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Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom

Institution

All actors • Russia

Official position/function in relation to the conflict

The Nemtsov Foundation remains one of the most important discussion platforms where the development of relations between Russia and the world, problems of the development of democracy and progress are discussed. This platform brings together leaders of Russian democratic opposition, economists, civic activists, artists, analysts from think tanks. One of the main goals of the Foundation is to develop an agenda to counter Russia's aggressive policy, including towards Ukraine.

The Boris Nemtsov Foundation for Freedom was founded on 9 November 2015 in Germany by Boris Nemtsov's daughter Zhanna. Among the goals of the Foundation are the protection of freedom of information, education and professional development, the inclusion of Russia and its citizens in the pan-European agenda, and the promotion of European values, as well as perpetuating the memory and preserving the legacy of Boris Nemtsov.

The attitude to the conflict is sharply critical. One of the key areas of activity in the last years of Nemtsov's life was peacekeeping and the fight against Russian aggression. [According to Boris Nemtsov, only education can resist propaganda.](#) One of the objectives of the Foundation is to promote his ideas and research on the topic of war and corruption in Russia.

Actions in relation to the region of conflict

[In May 2015, the Nemtsov Foundation released Nemtsov's unfinished report "Putin. War." This is a deep and comprehensive study of the causes and consequences of the seizure of Crimea and the armed conflict in eastern Ukraine for Russia and Europe.](#) The report is still the most complete and comprehensive study of the roots and background of the war between Russia and Ukraine, as well as the impact of international personal and sectoral sanctions on the country's economy.

The Foundation also holds annual Boris Nemtsov forums that discuss the problems of the European Union and the international community's response to Russia's aggressive foreign policy.