

2022 CIVIL SOCIETY: DATES – EVENTS – PROJECTS

Events in Russia and the world

PROJECTS OF THE CIVIC
CHAMBER OF THE RUSSIAN
FEDERATION (CCRF)

JANUARY

2021-2023 – PRESIDENCY OF THE CIVIC CHAMBER OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION IN THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCILS AND SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS (AICESIS)

The Civic Chamber's presidency in AICESIS aims to enhance the internal structure of the Association and prepare a final report entitled "Living in the Online Age: Looming Challenges and Urge for Solutions". As part of the outlined goals, measures are being taken to improve the Articles of Association, expand information work, host round tables on various aspects of the presidency topic: digital inequality, protection of citizens' rights from IT giants, ethical problems of digital technologies, online education issues, etc.

As part of its presidency, the Civic Chamber is addressing the challenges of the need to rebuild relations destroyed by the pandemic and to maintain a positive attitude among the Association members for dialogue and cooperation in the face of international turmoil.

On December 17, 2021, the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation submitted a draft federal law for public discussion providing for the establishment of creative industry institution

in Russian legislation by introducing appropriate amendments to the Law of the Russian Federation "Fundamentals of the Legislation of the Russian Federation on Culture" and the Federal Law "On the Development of Small and Medium-Sized Businesses in the Russian Federation" on the federal portal of draft regulatory legal acts

PUBLIC EVALUATION OF DRAFT LAWS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INSTITUTION OF CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

On December 29, the Civic Chamber held preliminary readings of draft federal laws establishing the institution of creative industries.

The preliminary readings participants noted the need to consolidate the concept of "creative industries"; determining the directions involved in the creative industries; consolidation of the concept of "creative clusters"; shortlisting freelancers and NPOs in creative industries. In their view, the draft law does not encompass the interests of freelancers and organizations working in the creative industry as part of individual projects.



On December 30, 2021, the Ministry of Culture of the Russian Federation presented a draft decree of the President of the Russian Federation “On Approving the Fundamentals of State Policy for the Preservation and Strengthening of Traditional Russian Spiritual and Moral Values” for public discussion

PUBLIC EVALUATION OF THE DRAFT FOUNDATIONS OF STATE POLICY FOR THE PRESERVATION AND STRENGTHENING OF TRADITIONAL RUSSIAN SPIRITUAL AND MORAL VALUES

On February 7, the Civic Chamber hosted a public evaluation of the draft Fundamentals of State Policy for the Preservation and Strengthening of Traditional Russian Spiritual and Moral Values. The experts concluded that the document needs tweaking – it is necessary to elaborate on the content and structure of the draft Basics, and to work on the conceptual apparatus. The final version of the document, approved by the President of Russia on November 9, also encompassed the Civic Chamber proposals.



December 30, 2021 – 2022 was declared the Year of Cultural Heritage of the Peoples of Russia

PROJECT “LIVING HERITAGE: NATIONAL MAP OF LOCAL CULTURAL BRANDS OF RUSSIA”

The Living Heritage public project, implemented since 2019, is a people’s platform for saving, reviving, and promoting the country’s local attractions. The livingheritage.ru portal contains information on over 1,400 local cultural brands of the country: from the most famous in Russia to those which popularity remains reduced to specific regions.

Given the growing interest of citizens in the historical past, cultural and traditional values, the project is getting particular relevance.



ALL-RUSSIAN MUSIC PROJECT “ETNOLIFE”

In August, the Civic Chamber hosted the opening of the All-Russian musical project “EthnoLife”, intended to help talented musicians whose work is based on the cultural heritage of the Russian peoples. The project is being implemented by the Guild of Interethnic Journalism, supported by the Presidential Foundation for Cultural Initiatives.

The people participating in the project are involved in modern exposition of traditional music, from different remote corners of the country – Chukotka, Khakassia, Karelia, Tuva, and many other Russian regions.

January 5th the year of activity of the Foundation for Support of Children with Severe Life-threatening and Chronic Illnesses, including Rare (Orphan) Diseases “Circle of Kindness”

CIRCLE OF KINDNESS FOUNDATION

January 5, 2022 marked a year that has passed since the establishment of the Foundation for Support of Children with Severe Life-threatening and Chronic Diseases, including rare (orphan) diseases – the Circle of Kindness. The Foundation’s activities have changed the context and rules of interaction between the nonprofit sector and the state, transforming the model of extending assistance to children with severe and rare diseases. The list of diseases covered by the Foundation includes 59 severe life-threatening and chronic diseases.

The Civic Chamber of Russia is widely involved in establishing the Foundation and its current activities.



FEBRUARY

February 22 – Recognition of the independence of the Donetsk People’s Republic and the Lugansk People’s Republic by the Russian Federation

COLLECTION CENTER FOR HUMANITARIAN AID FOR DONBASS RESIDENTS

The Civic Chamber, supported by the Russian Red Cross, the Women for Life Charitable Foundation, the

All-Russian Public Association Medical Volunteers, the All-Russian Public Youth Organization All-Russian Student Rescue Corps and sponsored by the #WeAreTogether volunteer project, opened a Public Center for Collecting Humanitarian Aid for the Residents of the new territories. Since the beginning of the special military operation, the Center has received and dispatched nearly 6,000 unique positions of humanitarian aid to Donbass, with a total weight of more than 7.5 tons.



