



**SUBSTANTIVE REPORT
ON THE FOUNDATION'S ACTIVITY IN 2019**

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The Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation was established in January 2009 by Władysław Bartoszewski. Its main objective is to finance conservatory work at the Memorial Site Auschwitz-Birkenau. In order to achieve this, the Foundation should collect at least 176 million Euros for the Perpetual Capital, the profits from which will cover the costs of implementation of the Master Plan for Preservation.

I. FORMAL INFORMATION

Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation
KRS (National Court Register) No: 0000328383,
REGON (statistical number): 141817074.
Registered office:
Warsaw (00-534), ul. Mokotowska 56/9

Official website: www.fundacja.auschwitz.org

In 2019 the Foundation was managed by the Management Board. Its members are:

Piotr M.A. Cywiński – President of the Board
Rafał Pióro – Vice-President of the Board¹
Łukasz Rozdeiczer-Kryszkowski – Vice-President of the Board
Wojciech Soczewica – Member of the Board
Elwir Świętochowski – Member of the Board

The principles, forms and the extent of the Foundation's statutory activity are detailed in the uniform text of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation Statutes, adopted by the Council of the Foundation by Resolution No. 3/2011 of May 31, 2011. The document has been published at the Foundation's official website.

The detailed information regarding the Foundation's property and financial condition, financial result and profitability has been included in the Financial Statement for 2019. The document has been published at the Foundation's official website:
www.fundacja.auschwitz.org.

The most important information included in the Financial Statement of the Foundation for 2019 is presented below.

In November 2011, the Foundation was assigned the status of a Public Benefit Organization, which means that individuals paying income tax in Poland may now decide to donate 1% of their tax to the Foundation.

¹ He resigned from his position as Member of the Board effective January 1st, 2020.

INCOME 2019:

Income on statutory activity

Donations to Perpetual Capital 3,206,744.06 PLN

Donations for administrative expenses 374,522.00 PLN

TOTAL 3,581,266.06 PLN

Financial income

Interest 15,678,440.21 PLN

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COSTS 2019:

**Costs of statutory activities of
Auschwitz-Birkenau Museum in
Oświęcim 12,731,736.79 PLN**

**Administrative expenses of statutory
activities 2,212,268.23 PLN**

FINANCIAL RESULT IN TOTAL 3,659,589.95 PLN

TOTAL ASSETS as of 31.12.2019 **516,426,854.20** PLN

Financial assets

Long-term financial assets (bonds) 448,389,616.08 PLN

Short-term financial assets (bonds, deposits, cash at bank) 67,301,009.83 PLN

TOTAL financial assets **515,690,625.91** PLN

Receivables & prepayments **736 228,29** PLN

Currency structure of financial assets

Long-term financial assets (bonds)

EUR 47%

PLN 32%

USD 21%

Short-term financial assets (bonds, deposits, cash at bank)

EUR 6%

PLN 50%

USD 44%

STATUTORY FUND as of 31.12.2019 **450,786,745.32** PLN

Information on the total annual or average monthly remuneration paid to the members of the Management Board and other Foundation's bodies:

In the financial year 2019, the total gross remuneration paid by the Foundation to the members of the management and supervisory bodies was PLN 302,800.00.

Information on inspections performed at the Foundation:

There were no inspections at the Foundation in 2019.

II. ACTIVITIES AND COMPETENCIES OF THE FOUNDATION'S BODIES

1. Council of the Foundation

The Foundation is governed by the Council of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation, whose members in 2019 were as follows: Marek Zajac (Chairman), Marcin Barcz, Eleonora Bergman, Piotr Kadlčik, Serge Klarsfeld, Edward Kosakowski, Paweł Machcewicz, Zbigniew Nosowski, Jürgen Rüttgers, Józef Wancer, Henryk Wujec. In 2019, the Council's meetings were held three times: on 28 January, 10 June, and 18 June (extraordinary meeting).

