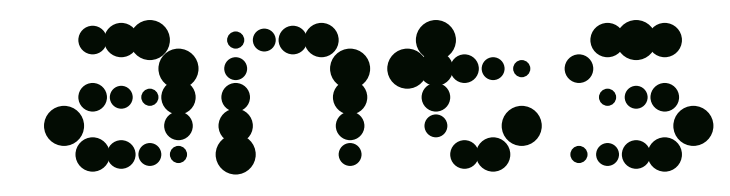


National Interests Advocacy
Network “ANTS”

Summary of work activities 2025

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A year of responsibility, action and impact



For the NGO “National Interests Advocacy Network “ANTS”, 2025 was a year of continued systematic work to promote national interests through the activity of Ukrainian civil society – both within the country and on the international stage. Working in conditions of full-scale war, we focused on the main thing: strengthening sanctions pressure on the Russian Federation in order to bring the aggressor’s economy closer to collapse; reinforcing democracy and resilience within the country; enhancing defense capabilities; advancing innovation through new partnerships with Asian countries; and seeking additional funding for victory, security, and the European future of our state.



Below are the key areas of work and the results that were achieved.

International advocacy and work with partners

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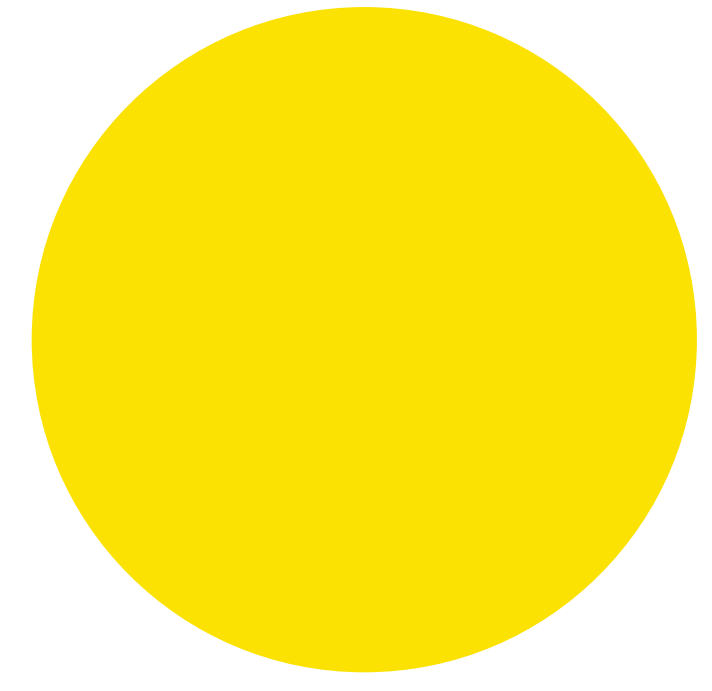
international visits to key capitals
around the world, starting from 2022

The “ANTS” Network continued active international advocacy, focusing on European Union countries, the United Kingdom, Norway, and the transatlantic space, as well as in Asian countries, including South Korea, Japan, and Taiwan.

Key Results:

- Advocacy visits and meetings with representatives of governments, parliaments, and think tanks;
- Participation in international security and political forums;
- Systematic work with foreign partners to strengthen sanctions and support for Ukraine;
- Conveying Ukraine’s position on the inadmissibility of “compromises” at the expense of sovereignty.





**FORMATION OF PUBLIC POLICIES AND STRATEGIC
DECISIONS IN THE AREAS OF SANCTIONS,
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, ECONOMY AND
ANTI-CORRUPTION POLICY**



ANTS activities regarding the formation of public policy on sanctions against the aggressor

The “ANTS” Network has been working for over a year in a coalition of civil society organizations engaged in sanctions policy, under the coordination of the President of Ukraine’s Commissioner for Sanctions Policy, Vlad Vlasiuk. Analytical materials on sanctions policy issues and the recommendations based on them are used to shape decisions on Ukrainian sanctions by the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine, and are also shared with Ukraine’s international partners for the adoption of relevant decisions.

The ANTS Network presented its findings at the Kyiv Sanctions Summit, held on November 27, 2025, with the participation of representatives from 20 countries and the European Union, during which the impact of sanctions on Russia was discussed and further steps in this area were coordinated.

This area is also strengthened through international advocacy within the MakeRussiaPay program.



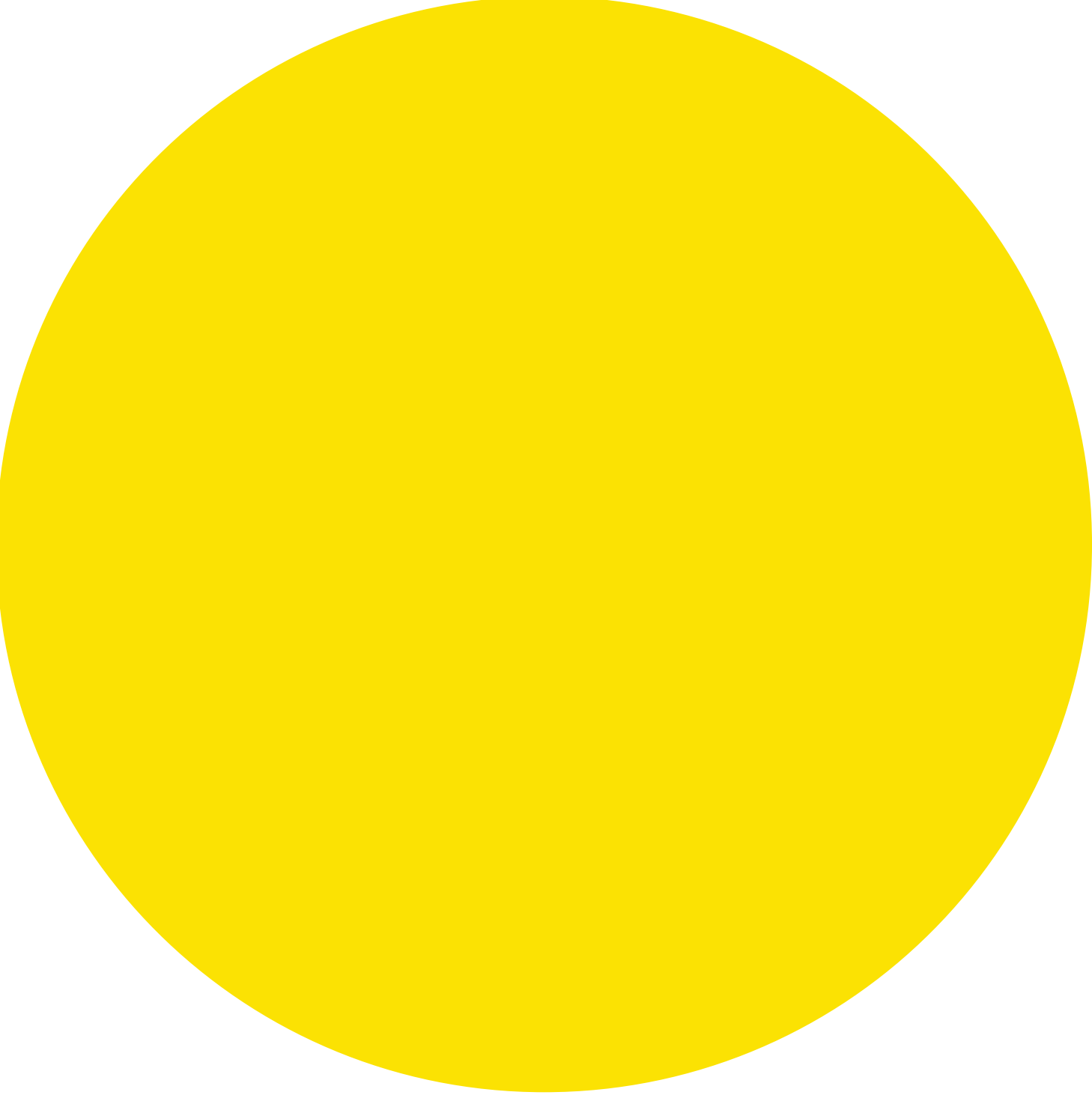
ANTS activities in shaping the conditions of Ukraine's international cooperation with the International Monetary Fund

The Analytical Center of the “ANTS” Network, together with leading Ukrainian think tanks that are working in the field of economic reforms and Ukraine's economic recovery, cooperates with the International Monetary Fund's office in Ukraine and the Ministry of Finance of Ukraine as part of shaping public policies in the areas of economic growth, taxation, combating the shadow economy, economic reforms, and related fields.