PROJECT “SUPPORT OF PUBLIC INITIATIVES IN RUSSIAN TERRITORIES”

The project that has been implemented since February 2022 aims to coordinate work to support and develop the nonprofit sector in the territories of the new Russian regions, which is carried out with the involvement of civic chambers, authorities, and NPOs.

As part the project, resource centers are being established to support public initiatives in the new territories, a single base of organizations is being formed that help and are willing to promote the nonprofit sector development, and training workshops are held on the formation and development of the NPO sector for social activists.

The project is implemented by the Civic Chamber Commission for the development of the nonprofit sector and support for socially oriented NPOs together with the civic chambers of the Russian regions.



MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE CIVIC CHAMBER OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE CIVIC CHAMBERS OF THE DONETSK AND LUGANSK PEOPLE’S REPUBLICS

On July 12, during the “Community” forum, the Civic Chamber of Russia signed memoranda of understanding and cooperation with the Civic Chambers of the Donetsk and Lugansk People’s Republics. The memoranda enabled the parties to intensify interaction in matters of observing the

democratic rules of the civil society development, protecting the rights, freedoms and legitimate interests of citizens, NPOs and public associations, and gave an additional impetus to the development of public oversight institutions.

The LPR and the DPR civic chambers have entered into similar agreements with the civic chambers of over 20 regions of Russia. These include Sevastopol, Khanty-Mansiysk Autonomous Region, Voronezh Region, Kaluga Region, Nizhny Novgorod Region, Rostov Region, and others.

PROJECT “FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE: EFFICIENCY AND ACCESSIBILITY”

The project is implemented by the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Examination of Socially Significant Draft Laws and Other Legislative Initiatives in the territories of the Kursk, Ivanovo, Tambov and Rostov regions encompassed in a unique format – “Pravomobil”. Project consultants – lawyers and notaries, government officials (the Federal Tax Service of Russia, the Federal Bailiff Service of Russia, the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, Rosreestr, etc.) – take joint trips to remote settlements of these regions and extend free qualified legal assistance in various law area.

Since 2019, the project has been implemented in the Donetsk People’s Republic, where over 35 thousand people have already been consulted and more than 120 visits have been made, a hotline and online consultations have been established.

February 24 – The beginning of the special military operation

AN OPEN APPEAL BY RUSSIAN NPO LEADERS AND ACTIVISTS TO SUPPORT THE SPECIAL MILITARY OPERATION “STAND WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE COUNTRY!”

On February 28, the Civic Chamber published an open appeal by leaders and activists of Russian NPOs to support the special military operation “Together with the President and the country!”. The leaders of public organizations and civil activists supported the policy of the Russian President and called for all social forces to be working in unity.

The initiator of the open appeal was Vyacheslav Bocharov, First Deputy President of the Civic Chamber, and Hero of Russia. In total, representatives of over 15 thousand organizations, including members of the Civic Chamber, became signatories.

AID CARD FOR DONBASS RESIDENTS AND REFUGEES

In 2022, based on the results of the discussions hosted by the Civic Chamber, a map of assistance was established for those wishing to help residents of Donbass and refugees, listing the main directions of assistance provided, organizations that provide it, as well as necessary medications and items. Possible ways of extending financial assistance through charitable foundations that raise funds for the purchase of everything necessary are indicated.



PROJECT "IN THE NAME OF TOMORROW": RESTORATION OF MONUMENTS OF THE GREAT PATRIOTIC WAR IN THE DPR AND LPR

During the year, through the efforts of the population, public organizations, and authorities, work was performed to restore 40 monuments from the Great Patriotic War, dozens of educational events in schools, universities, with working youth in the LPR and DPR, about 300 volunteers were trained to organize work with objects of historical and cultural heritage.

The project is supported by the Presidential Foundation for Cultural Initiatives and is being implemented by the Civic Chamber Commission on Youth, Volunteerism, and Patriotic Education, together with ANO ASTIK, in partnership with the All-Russian Public Movement "Volunteers of Victory", the public movement "Volunteers of Culture", the Association of Volunteer Centers and Russian student teams.

AWARD "WE DO NOT LEAVE OUR MEN BEHIND!"

Award of the Civic Chamber "We do not leave our men behind!" was established in order to expand interaction between the institutions of civil society in Russia and support social projects implemented in the regions' territories that became part of Russia in 2022.

The award is presented annually in five categories: "United Fatherland", "Historical Truth", "Infrastructure Development of the Nonprofit Sector", "Humanitarian Aid to Donbass Residents", and "Help to Refugees and IDPs".

The Award Expert Council includes well-known cultural figures, athletes, journalists and bloggers.



CAMPAIGN TO RAISE AID FOR ZOOS AND SHELTERS OF DONBASS "ZOOFRIEND"

On March 31, at the initiative of the Commission on Ecology and Environmental Protection, the "ZooFriend" campaign was launched at the Civic Chamber. The campaign raises money, feed and veterinary drugs. Help is sent to zoos and animal shelters in Donbass.

The total amount of funds raised and allocated to implement the campaign exceeds 16 million rubles. In total, 150 tons of cargo for animals was sent to Donbass as part of the project.



INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC TRIBUNAL FOR THE CRIMES OF UKRAINIAN NEO-NAZIS AND THEIR ACCOMPLICES

On March 1, 2022, the Civic Chamber decided to establish an International Public Tribunal for the crimes of Ukrainian neo-Nazis and their accomplices.

