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## **POLAND** BY RAFAL PANKOWSKI, NEVER AGAIN ASSOCIATION

<b>Main organisation</b>	KUKIZ'15
<b>Political description</b>	Right-wing populist
<b>Leader</b>	Pawel Kukiz, born 1963, a former rock singer with the band Piersi ("The Breasts"). The political group is named after its leader and year of formation: 2015
<b>Membership size</b>	Unknown
<b>Parliamentary representation</b>	In autumn 2015, it started with 42 MPs (out of 460), but it has been steadily losing MPs due to personal and political conflicts. By January 2017, it had 30 MPs.
<b>Vote in last national election</b>	In October 2015, it won 8.81% of the national vote (1,339,094 votes)
<b>Main areas of activity</b>	Since its creation, the Kukiz movement has evolved from a hotchpotch populist grouping and moved in a radical right-wing direction. Its position is strongly anti-Muslim and anti-refugee. It has also increasingly voiced hostility to the presence of Ukrainian migrants in Poland. Some of its MPs, such as brewer Marek Jakubiak, were happy to take part in the infamous nationalist march through Warsaw city centre on 11 November 2017 (Poland's Independence Day), organized by extremist groups such as the fascist National-Radical Camp (Oboz Narodowo-Radykalny, ONR)
<b>Was 2017 a good year for the organisation?</b>	It did not manage to force a Hungarian-style referendum on closing Poland's borders to refugees despite collecting many thousands of signatures calling for it. However, the right-wing government of the Law and Justice party (Prawo i Sprawiedliwosc, PiS) continues to refuse to admit refugees to Poland even when faced with EU sanctions. The Kukiz movement remains popular, especially with young people, but it has lost activists in both its liberal and nationalist wings, e.g. respectively Piotr Liroy-Marzec (a well-known rap star now sitting as an independent MP) and Adam Andruszkiewicz (a young MP who is a former chairman of the extreme-right All-Polish Youth, Mlodziez Wszepolska, MW, recently defected to a pro-government faction)
<b>Prospects for 2018</b>	The movement will have difficulty in fielding strong candidates in the 2018 local government elections which is likely to affect its performance. It is likely it will continue to be ridden with internal conflicts and suffer more defections to the ruling PiS, which shares many of its hard-line nationalist views