In 2019, the Council adopted unanimously the following resolutions, both during the meeting and by circulation:

- Selection of the statutory auditor to audit the Foundation's financial statements (resolution 1/2019 of 28 January 2019);
- Renewal term of office for five years for the following Foundation Council members: E. Bergman, P. Kadlčik, E. Kosakowski, J. Rüttgers (resolution 2/2019 of 28 January 2019);
- Dismissal of members of the International Committee (resolution 3/2019 of 28 January 2019);
- Appointment of members of the International Committee (resolution 4/2019 of 28 January 2019);
- Appointment of the new member of the Management Board (W. Soczewica) for a 3-year term (resolution 5/2019 of 28 January 2019);
- Approval of the Substantive Report on the Foundation's activity in 2018 (resolution 6/2019 of 18 June 2019);
- Approval of the Financial Statement of the Foundation for the year 2018 (resolution 7/2019 of 18 June 2019);
- Approval of the annual action plan of the Foundation and the financial plans for the year 2018 (resolution 8/2019 of 18 June 2019);
- Granting a vote of approval to Piotr Cywiński for the discharge of duties of the President of the Management Board in 2018 (resolution 9/2019 of 18 June 2019);
- Granting a vote of approval to Rafał Pióro for the discharge of duties of the Vice-President of the Management Board in 2018 (resolution 10/2019 of 18 June 2019);
- Granting a vote of approval to Łukasz Rozdeicz-Kryszkowski for the discharge of duties of the Vice-President of the Management Board in 2018 (resolution 11/2019 of 18 June 2019);

- Granting vote of approval to Anna Miszewska for the discharge of duties of the Member of the Management Board – Director General in 2018 (resolution 12/2019 of 18 June 2019);
- Granting a vote of approval to Elwir Świętochowski for the discharge of duties of the Vice-President of the Management Board in 2018 (resolution 13/2019 of 18 June 2019);
- Granting a vote of approval to Maciej Antosik for the discharge of duties of the Vice-President of the Management Board – Financial Director in 2018 (resolution 14/2019 of 18 June 2019);
- Dismissal of members of the International Committee (resolution 15/2019 of 18 June 2019);
- Appointment of members of the International Committee (resolution 16/2019 of 18 June 2019).

2. Management Board of the Foundation

The Foundation is managed and represented externally by the Management Board of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation whose members are: Piotr M. A. Cywiński, Ph.D. (President), Łukasz Rozdeiczer-Kryszkowski (Vice-President), Rafał Pióro (Vice-President), Wojciech Soczewica (member of the Board, Director General), Elwir Świętochowski (member of the Board, Financial Director). In 2019, the Management Board held seven meetings (in January, March, May, September, October, November and December).

2.1. General activity

In particular, the Management Board's duties included: preparing action plans and financial plans for the Foundation, managing the Foundation's assets, determining the size of the Foundation's staff and the amount of funds spent on salaries of the employees according to the approved financial plan, accepting donations, inheritances, bequests, subsidies and grants. In managing the Foundation's current activities, the Management Board is supported by the Foundation Office, operating on the premises rented from the Jewish Community of Warsaw.

In 2019, the Board's activities focused on preparing in cooperation with the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum and the Financial Committee of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation the updated assumptions of the Master Plan for Preservation. Conservation works carried out continuously on the Memorial Site since 2012 have allowed to draw in—depth conclusions regarding the pace and costs of performed activities. Financial situation on international markets was reanalysed, which led to revision of the desired level of the Perpetual Capital whose aim is to guarantee maintenance of the Memorial Site for future generations. As a result of these actions, a document setting out conservation priorities for the next 25 years together with conditions for its implementation was adopted, and the target value of the Perpetual Capital of the Foundation was set at EUR 176 million.

The Management Board also participated in preparation for the celebrations of the 10th anniversary of the Foundation, which took place on 6 December 2019 at the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum and Jewish Historical Institute in Warsaw. The event at the Museum was attended by chancellor Angela Merkel and Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki, whereas the celebrations in Warsaw gathered representatives of diplomatic corps, companies which have long supported the Foundation, and its friends. A jubilee bilingual publication entitled *The*

Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation. Genesis, Development, Future. was prepared for the anniversary.

Moreover, the Management Board concentrated on the Foundation's preparations for the celebrations of the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp (27 January 2020), including, in particular, on cooperation with the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial Foundation, as well as state and individual donors.

The Foundation also continued to transfer the means for creating a permanent exhibition in the Museum and Memorial Site in Sobibór received as a separate donation from the Federal Republic of Germany (in the amount of PLN 389,478.75 in 2019).

