Anti – migrant rethorics
NGO response

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What we observe

- an increase in the anti-migrant narratives
- citizens patrols at the Polish-German border
- violent incidents: by migrants, toward migrants
- anti-migrant demonstrations (and pro-migrant)
- government attitude to the situation
- the catholic bishops reactions
- Migration Consortium/NGO response/agenda

Hate speech

Everyday experiences of hate speech of migrant staff in public space

Violent political rethorics

Intense desinformation (eg. non public NASK report on CIC)

All political spectrum migrant-skeptical

Uchodźcy i migranci

„Obrońcy" granic, rasistowska nagonka. Pierwszy akt nowej kampanii wyborczej?

Civil patrols at PL/DE border

Robili "ogień" przeciw migrantom, a potem bawili się z tancerzami z Afryki. "Żeby się rozerwać"

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„Poles take matters in their own hands”

(patroleobywatelskie.com/o-nas)

Citizen Patrols is a grassroots social initiative bringing together people who care about the common good, safety, and order in their neighborhoods. We are a civic association that operates above all divisions – driven by the heart, responsibility, and a desire for real change.

Our goal is to strengthen the role of citizens in public life, especially where institutions fail or are insufficient. We are creating a network of committed individuals across Poland – patrol members, district and provincial coordinators, who jointly monitor, respond, and support activities promoting safety, law, and transparency.

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- We observe and document the activities of public institutions and uniformed services.
- We respond to incidents of abuse, violence, and violations of civil liberties.
- We support local communities in need of civic presence and solidarity.
- We train and integrate our members in the spirit of responsibility, law, and civic ethics.
- We collaborate with non-governmental organizations, media, and public figures who share our values.
- We are united by a shared vision of a Poland: fair, responsible, and united.

Our values: civil courage, rule of law, transparency, respect for human dignity, non-violence

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Public opinion on civil border patrols

60 percent of the society are against the patrols – the number growing

Good media coverage on real border context.

Perception of refugees/ukrainian refugees mixed, with a large group of undecided (30-40 percent, More in Common, Instytut Mieroszewskiego)

LITYKA

Podzieleni granicą. Wśród wyborców koalicji i bert Bąkiewicz nie ma czego szukać

ic Roberta Bąkiewicza z wysokim poparciem wyborców PiS i Konfederacji, głównie h miast. Najwięcej przeciwników jest wśród 50-latków, wyborców koalicji rządzącej – biet, wynika z sondażu IBRIS dla „Rzeczpospolitej".

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Saturday 19 July - anti

- Announced 80 anti-migrant protests in Polish towns

(there are 1020 towns/cities in Poland)

- Few of them at the western Polish border
- Some cities refused to agree for the marches (Słubice, Police)
- Majority of big cities (Union of Polish Metropolies) did host them
- Numbers of participants: higher than pro-migrant, smaller than expected

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Saturday 19 July - pro

- Much fewer (<100 persons in Warsaw)
- Much less numerous
- Isolated cases of politicians/public figures present

Worth noting:

- Good media coverage of pro-migrant perspective
- Many migrant and refugee voices in the media
- Some self-advocacy

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Violent incidents

By migrants

Jarocin – knife attack (March – May arrest)
Toruń – attack on a woman (June)
Nowe – fatal knife attack (July)

Towards migrants

Wałbrzych (July)

Government response

Government politicians absent from the marches and not taking a stand,

Tusk silent on Saturday (horseriding)

Govt reconstruction:

No ministra of equal rights

No ministra of the civil socjety

Announcement on fight against irregular migration

25 tys. 3649 komentarzy 427 udostępnień

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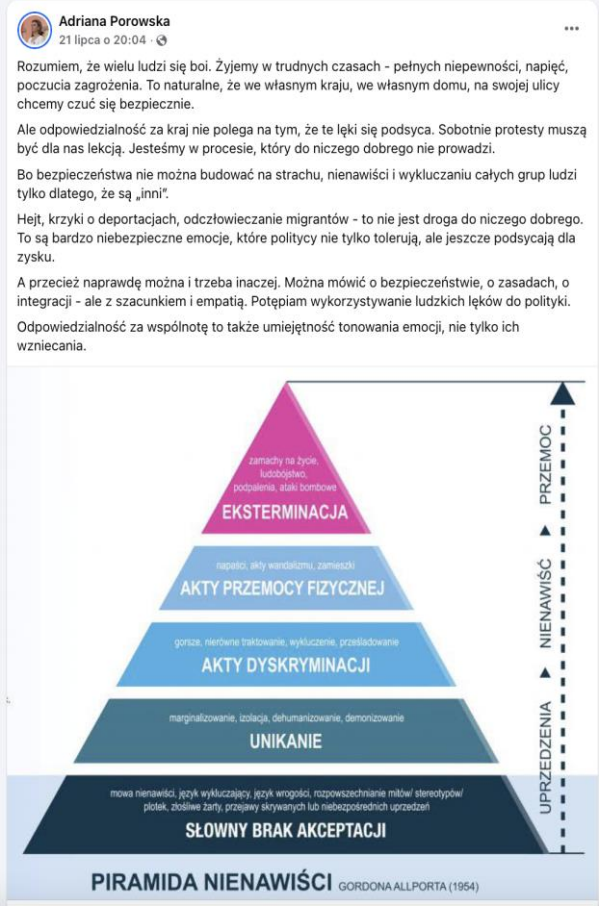
Government response

- Ada Porowska (SM)
- Radek Sikorski („head of state” kind of expose on the discourse)



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Konfederacja – migration policy

„No social rights for imigrants is the backbone of the responsible migration policy”

The Catholic Church

Bishop Antoni Długosz (Częstochowa)

„Compassion cannot become naivity or lack of common sense”

Cardinal Grzegorz Ryś (Łódź)

„Every person has a right to choose their plae to live”

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Migration Consortium/NGO response

Media work

Social media content

Cooperation in drafting narratives

Open letters to PM (Mapuj pomoc)

Proposal of MoI/NGO meeting – no feedback (PFM)

Information to beneficiaries (precautions)

Information to beneficiaries (response, reporting)

Requests for NGO interventions after hate attacks by migrants from across Poland

NASK (state cybersecurity monitoring body)

Own NGO safety: crisis management programs, preparedness, first aid etc.

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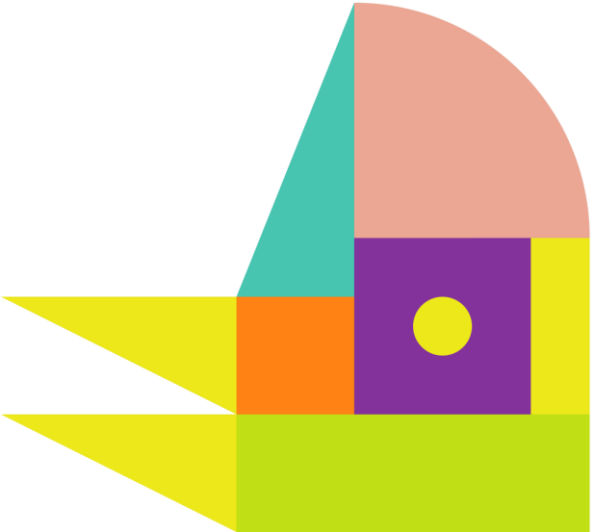
In progress

Media info pack
NASK – cybersecurity training,
dezinformation workshop
NGO safety – exchange of information
Building counter-narratives
Refugee and migrant self-advocacy



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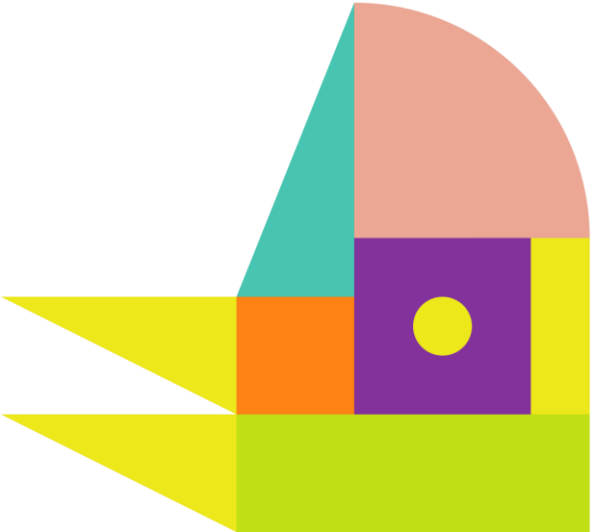

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