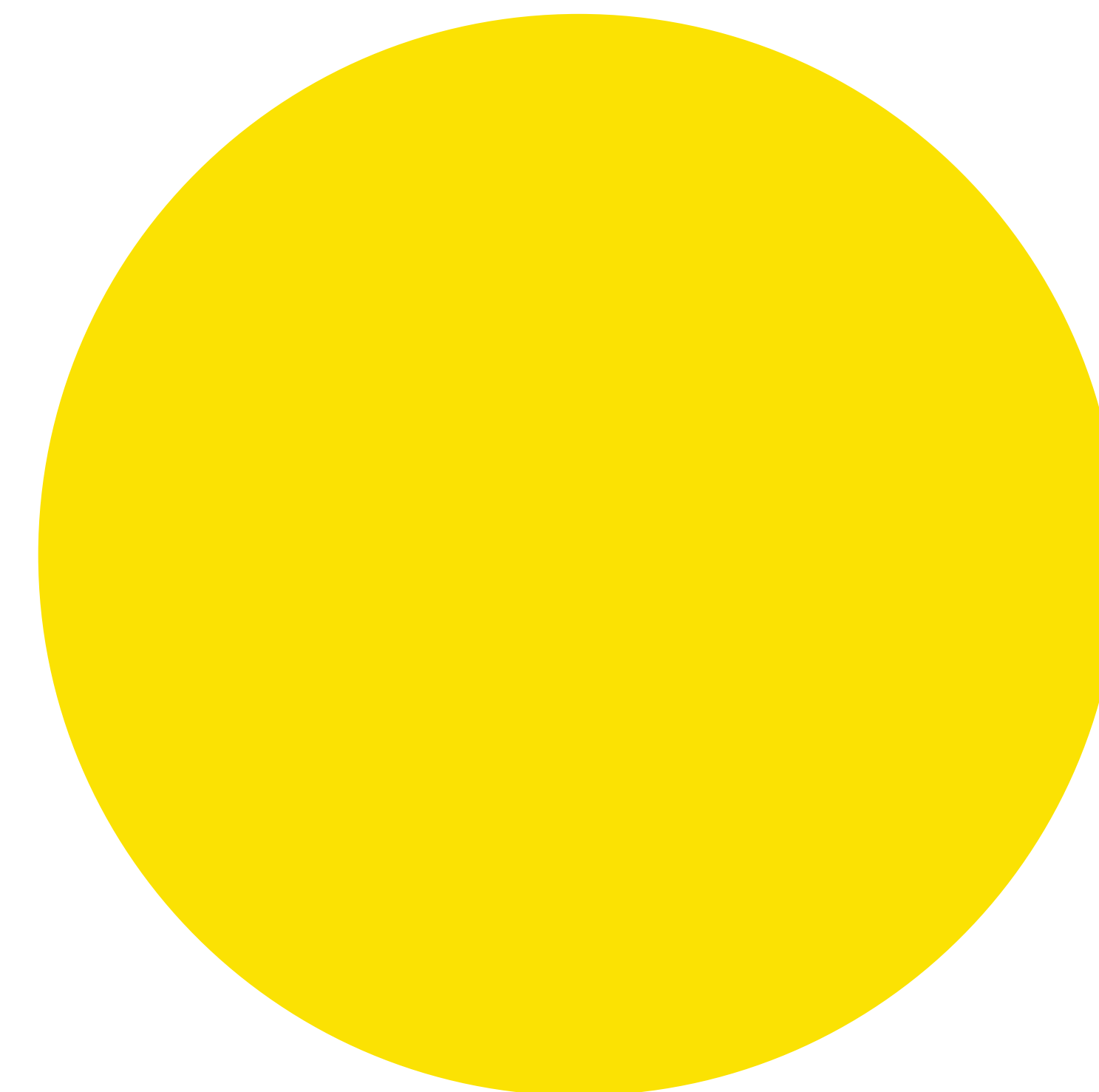


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Cooperation between ANTS and the National Agency on Corruption Prevention on the development of Ukraine's anti-corruption programme

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Experts from the ANTS Network are participating in working groups developing the state anti-corruption policy for 2026–2028, particularly in the “Taxation” section. As part of this collaboration, recommendations were prepared for the relevant sections of the Anti-Corruption Program of Ukraine.



Analytics of the “ANTS” Network

The “ANTS” Network consistently shaped the analytical agenda on the following issues:

- mobilization of internal and external resources for victory;
- European and Euro-Atlantic integration of Ukraine;
- sanctions policy against the Russian Federation;
- confiscation of frozen Russian assets and reparation mechanisms;
- modern warfare and the security architecture of Europe.

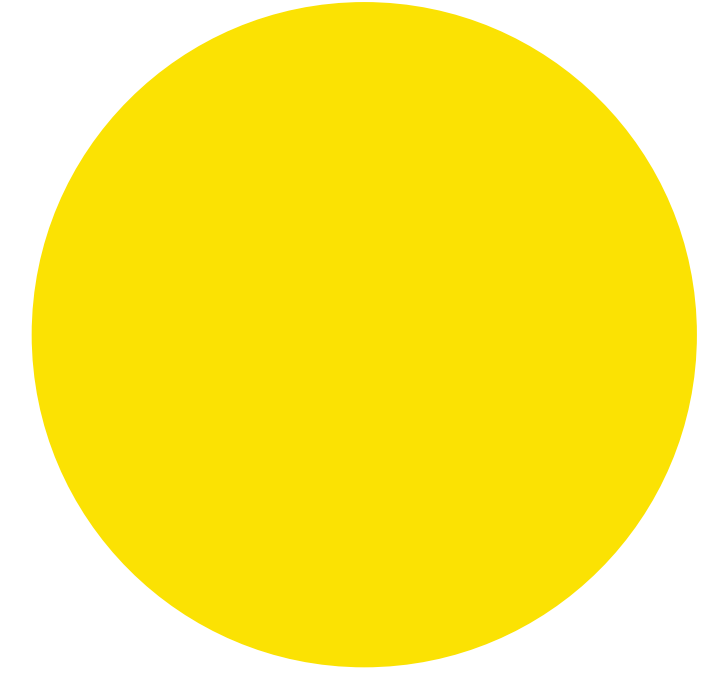
What has been done:

- prepared and published analytical reports, policy briefs and public positions on key aspects of Ukraine's internal and foreign policy;
- prepared and distributed 12 monthly digests on Russia's economy and internal political issues in English and Ukrainian;
- expert discussions and diplomatic meetings were initiated on the effectiveness of sanctions and the responsibility of the Russian Federation;
- the systematic expert presence of the “ANTS” Network in international and national media, and public debates was ensured.



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COMPANIES AND PUBLIC INITIATIVES



«Make Russia Pay / Гроші на перемогу». Триває

The “ANTS” Network continued advocacy campaigns aimed at:

- mobilizing domestic financial resources;
- confiscating Russian assets.

What has been done:

- public discussions have been conducted and media materials have been created to explain key processes, risks and decisions;
- a comprehensive policy approach to the topic of financing victory has been developed;
- campaigns have been expanded to a broader concept of internal resource mobilization.



Nationwide advocacy campaign #ProtectTheCarpathians

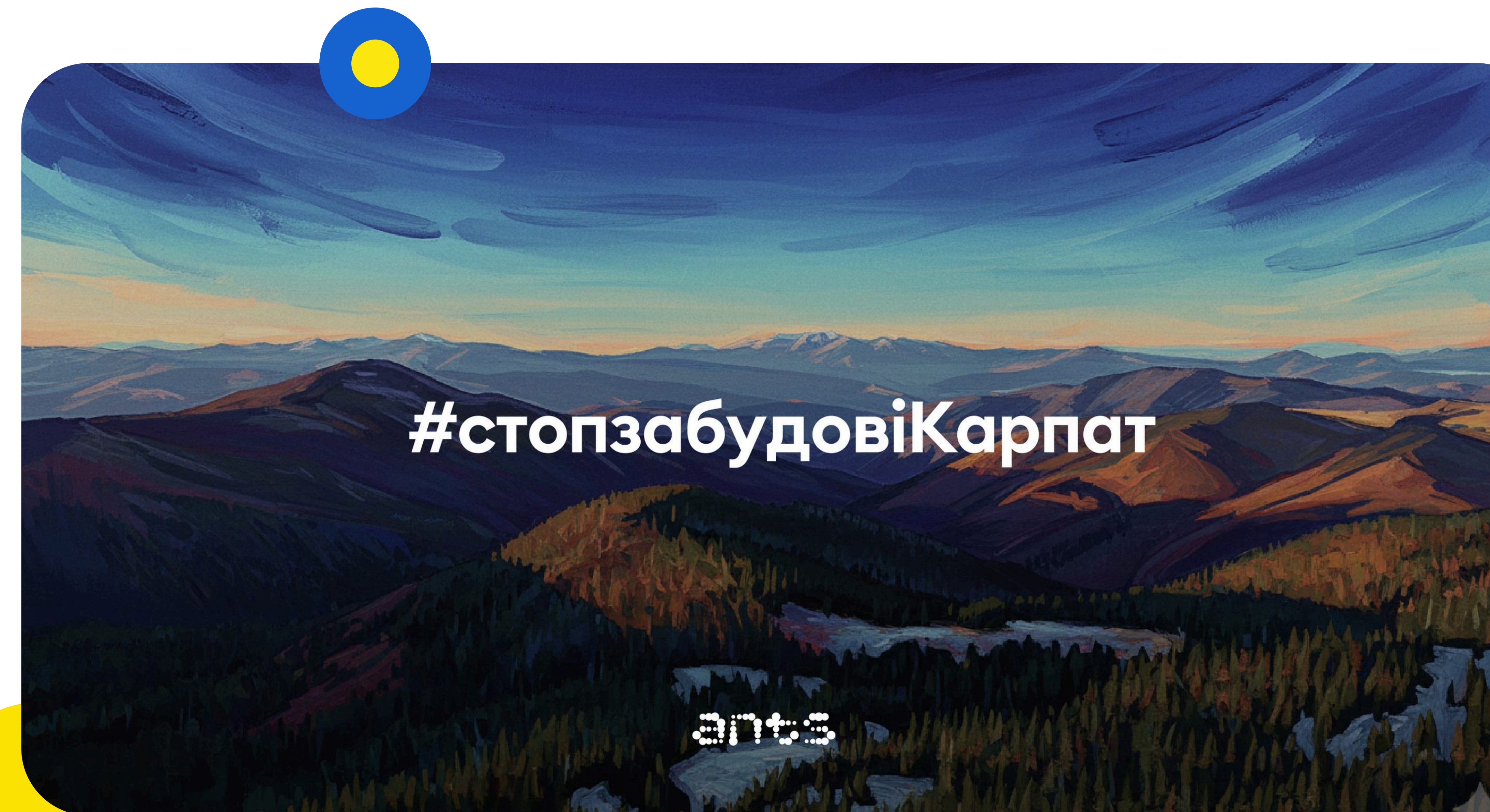
The nationwide advocacy campaign #Protect the Carpathians

aims to preserve the Carpathian region, protect its natural heritage, and counteract environmentally harmful decisions in the field of forestry and nature management.