2.2. Conservation works

In 2019 the Foundation's Management Board continued to transfer funds earned on the Perpetual Capital for conservation works performed within the Master Plan for Preservation (Resolution of the Management Board No. 1/1/2019 of 16 January 2019 on allocation of the profit of PLN 12,000,000.00 earned on the Perpetual Capital in 2018 to the conservation of the Memorial Site). According to the needs of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, PLN 12,847,927.28 was transferred to the Museum's account. The Museum spent PLN 12,737,885.10, and returned to the Foundation the remaining amount of PLN 41,112.35. The Museum has at its disposal the remaining amount until the projects to be funded with it are completed.

Funds remaining on the Foundation's accounts and intended for the implementation of conservation works remain at the Museum's disposal at any time.

The following projects were implemented under the Master Plan for Preservation in 2019

Projects started in the previous years and completed in 2019:

- Preservation and protection of the ruins of gas chambers and crematoria of the former KL Auschwitz II-Birkenau – stage II:

In 2019 all works covered by the project were completed. These included: construction of a palisade securing a part of the southern wall of the undressing room; reconstruction and completion of retaining walls; and drainage. Geodetic monitoring was also carried out in order to register and control the masonry structure. As part of conservation works, the following were carried out: disinfection and cleaning of the preserved reinforced concrete elements and parts of the wall within halls with furnaces and gas chamber, and application of biocidal products. At the southern wall works were performed related to the removal of secondary elements of the wall alterations, as well as repair of the wall including replacement of the most damaged bricks and welds, and patching wall defects. Additionally, conservation works of selected reinforced concrete elements within the former undressing room were carried out. All the construction works were carried out under investor's supervision, whereas ground works (as part of the

project) were carried out under archaeological and rabbinical supervision, and the project documentation was prepared under author's supervision.

- Preservation of museum and archive objects from the collection of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum – conservation of archaeological objects – stage II

As part of the project, 2662 specification cards for 3964 objects were registered (some of them were collective cards, covering more than one item). Registration of objects together with accompanying works was performed by employees specifically employed to carry out the project.

- Projects started and completed in 2019:
 - Conservation of museum and archive items in the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum in Oświęcim. Preservation of museum items: suitcases, wicker baskets, cyclone B cans, gas chambers and crematoria's parts, prostheses, pots, and shoes. Conservation of archive items: 'Camp letters' and digitalisation of plans of the Zentralbauleitung team – stage IV

All works were carried out by employees specifically employed to carry out the project. The project included:

Preservation of letters – 400 items
Digitalization of letters – 400 items
Digitalization of the plans of the Zentralbauleitung team – 600 items
Preservation of suitcases – 40 items
Preservation of wicker baskets – 20 items
Preservation of orthopaedic equipment – 20 items
Preservation of shoes – 200 items
Preservation pots – 30 items
Preservation of cyclone B cans – 40 items
Preservation elements from gas chambers and crematoria – 5 items.

As part of the project research and consultations were conducted with the aim to obtain material analysis of the objects intended for conservation.

- On-going projects, started in 2019 and in previous years:
 - Regulation of ground water relations (hydrographical conditions) of the former KL Auschwitz II-Birkenau – stage II.

Project documentation regarding the next stage of drainage of the former KL Auschwitz II-Birkenau was prepared. Renovation, conservation and archaeological works were performed on P6, P7, P8, P9, P10, P11, P12, P26, P21, and P24 culverts. The western part of trench no. R.6.1.1.3.1 was also performed. All the works were carried out under necessary supervision.

- Preservation and conservation of the BI section along with all connected objects – conservation of B123 and B124 brick barracks.

Comprehensive construction and maintenance works are being carried out with the aim to open the barracks to visitors in the future. Works were completed in B-123 brick barrack and it was made accessible to visitors.

The project uses external services, such as those related to documentation of works conducted, straightening and stabilization of walls, and construction of low-voltage installations. At the same time, most of the construction and conservation work in the project is carried out by employees specifically employed to carry out the project.

All the works are carried out under the author's, archaeological, conservation and investor supervision.

- Preservation and conservation of the BI section along with all connected objects – stage V.

