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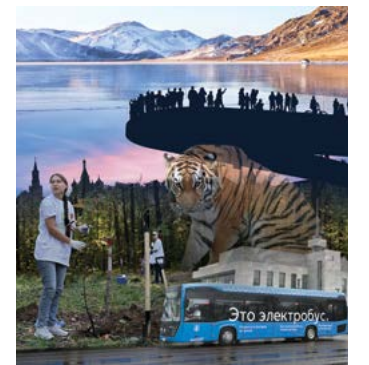
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# Introduction

## CIVIL SOCIETY – BASIS OF RUSSIA'S DEVELOPMENT

Today, our country, like the entire world community, has entered an era of dramatic changes and major historical developments that are irreversibly changing the foundations of the post-World War II geopolitical order.

Needless to say that this year we have eyewitnessed how global turbulence is affecting more and more countries, gaining momentum, leading to the breakdown of established ties and methods of interstate interactions, increasing uncertainty and intensifying geopolitical confrontation.

A dramatic shift in the foreign policy situation has placed on the agenda the introduction of new approaches to strategic planning, which entailed the revision of a number of key regulations that influence the development of the country, set planning horizons for the implementation of foreign and domestic government policy, and documents that shaping the image of the collective future of Russia.

The implementation of these fundamental changes commenced following the Address of the President of Russia to the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation on January 15, 2020. Asserting the need to solve the large-scale social, economic and technological challenges our country is being faced with, he noted a clear demand for changes in our society.

The President of Russia put forward a suggestion of a number of amendments to the Constitution of the Russian Federation, aimed at the further development of the country through a nationwide vote.

The active involvement of civil society in discussions and drafting out amendments to the Constitution followed by the constitutional referendum became the guarantee to a national consensus on the updated Basic Law of the country.

The foreign policy situation unfolding in 2022–2023 required the review and reassessment of a key document that not only determines foreign policy, but also capturing changes in the system of global priorities in the country's development. On March 31, 2023, this most important turn, which actually represents the country's civilizational choice, was constituted in the new "Concept of the Foreign Policy of the Russian Federation", approved by the Executive Order of the President of Russia. The new concept consolidated at the doctrinal level the definition of Russia as a "distinctive country-civilization".<sup>1</sup>

The idea of a country-civilization as a special multiethnic community, bound by a common historical destiny, was announced at a high political level for the first time in the message of the President of Russia to the Federal Assembly in 2012.<sup>2</sup> Having the "country-civilization" term included in the strategic document defining the key vectors, directions and tasks of foreign policy it shows that today Russia by declaring its self-sufficiency and sovereignty is entering a new stage in its centuries-old history. And now the country is eagerly searching for its own unique path of existence and building a new strategy for its development, taking into account largely unavoidable objective factors and difficulties.



Enacted amendments to the Constitution of the Russian Federation have paved the legal way for further changes of

over **50**

key strategic planning documents that embrace the new challenges and tasks that our country has faced over the past three years.

Namely:

- ✓ "On the National Security Strategy of the Russian Federation" (Executive Order of the President of the Russian Federation No. 400 dated July 2, 2021);
- ✓ "On Approval of the Strategy for the Socioeconomic Development of the Russian Federation with Low Greenhouse Gas Emissions until 2050" (Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 3052-p dated October 29, 2021);
- ✓ "On Approval of the Concept for the Development of Creative Industries and Mechanisms for the Implementation of their State Support in Large and the Largest

Urban Agglomerations until 2030" (Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 2613-p dated September 20, 2021);

- ✓ "On approval of the Fundamentals of State Policy in the Field of Strategic Planning in the Russian Federation" (Executive Order of the President of the Russian Federation No. 633 dated November 8, 2021);
- ✓ "On approval of the Maritime Doctrine of the Russian Federation" (Executive Order of the President of the Russian Federation No. 512 dated July 31, 2022);
- ✓ "On Approval of the Fundamentals of State Policy for the Preservation and Strengthening of Traditional Russian Spiritual and Moral Values" (Executive Order of the President of the Russian Federation No. 809 dated November 9, 2022);
- ✓ "On approval of the Strategy for the Development of the Financial Market of the Russian Federation until 2030" (Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 4355-p dated December 29, 2022); and
- ✓ "On the Comprehensive Child Safety Strategy of the Russian Federation until 2030" (Executive Order of the President of the Russian Federation No. 358 dated May 17, 2023).

The events of recent years in the development of civil society of our country – where the Civic Chamber is directly involved as one of its key institutions – reveal that today our country-civilization is in a situation where civil society is becoming no less important than the state itself.

All significant and important laws adopted in recent years stood out the task of strengthening and preserving Russian traditional spiritual and moral values.

A prime example of that is the joint work of society and the state to integrate the new regions into a single economic, legal, educational and cultural space.

The time in which we all live is perpetually posing new challenges for the state, and the answer to them will require the unification of all forces, all resources – namely, social, public, intellectual, and expert.

And for sure, to overcome these historical challenges in the near future, the civil society, as the basis of the country's civilizational sovereignty, will certainly play its decisive role.



# 01

## Solidarity and unity

- 1.1 Challenges for the country – challenges for society: unity based on trust and support
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The year of 2023 became not only a period of gaining resilience, which Russia demonstrated in response to external challenges in the financial, economic and sociopolitical spheres, but also a time of active search and implementation of new strategies that allow the country to adapt to the dynamically changing rules of the game in the international arena and discover new leadership opportunities. And a key role in these changes has played the civil society.

# 1.1

## CHALLENGES FOR THE COUNTRY – CHALLENGES FOR SOCIETY: UNITY BASED ON TRUST AND SUPPORT

At the turn of 2022–2023, Western experts predicted that Russia, amid a barrage of economic and political sanctions, would face dramatic changes in the political, economic and social sphere. The changes did happen, but they were planned, systematic and controlled.

Over the past three years, the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation has noted the transformation of public-state dialog towards a sustainable, trusting partnership. And this partnership is manifested, among other things, in the growth or persisting a high level of citizens' trust in the country's

key public and state institutions and the stability of indicators of social well-being. These trends are confirmed by sociological research, measurements, surveys, and monitoring by the country's leading sociological organizations conducted in 2023.

### Approval of the activities of public institutions

The general structure of institutional assessment of the activities of public institutions by citizens has remained unchanged over recent years.

According to monthly measurements of the All-Russian Center for the Study of Public Opinion (VCIOM) Russian armed forces today

are the most influential and approved public institution in the country.

Second place is shared by the Russian Orthodox Church (ROC), and third place, in terms of the share of ratings approving the activities, goes to law enforcement agencies.

#### Assessment of the activities of public institutions in November 2023, %

Approval	Disapproval	Approval	Disapproval		
Russian armed forces	<b>74.7</b>	11.9	Civic Chamber	<b>38.2</b>	17.3
ROC	<b>60.9</b>	19.6	Judicial system	<b>36.1</b>	32.1
Law enforcement	<b>53.5</b>	24.4	Law enforcement	<b>36.0</b>	24.4
Media	<b>43.3</b>	33.5	Trade unions	<b>31.1</b>	22.0
			Opposition	<b>27.3</b>	33.9

Source: VCIOM // Activities of public institutions / <https://wciom.ru/ratings/dejatelnost-obshchestvennykh-institutov/page>



### Social well-being

Social well-being is the most important indicator of the population's response to social changes. It shows how successfully a society manages to adapt to changing conditions and cope with challenges.

Sociologists say that indicators of social well-being have not only stabilized since the beginning of 2022, but have also shown significant growth compared to 2020–2021.

Throughout 2023, assessments of Russians' satisfaction with life and the situation in the country remain consistently high.

#### Life satisfaction

# 60%

voiced in May 2023 that in general they were satisfied with the life they had, which was an increase of 7% more than in the same period in 2022.

# 20%

gave neutral ratings.

#### Assessment of the national policy

# 50%

of Russians

agree with the statement that "things in the country are going in the right direction." Since March 2022, the indicator has only dropped below this level once (November – 47%), and the peak was noted in August 2022 (58%).

Source: VCIOM // Social well-being: monitoring / <https://wciom.ru/analytical-reviews/analiticheskii-obzor/social-noe-samochnuvstvie-monitoring-19062023>

#### Assessment of the situation in the country

Russians have a predominantly positive assessment of the situation in the country; in May, it was good for

# 63%

of respondents,

which practically corresponded to the assessment for the same period in 2022 (64%).

To date, 28% of respondents think that the situation in the country is baffling; since the beginning of 2022 the share of pessimists in the country has decreased by

# 1.5 time

(January 2022 — 41%).

For comparison, in May 2020 and 2021 the statement that "things in the country are going in the right direction" was shared by only every third person (32 and 34%, respectively).

Today partially agree with the statement and partly not 28% of respondents (-8% by May 2020), another 17% disagree (-11% by May 2020).

The index of assessments of the country's overall development vector is in 1.5 times higher than the indicator for the same period in 2020 and 2021 (61% vs. 41% and 43%, respectively).

### Patriotism

All over the entire observation period, since 2000, the indicator of patriotism in Russian society has not dropped below 80%; the peak was recorded in 2018 (92%).

# 91%

of Russians call themselves patriots in 2023.

Every second unreservedly calls himself (herself) a patriot (52% of respondents).

#### To be a patriot for Russians is

# 48%

to work and act for the benefit / prosperity of the country

# 38%

to defend their country from any attacks and accusations

# 32%

to tell the truth about their country and no matter how bitter it may be

# 32%

to consider themselves part of their country

# 31%

to strive to change the state of affairs in the country in order to ensure that it will have a decent future

# 18%

to think that their country is better than other countries

Source: VCIOM // Patriotism: monitoring / <https://wciom.ru/analytical-reviews/analiticheskii-obzor/patriotizm-monitoring>

### Aid for residents of the new regions and the SMO participants

The accession of the new regions and events related to the special military operation remain the most important and significant topics in the life of Russians in 2023.

This January Russians expressed their readiness to help to:

# 79%

residents of the new regions of the Russian Federation and military men

# 74%

mobilized citizens

# 72%

refugees

At the same time, every second Russian spoke about active support for residents of the liberated territories and military personnel.

# 55%

named at least one action from the list, which included support with money, food, ammunition, etc.

# 36%

of informants helped mobilized

# 21%

of informants helped refugees

Source: VCIOM // Special military operation: one year later / <https://wciom.ru/analytical-reviews/analiticheskii-obzor/specialnaja-voennaja-operacija-god-spustja>

### Russia's position in the international arena

VCIOM experts have asserted that over the past 20 years the public perception of Russia's role in the world among citizens of our country has changed significantly.

### The future of the country in perception of the Russians

Sociological studies show that today Russians have a clearer idea of the long-term prospects for the development of our country than it used to be.

#### Russia as a great power

**50%**

of Russians surveyed in 2023 considered our country one of the great powers.

The indicator peaked in 2022

**+20%**

to 2021 data

**28%**

of our citizens believed that in the next 15–20 years Russia would become a great power,

**17%**

that it would not.

As in 2022, the answer to this question was much less problematic for Russians than ever (5% vs. 8–16% in other measurements).

Source: VCIOM // Country of optimists / <https://wciom.ru/analytical-reviews/analiticheskii-obzor/strana-optimistov>

#### The future of Russia in the next 8–10 years

The responses of Russians to the question about Russia in the next 8–10 years were predominantly positive.

**72%**

of citizens believed that the situation would improve during this time, including

**31%**

expected significant changes for the better and saw Russia as a strong and prosperous state.

Source: VCIOM // Country of optimists / <https://wciom.ru/analytical-reviews/analiticheskii-obzor/strana-optimistov>

# 1.2

## INTEGRATION OF THE NEW REGIONS INTO THE ALL-RUSSIAN LEGAL AND CIVIL SPACE

The last day of September 2023 marks a year since the President of Russia has signed an agreement on the accession of **four new regions to the Russian Federation** – the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics, the Kherson and Zaporozhye regions. A year later this event remains for many Russians **one of the most significant in the modern history of Russia**.<sup>3</sup>

To ensure equal social and economic guarantees for the population, the President of Russia set the task of integrating the new regions into a single economic, legal, educational and cultural space of our country, noting the need to bring them to the all-Russian level in the next eight years. The head of state signed relevant federal laws in the fields of education, science, healthcare, social protection, sports, and the integration of the new regions into the judicial system of the Russian Federation.

Throughout 2023, with the coordination of responsible ministries and departments, an integrated work was launched to ensure security, restoration and socioeconomic development of the new territories.

Russian civil society made a significant contribution to the process of integration of the new regions into the all-Russian socio-economic and cultural space in 2023. Along with other institutions the Civic Chamber focused its efforts on helping to implement civil initiatives in the new regions.



During the spring session the State Duma of the Russian Federation enacted

**54**

laws,

aimed at integrating the new regions into the Russian legal framework.<sup>4</sup> This work was continued in the autumn session of 2023.<sup>5</sup>



In the next 2.5 years the federal authorities plan to allocate

**~2 trillion rubles**<sup>6</sup>



The process of forming civic chambers in the new regions of the Russian Federation was completed in 2023.<sup>7</sup> In accordance with the legislative developments of 2022, in July 2023 representatives of the LPR, DPR, Kherson and Zaporozhye regions entered the new VIII composition of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation.<sup>8</sup> Thus civil society institutions in the new regions received an effective tool for representation and interaction with government authorities at all levels.

To facilitate the integration of civil society institutions of the new regions of the Russian Federation into the political, social and economic systems of the country, in July 2023 the Coordination Council on the new regions' integration was instituted in the Civic Chamber, uniting members of the Civic Chamber and opinion leaders of the new regions.<sup>9</sup>

In 2023 the implementation of the project "Support for Public Initiatives in the New Territories of Russia", initiated in 2022, continued. This project ensures the work of created in the Lugansk and Donetsk

people's republics and Zaporozhye region resource centers for supporting public initiatives.<sup>10</sup> Thanks to the work of resource centers, the activity of nonprofit organizations in the new regions in 2023 has increased significantly.

The Civic Chamber pays increased attention to working with citizens' appeals living in the new regions, which allows the voice of each resident to be heard and, if necessary, to resolve such appeal privately.<sup>11</sup>

Today, the process of integrating the new regions into the Russian legal and civil space is in full swing. Representatives of government, business and civil society will have to jointly solve a number of problems in the near future, including those related to making decisions to compensate citizens for the loss of property due to shelling, providing housing for military personnel, eliminating excessive red tape of many administrative procedures, preventing the outflow of young people from the new regions, and assistance and support for socially vulnerable categories of citizens and many others.<sup>12</sup>

**Directions of the Coordination Council under the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation for the integration of the new regions of the Russian Federation (given in abbreviated form):<sup>14</sup>**

- Coordinating the work of members of the Civic Chamber with the new regions of the Russian Federation;
- Providing information, methodological and other support to civic chambers of the new regions of the Russian Federation;
- Expertizing draft law developed for the new regions of the Russian Federation;
- Supporting the nonprofit sector in the new regions of the Russian Federation. Assistance in organizing the effective work of public associations, including the development of federal public projects;
- Promoting the formation of communities in the field of activities of socially oriented NPOs and civil activists;
- Assistance in the implementation of projects of the Civic Chamber aimed at helping the new regions and their residents;
- Coordinating the work to implement public monitoring of compliance with the electoral rights of citizens in the new regions;
- Assistance in working with the SMO participants, veterans, internal refugees, orphans and disabled people, and representatives of other socially vulnerable categories of the population;
- Organizing work to attract representatives of other regions with the experience in public activities, civic chambers of chief regions to work with the new regions of the Russian Federation;
- Conducting training events for representatives of socially oriented NPOs and civil activists, including members of civic chambers of the new regions of the Russian Federation;
- Facilitating the participation of representatives of socially oriented NPOs and civil activists from the new regions in forums and other socially significant events; and
- Coordinating the reporting on the state of civil society institutions in the new regions of the Russian Federation.

 The integrated program for the socioeconomic development of the new regions, approved by the Russian Government in April 2023, encompasses

**~300**  
priority activities,

aimed at restoring and repairing infrastructure, providing citizens with comfortable housing and necessary social facilities. The program is designed for 2023–2025 with targets until 2030.<sup>13</sup>

 Restoration works in the DPR, LPR, Kherson, and Zaporozhye regions are implemented by

**33**  
companies

**~50 ths.**  
builders

 In the fall of 2022, when representatives of the LPR were able to participate in the competition of the Presidential Grants Foundation, only three organizations applied for participation.

 The close date for applications for the 17th foundation competition was October 16, 2023.

**47**  
projects of nonprofit organizations from the new regions of Russia submitted to participate in the competition<sup>16</sup>

---> For the next competition of the Presidential Grants Foundation in March 2023, organizations from the LPR have already sent

**21**  
applications<sup>15</sup>

--->  The winners of the competition will be determined in January 2024.

# 1.3

## SUPPORT OF THE SMO PARTICIPANTS AND VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

At the beginning of 2023, following a meeting with the mothers of military personnel who participated in the special military operation that took place in November 2022,<sup>17</sup> the President of Russia approved a list of instructions, outlining the priority of supporting participants and veterans of combat operations and members of their families, as part of the implementation of state social policy in 2023.<sup>18</sup>

The topic of supporting participants in the special military operation, as well as members of their families, became one of the priority directions of the State Duma during the spring session of 2023.

 **More than 70** laws

were enacted to build a unified system of targeted assistance to military personnel.

### The laws enacted by the State Duma, in particular, allow:

- All participants of the SMO and Donbass militias to receive the status of combat veterans;
- Military pensioners who returned to service, regardless of their position, to retain an increased pension;
- Widows of combat veterans to receive state support regardless of the composition of the family in which they live;
- Family members of military personnel to continue to use service housing;
- To retain the right to compensation for rent in case of renting housing at the previous place of service;
- To assign a separate quota within government-funded places at universities based on the results of entrance examinations for the SMO participants;
- To admit children of the SMO participants out of turn to schools and nurseries;
- To authorize commanders and heads of hospitals to certify signatures of military personnel, if personal presence cannot be ensured when registering births, marriages and their dissolution;
- To enjoy the right to free consultation with lawyers on a number of significant matters;
- To exempt the SMO participants, as well as members of their families, from paying personal income tax, a number of duties and penalties; and
- To undergo vocational training and training under vocational retraining programs for disabled combatants.

At the beginning of April 2023, the President of Russia, in order to create conditions that ensure a decent life and active work for participants in the special military operation and members of their families, signed the

Executive Order On Establishing “Defenders of the Fatherland State Fund” to Support Participants in the Special Military Operation.<sup>19</sup> From June 1, 2023, the fund began its work in 16 directions.

### Defenders of the Fatherland State Fund



In the first months of the SMO, the fund received more than **90 thousand** requests from military personnel. As of October 2023, **89 branches** of the fund received

**more than 340 ths.** requests,

of which **more than 220 thousand** were requests from active military personnel and members of their families.



In September 2023, the fund received a grant in the amount of

**5 billion rubles**

The funds will be used to fulfill the tasks assigned to the fund, the main one of which is integrated support for veterans of the special military operation and family members of fallen soldiers.

### 16 key directions of the “Defenders of the Fatherland State Fund”



**Medical rehabilitation**



**Providing technical means of rehabilitation**



**Reissuance and preparation of documents**



**Psychological and psychotherapeutic assistance**



**Organization of long-term care system**



**Patriotic education of the population**



**Hospitalization**



**Social adaptation and resocialization**



**Commemorating the memory of the SMO veterans**



**Palliative care**



**Legal assistance**



**Sports, Paralympic Movement, cultural and leisure activities**



**Health resort treatment**



**Social support**



**Historical and cultural education**



**Integration of the SMO veterans into the system of patriotic education of Russian citizens**

Source: Official website of the “Defenders of the Fatherland State Fund” // Directions of the fund / <https://gosfondveteranov.gov.ru/#sDirections>



One of the urgent problems, that caused public outcry in the first half of 2023, were the inequality of payments and preferential benefits for the SMO participants and their families in different regions of Russia. A significant number of additional support measures implemented in the regions of the Russian Federation directly depended on their financial capabilities. To

level out this situation, the Working Group on the SMO issues, supervised by Andrei Turchak and created by the Executive Order of the President of Russia,<sup>20</sup> developed a Unified standard of regional measures to support the special military operation participants and their families, including 20 areas of mandatory assistance. The President of Russia supported

the implementation of the developed unified standard in the regions.

Monitoring the implementation of support measures proposed in the unified standard is entrusted to the Working Group on the SMO matters, which included the Hero of Russia, First Vice President of the Civic Chamber of the

Russian Federation, Vyacheslav Bocharov. The group will carry out this task jointly with the "Defenders of the Fatherland State Fund" and the coordination center of the Government of the Russian Federation.

## Unified standard: 20 measures to support the SMO participants and their family members

- 1 To suspend the fulfillment of obligations of the SMO participants under agreements on the provision of subsidies (grants) from the budgets of regions of Russia for the period of participation in the special military operation, as well as to extend their period to continue fulfilling obligations after demobilization.
- 2 To ensure the safety of vehicles of the SMO participants free of charge.
- 3 To provide the SMO participants with benefits for paying transport tax per vehicle.
- 4 To maintain (renew) the status of a large family and the right to social support measures associated with this status in the event of the death of one or more children participating in the SMO.
- 5 To freeze (renew) the right of citizens with three or more children on free land in the event of the death of one or more children participating in the SMO.
- 6 To compensate the families of the SMO participants for part of the costs of housing and utilities, as well as part of the fee for major overhaul.
- 7 To include the SMO participants and members of their families in the number of preferential categories entitled to a subsidy for the purchase of gas equipment and work on their land plots in the amount of at least 100 thousand rubles per household.
- 8 To ensure free social services at home, in a stationary or semi-stationary form, to disabled spouses and parents of the SMO participants recognized as in need of social services.
- 9 To ensure free psychological assistance to family members of the SMO participants (spouses, children, parents), including in the event of their death.
- 10 To ensure preferential hot meals to children of the SMO participants studying in grades 5–11, as well as full-time students.

- 11 To exempt from fees charged to parents for the supervision and care of children of the SMO participants in nurseries (including in the event of death of the SMO participants).
- 12 To ensure the enrollment of children of the SMO participants in extended day groups and 24-hour stay in nurseries on a priority (preferential) basis (including in the event of death of the SMO participants).
- 13 To ensure the preferential right of the SMO participants to transfer their children to other nurseries closest to the family's place of residence (including in the event of death of the SMO participants).
- 14 To exempt from fees for supervision and care of children of the SMO participants in extended day groups in educational institutions (including in the event of death of the SMO participants).
- 15 To ensure the priority enrollment in extended day groups for children of the SMO participants studying in grades 1–6 (including in the event of death of the SMO participants).
- 16 To ensure the preferential right of families of the SMO participants to transfer their children to the educational organizations closest to their place of residence (including in the event of death of the SMO participants).
- 17 To ensure free children classes in clubs and sections for families of the SMO participants (including in the event of death of the SMO participants).
- 18 To ensure a priority enrollment in sports groups (sections) for children of the SMO participants in regional and municipal sports training organizations and the provision of sports equipment, apparels and items free of charge (including in the event of death of the SMO participants).
- 19 To ensure travel warrants at discount prices to children's health camps and health resorts for children of the SMO participants (including in the event of death of the SMO participants).
- 20 To ensure preferential visits to regional and municipal cultural institutions and entertainment events for the SMO participants and members of their families (spouses, children, parents) (including in the event of death of the SMO participants).

Source: The Parliamentary Newspaper // A unified standard of support measures has been developed for the SMO participants and their families / <https://www.pnp.ru/politics/semyam-uchastnikov-svo-okazhut-besplatnuyu-psikhologicheskiy-pomoshh.html>

An important step in simplifying the procedure for providing social support measures to the SMO participants was the decision of the Russian Government on the nonapplication procedure for obtaining a combat veteran's certificate and providing appropriate payments. All necessary information is received by the Social Fund of Russia from the ministries and departments, that issued veteran's certificates, starting in 2023.<sup>21</sup>

On June 24, 2023, the President of Russia signed a law that enables the SMO participants and their children to enter universities in budget-funded places within a separate quota. And those who are already studying on a paid basis, according to the law, can switch to budget-funded places as a priority.

 **More than 9** ths.

of the SMO fighters and members of their families matriculated under the quota of the SMO participants in 2023,<sup>22</sup>

of whom **1,200** were the SMO participants and **8,200** members of their families.

**220**

of the SMO participants and their children were enrolled to preparatory departments of universities at the expense of budgetary allocations.


The most popular areas were the following: **medical science, pedagogy, as well as information systems and technologies.**

In November 2023, the "Defenders of the Fatherland State Fund" and the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation launched a special platform for applications for retraining of the veterans. The platform facilitates applications flow through the fund's social coordinators directly to the university chosen by the subject. Such a mechanism will enable a fast processing of applications of the Defenders of the Fatherland State Fund and family members of fallen heroes on issues of training, retraining and employment.<sup>23</sup>

**The draft of the Russian Popular Front to raise funds and humanitarian assistance to the fighters of the SMO "Everything for Victory!"**

The marathon raised **67 million rubles** in 14 hours in May 2023 in support of the Russian Popular Front project "Everything for Victory!"

**More than 32,300** citizens and organizations donated the support of military units of Donbass.

 **9.8** billion rubles

were collected by the project "Everything for Victory!" for soldiers on the front line since the announcement of the first fundraising in June 2022. Out of which, **3.61 billion rubles** and **38,615 transactions** sourced from legal entities, and **6.19 billion rubles** and **3,024,864 transactions** sourced from individuals.

**3,063,479** people donated to the fund.<sup>24</sup>

**More than 2** million people

by mid of 2023 sent money or donated quadcopters, thermal imagers, cars, uniforms, medicines and much more to the regional branches of the Popular Front.

Source: Charitable fund "Popular Front. Everything for Victory!" // The Popular Front summed up the results of the year of work of the project "Everything for Victory!" / [https://pobeda.onf.ru/news/news\\_itog11506](https://pobeda.onf.ru/news/news_itog11506)

In 2023, issues of comprehensive support for the SMO participants and members of their families also became priority directions of work for many Russian nonprofit organizations and other public associations, which, with the wide participation of volunteers, implemented various projects to help and support military personnel located in the combat zone.

The wives of military personnel participating in the special operation revived the "Zvezda and Lyra" (Star and Lyre) public foundation in Samara. The foundation works together with the Women's Council of the Second Guards Army, which is headed by a member of the Civic Chamber, Ekaterina Kolotovkina, wife of army commander Andrei Kolotovkin. The foundation's volunteers are mothers and wives of the SMO participants. Today, the "Zvezda and Lyra" foundation is an organized structure that collects and purchases humanitarian aid for military units. A separate direction of the foundation's work is training programs. The foundation's instructors teach mobilized snipers, control of unmanned aerial vehicles and tactical medicine.

 **More than 500** tons of humanitarian aid


the "Zvezda and Lyra" foundation has sent to Russian soldiers and residents of the liberated territories since the beginning of the SMO.

Consultations, assistance and support for families of the military personnel are provided by an autonomous nonprofit organization "Committee of Families of Soldiers of the Fatherland". The decision to create the organization was adopted on November 2, 2022 at the final "Community" forum in Moscow. The initiators were leading Russian public organizations "Women of Russia", "Union of Military Families", "Union of Women of Russia", and "Mothers of Russia".

The tasks of the organization include coordination and consolidation of the work of government agencies and public

organizations in order to help military personnel and their families, ensuring communications with mothers and wives of the SMO participants, their information, legal and psychological support.

The committee's projects, such as "Mutual Help and Support Groups", "You are Not Alone", and "Warmly from Home", have proven themselves to be effective tools for helping the families of the SMO participants.

 In 2023, the main offices and regional branches of the "Committee of Families of Soldiers of the Fatherland" covered the entire territory of Russia with their activities, from the Republic of Crimea to the Sakhalin region.<sup>25</sup>

**More than 20** initiatives

proposed by representatives of the "Committee of Families of Soldiers of the Fatherland" were implemented in 2023.<sup>26</sup>

To date, many of the most urgent issues related to the aid and support of the SMO participants and members of their families have been resolved or mechanisms for their effective solution have been developed. At the same time, a number of problematic topics, including the organization of the provision of legal, social, psychological, medical, and other assistance, the expansion of various quotas, including within education, professional retraining, and the implementation of information campaigns, require additional consideration with the participation of professional and expert communities, especially at the regional level.