The project primarily aims to collect data and evidence of war crimes committed by the Kiev regime, discrimination against its own citizens, persecution on linguistic, national and ideological grounds. Evidence of war crimes in Ukraine has been collected since 2014. For 8 years, thousands of materials and evidence have been collected on how members of the Ukrainian battalions destroyed, tortured, raped, and robbed people who would not agree with the fascist-nationalist ideology of Ukraine.



ENSURING INFORMATION SECURITY: FIGHTING FAKES AND COUNTERACTING THE SPREAD OF HARMFUL CONTENT

The project to combat fakes and counteract the spread of destructive content is being implemented throughout the year as part of the Working Group of the Civic Chamber activities on combating the spread of false information, public oversight, and online security.

This project has acquired special significance in information confrontation. The amount of false and misinforming news is growing every day. Over 22 million cases of fake data have been recorded about partial mobilization alone. The fight against falsehoods and dissemination of false data was being implemented continuously as part of the project throughout the year.



MONOGRAPH “HISTORY OF UKRAINE”

The History of Ukraine monograph, prepared by a team of authors led by a member of the Civic Chamber Maxim Grigoriev, is devoted to the topic of the common historical past of our peoples. This affinity is denied in every possible way in modern Ukraine in favor of the policy of rejecting and opposing the Ukrainian people to Russia.

The book is intended both for professional historians and for all readers interested in the history of Russia.

In addition to the monograph, a textbook for students in grades 10-11 has been prepared. A website has been created for convenient work with the tutorial.



TRAVELING EXHIBITION “EVIDENCE OF UKRAINIAN WAR CRIMES IN DONBASS”

The exhibits presented at the exhibition were collected as a result of numerous trips to the Donetsk and Lugansk People’s Republics, as well as to the Ukrainian territories that have been liberated in 2022. It was possible to learn about the deliberate killings of civilians, attacks on hospitals, the use of a “human shield”, and other crimes from conversations with

residents, eyewitness accounts and victim allegations. Over 400 people were interviewed.

The exhibition aims to inform the public to the extend possible on the criminal activities of the Ukrainian authorities against civilians in Donbass.

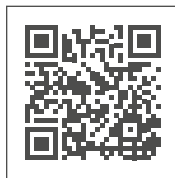


PHOTO SERIES “LIBERATED TERRITORIES. WAR AND PEACE IN THE EYES OF THE EYEWITNESS”

The exposition consists of personal photographs by the journalist and First Deputy Chair of the Civic Chamber Commission on Development of Information Society, Mass Media, and Communications Alexander Malkevich.

The photo exhibition brings together 55 works in live embodiment and about 170 in multimedia format. The exhibition footprint is quite extensive – from the liberated Kherson and Zaporozhye Regions to the Donbass territories. The exposition can be divided into two parts: “War” and “Peace”. An eponymous photo album has been released.

February 23 – The beginning of tougher sanctions being imposed against Russia

PROPOSALS OF THE CIVIC CHAMBER OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION ON THE INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEASURES TO SUPPORT NPOs UNDER SANCTIONS

On March 9, the Civic Chamber submitted a letter to the Russian Government with proposals to introduce new measures to support NPOs amid sanctions.

The Civic Chamber proposed to the Russian Government to extend measures to support small and medium-sized businesses to SO NPOs. The Bank of Russia was also proposed to introduce a moratorium or fully cancel the commission on all payments from bank cards to NPOs.

PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE TOPIC “PRIORITY MEASURES TO SUPPORT NPOs – HOLDERS OF ENDOWMENT CAPITAL”

Based on the results of the public hearings held on April 29, in order to avoid situations of forced dissolution of the endowment capital of NPOs under

the conditions of application of sanctions, the Civic Chamber proposed to suspend the operation of certain legal norms that determine the grounds for the forced dissolution of endowment capital given a decrease in the value of net assets as a result of trust property management. This proposal was encompassed in the new law version.



PROJECT “MONITORING THE SITUATION ON THE COMMUNICATIONS MARKET IN THE CONTEXT OF SANCTIONS AND CURRENT ECONOMIC REALITIES”

As part of the monitoring, the National Rating of Communications Companies (NR2K - 2022) is published, which determines the top 100 federal and regional Russian companies representing the industries of event, digital and marketing communications, research and analytics in this area.

The project is being implemented by the Civic Chamber Commission on Development of Information Society, Mass Media, and Communications along with the Coordination Council of the Communication Industry under the Civic Chamber.

WORKING GROUP ON LEGISLATION IN INTERNET TECHNOLOGIES AND DIGITALIZATION

The Working Group on Internet Technologies and Digitalization Legislation is implementing the project “Legal Regulation of the Internet, Protection of Human and Civil Rights and Freedoms in the Digital Space”.

As part of the project, in order to prepare recommendations for public authorities, the Civic Chamber hosts expert discussions on a wide range of topics related to the problems of protecting user personal data, access to information, receiving online services, and regulating the operation of foreign IT platforms in Russia.

PROJECT “ISLAMIC BANKING”

To conduct an expert assessment of the idea of introducing Islamic banking, which is being actively discussed in Russia, the Civic Chamber began collecting and analyzing information on various aspects and features of this financial activity, including its regulatory and socio-economic specifics. A letter

from the Civic Chamber on monitoring this issue was sent to the presidents of the economic and social councils - AICESIS members of the countries that are Organization of Islamic Cooperation members.