Technical consultations regarding the maintenance of the brick barracks B-91 and B-141 were completed. The handling of the tender procedure will be carried out as part of a separate preservation project of the above-mentioned brick barracks.

Preservation programmes for barracks B-137 and B-139 were prepared, and research was conducted for the said programmes.

Intervention works are being carried out continuously, protecting objects of the BI section against further destruction.

As part of the project, in 2019 a contract was signed for the construction of a technical road.

As part of the activity “Purchase of equipment for the conservation documentation” a laser scanner with necessary accessories and software was bought, as well as photographic equipment and accessories. In 2018, a contract was signed with the contractor for the construction of further tent halls necessary for conducting further work in the barracks. The contract for the halls was signed – their assembly will start after the contractor for works related to B-91 and B-141 brick barracks is selected. That is why the implementation of this activity has been postponed and included in stage IV of the project.

- Maintenance of wooden features of the former KL Auschwitz II-Birkenau – stage III

As part of the activity “Conservation and construction works related to barrack B-167 together with the as-built and photogrammetric documentation as well as archaeological supervision” the contractor was selected and the contract was signed.

Works related to conservation and renovation of barrack B-167 were initiated. The eastern wall of the wooden barrack was dismantled and transported to the contractor's workshop, where conservation works are carried out.

On site the following works were performed: securing of the western part of the barrack, heating pipe, and chimneys in the eastern and western sections; dismantling, inventory and securing of concrete floors in the eastern and western sections; insulation of the whole foundation in the western section; lining and insulation of the heating pipe; injections under the east and west chimneys; insulation of the earthen floor in the western section; conservation of paint layers and plasters of the heating pipe and the chimney in the western section. Works related to desalination of wooden elements are monitored thanks to chemical tests carried out on an

ongoing basis. All the works were carried out under the author's, investor, and archaeological supervision.

- Preservation and conservation of the BI section along with all connected objects – conservation of B91 and B141 brick barracks.

A description of the subject of the order was prepared for the public tender procedure regarding maintenance of the brick barracks B-91 and B-141. The public tender procedure was announced for investor's supervision, including in particular supervision of construction works, supervision of installation works of water supply and sewage systems, and of electrical and power network, installations and devices, related to construction works carried out as part of conservation and renovation works related to brick barracks B-91 (kitchen) and B-141 (latrine), and erecting hall tents over these elements.

Moreover, revision of the project documentation and cost estimate update were performed.

- Preservation and conservation of the BI section along with all connected objects – conservation of B-138 and B-139 brick barracks.

As part of the project, works preceding conservation and construction works related to B-138 and B-139 brick barracks were initiated (development of the construction site incl. erection of a hall tent over B-138 brick barrack).

- Maintenance of wooden features of the former KL Auschwitz II-Birkenau – Conservation of B-10 and B-13 guard towers

As part of the project, both towers were dismantled, the contractor for conservation and construction works related to B-10 tower was selected, as well as renovation and assembly of B-10 tower was completed. All the works were carried out under the author's, investor, and archaeological supervision.

2.3. Administrative activity

In 2019, the activity of the Foundation was made possible thanks to the profit from the Perpetual Capital investment, part of which, in accordance with the Foundation's statutes, was used to finance current activities, and thanks to the funds donated for administration activities by KPMG Audyt Sp. z o.o., and Deloitte Poland Sp. z o.o.

As of 31 December 2019, the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation employed five members of staff.

The structure of the administration costs of the statutory activity in 2019 is presented below:

ADMINISTRATION COSTS OF THE STATUTORY ACTIVITY	PLN
Depreciation	699.86
Materials and energy consumption	31,616.16
Outsourced services	1,124,444.07
Salaries	641,973.64
Social security and other benefits	129,332.05
Other costs	284,202.45
Administration costs of the statutory activity IN TOTAL	2,212,268.23
Donations for administrative costs	-374,522.00
NET TOTAL of administration costs of the statutory activity	1,837,746.23

The detailed information on salary costs and other costs is included in the Foundation's Financial Statement for the financial year 2019.

In 2019 an audit for the year 2018 was performed in the Foundation Office. According to the resolution of the Foundation's Council, the audit of the financial statements for the year 2019 was conducted by KPMG Audyt Sp. z o.o. Sp. k.