As a part of the campaign, a joint off-site meeting of two committees of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine—the Committee on Ukraine’s Integration into the EU and the Committee on Environmental Policy—was initiated in Zakarpattia with the participation of all key stakeholders.

All civil society organisations working to protect the Carpathians from wind farm development were brought together under one umbrella, opening up new opportunities for coordination, exchange of expertise and formation of a common advocacy position.

The work continues.



Protection of communities from drone attacks

Together with the **Dignitas Foundation**, we have begun systematic work with Ukrainian communities aimed at **increasing their resilience and protection against drone attacks**.

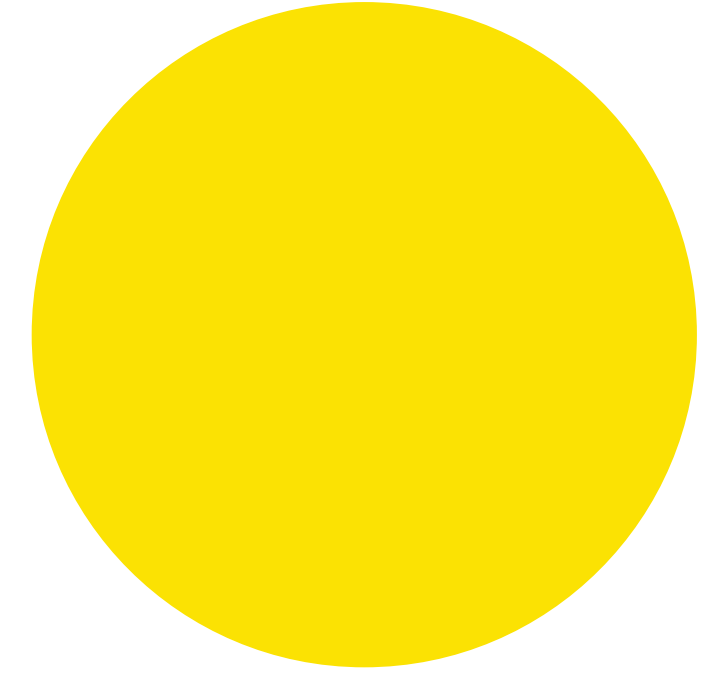
As part of the initiative, **pilot communities were selected, organised and mobilised**, and they were the first to join in implementing practical solutions in the field of countering unmanned threats.

The result of this work was:

- Conducting **specialized training** sessions for community representatives;
- Establishing and training **mobile response teams**;
- Increasing communities' **capacity to respond quickly to drone attacks and reduce risks to the civilian population**.

This approach makes it possible not only to enhance security at the local level, but also to **create a scalable model for community protection** that can be replicated in other regions of Ukraine.

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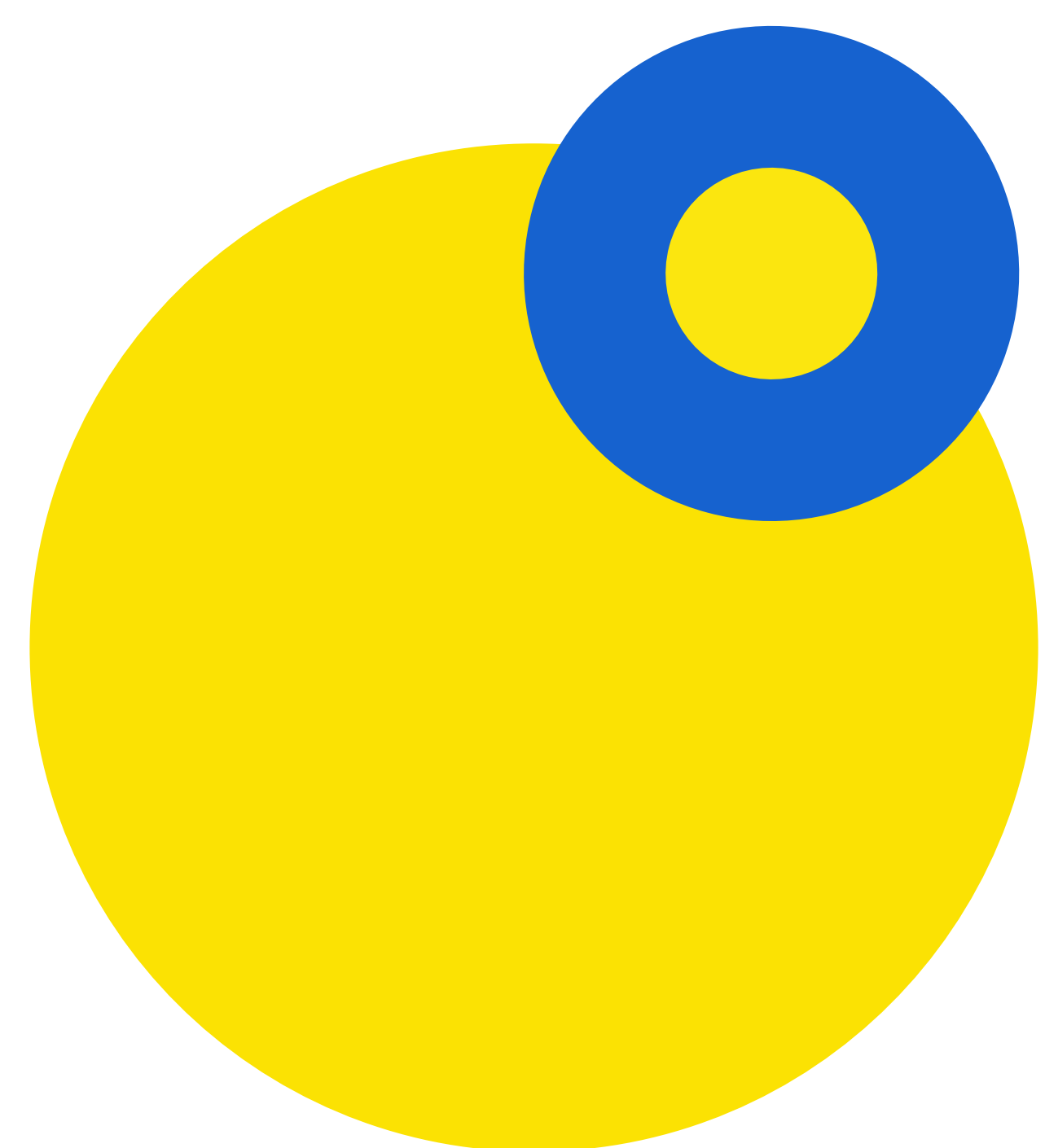


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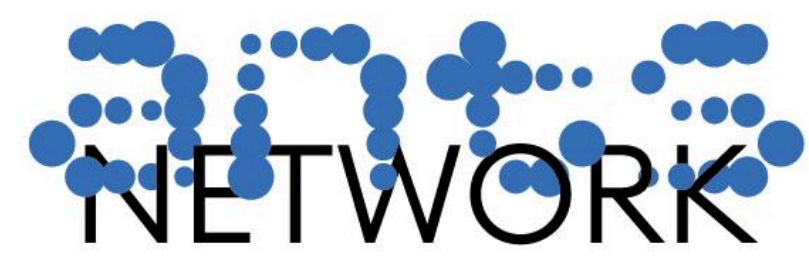
Network, partnerships and community



ANTS is more than an organization. It is a network of action that has brought together more than 100 organizations across Ukraine -from communities in the rear to frontline regions, from think tanks to cultural and youth initiatives. It is this diversity that makes the ANTS Network alive, flexible, and capable of responding quickly to the challenges of war and transformation.

In 2025, we took an important step toward a new level of cooperation by launching the ANTS online network platform as a space for coordination, learning, and joint advocacy actions. The platform became the foundation for forming an active core of the network and for moving from individual initiatives to systematic joint work.