APRIL

APRIL 14-15 – “COMMUNITY” FORUM IN NOVOSIBIRSK

The “Community” forum in Novosibirsk opened a forum campaign of the Russian Civic Chamber in 2022. The main title of the forum is “Stability and protection. Vectors of the New Socio-Economic Policy”. The forum gave word to members of the federal and regional civic chambers, leaders and representatives of NPOs, executive authorities as well as invited experts.

The events held as part of the forum touched upon such significant topics for society as social assistance, youth policy and patriotic education, life-related infrastructure, stimulating the entrepreneurial activity of people with disabilities, hot meals in schools, maternity care, the future of domestic scientific research, etc.

As part of the forum, the Siberian Agreement was signed between the Civic Chambers of the Siberian Federal District and the Executive Committee of the Interregional Association for Economic Interaction of the Russian Regions.



MAY

May 9 – Victory Day

PROJECT “PASSING THE TORCH TO THE NEW GENERATION”

The project is sponsored by the Civic Chamber, Rospatriottsentr (Russian patriotic center), and the Presidential Grants Foundation. It aims to revive the traditions of mentoring and unites people of different generations.

As part of the project, veteran mentors conduct educational programs, exchange experience in mentoring

and patriotic education of children, adolescents and youth, replenish knowledge about effective social and educational work with youth and its specifics.



PROJECT "HEIGHT 168.5"

Height 168.5 is the first line of defense of Petrozavodsk and the place of death of Soviet soldiers of the 313th Infantry Division of Petrozavodsk, twice awarded the Order of the Red Banner, II-Class Insignias of Suworov and Kutuzov.

A memorial site dedicated to the frontier was opened on May 6, 2016, and is now available for visit to everyone.

The memorial trail stretches from the village of Pryazha to Matrosy – about 2,500 fighters died here defending their Fatherland. The names of those who died at Height 168.5 became known thanks to the search engines of the regional organization "Search Teams 'Passing the Torch to the New Generation'", headed by a member of the Civic Chamber Ilya Gerasev. A chapel was built at Height 168.5 memorial in memory of the soldiers who died in Petrozavodsk.

May 19 – Draft laws on the creation of the Russian Movement of Children and Youth are submitted to the State Duma of the Russian Federation

PUBLIC EVALUATION OF DRAFT LAWS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RUSSIAN MOVEMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH

On May 31, the Civic Chamber held a public evaluation of draft laws on establishing the Russian Movement of Children and Youth. Its participants appreciated the significance of the draft laws, stressed the conformity of the declared goals of establishing the Movement with the provisions of Article 67.1 of the Constitution of the Russian Federation, based on which children are the top priority of the Russian state policy. The Civic Chamber proposals were reflected in the final version of the draft law on establishing the new children and youth movement. The law was signed on July 14 by the Russian President.



JUNE

June 1 – Children's Day

PROJECT "HELLO, MOM"

The "Hello, Mom" project is a new maternity care policy aimed at improving the demographic situation in Russia.

The project provides for analyzing the current situation in the regions in family and demographic policy, the development and implementation of the "Algorithm for the work of antenatal clinics with women of reproductive age", including training of physicians, a comprehensive rebranding of antenatal clinics, presenting a gift with information materials for young mothers and necessities for newborns.

The goal of the project is to reduce the number of abortions, to motivate women of childbearing age to have regular medical examinations and to establish a responsible attitude to their health.

ACTION OF THE CIVIC CHAMBER FOR THE WARDS OF CHILDREN'S SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS IN MOSCOW, TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH CHILDREN'S DAY

On International Children's Day, the Civic Chamber hosted a children's party for children in social institutions, kindergartens, and schoolchildren in Moscow. Particular importance was attached to the issues of nature conservation and love for animals through the program. Charitable foundations, which became co-hosts of the action, held useful workshops and interactive lectures.

EXPERT INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S CLUB

The project aims to expand international cooperation between Russian and foreign organizations for participants aged under 18.

During 2022, 15 breakout workshops were held, at which experts in education, youth policy, and representatives of executive authorities and SO NPOs discussed international projects on topical issues of education. The club is attended by experts from 4 countries: Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.

The project is being implemented by ANO ASTIK sponsored by the Civic Chamber Commission on Youth, Volunteerism, and Patriotic Education.

PROJECT “PROFESSIONAL BABYSITTERS FOR CHILDREN!”

Since 2019, supported by the Civic Chamber, the Ministry of Education of the Russian Federation and the Presidential Grants Foundation, the SoSeDI (Neighbors) Interregional Charitable Public Organization has been implementing the “Professional babysitters for children!” project on establishing a system of vocational training and voluntary certification of nannies in the regions.

The project involves 20 Russian regions, where 28 vocational training and certification centers for nannies have been set up, and over 1,000 specialists have been trained, including those certified under the Federal Employment Promotion project. More than 300 babysitters have been certified in the system of voluntary certification of the quality of services “Nursing and Care – Quality Standard”.

June 12 – Day of Russia

CIVIC CHAMBER PARTICIPATION IN A FESTIVE CONCERT ON RED SQUARE

On this day, many solemn and festive events are held in all Russian cities participated by citizens of every age. In the Kremlin, the President of Russia presents State Prizes, and the main celebrations take place on Red Square and end up with fireworks.

The Civic Chamber was represented at the gala concert on Red Square by volunteers from the Volunteer Corps.