Currently, the Civic Chamber, in cooperation with the regional chambers, continues to work on discussing, including within the active citizens' forum "Community", summarizing and lodging to the competent authorities the best practices, mechanisms and formats for providing assistance to the SMO participants and their families for their further replication and scaling in the regions of the Russian Federation.



## 1.4

## RETRAINING, SOCIAL ADAPTATION AND MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE SMO PARTICIPANTS

In January 2023 following a meeting with mothers of military personnel, the President of Russia gave instructions to develop a program aimed at providing professional retraining, employment, rehabilitation and psychological support for people who participated in the SMO, as well as providing them with medical care in hospitals.<sup>27</sup> The instructions reflected growing public demand for such support.

The topic of social adaptation, medical and psychological assistance in 2023 consolidated numerous public, nonprofit, professional organizations, government agencies, and departments, which by exchanging experiences, combining efforts and resources implemented projects for the integrated rehabilitation of injured participants of the SMO.

The "Defenders of the Fatherland State Fund", together with the Agency for Social Initiatives (ASI), is implementing joint projects for the integrated rehabilitation and labor adaptation of the SMO veterans. The ASI has been supporting a project to develop exoskeletons and robotic simulators for restoring the walking skills of adults and children for several years. Today, the accumulated experience in this area is in

strong demand in rehabilitation centers and military hospitals.<sup>28</sup> Another promising area of cooperation between the fund and the agency is the participation of the SMO veterans in the ASI training programs, including within the educational digital platform "University 2035".<sup>29</sup>

In September 2023, the support service for the SMO veterans of the Popular Front and the Federal Scientific and Clinical Center for Resuscitation and Rehabilitation of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation (FNCC RR) presented a joint "Return" program for combatants. The cooperation of the FNCC RR with the all-Russian social movement enables the direct evacuation of the wounded from the combat zone to the scientific and clinical center.

Supported and funded by the Presidential Grants Foundation, the "Kibatletika" Union (CybAthletics) and the team of the Russian State Social University are implementing an integrated rehabilitation program "We are building the future with CybAthletics".<sup>30</sup> The program includes adaptive physical education, classes in the pool, work with psychologists and rehabilitation specialists, prosthetics training, consultations on employment and training, meetings with people implementing interesting projects, as well as a cultural program.

The most important part of rehabilitation is physical education. From the first days of the SMO, the Russian Paralympic Committee, having extensive experience in socializing people through adaptive sports, has taken an active part in working with military personnel who received severe injuries and disabilities during combat operations. All regional branches of the committee, all athletes who have extensive experience in performing at domestic and international competitions, are involved in humanitarian and mentoring activities to work with combatants who received severe injuries and disabilities. Paralympians have repeatedly visited medical institutions on the territory of the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics.

In 2023, the Russian Paralympic Committee developed a target program for working with combatants named "We are together. A Sport", the purpose of which is to promote the physical and psychological rehabilitation of combat veterans.

In 2022–2023, a series of thematic events dedicated to the adaptation and medical and psychological rehabilitation of the SMO participants were held at the Civic Chamber and within active citizens' forum "Community".

With the broad participation from the scientific, professional and expert communities, these discussions covered the topics of integrated rehabilitation of military personnel and veterans discharged into the reserve, as well as wide opportunities for their professional retraining, professional aspects of providing psychological



11

master classes

the Russian Paralympic Committee performed in hospitals and medical institutions of the country in adaptive sports since the beginning of the SMO.

More than

800

military personnel

who were wounded during the SMO took part in these activities.<sup>31</sup>

assistance, as well as the need to create communities to support and exchange of experience in this area. During 2023, many ideas and initiatives expressed at the events of the Civic Chamber were embodied in specific government decisions.

Experts of the Civic Chamber voiced over that today the system of measures of material support and social guarantees had been established. But it is still essential to develop and implement special professional retraining programs for psychologists on the basis of relevant higher education organizations. These programs should be designed to produce specialists to work with citizens engaged in military actions and create consultation and coordination centers on the adaptation of persons discharged to the reserve – the SMO participants and all citizens discharged to the reserve from the Russian armed forces – in the territories of the relevant regions of Russia.

1.5

## PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS OF THE CIVIC CHAMBER OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION IN SOCIAL PROJECTS RELATED TO THE SMO

The work of members of the Civic Chamber in 2023 was featured by **high involvement** in projects to help and **support the SMO participants and their families**, residents of the new regions of Russia, and personal participation in helping soldiers on the front line and civilians living in the combat zone. The indifference and involvement of social activists has become the basis for the **consolidation of citizens** within the framework of the implementation of **humanitarian initiatives**, the formation and **strengthening of a common moral spirit**.

### The traditional areas of implementation of humanitarian initiatives in 2023 focused on the collection and purchase of humanitarian aid.

Ilya Gerasyov, a member of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Sovereignty, Patriotic Projects, and Support of Veterans, visited Donbass on several occasions with a humanitarian mission. During these missions he helped soldiers from the Republic of Karelia, handed over parcels and letters from relatives, provided soldiers with necessary things at their requests,<sup>32</sup> provided assistance to hospitals, brought equipment and camouflage nets, as well as even collected exhibits to create museum collections on the events taking place in Donbass.<sup>33</sup> Of note, a number of findings became part of the Center of Heroes of Donbass (a new museum of the SMO).

Muslim Muslimov, a member of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Health Care, organized the delivery of new medical equipment to the Donetsk People's Republic. During his entire work, the social activist managed to send more than 130 tons of humanitarian aid to the new regions of Russia.<sup>34</sup>

Deputy Chairman of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Sovereignty, Patriotic Projects, and Support of Veterans, Ekaterina Kolotovkina, organized the delivery of humanitarian aid to the Lugansk People's Republic, and also provided the children's art school in the town of Svatovo with musical instruments.<sup>35</sup>

For his contribution to providing military medical institutions with additional dressings and medications, departmental medals and certificates from the Ministry of Defense of the

Russian Federation, as well as the People's Council of the LPR, were awarded to the Chairman of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Security and Cooperation with Public Supervisory Commissions, Mikhail Anichkin. Of note, Mikhail Anichkin is one of the heads of the Russian public movement "Guardians of Russia," and from the first days of the SMO this movement has ensured the organization of regular humanitarian convoys for additional supplies of military medical products to the Lugansk and Donetsk People's Republics. Representatives of the social movement have also taken under its patronage the Petrovskaya correctional school for children with disabilities in the LPR.

Deputy Chairman of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Interethnic and Interreligious Relations and Migration, Margarita Liange, participated in the collection and delivery of more than three tons of humanitarian aid for four Orthodox parishes, a medical college and secondary school No. 65 in the city of Mariupol.<sup>36</sup> The school also received an exhibition of the best photographs of participants in the all-Russian competition "Children of Russia".

Deputy Chairman of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Demography and Protection of Family, Children, and Traditional Family Values, Nataliya Moskvitina, is collecting aid for Donbass families. Internal refugees receive clothing and food packages as part of the "Mamino Okno" (Mother's Window) project of the "Women for Life Foundation".<sup>37</sup>

The dispatch of 20 humanitarian convoys to the sister city of the Samara region Snezhnoye in the DPR, as well as to the location of the 2nd Combined Arms Guards Army, was organized by Deputy Chairman of Commission of the Civic Chamber on Culture and Spiritual Heritage Preservation, Pavel Pokrovsky.<sup>38</sup> Since February 2022, more than 500 tons of aid have been sent: basics, medicines, food, energy equipment, stoves, building materials, etc.

As part of the project "Unified Coordination Center for Assistance to Certain Categories of Citizens 'Integration'", supervised by a member of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Nonprofit Sector Development, Irina Fedorova, an active work to deliver the necessary humanitarian aid to the new regions of Russia is underway. This



More than  
**178** tons  
of humanitarian aid

to the new regions of Russia were delivered by members of the "Guardians of Russia" in 2023.

humanitarian aid includes vehicles and technical products for military units, a wide range of medicines and personal care products, food, clothing, and building materials. The aid is provided not only to military personnel, but also to a wide category of persons in need living in the new regions. Since the launch of the "Integration" project in February 2022, more than 1,000 tons of humanitarian aid has been sent, and friendly relations have been established with a number of public organizations in the new regions.<sup>39</sup>

The crowd funding for purchasing spare parts for UAZ vehicles for units of the SMO, together with members of the Civic Chamber of the Arkhangelsk region was organized by a member of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Demography and Protection of Family, Children, and Traditional Family Values, Sergey Shuvalov. In addition, social activist collected and sent more than 500 kg of aid necessary in the combat zone for military personnel of the 80th Separate Motorized Rifle Brigade "Arctic" from the Murmansk region.<sup>40</sup>



More than  
**1,500**  
requests

received and considered by the "Integration" coordination center from residents of the new regions and internal refugees from the combat zone.



The Civic Chamber helps not only people, but also animals. Of note, since March 31, 2022, on the initiative of the Chairman of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Ecology and Sustainable Development, Elena Sharoykina, the all-Russian campaign to help zoos and animal shelters of the DPR, LPR, Zaporozhye and Kherson regions ZooFriend has been successfully run.



During the implementation of the “ZooFriend” project, it has been collected and delivered to the new regions of Russia

more than  
**250** tons

of feed, veterinary drugs, building materials, and everything necessary for animal volunteers, zoo employees, animal shelters, and even a botanical garden.

In total **14 trucks** have been dispatched. They have delivered aid to more than **30 settlements** in the DPR, LPR, Zaporozhye and Kherson regions.<sup>41</sup>

More than  
**500**  
local residents,

who, despite the dire humanitarian situation, continue to care for animals, have received the support of “ZooFriend”.

**Members of the Civic Chamber are engaged in organizing cultural and educational activities for military personnel and members of their families, as well as for residents of the new regions of Russia.**



Deputy Chairman of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Culture and Spiritual Heritage Preservation, Petr Lundstrom, gave

more than **110** for soldiers of the SMO concerts

Since 2019, he has been collaborating with the Donetsk Philharmonic and regularly performs with its orchestra.

As part of the “Donetsk Smena” (Donetsk shift) project, the goal of which is the rehabilitation of children who survived military actions, the First Deputy Chairman of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Physical Training, Sports, and Healthy Lifestyle, grandmaster Sergey Karyakin, regularly conducts simultaneous chess sessions with children from the new regions.<sup>42</sup>

First Deputy Chairman of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Volunteerism and Youth Policy, Elena Rodionova, organized a project for children of the SMO families – “Workshop of active leisure ‘Generation Z’”. Participants of this workshop managed to undergo leadership skills training, teamwork training, visit museums in Moscow, and meet with public figures and representatives of children’s and youth associations.<sup>43</sup>

A member of the Civic Chamber, Chairman of the All-Russian Public Organization of Street Culture and Sports “Streets of Russia”, Valentin Rabotenko, during the summer 2023 organized a special tour “CARDO. The New Regions”. The project team visited Alchevsk, Lugansk, Donetsk, Mariupol, and Melitopol. The program of events included master classes in parkour, workout,

skateboarding and graffiti, and meetings with local leaders of youth communities and government officials responsible for youth policy and sports.<sup>44</sup>

A member of the Civic Chamber, a famous Russian writer, Sergey Lukyanenko, takes an active part in the work of the International Literary Festival “Stars over Donbass”.

**The most important direction of the efforts of the members of the Civic Chamber is informational, cultural and historical projects.**

First Deputy Chairman of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Information Community, Mass Media, and Communications, Alexander Malkevich, who is the head of the New Media Development Fund, is actively involved in the development of information and media projects in the new territories. He organizes internships for journalists, share educational materials, and provides humanitarian assistance to media representatives and talks about the heroes of Russia in his videos.<sup>45</sup> With the support of civil activists, several TV channels operate in Mariupol,<sup>46</sup> Zaporozhye and Kherson regions.<sup>47</sup> In 2023, Alexander Malkevich’s original projects were also implemented. One of which is the video project “Heroes of Russian Kherson”,<sup>48</sup> the exhibition “Liberated Territories. War and Peace in the Eyes of the Eyewitness”.<sup>49</sup> For his active, versatile and socially useful activities in the new regions of Russia Alexander Malkevich was awarded the Order of Courage in March 2023.<sup>50</sup>

The founder of the international public tribunal for war crimes of Ukrainian nationalists and their accomplices, created on March 1, 2022 on the initiative of human rights defenders, journalists and public figures from more than 20 countries, is Maxim Grigoriev, First Deputy Chairman of Commission of the Civic Chamber on Public Oversight and Citizens’ Appeals. The main objective of the project is to collect and record evidences of crimes against civilians in the combat zone. Project team interviewed more than 600 victims and witnesses of war crimes over the past two years.<sup>51</sup>

Deputy Chairman of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Territorial Development, Urban Environment, and Infrastructure, father of Senior Guard Lieutenant Vladislav Lukonin



The creation of patriotic content on modern media platforms, aimed at informing residents of other regions of Russia about the events

taking place in the Donbass. This direction is also run by First Deputy Chairman of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Nonprofit Sector Development, Ekaterina Agranovich. Together with a team of professional designers, the social activist creates new symbols and implements street art projects. In 2023 implemented

more than  
**100**  
creative projects

As part of Ekaterina Agranovich’s “Infoschool” project, schoolchildren in the new regions are told about methods for creating interesting patriotic content.<sup>52</sup>

(fell during a combat mission of the SMO and posthumously awarded the Order of Courage by Executive Order of the President of Russia), Alexander Lukonin, is an expert in the field of unmanned aerial vehicles and other technical means used for military purposes. At the site of the Committee of Families of Soldiers of the Fatherland, he supports popular initiatives aimed at commemorating the memory of the fallen heroes of the Fatherland.

The First Deputy Chairman of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Volunteerism and Youth Policy, Elena Rodionova, organizes expeditions to restore historical monuments in the DPR and LPR. In 2022, as part of the projects “In the Name of Tomorrow” and “In the Name of Tomorrow. Leaders of Change”, 40 monuments and mass graves from the Great Patriotic War were restored, and by the end of 2023 more than 30 monuments and memorial plates were renovated.<sup>53</sup>

Thanks to the great popularity of the photo project “Wives of Heroes”, initiated by Deputy Chairman of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Sovereignty, Patriotic Projects, and Support of Veterans, Ekaterina Kolotovkina, the Samara relief fund “Zvezda and Lyra” gained all-Russian commendation. The heroines of the photo project “Wives of Heroes” are wives, brides, and mothers of the SMO participants.<sup>54</sup>

**All-Russian photo project “Wives of Heroes”**

More than **15** thousand people

from **83** regions of the country

participated in the photo project<sup>55</sup>

First Vice President of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation, Hero of Russia, Vyacheslav Bocharov, was one of the first members of the Civic Chamber to speak out in support of the special military operation. On February 28, 2022, he initiated an open appeal “Together with the President and the country!”, which was signed by tens of thousands of public figures. At the Civic Chamber Vyacheslav Bocharov supervises the work with appeals from military personnel and their families, regularly visits hospitals, and meets with wounded soldiers. In 2023, as Vice President of the Russian Paralympic Committee, the First Vice President of the Civic Chamber was actively involved in organizing work on the physical and psychological rehabilitation of combat veterans.

The project of Deputy Chairman of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Public Examination of Bills and Other Regulatory Documents, Alexander Ternovtsov, is dedicated to providing free legal assistance to the SMO participants and their families. As

part of the project, since March 2023, lawyers of the Public Legal Organization “Man and the Law” have been considering citizens’ appeals received through the website of the Civic Chamber and providing assistance on legal issues.

**Project “Legal Assistance to the SMO Participants and Their Families”**



Legal assistance received by

**89** persons –

provided **50** oral and **32** written consultations; provided legal support in **5** legal proceedings, **100%** of which were decided in favor of plaintiffs.

First Deputy Chairman of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Agroindustrial Complex and Rural Areas Development, Chairman of the “People’s Farmer” Association, Oleg Sirota, takes an active part in solving the problems faced by farmers in the new regions. Traveling to the liberated territories, Oleg Sirota and his team conduct legal consultations and training events, the purpose of which is to train farmers to work in the Russian legal framework: how pay taxes, apply for subsidies and receive appropriate support.



Thanks to the work of farmer support centers organized by the “People’s Farmer” Association:

**more than 200** farmers were able to re-register their enterprises;

**500** agricultural entrepreneurs received compensation for expenses totaling

more than **600** million rubles

The coordination of work to support nonprofit organizations in the new regions is carried out by Chairman of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Nonprofit Sector Development, Elena Topoleva-Soldunova. This large-scale and multidirectional work includes the creation of resource centers to support public initiatives, the formation of a unified base of organizations that help and are ready to help the development of the third sector, as well as conducting training seminars on the formation and development of NPOs in the new regions.

Under the leadership of Dmitry Paramonov, commander of the Central Office of the “Russian Student Detachments”, a member of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Sovereignty, Patriotic Projects, and Support of Veterans, a program for developing the activities of Donbass student detachments is being implemented on the territory of the new regions. As part of the implementation of this program, active efforts are being made to form central offices of student teams in the new regions, and also distribute aid to local residents.

A member of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Enlightenment and Upbringing, Evgeniy Kozeev, is implementing the “Moscow-VSKS-Donbass” project (VSKS stands for All-Russian Student Rescue Corps), which provides emergency restoration work in residential buildings damaged as a result of attacks by the Ukrainian Armed Forces.

**Members of the Civic Chamber regularly provide targeted aid to those in need**, namely citizens living on the territory of the new regions, internal refugees, military personnel, and members of their families.

The Deputy Chairman of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Public Examination of Bills and Other Regulatory Documents, Alexander Ternovtsov, helped financially a mother of the deceased serviceman from the Kursk region.<sup>56</sup> Another member of the Civic Chamber, Alexander Lukonin, helped one of the SMO fighters to solve a similar problem. The Deputy Chairman of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Demography and Protection of Family, Children, and Traditional Family Values, Nataliya Kiryuhina, helped a refugee from the Kherson region obtain custody of her child.<sup>57</sup>

First Vice President of the Civic Chamber, Hero of Russia, Vyacheslav Bocharov, helped a serviceman from the Lipetsk region receive the required cash benefit,<sup>58</sup> monitored the receipt of payments under the mortgage system for a demobilized person from the Altai region,<sup>59</sup> and also assisted in organizing adaptive classes for a serviceman from the Belgorod region who had lost his sight.<sup>60</sup>

The First Deputy Chairman of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Information Community, Mass Media, and Communications, Alexander Malkevich, privately provides help to residents of the new territories, soldiers and their families. The social activist has repeatedly delivered humanitarian aid to the Zaporozhye region,<sup>61</sup> the Kherson region,<sup>62</sup> and also to the city of Shebekino.<sup>63</sup> At the beginning of 2023, he took part in the “Become Ded Moroz (Father Frost)” campaign. This campaign allowed students of the Orthodox Education Center named after St. Sergius, including children from Donbass, to receive New Year’s gifts and sweets from the social activist.<sup>64</sup> Moreover, Alexander Malkevich helped a seriously ill pensioner from the Kherson region. He provided her with the necessary medications and secured her transfer to a hospital under the supervision of doctors.<sup>65</sup> The social activist also supported journalists who fearlessly worked in the zone of the special military operation: during one of his trips to the Donetsk People’s Republic, Alexander Malkevich gave them packages with food, clothing and other useful things.<sup>66</sup>



# 02

## Implementation of the Fundamentals of State Policy for the Preservation and Strengthening of Traditional Russian spiritual and Moral Values

- 2.1 Patriotic education of the younger generation
- 2.2 Family and childhood protection
- 2.3 Protection and preservation of national treasure and historical and cultural heritage
- 2.4 Ethnoconfessional diversity of the country and the unity of the multiethnic people of Russia
- 2.5 Migration policy: challenges and prospects





An important event in the life of the country was the approval on November 9, 2022 by the President of Russia of a strategic document “Fundamentals of State Policy for the Preservation and Strengthening of Traditional Russian Spiritual and Moral Values”, which also encompasses the proposals of the civil society, consolidated by its institutions. This work in 2023 was followed by the Executive Order “On Amendments to the Fundamentals of State Cultural Policy” (aimed at supporting, preserving and developing all branches of culture, the formation of personality based on the value system inherent in Russian society) and the approval on May 17 by the President of Russia of the “Strategies for Comprehensive Safety of Children in the Russian Federation until 2030”,<sup>67</sup> which classifies shift in ideas of traditional family values as the main threats to the safety of children in Russia.

## 2.1

# PATRIOTIC EDUCATION OF THE YOUNGER GENERATION

Throughout 2023, ardent discussions were sparked among experts on the formation of a system of patriotic education and the problems faced by all parties involved in its implementation. All from professional communities to organizations and departments that oversee issues of patriotic education at the state level were involved in the discussions.

To date, all participants in this process recognize that the education and upbringing of new generations amidst general digitalization and continuous transformation of the value orientations of the younger generation is one of the key and most difficult tasks, which must be solved in close cooperation between the state and civil society.

In recent years, a lot has been done in our country in terms of strengthening the system of patriotic education and systematizing the forms and methods of its implementation.

And 2023 was no exception, especially contemplating how various elements of patriotic education were introduced at all levels of education.

In 2023, cycles of extracurricular activities “Conversations about Important Things”, launched in schools on September 5, 2022;<sup>68</sup> also started for students in secondary vocational education programs.<sup>69</sup>

Members of the Civic Chamber take part in improving the “Conversations about Important Things” series of lessons, develop methodological recommendations, participate in training teachers, and conduct expert discussions on various aspects of this lessons.<sup>70</sup>

### Russians' attitude to innovations in schools

**63%** are positive about the series of extracurricular activities “Conversations about Important Things”

**74%** see the need for such classes in schools

Source: VCIOM // First of September: What's New In Our Schools? / <https://wciom.ru/analytical-reviews/analiticheskiy-obzor/pervoe-sentjabrja-chto-novogo-v-nashikh-shkolakh>

A logical and expected continuation of the work on the formation of a comprehensive system of patriotic education was the presentation by September 1, 2023 of the first unified state textbook on modern history for grades 10–11, developed on behest of the President of Russia.<sup>71</sup> One of the coauthors of the textbook, was the author of the section “Modern History of Russia from 1999 to 2014,” First Deputy Chairman of the Commission on Enlightenment and Upbringing of the Civic Chamber, writer and journalist, Armen Gasparyan.<sup>72</sup>

In September 2023, higher educational institutions saw another important innovation – a course “Fundamentals of Russian Statehood”. This course was instituted in the system of patriotic education on the behest of the President of Russia<sup>73</sup> and in accordance with the recommendation of the expert council of the commission of the State Council of the Russian Federation in the direction of “Science”.

A major contribution to the development of the course was made by the Civic Chamber, whose members became part of the Interdepartmental Working Group on the development of the educational and methodological complex “Fundamentals of Russian Statehood”.<sup>74</sup> The first public discussion of the content and structure of the new course also took place at the Civic Chamber.<sup>75</sup>

The work to find mechanisms, methods and forms of interaction with the younger generation was discussed throughout the year within the framework of the formation of the Russian Movement of Children and Youth (RMCY) “Movement of the First”.<sup>76</sup> An important stage in the progress of RMYM in 2023 was the development and public discussion of a program for its educational work. The interim results of the broad public discussion of the draft program were summed up at the Civic Chamber on June 13, 2023. Participants of the round table not only considered the proposals received to adjust the program, but also drew attention to the features of the educational work that would be implemented by the movement.

### Results of interim public discussions of the educational work program of the “Movement of the First”

More than **10** thousand people –

teachers, experts and parents took part in the discussion on the preparation of the educational program of the “Movement of the First”, most of whom noted that the program reflected the challenges of modern life.<sup>77</sup>

Feedback received from **1,765** participants.

More than **700**

specific proposals from parents, teachers, scientists, and public organizations.<sup>78</sup>



Another important event in the development of the movement was the possibility of creating primary branches in all educational organizations, including in all higher educational institutions of the country. The corresponding Executive Order was signed by the President of Russia on July 24, 2023.<sup>79</sup> It is planned that by the end of 2023, centers of the RMCY will be opened in all Russian universities.<sup>80</sup>

All innovations of 2023 in the field of patriotic education correspond to the goals of the

federal project "Patriotic Education", the results of which will be summed up in 2024. In the coming year, as the year before, the Civic Chamber will continue, with the wide involvement of the largest all-Russian patriotic organizations, representatives of the scientific and expert community, education specialists from the regions of the Russian Federation, to take an active part in considering the results of the project and discussing promising directions for the development of the sphere of patriotic education in the country.

### Main projected results of the federal project "Patriotic Education" by December 31, 2024

Engagement – **24%**  
of nationals of the Russian Federation

**1,960** ths. participants  
of the All-Russian contest "Bolshaya Peremena" (Big Recess)

**150** events  
aimed at popularizing Russian history in the Russian Federation and abroad

**1,750** ths. children  
involved in the activities of the children's and youth military-patriotic public movement "Yunarmia"

**1,660** ths. people  
participating in all-Russian, district and interregional patriotic events, including children and youth

**Financial support**  
Due to the increase in budget allocations for the development and implementation of a set of measures aimed at developing the system of civic and patriotic education of students in general education organizations, in 2023 project funding was increased

**600** ths.  
participants in events within the system of intergenerational interaction and ensuring continuity of generations

by **14,652.3**  
million rubles

**3** million children  
involved in the activities of the All-Russian Public-State Children's and Youth Organization "Russian Schoolchildren Movement"

in 2024 –  
by **19,858.3**  
million rubles<sup>81</sup>

Source: Ministry of Education of the Russian Federation // Federal project "Patriotic Education" / <https://edu.gov.ru/national-project/projects/patriot/>

## 2.2

# FAMILY AND CHILDHOOD PROTECTION

Issues of demographic development and preserving the people of Russia over the past years have been a priority task of the state. To date, to improve the demographic situation in Russia, a comprehensive system of measures to support and protect families with children has been created. Decisions made at the state level in 2023 contributed to its further improvement and strengthening.

Important supplements made to the "Fundamentals of the State Cultural Policy of the Russian Federation"<sup>82</sup> in January 2023<sup>83</sup> confirmed the sustainability and systematic implementation of demographic policy aimed at creating a positive attitude in society towards families with children and parents with many children, and the protection of motherhood and childhood by the state. In particular, it covers the creation of conditions for the upbringing and development of children based on traditional Russian spiritual and moral values and protecting their interests, as well as protecting traditional family values and the institution of marriage as a union of a man and a woman.

In May 2023, the President of Russia approved the "Strategy for the Comprehensive Safety of Children in the Russian Federation until 2030",<sup>84</sup> which reinforced the recognition of childhood as an important stage of human development, based on the need to create safe conditions for the realization of the rights and legitimate interests of the child.

In 2023, the systematic implementation of measures to support families with children continued. For example, a single benefit has been introduced, which is paid to pregnant women and families raising children under 17 years old.<sup>85</sup>

**In a speech at a meeting of the Council for Strategic Development and National Projects on August 22, 2023, the President of Russia pointed out that the fundamental guideline for all steps, without exception, that were being taken in the economy and social sphere so far and in all other areas was the preservation of the people, the protection of motherhood and childhood, and increase in life expectancy.**

Source: Official website of the President of Russia // Meeting of the Council for Strategic Development and National Projects / <http://www.kremlin.ru/events/president/transcripts/72084>

### Unified benefit for the birth and upbringing of a child

The measure is valid from the mother's pregnancy until the child turns 17 years old. In 2023 the federal and regional budgets allocate

**1.7** trillion rubles

for appropriate payments.

In 2024, the expenses of the "children's budget" will amount to

**3** trillion rubles

Source: Government of Russia // Mikhail Mishustin held a strategic session on population preservation and supporting families with children / <http://government.ru/news/48156/>

Also in 2023, a new approach to determining need was set. In particular, the list of persons who will be taken into account when calculating a family's need has been clarified, and the list of persons who will be excluded from the family when calculating average per capita income has been expanded. Moreover, the new conditions assume that when calculating the need, only amounts received by the family in monetary form will be taken into account and in the case of income from business activities, expenses will be deducted.<sup>86</sup>

To provide additional support for families with children having income below the subsistence level, the maternity capital program has been expanded. If the average per capita family income is below two subsistence levels, the family may apply for a payment from maternity capital for a child under three years old, regardless of the child's birth order (previously only for the second child). Provided that, if a family has several children under three years old, then such a payment can be issued for each of them.<sup>87</sup>

**Russians on social support for families with children in 2023**

**51%** consider the distribution of state support to be fair among all families with children, regardless of their income level

**42%** of citizens surveyed are tend to the opinion that state support should be provided only to low-income families

- The older Russians are the fairer they tend to consider social support for families with children based on real need, that is, **53%** in the group over 60 years old.
- More than half of Russians raising minor children believe that assistance to all families with children without exception is fair, that is, **60%**.