Network, partnerships and community



PARTNERSHIPS FOR UKRAINE

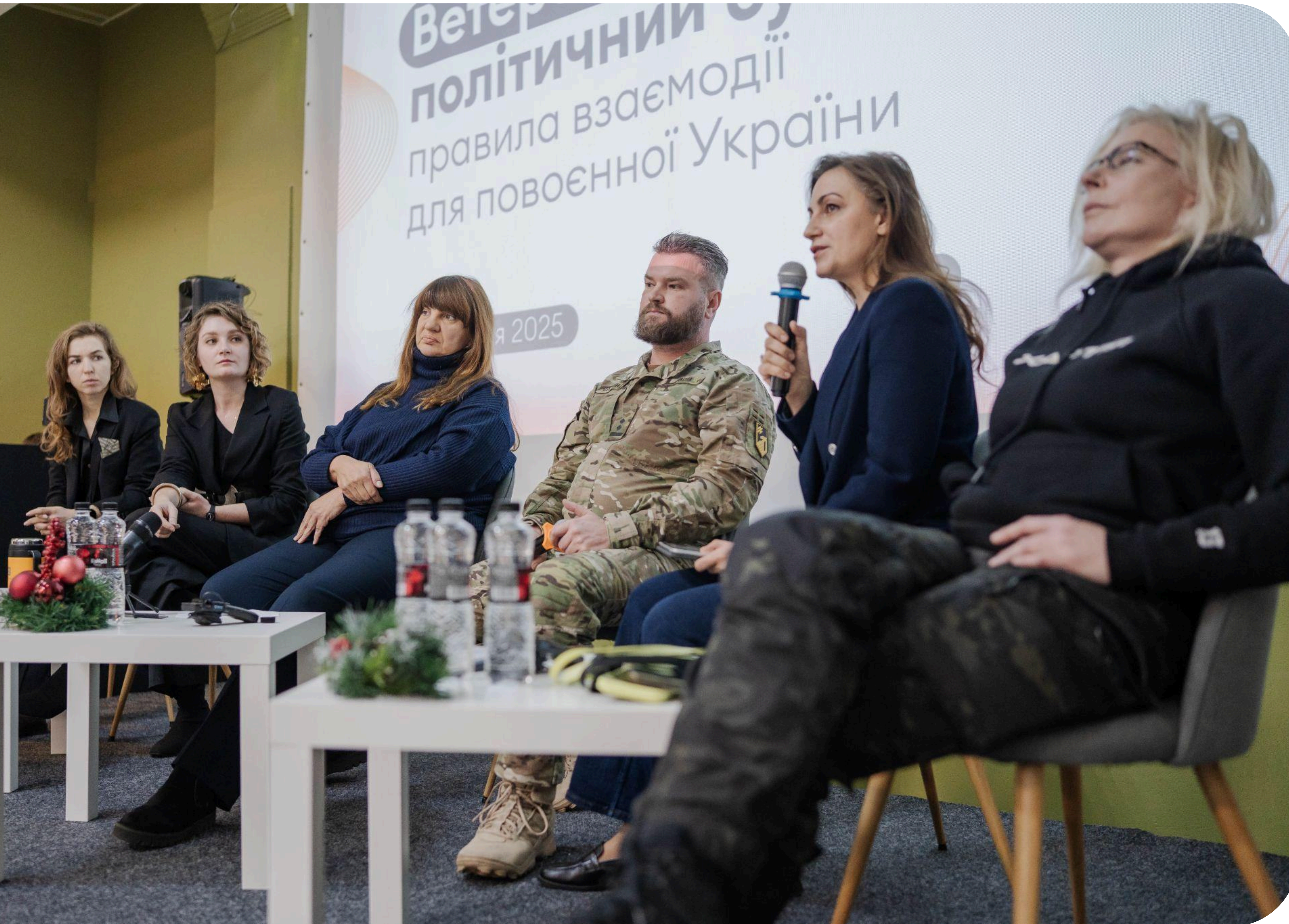


Another strategic focus of the year was the expansion of work with Ukrainian diasporas. ANTS began building sustainable ties with active Ukrainian communities abroad, integrating them into international advocacy, information efforts, and the promotion of the Ukrainian agenda. Diasporas became not just an audience, but partners - a voice of Ukraine in the world.

In 2025, the “ANTS” Network also significantly expanded its circle of international partners and stakeholders, including Asian countries. A guide to potential projects and partnerships was developed, aimed at identifying and establishing cooperation with partners in Asian countries friendly to Ukraine.

Throughout 2025, ANTS events reached over 3,000 people, and network formats brought together communities, experts, and activists around shared goals. This year laid the foundation for scaling the network, launching cross-sector campaigns, and strengthening ANTS’ impact as a platform for decision-making.

Work with veterans and the security community



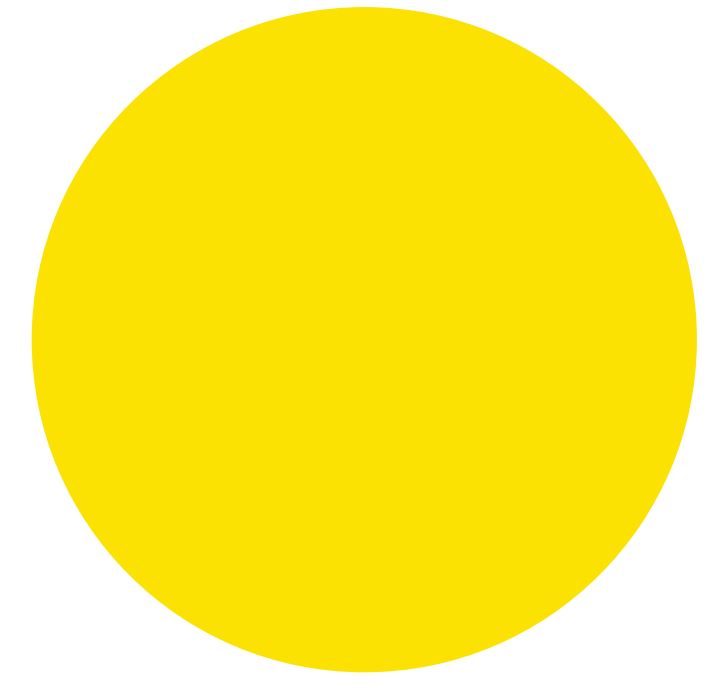
One of the key focuses of the year was veteran policy and security.

Within the framework of the ANTS public Manifesto concept “Guidelines of the Public Policy of Ukraine: From Citizens’ Resilience to a State of Gratitude”, a landmark event was the forum “Veterans as a new political actor: rules of interaction for post-war Ukraine”, which became a platform for open dialogue between the veteran community, political actors, and leaders of civil society on the formation of a new model of veteran participation in public policy.

Results:

- a strategic framework for perceiving veterans as political actors has been formulated;
- veterans, politicians, civil society and international partners have been brought together;
- the topic of veteran policy has been raised as a matter of national security.

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EDUCATION, YOUTH AND DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE



ANTS invested in youth work and the development of democratic culture

In particular:

- educational programmes and visits were implemented (including with NATO support);
- young people were engaged in topics related to security, NATO, the EU and civic responsibility;
- local initiatives and communities were supported.



In total, more than

1 000

active Ukrainian youth representatives from all regions of Ukraine joined the activities of the “ANTS” Network this year.

Educational and advocacy visit to Brussels



Educational and advocacy visit to Brussels as part of the project “Youth Without Borders: Together in NATO”.

In 2025, the ANTS Network implemented a comprehensive youth project “Youth Without Borders: Together in NATO”, aimed at forming a new generation of Ukrainian leaders in the field of security and Euro-Atlantic integration.

As part of the visit, six selected participants - representatives of active Ukrainian youth - held a series of meetings with representatives of **NATO, the European Union, the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, and the European Parliament**. The visit program covered issues of security, defense capabilities, European integration, reforms, sanctions policy, and Ukraine’s role in transforming the European security architecture.

The Danish Parliament Model: Democracy in Action for Ukraine



A separate area of focus was the implementation of a youth project supported by the Ukrainian-Danish Youth House - “Model Danish Parliament: Democracy in Action for Ukraine” – aimed at developing a democratic culture among Ukrainian youth.

During the year, three training stages were conducted within the framework of this project, culminating in a simulation of a Folketing meeting, where 32 of the most active participants practised their public speaking, parliamentary debating and democratic decision-making skills. The final highlight was a meeting at the Danish Embassy, where the young people presented their work and discussed the prospects for Ukrainian-Danish cooperation.

Regional tour of Ukrainian cities



The ANTS Youth Club also carried out a Regional Tour across Ukrainian cities. During the tour, five cities were visited – Ternopil, Lviv, Uzhhorod, Lutsk, and Rivne - and over 250 representatives of active and progressive Ukrainian youth were engaged in dialogue.

ANTS, together with partners, launched a new educational course for journalists and media professionals covering environmental topics.

The course consists of video lectures and a training manual, and includes:

- the essence of key environmental reforms in Ukraine presented in an accessible format;
- examples of the best publications on environmental topics;
- modern methods of journalistic investigations;
- advices on creating materials for advocacy campaigns.

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participants joined
the Network in 2025.

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signed the manifesto.

The “ANTS” Network consistently continues its work on uniting and strengthening the capacity and self-reliance of organizations and experts working in the study, protection, preservation, and sustainable management of national heritage within the framework of the National Heritage Protection Network.