June 15-18 – St. Petersburg International Economic Forum

BREAKOUT SESSIONS OF THE CIVIC CHAMBER AS PART OF THE SPIEF BUSINESS PROGRAM

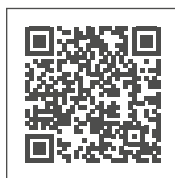
Members of the Civic Chamber took part in the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum both as speakers and as organizers of panel discussions on titles such as: “Health of generations at the heart of demographic policy”, “Sport without barriers: new scenarios and formats”, “Common talking about rare diseases: drug therapy perspectives”, and “Vaccine production: international cooperation for health”.

June 14 – World Blood Donor Day

ALL-RUSSIAN ACTION “#CULTURE FOR DONATION, #CULTURAL CODE FOR DONOR”, TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH THE YEAR OF CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE RUSSIAN PEOPLES

The action aims to involve cultural workers and custodians of the cultural heritage of the Russian peoples in the donor movement and raising the level of public awareness on various aspects of blood and bone marrow donation.

The project is being implemented by the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Health Care and Public Health Development together with the Coordination Council under the Civic Chamber for Blood Donation and the National Health Development Foundation.



BONE MARROW DONATION PROJECT. DEVELOPMENT OF THE FEDERAL REGISTRY OF BONE MARROW AND HEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELL DONORS

As part of the work to create a unified state system of bone marrow donation required for the treatment of patients with oncohematological diseases, a bank of information and methodological materials was established in cooperation with experts. The bank includes reliable information on donation issues: video interviews, infographics, posters, brochures, booklets, and landing page “Your help = life”. The first training mini-course in Russia on the SkillCup and Stepik educational platforms entitled “Bone marrow donation in Russia in 2022: facts, myths, plans” was elaborated. A model of the action “Your priceless gift” was further developed and tested.

The project is being implemented by the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Health Care and Public Health Development together with the Coordination Council under the Civic Chamber for Blood Donation and the National Health Development Foundation.

“DEVELOPMENT OF BLOOD DONATION AND BONE MARROW DONATION IN RUSSIA. COOPERATION STRATEGY WITH NEW REGIONS”

The project is being implemented in exchanging experience and practices and organizing the activities of the blood service, the development of blood and bone marrow donation for successfully integrating the blood service of new territories into the system that has developed in Russia. The project involves a series of communication platforms with wide involvement of representatives of government bodies, the blood service of the Russian regions, SO NPOs, volunteers and organizers of the donor movement.

The project is being implemented by the Commission of the Civic Chamber on Public Health Protection and Health Care Development together with the Coordination Council under the Civic Chamber for Blood Donation and the National Health Development Foundation.

June 18 – International Mediation Day

WORKING GROUP ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL CONFLICTS MEDIATION

The Working Group on the Development of Social Conflicts Mediation assists in tackling social conflicts in the regions upon application to the Civic Chamber, participates in rule-making activities, and extends methodological support in integrating mediation technologies.

Mediation issues were reflected in the opinion of the Civic Chamber on the results of the examination of the draft Federal Law No. 190070-8 “On Amendments to the Federal Law “On the Protection of the Rights and Legitimate Interests of Individuals in the Implementation of Activities for the Return of Overdue Debts’ and on Amendments to the Federal Law ‘On Microfinance Activities and Microfinance Organizations’”.



June 20-27 – 2022 Sustainability Week in Russia

PROJECT “PUBLIC ASSURANCE OF PUBLIC NONFINANCIAL REPORTING IN ESG AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”

Responding to public requests, the Civic Chamber supported the initiative to implement a project for

public assurance of nonfinancial reporting of Russian companies, acting as the initiator and sponsor of a platform where nonfinancial reports issued by organizations, regions and authorities will be discussed and certified.

The institution of public assurance of nonfinancial reporting being established by the Civic Chamber will provide an independent assessment of activities in sustainable development.

The project operator is the Coordination Council under the Civic Chamber for Environmental, Social Responsibility and Corporate Governance (ESG) and Sustainable Development. The rating partner is the RAEX agency.



JULY

JULY 12-13 – “COMMUNITY” FORUM IN LIPETSK

The topic of the second forum of the Civic Chamber in 2022 was “Regions of the Future: Development for People”.

As part of the forum, such topics as interaction between the public of Russia and the Donbass, economic and territorial development of the regions, population involvement in expanding the infrastructure of cities and small territories, the work of social lifts, the reduction of regional disproportions in the development of NPOs, issues of fertility and methods of preserving the reproductive health and other socially significant topics were extensively discussed.



July 8 – Day of Family, Love and Fidelity

PHOTO CONTEST “RUSSIAN FAMILY – FROM DIVERSITY TO SELF-IDENTITY”

The photo project aims to strengthen traditional family values and intergenerational ties, folk traditions, and culture.

The competition was held in six nominations: “Large generation family”, “Large young family”, “Large sports family”, “Large multinational family”, “Large family – the keeper of traditions”, and “People’s Choice Award”. Three winner families were picked in each nomination.

The sponsors are the Civic Chamber Commission on Demography, Protection of Family, Children, and Traditional Family Values, the Civic Chamber Commission on Harmonization of Interethnic and Interreligious Relations, and the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Sakha (Yakutia) under the President of the Russian Federation.

MULTILATERAL AGREEMENTS IN PRESERVATION OF TRADITIONAL VALUES

The Civic Chamber Commission on Demography, Protection of Family, Children, and Traditional Family Values is implementing a project to sign multilateral agreements on cooperation in the field of preserving traditional values, strengthening the institution of family and marriage.