In the audit report the auditor did not express any objections. The audit report as well as all the financial statements are available on the Foundation's official website in Polish and in English language versions.

3. Financial Committee

The members of the Financial Committee of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation are: Józef Wancer (Chairman of the Committee), Alfred Finz, Włodzimierz Grudziński, Peter Hommelhoff, Antoni F. Reczek, Ekkehard Thiesler, and Claude Trink.

In 2019, the Committee held five meetings: on 15 February, 28 May, 3 July (in Oświęcim), 8 October, and 16 December. The Committee's recommendations were based on the investment strategy for the Foundation's Perpetual Capital, approved in 2013 by the resolution of the Foundation's Council and updated in 2017. The Committee monitors the Foundation's assets and advises the Management Board on investment decisions on the on-going basis.

4. International Committee

The International Committee consists of the representatives of donor states. The role of the Committee is to advise and express opinions.

The 9th Meeting of the International Committee of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation took place on 18 June 2019, and was attended by:

- Anna Azari, representing the State of Israel,
- Isabelle Berro-Amadeï, representing the Principality of Monaco,
- Conrad Bruch, representing the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg,
- Jürg Burri, representing the Swiss Confederation,
- Ilia Darchiaschvili, representing Georgia,
- Ronald van Dartel, representing the Kingdom of the Netherlands,
- Guillermo Escribano, representing the Kingdom of Spain,
- Michael Gross, representing the Federal Republic of Germany,
- Martin Hermges, representing the Republic of Austria,
- Luc Jacobs, representing the Kingdom of Belgium,
- Ivan Jestřáb, representing the Czech Republic,
- Dušan Krištofik, representing the Slovak Republic,
- Olav Myklebust, representing the Kingdom of Norway,
- Roberto Neccia, representing the Republic of Italy,
- Aliosha Nedelchev, representing the Republic of Bulgaria,
- Emer O'Connell, representing the Republic of Ireland,
- Juha Ottman, representing the Republic of Finland,
- Keit Pentus-Rosimannus, representing the Republic of Estonia,
- Ana Maria Ramirez, representing the Argentine Republic,
- Leslie Scanlon, representing Canada,
- Marek Szubert, representing Hungary,
- Frédéric de Touchet, representing the French Republic,
- Jay Watkinson, representing the Commonwealth of Australia,
- Jens-Christian Wagner, representing the Federal Republic of Germany,
- Artūras Valionis, representing the Lithuanian Republic,
- Tom Zia, representing the United States of America.

During the meeting, the Report on the Foundation's Activity in 2018, the Financial Report, the employment structure in the Foundation and the audit report were presented. The balance of Perpetual Capital and the operations of the Financial Committee were presented. The state of preparations of celebrations of the 10th anniversary of the Foundation and the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp were discussed. The principles of the Luxembourg presidency of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) were also presented.

In addition, members of the International Committee attended the official completion of conservation of the first brick barrack for prisoners located in the former Nazi German Auschwitz II-Birkenau concentration camp, carried out as part of the Master Plan for Preservation and financed by the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation. Two barracks in the poorest condition, located in section BIb of the former camp, were selected for the pilot program of the project. Conservation works took four years, and experience gained during their implementation will allow for applying even better methods of conservation and maintenance of other elements of the former camp's infrastructure and personal belongings of its former prisoners.

III. SOLICITING DECLARATIONS OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE PERPETUAL CAPITAL

1. Countries

2019 was the 8th year of the implementation of the Master Plan for Preservation – a multi-year project of conservation works at the Auschwitz Memorial Site, financed with the income from the Perpetual Capital. Changes in the macroeconomic, market and technological landscape that took place during those eight years forced some updates of the Plan’s assumptions, including the pace of carrying out certain conservation priorities, the scope of works carried out, and, in consequence, the amount of the Perpetual Capital necessary for securing the performance of the said works in the future. These calculations resulted in establishing the new required amount of the Foundation’s Capital at the level of EUR 176 million. Secure investment of this amount will allow for covering the costs of comprehensive conservation works to be performed at the Memorial Site throughout the period of 25 years.