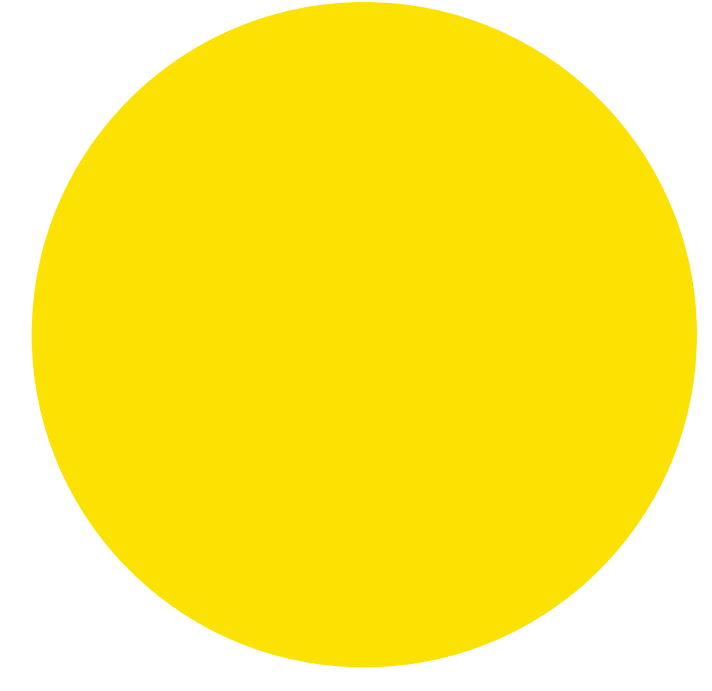
27 events were held within the Network, aimed at exchanging experience and creating new partnerships, discussing and making proposals for state policies, implementing European heritage management standards at various levels, educational events for network participants and expert consultations.

Network participants developed proposals for the Culture Strategy of Ukraine 2024-2027 in the field of cultural heritage, most of which were included in the final document.

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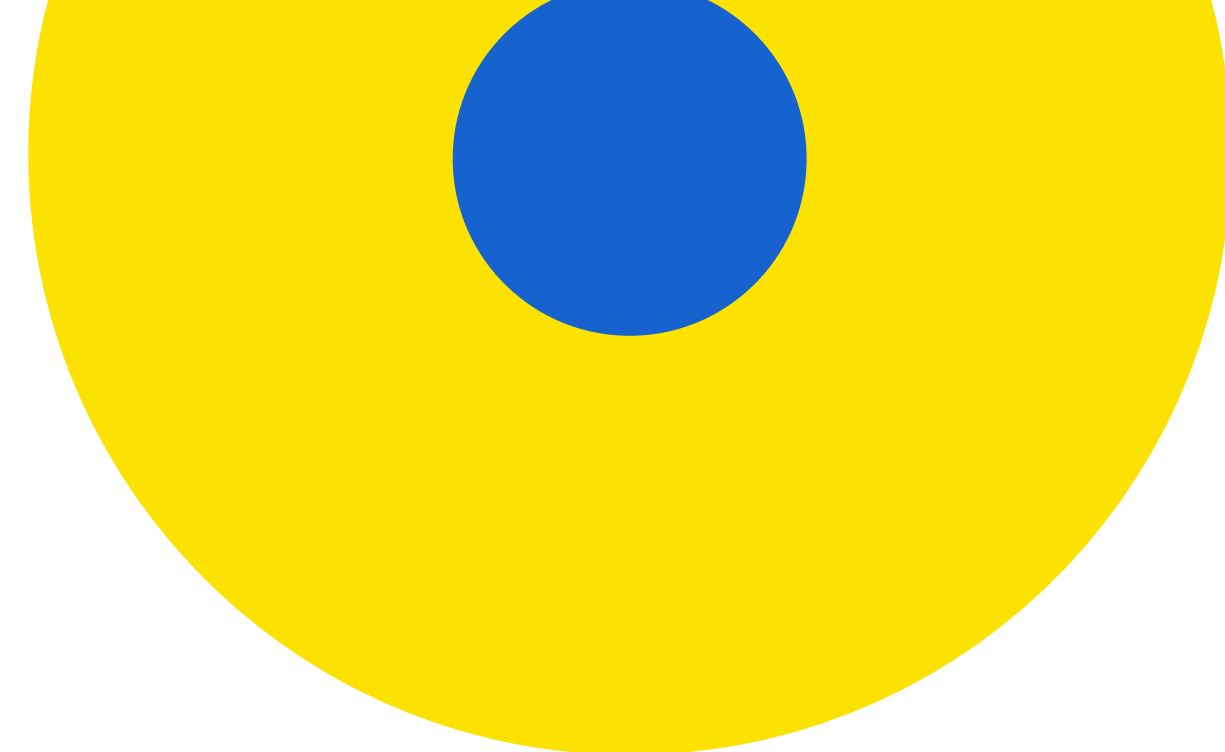
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MEDIA, COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC PRESENCE





Over

23 mln

views and reaches

A result of trust in ANTS' expert positions and systematic communication work with national and regional media, as well as social networks.

Stable partnerships have been established with leading media from the so-called “white list”- publications that adhere to high journalistic standards and have significant influence on shaping the public agenda. In particular, the “ANTS” Network has built systematic cooperation with media such as Censor.NET, Espresso TV, Detector Media, Ukrainian Week, and Dzerkalo Tyzhnia, ensuring regular expert presence, publication of analytical materials, and promotion of key national security topics.

Over

360

media mentions in 2025

This means that experts from the “ANTS” Network appeared in the Ukrainian and international media **at least once a day.**

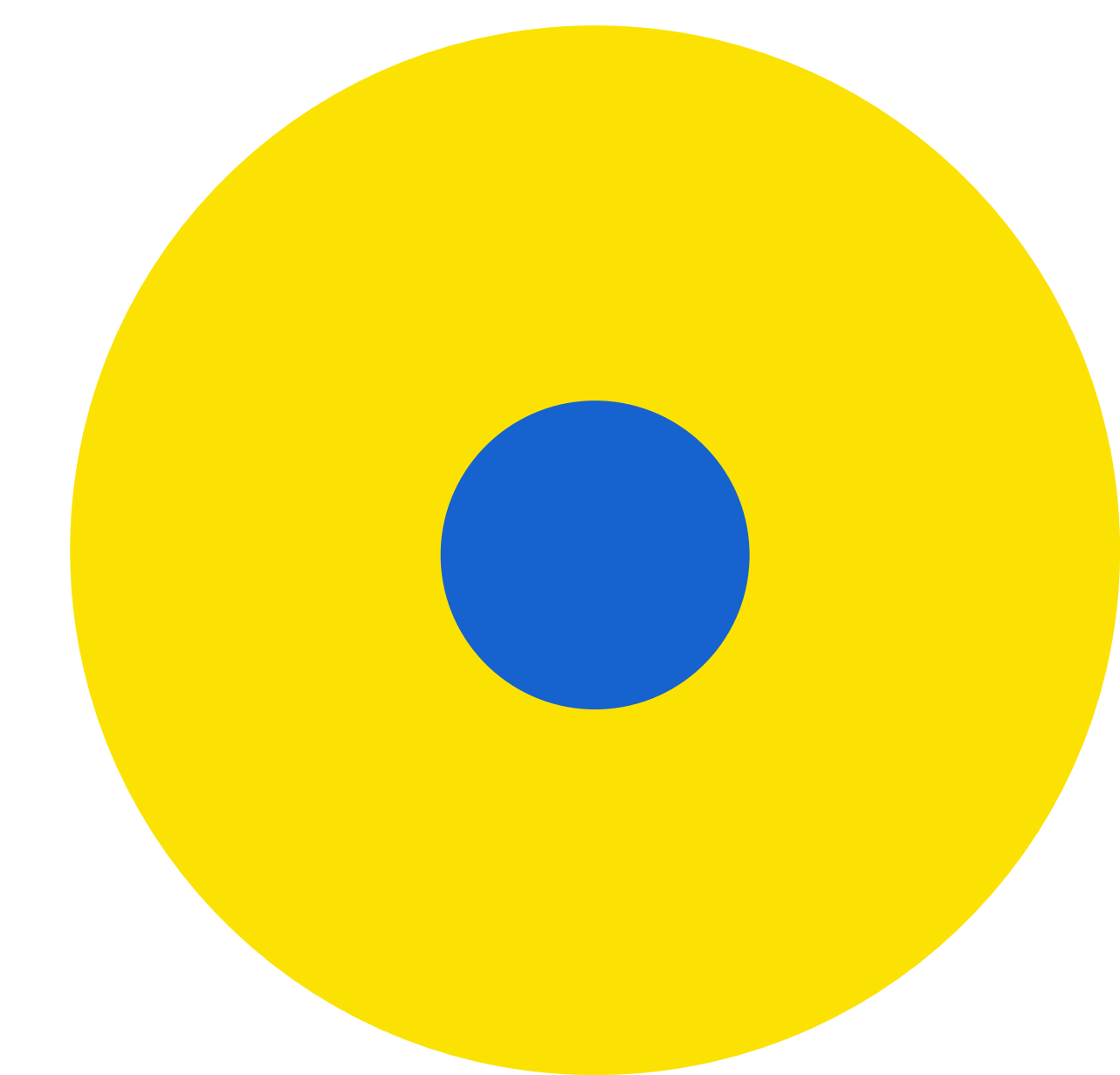
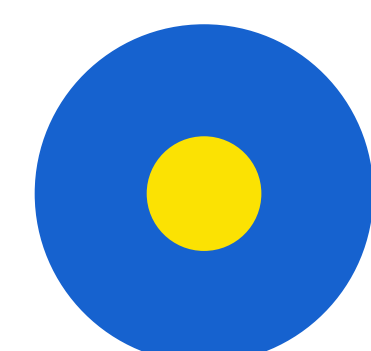
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expert columns by ANTS Network
experts published in national and regional media.