Source: VCIOM // To Everyone And Without Control: On Social Support For Families With Children / <https://wciom.ru/analytical-reviews/analiticheskii-obzor/vsem-i-bez-kontrolja-o-socialnoi-podderzhke-semei-s-detmi>

Another important aspect under the control of the state today is the indexation of all support measures by the level of inflation. On January 30, 2023, Chairman of the Russian Government Mikhail Mishustin signed a corresponding resolution.<sup>88</sup> Measures aimed at supporting families with children were also indexed.



**46 different payments, benefits and compensations were increased, embracing more than 16 million citizens.**

According to the new rules, **maternity capital** is now also indexed no lower than the inflation rate. **For the first child it increased from 524.5 thousand to 586.9 thousand rubles, and for the second and subsequent children (if it not received for the first-born) from 693.1 thousand to 775.6 thousand rubles.**

The lump sum benefit for the birth of a child has increased; in 2023 it amounts to



Source: Ministry of Labor of Russia // In 2023, the maximum amount of maternity payments will be more than 380 thousand rubles / <https://mintrud.gov.ru/social/426#>

An important innovation for 2023 was the project launched on September 1 for social and medical assistance to women raising children on their own.<sup>89</sup> According to the decree of the Government of the Russian Federation, the project will be implemented in three regions: Novgorod, Penza and Tambov.<sup>90</sup>

**Russians on approaches to the distribution of social benefits to families with children**

**49%** consider it fair to give parents the opportunity to spend social benefits on children at their own discretion

**42%** consider it fair to transfer money to the account from which goods and services are paid (when the state ensures their quality)

- The approach where parents manage payments for children at their own discretion is more often supported by women (**53%** vs. **43%** among men).

Source: VCIOM // To Everyone And Without Control: On Social Support For Families With Children / <https://wciom.ru/analytical-reviews/analiticheskii-obzor/vsem-i-bez-kontrolja-o-socialnoi-podderzhke-semei-s-detmi>

It is important to note that the social guarantees available to Russians are gradually extending to residents of the new regions. As part of the process of integration of the new regions of the Russian Federation, a federal law was enshrined in February 2023. This law defines the features of the legal regulation of relations in the field of social protection and social services for citizens of the Russian Federation, foreign citizens and stateless persons permanently residing in the territories of the Donetsk People's Republic, Lugansk People's Republic Republic, Zaporozhye region, and Kherson region.<sup>91</sup> The implementation of the law enables residents of the new regions of the Russian Federation to receive social

support from the state on an equal basis with citizens living in other regions of Russia.

For many years, the Civic Chamber has traditionally paid great attention to issues of demographic policy, and together with experts from scientific and public organizations, and representatives of parent communities, it has been actively working to develop proposals for measures to support families with children, who subsequently acquire legal status.

The Civic Chamber's equally important tasks are to build respect for a large family as a traditional value of the Russian people, bolster interaction in the field of preserving family values within the regions, prevent abortions and develop mechanisms for increasing the birth rate in the country.

For the purpose of a detailed discussion of demographic and family policy, the Civic Chamber in May 2023 held the Moscow International Demographic Forum "Demography and Family Policy 2030: Reliance on Traditional Values". Among the problems that need to be solved in this area at the present time, the forum participants highlighted the fall in the birth rate and the increase in premature mortality, public disapproval of large families and the propaganda of ideologies denying traditional and family values. To resolve these issues in Russian society, it is necessary to form an attitude towards a large family as a norm and a key value in Russia. Experts from the Civic Chamber noted that in order to improve demographics, it was necessary to clearly understand the entire set of factors influencing the decision and desire of citizens to have many children.<sup>92</sup>

In February 2023, in order to improve demographic and family policy and solve existing problems in this area, the Civic Chamber developed and submitted to the Russian Government proposals for additional measures to support families with children, designed to help increase the birth rate.<sup>93</sup>





## Proposals from the Civic Chamber on additional measures to increase the birth rate:

- To extend until 2030 measures of state support for families with children in terms of repaying mortgage housing credit (loans) and expand the areas of using funds to improve housing conditions in accordance with the areas of maternal family capital; to ensure that the subsidy is indexed annually to at least the level of inflation;
- To recommend that the regional authorities of the Russian Federation, in which the total fertility rate is below 1.7 children per woman, introduce a regional subsidy in the amount of **at least 550 thousand rubles** in 2023; to ensure co-financing of regional budget expenses for the implementation of this measure from the federal budget;
- To expand the areas of use of maternity capital funds for large families;
- To implement a preferential education program for children from large families in educational institutions of secondary vocational or higher education;
- To exempt large families from tax on their only property as a land, apartment, house, cottage, and a car;
- To increase the standard tax deduction for children when calculating personal income tax to 0.5 subsistence minimum for the first child; one subsistence minimum for the second and two subsistence minimums for each child in large families;
- To consider the possibility of paying a single benefit for each child in a large family up to the age of 17 in the amount of 0.5 times the subsistence minimum without assessing need and applying the zero-income rule;
- To exempt from parental fees for supervision and care of third and subsequent children in preschool state and municipal educational organizations;
- To recognize large families as a priority category for providing social support through social contract technology;
- To lower the retirement age for fathers with many children;
- To reduce the number of abortions, increase the monthly allowance in the amount of the subsistence level for first-time pregnant women and women pregnant with their third and subsequent children who are registered in the early stages of pregnancy, without taking into account needs; and
- To amend federal legislation to provide an additional deferment from conscription for men who have three or more dependent children under the age of 16.

Issues of family policy, the popularization of large families in society and the preservation of traditional spiritual and moral values in 2023 were actively discussed within the active citizens' forum "Community" of the Civic Chamber. Experts scrutinized models of support for large families aimed at ensuring rapid demographic development and the return of the tradition of large families to Russia, analyzed measures to strengthen public health and increase life expectancy of the population, namely:

- In Yakutsk the event came to the conclusion that the value of parenthood and family should be taught to the younger generation starting from nursery;<sup>94</sup>
- In Voronezh it was noted that support for large families and the age category in which these families mainly appear were women aged 30+. This example should be a priority and can give the maximum effect.

In solving the key tasks that the state and civil society are facing today in the field of demographic and family policy, the most important role is played by the work to prevent abortion.

Following the results of the annual forum "Strong Ideas for New Times," aimed at identifying and supporting the implementation of socially significant initiatives of Russian citizens, held in July 2023, the project of the Deputy Chairman of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Demography and Protection of Family, Children, and Traditional Family Values, Nataliya Moskvitina, "Hello, Mom" commenced. The Civic Chamber became the starting point for the implementation of this project focused on working with pregnant women and preventing abortion.<sup>95</sup>

More than **40%**  
of second children  
and **75%**  
third children

are born to women in the age group 30+

The experience of a number of regions of the Russian Federation shows that a systematic policy in this area contributes the population growth and can be both replicated in other regions and successfully scaled up at the federal level. Among such regions, experts from the Civic Chamber point out the Sakhalin region and the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia).

### "Hello, Mom" project<sup>96</sup>



Project organizer –  
"Women for Life" foundation.

Heads of **6** regions  
supported the implementation of the  
project in their regions.

The first result –

by **42%**

declined the number of abortions in the  
Republic of Mordovia in course of the  
project.<sup>97</sup>

One of the results of the work carried out by the Civic Chamber in the field of demography in 2023 was the preparation and publication of a special report of the Civic Chamber “Demography 2030. How to Ensure Sustainable Population Growth in the Russian Federation.”

A special report gives a scenario for sustainable demographic development for the period up to 2030 and 2050, which is based on successful experience in increasing the birth rate in the Sakhalin region.

The authors of the report note that achieving sustainable population growth in Russia to secure national development targets by 2030, as well as in the long term, is only possible under a scenario based on an increase in the birth rate to and above the replacement level with the total fertility rate (TFR) indicator 2.1 children per woman and achieving life expectancy (LE) of 78 years by 2030.

### Fertility in Russia



After 2016 the Russian Federation has been experiencing a decline in the birth rate, both in absolute numbers and in terms of the

number of births per woman of childbearing age (total fertility rate – TFR).

By 2022 the number of births decreased

up to **1.3** million children,

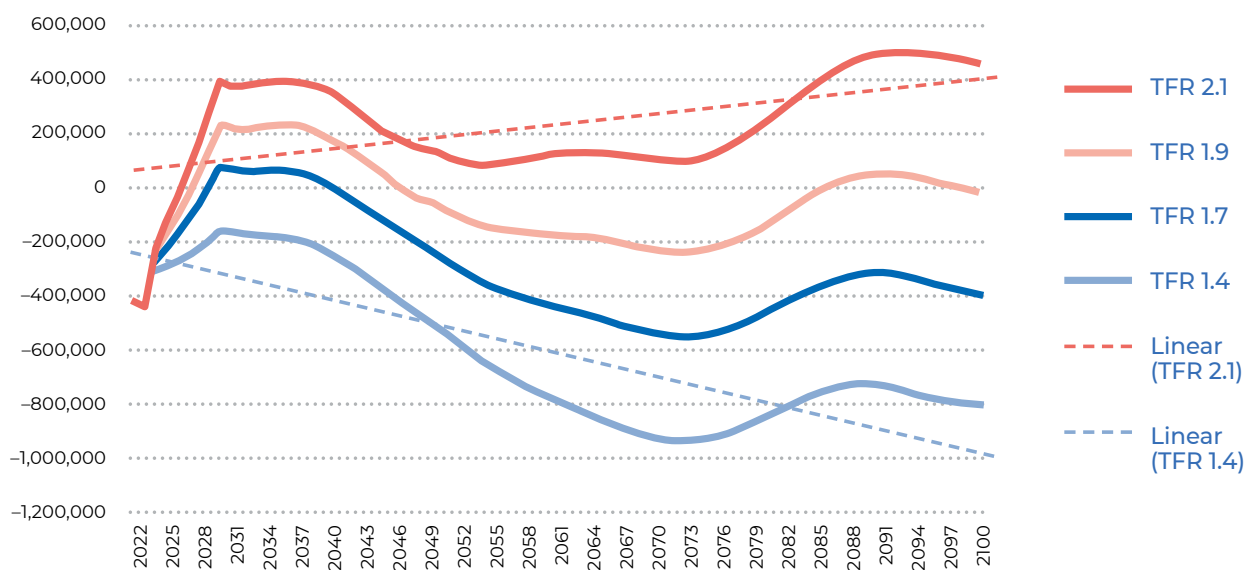
and TFR

up to **1.42**

child per woman.

The birth rate continues to decline in 2023 both in Russia as a whole and in most regions.

### Dynamics of natural population growth in Russia while maintaining current fertility rates (1.4 < TFR ≤ 2.1 children per woman) and mortality (life expectancy 72.76 years), taking into account migration (300 thousand people per year)<sup>98</sup>



Achieving this goal will make it possible to smooth out the ridges and demographic waves of the Russian population structure, thereby facilitating the management of social and

financial instruments aimed at sustainable reproduction of the population, and ensuring both the demographic and national security of the country.

## 2.3

# PROTECTION AND PRESERVATION OF NATIONAL TREASURE AND HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

Thanks to a set of measures adopted in recent years, **historical memory as an integrated phenomenon of public consciousness** has acquired real legal shapes **within the legal system of our country**, and **the protection of historical truth has become** one of the primary tasks of **state policy** enshrined in the Basic Law of the country.

To date, the state and public institutions continue to work together to implement socially significant projects aimed at studying and preserving information about the main historical events of our country.

Projects such as the “Day of United Action” to commemorate the genocide of the Soviet people by the Nazis and their accomplices during the Great Patriotic War, “Without a Statute of Limitations”, “Immortal Regiment”, the competition “Our Victory” and many others have gained all-Russian scale and popularity.

### National competition “Our Victory”



Organized by the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Demography and Protection of Family, Children, and Traditional Family Values.

The purpose of the competition is to collect and evaluate ideas and initiatives of Russian residents to celebrate Victory Day, popularize and scale up the best projects.

As a result, an expert jury selected and presented **10 original ideas** within the Civic Chamber. The authors became a part of members of the “Raising Citizens” expert club.

More than **600** ideas

residents of **64 Russian regions**, as well as Belarus, presented as new formats for celebrating Victory Day in 2023.

The authors of **the three best ideas** took part in the Victory Parade in Moscow.

The competition will become annual. The organizers will continue to search for new ideas and meanings for the Victory Day celebrations.<sup>99</sup>



**Results of the “Day of United Action” in 2023:**

- Took part

**10.7 million** people;

- Involved in organizing and holding commemorative events

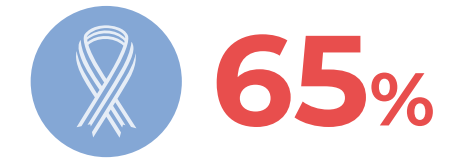
**148** regional coordinators from **84** Russian regions including from the new regions;

- Potential audience of the media campaign is **58.6 million** people;<sup>93</sup>
- More than **3.7 thousand** were published in Russian media.
- Publications in social networks – **60 thousand** posts;
- The events were prepared by **137** coordinators from **75** regions of Russia;
- **15** foreign countries joined the media coverage.

The Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation launched a hotline for methodological support of the project and a Coordination Council for the “Day of United Action”, which aired nine hours of live broadcast.<sup>100</sup>

On October 16, 2023, the Civic Chamber held the All-Russian Forum “Without a Statute of Limitations: Lessons of the Past for the Name of the Future”. During the event, specialists in the educational system were presented with an electronic set of educational materials, including interactive methods for extracurricular and additional classes (based on facts of genocide of the population of the USSR by the Nazi invaders and their accomplices), and materials from trials to recognize the facts of genocide that took place in 12 regions of Russia.<sup>103</sup> The forum was attended by 200 specialists representing regional branches of the RMCY “Movement of the First,” the educational system and the expert community.<sup>104</sup>

**No one is forgotten – Russians about Victory Day in 2023**



consider Victory Day the most important holiday.

**May 9** tops the ranking of holidays for the last five years starting from 2018, ousting the New Year, which used to be at the top since 2006. The importance of Victory Day increases with age and reaches **70%** in the group of Russians over 60 years old.



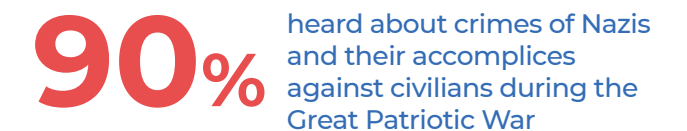
have family members who fought in the Great Patriotic War.



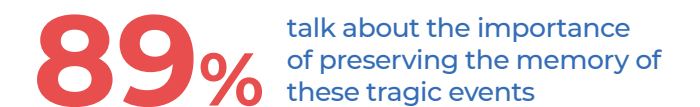
are well aware of the participation of their relatives in the Great Patriotic War, and in the older age group, **50%**.

Source: VCIOM // Victory Day — 2023 / <https://wciom.ru/analytical-reviews/analiticheskii-obzor/den-pobedy-2023>

**Russians on preserving the historical memory of the events of the Great Patriotic War**



heard about crimes of Nazis and their accomplices against civilians during the Great Patriotic War



talk about the importance of preserving the memory of these tragic events

Source: VCIOM // To be remembered! / <https://wciom.ru/analytical-reviews/analiticheskii-obzor/chtoby-pomnili>



**Educational project “Without a statute of limitations”**

**Festival of research projects “Without a statute of limitations” 2023<sup>101</sup>**

More than **3 thousand** representatives of project teams from schools and colleges

from **72** regions of Russia

took part in the all-Russian competition of research projects “Without a statute of limitations”.

The competition theme of the project is manifestations of genocide against the Soviet people during the Great Patriotic War.

In 2023, project groups from the new regions (Lugansk and Donetsk People’s Republics, Zaporozhye and Kherson regions) of Russia took part in the competition for the first time.

**All-Russian essay competition “Without a statute of limitations”<sup>102</sup>**

**1,900,446** essays

written over 4 years of the project.

**705,128** students

from **89** regions of Russia

took part in the competition in 2023.

In 2023, **375 works** of the finalists were awarded diplomas, and the teacher-mentors who prepared the finalists were awarded appreciation letters.



**All-Russian Festival of Museum Exhibitions of Educational Organizations “Without a statute of limitations” 2023<sup>105</sup>**

In 2023, the festival attracted

**526** museum exhibitions

from **62** regions of Russia

The winners are all the participants: the work of each educational organization has become a contribution to the preservation of the historical memory of the destinies and tragedies of the civilian population during the Great Patriotic War.

### All-Russian patriotic actions of Russian student groups “Let us bow to those great years”<sup>106</sup> and “Snow landing of RSDs”<sup>107</sup>

More than **100** ths. schoolchildren and students

in 2023 participated in events and activities held as part of the patriotic action “Let us bow to those great years”, dedicated to the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Stalingrad.

More than **7,000** students

from **72 regions** of Russia volunteered in **900 settlements** of Russia as part of the “Snow Landing of RSDs” campaign in 2023. Member of the movement improved monuments, helped veterans of the Great Patriotic War and families of the SMO participants with houseworks.

An active work on the implementation of projects aimed at preserving historical memory and patriotic education of children and youth is carried out by the Youth All-Russian public organization “Russian Student Detachments” (RSD). The program for developing the activities of student teams is being successfully implemented in the new regions of Russia. In 2023, regional branches were opened in the Zaporozhye region, Donetsk and Lugansk people’s republics.<sup>108</sup> In the Kherson region, the Regional main office of student teams will appear in 2024.<sup>109</sup>

The implementation of the above measures is of particular importance on the eve of the anniversary of Victory in the Great Patriotic War of 1941–1945.

On September 5, 2023, a videoconference of the Russian Pobeda (Victory) Organizing

Committee took place to prepare and conduct events to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Victory in the Great Patriotic War of 1941–1945. The meeting was chaired by the President of Russia. During the meeting Vladimir Putin supported the idea of creating a National Center for Historical Memory, and on November 2, 2023 he signed a corresponding Executive Order.<sup>110</sup>

Commenting on the decision of the President, the Director of the Victory Museum, Vice President of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation, Alexander Shkolnik, said that by the 80th anniversary of the Great Victory, the National Center of Historical Memory would be a powerful institution that would not only preserve historical memory and effectively repel the aggression of opponents of our country and its people, but would also strengthen Russia’s international standing.<sup>111</sup>

## 2.4

# ETHNOCONFESSIONAL DIVERSITY OF THE COUNTRY AND THE UNITY OF THE MULTIETHNIC PEOPLE OF RUSSIA

The **ethnocultural, national and religious** structure of the Russian Federation is **unique**. The multicentury civilizational formation of our country took place amid a **complex historical process**, characterized by a high level of social and demographic dynamics. The most important **basic characteristic** of this civilizational formation was **the ability to integrate**, taking into account the ethnoconfessional specifics of the various peoples and population groups that **throughout its history** our country has integrated.

Interethnic and interreligious relations are the most important component of national policy, which, in turn, is in the sphere of intersectoral and interdepartmental responsibility of key government institutions implementing state policy in almost all spheres of society.

The connecting departmental link in the work to strengthen interethnic unity on the part of the state is the Federal Agency for Ethnic Affairs (FAEA). In March 2023, the FAEA, with the support of relevant ministries, was instructed by the Government

of the Russian Federation to prepare additional measures aimed at strengthening interethnic unity in the new regions of Russia. As part of the instructions, the FAEA is also developing a set of measures, which encompass national state policy.<sup>112</sup>

During 2023, the FAEA worked together with civil society institutions to organize competitions, forums, exhibitions, round tables, seminars and other events aimed at achieving interethnic and interreligious unity, cultivating a sense of patriotism and civic identity.<sup>113</sup>



 **100**  
million rubles

were distributed in 2023 by the FAEA from the federal budget to support national-cultural autonomies and other nonprofit organizations operating in the implementation of the state national policy of Russia.<sup>114</sup>

The Civic Chamber notes that the result of systemic state support for the ethnocultural sector in recent years resulted in its sustainable development and consistent expansion. To date, subjects of the ethnocultural sector are engaged not only in traditional issues of cultural festivals, ethnotourism, preservation and teaching of national languages, but also in volunteering and charity. A lot of work on the implementation of various special projects and programs was carried out by organizations of the ethnocultural sector within the Year of the Teachers and Mentors.

**The ethnocultural sector of the country today is:**

**more than**  
**10** thousand NPOs

**1.5** thousand national cultural autonomies

**37.5** thousand religious organizations.<sup>115</sup>

As the sector is most often represented by public organizations, the financing of projects is always a distressing issue so far. To date, such initiatives are supported and funded by means of grants and subsidies sourced from the All-Russian Public Organization “Assembly of the Peoples of Russia”, established by several ethnocultural associations and the Federal Agency for Ethnic Affairs.<sup>116</sup>

A significant support for NPOs whose activities are aimed at ensuring interethnic and interreligious unity is provided by the Presidential Grants Foundation and the Presidential Foundation for Cultural Initiatives.<sup>117</sup>

The Civic Chamber is also actively engaged in this direction. Apart from the implementation of various thematic festivals, exhibitions, and competitions, the Civic Chamber traditionally hosts expert discussions on the development of interethnic and interreligious relations, the preservation of traditional spiritual and moral values, and the implementation of national policies.

Among such events, the IV All-Russian Conference “Sustainable Development of the Ethnocultural Sector” stands out. This event included an award ceremony for the winners of the V All-Russian competition of the best practices in the field of national relations, and the IV All-Russian Forum of National Unity, whose thematic discussion platforms in 2023 attracted more than 500 visitors and experts from 46 regions of Russia, including from the new regions, as well as from Belarus and Kyrgyzstan.<sup>118</sup>



**Project of the Guild of Interethnic Journalism “Sound of Eurasia – New Horizons”**

The support of the Civic Chamber and the Presidential Foundation for Cultural Initiatives in 2023 enabled the implementation of the project of the Guild of Interethnic Journalism “Sound of Eurasia - New Horizons”<sup>119</sup> for the second time. Thus the project united again ethnic artists and acted as a platform for creative communication and promotion of new musical leaders.<sup>120</sup>

A significant event in the life of the ethnocultural sector every year is the presentation of the All-Russian Award “Pride of the Nation” for personal contribution to ethnocultural development and strengthening the unity of the peoples of Russia. In 2023, one of its laureates was an Adyghe poet, prose writer and translator, Hero of Labor of the Russian Federation and the oldest member of the Civic Chamber, Iskhak Mashbash.<sup>121</sup>

The largest state and sociopolitical event of the decade shaping the population’s self-image, and being the main source of knowledge about Russian society, its peoples, nationalities, households, and social groups was the 2020–2021 All-Russian Census of Population.

The Civic Chamber assisted the census in 2021, and in February 2023 held public hearings on the topic “All-Russian Census of Population. Results and Significance for Socio-Economic and Social Development”.<sup>122</sup> The participants of public hearings noted that the census results must be used to strengthen the unity of the multiethnic people of the Russian Federation, ensure interethnic harmony, and the ethnocultural development of the peoples of Russia. To do so, it was recommended to refer to the results of the census when updating the “Strategy of the State Ethnic Policy of the Russian Federation”, the “Concept of State Migration Policy”, strategic planning documents in the field of national security, and when developing the “Concept of State Language Policy”.

In May 2023, at a meeting of the Council on Interethnic Relations the President of Russia said that the “State National Policy Strategy”, which has been in force for more than ten years, required harmonization in modern conditions, taking into account, among other things, the new regions of Russia, which, alike other regions of the country, are multiethnic.<sup>123</sup> Corresponding instructions to the Government of the Russian Federation and responsible departments were given in July 2023. An important innovation in these instructions included the need to prepare and publish, starting in 2024, an annual state report on



According to the results of the All-Russian Census of Population conducted in 2021, representatives of

**194**

ethnicities lived in Russia.

The census showed an increase in the number of people who did not answer the question about ethnicity,

in 2010 such responses amounted to

**5.7 million**, in 2021 this number amounted to

**16.6** million<sup>124</sup>

People living in Russia speak more than

**370** languages,

**133** of which are languages of the Russian Federation<sup>125</sup>

the implementation of the state national policy of Russia.<sup>126</sup>

Commenting on this instruction, a participant in the meeting of the Council on Interethnic Relations with the President of Russia, Chairman of the Commission on Interethnic and Interreligious Relations and Migration of the Civic Chamber, Vladimir Zorin, pointed out the need to revise the indicators characterizing the effectiveness of government bodies in implementing the state national policy.

In his opinion, nowadays these indicators were aimed mostly at holding mass events focusing on their frequency and the number of participants involved; for an objective assessment of the expected results, it is necessary to introduce qualitative characteristics. It is equally important to stimulate the development of infrastructure for the implementation of state national policy in the new regions. Federal organizations is being faced today with the primary task of creating branches. And when these branches are ready, this infrastructure should be deployed, namely national cultural centers, houses of folk art, ethnocultural objects, etc.

The topic of the effectiveness of state national policy in the current geopolitical realities received detailed consideration within the regional forums of the Civic Chamber "Community". Giving an assessment of the

implemented model of state ethnic policy, participants of the "Multiethnic People of Russia. Traditions, Will, Unity" forum, held on August 1 in Yakutsk,<sup>127</sup> emphasized that it turned out to be effective amid new tests of time and challenges.

Noting the relevance and strategic importance for the present and future of our country of preserving the unity of the multiethnic people of Russia today, the institute of civic chambers provides expert and representative support for the development of the ethnocultural sector in the country. In the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation these tasks are supervised by a relevant Commission, which includes representatives of traditional Russian religions, public interethnic and ethnocultural organizations. Similar commissions also work as part of the regional civic chambers.

### Interethnic relations in 2023

**39%**

of Russians

see more tensions in relations between representatives of different ethnicities in recent years. Over ten years, this figure has decreased significantly **by 18%**; in 2013, **57%** thought so.

**15%**

of Russians

see that interethnic relations have become less tense to date. Compared to the indicators of similar surveys ten years ago, **this figure has more than doubled** (2013 – **7%**).

Another **38%**

think that in the sphere of interethnic relations everything is stable, no changes are felt either for the better or for the worse.

Source: VCIOM // Immigrants in Russia: pros and cons / <https://wciom.ru/analytical-reviews/analiticheskii-obzor/immigranty-v-rossii-za-i-protiv>

# 2.5

## MIGRATION POLICY: CHALLENGES AND PROSPECTS

The current situation in economics, demography, **interconfessional, and interethnic relations** in our country espouses the constant attention of public and state institutions **to migration policy**, taking into account a complex of dynamically changing **socioeconomic and political factors** in its improvement.

Migration processes have a positive potential that affects directly the development of the country. And this is an opportunity to compensate for population decline, as well as attract additional qualified labor to the Russian market, ensuring the growth of the country's economy. On the other hand, uncontrolled and unregulated migration, which is not associated with the cultural adaptation of foreign citizens, leads to an increase in social risks and creates a threat to the national security of Russia.

In 2023, significant changes were made to the "Concept of State Migration Policy for 2019–2025".<sup>129</sup>

The updated Concept for the first time emphasizes the need to take measures against any form of discrimination foreigners are facing based on race, social, national or religious affiliation, and states the need to ensure equal access to state or municipal services. An important innovation of the "Concept of State Migration Policy" was the need for cultural and social adaptation of migrants noted in the strategic document.

Commenting on these changes, members of the Civic Chamber said that novelties demonstrated the state's readiness and ability to quickly respond to the constantly changing socioeconomic situation in the country and the international political situation.<sup>130</sup>

Amendments to migration legislation adopted in 2023<sup>131</sup> were also aimed at further improving migration policy. These amendments enable foreign citizens to register through the Unified Portal of State and Municipal Services.<sup>132</sup>



According to statistics from the Unified Interdepartmental Information and Statistical System, **7.1 million** foreigners entered Russia in the first and second quarters of 2023,

**2.5 million**

of whom are labor migrants.<sup>128</sup>



The development of a system of sustainable partnership between authorities and civil society institutions in solving problems of preventing and eliminating conflicts caused by migration processes, adaptation and integration of migrants is one of the proven effective mechanisms for implementing state migration policy.