The agreements lay down the basis for public partnership to preserve and strengthen the spiritual and moral traditions of family relations in the interests of the family, parents, younger and future generations, as well as demographic development based on traditional family values in the Russian regions.

In 2022, the first agreements were signed: as part of the I Far Eastern ethno-confessional family forum “Territory of Consent” in the Jewish Autonomous Region (October 12) and on the sidelines of the V Moscow Regional Forum “Father, Fatherhood, Fatherland”, held at the site of the Government of the Moscow Region in Krasnogorsk (December 5).

AUGUST

13 August – Athlete Day

PUBLIC HEARINGS “READY FOR LABOR AND DEFENSE: RESULTS AND PROSPECTS – 2021”

Public monitoring of the implementation of the norms “Ready for Labor and Defense” of the Civic Chamber is regularly carried out jointly with the Ministry of Sport of the Russian Federation.

The task of monitoring is to elaborate recommendations for improving and popularizing the RLD complex. In 2022, 810 people coming from 42 regions of Russia took

part in it. The monitoring participants drew attention to the need to elaborate a motivation system for the widest possible involvement of Russian citizens in RLD events.

As a result of the monitoring, the Civic Chamber proposals on the further development of the “Ready for Labor and Defense” system were submitted to the Minister of Sports of the Russian Federation.

ALL-RUSSIAN COMPETITION “BEST PRACTICES FOR PROMOTING HEALTHY LIFESTYLE IN RUSSIA”

The competition aims to promote and form a healthy lifestyle among the Russian population and draw public attention to the importance of addressing issues of protecting the health of citizens, including their workplaces.

Authors or representatives of projects on the topic of a healthy lifestyle, physical education teachers and trainers, representatives of centers and organizations for the reintegration of citizen health, students, representatives of public organizations, companies, scientists and youth can take part in the competition. The competition features five nominations.

The competition is implemented by the Civic Chamber Commission on Physical Training and Promotion of Healthy Lifestyle.



14 August – International Day of Rules of the Road

ROAD TRAPS PROJECT

The project aims to identify sections on Russian roads where conditions are artificially created for traffic violations by motorists, and facilitating the promptest elimination of identified problem areas.

As part of the project, a hotline operates on the Civic Chamber website, through which users can report a problem.

The project is sponsored by the Main Directorate for Road Safety of the Ministry of the Interior of the Russian Federation, the Commission on Security and Cooperation with Public Supervisory Commissions, as well as the Information Center for Roads “Informavtodor”.

PROJECT “PUBLIC AMENDMENTS TO TRAFFIC RULES”

In 2022, the Civic Chamber launched the project “Public amendments to traffic rules”, in which citizen proposals were collected on changes to the Rules of the Road.

Citizen proposals formed the basis of the draft amendments to the Rules of the Road, which were submitted by the Civic Chamber for consideration to the relevant departments. Most of the civil society proposals have been taken into account in the new document edition.



25-26 AUGUST – “COMMUNITY” FORUM IN KAZAN

The topic of the third “Community” forum in 2022 was “Russia: Diversity of Cultures, Unity of Citizens”.

The key message of discussion was the diversity and unity of the cultures of the Russian peoples. As part of the forum, representatives of NPOs, civil activists, volunteers, journalists, businessmen, officials of the federal and regional levels addressed topical issues of preserving and promoting the cultural heritage of the Russian peoples, the foundations for consolidating Russian society, strengthening the unity of the multinational people of Russia, measures to support large families, digitalizing the third sector of the economy, etc.



SEPTEMBER

September 1 – Day of Knowledge

PROJECT “USEFUL. HOT. YOURS. PUBLIC OVERSIGHT OF SCHOOL MEAL”

As part of monitoring the implementation of the national projects “Education” and “Demography”, the Civic Chamber Commission on Examination of Socially Significant Draft Laws and Other Legislative

Initiatives, together with the civic chambers of the Russian regions, elaborated a “road map”, mechanisms, forms, methods for exercising parental control over the quality of school meals.

In a two-year period, the project implemented such events as the All-Russian competition “The Best School Canteen”, the competition among high school students “We Decide for Ourselves”, where schoolchildren would create dishes for the school cafeteria, draw up a technological map, prepare and give creative names to their culinary projects.

September 5 – International Day of Charity

CHARITY ACTION “PEOPLE’S LUNCH”

The Civic Chamber hosted a charity event “People’s Lunch”. Members of the Civic Chamber and the Volunteer Corps prepared food packages of 3.5 tons of products for the elderly, low-income citizens, and large families.

The project aims to a constant capacity of providing people with meals involving high-quality natural products.

September 9-11 – Nationwide day of voting in the Russian Federation

PUBLIC OVERSIGHT OVER THE VOTING ON SEPTEMBER 9-11

In 2022, the Civic Chamber took part in monitoring the voting, including remote electronic voting (REV) on September 9-11. 51,000 observers underwent preliminary training and received the “Gold Standard” developed by the Civic Chamber jointly with the Central Election Commission of Russia for use on the Nationwide day of voting. In addition, volunteer call center operators held 19.702 communication sessions with observers.



INTERNATIONAL ELECTION OBSERVATION PROJECT

With ten-year track record in arranging public monitoring of electoral processes in Russia and

abroad, in 2022 the Civic Chamber, supported by the Russian Foreign Ministry, initiated the dispatch of its own observation missions to those countries where local legislation provides for that.

