

Civic Committee of the Solidarity with Ukraine – Founding Declaration

Civic Committee of the Solidarity with Ukraine (KOSzU) was created to support pro-democratic transformations, for which citizens of Ukraine have been fighting on Majdan in Kiev and on a number of "majdans" in the entire Ukraine for more than two months as well as to support individuals and organisations repressed for political beliefs. The Committee brings together citizens of the Republic of Poland and Ukraine which are convinced that the citizens of Ukraine are the hosts in their homeland and have an inalienable right to co-decide about country's fate. It supports them in an effort to ensure the respect for and observance of human rights, the rule of law, fair elections, good practices in local government and local democracy, freedom of the media and the introduction of the mechanisms of social dialogue, cooperation of public and civic institutions for the sake of the common good.

The Committee refers to the tradition of Civic Committees of the late 80s of the previous century, in which people of different political beliefs and nationalities cooperated in order to build an independent and self-governing Republic of Poland. The Committee does not represent or support any political party in Poland or Ukraine and cannot be used in election campaigns.

The activities of the Committee is based on the voluntary work of members and associates. The Committee is not seeking to obtain legal personality or own assets. In achieving its objectives it cooperates, inter alia, with civic society organisations, local governments, entrepreneurs and public administration. Creating a cooperation platform for the sake of a democratic Ukraine it does not compete with any other existing organisations.

Decisions of the Committee shall be taken so far as possible by consensus. Daily work of the Committee is concentrated in working sections. In the external relations Committee shall be represented by the Secretariat of the Committee and those responsible for the work of each section.