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Dear friends!

Being deeply convinced that there is a reason **God entrusted us with Ukraine**, we believe that the place of our wonderful country is not on the periphery of civilized world, but at least in the **top 20 of the most developed countries of the world!** We defend a strong, sovereign state that features not only law and freedom, but also decent standards of living for its citizens. That is why we keep addressing the issues of strategy and future planning.

Republicans are not just **with the People**, we carry an honest conversation with intellectuals, the youth and students about building a progressive country.

The Strategy-2050 for Ukraine is our road map.

Nowadays Republic has proceeded to elaboration of progressive plans of change in separate areas of the country's future development.

It is important that we are not nerdy theorists, neither are we action imitators: the Republicans support sensible work and meaningful projects which achieve the correct vision of the future.

This year is the 16th year of the International program Students' Republic, which we are proud of, and which has the longest history, the largest scope and scale among the programs, implemented by the public activists. We support the upgrade of Ukraine because we know how to achieve it. We invite smart, responsible, courageous and active people to join our work – **to the huge construction site called The Renovated Ukraine**. This is a space for implementing of the strong national project full of social, technological, economic and humanitarian innovations.

Best regards,
The National leader of Studrespublika
Pavlo Viknyansky

Studrespublika is the all-Ukrainian non-governmental organization that creates a network of young people and students as well as experienced, progressive experts. It is represented in every region of Ukraine and enlists almost every college. Apart from Ukraine, the movement of Student Republic includes Austria and Belarus, has its centre in the Russian Federation and Georgia and partners in the U.S. and Europe. The Republicans are united by common activities and general discussions associated with these activities (most of the projects are thematic and problematic).

Our mission is upbringing of new generations capable of thinking freely; conscious leaders for Ukraine as a fully sovereign state; Ukraine's entry in the top 20 developed countries.

The principal activities of Studrespublika are:

- Conducting of the International program Students' Republic that aims to shape and prepare young people for adult life;
- Development of student's government and activeness;
- Organization of effective collaboration with Ukrainian and world youth and students;
- Development of thinking skills in young people.



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The network of Studrespublika is a few generations of active and intelligent people, united by *common work experience*. The leading activists of Students' Republic have rich experience in both project management and meaningful communication and cooperation with non-governmental organizations and foundations, governments and local authorities, politicians, universities, student government and student Union Committees of many universities, media, business companies and international organizations.

In order to participate in Republican activities, you have to go through an easy **on-line registration** at Students' Republic's website.

The special feature of Students' Republic's projects is the format of **organizational-activity game (OAG)**. OAG is a special game of mind, will and skills. Every participant can show unexpected skills; suggest a unique vision of solutions for any problem; hear the criticism and make necessary conclusions and changes; and most importantly – make mistakes, correct them and thus improve him/herself. The format of OAG is present in the International program Students' Republic, in the Winter Studrespublika project and The New Start project.

The recurring all-Ukrainian projects (held every year approximately at the same time) of Students' Republic include Ukraine's Best Student, sports and journalist project the Respublikada, the beauty of personality pageant First Lady, Valentine's day feature The Wall of Love.

The members of Students' Republic make effort to organize the space for communication with the world class intellectuals by holding public lectures with them. A social theorist **Roberto Unger** (Brazil/USA), a historian **Serhii Plokhii** (USA), an expert on media law **Andrey Rikhter** (Russia/Austria) have already visited Ukraine.

Financial report

During the year 2013 the income and expenditures for making statutory activities of Students' Republic were as follows:

- **Income** (excluding the balance on January 1, 2013): 547 424.64 UAH, including:
 - Non-repayable financial assistance of individuals and legal persons: 547 088.77 UAH;
 - Targeted program funding from the state budget: 0.00 UAH;
 - Passive income: 335.87 UAH.
- **Expenditures:** 473 515.50 UAH.

Note: The amounts are listed without turnovers of local branches of Students' Republic.



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Studrespublika develops international integration, assists training of its activists abroad and is a member of Ukrainian Youth Forum.

Studrespublika organizes the largest thematic event for Ukrainian youth and students – the **International program Students' Republic** (held **since 1998**; the **regionals** are held every year at the end of June, and the **finals** are dedicated to the Independence Day of Ukraine at the end of August).

The format of the event is the organizational-activity game held on an isolated area, which runs for three days with the participation of the winners of the regionals and those who passed the intellectual selection.

During the event people create a model of a quasi-state with all the necessary attributes (laws, currency, parties, etc.) and political, legal and economic processes. According to the legislation of Students' Republic, they hold their own elections, create the Central Election Committee, form political parties, conduct a full election campaign. It ends with the vote and the election of the Student President and members of the Student Parliament of Ukraine (and on the region level every region elects its own Student mayor and members of the Student magistrates).

The emphasis is put on **meaningful work, futuristic discussions and workshops** of various formats, carried on during Studrespublika.

The program continues by multi-festival anyone can participate in. They can compete in the sub-festivals like Quest-Festival, Mafia, Festival of amateur video, Photo-competition, Mister of Studrespublika, KVN Cup ("Club of the Funny and Inventive"), Intellectual games, the Night tusa, the Day tusa, Debates, Music live awards, etc.