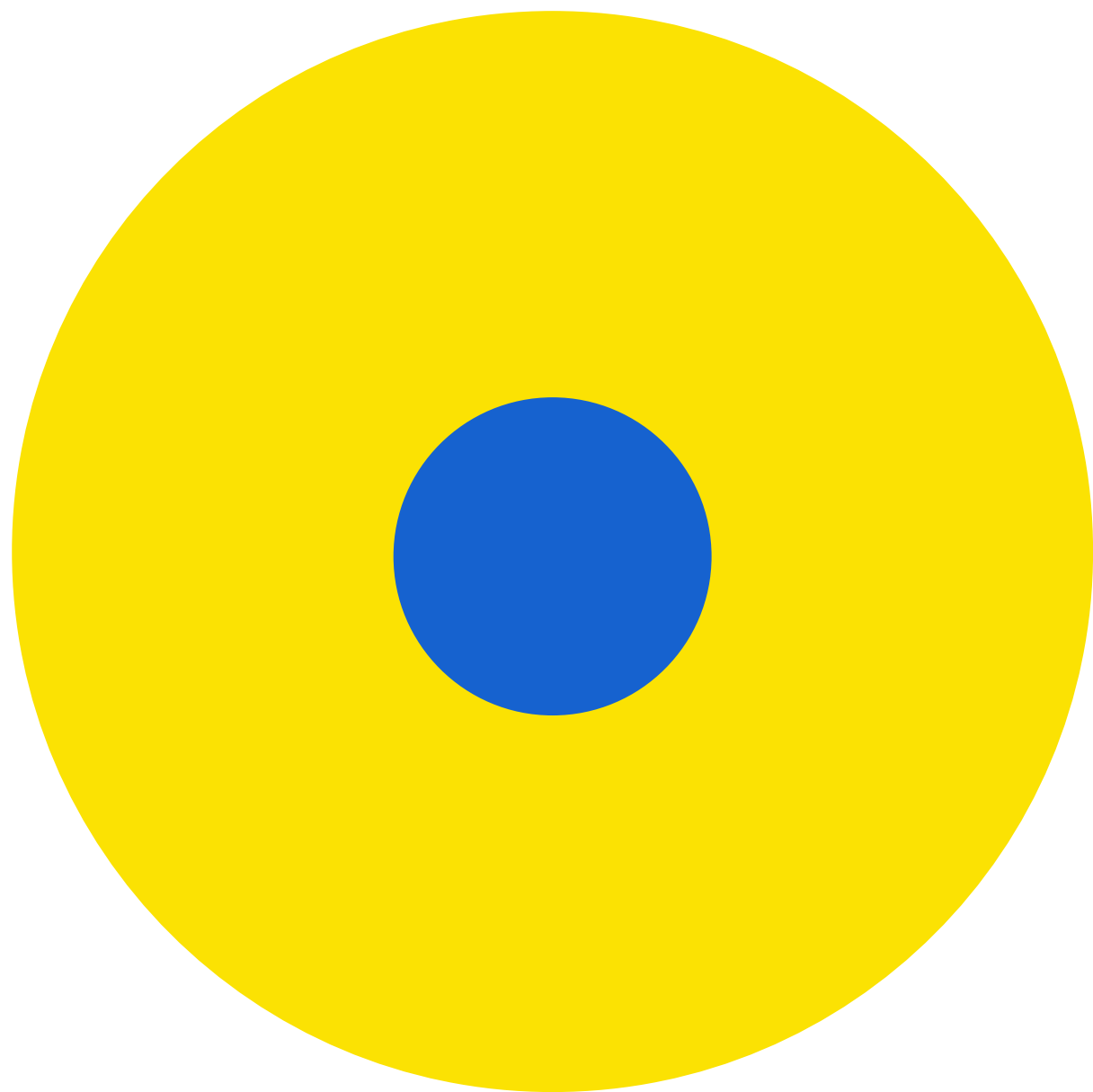
- 18th Sanctions Package: Not yet hellish, but still hitting the Russian economy
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- 19th Sanctions Package: Postponing defeat, not defeating the aggressor
- European Package of Disappointment
- Russia's economy under the pressure of war: Where will the Kremlin look for money?
- Sanctions Stranglehold: How to realistically cut off oxygen for the Kremlin
- The Great Asian Shadow: Why Ukraine is key to containing China
- Awaiting the 20th Sanctions Package
- What the President of Finland is leaving unsaid and what Ukraine needs to shout about
- The U.S. National Security Strategy as a textbook of Putin's propaganda
- Why Russia is a business graveyard for America, while China eats the entire pie
- The Russian economy: Putin's Achilles' heel
- Why the agreement on subsoil resources with the U.S. is not a "financial occupation" of Ukraine
- Will Europe take historic steps toward its own independence and agency
- Why Russia is a business graveyard for America, while China eats the entire pie


2+

auctorial media projects with national broadcasters Espresso and Censor



The flagship media project “Money for Victory” — 123,000+ views, which indicates high public interest in the topic of mobilizing resources for Ukraine's victory.

- A two-bedroom apartment in Moscow is not the only transaction: Bigger “flowers” will go to defense
 - Mindich’s golden toilet – a shame that reduces the chances of a normal peace // Censor.NET
 - Schemes in the subsoil: how Russia continues to profit in Ukraine
 - In South Korea, they want us to shoot down drones – DPRK, Hanna Hopko
 - Why the U.S. is refusing Ukraine security guarantees? || Censor.NET
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Espresso. EU Course: Information support for European Integration



A media project providing information support for Ukraine's European integration, implemented in partnership with the Espresso TV channel. As part of the project, ANTS Network experts regularly participated in live broadcasts on the TV channel, explaining key aspects of the European integration process, European Union decisions and their impact on Ukraine.

- The ability of Ukrainians to keep moving forward is what impresses” – EU Ambassador to Ukraine, Maternova
- Ukraine on the European track: When will the negotiations start?
- News feed with Illia Neskhodovskyi
- News feed with Andrii Mikheiev and Vlada Dumenko
- News feed with Hanna Hopko

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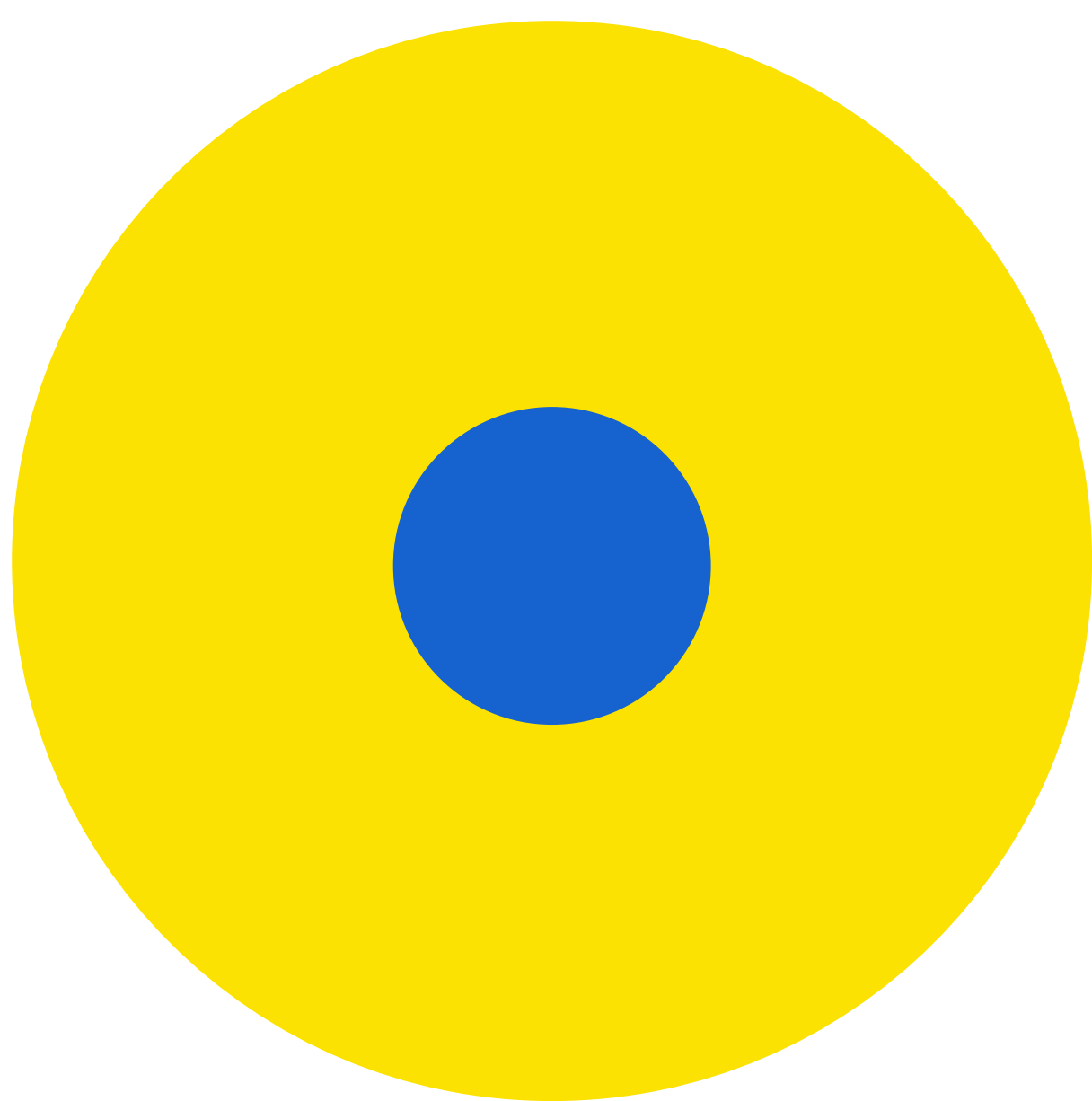
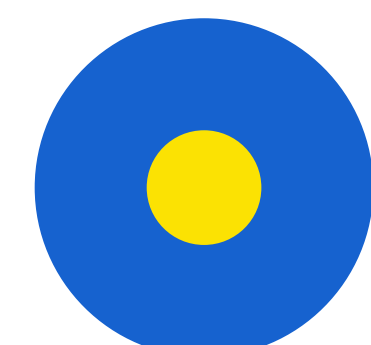
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publications on ANTS social media aimed at informing and providing analytics.

