

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FREYA VON MOLTKE FOUNDATION 2015

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In 2015 the *Freya von Moltke Foundation* celebrated its tenth anniversary. Although the foundation was officially registered in December 2004, the date we all like to look back on as the starting point was the ceremony in Berlin in June 2005: historian Karl Schlögel delivered a speech on the place Kreisau yesterday and today, a wonderful concert was given to us by the *Mecklenburg-Vorpommern Music Festival* and Freya von Moltke herself spoke to the guests in her own impressive, charismatic way.

Since 2005 we were able to win more and more people to support Kreisau and its mission. Over the years they donated a very considerable sum: While the founders collected €130,000 in 2005, the capital stock today amounts to €1,700,000. On top of that hundred thousands of Euros were given to us to support our work and Kreisau directly. We celebrated this successful development this September: About 400 friends and supporters of the foundation enjoyed a wonderful **concert** brought to us by “**Krzyżowa Music**“. This project, being initiated by members of the foundation’s board, premiered in Kreisau this summer.



Eva Luise Köhler and former German president Horst Köhler during the anniversary concert in Berlin © Monika Lawrenz



The discussants on stage during the Kreisau Talk: Uğur Elhan, Grigory Okhotin, Visar Duriqi, Heba Ledwon © Monika Lawrenz

On the same day we invited more than one hundred pupils to the “**Kreisau Talk on Resistance and Civic Courage Today**“. Four young activists – Heba Ledwon from Egypt, Visar Duriqi from Kosovo, Grigory Okhotin from Russia and Uğur Elhan from Turkey – who fight for democracy and freedom of speech in their home countries, discussed issues like courage, resistance and the personal responsibility for our democracy with the youngsters.

All in all in 2015 we were looking back on what we achieved in the last ten years, but also making plans for the future. Our goal is to reach even more people with our message of the New Kreisau. We want to grow, also financially, in order to be able to support Kreisau regularly even in times of an unstable financial market.

Our goal is also to inspire interesting projects in Kreisau. That’s why we support the project “**Krzyżowa Music**“ with donations given on the occasion of our anniversary – we very much hope that the project can take place 2016 as well, continuing the great work of this summer’s edition.

An important part of our everyday work are of course public relations. This year our managing director Dr. Agnieszka von Zanthier had the amazing opportunity to deliver the **keynote speech** to the participants of the **Deutscher Stiftungstag 2015**, the most important event of the year for German foundations. We are also happy to announce that the **documentary on Freya von Moltke**, on which Antje Starost und Hans Helmut

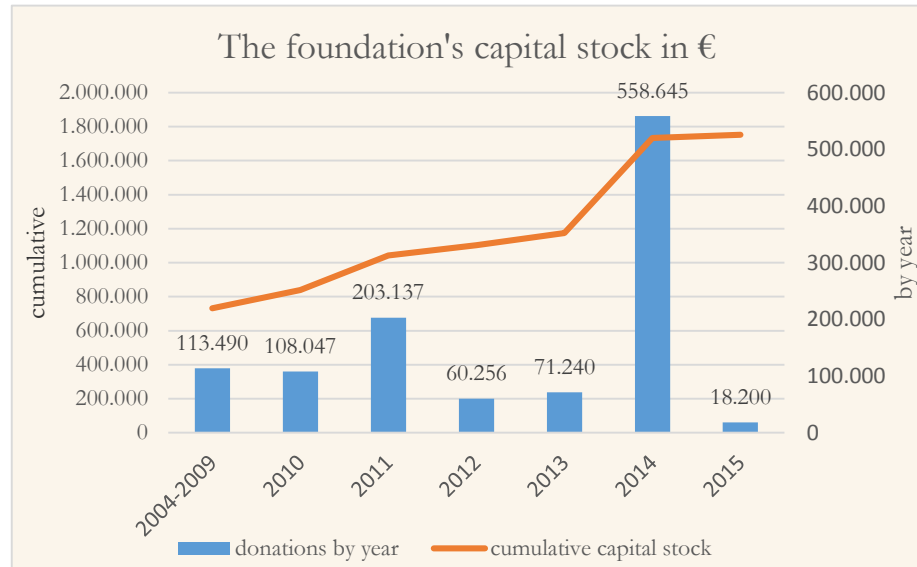


The Kreisau trip in May 2015

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Grotjahn have been working for years, is now secured financially and will be finished next year. Our annual **Kreisau Journey** was joined by more than 50 old and new friends – our main focus this year was the political situation in Russia and Ukraine. A **new brochure** in German language was published, presenting Kreisau and our work.

During the reporting period seven **new donors** and two new young donors decided to support us. 37 of our already active donors have decided to support us with a new donation. All in all we received donations with a total amount of €35,300 during the reporting period. Our **capital stock** amounted to €1,751,555 by the end of September.



We are happy that more than 260 benefactors gave us further gifts of €43,701. An additional amount of €90,583 was given directly to the project “Krzyżowa Music“.

We would like to thank everyone for supporting us!

The foundation’s **expenses** for the work of Kreisau during the report period amounted to €44,047. The vast majority of this sum was provided as grants for a number of youth projects and spent on public relations.

The beginning of 2016 will mark a notable **change in our office**: Esther Reichert, who has been with us for five years, and Joanna Bars are leaving the foundation. We are looking for a new coordinator and an assistant for our Berlin office right now. We are happy to announce that Laura Brüggemann, intern during the preparations for the “Kreisau Talk”, will join us in December. We wish all the best to Esther and Joanna and say a warm welcome to our new staff members.

In March 2016 our **Young Donors** will meet again. The topic will be “Women in the German Resistance”. **Next year’s Kreisau Journey** will take place on **30.9.–3.10.2016**. Feel free to join us!

More information can be found in the full version of the report – available in German language. We will be happy to send it to you upon request – or you can just download it from our website.