In 2023, the Civic Chamber worked actively in this area and encompassed the scientific and expert communities, representatives of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Council under the President of the Russian Federation for Interethnic Relations, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Russia, and the Council under the President of the Russian Federation for the Development of Civil Society and Human Rights in discussions on various aspects of migration processes in our country.

In 2023, the subject for discussion on implementation of migration policy in Russia was composed of the following: the educational training of migrants, including confirmation by foreigners of the level of Russian language proficiency,<sup>133</sup> modern approaches to sociocultural adaptation to introduce migrants to Russian traditions long before entering the country,<sup>134</sup> and ensuring security and preventing conflicts due to increase of migration flows.

The need to lift barriers for highly qualified foreign specialists in 2023 was voiced over by the President of Russia.<sup>135</sup>

The Civic Chamber keeps focused on migration issues. As part of the regional forum "Community," members of the Civic Chamber and experts held a section meeting on the topic "Improving Migration Processes and Mechanisms for Attracting to Russia Highly Qualified Specialists and Foreigners Who Share Traditional Values".<sup>136</sup> The participants concluded that our country needed to shift to regulated migration, wherewith, based on market demands, the flow of specialists from other countries would be predicted and ensured.



**Project "Moscow – Territory of Mutual Understanding"**

As part of this project, all heads of municipalities, city and district settlements will enjoy councils on interethnic issues, interconfessional relations and migration. Along with authorities, they include leaders of national diasporas, the most active residents and employers.<sup>137</sup>

In connection with this, the formation of the necessary infrastructure for migrants who want to move to Russia remains an urgent issue that requires a balanced approach. Today, it is not possible to start processing documents remotely; the number of quotas for foreigners to obtain a residence permit is severely limited, since in practice all quotas are given to citizens from the countries of the former USSR. A promising solution, according to experts from the Civic Chamber, could be a single online platform where everyone can assess their chances of moving to Russia in terms of demand as specialists and proceed with all the necessary procedures online.<sup>138</sup>

The Civic Chamber continued to discuss this matter within another conference.<sup>139</sup> And this conference brought together experts and migrant workers to identify a number of difficulties they were faced with. First of all, they are associated with the lack of standard requirements for the set of documents at migration centers; certain obstacles also arise due to the short validity of police clearance certificates.

**Immigrants in Russia: pros and cons**

**47%**

of Russians informants

are sure that labor migration is a positive development for the country. The figure of 2023 are several times higher than previous one from VCIOM (2006 – 21%, 2008 – 14%, 2013 – 14%).

Urbanization does not significantly influence perceptions of labor migration.

Source: VCIOM // Immigrants in Russia: pros and cons / <https://wciom.ru/analytical-reviews/analiticheskii-obzor/immigranty-v-rossii-za-i-protiv>

Both in large cities and in rural areas, people think about the same on this issue – they support labor migration

**50% and 47%**  
of capital residents of village dwellers

Today,

**40%**

of surveyed

keep to the opposite opinion,

this is almost **2 times less** than 10 years ago (2013 – 74%).

Considering various aspects of the implementation of migration policy in Russia, as well as the development and improvement of migration processes, members of the Civic Chamber point out that the migration process must be clearly articulated by the state. Potential migrants should have certain preferences, on the one hand, and certain restrictions, on the other.<sup>140</sup> And to resolve these issues, a flexible and balanced approach is needed – one that drags no risks, but works for the development of the country and the economy.

In matters of adaptation and integration of migrants, the country must set standards

based on the needs of the country's citizens, especially the local population. What migrants does the country need? How costly is their integration? When will they be seen as sufficiently adapted and integrated? For sure, answers to these questions will allow nonprofit organizations involved in tackling these issues to organize their work more effectively and systematically.<sup>141</sup>

And the Civic Chamber suggests that all these aspects should be taken into account as part of the further improvement of migration legislation, which will also ensure the necessary conditions for attracting highly qualified specialists from abroad.



# 03

## Intellectual leadership

- 3.1 Ensuring technological leadership
- 3.2 Education in the context of new geopolitical and socioeconomic conditions
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- 3.4 Public projects and initiatives to support sovereignty strengthening in key areas of social and governmental life
- 3.5 Creative industries and the sovereigntization of intellectual products





The unprecedented pressure on Russia has spurred a major shift towards restructuring the Russian economy and redirecting it towards new markets. A primary task in these circumstances has been to unite society and the state in achieving sovereignty in all spheres of life, including establishing the Russian economy's personnel independence.

# 3.1

## ENSURING TECHNOLOGICAL LEADERSHIP

The goal defined by the President of Russia to bolster technological sovereignty has evolved into a substantial and clearly defined national task over the year. Both the state and society now share an understanding that the competitiveness of the Russian economy and domestic companies, national security, and the well-being of every citizen hinge on the successful development of national industries and technologies.

On May 20, 2023, the "Concept of Technological Development until 2030" was adopted. This outlines the main challenges, principles, and objectives of the country's technological advancement. Key goals to be attained by 2030 include securing national control over the reproduction of critical<sup>142</sup>

and pervasive<sup>143</sup> technologies, transitioning to innovation-driven economic growth, amplifying the role of technology as a factor in economic and social development, and ensuring technological support for the sustainable operation and evolution of production systems.<sup>144</sup>

According to approximate estimates,

over **16 thousand** restrictive measures

have been imposed on the Russian Federation, aimed at delivering a significant blow to the state.

In response, legislative authorities have adopted

~ **200** federal laws and

over **300** support measures

since the beginning of the special military operation to assist individuals, businesses, and regions.

Source: RIA Novosti // Since the start of the special military operation, Russia has adopted 192 laws to counteract sanctions / <https://ria.ru/20230721/sanktsii-1885449237.html>

For the educational sector, this poses a global challenge: the creation of multi-level, seamless training programs for engineering personnel, applicable across all levels of education and vital for all key industries.

The Civic Chamber's experts point out that to accomplish this, several crucial objectives must be tackled. These include enhancing the prestige of engineering professions, developing engineering and technological literacy among teachers and mentors, forming engineering and technological clubs, and establishing comprehensive mechanisms for career orientation. Additionally, a system to incentivize the attraction of talent into engineering and technology is essential.

The formation of skills and competencies among young people necessary for ensuring technological leadership is facilitated by the implementation of many projects, holding competitions, and Olympiads. A vivid example of such a project is the "Russia – A Country of Opportunities" platform.

### "Russia – A Country of Opportunities" platform



This platform brings together **26 competitions**, projects, and Olympiads, each with its unique audience and offering various routes to success.

In its **five years** of operation, the platform has seen participation of

**20 million** individuals

from all Russian regions and 150 countries globally,

and it has established partnerships with

over **1,500** companies, universities, public and government organizations.

Source: Official website of the "Russia – A Country of Opportunities" platform // ANO "Russia – A Country of Opportunities" – About Us / <https://rsv.ru/about-us/>

# 3.2

## EDUCATION IN THE CONTEXT OF NEW GEOPOLITICAL AND SOCIOECONOMIC CONDITIONS

Russia's pursuit of technological leadership has driven a societal demand for modernizing its educational system. In 2023, significant attention was devoted to reevaluating and revising curricula, enhancing the quality of the school environment, fostering better collaboration between secondary vocational education systems and employers, and establishing a robust foundation for nurturing a system of engineering thinking in the next generation of technological leaders.

Previously, educational programs in Russian schools were advisory in nature. However, in 2023, a "gold standard" for education was developed, setting a compulsory minimum for key school subjects. Additionally, a new school textbook on Russian history was introduced, along with career orientation sessions for students, and an expanded curriculum for the course "Fundamentals of Homeland Security and Defense."

In the ongoing transformation of the educational system, the active involvement of the younger generation is a key factor. The creative and professional potential of youth across various regions is being harnessed in the execution of the "School of Dreams" project, which commenced its latest season in October 2023. The project aims to markedly enhance the effectiveness of the Federal program dedicated to the comprehensive renovation of schools, titled "Modernization of School Education Systems."<sup>145</sup>



The educational innovations are widely supported by the parent community, as shown by sociological survey data.

# 89.9%

of those surveyed support the implementation of a clause promoting voluntary (volunteer) activities and social engagement among students.

Source: Institute for the Study of Childhood, Family, and Education // Majority of parents support the "labor education" bill / <https://институтвоспитания.рф/press-center/news/bolshinstvo-roditeley-podderzhi-vaet-zakonoproekt-o-trudovom-vospitanii/>

### "School of Dreams" project



# 29

regions,

representing all federal districts of the country, are participating in the implementation of the project with

# 40 and 121

educational institutions schools

Prominent examples of the "School of Dreams" project implementation include the "Point of the Future" school in Irkutsk<sup>146</sup> and the Global school in Lipetsk.<sup>147</sup>

This project invites regions of the Russian Federation to establish collaboration between schools included in the presidential program for major repairs and regional universities training future architects and designers. Students eager to contribute to solving socially significant issues develop the designs for school spaces.

The Afterschool Club Movement of the National Technological Initiative, which also organizes the large-scale National Technological Olympiad, is engaged in involving schoolchildren and students in the study of science and new technologies.<sup>149</sup>

One of the key career guidance projects for schoolchildren this year is the federal project "Ticket to the Future," aimed at early professional orientation for students in grades 6–11. It is part of the federal project "Every Child's Success" under the national project "Education."

The Civic Chamber experts highlight that securing technological sovereignty and the human resource potential of the country and its regions should primarily be based on a system of

### 8th season of the National Technological Olympiad 2022/23 academic year



Over

# 135 ths.

schoolchildren and students

from Russia and other countries participated.

Winners and prize-winners included 374 school students and 101 university students. Schoolchildren who reached the finals in each of the 28 profiles received the opportunity to enroll in universities without entrance exams or with 100 points in the Unified State Exam for their specialized subject.<sup>148</sup>

The new 2023/24 cycle, currently underway, encompasses 52 profiles for students and schoolchildren.



### Career orientation program "Ticket to the Future"<sup>150</sup>

more than

# 1.5 million

participants

# 89

regions involved

# 6 million

platform views on the Internet

widespread, accessible technological education in schools. This approach is aimed at building foundational competencies and skills necessary for the advancement of sovereign, high-tech manufacturing, tailored to regional needs.



A notable project fulfilling these objectives is the "Space for Technological Development of Schoolchildren." It enables regions to introduce the "Technology" subject in schools, aligning with contemporary challenges and the real sector's economic needs. This project allows students to explore competencies like additive technologies, robotics, data transmission systems, and unmanned systems, based on actual regional productions, encouraging future work in local enterprises.



The "Space for Technological Development of Schoolchildren" project was featured among the top-100 at the annual "Strong Ideas for New Times - 2023" Forum. It received backing from

the Agency for Strategic Initiatives and the Civic Chamber, recognizing its importance in developing the country's engineering talent.<sup>151</sup>

Additionally, the "Big Challenges" initiative stands out among systematic career orientation projects. This nationwide competition in scientific and technological projects is designed for high school and university students involved in scientific or research work.<sup>152</sup>

**"Big Challenges" competition for scientific and technological projects**



**83**

regions

participating in the competition

More than **110,000** participants have been engaged in the challenge

The increasing role of public unions and associations is notable, as they help spread successful practices and programs for specialized technological education of children within general and additional education frameworks. An example is the Consortium for the Development of School Engineering and Technological Education.<sup>153</sup>

The Consortium comprises 100 leading educational organizations from 25 Russian regions and the Republics of Belarus and Kyrgyzstan. These organizations focus on in-depth subject studies and establishing engineering classes to lay the groundwork for students' engineering competencies.

Presently, Russia's secondary vocational training system is undergoing a dramatic change in content. This movement is led by the federal project "Professionalism," a novel collaboration format between colleges and employers within educational-production clusters. These clusters execute intensive training programs for skilled workers and mid-level specialists, tailored to specific employer needs and involving their direct participation.



**Federal project "Professionalism"**<sup>154</sup>

**220**

educational-production clusters

**925**

colleges

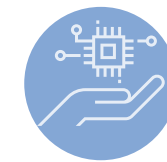
**68**

Russian regions

**868.6**

thousand students

Professional skills championships also play a vital role in addressing personnel sovereignty. The All-Russian Championship Movement in Professional Skills, which succeeded the WorldSkills championship that exited Russia, conducts two main events: The All-Russian "Professionals" championship in professional skills and the "High Technology Championship," aiming to support workforce development in various economic sectors.



**From September 18 to 21, the High Technology Championship finals were held in Veliky Novgorod.**

The event attracted over **4,000** attendees and was followed by more than **100,000** people online.

**170** from **32**

competitors

Russian regions

and five foreign countries – Azerbaijan, Syria, India, Ghana, and Belarus – competed in the finals.

**114**

experts<sup>155</sup>

verified the accuracy of the competition tasks.

The "Abilympics" professional skills championship focuses on the inclusion of people with disabilities in economic sector

development. This year's championship business program discussed professional rehabilitation for veterans of the special military operation.



The "Abilympics-2023" championship finals took place from October 23 to 25 in Moscow.<sup>156</sup>

more than **2,500** individuals

visited the championship final.

**769** from **77**

finalists

Russian regions,

including **4 new regions**, competed for victory in the finals.

International participants from **7** foreign countries competed in the open international contests within the National "Abilympics" championship.<sup>157</sup>

Members of the Civic Chamber have consistently highlighted the importance of fostering an environment conducive to the self-expression and valuable experience acquisition of schoolchildren, students, and young professionals. A notable project in this realm is the "Sirius" Educational Center, dedicated to the identification, development, and support of children with exceptional talents across various domains.<sup>158</sup>

Concurrently, for establishing and sustaining an advanced educational system, elements such as interdepartmental integration and communication are key. These aspects are addressed by initiatives like the “Mashuk” Knowledge Center and the “Senesh” Management Workshop, which focus on training educators and management professionals.<sup>159</sup>

In light of the widespread economic transformation and the heightened demand for Russia’s technological sovereignty, the significance of additional education and lifelong learning is increasingly recognized. This trend is supported by findings from the All-Russian Center for the Study of Public Opinion (VCIOM).

**Lifelong learning: insights from a VCIOM sociological survey**

The absolute majority of Russians

**92%**

believe that regular professional development is necessary for career growth.

Since 2019, the proportion of individuals upholding this view has remained consistent (**93%** in 2019).

Continuous knowledge acquisition is seen not only as a recipe for career growth but also for life success:

**86%**

of Russians believe that hard work and continuous learning are more important than innate talent, which is deemed important by only **8%** of respondents.

Source: VCIOM // Lifelong learning / <https://wciom.ru/analytical-reviews/analiticheskii-obzor/obuchenie-dlinoju-v-zhizn>

In the past **15 years**, there has been an increased demand for additional professional education among Russians, with the share of those undergoing professional retraining post-primary education rising

from

**41 to 49%**

More than a quarter of respondents

**28%,**

have undergone professional development courses once or twice, **every fifth** respondent has done so more than three times: **21%** (in 2008, this figure was 15%).

A significant factor in this growth is attributed to individuals with repeated professional retraining experiences. Half (**50%**) of the respondents have not updated their professional knowledge post their initial education, a decrease from **55%** in 2008.

The state’s initiatives to develop school and secondary education are a response to essential changes in the internal environment, particularly the evolving trajectory of the Russian economy towards independence and self-sufficiency. This evolution necessitates a fresh perspective on educational processes, emphasizing the cultivation of a new generation imbued with engineering

thinking, and identifying talented youth who are keen on learning and pursuing career advancement.

Technological leadership, innovation in competitive developments, and the formation of a cutting-edge educational system are ambitious goals, and significant strides towards these have been initiated in 2023.

# 3.3

## ENHANCEMENT OF THE RUSSIAN HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

The decision to withdraw from the Bologna education system was a critical step in establishing a new framework for higher education, designed to equip the Russian economy with skilled personnel for the emerging era.

On May 12, 2023, the President of Russia authorized an executive order for a pilot project aimed at refining the higher education system and preparing competent personnel to satisfy the long-term demands of both the economic and social sectors.<sup>160</sup> This pilot project introduces two tiers of higher education – basic and specialized, along with a level of professional education – doctoral studies. Specialized higher education will encompass master’s, residency, and assistantship-internship programs.

Universities partaking in the pilot project are tasked with developing and approving educational standards for these levels. They have the autonomy to set program durations, considering various factors like fields of study, specialties, qualifications, and the specific economic or social sectors targeted for workforce development.

From 2024 onwards, participants in the pilot project are expected to provide biannual reports to the Russian Government, detailing the project’s progress and offering recommendations for its refinement.

**Pilot project for implementing the national higher education system**



Scheduled to run until 2026, the project is being conducted at **six** universities:<sup>161</sup>

- Immanuel Kant Baltic Federal University;
- Moscow Aviation Institute (National Research University);
- National University of Science and Technology MISiS;
- Moscow State University of Education;
- Saint Petersburg Mining University of Empress Catherine II; and
- National Research Tomsk State University.

In total, **179 basic** higher education and **103 specialized** higher education programs are planned for creation.<sup>162</sup>



From September 1, 2025, the new national higher education system will be implemented across all Russian universities. By then, a prototype of the new system and new educational standards are expected to be established.<sup>163</sup>

Alongside this pilot project, there is an ongoing transformation towards a new “flexible” educational model, exemplified by the development of the “network education” model.<sup>164</sup> This approach, which has been successfully tested and expanded following the Executive Order from the President of Russia<sup>165</sup> enables students to receive education from multiple institutions, notably from two universities in higher education, and facilitates their interaction with regional employers.

This training mechanism is increasingly sought after by applicants and supported by regional authorities, facilitating regional industrial enterprises to acquire necessary personnel without students leaving their region for specialized education.



**Network Education Programs**

Since September 1, 2021, such programs have been in place

in **9** universities and **1** college<sup>166</sup>

2022 saw the implementation of

**16** educational programs.<sup>167</sup>

Specifically, in 2023, based on the Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology (MIPT),

**6** network programs

in collaboration with partner enterprises are implemented<sup>168</sup>

The successful implementation of programs aimed at enhancing educational institutions is ongoing. The appeal of universities has been notably increased, partly thanks to the implementation of the most extensive state program in modern Russian history to support universities, “Priority 2030.”

**“Priority 2030” state university support program**



Within the “Priority 2030” program in 2022, the participating higher education institutions (**132 universities from 54 regions**) achieved significant outcomes, including:

- Successfully completing **over 6000 scientific, technical, creative, and social projects;**
- Creating and updating **more than 1000 educational programs;**
- Establishing and modernizing **over 500 laboratories;**
- Forming **more than 450 consortia** with scientific organizations;
- Conducting R&D projects worth **over 100 billion rubles;** and
- Creating **over 8,700 intellectual property results, protected by patents and certificates of the Russian Federation.**

The program covers

**over 60%** of regional universities.

The program’s reach extends to regions where

**over 80%** of the country’s population resides.<sup>169</sup>

The “Priority 2030” program aims to establish more than 100 progressive modern universities in Russia by 2030, serving as centers of scientific-technological and socioeconomic development.

Source: Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Russia// Implementation of the “Priority 2030” strategic academic leadership program / [https://fgosvo.ru/uploadfiles/Information/Report\\_Prioritet\\_2030.pdf](https://fgosvo.ru/uploadfiles/Information/Report_Prioritet_2030.pdf)

In the context of the “Priority 2030” program and the federal “Advanced Engineering Schools” project, educational spaces are being developed for comprehensive training, retraining, and upskilling of personnel utilizing personalized and practice-oriented approaches.

Universities today are evolving beyond just educational institutions; they are becoming centers for scientific expertise and platforms for engaging with the business sector.

The development of university campuses is progressing under the “Science and Universities” program. This initiative has led to the establishment of world-class Scientific-Educational Centers (SECs)<sup>170</sup> and World-Class Scientific Centers (WSCs).<sup>171</sup> These centers are instrumental in driving development programs that aim to secure the country’s technological sovereignty and leadership by fostering effective collaborations between scientific, educational, and economic sectors.

In August 2023, the “Community” forum in Samara featured a round table titled “World-Class SECs - Integrating Science, Education, Manufacturing, and Society.” It highlighted the successful collaboration between regional authorities and educational-scientific-production associations. This collaboration has enabled world-class SECs to significantly contribute to the development of high-tech industries and their human resources, thereby boosting regional internal product growth and fostering productive interregional cooperation.<sup>172</sup> A potential future direction for these centers involves creating comprehensive scientific and technical programs and projects that encompass the entire innovation cycle. These could include projects focused on technological sovereignty, with the consortia formed within the SECs and WSCs taking on leading roles as coordinators of these programs.

With Commission of the Civic Chamber on Higher Education and Science actively participating, efforts are ongoing to formulate comprehensive scientific and technical challenges. These challenges will be addressed through the development and implementation of targeted programs.

**National project “Science and Universities”**



Currently, **15** world-class Scientific-Educational Centers (SECs) are active, encompassing

**~ 600**

various participants

across **36** regions of the country.



The participants include **145** universities, **140** scientific organizations, and **319** entities from the real sector of the economy.



From January to December 2022, these centers have achieved notable results:

**1,963**

patents for inventions;

Published **over 18,000** scientific articles;

Developed and implemented **more than 550** technologies in real-sector organizations.



Created

**4,578**

new high-tech jobs;

**6,500** individuals completed specialized training in competency development centers for leaders of scientific, technical projects, and laboratories, aimed at regional development.

Source: National Projects of Russia // Russia operates 15 world-class scientific-educational centers / <https://национальныепроекты.рф/news/v-rossii-deystvuyut-15-nauchno-obrazovatelnykh-tsentrov-mirovogo-urovnya>

In the near term, the goal is to align these measures of state scientific and technical policy with the action plan of the “Scientific and Technological Development Concept”. This task is being pursued with the active involvement of the Civic Chamber. Meetings of the Coordinating Council for National Projects and Population Preservation and expert discussions have led to specific

proposals and recommendations to improve the efficiency of the state’s scientific and technical policy. For example, a comprehensive proposal has been prepared for the development and implementation of a set of pilot scientific and technical programs in microelectronics, aimed at supplying the high-tech industrial sectors with domestic components.



Discussions on various platforms (forums, project sessions, conferences) focusing on world-class SECs and related topics highlight the key directions of efforts to advance higher education and science in Russia.

#### These directions are:

- Developing an effectively operating innovative ecosystem for the formation and functioning of project teams, rooted in scientific, production, and social cooperation;
- Creating mechanisms for supporting and implementing practical applications of developments, ensuring their integration, scientific support, staffing, and legal-economic backing;
- Attracting youth to participate in project committees and teams, fostering engineering creativity, scientific research, project work, and mastery of engineering-technical specialties, contributing to the development of the intellectual capacity needed for the country’s technological advancement.

## 3.4

### PUBLIC PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES TO SUPPORT SOVEREIGNTY STRENGTHENING IN KEY AREAS OF SOCIAL AND GOVERNMENTAL LIFE

Over the past decades, **marked by globalization**, there has been a threat to **the culture, self-consciousness, and identity** of countries with predominant traditional values, including Russia. A significant **method of aggression against Russia** has been the propagation of **fake news through social networks**, aimed at destabilizing the internal situation.

The ongoing adverse effect on the informational sovereignty of the Russian Federation has created a societal demand for trustworthy sources of information. In response, Russian civil society, with state support, has developed tools to cleanse the information space and formulate its own agenda.

To counteract the mass spread of fake news, the NPO “Dialog” has launched the “Lapsha Media” project.<sup>173</sup> This initiative involves collecting unverified information, rechecking it with official documents, scientific research, primary sources, and input from experts across various fields. The project’s website offers open-access fact-checking services.

According to “Dialog,” between January and October 2023,

over **3.3** ths.

unique fake news themes were identified.

Experts forecast a systematic increase to **4 thousand** fake news items by year-end, with around **12.5 million** copies of fake information.

The top five fake news stories in 2023 accumulated **over 600 million** views, encompassing **more than 393 thousand** posts and **over 15 million** reactions.<sup>174</sup>



The Civic Chamber experts have frequently discussed the flooding of social networks with destructive content, underlining the need for Russia to create an “informational shield” to protect its digital sovereignty.

To achieve this objective, the Civic Chamber initiated the “Good News” project in 2023. The project aims to disseminate positive and verified information about Russia’s achievements in diverse sectors, including science, education, economy, industry, healthcare, sports, culture, arts, digital technologies, and volunteering.

The project idea was conceived at a “Community” forum in 2023, and its development involved wide public participation.

The “Good News” project has led to the creation of a growing community of like-minded individuals. Users can choose topics for receiving verified news, create positive content, attend featured events, and share interesting content with friends and peers.

During the “Community” forum in Moscow in November 2023, a comprehensive public discussion generated ideas and suggestions for further improving the application.<sup>175</sup>

In the near future, based on user feedback, plans include launching a web version of the “Good News” mobile app, opening an online store for point exchanges, starting an information contest about regional labor heroes, and organizing offline events in the most active regions to promote a positive narrative about Russia’s achievements.

**“Good News” project**



Mobile app launched in September 2023.

The “Good News” app targets Russian citizens who are interested in receiving verified information about events in various sectors across the country.

Sociological studies conducted prior to the project’s launch indicated a strong demand across different age groups for positive and engaging content about the development of industry, science, and other areas of national achievement.

**44%** of all Russian citizens

in contrast to **32.4%**, predominantly encounter negative news online.

**48.6%** of surveyed

in contrast to **27.5%** believe there is a shortage of positive content on Russia in the online space.

The app’s performance in its first month showcased:

over **17 thousands** of users

registered with the app

over **450** Good News published

over **50,000** actions

with positive content.

**3.5**

**CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND THE SOVEREIGNIZATION OF INTELLECTUAL PRODUCTS**

The sovereignization of **intellectual production**, along with **information space** and technology, is increasingly significant today. This domain encompasses economic activities that intertwine creativity, culture, and technology.

Recently, creative industries have garnered heightened attention from experts, scientists, and public and political figures. There is a consensus that these industries are a rapidly growing economic segment, contributing significantly to the GDP and creating jobs in unique, creativity- and intellect-related professions for Russia’s most active citizens.

Numerous projects in the creative industries are being spearheaded by ambitious and innovative members of the younger generation. The sector’s growing popularity among youth is partly due to state support. In 2022, the Government endorsed and commenced an action plan for developing creative industries, aligning with the previously adopted development concept.

A 2020 study by the Agency for Strategic Initiatives’ Center for Urban Competencies highlighted that the creative industries,<sup>176</sup> particularly from regional centers, contributed at least **4.19%** to Russia’s economy.

In 2022, as estimated by the Agency for Strategic Initiatives, the creative industries’ contribution to Russia’s GDP was

**4.87%**

with a total revenue of

**12.6 trillion rubles**<sup>177</sup>

As per the “Creative Industries Development Concept” approved by the Russian Government in 2021, the aim is to increase the share of creative sectors in the national economy

to **6%** by 2030<sup>178</sup>



Moscow leads in the country's creative economy:

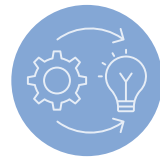
over **100** ths. creative entrepreneurs,

which is approximately a quarter of the total number of entrepreneurs in the industry nationwide, operate in the Russian capital.<sup>179</sup>

Creative engagement is promoted through a variety of contests, festivals, championships, and numerous thematic events. For example, the National Media Group conducted the first online case championship for creative ideas, "Creators," from August 13 to September 8. This event attracted 1,200 students from a wide range of specialties, from humanities to engineering, from 75 universities across 81 Russian regions. The champions were awarded monetary certificates and expert support to realize their projects.

There are many instances of creative industry development at the regional level in Russia. The Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) was recognized as the most creative region in the country in December 2022, following the Russian National Award in the Creative Industries (Russian Creative Award). This recognition was for its unique approach to developing creative industries within the region.

At the "Community" forum held in Yakutsk in August 2023, a roundtable titled "Creative Industries: A Vector for Economic Development" took place. During this session, experts and attendees analyzed the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)'s experiences and highlighted key factors that have aided the region's successful development in creative industries.



**Factors enhancing creative industries in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia)**

- The Association of Entrepreneurs of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) "Made in Yakutia" was established to support and promote folk arts and crafts industries.
- Yakutia contributes nearly 90% of the IT exports in the Far Eastern Federal District.
- A Film Commission for the Far Eastern Federal District was created, initiated by the Republic and based on the state national film company "Sakhafilm", to boost the development of the film industry in the macro-region.