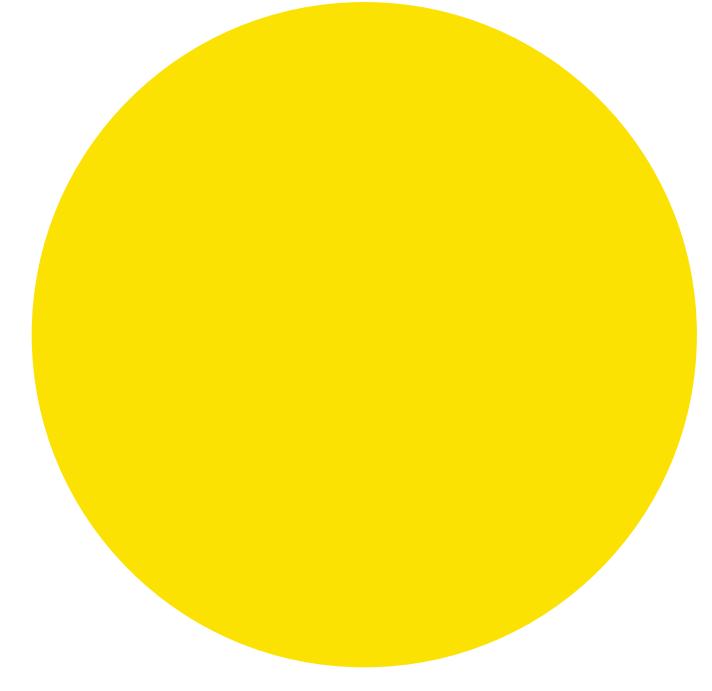
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13+ million

social media reaches ANTS – an indicator of systemic digital presence and public interest in the Network's activities.

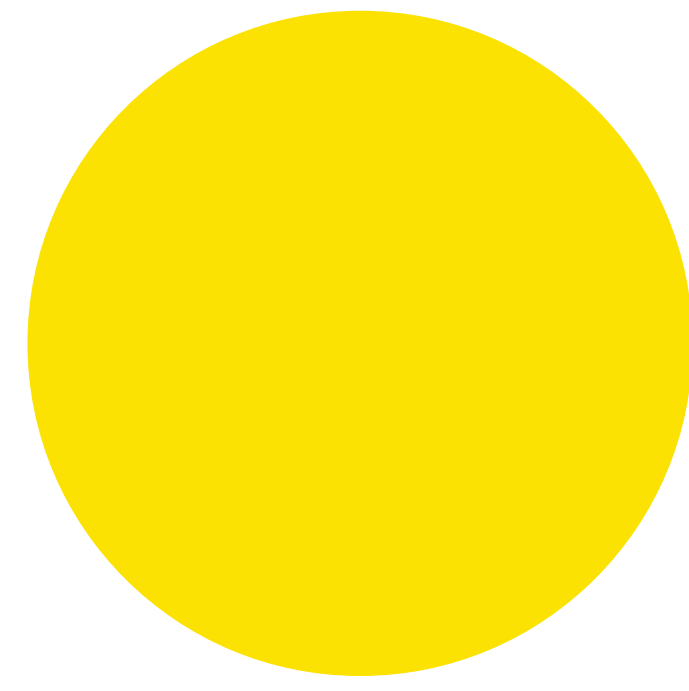


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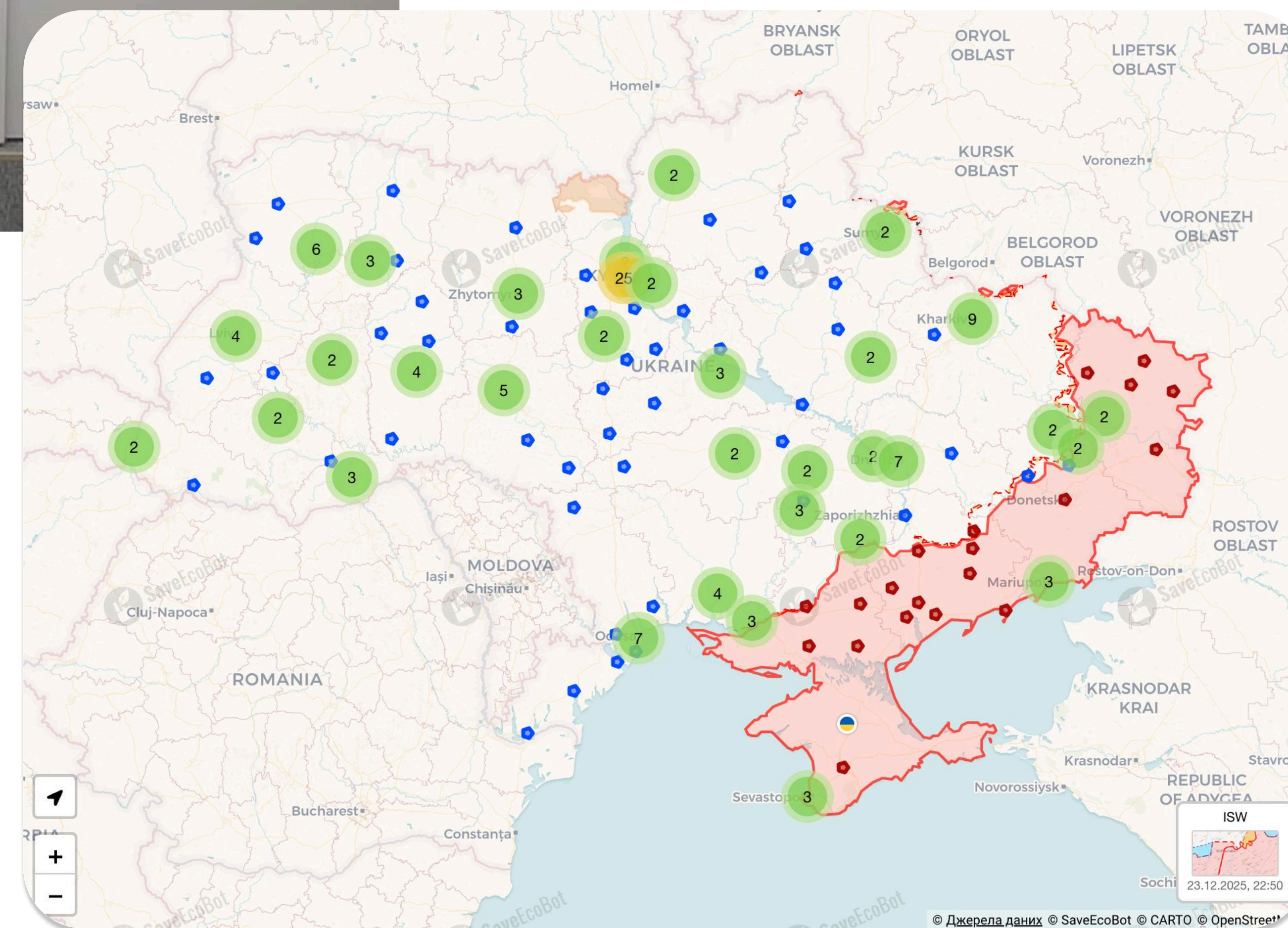
In 2025, the “ANTS” Network actively supported partners, including the International Center for Ukrainian Victory (ICUV), in organizing and conducting international actions and rallies as a continuation of joint advocacy campaigns. In particular, global protests against the imposed “peaceful” capitulation scenarios for Ukraine - “Europe, take control back!” - were supported near U.S. embassies in EU countries, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and in dozens of U.S. cities. Additionally, a wave of Make Russia Pay took place in 13 European cities, with two events in Brussels, Belgium, demanding the unlocking of a reparations loan for Ukraine, secured by frozen Russian state assets.

