

FREYA VON MOLTKE-STIFTUNG
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FREYA VON MOLTKE FOUNDATION

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The European crises and in particular the crisis of open societies, constantly raise the question of how sustainable the EU community of values is. They do not remain without consequences for the New Kreisau and for the orientation of our Foundation activities. The New Kreisau is a European place that builds bridges between past and present, between people and nations, and encourages young Europeans to show solidarity, empathy and civic involvement. As such, in this situation it offers the hope that young people, who embrace the values of the democratic and constitutional principles during their stay in Kreisau, will not be enemies in the future and - when it matters - will stand courageously towards Europe. The *Freya von Moltke Foundation*, together with all its supporters, aims to ensure the existence of Kreisau today and in the future, so that it can continue its important work!

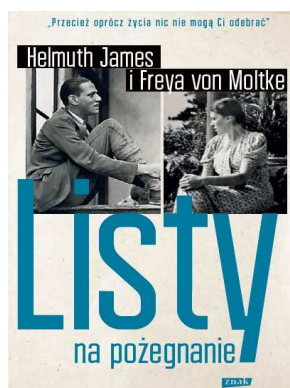
Since its founding at the end of December 2004, our Foundation has made in fulfillment of its purpose expenditures amounting to more than € 717,287. Of these, approx. € 367,600 were directly dedicated to projects and the staffing of the memorial and meeting site Kreisau (*Begegnungs- und Gedenkstätte Kreisau*). The other funds were spent on projects of the Foundation as well as on the public relations work, from which - as the growing number of participants and visitors in Kreisau prove - the meeting site benefited. During the reporting period, the Foundation supported the following projects: "Forum Dialog – stark in der Vielfalt" (Forum Dialogue - Strong in Diversity: € 2,000), "360° Europe - Die EU, (k)eine runde Sache?" (€ 2,000), "Citizen Journalists on Tour 2017: Countering Hate Speech" (€ 1,500), *Krzyżowa Music* (€ 10,586) and "Local in Global" (€ 1,500). A total of € 6,000 is still pending for further funding this year.

Moreover, in the past few months we have been able to realize several projects dedicated to the heritage of the Kreisau Circle. It was our goal to inform people in Germany - and beyond - about the history of the circle and to raise the awareness for Kreisau as a site of European youth encounters and European understanding. Among the projects are the **previews of the film "Freya – Love in the Time of Resistance"** to which we invited in Cologne and in Berlin at the beginning of April. The documentary film on Freya von Moltke was completed in autumn 2016. Excerpts from the correspondence between Freya and Helmuth James von Moltke, which were read by famous actors Nina Hoss and Ulrich Mathes, allow the audience to participate in an intimate, very personal exchange. Thus, the strong relationship of Freya and Helmuth James and their deep love is vividly depicted. An interview with Freya, which permeates the film, emphasizes her strong personality, her life-affirming attitude and her humor in an impressive way. The film was reviewed very positively and can still be seen in selected cinemas throughout Germany. The DVD - with English and Polish subtitles - is now available in bookstores and on *Amazon*.



Helmuth Caspar von Moltke, Antje Starost (author), Eduard Barnstein (film distribution), Hans Helmuth Grotjahn (author) and Ulrich Mathes at the premiere screening
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At the same time, in cooperation with the *Memorial Foundation for July 20, 1944*, the *Protestant parish of St. Petri-St. Marien* and the Catholic *Memorial Church Maria Regina Martyrum* the performance of a special version of the **St. John Passion** of Johann Sebastian Bach with the title **"Die Freiheit, die Fesseln trägt"** ("The freedom that carries shackles") was realized. In Bach's work, texts from the Nazi trials against the Jesuit Father Alfred Delp and the evangelical Christian Helmut James von Moltke as well as excerpts from their farewell letters were integrated in scenic passages. The performances had a total of 850 visitors, including 90 young people, to whom we provided free tickets.



This year's September, on the initiative of our Foundation, the **"farewell letters" of Freya and Helmut James von Moltke were published in Polish language** by the renowned Krakow based publisher ZNAK. The correspondence was abridged by about 40% of the original text, but all significant elements - such as expressions of emotion, faith and humor, as well as descriptions of the last months of the war - were retained in the final version. From the end of 2016 to July 2017, the translator Grażyna Prawda and Dr. Agnieszka v. Zanthier worked on these texts. The former Archbishop of Opole, who celebrated the reconciliation mass in Kreisau in 1989, has contributed a moving word of greeting to the book. The (first) edition constitutes 2,500 copies. In October, the book was presented in Krakow, in November in Wrocław, further presentations in Warsaw and Poznań will follow in 2018. Up to 1,000 copies of the book will be provided to Polish schools and university libraries by the *Kreisau Foundation*.