The Presidential Foundation for Cultural Initiatives provides significant grant support to the creative sector. Established by a presidential executive order and functioning as a separate entity under the Presidential Grants Foundation, it specializes in supporting culture, arts, and creative industry projects.



**Presidential Foundation for Cultural Initiatives – performance in 2023**

During the first<sup>180</sup> and second<sup>181</sup> contests of 2023, the Foundation supported **1,952** projects in the amount of

over **7.9** billion rubles

A special contest in 2023 for projects in culture, arts, and creative industries awarded grants to **303** initiatives across **73** Russian regions.

In the latest contest, **180** projects, making up **59.41%**, were presented by NPOs. The total allocated grant funding exceeded **1.6 billion rubles**.<sup>182</sup>

Development of Training Infrastructure for Creative Industries: Schools and colleges specializing in creative industries are being established, along with prototyping centers in creative universities, to bolster workforce training in this sector.<sup>183</sup>

The National Open Championship of Creative Competencies "ArtMasters" is instrumental in building a stable system for nurturing and supporting young talent. This initiative aligns with the national goal of "Opportunities for Self-Realization and Talent Development" and aims to enhance the quality of creative products.

Following the visit to the "Development of the Creative Economy in Russia" exhibition in August 2023, the President of Russia ordered amendments to Russian legislation to define the concepts of "creative economy" and "creative industries." He also instructed the Government of the Russian Federation, in conjunction with the autonomous nonprofit organization "Agency for Strategic Initiatives to Promote New Projects," to update the "Concept for the Development of Creative Industries" and mechanisms for their state support in major urban agglomerations until 2030 and the action plan for its implementation.<sup>184</sup>

On November 2, 2023, at the final "Community" forum in Moscow, Public Hearings were held on the draft federal law "On the Development of Creative (Creative) Industries in the Russian Federation," previously submitted to the State Duma.<sup>185</sup> The long-awaited bill met the expectations of representatives of the creative industries and received support from experts of the Civic Chamber and representatives of relevant federal executive bodies.<sup>186</sup>

During the meeting of the President of Russia with members of the Civic Chamber at the final "Community" forum on November 3, 2023, Vladimir Putin supported the request of Natalia Kravchenko, Chair of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Enlightenment and Upbringing, for priority consideration of the bill. He emphasized the importance of creative industries for the country's development and noted that the authorities will continue to do everything necessary for their development.<sup>187</sup>

**"ArtMasters" championship of creative competencies<sup>188</sup>**



**70**

leading experts and leaders

compose the expert council.

The championship features

**30** competencies

across two age groups: "main" and "juniors." Each competency has its own expert group of recognized professionals in the creative industries.

Over **64,000** young specialists in creative industries, aged 14 to 35, from regions of Russia and abroad, participated in the four seasons of the championship.

The championship received

more than **21** ths. applications

from participants in **40** countries worldwide,

including **5,488** applications in the "juniors" group and **15,630** in the "main" group<sup>189</sup>

The championship's prize fund amounts to

**23.750** million rubles



# 04

## NPOs: new realities – new solutions

- 4.1 State and NPOs: expanding the field of social interaction
- 4.2 Culture of volunteerism and charity
- 4.3 “Circle of Kindness” Foundation in 2023: problems and solutions





Against the backdrop of sanctions, the nonprofit sector has faced a number of difficulties and is forced to rearrange the trajectory of development and reconsider work priorities.

Nevertheless, the majority of nonprofit organizations and charitable foundations in 2023 continued to take an active part in solving socially important problems. The governmental measures taken in 2023 to improve the legislation regulating the activities of NPOs, including the expansion of grant support, contributed to the further sustainable development of the nonprofit sector, which resulted in an increase in the number of implemented socially significant projects.

# 4.1

## STATE AND NPOs: EXPANDING THE FIELD OF SOCIAL INTERACTION

Over the past years, the Civic Chamber has registered the growing role of the third sector in the life of the Russian society. To date, a stable system of partnerships between the state and nonprofit organizations has been built up, and this system enables an effective search for new ways and forms of mutual support and consideration of interests.

In 2022, nonprofit organizations, along with volunteers and civil activists, immediately responded to the unleash of the special military operation, and engaged in providing assistance to refugees, implementing projects to provide targeted support to military units and fighters on the front line, as well as collecting humanitarian aid for a wide range of items. And this work was continued in 2023 as well.

A new hot topic for Russian NPOs in 2023 is the training of volunteers to work in hospitals. The number of projects addressed to people with disabilities suffered after combat missions in the zone of the special military operation was also significantly expanded.<sup>190</sup> At the same time, Russian NPOs have managed to strengthen their work in their traditional directions.

### Support for internal refugees from the area of the SMO by the Russian Red Cross<sup>191</sup>



Since February 2022, assistance has been provided in a number of directions:

- Multi-purpose payments;
- Voucher support; handing over vouchers for clothing, medicines and food. More than 95 thousand people received vouchers;
- Humanitarian aid – more than 2,223 tons of humanitarian aid was collected and sent to targeted needs – 640,000 recipients; and
- Additional equipment of temporary accommodation centers and much more.

Since January 1, 2023, the Russian Red Cross has been implementing a project to search for family members.

# 14,035

requests

for family reunification received

# 129

people

reunited with their families

Today one of the most important directions in the work of nonprofit organizations is the promotion of physical culture, sports and a healthy lifestyle.

Throughout 2023, new sports public organizations have been actively developing, including associations of sports clubs, leagues of sports societies, specialized public organizations, and other associations independent of international sports structures.

And particularly it is important to highlight the active development of modern sports areas and areas of mass, or street, sports. To date the share of participation of public organizations is over 85%.

The set goal is to involve 70% of citizens of the Russian Federation in systematic sport activities by 2030,<sup>192</sup> that is, making sports the norm of life for 93 million people of all ages and health groups. The public sector is assigned a leading role in promoting the values of physical culture, sports and a healthy lifestyle.



According to the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation, in various areas of street and modern sports registered

# over 700

nonprofit organizations,

which is an surplus by 53% in relation to 2022, and by 62% compared to 2021.



According to open data from the Presidential Grants Foundation, the share of projects submitted within the first competition of 2024 “Protecting the health of citizens, promoting a healthy lifestyle” is

# 19%

of the total number of projects.



The systematic activity of nonprofit organizations and the effectiveness of their work depend on many factors, the main one of which is state support.

In 2023, large-scale work was done to improve the legislation regulating the activities of nonprofit organizations.

A significant event in 2023 was the formation, on the Civic Chamber's initiative and in pursuance of the instructions of the President of Russia, of the Interdepartmental Working Group on Improving Legal Regulation in the Field of Activities of Nonprofit Organizations of the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation.<sup>193</sup> This group included representatives of the Ministry of Justice of Russia, the Ministry of Economic Development of Russia, the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation, as well as the Council for Human Rights, the Federal Tax Service, Rosstat, and nonprofit organizations.<sup>194</sup>

Following the results of the first meeting of the interdepartmental working group, the Civic Chamber submitted its proposals for improving legislation for further discussion.



Issues canvassed at the first meeting of the interdepartmental working group:

- Harmonizing legislation on NPOs with the Civil Code of the Russian Federation; and
- Simplification of NPOs reporting.<sup>195</sup>

Based on the results of the analysis of the received proposals, the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation prepared a bill on the possibility of withdrawal from the founders at the NPO's initiative.

In addition to legislative support at the state level, socially oriented nonprofit organizations (SO NPOs) in 2023 traditionally received large-scale financial and grant support.

Throughout the year, competitions organized by the Presidential Grants Foundation, the Presidential Foundation for Cultural Initiatives and the Internet Development Institute took place.

### Presidential Grants Foundation



Based on the results of the first<sup>198</sup> and second<sup>199</sup> competitions of the Presidential Grants Foundation in 2023, **3,349 projects** and socially oriented NPOs received support totalling

**7.8 billion rubles**<sup>200</sup>

From September 1 to October 15, 2023, the first competition of the 2024 Presidential Grants Foundation called for applications.

**10,827** initiatives were lodged by **9,458** nonprofit organizations from **88** regions.

Sent to experts **10,502** projects. (**261** initiatives were quashed due to violation of the competition regulations.)

The winners of the competition will be announced in January 2024.

### The most popular areas of competitions in 2023



"Protecting the Health of Citizens, Promoting a Healthy Lifestyle"

**687** projects **over 1.3 billion rubles**



"Social Services, Social Support and Protection of Citizens"

**622** projects **over 1.5 billion rubles**



"Support for Family, Motherhood, Fatherhood and Childhood"

**464** projects **over 1 billion rubles**

### Measures taken to support NPOs at the legislative level



**The measures of information support** that can be provided to SO NPOs by state authorities, public authorities of the federal territory and local governance **have been expanded.**

Among them:

- Services of computing power for the functioning of information systems of socially oriented nonprofit organizations and assistance in such services; and
- Assistance in the creation of official websites of such organizations on the Internet and ensuring their functioning by means of the Federal State Information System "Unified Portal of State And Municipal Services (Functions)".<sup>196</sup>

The law was a response to an appeal from a number of large socially oriented nonprofit

organizations that were targeted by hacker attacks from abroad. These are mainly NPOs engaged in patriotic education or providing humanitarian assistance in the zone of the special military operation. And at the stage of preliminary hearings of the bill the Civic Chamber of Russia supported this initiative.<sup>197</sup>

- Income in the form of grants, bonuses, prizes, gifts that are received as a result of participation in competitions, contests and other events, the list of which is approved by regional and local governance, shall be exempted from personal income tax.

The Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation supported the initiative, since grants play a huge role in supporting public ideas and developing civil society institutions.

Exemption of such income from taxation will contribute to the development of volunteering institutions in our country and the involvement

of citizens in public life.<sup>201</sup> On November 14, 2023, the corresponding law was signed by the President of Russia. The amendments will take effect on January 1, 2024.<sup>202</sup>

#### Support measures to reduce red tape burden on NPOs:

- On March 1, 2023, changes to the law "On Nonprofit Organizations" came into force. Now NPOs have the right to act according to a standard charter. And according to members of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation, this reduces the legal burden on nonprofit organizations and stimulates the growth of the nonprofit sector;<sup>203</sup>
- On July 11, the order of the Russian Ministry of Justice came into force to approve standard charters for organizational and legal forms, which are subject to a special procedure for state registration;<sup>204</sup>

- A law to change the period during which nonprofit organizations shall report to the authorized body about changes in information contained in the Unified State Register of Legal Entities; thus this period was increased from three to seven days was adopted;<sup>205</sup>

- On January 1, 2024 comes into force a law enabling NPOs to have a seal with the full name of the organization in the Russian language. These legal developments envisage a nonmandatory use of the seal unless it is additionally established by law.<sup>206</sup>

In addition, bill No. 418126-8 is under consideration. It aimed at providing advantages for nonprofit organizations when conducting public procurement. The Civic Chamber has supported this bill as well. And the Civic Chamber has repeatedly pointed out the need to extend to SO NPOs certain measures of support that small and medium-sized businesses now enjoy.<sup>207</sup>

## The Institute of Internet Development



Since 2020, the Institute of Internet Development has been distributing government subsidies on a competitive basis for the creation and promotion of socially significant Internet content.

So far supported

over **1,500**  
online-projects<sup>208</sup>

In 2023, the Institute of Internet Development distributed grants in the amount of

**10.3 billion rubles**

for the implementation of **163** projects aimed at creating national content in the digital environment. Applications were received from February to March 2023. The competition saw more than **1,400** applications.<sup>209</sup>

Moreover, to date the largest NPOs, in cooperation with government authorities, are developing models aimed at increasing the role of NPOs in providing assistance and support to the citizens of the country.

The Russian Red Cross, together with the Association of Volunteer Centers and in cooperation with the Russian Ministry of Labor, has developed a model of public centers to help citizens in difficult life situations, which includes a set of measures and actions to provide support to those in need from NPOs, and routing citizens to receive public support measures.

Presently, work aimed at systematizing activities to improve the competencies of NPOs employees is underway. And this will be achieved by implementing the professional standard “NPO Manager”, which is being developed jointly with expert and professional communities.

Another incentive for the systematic development of competencies in the nonprofit sector will be the creation in the Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous Region, Ugra, an All-Russian Competence Center for organizations of the nonprofit sector and volunteerism “Dobrinno”.

In 2023 the work to expand the participation of NPOs in the provision of social services was also continued. According to the

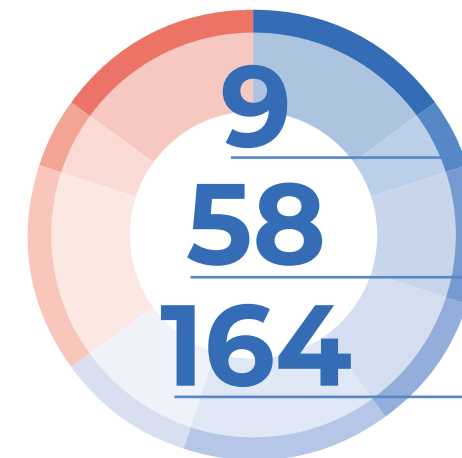
Russian Ministry of Labor, the number of NPOs providing social services increases every year, budget expenses for services compensation increase as well, and the number of recipients of NPOs services are going up. NPOs are actively involved in the provision of services within the long-term care system, which is currently implemented in 89 regions of Russia. This includes assisted living services for people with disabilities, services to families and children within family multifunctional centers, and the implementation of a pilot project for the comprehensive rehabilitation of children with disabilities.

NPOs are actively involved in piloting the mechanisms of state (municipal) social commissioning (S(M)SC), which is being tested in 38 regions of Russia in 2023.

To assess how effective the measures to support and develop the nonprofit sector in the country are, the Civic Chamber applies “Region-NPO” rating project. The rating study of the nonprofit sector has been published since 2020 and shows strong and weak points of its development in each individual region.

The rating uses 21 sources of objective information to evaluate the nonprofit sector in the regions according to nine rating factors, 58 indicators and 164 metrics (initial values).

## Rating model



The level of development of the nonprofit sector is determined

by objective factors

indicators

metrics

Support for NPOs in the region (three indicators)	15%
Online availability of information on support for SO NPOs (two indicators)	5%
Media activity (five indicators)	10%
Results of the expert survey (five indicators)	10%
Social significance (12 indicators)	15%
Significance of RC (Resource center) of SO NPOs and ROP platforms (six indicators)	10%
Economic significance (three indicators)	15%
Sustainability of NPO existence (eight indicators)	5%
Activity of NPOs (14 indicators)	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Results of the regional rating of the third sector “Region-NPO” (2023)<sup>210</sup>

No.	Region	Grade point
1	Moscow	64.638
2	Republic of Tatarstan (Tatarstan)	60.430
3	Vologda region	58.255
4	Chelyabinsk region	57.863
5	Tyumen region	56.706
6	Samara region	56.077
7	Nizhny Novgorod region	55.715
8	Saint Petersburg	54.694
9	Belgorod region	52.509
10	Khanty-Mansi Autonomous region – YUGRA	51.931

Experts from the Civic Chamber note that the rating has helped to reasonably assess the real level of regional imbalances in the development of the third sector. In addition, it has become an effective tool for a change at both the federal and regional levels. Moreover, largely due to these transformations, the level of disparities is

falling down. For example since 2020, it has decreased from 28.6 to 27.7%.

The problem of regional disproportions identified within the framework of the “NPO Region” rating has been included in the current agenda of state policy in the development of the nonprofit sector.



# 4.2

## CULTURE OF VOLUNTEERISM AND CHARITY

Despite the sanctions pressure in 2023, **life in the charitable sector has not stopped**. New charitable **foundations and programs continued to pop up**, and socially significant projects were implemented. Charitable foundations managed to focus and mobilize all their forces in order to **continue their work in the face of a shortage of financial resources**.<sup>211</sup> The **support of the citizens of our country**, who continue **to donate funds to charity and actively participate** in volunteer projects, has become no less important.

To date, significant efforts of charitable foundations are aimed at helping refugees, the special military operations participants and members of their families, as well as those who suffered from military acts. At the same time, assistance programs are adapting due to changes in categories and requests of beneficiaries.<sup>212</sup>

An important force that has become one of the most visible and active social movements in the country in recent years is volunteerism, and which enjoys great interest from people of all ages. Volunteers face a variety of socially significant tasks: From interaction with the SMO participants and supporting their families to local intra-university activities.<sup>213</sup>

The development of volunteerism in our country is facilitated by the active support of



Over the past 10 years, the number of volunteers in Russia has grown

**9** times

volunteers from government authorities, the nonprofit sector, and business.

In December 2021, the largest community of volunteer organizations – the Association of Volunteer Centers – launched a social franchise called centers of social development “Dobro.Centers”, which are engaged in the development of social and civil initiatives in Russian regions.



### Charity traditions in action

**79%**

of Russians with experience in volunteering are more inclined to donate money.

**62%**

are the most active Russians aged 25–34 (62% have donated money, including 54% more than once).

**54%**

of more than half of Russians make charitable donations and give money to strangers in need.

**41%**

of Russians would like to continue their current activities in NPOs or begin to participate in them.

Every fourth Russian participates in the activities of certain NPOs or civil initiatives.

Almost every tenth Russian aged 18–24 would like to become head of an NPO.

Source: National Research University Higher School of Economics // Information and analytical bulletin on the development of civil society / <https://www.hse.ru/mirror/pubs/share/862000188.pdf>

### Areas of support for charitable activities:<sup>214</sup>

- Citizens are more willing to support organizations that help children with disabilities and those in need of treatment (39% of those who donated to organizations), as well as homeless animals (24%);
- The close attention of philanthropists in 2023 was also directed to helping the Russian military, the SMO volunteers and members of their families (18%).

At the beginning of 2023 and after the support and corresponding instructions of the President of Russia, the network of public development centers “Dobro.Center” will appear in most municipalities of the country.<sup>215</sup> The senior officials of the regions of Russia, Rosmolodezh and the Association of Volunteer Centers became responsible for the implementation of this task. Anyone who wants to implement a franchise will be able to receive support, resources for their own projects, as well as ready-made tools and mechanics for its development.

### Association of Volunteer Centers of Russia

The Association of Volunteer Centers of Russia unites today

**169** volunteer organizations

and **11** federal volunteer organizations.

Thanks, among other things, to the efforts of the Association of Volunteer Centers community, over 10 years the number of volunteers in Russia has grown **from 3 to 28%**.<sup>216</sup>



“Dobro.Centers” are aggregators of useful practices in resolving difficult situations volunteering is being faced with.

Such centers will appear by the end of 2023

In total, by the end of 2024

in **400** municipalities.<sup>217</sup>

over **1,117** “Dobro.Centers”

will appear in all cities of Russia.

A large-scale support for various categories of citizens, primarily those affected during the special military operation, is provided within the framework of the “#WEARETOGETHER” project. The “Humanitarian Missions #WEARETOGETHER” program is aimed at supporting volunteer activities, as well as providing assistance to residents and socially significant organizations of the new regions.

In 2023, the network of organizations that provide humanitarian assistance under the aegis of “#WEARETOGETHER” mission was expanded. For example new directions have appeared. And one of them is a long-term support for families of military personnel “#WEARETOGETHER.CARE”. As part of this project, the business community also joined the volunteer movement. The Civic Chamber provides full support to the “#WEARETOGETHER” project as well.

The Civic Chamber and the “Community” forums discussed the effective mechanisms of the project in the field of providing humanitarian assistance and volunteer activities in general.<sup>218</sup>

The development of volunteerism and charity in our country is also facilitated by state support for these areas at the legislative level.

**“#WEARETOGETHER.CARE”**  
**Direction: long-term support for military families**

Since November 2022, sociocultural institutions of the country have been visited by more than

**2.5** ths.

family members of military personnel from all regions of Russia.<sup>219</sup>

As part of the mission,

**131,862**

families

have been taken under the patronage<sup>220</sup>

Russia is the **only** country in the world that has **enshrined support for volunteerism** in the **Constitution** of the Russian Federation.



**Humanitarian missions #WEARETOGETHER**

Since the set-up of the program in 2022,

Cumulative, volunteers spent

**289**

offsite humanitarian missions,

164 of which were organized in 2023.

Within the framework of the program, volunteer vacancies were responded by:

over **8.6** ths. people

and **3.6 thousand volunteers** have already completed their participation in humanitarian missions; **950 thousand** residents of the Donetsk People’s Republic, Lugansk People’s Republic, Zaporozhye region, and Kherson region have received volunteer support.

over **316** ths. hours

for help and good deeds.<sup>221</sup>

According to Rosmolodezh, members of the mission are predominantly young people aged 20–35, while the oldest member of the program is 72.<sup>222</sup>

**Directions of humanitarian missions:**

- Humanitarian aid;
- Emergency rescue work;
- Education and culture; and
- Medical and psychological assistance.

In November 2023, the State Duma adopted amendments to the Federal Law “On Charitable Activities and Volunteering” aimed at improving the legal regulation of volunteer activities.<sup>223</sup> The adopted amendments not only constituted everything that had been done in recent years, but also added new opportunities for volunteers and organizers, namely:<sup>224</sup>

- Commercial companies engaged in corporate volunteering will receive the status of organizer and appropriate support measures from the state;

- Authorities will be required to post support measures on DOBRO.RF, that is, in the “Dobro.Navigator” service;
- To be approved uniform requirements for volunteers;
- The goals of volunteer and charitable activities will include an item on carrying out events of perpetuating the memory of those killed in defense of the Fatherland.



# 4.3

## “CIRCLE OF KINDNESS” FOUNDATION IN 2023: PROBLEMS AND SOLUTIONS

The **change in the charitable fabric** of the country was **significantly influenced** by the “Circle of Kindness” Foundation established in 2021 with the aim to support of **children with severe life-threatening** and chronic diseases, including rare (orphan) diseases. The Foundation **has committed itself to providing treatment for children** with serious and orphan diseases, providing other organizations that previously performed this task with the opportunity to direct their funds and efforts to other forms of activity: **organizing leisure time for children and parents**, various types of training for specialists, assistance in rehabilitation, and much more.

In 2023, “Circle of Kindness” continued cooperation with nonprofit organizations and patient communities, finding new directions and effective formats of interaction. And an example of such cooperation demonstrated an interaction with the Charitable Foundation “BELA. Butterfly Children”. Thus, the foundations are running a joint project aimed at increasing the level of knowledge of doctors in the regions about rare diseases, including epidermolysis bullosa, ichthyosis and other forms of genetic dermatoses. The implementation of this project has managed to significantly increase the level of detection of this type of disease in children.

In 2023, the “Circle of Kindness” focused its efforts on establishing systematic interaction with the regions. For example, to provide assistance to sick children 23 cooperation agreements were signed. The agreements have become a clear sign that the topic of drug provision for children with serious illnesses is a priority for the regional


governances and is under the personal control of senior officials of the regions of Russia.<sup>225</sup>

On June 1, 2023, Children’s Day, the President of Russia discussed with the head of the “Circle of Kindness” Foundation, Chairman of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Social Partnership, Custody, and Inclusive Practices, Alexander Tkachenko, another important task of the foundation to support innovative methods in treatment. The solution to this problem is facilitated by the expansion of cooperation between the Foundation and Russian doctors, scientific and medical institutes of the country.<sup>226</sup>

To date, in accordance with the previously given instructions of the President of Russia, the Foundation also continues to develop additional types and volumes of rehabilitation, working on systematic approaches to its implementation in cooperation with the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation.<sup>227</sup>

### “Circle of Kindness” Foundation

In the united list of the Foundation – **89** diseases



Out of which: **75** diseases

are in the Foundation’s List of Diseases, **14** diseases listed in the “14 high-cost nosologies” program (cystic fibrosis with various drugs is in both lists).

For more than **23** ths. patients



Since 2021, it has been allocated for these purposes

**205** billion rubles

more than **100 types** of expensive medicines, medical devices and rehabilitation equipment are purchased.

(Contracts and agreements for medical care, purchase of medicines and medical products have been concluded.)

Of the drugs that the Foundation purchases, **10** are unique drugs for cancer patients.<sup>228</sup>

The Foundation encompasses **85 regions** of Russia. During 2023, the Foundation also embraced the new regions of Russia.<sup>229</sup>

The list of types of medical care provided in 2023 increased exactly **by two times**, and up to **eight types** in relation to medical care.<sup>230</sup>

### All-Russian scientific and diagnostic program PROS



In 2023, the “Circle of Kindness” Foundation, jointly with the leading institution in the field of medical genetics of the country – the Medical Genetic Research Center named after Academician N.P. Bochkov – launched an all-Russian scientific diagnostic program

PROS (PIK3CA-Related Overgrowth Spectrum) aimed at identifying patients with this severe genetic disease. The PROS and the drugs for its treatment were also included in the list of the “Circle of Kindness” Foundation.



# 05

## Sustainable development

- 5.1 Sustainable development as a major factor in a country's economic growth
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- 5.4 Ecosystem preservation
- 5.5 Partnership for sustainable development





The effective implementation of the provisions of the sustainable development concept<sup>231</sup> is designed to make up a balance between increasing the economic growth of the state and addressing issues in social protection, healthcare, education, and environmental protection to meet the ongoing needs of modern society as well as for the benefit of future generations of Russian citizens.

**Russians' assessment of the importance of implementing sustainable development goals in their home regions**

Which of the following areas do you see as most relevant to Sustainable Development Goals (ESG) projects and programs in your region? Select three options (closed-ended question, up to three answers, % of all respondents)



Source: VCIOM // Sustainable development: Consensus between government, business, and society / [https://wciom.ru/fileadmin/user\\_upload/2023-09-29\\_Rodin\\_K\\_USTOICHIVOE\\_RAZVITIE.pdf](https://wciom.ru/fileadmin/user_upload/2023-09-29_Rodin_K_USTOICHIVOE_RAZVITIE.pdf)

# 5.1 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AS A MAJOR FACTOR IN A COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC GROWTH

In recent years, the global climate agenda is increasingly growing into a tool for achieving geopolitical and economic goals rather than a fledged response to the global warming challenges.<sup>232</sup> Amidst the ongoing conditions, preventing the imposition of methods that are unacceptable for Russia in tackling environmental problems is of particular importance, which is possible if our country achieves a leading position in the global climate agenda and carbon neutrality issues.<sup>233</sup>

In 2023, Russia pursued its consistent heading towards sustainable development and the transition to a low-carbon economy based on the priority areas identified by the Russian President.

In October 2023, a new edition of the Climate Doctrine of the Russian Federation was approved. It was the first to declare the goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2060.<sup>234</sup> The principles of Russia's climate policy include the updated document also identifies "balanced actions to achieve sustainable development" and "technological neutrality."

In addition, 2023 marked the approval of a new comprehensive program to enhance the energy efficiency of the Russian economy until 2035,<sup>235</sup> aimed at achieving the goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2060<sup>236</sup> as well as at developing technologies for recycling and absorbing accumulated greenhouse gases.



\* As of December 2023.

This program is directly related to improving the quality of life of Russian citizens,<sup>238</sup> including by reducing the air pollution level.

Serious success in reducing the level of air pollution in the Russian regions was achieved due to the implementation of the “Clean Air federal” and the “Ecology” national projects.

Despite the positive feedback on the project, there are still cases of violation of requirements in atmospheric air protection by individual entities. In this regard, the bill<sup>239</sup> elaborated in pursuance of the Executive Order of the President of the Russian Federation,<sup>240</sup> the provisions of which provide for administrative liability for failure to achieve established quotas for emissions of pollutants into the atmospheric air, acquires particular relevance and significance.

The “Clean Air”<sup>241</sup> federal project has been implemented since 2019 in **12** major industrial centers throughout the country.

By the end of 2022, the emissions of pollutants into the atmosphere decreased



compared to the 2017 level instead of the planned **8%**.

From September 1, 2023, **29 more cities** experiencing high and extremely high levels of pollution joined the federal “Clean Air” project.<sup>242</sup>

A public discussion of the bill took place in the Civic Chamber in February 2023. The public examination participants expressed support for the bill provisions, and also made a number of proposals for its improvement in terms of changing the approach to calculating the amount of the turnover fine and its differentiation depending on the nature of the offense committed and its consequences. A number of proposals from the Civic Chamber were further taken into consideration by the Russian Ministry of Natural Resources, and the bill was approved by the Government Legislative Commission.<sup>243</sup>

When building up long-run plans to achieve carbon neutrality, it is important ensure an equitable treatment on footprint of different types of generation.<sup>244</sup> Solar farms and wind farms are often mentioned in discussions about the transition to clean energy, with the carbon footprint of solar power, according to research, being four times higher than nuclear power, a generation footprint that is almost zero.