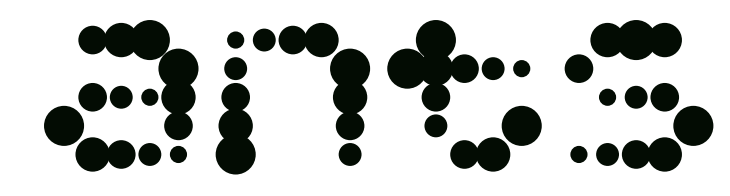
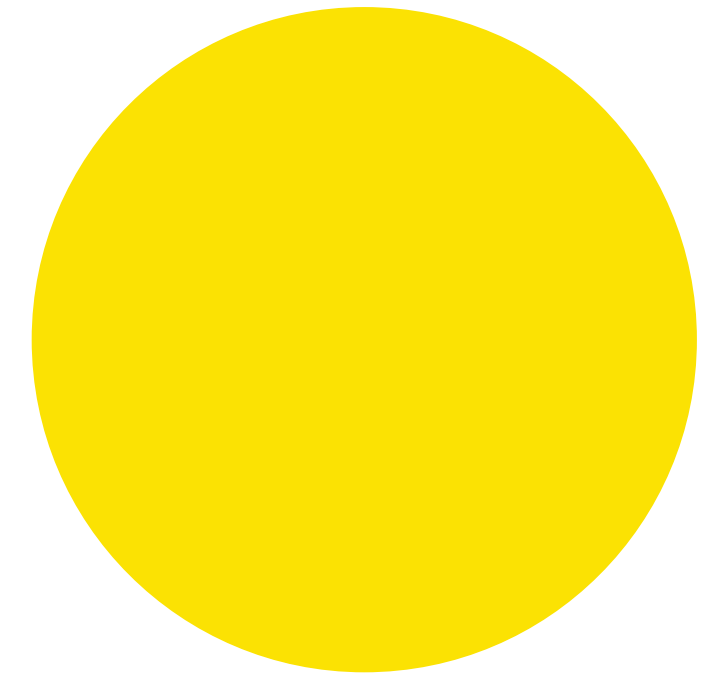


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Russia must be punished for environmental crimes, and damages for environmental destruction must be compensated. The “ANTS” Network is working with partners to strengthen Ukrainian and international legislation (ecocide) and to record and assess environmental damage caused by Russian aggression. In particular, we have created a database in collaboration with SaveDnipro of certified laboratories in Ukraine that can be used to collect and process samples from sites contaminated by Russian shelling.

The “ANTS” Network is actively involved in the campaign for proper environmental governance in Ukraine, in particular, in the campaign for the restoration of the Ministry of Environmental Protection as an independent central executive body.



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We sincerely thank our partners for their support and trust throughout the year.

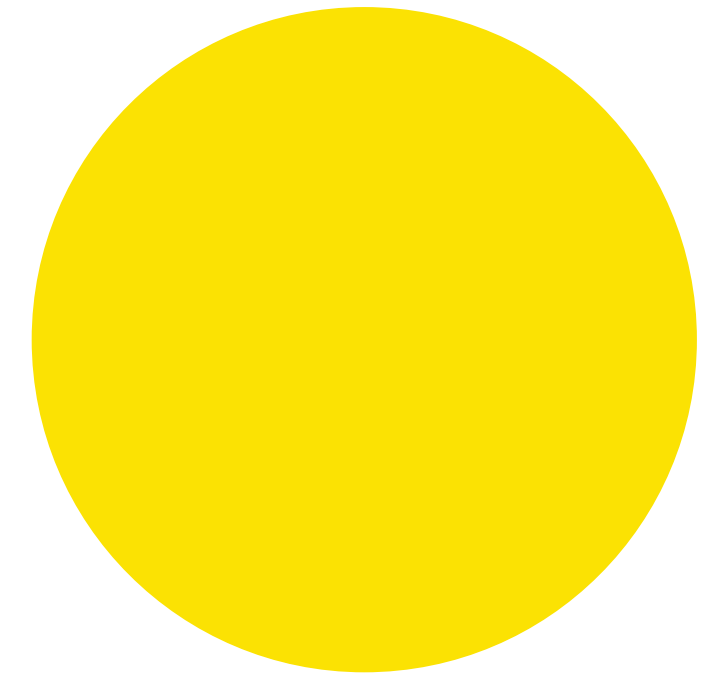
Thanks to our joint efforts, solidarity, and partnership, we were able to implement important initiatives, strengthen civil society, and contribute to the protection of Ukraine's national interests.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF:

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- The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- The Ukrainian-Danish Youth House



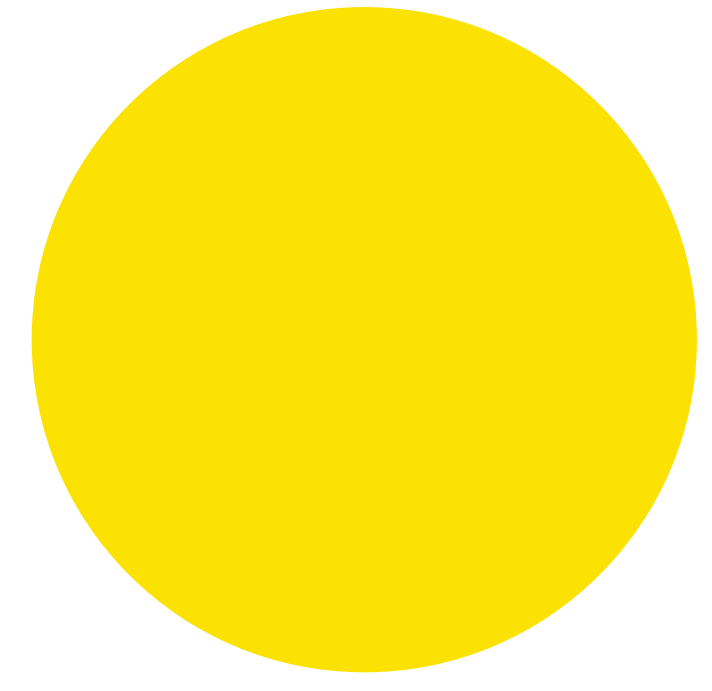
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WHAT IS NEXT? 2026



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The “ANTS” Network enters the new year with a clear understanding of challenges and responsibilities. Ahead are the strengthening of international advocacy, systematic work on veteran policy, mobilization of resources for victory and reconstruction, as well as the protection of Ukraine’s democratic course.

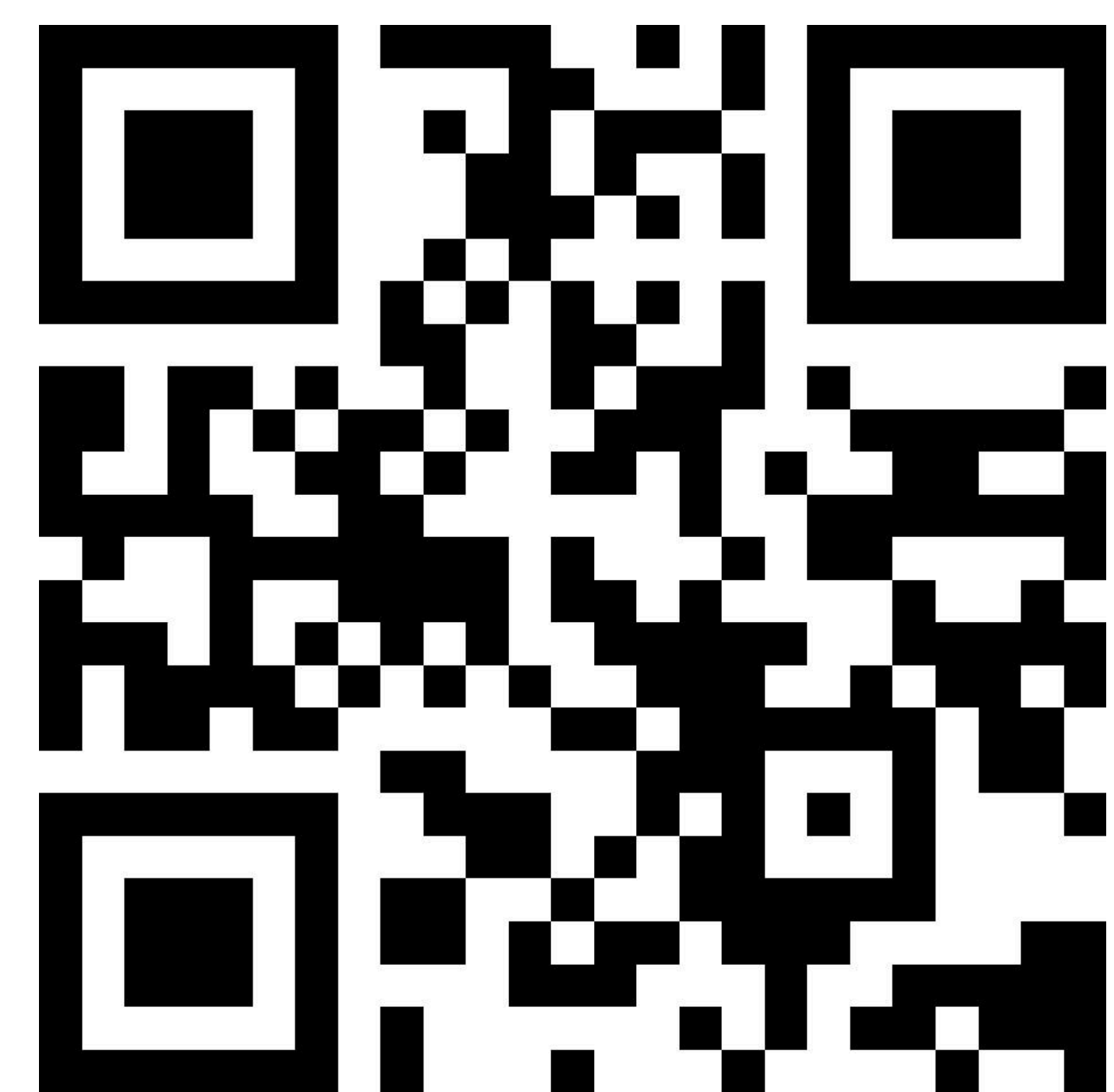
We thank all partners, allies, experts and citizens who were with us this year. Together, we prove that Ukraine’s civil society is strong, mature, and capable of shaping the country’s future.

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