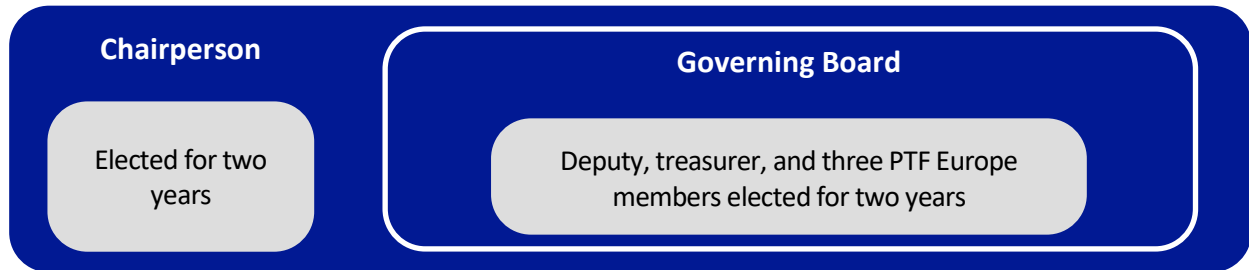
Make an effort to initiate a project in the Balkans: We have been looking at various calls for proposals but have not yet found the right call or the right partner in the region. We aim to make a focused effort on this front and initiate some kind of engagement in the Balkan region in 2023-24.

Developing sector-specific projects in the environment, education or health sectors: Although it has been more difficult than initially thought to develop a sector-specific activity, we will continue to look for opportunities and calls for proposals in those areas. We have solid technical expertise in these sectors and would like to use them in such projects over the next couple of years.

Develop knowledge and communications tools to amplify our voice and visibility: This refers notably around our efforts in Ukraine and Moldova. This includes preparing a newsletter to share our work and progress, and developing a paper which will underpin the approach and rationale of our efforts in Ukraine. We also plan to produce a paper on the tools and approaches used by PTF around the world, to help disseminate the impact that the PTF family has had around the world over its 20+ years of existence.

OUR ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

PTF Europe has a volunteer board of five members under the chairmanship of Haleh Bridi, a former World Bank official, and Lars Jeurling serving as deputy.



Our Board



Haleh Bridi: PTF Europe Chairperson since 2021

About 40 years of development experience at the World Bank, IFC, and the OPEC Fund. As PTF Europe Chairperson, focuses on fundraising, member recruitment, and strategic planning.



Prof. Dr. Matthias Einmahl: PTF Europe Board Member since 2017

Professor of Law at the University for Police and Public Administration in Cologne and Legal Counsel of PTF Europe.



Lars Jeurling: Deputy Chairperson of PTF Europe since 2014

Development economist, specialized in infrastructure; former World Bank official. Participates in drafting applications for calls for proposals, oversight over PTF Europe activities, strategic development of PTF Europe.



Franz Kaps: PTF Europe Board Member and Treasurer;

Chairperson of PTF Europe (2014-2021)

Lawyer, former World Bank official; focuses on networking for PTF Europe.



Johannes Vollmer: PTF Board Member since 2021

Expertise in decarbonization policymaking and climate action initiatives, participation in project development for PTF, support to drafting proposals and strategic planning, with an emphasis on green energy and environmental topics.

OUR CORE TEAM



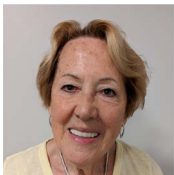
Yacine Belhaj-Bouabdallah: PTF Europe Intern since July 2022
Specialized in governance and sustainable development
King's College London graduate and previously at the UN



Dr Hady Fink: Member of PTF Europe; PTF Europe Board Member 2014-2021
Expert in anti-corruption institutions
Contributed to strategic planning for PTF Europe
Manager of the Moldova program since March 2022



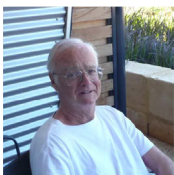
Dr Marie-Carin von Gumpenberg: Member of PTF Europe since 2013, PTF Europe Program Manager since April 2019
Political Scientist, Certified Compliance Officer, evaluator/anti-corruption expert
Manager of Ukraine program since September 2022



Dr. Pietronella van den Oever: Member of PTF Europe since 2019
Agronomist, development sociologist; World Bank retiree
Manager of PTF Europe, Schmitz Foundations-funded project to address gender and socio-economic gaps in primary school attendance in northern Ghana



Sarah Steingrüber: Member of PTF Europe since 2020
Global Health & Anti-Corruption Specialist
PTF Europe health adviser: strategic development of health-related projects, identification and facilitation of global and regional partnerships



Willem Struben: Member of PTF Europe since 2017
Former World Bank official, economist specialized in social sector development and community participation



Erich Unterwurzacher: Member of PTF Europe since 2021
Economist specialized in infrastructure, energy investment, sustainability and financial management; former official of the OECD and EBRD, most recently at the European Commission responsible for management and implementation of EU Structural Funds



Jacek Wojciechowicz: Member of PTF Europe since 2022
Lecturer at the University of Warsaw, former World Bank official specialized in anti-corruption

OUR FINANCES (I): BALANCE SHEET

Assets and liabilities: By the end 2022, PTF Europe had accumulated cash balances at the bank that included membership fees, and unspent funds for PTF Europe and project activities. These funds were carried over into 2023.

Balance Sheet				
		31 December 2022	31 December 2021	31 December 2020
Assets				
Fixed Assets		€0	€0	€0
Current Assets (Cash balance at the bank)	PTF Europe	29,452.09 €	27,131.98 €	12,297.14 €
	PEACE	-	-	12,257.86 €
	EIB	18,806.66 €	21,169.51 €	30,664.11 €
	Ukraine	85,986.31 €		
	Bridge-GAP	141.50 €	287.30 €	509.46 €
Accruals and deferrals		€0	€0	€0
Total Assets		134,386.56 €	48,588.79 €	55,728.57 €
Liabilities				
Funds carried forward				
Revenue reserves			€0	€0
Provisions			€0	€0
Total Liabilities			48,588.79 €	€55.728,57

OUR FINANCES (II): STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Revenues: In 2022, PTF Europe received the bulk of its revenues from project activities (88%), grants from PTF US (10%), and PTF Europe membership fees (nearly 2%). These funds secured PTF Europe administrative and project costs. Besides, PTF Europe administered grants from PTF US and the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the Ukraine program.

Expenditures: Roughly 64% of 2022 PTF Europe expenditures were dedicated to cover project activities of the EIB consultancy and Ukraine project. Roughly 5% were administrative costs (including bookkeeping, auditing, and tax advisory services).

Revenues	Expenditures
Support to PTF Europe	PTF Europe
10,180 € PTF US grant to PTF Europe	10,640 € personnel costs
1,800 € membership fees	1,700 € administrative costs
Project I: Ukraine	Project I: Ukraine
25,374 € from PTF US	18759 € project costs
65,692 € from Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs	
Project II: EIB	Project II: EIB
5,000 € grant from EIB	3,000 € project costs
Total 108,046 €	Total 34,099 €

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- Networking
- Fundraising activities
- Project design, implementation, and monitoring
- Project and program evaluation

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