**Nuclear energy** is one of the most environmentally friendly (low-carbon), cost-effective and compact energy sources that

can be **used in isolated and hard-to-reach areas** to tackle the challenges of providing electricity to populated areas as well as to industrial enterprises for the extraction and exploitation of natural resources.<sup>245</sup>

The nuclear power industry in Russia accounts for



of the total electricity generation in the country.<sup>246</sup>

The progress of the pilot project of a ground-based nuclear power plant based on the RITM-200N reactor plant in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), as well as the safety and potential of low-power nuclear power plants (LNPs) for the development of hard-to-reach territories of the Russian Federation were the subject of discussion by experts of the Civic Chamber<sup>247</sup> at round tables, held in May 2023 at the Civic Chamber and in August 2023 as part of the “Community” forum in Yakutsk.<sup>248</sup>

Attaching public attention to this issue is important, since work is currently underway to establish a completely carbon-free Kyuchus cluster of solid mineral deposits in the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) using electricity from the capacities of ASMM.<sup>249</sup> It is expected that the nuclear power plant, built near the village of Ust-Kuiga in the Ust-Yansky district of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), will allow the development of the largest deposits of gold, tin, and rare earth metals in the Yana basin to begin.

Amidst the ongoing geopolitical situation, an important role is played by assessing the risks of the new conditions of global climate policy, without which significant rule-making initiatives may cause resistance from both Russian business and the public.

The lack of an objective perception of the climate agenda by society and its identification with environmental protection issues often leads to international environmental organizations “inflating” initiatives aimed at tackling local environmental challenges to the scale of a global catastrophe, while issues of the country’s development and the well-being of citizens remain outside the scope society’s field of view.

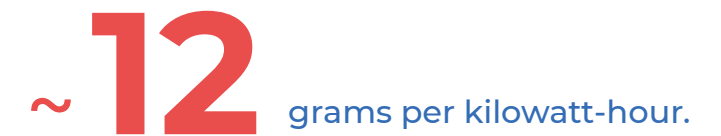
An objective assessment of ongoing changes in the global climate agenda and adequate perception of them by society is facilitated by ensuring transparency of the activities of economic entities and their disclosure of information about its impact on the environment and other aspects of citizens’ lives. Under these circumstances, the issues of developing internal methods and standards for disclosing nonfinancial reporting come to the fore.

In February 2023, a discussion of the report of the Central Bank of Russia “Model Methodology for ESG Ratings” took place at the Civic Chamber,<sup>250</sup> during which experts assessed the current state of the ESG ratings market, its problems and ways to solve them.<sup>251</sup>

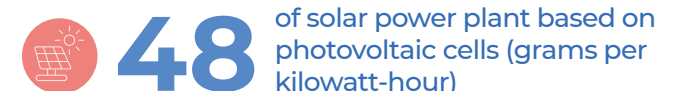
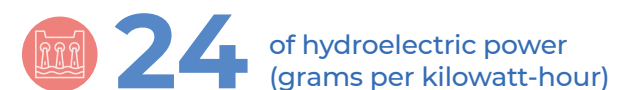
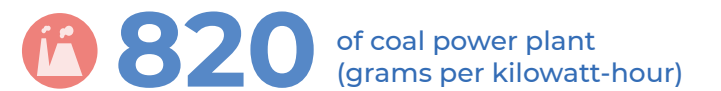
The current problems of disclosing the real sector of the economy of information



According to IPCC data,<sup>251</sup> CO<sub>2</sub> emissions for the production of 1 kWh of electrical energy from a nuclear power plant are



Comparatively speaking, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions for the production of 1 kWh of electrical energy from other generation sources are:



on the impact on the environment and other nonfinancial information by companies also became the subject of discussion among experts during the round table “Transparency and reporting of business – the foundation of the country’s environmental security.”

A major practical result of the issues discussed in 2023 was the public certification at the Civic Chamber of sustainable development reports for 2022 of the “Lenta”<sup>253</sup> and “Severstal”<sup>254</sup> companies.




# 5.2

## QUALITY EDUCATION IN PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The course taken by the Russian Federation to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals<sup>255</sup> dictates the need for training qualified specialists focused on the successful implementation of the principles of sustainable development and responsible corporate governance (ESG), including through the development of a system of environmental education and awareness raising, and advanced training of personnel of ensuring environmental safety.<sup>256</sup> Major efforts being made by the state and civil society today are aimed at developing environmental education and environmental awareness in our country.

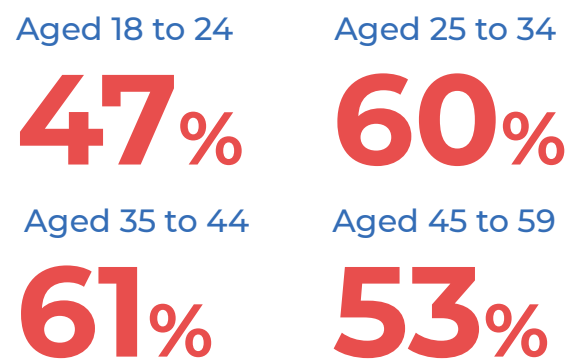
In November 2022, the Russian President approved a list of instructions following a meeting with participants in the youth environmental forum "Ecosystem. Reserved region".<sup>257</sup> A number of these also pertained to environmental education. The systematic implementation of the instructions continued in 2023.

 In June 2023, the All-Russian Center for the Study of Public Opinion (VCIOM) presented the results of a survey devoted to ecology.

# 52%

of respondents replied that over the past year they personally or members of their family took measures aimed at reducing the severity of environmental problems; 41% reported the opposite. Compared to 2021 (58%), the environmental activity of Russians has decreased slightly.

### Involvement in environmental practices



In terms of the level of involvement in environmental practices, 18–24 year olds are inferior to older generations. Environmental activity is lowest among citizens 60 years of age and older (41%).

Environmental awareness is most widespread among Russians after 25 years of age, and, after 60 years of age, it declines.

Source: VCIOM // Eco-activism: involvement, motivation, potential / <https://wciom.ru/analytical-reviews/analiticheskii-obzor/ehkoaktivizm-vovlechennost-motivacija-potencial>

In May 2023, backed up by the Head of State, the All-Russian Environmental Public Movement "Ecosystem" was launched in Russia, designed to form ecological thinking among young people through love for the Fatherland and a responsible attitude towards nature.<sup>258</sup>

From June 3 to June 12, 2023, the "Ecosystem" movement organized and conducted a series of environmental events, the "Green Deeds Marathon", in all 89 regions of Russia:<sup>259</sup>

- In the face-to-face format the marathon was supported by at least

# 150 thousand people

- Hundreds of thousands of residents across the country connected to various online activities on environmental issues;
- The marathon hosted

# over 1,500 events

The environmental education of the younger generation was facilitated by the holding of the All-Russian Youth Environmental Forum "Ecosystem" in August 2023. The main goal and mission of the forum was the formation and consolidation of youth proposals in ecology for their further implementation into all-Russian practice.

The Russian movement of children and youth "Movement of the First" has also embarked on executing the instructions of the Russian President, having previously launched the All-Russian project "In touch with nature".<sup>260</sup> As part of the project, it is planned to involve children and youth in the creation of environmental teams in educational organizations and conduct activities aimed at improving the environmental situation.

### All-Russian Youth Environmental Forum "Ecosystem":

- Performed

# 300

 environmental education events

- 450 people from 89 regions of Russia, 112 volunteers, 90 experts and 243 guests were involved;

# 23

 environmental solutions taken

- 9 environmental projects were recommended to receive 4 million rubles within the framework of the "Rosmolodezh.Grants" competition;
- The concept of the Yunnat (young naturalist) movement was developed;
- 23 thematic clubs were formed;
- The educational program of the Knowledge.Lectures hosted by the Russian Society "Knowledge" was implemented.<sup>261</sup>

 more than 5 ths.

environmental groups are planned to be formed by "Movement of the First" representatives by the end of the year

# over 100 ths.

schoolchildren and students to be involved in environmental activities.<sup>262</sup>

The Ecosophy project of the presidential platform “Russia — A Country of Opportunities” is aimed at developing the ecological culture of the country’s population. The project is geared to create conditions for the self-realization of people who lead an environmentally friendly lifestyle, who are passionate about smart consumption and who are ready to become leaders of public opinion in the field of environmental culture, as well as for specialists in the field of ecology and sustainable development.



**“Ecosophy” project**

**~ 93 ths.**  
people

were involved in the first season of the “Ecosophy” project, which ran from June 6, 2022 to August 31, 2023.

**140** made it to the final people

On July 29, 2023, as part of the grand final in Nizhny Novgorod, **22 winners and 15 EcoLeaders** were awarded — these were active people promoting an environmentally friendly lifestyle by their example, ready to become leaders in changing the culture of consumer behavior and creating useful environmental habits and skills among Russian residents.<sup>263</sup>

A whole range of issues related to environmental education were actively discussed at the Civic Chamber in 2023. Experts united their views, exchanged ideas for the growth of this field of endeavor across the nation, and submitted proposals to the appropriate ministries and departments for review.

Based on the results of one of these discussions dedicated to the topic “Ecological culture: what is the social benefit?” experts identified existing barriers and ways to overcome them to solve the problem of building a system of continuous environmental education and awareness in Russia.<sup>264</sup>

**Significant barriers preventing the formation of an environmental culture and the establishment of an effective system of environmental education and awareness are:**

- Lack of a unified methodological base in environmental education and awareness;
- Misinterpretation of the aims and purposes of environmental education and awareness as a result of the conceptual framework’s lack of consistency in this field;
- Lack of target indicators for a developed environmental culture as an integral result of environmental education and enlightenment;
- Lack of regulatory requirements for specialists in sustainable development, responsible corporate governance, ecology, and environmental protection;
- Lack of a single coordinating body for the creation and functioning of a system of continuous environmental education and awareness in the Russian Federation.

**Removing these barriers is seen in the implementation of the following measures:**

- Legislative consolidation of the definition of the terms “environmental education”, “environmental education”, and “ecological culture”;
- Legislative consolidation of requirements for the organization and provision of environmental education and awareness, establishment at the legislative level of mechanisms for the implementation of environmental education and awareness, the formation of an environmental culture, as well as identification of responsible persons. The establishment of a single coordinating body for the creation and operation of a system of continuous environmental education and awareness in Russia;
- The elaboration of professional standards for specialists in the field of sustainable development and responsible corporate governance; and
- The establishment of a methodological base as part of environmental education and enlightenment.

# 5.3

## SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

The appeal of a city or town depends primarily on the level of comfort of the living conditions there. In this regard, the task of creating a comfortable and accessible environment, which, in turn, determines the socioeconomic level of development and the degree of civic activity in the settlements as well as in the region as a whole takes on major importance.

The key condition for the formation of a comfortable urban environment is the direct participation of citizens in the improvement process. The practice of voting, which allows city dwellers to select particular areas for the application of development projects, demonstrates that people are actively involved in changes and understand their significance and role in resolving territorial development issues and fostering a positive environment around them.

The Civic Chamber commonly addresses issues of establishing a comfortable urban environment and involving residents of territories in this process. The above topics have repeatedly become the subject of discussion within the framework of regional “Community” forums.<sup>265</sup>

Experts from the Civic Chamber attach particular attention to the issues of ensuring an accessible environment for people with limited mobility, including increasing the accessibility of the voting procedure and respecting the electoral rights of citizens with disabilities and limited health capabilities.

The first all-Russian vote on improvement issues took place in 2021.

Over 3 years, the number of voting participants increased by 4.5 million people and reached

**14.2 million**<sup>266</sup>



Involving citizens in issues of urban development has become a key condition for the implementation of the federal project “Establishing a comfortable urban environment” as part of the national project “Housing and Urban Environment.”<sup>267</sup> The project aims to enhance the quality of the urban environment by 2030

by **1.5 times,**

and further increase the share of Russian cities with a favorable environment to **80%**.<sup>268</sup>



Based on the results of public observation of voting during a single voting day in 2023, experts from the Civic Chamber generally noted improvements in the accessibility of voting premises for people with disabilities, highlighting a number of issues that need to be addressed, including the lack of ramps and elevators at individual polling stations, which creates additional difficulties for the exercise of voting rights by citizens with limited mobility.<sup>269</sup>



The state program “Accessible Environment” has been implemented in Russia for several years, aiming to tackle accessibility problems for people with disabilities.

In 2023, nearly

**70 billion rubles**

have been allocated for the implementation of the “Accessible Environment” program, including subsidies from the federal budget for the activities of all-Russian associations of disabled people.<sup>270</sup>

The construction of housing in cities is currently accompanied by the creation of infrastructure for children, including playgrounds. The growing number of cases of injuries to children at such facilities today is causing concern on the part of the state and society.<sup>271</sup>



Based on expert report from the All-Russia People’s Front, hundreds of accidents occur on playgrounds every year.

More than 70% of children’s infrastructure facilities built from 2018 to 2021 as part of the federal project “Formation of a Comfortable Urban Environment” currently require major repairs.<sup>272</sup>

To address this problem, in January 2023, following the results of an event on the topic “Safety in Playgrounds: Playgrounds as Part of the Urban Environment,” a number of recommendations were formed in the Civic Chamber with the participation of the expert community, the implementation of which will ensure the safety of children on playgrounds. The document was sent to the relevant ministries and departments for consideration.<sup>273</sup>

The Civic Chamber proposals to ensure the safety of children on playgrounds (given in abbreviated form):

- Establishing a working group to develop a unified procedure for putting a playground into operation, containing a minimum list of mandatory requirements, with the participation of experts, scientists, specialists, ad-hoc public associations, and relevant government bodies;
- Consolidation of the concept “Children’s playground certificate” as part of the national standardization system and specification of the requirements for this document; and
- Introducing changes to the Russian legal system that would allow Rosstandart to exercise federal state control (supervision) over the execution of the laws requiring children’s playgrounds to be safe in compliance with the Eurasian Economic Union’s technical guidelines “On the Safety of Equipment for Children’s Playgrounds”.

A vital aspect in organizing a comfortable environment is the city’s transport network. Advanced public transport system, convenient and understandable routes for citizens are a necessary condition for the development of any Russian region, help maintain a high quality of life for citizens and ensure their safety.



Public transport in the regions is being updated using funds from the federal project “Development of Public Transport” and the national project “Safe Quality Roads”.

In 2023,

**383**  
units

of the new rolling stock arrived in 13 metropolitan areas.<sup>274</sup>

The development of transport infrastructure is facilitated by the program of infrastructure budget loans. As part of this program, starting 2022, the regions have already received 1,134 units of public transport.<sup>275</sup>

To create a comfortable transport network in the regions, a preferential bus leasing program was launched in 2023 through the State Transport Leasing Company using funds from the National Wealth Fund (NWF).

44 billion rubles from the National Wealth Fund and 29 billion rubles from extra-budgetary sources – with this money

**4,130** vehicles

will be purchased in 2023–2024<sup>276</sup>

The Civic Chamber, for its part, in 2023 continued to exercise public oversight of transport infrastructure in the regions as part of the regional “Community” forums. The result of such inspections is the development of recommendations to government authorities to improve the operating conditions of the transport system, taking into account the selected positive experience of different regions of Russia.<sup>277</sup>

The presence of comfortable living conditions and developed infrastructure play a decisive role in the development of rural settlements.

According to statistics, over the past 10 years in Russia both the number of rural residents and the number of settlements has been declining. Numerous factors influence these processes, including a decline in the birth rate, high rates of mortality, and shorter life expectancies than in urban settlements. However, the most significant factor is the disparity in living standards between urban and rural areas, which is a major driver of the migration of rural populations to more favorable settlements, primarily urban ones.<sup>278</sup>



According to official data from Rosstat, in 2010, 37.5 million people lived in rural areas;

As of January 1, 2023, the rural population of Russia is

**36.7** million people,

**25%**

of the total Russian population.

Source: Rosstat // Share of the urban population in the total population as of January 1 / <https://showdata.gks.ru/report/278932/>

The Civic Chamber's experts point out that reversing the current disparities between urban and rural areas is a strategic undertaking that calls for the creation of fresh methods for carrying out state policy in the area of rural development. The solution to this problem seems especially important in ongoing conditions, when great opportunities are unveiling for the development and strengthening of the technological and production leadership of our country.

A systemic socioeconomic analysis should serve as the foundation for any long-term program aimed at developing rural areas. This analysis should identify key factors and directions for the development of rural areas, as well as provide a forecast assessment of the programs' effectiveness and prospects for implementation.



**Promising drivers for the development of rural areas can be ecotourism and the development of small forms of farming. A unique interactive map of the best youth spaces**

**in the village was compiled by young village activists who took part in the week of united actions, the track "Points of Attraction in the Village" of the federal program "Personnel for the Village".<sup>279</sup>**

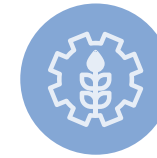
Agriculture is the key activity in rural areas that ensures their socioeconomic development. In the current geopolitical situation, experts from the Civic Chamber note the unconditional importance and strategic nature of the sustainable development of rural settlements, agriculture and production as a guarantor of market saturation with food products from domestic producers, which will result in ensuring the country's food security.



The state provides systematic support for the implementation of socially significant projects aimed at rural areas expansion. As part of the state program "Comprehensive Development of Rural Territories", citizens living in rural areas can receive a grant to support local initiatives. The opportunity to receive grants is also provided by the Presidential Foundation for Cultural Initiatives, the Presidential Grants Foundation, and the Federal Agency for Youth Affairs (All-Russian Competition of Youth Projects, direction "#develop\_environment").

Several industry public associations and associations, including AKKOR, "Soyuzmoloko", Trade Union of Agricultural Workers of the Russian Federation, National Union of Agricultural Insurers, "Potato Union", and a number of others, along with the state, support the implementation of socially significant projects targeted at the development of rural areas because they recognize the importance and significance of the issues that have been identified.

A survey "Civic Activity in Rural Areas" conducted by the Civic Chamber in the second half of 2023 showed that every second village resident is not only aware of the possibilities of realizing their own interests through mechanisms for carrying out civic activity, but is also involved, to one degree or another, in activities to develop their settlements through participation in various social projects and initiatives aimed at its development. Assessing the results obtained during the survey, experts from the Civic Chamber note the need to further expand the involvement of rural residents in resolving issues of development of the territories in which they live, which is one of the key conditions for achieving the goals of creating a favorable environment in the countryside.



In 2023, a program was launched to train young specialists for the implementation of socially significant projects in rural areas "Personnel for the Village".<sup>280</sup> The program was developed

by RURY together with Rosmolodezh, the Ministry of Agriculture of Russia, the Ministry of Education and Science of Russia and the Ministry of Labor of Russia on behalf of the President of the Russian Federation and is aimed at creating space in rural areas for a full life, development and success of young people.

The program is being implemented in several key areas, including "Young Rural Entrepreneurs", "Points of Attraction in Rural Areas", "Creativity in Rural Areas", "Village Leaders", "Rural Development Workshop", etc.

The program's events will cover more than **15%** of rural areas, and the total audience coverage will exceed

**2 million people**

The formation of a new attractive image of rural areas is impossible without the development of a system for attracting and employing highly qualified personnel and young specialists.

In July 2023, VCIOM together with the Russian Union of Rural Youth (RURY) conducted a study on the topic "Attracting Youth to Rural Areas: Problems and Prospects", the results of which showed that modern Russian youth for the most part do

not show interest in rural life (60,8%) and are not ready to move permanently to a rural area.

Today, it takes a combined effort from government agencies at all levels, corporations, nonprofit organizations, and civil society organizations to get young people to relocate to and settle in rural areas. This effort includes developing and implementing communication strategies as well as initiatives to improve the standard of living in rural areas.

**What opportunities for professional development and career growth in rural areas can you note?**

(multiple choice, any number of answers, as a percentage of surveyed city residents who believe that in rural areas there are prospects for professional development and career growth)

**30.9%**

availability of government programs aimed at developing a professional career in rural areas

**23.6%**

remote work opportunities

**30.9%**

low competition in the labor market

**18.5%**

stable jobs

**30.6%**

opportunity to work in rural administration

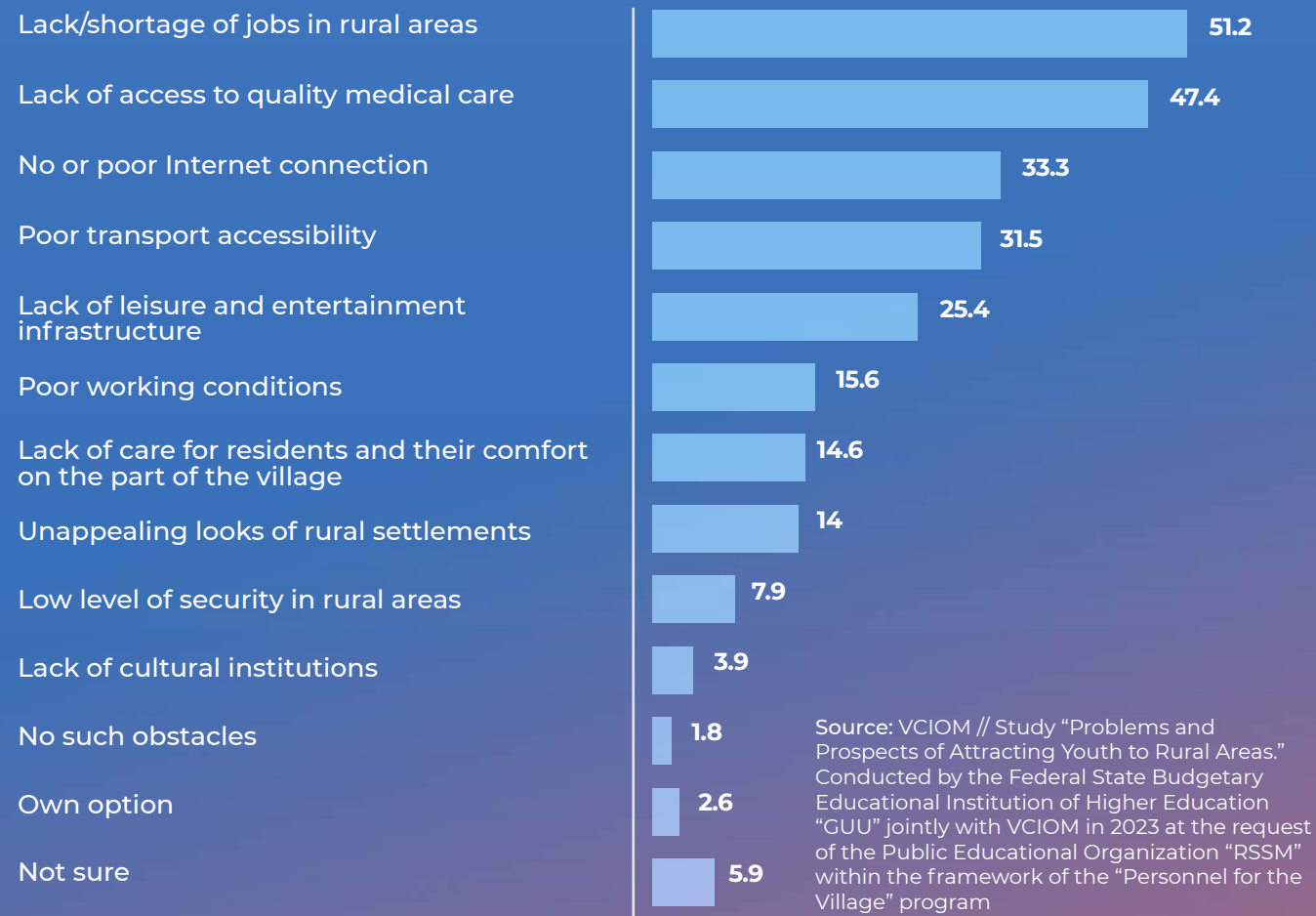
**18%**

opportunity to develop universal skills

Source: VCIOM // Study "Problems and prospects of attracting youth to rural areas." Conducted by the Federal State Budgetary Educational Institution of Higher Education "GUU" jointly with VCIOM in 2023 at the request of the Public Educational Organization "RSSM" within the framework of the "Personnel for the Village" program



**What could be the main obstacle for those who accept the possibility of living in rural areas?**  
(Multiple choice, up to 3 answers, % of respondents)



An important step in this direction on the part of the state was the adoption in October 2023 of a law on expanding the powers of municipalities in youth policy. Previously, the powers of local governance were limited to organizing and conducting events for young people. The changes make it possible for local authorities, even those in rural settlements, to adopt and carry out municipal programs, develop and implement measures to guarantee and protect the rights and legitimate interests of youth, and monitor the implementation of youth policy in the settlement.<sup>281</sup>

Despite the fact that rural areas have enormous natural and resource potential, a serious problem in the field of their development still remains the level and quality of life of the rural population as a whole. The rural population is now actively using the available tools of civic engagement and using them to change the village for the better. But the trend towards migration to cities continues, and in order to reverse it, it is necessary not only to continue the implementation of specialized government programs and expand possible forms of support, but also to stimulate civic activity, providing residents with new opportunities to participate in the development of rural areas, which will be the key to their further sustainable development.

# 5.4

## ECOSYSTEM PRESERVATION

Russia is a vast country, rich in a variety of natural resources and amazing natural landscapes. Preserving this wealth for present and future generations is an important task, since the state of ecosystems directly affects the state of air, water bodies, the quality of food, water and, as a consequence of all this, the standard and life expectancy of our citizens.

The issues of preserving the country's unique natural heritage were constantly in the field of view of the Civic Chamber and discussed at its site in 2023.

- Endorsed by the Civic Chamber, the Expert Council on Nature Reserves<sup>282</sup> was established in Russia — an environmental public association whose activities are aimed at consolidating the efforts and capabilities of the independent professional expert community in the field of territorial nature conservation.
- During the "preliminary readings" of bill No. 288302-8 "On Amendments to Article 2 of the Federal Law 'On Specially Protected Natural Territories'",<sup>283</sup> held at the Civic Chamber in March 2023, experts expressed fears that its adoption would lead to a weakening regime for the protection of specially protected natural areas and the creation of risks of loss of a significant part of unique natural territories and objects and their endemics. In April 2023,<sup>284</sup> the high-profile bill was withdrawn from consideration by the State Duma due to its rescind by the subject of the legislative initiative in response to the opinion of the expert community.<sup>285</sup>
- Representatives of civil society paid special attention to the conservation of wildlife and the formation of a responsible attitude towards animals in society. To



In 2023, Russia's conservation system, the largest in the world, has turned

**106 years**



The number of national parks in the Russian Federation increased from 56 to 67 from 2018 to 2022, and their area increased by a third — from 23.4 million

up to **31.4 million hectares**<sup>286</sup>



In total, there are

**11,900**

specially protected natural areas of regional, municipal and federal significance in Russia.

identify law enforcement practice in the field of working with stray animals, the Civic Chamber in 2023 prepared a special report "Formation of a Responsible Attitude Towards Animals in Society."<sup>287</sup>

- The new draft rules for hunting Red Book animals received a wide response among the professional and expert communities, the discussion of which took place at the Civic Chamber in August 2023.<sup>288</sup>
- A public outcry was caused by bill No. 335106-8, submitted to the State Duma in May 2023, “On Amendments to the Federal Law ‘On the Responsible Treatment of Animals and on Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation’”,<sup>289</sup> including discussion of its provisions on social networks and sending appeals against this legislative initiative to the President of Russia and the State Duma.

During the public examination of the bill,<sup>290</sup> experts noted that its provisions are not aimed at humanizing society and conflict with the state policy consistently implemented over the past years in responsible treatment of animals and the instructions of the President of Russia in this area.<sup>291</sup> Popularly, this bill was “dubbed” a bill on the euthanasia of stray animals. During the adoption, individual comments and proposals made by experts at the Civic Chamber during its discussion were taken into consideration.