A new round of talks with the donor states was initiated based on the above conclusions. By the end of 2019, 38 countries from all over the world were involved in the Foundation’s project. In February 2019, the Foundation received information about another donation from Monaco in the amount of EUR 15,000. In addition, Ireland and Portugal increased their contributions to the Perpetual Capital by EUR 10,000 each. Canadian authorities decided to increase their financial involvement in the project thus enabling Canadian individual donors to make donations for the Foundation. In December 2019, authorities of the 16 federal states and the federal government of the Federal Republic of Germany decided to recapitalise the Perpetual Capital by increasing their contribution to EUR 60 million. Thus, at the end of 2019 payments and declarations of payments made up the total amount of approximately EUR 171 million. In the upcoming years, the Foundation will continue its efforts to raise the full amount of EUR 176 million for the aim of providing financial security of conservation works of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum.

2. Cities

In 2019, the Foundation continued its efforts to include new metropolises in the project, which resulted in, *inter alia*, a meeting with Sadiq Khan, the mayor of London, and the declaration made by the capital city of the United Kingdom to support the project with the donation for the Perpetual Capital in the amount of GBP 300,000.

3. Individual donors and the “18 Pillars of Remembrance” project

In 2019, the Foundation was registered as a charitable organisation under Canadian law, which enabled local individual donors to donate funds for the Perpetual Capital under the terms of national law. Following this decision, in 2019 the Foundation received CAD 700,000 from its Canadian donors. In the matter of obtaining the status of a charitable organisation, the Foundation was represented *pro bono* by the Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP law firm.

The Foundation continued to cooperate with the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial Foundation operating in the United States. The American organisation has raised funds for the Foundation since 2013, which allowed the initiation of the “18 Pillars of Remembrance” campaign. The

aim of the campaign is to invite 18 philanthropists – individuals and institutions – each of whom would support the Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation with the amount of EUR 1 million. The Foundation has solicited 8 “Pillars of Remembrance” so far.

IV. EXTERNAL SUPPORT FOR THE STATUTORY ACTIVITIES

In 2019, the Foundation continued to receive support from numerous renowned companies, without whom our efforts to preserve the Memorial Site would be much more difficult. Legal assistance was provided free of charge by the Weil, Gotshal & Manges law firm. The Foundation rents office space on preferential terms from the Jewish Religious Community in Warsaw. Tax advice, accounting and HR and payroll services were provided by Deloitte Doradztwo Podatkowe Dąbrowski i Wspólnicy Sp.k., whereas Deloitte Advisory Sp. z o.o. sp.k. conducted security audit of the Foundation’s network infrastructure. Once again the audit of the accounts was performed by an independent auditor, KPMG Audyt Sp. z o.o. sp.k. HR services were provided also by Hay Group Sp. z o.o. Bank BNP Paribas Fortis with its HQ in Belgium continues to support our mission by allowing the Foundation to hold its bonds on its investment accounts free of charge.

Thanks to annual donations from the above-mentioned entities, the cost of services provided does not burden the Foundation’s operating budget.

V. PLANS FOR THE YEAR 2020

Based on the revised assumptions of the Master Plan for Preservation, in 2020 the Foundation’s activities will aim to obtain donors’ declarations guaranteeing maximum security of the Perpetual Capital. In this context, participation of delegations of the state and individual donors in the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp will be of particular importance. In the light of the decision of the Federal Republic of Germany to double the amount of donation for the preservation of the Memorial Site, it will be necessary to conclude a comprehensive agreement between the Foundation, 16 German Federal States and the federal government on the transfer of the funds. Financing of conservation works at the Memorial Site will be continued. The Foundation will perform an analysis of the possibility of supporting the Museum’s mission in the field of education. Initiation of these activities will be possible thanks to the donation made to the Foundation by the Berlin State Opera on the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp. The donor wishes that these funds are allocated to the financing of an international educational project. The Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation will continue its close cooperation with the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial Foundation, also with the aim to acquire new individual donors as part of the “18 Pillars of Remembrance” project. It is also important to finalize the donations of Canadian philanthropists. The Foundation will also continue to transfer the means for creating a permanent exhibition in the Museum and Memorial Site in Sobibór received as a separate donation from the Federal Republic of Germany.