International observation is implemented in the format of deployment of the Civic Chamber observation missions and is aimed at ensuring the transparency and legality of the electoral process. The mission members receive the status of international observers.

In 2022, observation missions were arranged at various level elections held in Abkhazia, Serbia, South Ossetia, Lebanon, the Republic of the Congo, Senegal, Kenya, Angola, Nepal, and Tunisia.



September 23–27 – Referenda on the LPR, DPR, Zaporozhye and Kherson regions joining Russia

PUBLIC OBSERVATION OVER THE REFERENDA ON THE DPR, LPR AND THE LIBERATED PARTS OF THE ZAPOROZHYE AND KHERSON REGIONS JOINING RUSSIA

A situational referendum observation center was deployed at the Civic Chamber, which monitored the progress of voting in referenda and the counting of votes, received calls and messages from the field, and contacted public observers and international experts who worked at the polling stations from September 23 to September 27, 2022.

All the work of the situational center for real-time referenda monitoring was covered at press briefings held nonstop at the Civic Chamber. During the briefings, 78 experts delivered their speeches, and the total time of their broadcast exceeded 26 hours.

September 26 – In 43 country regions, the Civic Chamber Council approved new Public Supervisory Commissions compositions

TRAINING WORKSHOPS FOR PSC CANDIDATES

To facilitate the implementation of state policy in ensuring human rights in places of detention, the Civic Chamber forms public supervisory commissions (PSC) of the regions of Russia.

Since 2022, the Civic Chamber has been implementing a project to organize seminars for candidates for new PSCs. The project is aimed at education and training of candidates for members of public supervisory commissions and is conducted in regions where their composition is to be rotated. In 2022, seminars were held in 55 regions of Russia.

OCTOBER

October 4 – World Animal Day

ALL-RUSSIAN CHARITY CAMPAIGN “TAKE A FRIEND FROM A SHELTER”

The action aims to form a responsible attitude towards animals in society and to popularize the practice of contacting shelters to choose a pet through information work, drawing the attention of famous people, the expert community to the problem, public control over the state of shelters and animal keeping.

Shelters that keep animals in good conditions also need the volunteer help, so they will be shortlisted by verified organizations for support and assistance.

October 5 – Teacher’s Day

SCHOOL OF DREAMS EXPEDITION

The project is expected to end up with the establishment of a bank of practical solutions to help schools organize a comfortable, safe and modern educational environment that will inspire and motivate children to learn, create and cultivate their talents. The first results were design solutions for public schools in need of major renovation, developed by students based on the experience gained and meeting the main criteria of modern educational systems.

The first expedition “School of Dreams” took place from 16 to 23 October 2022. Students from 9 Russian cities took part in it. The project is sponsored by the Civic Chamber.

OCTOBER 6-7 – “COMMUNITY” FORUM IN PETROZAVODSK

The topic of the “Community” forum in Petrozavodsk was “Consolidation of Social Forces: Sustainable Country Development”.

41 events were held within the “Community” forum, as part of which patriotic education, support for mothers of children with orphan diseases, improvement of the local self-government system, issues of active longevity and public health, and cross-border cooperation of NPOs were addressed.

As part of the forum, the participants visited the memorial place Height 168.5, dedicated to the defense of Petrozavodsk during the Great Patriotic War.



NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 2-3 – FINAL “COMMUNITY” FORUM IN MOSCOW

The topic of the 2022 final “Community” forum is “Popular Unity: Sovereignty, Creation and Justice!” The forum was held at the Victory Museum in Moscow.

As part of the final forum events, the results of projects implemented by the Civic Chamber were presented – the “Region-NPO” rating, the rating of public council work efficiency in 2022.

The winners of the Civic Chamber’s award “We do not leave our men behind!”, the national award “Young Specialist of the Year” were received their prizes, socially significant projects were presented – “Hello, Mom”, All-Russian Campaign “ZooFriend”, “Public oversight over the voting”, “Memorable Places of Karelia”, “Family photo chronicles of the Great Patriotic War”, “Road traps”, and others.

The forum was attended by 4,615 people and hosted 60 events.



REGIONAL RATING OF THE THIRD SECTOR “REGION-NPO”

Since 2020, the Civic Chamber and the RAEX rating agency have been preparing a regional rating of the third sector “Region-NPO”, covering all regions

of Russia and encompassing such factors as the economic importance of the nonprofit sector in the region, the sustainability of its existence, support for NPOs by regional authorities, the social relevance of the nonprofit sector, and others.

The study results reveal an imbalance in the nonprofit sector development in different regions. The Russian regions are working throughout the year on mechanisms to overcome the existing imbalances.



NATIONAL AWARD “YOUNG SPECIALIST OF THE YEAR”

On November 2, as part of the final forum “Community”, the winners of the National Award “Young Specialist of the Year” received their prize. The award was established to promote the value of professionalism and work among the youth, identify and encourage leaders of the communities of young professionals in organizations and enterprises, as well as motivate employers and regional authorities to create the most favorable environment for self-realization of young people and create opportunities for the active involvement of young people into the social and economic activity. The award provides for three categories of participants – “Young Professionals”, “Employers”, “Russian Regions”.



RATING OF PUBLIC COUNCILS UNDER FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BODIES

To analyze work performance of public councils, the Civic Chamber initiated the release of the annual rating of public councils under the federal executive bodies. Together with the rating partner, a rating methodology was elaborated that considers efficiency, organizational work and technical support, information openness, quality of expertise, and a number of other parameters.