Preserving the biodiversity of water bodies in Russia is no less important than the conservation of land ecosystems. In his address to the Federal Assembly in 2023, the President of the Russian Federation highlighted the improvement of unique water bodies among the priorities for the implementation of environmental policy.<sup>292</sup>

As part of a round table discussion on the topic of “How to Preserve the Rivers of Russia and their Ecosystems,” experts discussed the experience of implementing the federal projects “The Volga Hygienics,” “Preservation of Lake Baikal,” and “Preservation of Unique Water Bodies” of the national project “Ecology,” as well as developing proposals for solving current issues in the field of use and protection of water bodies, aimed at achieving national goals and strategic objectives on environmental improvement of water bodies of the Russian Federation in order to ensure public oversight over the implementation of the President of Russia’s directives.<sup>293</sup>



In 2023, as part of the “Preservation of Unique Water Bodies” project,

**359.2 km** of river

beds were cleared; the area of restored water bodies amounted to

**17.2 ths. hectares**<sup>294</sup>

During the implementation of the project “The Volga Hygienics” in 2023, the volume of polluted wastewater discharged into the Volga River decreased by **2.2 cubic km** per year.

**52** culvert structures built and constructed



The Russian Government has allocated almost

**22 billion rubles**

to be funneled in the federal budget to protect Lake Baikal, which will be developed within three years – from 2023 to 2025.

In 2023, it was decided to combine the projects “The Volga Hygienics”, “Preservation of Lake Baikal” and “Preservation of Unique Water Bodies” into one. From 2025, it will include eight more large rivers, as well as small rivers, among which will be the entire Volga basin, as well as the Don, Amur, Ural, Irtysh, and Terek.

The project will cover 85% of the Russian population who live in the basins of these reservoirs.<sup>295</sup>

**5.5**

## PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

International environmental cooperation plays a major role in achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The Russian Federation continues to take an active part in solving environmental problems and interacts with other states on various issues in this direction. For many years, Russia’s partnership with European countries and the United States has been fruitful. However, with the aggravation of the political situation, many of the programs and areas of environmental cooperation were suspended.<sup>296</sup>

In the current situation, the search for new formats of interaction, as well as the expansion of existing international relations in the field of ecology, has become relevant. Russia is currently moving in this direction by expanding and strengthening its connections with the EAEU, SCO, African nations, and Middle Eastern nations. Countries focus on issues like biodiversity conservation, safeguarding uncommon and endangered animal species, monitoring transboundary specially protected natural areas, and much more as part of their cooperation.

Civil society institutions also extend support to the state in this direction, expanding international cooperation on a wide range of issues related to environmental protection.

In June 2023, the Chairman of the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Ecology and Environmental Protection, Elena Sharoykina, headed the Russian organizing committee of the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021–2030). Endorsed by the Civic Chamber, representatives of the deputy corps, relevant federal executive bodies and other interested structures, in particular the Russian Academy of Sciences, universities and research institutes, as well as representatives of the private sector, united to hold events in Russia as part of the decade.



The Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation initiated measures to establish communication with UNESCO in 2023. To invite a joint World Heritage Center and

International Union for Conservation of Nature mission to the UNESCO World Natural Heritage site “Lake Baikal,” the Civic Chamber made an appeal to the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. A letter was sent to the Russian Ministry of Natural Resources, in turn, with a request to prepare and arrange a mission visit to Baikal. The Russian Ministry of Natural Resources and the Russian Foreign Ministry supported the Civic Chamber initiative.<sup>297</sup>

Commenting on this event, the director of the office of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) expressed confidence that the implementation of this initiative will help deepen cooperation between Russia and FAO, the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) and their offices in Moscow, and further strengthen Russia’s status as a leading world power, and will also make a significant contribution to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs).<sup>298</sup>



# 06

## Public oversight

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Public oversight is one of the most effective mechanisms for the participation of civil society institutions in the sociopolitical life of the country so far.

Subjects of public oversight have legal instruments that allow them to carry out public assessment of the activities of public authorities, local governance, state and municipal organizations, and other bodies and organizations exercising public powers, to ensure the implementation and protection of human and civil rights and freedoms, rights and legitimate interests of public associations and other nongovernmental nonprofit organizations, as well as ensure that public opinion, petitions and recommendations are considered when making government decisions.

## 6.1

# INSTITUTE FOR PUBLIC OBSERVATION OF ELECTIONS IN THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

To date, the Russian Federation **has created a system of public observation** over elections that the world practice has never seen before, both in terms of the scale of activity and in terms of institutional and legal design. The system of public oversight **in place is capable to cover all forms of voting**, including remote electronic voting (REV).

The Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation and regional civic chambers have been carrying out public monitoring of compliance with the electoral rights of citizens since 2012. However, the legislation before 2018 did not allow the interests of subjects of public oversight to be fully implemented when ensuring the rights and legitimate interests of voters.

Thanks to the active involvement of civil society, in recent years not only the legislation has been changed and the possibilities for public oversight over the voting process in various forms have been expanded, but also a comprehensive infrastructure has been created, which has various civil society institutions and the expert community.

The adopted legislative amendments enabled the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation and regional civic chambers to appoint observers during elections at various levels. From that moment on, the system of public oversight began to cover elections at all levels in the country.

The most important and defining stage for the development of the institution of public observation was the 2018 presidential elections. This was an event where for the first time civic chambers dispatched to polling stations about 150 thousand public observers who were not interested in the victory of any political force. The main purpose of observation was to ensure transparency of voting.<sup>299</sup>

### For the 2018 presidential elections, the Civic Chamber developed:

- Provisions on the procedure for appointing observers for elections at all levels;
- The standard of public observation procedure, that is, the “Gold Standard”;
- “Code of Ethics” for public observers.

The main factor for the success of the public observation campaign in 2018 was the increase in the level of trust of citizens in election procedures and election results. According to the All-Russian Center for the Study of Public Opinion (VCIOM), the level of satisfaction with the elections constituted 87%. This figure was the highest in the last three presidential election campaigns. Confidence in the results of the presidential elections among Russians also reached a historical maximum for all measurement periods, amounting to 60%; another 28% of respondents admitted that there could have been violations that did not affect the voting results.<sup>300</sup> Accordingly, the experience of public observation gained during the 2018 presidential campaign was replicated in regional elections.

### With the participation of the Civic Chamber, the following were developed and adopted:

- Federal Law No. 374-FZ “On Amendments to the Federal Law “On the Election of the President of the Russian Federation” dated December 5, 2017;
- Federal Law No. 184-FZ “On Amendments to the Federal Law “On Basic Guarantees of Electoral Rights and the Right to Participate in a Referendum of Citizens of the Russian Federation” dated July 3, 2018;
- Federal Law No. 150-FZ “On Amendments to the Federal Law “On Elections of Deputies of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation” dated June 4, 2018.

The 2020 election cycle, being featured by high activity of the civil society, turned out to be a milestone for the institution of public election observation. That year, a nationwide vote on amendments to the Constitution of the Russian Federation from June 25 to July 1 was held, and for the first time, amid the sanitary and epidemiological situation in the country, the practice of multiday voting was applied.

In 2020, the system of remote electronic voting (REV) was also used for the first time at the federal level. During the all-Russian vote on amendments to the Constitution of the Russian Federation, residents of Moscow and the Nizhny Novgorod region could vote remotely; during a single voting day, the REV system was used in by-elections to the State Duma in the Kursk and Yaroslavl regions. Subsequently, the practice of using remote voting was consistently replicated and scaled.



Based on the results of voting on amendments to the Constitution of Russia, the Coordination Council under the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation for Public Oversight over Voting was established, and which today operates routinely.

In 2021, a new tool for digitalizing communications between observers and the Situation Center was developed for the public observation system – the “Mobile Observer” application. This application ensured the prompt transmission of information about the progress of elections to the Situation Center of the Civic Chamber.<sup>301</sup>



took part in all election observation projects in the country over the past years.

To date, the Institute of Public Observation is one of the largest projects of Russian civil society.<sup>302</sup>

The 2022 elections took place in a fundamentally new foreign policy situation: amid unprecedented external pressure, information attacks and threats, which augmented due to the special military operation. But nevertheless, the civil society institutions were able to consolidate efforts to ensure the legitimacy of the electoral rights of Russian citizens.

In 2022, more than 51 thousand observers from the civic chamber systems passed the training.<sup>303</sup> This election cycle achieved the most important goals of the public oversight system, that is, public observation covered all types of voting and all levels of elections.



Involvement in the recruitment and training of observers today



of the IPM Association (independent public monitoring) work in partnership with the civic chambers system.<sup>305</sup>

Thus, by 2023, a stable ecosystem of public observation was formed, which protracted the independent oversight over elections in place to become a factor in the stability of the electoral system in the face of external challenges and global sociopolitical threats.

The 2023 electoral cycle took place with the active attempts by Western countries to discredit the electoral process in Russia. Traditional elections were held on a single voting day to distribute 33 thousand deputy mandates and elect 26 senior officials of the regions of Russia, and the heads of a number of municipalities. And it was for the first time on a single voting day when authorities were elected together with citizens living in the new regions of Russia, that is the Donetsk and Lugansk People’s Republics, the Zaporozhye and Kherson regions.

In anticipation of preparations for the elections, the Civic Chamber in cooperation with the IPM Association conducted traditional training for public observers from June to September 2023.



Within three months preceding the single voting day on September 10, 2023, training under the program of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation and the IPM association was completed by

**more than 100 ths.** future observers

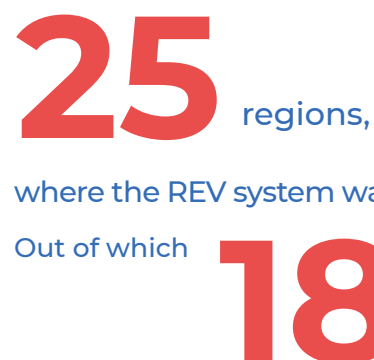
Held **1,309** in **49** training seminars regions of Russia.<sup>305</sup>

On August 10, the Civic Chamber and 15 political parties held a traditional meeting, which was concluded by a cooperation and interaction agreement. A similar agreement was signed on August 18 with more than 60 of the country’s largest public and nonprofit organizations.<sup>306</sup>

Applications to conduct the REV in 2023 were submitted by **31** regions of Russia.



Based on the results of an assessment of the digital infrastructure and readiness to conduct the REV, the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation determined



carried out electronic voting for the first time.<sup>307</sup>

To prepare and conduct the REV, the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation formed a territorial election commission for conducting remote electronic voting (TEC REV), which, along with representatives of political parties, included representatives of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation and regional civic chambers.

The Coordination Council under the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation for Public Oversight over Voting, similarly to the “Gold Standard” for public observers located directly at polling stations, developed a unified standard for monitoring remote electronic voting in a checklist format, and which became the main tool for monitoring the electronic voting. It enabled to track the correctness and legality of all actions of the organizers.

**Checklist for monitoring the REV**



The checklist includes



and covers such key blocks as “Procedure for dividing the decryption key”, “Uploading initial data into the Software And Hardware Complex of the REV”, “Monitoring the progress of the REV”, “Working with the list of REV participants”, “Procedure for assembling the decryption key”, and “Executing a TEC REV protocol on the results of the REV”.<sup>308</sup>

As monitoring the REV system requires advanced knowledge, additional training was organized for observers representing various political and nonpolitical forces. And this training was housed by the REV Observer School.



Directly on voting days, the operation of the REV system was monitored by

more than **200** observers

both online and offline.<sup>309</sup>

From 2023, observers could monitor the progress of remote voting both in person, in the premises of the TEC REV, and remotely.<sup>310</sup> The voter who used the REV system had the ability to control the counting of the vote as well. To check its "safety" the voter could proceed through a special Internet portal of the Central Election Commission of the Russian Federation.<sup>311</sup>

**REV results**



**1,076** ths. voters

voted through the platform of the federal REV

**35–50 years old** who voted electronically

**2.5 million** Muscovites voted through the REV<sup>312</sup>

The most active online voters were residents of the Moscow, Nizhny Novgorod, Sverdlovsk, Novosibirsk, and Altai regions.<sup>313</sup>

Over the course of three days of voting, the Civic Chamber of Russia and regional civic chambers monitored the progress of voting. Such large-scale work was possible thanks to the creation of a network of public election observation headquarters.

Participated in monitoring the progress of elections at all stages of election campaigns

more than **500** experts

in regions of Russia.<sup>314</sup>

The Situation Centre of the Civic Chamber has traditionally been the liaison coordinating public observation in the field. And this center throughout the voting received, analyzed and verified messages from observers and citizens about possible violations, as well as ensured effective communication between voters, observers, headquarters and experts of the Civic Chamber.

**Statistics on the work of the volunteer call center of the situation center of the Civic Chamber**

Operators of the volunteer call center of the Situation Center of the Civic Chamber carried out

**21,631** communications

with members of mobile voting observation groups in the regions of Russia (about **19 thousand** communications were shared in 2022).

During the election campaign, **280** alleged deviations from the Gold Standard were reported. Based on the results of processing the deviation messages, **195** were not confirmed, **34** deviation messages were confirmed, and **27** of them were promptly eliminated.

The Situation Center under the Civic Chamber of Russia held **12** press briefings.

**Number of fakes and scam sites**



more than **300** scam sites

on the topic of elections was spotted from August to early September<sup>315</sup>

Recorded number of messages about discrediting Russian elections on social networks:

**8** September

**9** September

**10** September

**11** September

**1,311** messages   **1,800** messages   **703** messages   **181** messages<sup>316</sup>

During the past elections the Russian electoral system demonstrated a high degree of stability. Despite multiple attempts to discredit the electoral process, the voting process turned out to be impregnable. Based on the results of public observation, no serious violations that could cast doubt on the voting results were revealed.

The successful implementation of the public observation campaign once again convincingly showed that ensuring public oversight over the formation of public

authorities in the Russian Federation today is becoming the most important and integral element of the political system, a trait of its maturity, openness and democracy.

Nevertheless, work to improve the public observation system did not stop with the end of the 2023 election campaign. For example, the Civic Chamber created an expert group to study the proposals of independent observers and IT experts who monitored the work of the federal platform of the REV on voting days.<sup>317</sup>



# 6.2 REGIONAL CIVIC CHAMBERS OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Regional civic chambers of the Russian Federation are intended to ensure the coordination of socially significant interests of citizens, nonprofit organizations, government bodies of the relevant regions of Russia, and local governance to resolve the most important regional issues of economic and social development, protect the rights and freedoms of citizens, which contributes to the effective and sustainable development of regions and the country as a whole, make it possible to achieve the best results, satisfy the needs and interests of the population.

Today, being independent subjects of public observation, regional civic chambers systematically participate in monitoring the development of local legislation and conduct public examination of regional bills of high social significance.

In a number of regions of Russia civic chambers are authorized to initiate legislation, which they actively implement based on the results of the analysis of citizens and organizations appeals indicating the existence of systemic social problems in the region, as well as based on the results of public oversight events and public debates of various socially significant problems with the involvement of a wide range of circle of social activists, nonprofit organizations, business, and authorities.

According to the 2023 ranking of civic chambers:

- 47** regional civic chambers implement control and observation activities;
- 71** regional civic chambers implement its own initiatives;
- 73** meetings of regional civic chambers in 2022 attended heads of regions or their deputies;
- in 69** regions of the Russian Federation, joint meetings of regional civic chambers and regional executive authorities were held.

Members of regional civic chambers form more than half of the composition of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation, which ensures the representation of regional interests at the federal level and largely determines the agenda and tasks of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation in a variety of areas.

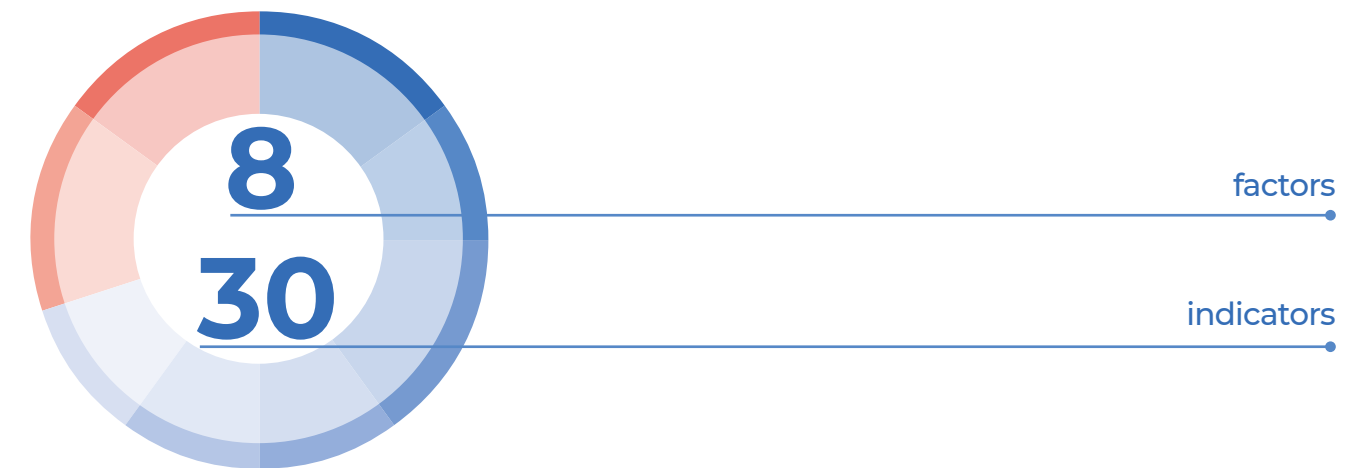
In order to increase the efficiency of the activities of regional civic chambers and assist an objective assessment of their activities, starting from 2020, the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation and the rating agency

RAEX-Analytics (RAEX) prepare a rating of regional civic chambers.

The idea of creating a rating was voiced over in 2019 at the "Community" forum during a meeting of forum participants with the First Deputy Chief of Staff of the Presidential Executive Office, Sergei Kiriyenko, who supported this initiative.

The methodology in place for compiling the rating enables a comprehensive consideration of the institution of civic chambers as an effective tool for the development of civil society.

### Rating model



Information transparency (3 indicators)	15%
Interaction with the CC of Russia (2 indicators)	10%
Media activity (4 indicators)	15%
Public activity of members (4 indicators)	10%
Material security and organizational work (8 indicators)	10%
Expert survey (1 indicator, 7 metrics)	10%
Social observation activity (5 indicators)	15%
Legislation (3 indicators)	15%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>



### Results of the rating of regional civic chambers 2023<sup>318</sup>

#### Top three regional civic chambers:

- Ulyanovsk region,
- Vologda region, and
- Republic of Tatarstan (Tatarstan).

#### The top 10 also included (in alphabetical order):

- Kaluga region,
- Krasnoyarsk region,
- Kursk region,
- Leningrad region,
- Novosibirsk region,
- Samara region, and
- Chelyabinsk region.

In August 2023, the Civic Chamber, in order to quickly inform the relevant commissions of regional civic chambers about the existing problems of citizens, launched a new public oversight tool that assists at working with citizens' appeals in the telegram chat format – "The Resident is Always Right." How it works: appeals that are received by the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation are forwarded by chat administrators to the corresponding regional civic chamber, so that the problem can be quickly and efficiently worked out on the spot and, if possible, resolved with the involvement of the relevant regional authorities. Since the launch of the project, first successful results of solving citizens' problems in various regions not be long in coming.<sup>319</sup>

#### Telegram chat of civic chambers "The Resident is Always Right"

The new format of interaction will significantly reduce the time to resolve the problem. It will be approximately **7-14** days, and in some cases just **1-3** days.

Already joined the project

**75** regional civic chambers  
and more than **200** people<sup>320</sup>



#### Project "ZdravControl" – digital services for patients and public oversight of healthcare

An example of the implementation of the process of public oversight using modern digital services in the regions is the federal project "ZdravControl" launched in 2022 with the support of the Presidential Grants Foundation, the Ministry of Health of Russia, Roszdravnadzor, the All-Russian Union of Patients, as well as regional healthcare authorities, and regional civic chambers.<sup>321</sup>

The project consists of

**218** medchats

for prompt resolution of patient problems

in **35**

regions of Russia<sup>322</sup>

Medchat members are

more than **400** ths.

residents of Russian regions

# 6.3

## INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC COUNCILS UNDER FEDERAL EXECUTIVE AUTHORITIES, REGIONAL EXECUTIVE AUTHORITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNANCE BODIES

Being a significant institution of civil society, public councils under federal executive authorities, regional executive authorities and local governance bodies perform consultative and advisory functions, and participate in the implementation of public oversight, which allows them to promote the consideration of the rights and legitimate interests of public associations, human rights, religious and other organizations in the public assessment of the activities of federal and regional executive authorities, and local governance.



On average, each region of the Russian Federation has created

~ **30**

public councils

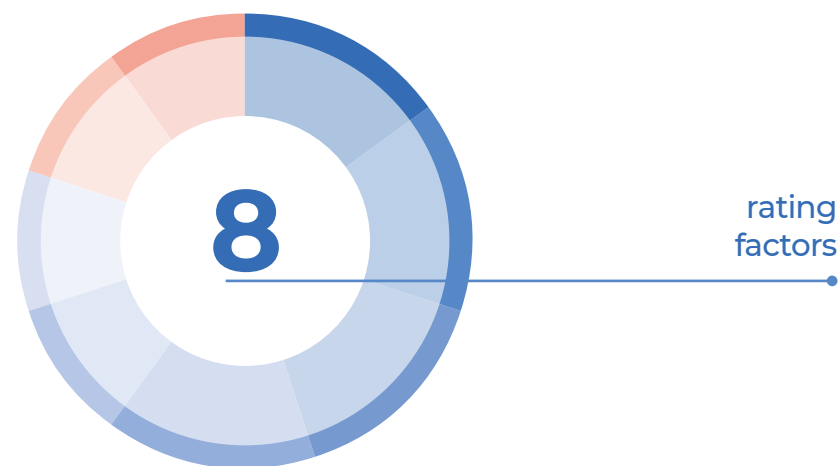
under executive authorities, the number of which is about **10** people per council, excluding municipal councils. Thus, each region has on average up to **300** experts of the highest level engaged in work of public councils.<sup>323</sup>



Since 2021, the Civic Chamber and the rating agency RAEX-Analytics (RAEX) have been forming a rating of public councils under federal executive authorities,<sup>324</sup> which are run by the Government of the Russian Federation. Since the launch of the rating, its model has been continuously improved.

In 2023, the Civic Chamber held in-person and several correspondence discussions on the methodology for forming the rating of public councils, during which both public councils and federal executive authorities expressed their objections to and suggestions for further improvement of the methodology.

The current rating model for 2023 includes **8 rating factors**, each of which includes a group of assessed indicators that reflect the main aspects of the public council's activities.



■ Impact on the activities of the federal executive authority	15%
■ Implementation of the public oversight function	15%
■ Transparency	15%
■ Publicity	15%
■ Interaction with interested parties	10%
■ Organizational aspects of the activities of the public council under the federal executive authority	10%
■ Interaction with the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation	10%
■ Expert survey	10%
	100%

The third rating of public councils under federal executive authorities, generated using an improved

methodology, was presented at the final "Community" forum in Moscow in November 2023.<sup>325</sup>



**Group A. Leaders in the ranking of public councils under federal executive authorities in 2023<sup>326</sup>**

- Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology of the Russian Federation (Minprirody of Russia);
- Ministry of Education of the Russian Federation (Ministry of Education of Russia);
- Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation (Ministry of Agriculture of Russia);
- Ministry of Construction and Housing and Utilities of the Russian Federation (Minstroy of Russia);
- Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of the Russian Federation (Mintrud of Russia);
- Federal Service for State Registration of Cadastre and Cartography of Russia (Rosreestr);
- Federal Service on Surveillance in Healthcare (Roszdravnadzor);
- Federal Service for the Supervision in Education and Science (Rosobrnadzor);
- Federal Service for Supervision of Transport (Rostransnadzor); and
- Federal Agency for Forestry (Rosleskhoz).

Monitoring conducted by the Civic Chamber showed that the annual publication of the rating had a mobilizing effect on the majority of rated public councils. Thus, to improve their activities, they began to focus on key rating indicators. One example of the positive dynamics of development and intensification of the activities of public councils under the federal executive authorities was the increase in the efficiency of interaction with the federal executive authorities on the consideration of socially significant bills in 2023.

Of note, the issues of forming public councils under federal executive authorities are regulated by relevant regulatory documents.



**86%**

of councils in 2023 are working to review regulatory documents (in 2022 – 70%);

**78%**

of councils indicated examples of regulatory documents which they processed (in 2022 – 50%).

**73%**

of public councils reported that their proposals were accepted by the federal executive authority (in 2022 – 10%).

**8%**

of public councils have a documented procedure for the council's work with regulatory documents (in 2022 – 0).

Thus, the formation of public councils under federal executive authorities, whose activities are managed by the Government of the Russian Federation, is implemented on a competitive basis. And the organizer of the competition is the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation. At the same time, no uniform standards for the formation of public councils under government bodies at the regional and municipal levels are currently in place. Experts of the Civic Chamber note that in order to ensure the independence of civil society institutions from government bodies, it seems rational to develop unified recommendations for the formation of public councils at the regional and municipal levels, as well as to create a working group under the Civic Chamber that will monitor how these recommendations are being fulfilled. This decision was reached by the participants of the panel session "Public Councils under Regional Executive Authorities: Problems and Prospects", held as part of the "Community" forum in the city of Vologda.<sup>327</sup>

# 6.4

## PUBLIC SUPERVISORY COMMISSIONS

Public oversight over **human rights in places of forced detention**, implemented since 2008 by public supervisory commissions, is the most **important area of public oversight**, the social significance of which is hard to overestimate.

The Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation, in accordance with Article 16 of the Federal Law No. 32-FZ "On the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation" dated April 4, 2005, participates in the formation of public supervisory commissions, suspension and termination of activities of their members, authorization of their members, and also assists PSCs in providing them with methodological materials and other documents that facilitate the

implementation of the PSCs powers in the regions of Russia.

Public oversight over human rights in places of forced detention, including assistance to persons in places of forced detention, is a sensitive and complex area of activity, both from a psychological, moral and ethical point of view, and from an organizational, technical and financial point of view.

**3** years  
are an PSC incumbency

Each region has one PSC, which operates within the territory of the corresponding regions of Russia.

From **5** to **40**  
persons

compose a team of a regional PSC

The PSC is not a legal entity and operates on a permanent basis.

### The following procedures took place in 2023:

**1** The formation of new PSCs in 13 regions of Russia was carried out from December 2022 to March 2023. As part of the procedure, PSCs were formed in the following regions of Russia: the Republic of Ingushetia, the Kabardino-Balkarian Republic, the Republic of Tyva, Primorsky region, Arkhangelsk region, Volgograd region, Kaluga region, Kemerovo region, Murmansk region, Novgorod region, Ryazan region, Sakhalin region, and Smolensk region, as well as PSCs of four regions of Russia was replenished with new members (the Republic of Khakassia, Penza region, Samara region, and Tomsk region).

As part of the formation of the PSCs

**2** Formation of PSCs of 13 regions of Russia from March to June 2023: Amur region, the city of Sevastopol, Kurgan region, Leningrad region, Orenburg region, Pskov region, the Republic of Buryatia, the Republic of Karelia, the Republic of Crimea, Saratov region, the Udmurt Republic, Khabarovsk region, and Khanty-Mansy Autonomous Region – Yugra.

As part of the formation of the PSCs

**13** regions of Russia appointed **159** PSCs members

**13** regions of Russia appointed **147** PSCs members

As part of replenishing PSCs

**4** regions of Russia appointed **16** PSCs members

**3** Formation PSCs from June to September 2023 took place in the following five regions of the Russian Federation: Kaliningrad region, the Karachay-Cherkess Republic, the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia), Stavropol region, and Yaroslavl region.

As part of the formation of the PSCs

**5** regions of Russia appointed **59** PSCs members

### The following procedures will take place in 2023–2024:

**1** Formation of PSCs in three regions of Russia (Astrakhan region, Zabaykalsky region and Kamchatka region), as well as the replenishment of PSCs in six regions of Russia (the city of Sevastopol, Leningrad region, Murmansk region, Pskov region, the Republic of Sakha [Yakutia], and Khabarovsk region) from October 2023 to February 2024.

**2** Formation of PSCs in two regions of Russia: Vologda region and the Republic of North Ossetia-Alania.



The implementation by members of PSCs of their powers entails financial costs, which, throughout the 15 years of existence of this institution of public oversight, until recently, has been practically not reimbursed in any way whatsoever. That is why often members spent their personal funds.

