

THE USA SUPPORTS THE BIGGEST ENEMY OF LAW AND JUSTICE. KOZLOVSKA RECEIVES A GRANT FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT

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Lyudmyla Kozlovska will promote the rule of law in Poland with the money received from the State Department.

The Head of the Open Dialogue Foundation was included by the Law and Justice government in the SIS list of persons banned from the Schengen area in summer 2018. She was accused of financial embezzlement and mysterious connections in the East. The thesis was also formulated (not directly, but through the right-wing media) that she was linked to Russian intelligence. To confirm this, among other things, a scan of her Russian passport and the decision of the Ukrainian prosecutor's office which mentioned her treason, were presented. Both documents were fake, which we confirmed in our DGP articles.

In June 2019, Kozlovska obtained the status of an EU resident in Belgium, which automatically led to her removal from the SIS list. A few weeks ago, the investigation into her case was also closed by the General Prosecutor's Office of Moldova, which stated that it was politically motivated and triggered by oligarch Vladimir Plahotniuk, who ruled the country until recently. In 2018, Plahotniuc used Kozlovska's problems in Poland and linked them to an attack on the pro-European opposition in Moldova in an attempt to outlaw it. However, the investigation of the case turned into a farce.

A few days ago, it transpired that the strong theses promoted by the government of Law and Justice and the Moldovan oligarch are not supported by the American State Department. A document signed by employees of the US Embassy in Warsaw states that the Open Dialogue Foundation received nearly \$18,000 from a grant to promote the rule of law, independence of the judiciary, the press and other institutions. The document also mentions promoting minority rights. The money from the grant will be used to conduct, among other things, online classes lectured by experts from Poland and the USA. They include, among others, judges stigmatised by the Law and Justice party, namely: Waldemar Żurek and Dariusz Mazur from the Themis association.

The government television regularly refers to them as representatives of an extraordinary caste. The media that favoured the Law and Justice party (PiS) wrote about Kozlovska herself that she is "well trained", warning the public against "operations of Russian saboteurs". The former head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Witold Waszczykowski, argued on TVP 1 that actions against democratic states should be punished, the activities of the ODF should be suspended, and administrative and possibly criminal consequences should be drawn with regard to its senior management. The problem is that apart from the media reports, no evidence was ever given of Kozlovska's links with the Russian Federation's intelligence, financial embezzlement, or "diversionary activity".

The fact that the quality of the materials presented by the Internal Security Agency was low, was confirmed by the Voivodeship Administrative Court, which had access to them and questioned the legitimacy of the Polish administration's actions in this case. At the time when Poland maintained Kozlovska in the SIS list, different Schengen states granted her the right to enter their territory, including, among others, Germany, France and Great Britain.

According to the interlocutors of the DGP, there is no way that the State Department would pay a single dollar to an NGO with credible allegations of cooperation with the Russian secret services or a foundation that was involved in financial embezzlement. The projects supported by federal money

are accounted for in detail. The same was true of the granting of EU resident status to Kozlovska by the Belgian authorities. Before such a decision was issued, the application had been verified by the Belgian secret service, which is responsible for counter-espionage protection at NATO headquarters, among other things. In fact, none of the allegations made against Kozlovska and her foundation have so far been confirmed.

Link: <https://odfoundation.eu/a/32128,forsal-fundacja-ludmyly-kozlowskiej-otrzymala-grant-od-departamentu-stanu/>

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