The pilot rating project was presented at the end of 2021.

RESEARCH PROJECT “NPO INVOLVEMENT IN THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC SERVICES IN THE SOCIAL AREA”

In 2022, the Civic Chamber prepared the second Special Report “NPO Involvement in the Provision of Public Services in the Social Area in 2020-2021”, which introduces a set of recommendations aimed at expanding the participation of nonstate providers in the provision of public services in the social area in modern social and economic conditions.

November 4 – National Unity Day

BREAKOUT SESSIONS OF THE CIVIC CHAMBER DEDICATED TO THE UNITY OF RUSSIAN SOCIETY

Sponsored by the Civic Chamber, the International Online Forum “Linguistic Diversity as the Basis of the Ethnic and Cultural Identity of the Peoples of Eurasia”, the conference “The Importance of the Teachings of Saints Kirill and Methodius for the Preservation of Slavic Civilization”, the scientific and practical conference “The Role of the Religious Factor in the Formation of the All-Russian Civil Identity”, III All-Russian conference “Sustainable development of the ethnocultural sector”, round table “Cultural heritage of the peoples of Russia: the continuity of generations”, and a number of other events designed to strengthen and expand the unity of the Russian nation.

ALL-RUSSIAN FORUM OF SPECIALISTS IN THE EDUCATION SYSTEM “CULTIVATING A CITIZEN”

The forum was attended by representatives of the Ministry of Education of the Russian Federation, the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation, Rosmolodezh (Federal Agency for Youth Affairs), specialists from pedagogical universities, representatives of all-Russian patriotic NPOs, and educational organizations of every level.

As part of the forum, 5 breakout workshops were held: “Effective technologies and key issues of civic education”, “Preservation of historical memory as the basis of patriotic education”, “Promotion of the achievements of the country and native land. International cooperation”, “Problems of popularization of military service and volunteering”, “Conversations about the important: successful experience and proposals”, and “The role of museums in patriotic education”.

DECEMBER

December 3 – International Day of Persons with Disabilities

ALL-RUSSIAN “LESSONS OF KINDNESS”

The Civic Chamber and its partners have been conducting all-Russian “Lessons of Kindness” for several years, which contribute to positive attitudes, mutual respect, and a sense of equality between children with and without disabilities.

In 2022, methodological recommendations for conducting “Lessons of Kindness” were prepared and submitted to the civic chambers of the Russian regions. They contain the definition of the goals and objectives of the Lessons of Kindness, characteristics of their structure and stages, methodological materials, as well as sample lesson notes, plans for integrated activities with parents, and interactive teaching methods.

REGION OF INCLUSION PROJECT

The project aims to demonstrate the best practices from across the country to involve people with disabilities in active social life. As part of the project, in 2022, the “Baikal: One for All” camp was set up, which worked for 10 days. It was attended by 65 people.

The project also resulted in the release of the methodological manual “Inclusive Practices for Organizing and Conducting Summer Vacations for Families of Preschool Children with Disabilities”.

ACCESSIBILITY RATING OF INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITIES

Based on the instructions of the Russian President, the Civic Chamber has elaborated a methodology for user rating of infrastructure facilities in terms of their accessibility for people with disabilities.

Assessment of the availability of infrastructure facilities is already possible in the Yandex.Maps application.

PROJECT “IMPROVING ACCESS TO FINANCIAL SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES”

Based on the instructions of the Russian President, the Bank of Russia and the Civic Chamber are implementing a project to enhance the availability of financial

services for people with disabilities, as well as to protect vulnerable groups of citizens from financial fraud.

The Civic Chamber ran a poll and identified the key directions for enhancing financial service availability, as well as measures to counter financial fraud in relation to the disabled, pensioners, and other socially unprotected social categories.

WHITE CANE INTERNATIONAL CHARITY FESTIVAL

The White Cane International Charity Festival is a project sponsored by the Civic Chamber and the Diana Gurtuskaya Charitable Foundation for Assistance to Blind and Visually Impaired Children "At the Call of the Heart". The project establishes a unique communicative environment and communication through art and music.

Exhibitions, screenings of films with audio commentary, excursions to Moscow museums, and visiting programs in the regions of Russia were arranged as part of the Festival.

December 3 – Lawyer’s Day

A SERIES OF EVENTS ON THE TOPIC “THE ROLE OF SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IN THE CAREER OF A YOUNG LAWYER” AS PART OF THE “COMMUNITY” FORUM

As part of the “Community” forums in Russian cities (Lipetsk, Kazan, Petrozavodsk), educational meetings were held between public figures, law representatives,

well-known experts, human rights activists and representatives of the youth legal community of Russian regions.

An open discussion was held at the meeting venues, as part of which topical and exciting topics for young people were addressed. Young lawyers had the opportunity to share their projects and ideas with well-known experts.

December 31 – January 1 – New Year’s Eve

DECEMBER 3-25 – CHILDREN CHRISTMAS TREE SEASON IN THE CIVIC CHAMBER

For several years, on the New Year’s Eve, the Civic Chamber has become a venue for children’s Christmas trees for wards of charitable foundations and social institutions. The events are held with the wide involvement of members of the Civic Chamber, charitable foundations, and community-focused NPOs.

During the season of children’s Christmas trees, the Civic Chamber partners were the charitable foundations “Arithmetic of Good”, “Runway”, “Lifestyle”, the children’s hospice “House with a Lighthouse”, the “Circle of Kindness” Foundation, and others.