But in 2023, with the active involvement of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation, the Commissioner for Human Rights in the Russian Federation and the Presidential Council for Civil Society and Human Rights, this problem was resolved at the legislative level.

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**As a result, the Federal Law No. 76-FZ “On Public Oversight over the Human Rights in Places of Forced Detention and on Assistance to Persons in Places of Forced Detention” dated June 10, 2008 was amended. Now a regional civic chamber may reimburse expenses associated with the exercise of powers of members of the relevant PSC, and provides assistance in material, technical and information support of its activities.**

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The Civic Chamber, as the body that shaping the PSCs, understands the high importance of the quality of selection of candidates for membership of the PSCs. That is why since March 2022, the Civic Chamber, to enhance the readiness of candidates, as well as to increase the level of awareness in society about an opportunity to become a member of the PSCs, has been implementing the project “Training Seminars for Candidates for New Positions in Regional Public Supervisory Commissions”.

In addition to regional training seminars for candidates for new PSCs compositions, working meetings with heads of territorial bodies of the Federal Penitentiary Service,

the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation, regional prosecutor’s offices, executive authorities, and regional civic chambers, as well as regional Commissioners for Human Rights take place.



**Training seminars of the Civic Chamber for candidates to new compositions of the PSCs in 2023 were held**

**in 25**  
regions of Russia

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A long-awaited and breakthrough<sup>328</sup> innovation of 2023 ensuring the rights of convicts and their resocialization resulted in the Federal Law No. 10-FZ “On Probation in the Russian Federation” dated February 6, 2023. This law was developed with the participation of the Civic Chamber, since for public supervisory commissions the issues of adaptation and resocialization of convicts are a point of interest as well.

Following the adoption of this law, during a meeting with the Minister of Justice, Konstantin Chuychenko, members of the Civic Chamber voiced a number of proposals for its further implementation. In particular, it was proposed to share the experience of the nonprofit sector of those regions where work on re-socialization and adaptation had been carried out even long before this federal law was adopted. Positive practices today may be seen in the Arkhangelsk, Kaluga, Chelyabinsk, and Krasnoyarsk regions, the city of Sevastopol, the Republics of Tatarstan and Crimea. Moreover, experts noted the importance of involving regional and municipal authorities in this work, which would be responsible for communication with federal structures.<sup>329</sup>

During 2023, the Commission of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation on Security and Cooperation with PSCs worked to assess the experience of introducing probation in the regions of Russia, studied the practices developed in the regions, and considered the problems they were faced with. During the regional “Community” forums<sup>330</sup> and various working meetings with authorized persons<sup>331</sup> and representatives of civil society,<sup>332</sup> it was possible to draw attention to such issues as the role of PSCs and other public institutions in the implementation of this law, possible interdepartmental interaction, and necessary public supervision over the implementation of the law on probation. All this enable the regions to be prepared when this law comes into force on January 1, 2024 and to find the most effective ways to adapt and re-socialize the convicts.

Another significant event in September 2023 to point out was the signing of a cooperation agreement between the Coordination Council under the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation for the Regional Public Supervisory Commissions, the Synodal Department of the Russian Orthodox Church (Moscow Patriarchate) for Prison Ministry and the Council of Civic Chambers of Russia.<sup>333</sup>

This agreement was concluded to backup the rights of detainees to freedom of conscience and freedom of religion, in order to ensure public oversight over the observance of human rights and freedoms in places of forced detention.

It seems that the widespread practice of concluding such agreements not only at the federal, but also at the regional level, including with representatives of other traditional faiths, will contribute to increasing the effectiveness of ensuring human rights in places of forced detention, including the right to freedom of religion, and their subsequent social integration.

Experts of the Civic Chamber note that further development and improvement of the system of public oversight in various spheres of society will help to form a civil legal consciousness, prevent and resolve social conflicts, increase the level of citizens’ trust in the government bodies, ensure transparency, inclusiveness and efficiency of their activities, as well as ensure close interaction between the state and civil society institutions.



# 07

## International cooperation

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The crisis phenomena challenging the world today have failed to become a sufficient impetus for sustainable global cooperation, as the events of recent years have shown.

To date, the humanity has entered into a new era of skyrocketing changes and large-scale transformation. Due to the “erosion” of the hegemony of the countries of the “collective West”, tendencies towards a redistribution of the balance of world power are intensifying, and the processes of establishing a new multipolar world order, which in many of its aspects is a more democratic and fair system of international relations, are gaining momentum. For many countries in the modern world, the unipolar model is becoming not only unacceptable, but also impossible.

# 7.1

## NEW REALITIES OF INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE

In 2023, the world community finally recovered from the consequences of the pandemic. After all international restrictions were off, it became obvious that the attempt to isolate Russia completely failed. Amid shaping of a new polycentric world order, a tendency of strengthening positions of the countries of Asia and Africa as international players and Russia’s turn to them has clearly emerged.

These trends were instituted in the “Concept of the Foreign Policy of the Russian Federation” approved in March 2023 by the Executive Order of the President of the Russian Federation. According to the concept our country is considered as “one of the leading centers of development of the modern world” and “a distinctive country-civilization”.<sup>334</sup>

The Concept emphasizes that in conditions of multipolarity and opportunities for open interaction, it is necessary to strengthen the work of all parts of the system of international relations, including international humanitarian cooperation, aimed at the public opinion of other countries for the sake of “victory in the battle for the minds and hearts of peoples”.<sup>335</sup>

### From the “Concept of the Foreign Policy of the Russian Federation”

- For the purpose of strengthening the role of Russia in the world humanitarian space, shaping a positive attitude thereto abroad, enhancing the positions of the Russian language in the world, counteracting the Russophobia campaign led by the unfriendly foreign states and their associations as well as enhancing mutual understanding and confidence among states, the **Russian Federation intends to give priority to (...) developing mechanisms of public diplomacy with the participation of representatives and institutions of civil society** with a constructive attitude towards Russia, as well as political scientists, representatives of the expert and scientific community, youth, volunteer, search and other social movements;
- **When preparing and implementing foreign policy decisions, the federal executive bodies** work with the chambers of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, Russian political parties, **the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation, nonprofit organizations, expert and academic community, cultural and humanitarian associations**, the Russian Orthodox Church and other traditional Russian religious associations, business circles and mass media, contributing to their participation in international cooperation.
- The broad involvement of constructive social forces in the foreign policy process promotes national consensus on foreign policy, assists in its implementation, and plays an important role in terms of more effective resolution of a wide range of issues on the international agenda.

In an effort to make up for years of the pandemic downtime, Russia is intensifying the development of mechanisms for public diplomacy and international religious cooperation.

For example, the Eurasian Peoples’ Assembly held a number of international forums both in Russia and abroad, where public and political figures from various countries discussed the tools of public diplomacy. A significant event was the International Competition “Leader of Public Diplomacy”. The competition was successfully held by the Eurasian Peoples’ Assembly for the second time in cooperation with the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation.

One of the key advantages of public diplomacy is that its subjects – representatives of civil society – are overwhelmingly open to dialogue and ready to work, regardless of the political situation. The public diplomacy as a system of dialogue between nonprofit organizations,

foundations, associations, and other civil society institutions remains one of the few channels of communication and interaction with unfriendly states.

Nevertheless, unfriendly countries, in their tenacity on burning the last bridges, deny Russia the right to public diplomacy and impede Russian NPOs, NGOs (Gorchakov Fund, “Russkiy Mir” Foundation, Foundation for Supporting and Protecting the Rights of Compatriots Living Abroad, “Creative Diplomacy” center, etc.) and government structures (Rossotrudnichestvo) that are involved in the implementation of the humanitarian direction of Russian foreign policy. Many public figures, including members of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation, are under Western sanctions, and not only for expressing their own civic position, but often for completely trumped-up reasons.<sup>336</sup>

The ban on broadcasting Russian information resources and performances of Russian artists abroad, as well as many other examples of the

so-called cancel culture, are reflected in the report “Modern Russophobia: ‘Cancel culture’ as a ‘totalitarian cult’”, presented in 2023 at the Civic Chamber as part of the international round table of the same name.

Amid current conditions, the consolidation of public and state institutions is reaching a new level and also affects the sphere of international relations. Traditional annual meeting of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Sergey Lavrov with the leaders of Russian nonprofit organizations (invited 100 representatives of federal and regional NPOs) took place practically in the format of defending international public projects, and a number of initiatives of members of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation enjoyed support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

These are projects aimed at promoting Russian cultural values and local cultural brands, strengthening the position of the Russian language in the world, preserving historical memory and creating a positive perception regarding ethnocultural diversity, and destroying relevant stereotypes, in particular the organization of “cultural landings”. These events included performances by poets and writers of a patriotic nature, screening Russian documentaries and dramas for Russian compatriots and Russian-speaking citizens both in the post-Soviet space and in foreign countries, organizing exhibitions at foreign venues, conducting educational courses for Russian and foreign NPOs engaged in humanitarian or charitable activities in the social sphere, and publishing educational-patriotically-oriented books aimed at children and the younger generation.

The following organizations actively support NPOs with international projects in the “public diplomacy” format on the territory of the Russian Federation: the Presidential Grants Foundation, Gorchakov Fund, The Vladimir Potanin Foundation, and others. In total, 587 projects were supported within this thematic area. That is why, it is important to note the quantitative and qualitative growth of projects in 2023, as well as the active inclusion of foreign countries in Russian projects.

As examples of large-scale international public projects that can be pointed out are International Prize “#WEARETOGETHER” (Association of Volunteer Centers), the International Competition-Award for Street Culture and Sports “CARDO” (ALL-RUSSIAN

The period between February 2022 and August 2023 saw

**586** incidents

related to “cancel” in various categories.<sup>337</sup>

 **Education/Science**  
**48** cases

 **Culture**  
**98** cases

 **Sport**  
**144** cases

 **Various events**  
**18** cases

 **The Great Patriotic War**  
**66** cases

 **Other**  
**187** cases

PUBLIC ORGANIZATION OF STREET CULTURE AND SPORTS “Streets of Russia”), the International Business Forum BRICS+ (Autonomous Nonprofit Organization “Leaders of International Cooperation”), and “MISSION DOBRO” (International Volunteer Program). Successful practices in the development of public diplomacy are noted in many areas of public life, including in volunteer activities in the field of physical education, sports, and promotion of healthy lifestyle.

An important area of international cooperation today is the intensification of interaction between youth communities in Russia and foreign countries. Youth public projects stimulate the development of economic, scientific, technological, sports and cultural ties, as well as the creation of international public organizations and associations with tax residency in the Russian Federation.

In accordance with plans to develop international youth cooperation and demonstrate the potential of the Russian Federation to Russian and foreign youth, it was decided to hold the World Youth Festival 2024 in Sochi in March, where representatives of several dozen countries around the world can meet. Even now, all Russian public organizations are inviting their foreign partners to take part in this festival.

**The Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation and its partners** within the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (AICESIS) are planning **to hold separate events within the World Youth Festival 2024.**

A member of the Civic Chamber, Olga Golysheva, headed one of the working subgroups for the preparation of the World Youth Festival 2024. This working subgroup of the Civic Chamber developed proposals for its program. Experts emphasized that the



**World Youth Festival 2024 in Russia**

**160** ths. **from 18** people **countries**

applied to participate in the festival

~ **400** youth organizations

from all over the world joined in its preparation<sup>338</sup>

**20** ths.

of Russian and foreign young leaders in the field of business, media, international cooperation, culture, science, education, volunteering and charity, sports, various spheres of public life, as well as teenagers representing various children’s organizations and associations will take part in the festival.<sup>339</sup>

Teenagers aged **14–17** will also have the opportunity to take part in the festival.

festival requires such integrative formats of events that would simultaneously combine an interactive component, positive emotions and useful knowledge, enabling to talk about very complex things through metaphors that are understandable to everyone.<sup>340</sup>



# 7.2

## PRESIDENCY OF THE CIVIC CHAMBER IN AICESIS

In November 2023, the two-year presidency of the Civic Chamber in the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions ended. And this period was sailed through under the main topic “Living in the Online Age: Looming Challenges and Urge for Solutions.”

One of the main directions of activity of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation during its Presidency in AICESIS was the renewal of its Articles in order to increase operational efficiency, strengthen the internal structure of the Association, enhance interaction between its members, attract new member countries, and strengthen the recognition and authority of AICESIS at the international level. To improve the AICESIS Articles the Working Group on Amending AICESIS Articles was set up. This group was headed personally by President of the Civic Chamber and President of AICESIS, Lydia Mikheeva, and included representatives of Benin, Guatemala, Greece, Spain, China, Luxembourg, Mali, Russia, France, and the Union of Economic and Social Councils of African Countries. This group worked for two years improving and modernizing the document, and aligning it with modern realities. Of note, the best Russian international lawyers from MGIMO and the National Research University Higher School of Economics were also involved in this work. The result of the work is embodied in a balanced and transparent document that corresponds to the current goals and objectives of AICESIS.



AICESIS is a unique structure that unites more than 70 national civil society institutions and their regional associations in Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America.

Despite the fact, that a number of councils of the European Union countries suspended their membership in AICESIS, all traditional procedural events of the Association, as well as conferences, seminars and round tables proposed by the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation, were carried out as scheduled before.

### Under the Civic Chamber Presidency in AICESIS in 2021–2023, the following events were held:

- **AICESIS Board** meeting (December 14–15, 2021, Moscow);
- **AICESIS General Assembly** (June 27–28, 2022, Athens);
- **AICESIS Board** meeting (December 1–2, 2022, Belgrade);
- **AICESIS Board** meeting (May 11, 2023, Seoul);
- **AICESIS Board** meeting (October 30, 2023, Moscow); and
- **AICESIS General Assembly** (November 1, 2023, Moscow).

The final version of the AICESIS Articles was unanimously approved at AICESIS General Assembly on November 1, 2023, in Moscow.

As part of the implementation of the Presidency program, the Civic Chamber set the task of intensifying the exchange of experience and legislative practices in order to develop common approaches in various areas of the digital space. Pursuing this task in 2021–2023, the Civic Chamber held a series of online and offline events dedicated to key priorities of the digital agenda. Despite the restrictions associated with the consequences of the global COVID-19 pandemic and general geopolitical turbulence, the Civic Chamber managed to ensure a productive exchange of views on a wide range of directions.

The events under the aegis of the Civic Chamber, including SPIEF, EEF, and “Community” forum, attracted leading national and international experts, representatives of government and public structures of the AICESIS member countries, civil activists, business representatives, and opinion leaders in the modern digital sphere. This cross-section enabled a number of existing world practices in the digital environment to be summarized, the best examples of the Russian IT sector to be presented, our developments to be compared with similar experiences of foreign colleagues, practices to be shared and a number of joint solutions in the sociohumanitarian refractor of the global digital agenda to be developed.

Following the discussions the Civic Chamber issued a Presidency Report on the topic “Living in the Online Age: Looming Challenges and Urge for Solutions”, which was presented at the meeting of the AICESIS General Assembly on November 1, 2023.

### AICESIS General Assembly, November 1, 2023, Moscow

**76** from **30**  
participants countries

- Of them **51** participants from **16** countries attended in person.
- Delegations from Algeria, Burkina Faso, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Curacao, and Lebanon came to Russia for the first time.



As part of its interaction with international organizations, the Civic Chamber within its Presidency in AICESIS and in cooperation with representatives of other economic and social councils:

- Initiated a discussion panel “Finding a compromise between national digital regulation and cross-border data flows: prospects and limitations for a free data economy in a post-coronavirus world” at the UNCTAD e-Week forum on April 29, 2022, with the participation of relevant experts from the economic and social councils of member countries of the Association;
- Prepared a report “The Social Economy of Solidarity” for presentation at the 110th International Labour Conference held in Geneva from 27 May to 11 June 2022;
- Prepared a report on “Building Back Better from the COVID-19 and Further Advancing the Implementation of the UN SDGs” for presentation at the High-Level Political Forum of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on July 5-15, 2022 in New York;
- Took part in the meeting of the General Assembly of the Union of Economic and Social Councils of Africa on October 17, 2022 in Rabat;
- Prepared a report on “Social Transition” for presentation at the 111th International Labour Conference, 5–16 June 2023 in Geneva; and
- Prepared a report on “Accelerating the Recovery From the COVID-19 and the Full Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at All Levels” for presentation at the High-Level Political Forum of the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), 15–21 July 2023 in New York.

[The Civic Chamber AICESIS Presidency Report on “Living in the Online Age: Looming Challenges and Urge for Solutions”](#)



# 7.3

## DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AT THE BILATERAL LEVEL

In the context of rethinking interaction strategies within bilateral relations, Russia's ties with Asian countries, as well as Latin America countries, are currently being strengthened and proliferated.

Increased interaction between public organizations, including the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation, with long-standing foreign partners and intensified establishment of new contacts with friendly institutions in the countries of the Global South became a new sustainable trend in 2022–2023.

In this regard, over the year the Civic Chamber held a valuable meeting with delegations of its traditional partner the China Economic and Social Council.<sup>341</sup>

Of note, the fast development of bilateral relations with the Committees for the Defense of the Revolution of the Republic of Cuba. Participation of delegations of the Civic Chamber in the V International Conference "For Balance in the World" and in the X Congress of the Committees for the Defense of the Revolution of the Republic of Cuba, an official visit of the delegation of the Committees to Moscow at the invitation of the Civic Chamber in May – June 2023, as well as the participation of the Cuban delegation in the AICESIS General Assembly as guests of honor indicate a coincidence of interests in the development of cooperation between Russia and Cuba, including at the level of civil society.

The logical result of such work was the signing of a Memorandum of understanding and cooperation



In 2023 the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation members held

**56** meetings

with diplomats, representatives of executive and legislative authorities, delegations of public organizations, and associations from Africa, Europe, South America and Asia.

between the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation and the Committees for the Defense of the Revolution of the Republic of Cuba.

Within the official visit to Moscow of the delegation of the Economic and Social Council of the Central African Republic – led by its President Alfred Tainga Poloko – a Memorandum of understanding and cooperation was signed between the Civic Chamber and the Economic and Social Council of the CAR.

Another bilateral memorandum was signed between the Civic Chamber and the National Economic, Social and Environmental Council of the Algerian People's Democratic Republic.

Cooperation between international religious institutions is actively developing as well. For example, in 2023, representatives of Russian spiritual organizations interacted with Islamic and Buddhist leaders, the political leadership of Indonesia, Iran, Cambodia, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, and Uzbekistan.

# 7.4

## SUPPORT FOR COMPATRIOTS ABROAD

To date, due to increased international tension, the role of civil society institutions in joint work with the state to implement a comprehensive system of measures to protect the rights and legitimate interests of our compatriots abroad is growing significantly.

In the context of new global challenges, no less attention is required the joint work of the state and civil society to resolve issues of preserving common historical memory and national identity, problems of Russian-language education abroad, educating the younger generation, and developing the media of compatriots, including in the digital environment.

The task of developing effective forms and methods of protecting the rights of compatriots in modern conditions, as well as countering manifestations of Russophobia, attribute to the members of the Civic Chamber, specifically, when they regularly hold meetings with compatriots in various countries. And these meetings take place not only to provide information support, dispell fakes and propaganda myths about Russia predominant in the media of foreign countries, but also to collect topical issues of compatriots, and then try to deal with them on return.

Such issues include the implementation of joint initiatives with organizations of Russian compatriots aimed at promoting cultural, spiritual and moral values, the Russian language, and preserving historical heritage, in particular through the restoration and maintenance of military graves.

To date the agenda for interaction also includes issues of tourism, export of Russian educational services, assistance to Russian schools and centers for studying the Russian language abroad.

A separate area of work is the protection of compatriots convicted in various countries. The Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation, the Russian Lawyers Association, the Foundation for Supporting and Protecting the Rights of Compatriots Living Abroad, in collaboration with the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Russian Federation, monitor the cases of convicted Russian citizens and are in contact with attorney associations representing their interests in courts of foreign countries.

As a result, on March 10, 2023, Yuri Mel returned to Kaliningrad from Lithuania after serving a nine-year sentence. Yuri Mel is a former tank driver of the Soviet Army, a participant in the events in Vilnius to restore the Constitutional order on January 13, 1991. This deliverance became possible thanks to the interaction of the Civic Chamber and government agencies in the consistent implementation of specific actions to rescue Yuri Mel from a Lithuanian prison.

The release of Yuri Mel is a joint victory of civil society and state institutions of power, which in practice have implemented mechanisms for the protection of compatriots.



# 7.5

## INTERNATIONAL ELECTION OBSERVATION

Since 2012, the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation has been working on developing public observation of elections and referendums in Russia and abroad. Members of the Civic Chamber take part in monitoring presidential and parliamentary elections and referendums in various countries, if the possibility of their accreditation is provided for by local electoral legislation.

Previously, members of the Civic Chamber had experience observing elections as part of observation missions of the CIS Interparliamentary Assembly, OSCE and other international missions. The independent organization of observation missions with the support of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs commenced by the Civic Chamber in 2021.<sup>342</sup> In 2021–2022, the Civic Chamber deployed missions in 14 countries.

In 2023, the Civic Chamber continued its activities in the field of international election observation. Observation missions were deployed in Guinea-Bissau, Cambodia, Zimbabwe, and Eswatini. The observation mission of the Civic Chamber worked for the first time in Latin America, namely during the general elections in Argentina. An observation also took place during the presidential elections in Uzbekistan.

An important event in the development and systematization of the activity of the Civic Chamber on the track of international observation was the publication at the beginning of 2023 of a Special Report on the results of observation of elections abroad in 2022.

The report summarized the work of Civic Chamber observers in ten countries where missions had been deployed.

[Election Observation Missions of the Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation at Elections Abroad in 2022. Special report](#)



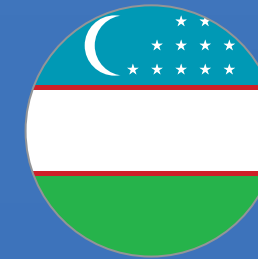
The report published by the Civic Chamber is a unique publication that provides relevant experts and specialists from Russia and foreign countries with a careful analysis of electoral systems and electoral practices. The foreword to the report was written by the Russian Foreign Minister, Sergei Lavrov, and Chairperson of the Central Election Commission of Russia, Ella Pamfilova.

### Election observation missions of the Civic Chamber abroad



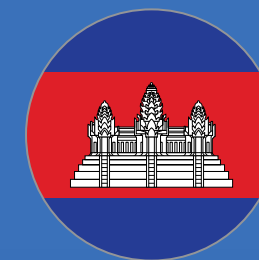
REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU  
June 4, 2023

Parliamentary elections



UZBEKISTAN  
July 9, 2023

Presidential elections



CAMBODIA  
July 23, 2023

Parliamentary elections



ZIMBABWE  
August 23, 2023

General election



ESWATINI  
September 29, 2023

General election



ARGENTINA  
October 22, 2023

General election

## Conclusion

Strengthening Russia's sovereignty emerged as a primary goal for the state in 2023. Throughout the year, the Civic Chamber, collaborating with other civil society institutions, engaged in persistent efforts towards this goal.

Recognizing the significant role of the civil society in addressing state challenges, the President of Russia met with the new, VIIIth Civic Chamber of the Russian Federation on the eve of the Day of National Unity. A key topic of discussion was the status of Russia's new regions.

The head of state concurred with the pivotal role of the Coordination Council, established with the support of the Civic Chamber, for integrating the new regions of the Russian Federation. This council serves as an effective mechanism for facilitating dialogue between residents of new territories and government bodies. He endorsed the idea of preparing a report in 2024 to review the progress of integrating these new subjects.

The foundation of sovereignty development is rooted in the preservation and strengthening of traditional spiritual and moral values. Currently, members of the Civic Chamber and deputies of the State Duma are collaboratively working on a legislative initiative. This initiative aims to enshrine in the relevant regulatory document a new directive for the work of civic chambers and public councils under federal executive bodies – focusing on preserving, strengthening, and popularizing traditional Russian spiritual and moral values. In light of the President of Russia's Executive Order signed on November 22, 2023, proclaiming 2024 as the Year of the Family in Russia, these legislative changes will enable civil society institutions to particularly focus in the upcoming year on state-level decisions in this sphere, supporting public initiatives, and addressing the implementation of projects dedicated to protecting the social rights of families with children and reinforcing traditional family values as stipulated by the Russian Constitution.

A critical issue in this domain, demanding urgent action, is ensuring the sustainable

growth of Russia's population. The Civic Chamber, acknowledging the necessity to develop new and effective management tools for demographic and family policy, will continue in 2024 its longstanding efforts with extensive public involvement to develop and promote at the state level new comprehensive measures supporting birth rates and large families.

Successfully instilling traditional values in Russian society is intrinsically linked to the advancement of the education system and the patriotic upbringing of Russia's young citizens. In this respect, substantial collaborative work continues between the state and public institutions.

A key component of this initiative is the expansion of collaboration with the Russian Movement of Children and Youth "Movement of the First" to explore opportunities for the movement's development and to address the needs and interests of the younger generation that can be realized within the framework of the Russian Movement of Children and Youth (RMCY). Recognizing the significance of the course "Fundamentals of Russian Statehood," the Civic Chamber intends to conduct monitoring of its implementation in the coming year.

A consistently high-priority topic for the Civic Chamber in 2024 will be supporting the development of the nonprofit sector. Noting the growing role of nonprofit organizations in the life of Russian society and their involvement in addressing some of the country's most complex developmental challenges, the Civic Chamber will aim to create optimally favorable conditions for the growth of the third sector across the Russian Federation. In line with this goal, the ongoing development of the annual "Region-NPO" ranking will continue. This ranking, assessing the dynamics of the third sector's development in regions, has evolved over recent years into not only a catalyst for the sector's growth but also an effective tool for public oversight of its level and quality within the regions of Russia.

In close collaboration with the relevant authorities, further advancements will be

made in improving legislative regulations concerning the activities of nonprofit organizations.

In 2024, the Civic Chamber will continue to use its platform to engage in discussions on pressing issues related to sustainable development and the ecological safety of the country. Special emphasis will be placed on public discussions of initiatives aimed at enhancing legal regulations in waste management, as well as mechanisms for rational and responsible consumption. Issues concerning the comprehensive development and improvement of settlements, improving the ecological situation, creating a comfortable and accessible living environment for citizens, and ensuring the connectivity of the country's territories will also be a focus.

Additionally, the Civic Chamber will persist in its role of public oversight regarding the implementation of the Russian President's executive orders on preserving the country's unique biodiversity and the rehabilitation of its significant water bodies. In the educational sphere, there will be continued development of initiatives for building an effective system of environmental education in the Russian Federation, with particular attention to engaging children and youth in this process.

A major and impactful sociopolitical event in the upcoming year will undoubtedly be the Presidential elections of the Russian Federation. The public observation system has already commenced its operations to oversee the preparation and conduct of the Russian Presidential elections. This effort, with the direct involvement of the Civic Chamber, will be systematically expanded and enhanced in 2024.<sup>343</sup>

An important and in-demand initiative, highlighted by the Civic Chamber's experts, is the creation of a system of guarantees and compensations for observers, which includes providing rest days for those engaged in public oversight of electoral processes. A thorough discussion on these matters is scheduled on the platform of the Civic Chamber in 2024.

Events of 2023 have underscored that Russia is an inseparable part of the global community. Its participation is essential for achieving a balance in international relations and for fostering productive dialogues between nations at the forums of international organizations and institutions. Amidst the accelerating transformation processes towards a new, multipolar world order, 2024 is set to be a year of expanded direct contacts between civil society representatives from different countries, establishing a solid foundation for future fruitful intergovernmental cooperation.

The Civic Chamber, for its part, intends to continue productive interactions within the framework of its membership in the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions (AICESIS). This includes bilateral formats, particularly focusing on enhancing the work initiated in 2023 to establish and expand partnership cooperation with civil society representatives from Latin America and the African continent. The Civic Chamber plans to use public diplomacy mechanisms to facilitate integration processes in the Eurasian space, develop electoral diplomacy through participation in monitoring elections and referendums abroad, and maintain as one of its priority activities the support of Russian compatriots overseas and the promotion of patriotic projects by compatriots in foreign countries.

# In 44

regions of the Russian Federation,

public observation headquarters have been established and are operational.\*



Over

# 200 ths.

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are planned to be trained as public observers for the upcoming Russian Presidential elections.

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