The final draws over 1000 participants – the most active student leaders, public activists and expert intellectuals that represent **all** regions of the country. Foreign visitors are also present. The finals are always held in Crimea, on the shores of Black Sea.

Topics of the latest finals of Studrespublika include the *Ontology of a Ukrainian* (2009), the *Ideology of the Future* (2010), *Ukraine in the top 20: war and peace of civilizations* (2011), *Ukraine of my dreams* (2012), the *Future: from dream to the action plan* (2013).



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Internship of the Student president and deputies of the Student parliament of Ukraine

As a result of the International program Students' Republic, the Internship of the Student president and deputies of the Student parliament takes place in Kyiv. They are the winners of the competitions and represent students of all Ukrainian regions and colleges.

During the Internship they visit public authorities, communicate with progressive representatives of expert community, the religious circles and establishments, etc. Topics of the previous Internship were: the *Development of an effective model of coordination between the deliberative bodies of youth and students in government and the regional governments of Ukraine and on national level* (November 2009); the *Possibility of social lifting in Ukraine* (October 2010), *Citizen is the one who influences public affairs* (April 2012), the *Values in politics* (October 2012), the *Responsible Leadership* (October 2013).

Within the confines of the Internship there were meeting with Fr. Andrey (Tkachev), O. Blank, K. Vashchenko, B. Havrylyshyn, H. Herman, L. Grynevych, A. Grytsenko, cardinal Lubomyr Husar, S. Datsiuk, Y. Derevyanko, L. Kadenyuk, V. Klychko, N. Korolevska, V. Krutko, V. Lytvyn, V. Lutkovska, M. Minakov, V. Nikitin, metropolitan Pavlo (Lebid), V. Patskan, O. Petrov, H. Pocheptsov, Y. Sulima, L. Suprun, Y. Suslov, S. Tihipko, A. Tolstoukhov, etc. After the Internship, the meeting of the Students parliament and the Student president of Ukraine takes place, where they make conclusions and create a plan of their work for the nearest future.





Winter Studrespublika

The format is organizational-activity game. In process participants use the methods and tools which give them opportunity to think deeply about problems and find the answers for the difficult questions. The effect of full immersion is reached. The goal is **searching for answers of problematic questions about Ukrainian and world development**; attracting the youth and students to **intense intellectual and creative work**.

The first Winter Studrespublika took place in February 18-22, 2009 in the Tysovets complex near Skole (Lviv region), the topic being *the Way from a successful leader of the youth to the effective person in life*.

The second Winter Studrespublika was held in February 24-28, 2010 in Verkhovyna (Ivano-Frankivsk region). Participants joined their efforts to solve the problem of the *Optimal Ukrainian model for social interaction (social organizations and political parties of the new type)*. The third Winter Studrespublika took place in February 23-27, 2011 in Aratta complex (Pylypets village, Zakarpattia region). The topic was the *Team of the Future*. On March 8-11, 2012 the fourth Winter Studrespublika was held there. The topic was the *Republic as the way out of the crisis of state-building*. In February 22-24, 2013 in the convent of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family (Hoshiv village, Ivano-Frankivsk region) the fifth Winter Studrespublika was held on *What steps should be taken to overcome the crisis and become a leader in cutting-edge trends of the future*.



New Start



The New Start is primarily an open competition looking for organizational projects (scientific developments, business and social ideas), which would open the likely scenarios of Ukraine's future. The authors of the strongest works take part in OAG and Strategy Summit, where the works are presented to experts, journalists and people. The purpose of the project is forming the style of intellectual thinking among active youth. The project was realized in 2009, 2010 and 2013.

The horizon of long-term strategy development was extended following the example of the development of successful countries to 2050 during the project New Start. As a result, the draft of **The Strategy-2050 for Ukraine** was elaborated. The work on it continues nowadays.

Within the confines of New Start and during the OAG **5 main courses (possible scenarios) of development were observed**. They were the Bunker Country, the Anarchy Corporate Country, Robotics, as well as Political Rebellion and World War. The latter didn't survive until the end of the game.



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Ukraine's Best Student

Ukraine's Best Student is the complex program designed for uncovering and encouraging further development of Ukrainian students as a forefront of the Ukrainian society development. The aim of the program: identifying comprehensively developed young students, stimulating enhance of its social activity, promoting the formation of active social students life.

The competition winners are selected in the following **categories**: Best student analyst, public activist, designer, media worker, scientist, programmer, athlete and Best student of Ukraine in complex characteristics.



Respublikada



The purpose of this innovative project is journalistic culture development in total domination of custom, meaningless and scandalous journalism. The main instrument is realization of competitions between teams from universities all over Ukraine and simultaneous training for young journalists.

The sport part of the projects is represented by the most popular sport in student environment: beach/mini football, volleyball, and workout.

As far as the journalistic part, all participants manifest themselves in following nominations: sports journalist, commentator, anchor of sports television news, blogger. At the end of the project they create a block of TV news, newspaper, and the jury chooses the best and the most popular student sports blogger and commentator of the country.



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