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Main organisation	NATIONALIST MOVEMENT (RUCH NARODOWY – RN) Founded 2014 by members of the All-Polish Youth (Mlodziez Wszechpolska, MW) and National-Radical Camp (Oboz Narodowo-Radykalny, ONR)
Political description	Extreme right-wing
Leader(s)	Robert Winnicki
Membership size	Unknown
Parliamentary representation	Approx10 MPs in the 460-seat Polish Parliament, including 5 party members and 5 known sympathizers. The RN group is a part of the populist Kukiz'15 movement that has 42 MPs in total
Vote in last national election	The RN ran on the Kukiz'15 ticket which won 1,339,094 votes (8,81 per cent of the national vote) in the 25 October 2015 election
Main areas of activity	The RN openly draws upon the antisemitic tradition of the Polish far right going back to the 1920s and 1930s. It also campaigns against the Roma minority. In the recent months it has emphasized its anti-Muslim and anti-refugee stance. It is also strongly anti-European Union and viscerally homophobic
Was 2015 a good year for the organisation?	The RN suffered a defeat in the presidential election on 10 May 2015 when its candidate, Marian Kowalski, won just 0.52% of the vote. However, it managed to enter parliament a few months later by joining the broader populist Kukiz'15 movement which is a major success for the group. On 11 November 2015, the RN organised its biggest street march to date, with some 50,000 participants on the streets of Warsaw
Prospects for 2016	The RN will continue use its presence in parliament to promote its far right agenda and increase its influence in the months and years to come