During our traditional **Kreisau Journey** in September, we spent intensive days together and reflected upon the constitution of Europe. Together with Robert Żurek, Board Member of the *Kreisau Foundation*, and the publisher Adam Krzemiński, we talked about Poland's developments in the European context. The lawyer and journalist Liane Bednarz spoke about the New Right in Germany and about its misuse of the resistance against National Socialism for politi-

cal purposes. Dr. Brigitte Kather, headmistress, lecturer and counselor for democratic school development, shared the results of her ten-year study on the sustainability of youth projects on resistance. A day trip to Wrocław and a short visit to the Hirschberg Valley, the popular summer resort of the Prussian and European nobility in the 18th and 19th centuries, which offers a beautiful cultural landscape with its countless castles and parks, completed the program. **The next Kreisau Journey will take place from 20th to 23rd of September 2018.** Details about the journey will be available in June 2018.

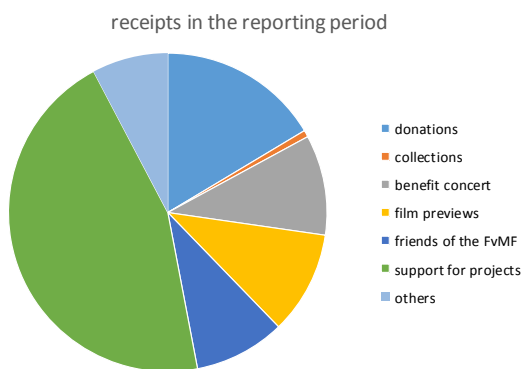
On the 2nd of September *Krzyżowa Music* played at a benefit concert for our Foundation in the Small Broadcasting Hall of the *Rundfunk Berlin-Brandenburg (RBB)*. The participants of the stunning music project, which took place in Kreisau for the third time this year, delighted the audience with pieces by César Franck and Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy. A small reception after the concert was a welcomed opportunity for lively conversations among the visitors. Thanks to the generous donations and the RBB, which provided us with the location, the gift of the musicians and the project management - Viviane Hagner and Matthias von Hülsen - generated a considerable amount of € 14,407. With a portion of the funds, we are promoting the project "Together for Europe", in which young people from Germany, France and Poland will discuss topics such as flight and migration, problems and opportunities for political participation, threats to democracy and legality as well as their solution approaches. From the remaining funds, in 2018 we would also like to support the work of the *European Academy Kreisau*, whose programs are especially aiming at students and young adults.



Benefit concert by *Krzyżowa Music*; f.l.t.r. Dr. Matthias von Hülsen, Matan Porat, Brandon Garbot, Mark Schumann, Katharina Kang, Erik Schumann, Liisa Randalu, Viviane Hagner and Ken Schumann
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To our great delight, the newly elected German Federal President, Frank Walter Steinmeier, has assumed the **patronage** of our Foundation. There were also changes in the **committees**. Dr. Axel Smend, previously a member of the Advisory Board, was elected to the Board of Trustees in April. Alois Glück, whom we thank for his many years of accompanying our Foundation, left the Advisory Board. Due to his commitment as the General Manager of *Krzyżowa Music*, Dr. Matthias v. Hülsen resigned from his post as Deputy Chairman of the Board of Trustees. His successor is Christine von Arnim, whom we would like to thank especially for her energetic support in this eventful year.

Our small **Team** has occasionally experienced a welcome personnel support. For a period of two months in spring and in summer Felix Pawlowski and Ilja Weikum joined and supported our Team. In August, our Young Donor Greet Stichel took care of the new media as an intern: The fascinating photo series she produced in the footsteps of the Kreisau Circle in Berlin can be found on Instagram. Thanks to this support, our small Foundation Team - Agnieszka von Zanthier and Thomas Runge, as well as Laura Brüggemann and Franziska Fischer as student assistants - could succeed in realizing the great number of this year's events and projects in addition to the usual administrative and organizational work.



The **Foundation's capital** grew by € 22,831 to € 1,906,895. In addition, the Foundation has received € 89,049 in **donations**, the highest amount in years! Moreover, 85,783 € came from **endowments** for projects: € 20,338 for the "St. John Passion", € 13,600 for the Polish edition of the "farewell letters", € 10,090 for *Krzyżowa Music*, € 29,850 for the Polish version of the film "Freya – Love in the Time of Resistance", as well as its screenings in Poland, which will take place in the course of a large project for more than one and a half thousand young people in 2018.

During the reporting period, the **Foundation's capital** yielded € 45,222. The average interest rate on foundation capital is currently just over 2%. Like many small but also large foundations, our Foundation requires a great deal of staying power to survive the low-interest phase.

For this reason and more than ever before we depend on your support. We are very pleased that our founders and donors are so loyal and generous to us. Thank you very much for your continuous support!

The full version of the annual report (available in German language) will provide you with more detailed information and can be ordered with the enclosed form or downloaded from our website.

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